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# **GLEANER**

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# Why a Merry Christmas?

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The Christmas season is here. Again! already! Shopping to do, gifts to buy (more than we can afford), parties to attend, Christmas cards to mail, trees to decorate, goodies to bake, greetings to exchange, carols to sing. We get weary just thinking about it. It's a good thing we have eleven months to recuperate.

Is that what Christmas is all about? Doing all these things because it's expected of us and we don't like to be a Scrooge and so we join in and do them?

Christmas has to be more than the giving and receiving of gifts. What about those who receive nothing and have nothing to give? Christmas has to be more than home, family, friends, fellowship, and festivity. What about the homeless, those who have no family, the friendless and lonely? If the meaning of Christmas is centered in any of these things, then, to many, its meaning is lost for they do not have these things.

What is Christmas that so much attention should be focused on it? "The twenty-fifth of December is supposed to be the day of the birth of Jesus Christ, and its observance has been customary and popular. But yet there is no certainty that we are keeping the veritable day of our Saviour's birth. History gives us no certain assurance of this. The Bible does not give us the precise time. Had the Lord deemed this knowledge essential to our salvation, He would have spoken through His prophets and apostles, that we might know all about the matter. But the silence of the Scriptures upon this point evidences to us that it is hidden from us for the wisest purposes."—**The Adventist Home**, p. 477.

Inspiration tells us that God concealed the place where He buried Moses in order to prevent idolatry and, for the same purpose, the day of Christ's birth has been concealed that the day should not receive the honor that should be given to Christ as the Redeemer of the world. So it's not the day, the twenty-fifth of December, that's important, but the event which that day is supposed to commemorate. However, we do not need to ignore the day. "As the twenty-fifth of December is observed to commemorate the birth of Christ, as the children have been instructed by precept and example that this was indeed a day of gladness and rejoicing, you will find it a difficult matter to pass over this period without giving it some attention. It can be made to serve a very good purpose."—**The Adventist Home**, p. 478.

Even though Christ was not born on December 25, we do not need to ignore the day. It can be made

to serve a very good purpose. "It is right to bestow upon one another tokens of love and remembrance if we do not in this forget God, our best friend. We should make our gifts such as will prove a real benefit to the receiver."—**The Adventist Home**, p. 479.

Calvin Coolidge once said that "Christmas is not a time of a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. If we think on these things, there will be born in us a Saviour, and over us will shine a star sending its gleam of hope to the world."

The real meaning of Christmas is not found in the day, but in the event. In Matthew 1:21 the angel said, "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." There is reason to sing! There is reason to rejoice! Jesus was born to save us from sin. In Matthew 1:23 it says, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." "God with us," O what meaning in those words! God became man in order to save man. Christ was made "to be sin



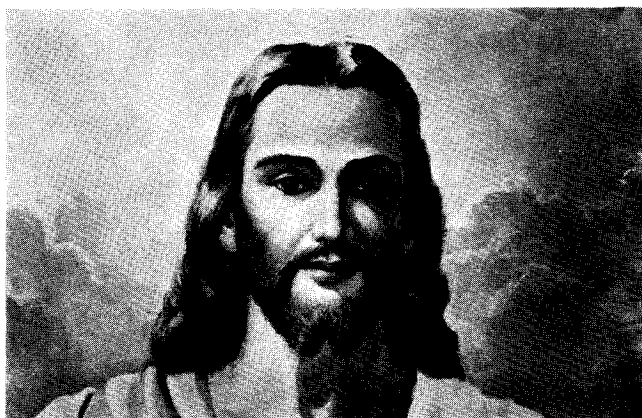
for us, . . . that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians 5:21. He was tempted in all points like we are. He knows what it's like to be assailed by temptation. He knows what it's like to be pressed upon by the enemy of souls. He understands what it means to be tempted and tried, criticized, condemned, and forsaken. He knows the longing of the heart for friendship and love. He, too, was human—yet divine.

In Romans 8:3 Paul tells us that Christ was sent "in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." He explains "likeness" by the use of the same expression in Philippians 2:7 where he says that Christ was "made in the likeness of men." Did Christ just appear to be a man or was he really a man? Was it just outward form or was it reality? Did he only make-believe take sinful flesh or in reality? **Medical Ministry**, p. 181 says, "He took upon His sinless nature our sinful nature, that He might know how to succor those that are tempted."

In Hebrews 4:15 we read that Christ was "in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." How are we tempted? Notice what James says, "Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin." James 1:15 R.S.V.\* James makes it clear that our human temptations come from within. Adam, who was sinless, was not lured and enticed by his own desire, his temptation was from without not within. But Jesus was tempted as we are. He himself makes it clear that his temptability was in our realm of the inclination to follow our own will and His victory lay in the denial of His own will and choosing the will of the Father. "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." John 6:38.

Jesus had a will that was inclined to be at cross-purposes with his Father's will. Notice Matthew 26:39, "And he went a little farther and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." He possessed the inclination to disobedience to His Father's will, but He never yielded to it. When our wills are inclined to disobedience to the Father's will Jesus understands and knows how to help us.

We must distinguish, however, between Christ's human nature and what He did with it. We must distinguish between His "equipment" and His "performance." Our performance is that of sin. His performance was perfect sinlessness. In the likeness of sinful flesh he condemned sin in the flesh. The glory of the message of Christ's righteousness is that His sinless performance was with our equipment, our fallen human nature. Sister White says in Volume 1 of **Selected Messages**, p. 408: "If He did not have man's nature, He would not be our example. If He was not a partaker of our nature, He could not have been tempted as man has been. If it were not possible for Him to yield to temptation, He could not be our helper. It was a solemn reality that Christ came to fight the battles as man, in man's behalf." If Christ had not been made in all things like unto his brethren, then His sinless life would be no encouragement to us. We might look at it with admiration



but it would be the admiration that would cause hopeless despair.

Christ took upon himself the flesh, not of a sinless being, but of sinful man. The flesh that He assumed had all the weaknesses and sinful tendencies to which fallen nature is subject. He voluntarily descended to the level of sinful man. There was in His whole life a struggle. The flesh moved upon by the enemy of all righteousness would tend to sin. Yet, He never yielded for a moment, never harbored an evil desire, never waived; He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. And He offers to give us His righteousness, His victory, His salvation.

By His union with divinity, Christ was victorious and sinless. By our union with divinity, by our union with Christ, by choosing to let Him have our will, control our lives, we, too, in Christ, are victorious. No wonder the angel said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10,11. Sing, O heavens, Shout, O earth, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men. "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21. In this is found the real meaning of Christmas. Therefore, what a tragedy, what misunderstanding of it all, to remember everyone else at Christmas time and forget Jesus.

Why a Merry Christmas? Because of its meaning. Christmas is "God with us." Christmas is "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Christmas is being "accepted in the beloved." Christmas is forgiveness, justification, victory, righteousness, and sanctification in Christ, who loved us, and gave Himself for us. Christmas is an expression of love. "God so loved the world [you and me], that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever [you and me] believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. May our celebration of Christmas be a response to that love, and may the world see the character of Christ in us, His character of love. As you choose for Jesus to come into your heart, to will and to do His good pleasure in your life, to develop His image within you, may you have a very, very, Merry Christmas.

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 L. H. Davis

## Ingathering Report

Ingathering is under way in the Atlantic Union. The reports we hear are that it is better than last year.

As of November 2 the New York Conference reported 27 churches ahead of last year at this time. Five churches had exceeded the Silver Vanguard goal of \$25 per member—Gloversville, \$52.52 per member; Jamestown, \$28.78 per member; Brocton, \$26.53 per member; Brant Lake, \$26.42 per member; and Lockport, \$25.12 per member.

The Northern New England Conference reported one district over the goal—Northern New Hampshire, \$26.13 per member, and nine churches over the goal as of November 15. Here is the list of churches and their per capita Ingathering:

Plymouth, New Hampshire	\$54.00
Harrison, Maine	\$49.45
Cliff Island, Maine	\$43.33
West Townshend, Vermont	\$36.02
Bordoville, Vermont	\$29.44
Burlington, Vermont	\$29.40
Bellows Falls, Vermont	\$26.19
Camden, Maine	\$25.85
Laconia, New Hampshire	\$25.65

As of October 31, the Southern New England Conference reported three churches over the super goal—Bridgeport, Connecticut, Spanish; East Brimfield, Massachusetts; Beverly, Massachusetts; and one church over the basic goal—Worcester, Massachusetts, Spanish.

By the time you read this, the list will have lengthened considerably. Many churches have determined to do the Ingathering early this year. Some have plans to do the house-to-house work in six nights or less.

Greater New York has just reported that their first weekly report will be 50 percent above last year.

It is my hope that thousands of people will learn about the Seventh-day Adventists this year through Ingathering, and more literature will be given, and more dollars come into God's cause. Last year \$790,059.45 came in because of the Ingathering program. In a few years the Atlantic Union should be bringing in over a million dollars.

One Lay Activities director has told his conference: "I have paid my goal, business ingathered another goal, and I plan to be out knocking on doors to make another goal during the caroling program." If every pastor, every member would do this, we would reach one million dollars this year.

LEE KRETZ, Director  
 Lay Activities Department  
 Atlantic Union Conference

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'Have faith,  
 dear friend, in God.'

— H. M. S. Richards  
 The Voice of Prophecy



Fifth from left is J. L. Dittberner, President and Director of the Atlantic Union Departmental Council. From Left to Right: L. H. Davis, Communication and Religious Liberty Director; P. A. Bernet, Publishing Director; H. R. Murphy, Sabbath School Director; L. W. Crooker, Treasurer, Health and Trust Services Director; J. L. Dittberner, President; R. L. Kretz, Lay Activities and Ministerial Director; H. E. Haas, Education Director; Eloy Martinez, N.S.O., Temperance, and Youth Director; A. J. Hess, Auditor, G. C. Auditing Service.

## Atlantic Union Departmental Council Held

The Atlantic Union Conference Departmental Council, under the direction of J. L. Dittberner, President, and the departmental staff directors, was held in the Springfield, Massachusetts, Treadway Inn Motel, November 7 to 10, 1977. All union and local conference departmental directors were in attendance.

Promptly at 8:30 each morning, all personnel met for the morning devotions and instructions. Immediately following, various groups met for departmental workshops. One advantage of a union-wide council such as this, is the opportunity to have the administrators of union and local conference personnel meet with each council. This objective is not obtained in separate councils. There were devotional speakers for the four mornings. Elder J. L. Dittberner keynoted the joint councils. Included in his timely messages dealing with leadership respon-

## The Tenth Biennial Session of the Bermuda Mission of Seventh-day Adventists

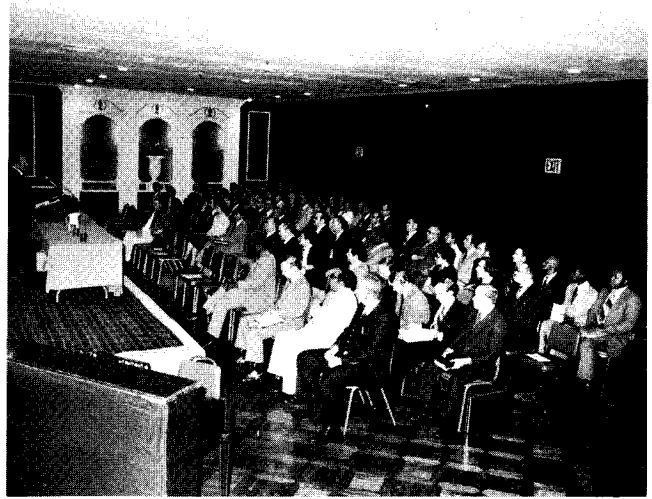
The Biennial Session of the Bermuda Mission began with a very inspiring devotional talk by Elder J. L. Dittberner, president of the Atlantic Union Conference. He indicated that we need the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit in our lives in order for us to finish the work on earth individu-

sibilities was a statement from *Gospel Workers*, pages 351-52: "The leaders in God's cause . . . are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line. In their planning they are to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbors." Other speakers were: John Hancock, World Youth Director; Dave Dennis, General Conference Auditor; and Russell Bates, Lay Activities Associate Director, General Conference.

General Conference personnel attending the council were as follows: James Aitken, A.S.I.; Curtis Barger, Sabbath School Department; Russell Bates, Lay Activities Department; Rick Caldwell, Auditing Service; Dave Dennis, Auditing Service; N. R. Dower, Ministerial Association; John Hancock, Youth Department; Rudi Henning, Publishing Department; Garland Millet, Education Department; William Murrill, Treasury Department; Robert Nixon, Religious Liberty Department; Paul Smith, Stewardship Department; and Ernest Steed,

ally and collectively. The inspiration of this service led into and set the tone for the business session that followed.

The tenth biennial session of the Bermuda Mission of Seventh-day Adventists was called to order at 9:00 a.m., October 30, 1977, at the Hamilton church in Hamilton, Bermuda. The session began with Elder Alvin Goulbourne, president of the Mission, calling for the order of business which was to come before the session. The



J. L. Hancock, General Conference World Youth Director, shared unusual exploits that young people are involved in world wide, in the finishing of God's work in their countries. Elder Hancock spoke on Tuesday morning, November 8.

Temperance Department. William Hull was in attendance from Faith for Today and Derek Mustow from the Southern Publishing Association. Gordon Harris and Ed Peterson were present representing the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

Many recommendations came from each departmental group in session. Several of these important recommendations affecting all areas of the Atlantic Union Conference and its constituency were voted at the Union Executive meeting that was held November 16. These actions and plans will be implemented during 1978; and, with God's spirit and the co-operation of workers and lay ministers, the large baptismal goals, involving church leaders who are to set an example in witnessing and soul winning, instructing in one-to-one soul-winning projects, and engaging the college and schools, and health care institutions, the work in the Atlantic Union will show a tremendous growth and advancement in finishing the work of God.

delegates were seated and a recording secretary was appointed. The session was glad to receive into the sisterhood of churches a Devonshire church, which recently had been organized. This church was an outgrowth of the very energetic work of the laymen from the Hamilton church and pastors who had worked for a number of years to see this congregation increase.

Elder Alvin Goulbourne rendered to the delegates a very encouraging re-

port of the progress of the work during the biennial period. During this two-year period, Elder Robert Carter served as the president of the Mission, and expressions of his good leadership and loyal devotion were given at the session. The president's report stated that there had been a strong evangelistic program during the two-year period. Several evangelistic campaigns had been conducted involving the pastors and a very loyal host of lay workers. In addition to the strong leadership given by Elder Carter, there were several other leaders who had shared in the good progress made, but who are now serving in other parts of the North American Division. These persons were Elder Jerry Lee, former pastor of the Hamilton church and stewardship director of the Mission; Elder Arden C. Mote, former pastor of the Warwick church, and the Mission's communication and lay activities department director; and Elder Wellesley Muir, who served as pastor of the Midland Heights and St. George's churches, and led out in the work of the temperance and missionary volunteer departments of the Mission.

Also participating in this success story and still serving in various capacities in the Mission are Elder Mack Wilson, Sabbath school department director and pastor of the Hamilton church; Pastor Carlyle Simmons, serving as a pastor and directing the religious liberty department of the Mission; and Sidney Gibbons, who carries on pastoral duties and serves as the publishing department director of the Mission.

The title income of the conference showed a very healthy gain. In 1975 the title income amounted to \$373,945.90, and for 1976, \$456,815.22—a gain of \$82,869.32. The increase in title this biennium over the last one amounted to \$186,054.49. This was a 22 percent gain in title over the previous period.

The facts presented the loyalty of the Bermuda Mission members to the worldwide thrust of the Church in the area of world mission offerings. The biennium ending December, 1974, showed total mission offerings of \$66,405.20, and measured against the biennium ending in December, 1976, contributions were \$85,208.76. This was a gain of \$18,803.56 or 12 percent over the previous period.

Two Five-Day Plan to Stop Smok-

ing Programs were conducted on the island within recent months. One was held at Bermudian Hotel conducted by Dr. Brinwald, and the other at the Southampton Princess Hotel conducted by Dr. Ronald Lightbourne. These programs were well accepted by the public and resulted in a number of people ridding themselves of the smoking habit. The programs also gave the public a good indication of how the Seventh-day Adventist Church demonstrates a concern for the general improvement of the health of all people.

The report of the Bermuda Institute definitely made all the delegates aware of the importance of Christian education in the program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This institution offering educational opportunities during kindergarten, elementary, and high school stages of the life of the school children has had a remarkable growth during the two-year period. The enrollment has greatly increased, and there is a dedicated staff of Christian educators devoting their time on a day-to-day basis to the Christian growth of the young people of this mission.

The Bermuda Mission employs a staff of 36 persons who serve in the fields of administration in the conference, mission departmental leaders, educational workers, pastors, and Bible instructors. Those selected during the biennial session to serve in the leadership of the various departments are as follows:

Sabbath School—Mark Wilson  
Lay Activities—Robert Correia  
Communications—Robert Correia  
Assistant Communications—Carlyle Simmons  
MV—Gerald Mattenson  
Health Secretary—Dr. Ronald Lightbourne  
Stewardship—Open  
Ministerial—Alvin R. Goulbourne  
Education—Alvin R. Goulbourne  
Religious Liberty—Carlyle Simmons  
Publishing—Sydney Gibbons

There were several items of business presented by the Mission executive committee for consideration by the delegates. In addition, there were other items considered by the plans committee which would affect the growth of the work in Bermuda. Some of the items under consideration were as follows: enlarged plans for evangelism to greatly increase the membership of the Mission; acquirement of land for additional church buildings; new church homes for some of the present churches; extension of Bermuda Insti-

tute to provide much needed classrooms, also an auditorium and gymnasium, and expanded plans for an industrial arts program; a very necessary addition to the office space of the Mission office; and an expansion of the office to care for an enlarged Book and Bible House Center.

To reach the many Portuguese-speaking citizens of the island, an expanded evangelistic program was discussed to meet this need. There was also demonstrated a need for an increase of members of the Mission executive committee to care for a growing work.

The finances of the Mission were in good shape. The cash in bank and in liquid investments was more than enough to take care of the outstanding liabilities of the Mission. Through prudent management and sacrificial giving, the Mission has been able to maintain a good strong financial standing.

Persons in attendance from the Atlantic Union Conference staff were: Elders J. L. Dittberner, L. W. Crooker, H. E. Haas, and H. R. Murphy.

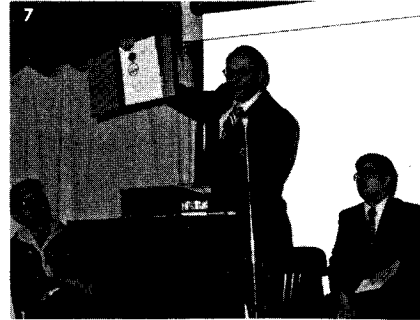
H. R. MURPHY  
*Recording Secretary*

## Youth Ministry Training Seminar

During the afternoon and evening of November 4, 1977, church and conference youth leaders from all over the Atlantic Union Conference arrived at Camp Berkshire for a Youth Ministries Training Seminar. They came from Northeastern, Greater New York, Southern New England, New York, and Northern New England Conferences. Nearly 300 leaders of youth came hungry for new ideas about how to develop active youth societies in the churches.

Elder Eloy Martinez, Union Youth Director, together with local conference Youth Directors, had spent months planning the Berkshire weekend. Guest speakers and instructors from the General Conference included Elder John Hancock, world Youth Director, and Elder Milo Sawvel representing the Temperance Department. Elder Edmund Peterson from the Review and Herald spoke about *Insight* magazine and shared plans the editors have to reach youth of the church through the journal. Elder Norman Middag, Youth Director for





the Potomac Conference and a specialist in Pathfinding, shared helpful information with Pathfinder leaders.

Other guests included Louis Matthews from the Westchester Area School and Tony Romeo from the Manhattan church. They participated in different discussion groups.

Conference youth leaders participated in the discussion groups and also acted as chairmen for the various meetings. Elder Trevor Baker, Youth Director for the Northeastern Conference, shared his musical talent at the piano throughout the weekend. Other conference youth leaders are: Elder Charles Case, Southern New England, and Elder Herbert Wrate, Northern New England. The youth work in Greater New York is temporarily being divided among three men: Elder D. E. Kenyon, Elder John Lorntz, and Elder Lloyd Scharffenberg.

In the keynote address by Elder

Martinez, the leaders were challenged to return to their churches and provide more active programs of youth witnessing and youth meetings.

Elder John Hancock taught the group a new chorus with the aid of his accordion. He played several times during the weekend. A Northeastern choir presented a thrilling Anthem on Sabbath morning. Others shared their talents in solos and duets.

Many subjects were covered in the group discussions, such as Temperance and its place in the church, led by Elder Sawvel.

Elder Peterson discussed Christian marriage and home relationships with his group. Other groups spoke about understanding young people, parent-child relationships, general rules for counseling, effective speech, music, recreation, advertising, organizing and training for witness outreach, to name

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1. Delegates at the Youth Ministries Training Seminar held at Camp Berkshire, November 4 to 6, 1977.
2. John Hancock, General Conference World Youth Leader, addressed the delegates during the Sabbath worship service and lectured on Christian Leadership, the Youth Profile, and Organization and Development of Youth Ministry within the church.
3. Milo Sawvel, Associate Director of Temperance Department, General Conference, lectured on youth temperance outreach and led group discussions on the Pathfinder staff and club finances.
4. Edmund Peterson, Periodical Department Manager of the Review and Herald, lectured on "Insight" magazine and also led a group discussion on understanding young single and young married SDA adults.
5. Norman Middag, Youth Director of the Potomac Conference, spoke on "What Is Pathfinding?" and also presented information on the Pathfinder ministry and the club program.
6. A group discussion led by John Lorntz, Interim Senior Youth Director, Greater New York Conference, on understanding the senior youth.
7. Charles Case, Youth Director of the Southern New England Conference, promoted the Youth Ministry Accent, a quarterly journal which provides resource materials for the church youth leaders.
8. Herbert Wrate, Youth Director of the Northern New England Conference, gave a presentation on the organization of a Pathfinder Club.

a few. The weekend was packed with challenging and interesting information for youth leadership at all levels.

It has been several years since a meeting of this type was conducted in the Atlantic Union. Those who attended expressed sincere appreciation to Elder Martinez for providing so much helpful material and competent instructors. They went back to their churches with renewed inspiration to direct and guide the young people into more meaningful service to help finish the work of God in the earth.

D. E. KENYON

*Interim Associate Youth Director  
Greater New York Conference*

### Communication Intern Joins Metro Ministry in New York

The first communication intern sent to New York City has joined Metro Ministry. James L. Fly, a recent journalism graduate from Pacific Union College, will help develop a public relations program for



Metro Ministry, an organization established to help area conferences implement the Spirit of Prophecy counsel regarding the work to be done in New York.

"New York is a unique challenge and opportunity for the communications program of the church since it is the media capital of the world," notes Fly.

Fly hopes to set up a Seventh-day Adventist news bureau in New York which would augment the General Conference Communications Department in Washington. His two-year internship is sponsored by the General Conference Communications Department headed by M. Carol Hetzell.

The new intern was a medic in the United States Coast Guard before attending PUC. While at PUC, he was interim editor of the *Campus Chronicle*. He also worked in the College Relations Office.

He and his wife, Nancy, have a four-month-old son, Eric James, and live in Nanuet, a northwest suburb of New York.

NIKOLAUS SATELMAJER  
*Associate Director  
Metro Ministry*

## SEND YOUR YOUTH TO THE FESTIVAL OF FAITH

by CHARLES C. CASE, *Youth Director  
Southern New England Conference*

Are the youth of your church ready for the Festival of Faith? March is coming soon and 4,500 youth of the Atlantic, Columbia, and Southern Unions will be converging on the city of Greensboro, North Carolina, for the large Festival of Faith Congress to be held March 22 to 25, 1978.

Churches are choosing the delegates to represent their church, and the academies and colleges are preparing their different witnessing groups for action. Choirs, singing witnessing groups, gymnastic teams, bands, medical van teams, street preaching teams, temperance teams, and many more are being readied for the Festival of Faith. If your church has not chosen its delegates yet, you should choose them immediately and send the names to your local conference youth director—**now is the time**. Special seminars for witnessing are being held in the academies and colleges. Much emphasis is being placed on getting the youth of this church ready for the large Festival of Faith. We are hoping that this is just the beginning, and that the youth will go on and on witnessing after the Festival of Faith, that many souls will be won to God as the result of their youthful labors, and that the efforts put forth by the youth themselves will ground and hold them in the church. "Save our youth and others too," should be and is our motto.

Help the youth of your church prepare for the Festival of Faith in Greensboro, North Carolina, and for eternity. Encourage them all you can and help where necessary.

In a later report we will share the program with you. Thank you for your support for your youth and the Festival of Faith.

### ASDAN Retreat

The Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses met for a retreat and continuing education seminar, at Camp Winnekeag, Ashburnham, Massachusetts, October 28 to 30. The focus of the retreat was "Mental Health."

Elder Stuart Jayne, Southern New England Conference president, gave the keynote address Friday evening. Dr. Leonard Holst, well-known Adventist psychologist, presented the devotional message as well as professional update.

The Continuing Education phase of the program was carried by Dr. Alice Smith, General Conference ASDAN co-ordinator. The program was accredited by the Massachusetts Nurses Association, and twenty-six qualified for the credit allowed for successfully completing the program.

M. ORENE SMART  
*ASDAN Co-ordinator  
Atlantic Union*

### Have You Read

*Insight*  
**LATELY?**

## BOOKS

### Ladder of Life Books and Guide

Seventh-day Adventist parents are well aware that their children are a heritage from God. The Ladder of Life booklets are planned to provide a basis for the training, either in the home or in a pre-school situation, of the young child. Based on the steps of Peter's Ladder—faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly





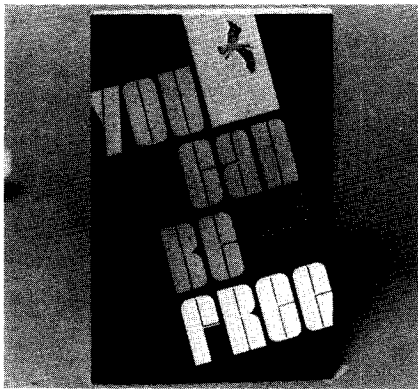
kindness, and love, the books provide a comprehensive foundation for character development.

The set consists of eight books well illustrated with "color me" drawings and a parents' or teachers' guide giving step-by-step instructions in the use of the material. This includes songs, suggested projects, ideas for community involvement, and other activities that enrich the program and increase its effectiveness.

Prepared by a committee of Seventh-day Adventist early childhood educators under the direction of the Department of Education of the General Conference, the set is ideal for the purpose for which it was planned. It will be an invaluable addition to the young family's library.

### You Can Be Free

by ROY ALLEN ANDERSON



Although half the story has never yet been told, Elder Anderson brings from his own experience, and from his wide range of study, interesting and helpful sidelights on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus in our behalf. It is not here treated as theory, but is made practical for the life and experience of everyone who is searching for fullness of blessing.

**SOMETHING  
SPECIAL  
COMING  
in January, 1978**

## Northern New England

### Organization—Berlin Church

The peak weekend for the foliage beauty in northern New Hampshire was enhanced by the organization of the Northern New England Conference's fifty-first church in Berlin, New Hampshire. The special October 1 organizational and open house Sabbath brought nearly 100 people together for this special meeting.

Following the Sabbath school welcome by Judy Fournier and song service, Elder W. Melvin Adams, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Northern New England Conference, brought the adult Sabbath school lesson. Worship service announcements were given by Pastor Robert Farley. Donna Fournier, recently baptized, and a sophomore at Pine Tree Memorial School in Freeport, Maine, told of her recent experiences at the academy's retreat at Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine.

Elder C. P. Anderson introduced the guest speaker for the occasion, Elder Luther Crooker, Treasurer of the Atlantic Union Conference. His message centered on God's promises and concluded with personal words of en-



Dr. Gaylen Johnson of Parkview Memorial Hospital in Brunswick, Maine, presenting background information on the multi-media colored narration overviewing the complete Bible story entitled "Theatre of the Universe."

couragement and challenge for the newly organized Berlin church. Following the sermon, Elder Anderson, conference president, proceeded with the organizational service which included a review of baptismal vows and a challenge to faithfulness in God's cause upon the earth. We were thank-



Photos by W. M. Adams, Jr.,  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Northern New England Conference

Participants in the program (left to right) were Elder C. P. Anderson, president of the Northern New England Conference; Elder Luther Crooker, treasurer of the Atlantic Union Conference; Donna Fournier, student at Pine Tree Memorial Academy; Pastor Robert Farley, Berlin, New Hampshire, church.

ful for the twenty-member nucleus that forms the charter of the Berlin church.

Following the church service, a delicious potluck dinner was provided for the visitors and guests. The afternoon open house service welcome and brief history of the church building was given by Pastor Robert Farley. He brought to our attention the historical value and past histories of the church, indicating that it was built in 1894 by the Methodists. It had served as their place of worship prior to their union with another church in the Berlin area several years ago. The building was purchased for \$5,000 in December of 1975, and underwent extensive renovations prior to the organization of the church.

Truly the Adventure in Faith Offering was put to practical use as this adventure in the Lord's work was formulated and came to this very successful fulfillment of the church's organization. The members have expressed their appreciation for the funds that have been contributed, not only from the local conference, but from the Atlantic Union Conference and the General Conference, and numerous individuals. In addition to the financial stewardship which was realized, contributions of time and talents were given by many. From the carpentry, hanging of the drapes, to the final cleanup, these talents were all very much appreciated. Berlin City Manager, James Smith, and District Ward Councilwoman Coulombe, attended the open house and expressed their appreciation for the building and renovation, and stated that the work to meet human needs also was a goal



Berlin City Manager, James Smith, expressing appreciation for the building renovation and welcoming the guests and members to the newly established church in Berlin, New Hampshire.

of the city administration. The open house climaxed with the final dramatic hour-long presentation of "Theatre of the Universe." Elder Anderson concluded with the benediction.

This adventure in faith, not only of finances, but time and talents, is truly the goal of an unfinished work in the church. We thank God for His guidance and we continue to seek your prayers, your help, and your interest as we in Berlin, New Hampshire, fulfill a small part of finishing the work.

PASTOR ROBERT FARLEY

### New Ministerial Intern



We are happy to announce a new ministerial intern for the Northern New England Conference. He is Kenneth L. Scribner, a recent graduate of Andrews University in August of this year. Pastor Scribner has been assigned to the Burlington, Vermont, district under the direction of Elder Rolfe Mitchell.

Pastor Scribner is a graduate of Southern Missionary College in 1971. After graduation he taught church school in the Florida Conference from 1971-74.

He is married to Andrea Vivian Nelton, and they have one child, Kenneth Andrew, who is six years old.

We welcome Pastor and Mrs. Scribner to the Northern New England Conference.

Carl P. Anderson  
President

### Temperance Ministry in Bennington, Vermont

Another very successful Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking has been held by Howard Fish, pastor of the Bennington, Vermont, church, at the Putnam Memorial Hospital. Wide publicity was given by notices on radio several times and in the Bennington newspaper. Out of the original attendance, at the closing night, all but one had "kicked" the habit and that one hopes to gain the victory. Several films were shown.

We are looking forward to another

seminar when quite a number of those who were unable to attend this time plan to enroll.

A highlight of the meetings came when former smokers gave their testimonies. Harry Mathers told of the prayers in his behalf that gave him immediate victory without a struggle over alcohol. However, the battle with cigarettes came a little later, and because of this abstinence over the past thirty-two years, it enabled him to survive a delicate aneurism operation several years ago. He stated, "I spent three hours this afternoon in prayer, asking the Lord to guide me to give my testimony to you tonight." Vigorous applause concluded his speech which had a profound effect on those in attendance.

HERBERT POST

Communication Secretary

### Plentiful Harvest



Pupils at the Riverview Memorial School in Norridgewock look over some of their three-thousand-pound harvest of squashes and pumpkins grown as part of the school's agricultural program. Proceeds from the sale of the fall vegetables go toward the school.

Susan Hertz

Communication Secretary

### Many Souls Taking Their Stand for the Lord in the Norridgewock District

Unmistakable evidence of the blessings of God can readily be seen in the churches in this district. Recently eight persons were baptized into the Waterville church. They are: Harry C. Elliott; Jeffery, Norma and Beverly Varney; Leonard and Paula Riley all taking their stand on the side of Truth by going into the watery grave of baptism.

Also in the Waterville church, Robert and Dianna Rogers took their stand and were baptized. Their story begins with their wedding. They were

married in Canaan, Maine, by Elder Leon Strickland who was visiting his home town at the time. The Stricklands continued to work with them showing them the wonderful "Good News" of the Gospel Message. Sometime later they felt drawn to Prayer Meetings where the Life of Christ was being studied. After attending a few times they knew they had found that for which they were searching. Their baptism was witnessed by many of their friends. It is the fondest hope of Brother and Sister Rogers that someday soon their friends will take the same step towards the Master and be baptized.

In Norridgewock Jonathan Turk and Beth Jones, pupils at Riverview Memorial School, recently completed their studies in the Pastor's Baptismal Class held last spring, and they were baptized in Sandy River, fulfilling a long hoped-for desire.

Meanwhile in Ripley, Maine, the Lord was working upon a couple who had for some time been searching to find believers in the wonderful Truths of the Bible. William and Phyllis Glidden had taken Bible study lessons by mail, but their baptism was to the credit of the untiring efforts of devoted friends who continued to answer the many questions they had and to point them always towards the Master and His Truth. The more William and Phyllis learned, the more determined they became that they wanted to follow Jesus not only in baptism, but wherever He might lead. Their many friends were rewarded as they witnessed this baptism held in Easler's Pond as the climax to a wonderful Sabbath day. Now the Gliddens are determined to interest their own children in this wonderful Truth, having started their grandchildren in Sabbath school already.

Many wonderful stories could be told about the way the Lord has worked in the recently held Vacation Bible Schools in all three churches, but I will tell you just one of them.

After Vacation Bible School in Norridgewock and Dexter, this group of dedicated Lay Workers prayerfully considered where they could go for "just one more Vacation Bible School." They were drawn to Rome, Maine, even though we do not have a church there, knowing that the Lord would provide. They asked to use the Baptist Church and were refused; but un-

daunted, they asked again and were told they could by the Sunday school superintendent. Elated, they set out to advertise and attend to the many details of organization. Opening day soon arrived and more than thirty youngsters filled this small country church. Day after day these youngsters returned, but only too soon the last day arrived. As they sang day by day, the piano was out of tune and many of the notes wouldn't play at all; but on that last evening when parents had been invited to attend, the wonderful hand of the Lord was to be evident. That old note-missing, out-of-tune piano sounded as good, if not better, than the best of instruments. The Nazarene minister and the Sunday school teacher who had so opposed that church being used were among those who were singing to that old piano. Following that program, the once-objecting Sunday school teacher now was praising this program, and told them they could use the church whenever they wished. She was told

they had another program they would like to present; and now, right on the heels of the Vacation Bible School a weekly Story Hour is being presented.

Each Sabbath afternoon this group makes its way to Rome, Maine, and presents that program. Parents, as well as the area children, are invited to attend, and it looks as though the attendance will be as good, if not better, than the Vacation Bible School.

May the Lord's continued blessing be upon those who are leading out in this program, but not be limited to that. May His blessing be upon all our wonderful, dedicated laymen who are willing to give of themselves and follow wherever our Lord and Saviour leads. May many wonderful souls be in the Kingdom as a result of the efforts of these and all the other dedicated laymen as they fulfill the Master's call to preach this message in all the world, whether that "world" is a small country town or a big bustling city.

NORMAN E. DEAKIN, *Pastor*

## Southern New England

### New Stewardship and Trust Services Officer



**Preston Hoskin is the new Stewardship and Trust Services officer for the Southern New England Conference. He married Florence E. Keller in Warren, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1937. After his baptism at Jamestown, New York, in the late 1950's he entered the publishing work under Elder George Peterson in the New York Conference. In 1963 he began work in the development field at Loma Linda University. He has worked since in the Pacific Union and the Colorado Conferences. The Hoskins have three sons.**

### New Posts of Duty

Pastor Wayne Willey to New London, Connecticut, area from the New Bedford, Massachusetts, district.

Pastor W. H. Johnson to the New Bedford, Massachusetts, church from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Pastor Gordon Weideman to Pawtucket, Rhode Island, from the Nashville, Tennessee, church.

Pastor Arthur Schumacher to the Danbury, Connecticut, district.

### Canaan Ladies Auxiliary Sponsors Birthday Party

Every month the Activity Department at Geer Extended Care Facility, Canaan, Connecticut, asks area auxiliary groups to sponsor a birthday party one afternoon a month for the entire house. It has been only a short time that the Adventist Church has been able to sponsor a party and felt it most important to do so for an institution which is operated by our denomination.

The theme "Old Mexico" was chosen and the ladies went to work. The dec-



ground amidst all the bright decor, letting all hear Mexican melodies. The cake was made from an original Mexican cake recipe. The cake was eaten with the fingers. "Finger licking good." was the compliment given to the baker!

Many attended the party. With weeks of preparation and work, it was over in an hour yet this effort will be long remembered by the residents. Though not a religious witness in the sense of spoken words, this endeavor showed the loving care and concern for the happiness of the residents at Geer Memorial. Even a handful of concerned Christians can leave a very positive witness in a quiet manner.

orations were lovely and consisted of a six-foot papier-mache cactus, macrame owls, lanterns, and two pinatas. Original music played in the back-

PENNY WHITE

*Communication Secretary*

**REMEMBER**



**FESTIVAL OF FAITH**

**Greensboro, North Carolina**  
**March 22 to 25, 1978**

### Investment

The very important closing Investment program for 1977 should be taking place in our churches. We have had a good year for investment here in our conferences.

One of the outstanding programs was carried on in the Atlantic Union College church primary division led by Mrs. Cynthia Wilson. Their theme has been, "Invest in Souls Around the World." The children are pilots flying their funds and help around the globe. They have been able to raise approximately \$400 for their year's activities.

The accompanying pictures show the members of the primary division as they presented their program to the college Sabbath school. In the program they sang the following song written by their leader:

Chorus:

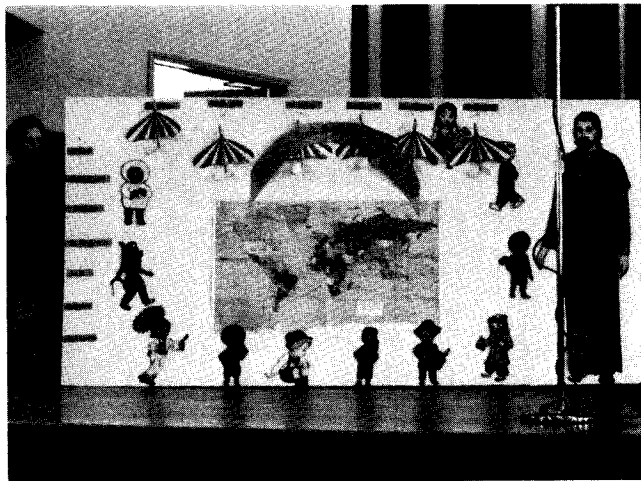
Investment, investment  
We're working for the Lord.  
Invest in souls around the world.  
Why don't you take it as your goal?  
Investment, investment,  
We're working for the Lord.

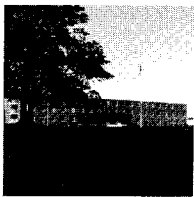
1. I've vacuumed rugs and swept the floor.  
I've dusted chairs and a whole lot more.
2. I've washed the dishes and the car.  
I've raked the leaves from near and far .
3. I've errands run and shoveled snow.  
I've planted seeds and watched them grow.
4. I've ironed clothes and folded, too,  
And helped my mother make the stew.
5. I've never grumbled or run to play.  
I've worked real hard to earn my pay.
6. Each week my nickels and dimes I bring  
For that's investment offering.
7. And when it's time to fly a plane  
Our pilots zoom right up again.

Investment is one program in which we can all play a part. As other offerings and expenses call for our income, it seems that we have less to give. So, to expand your giving and help more in the Lord's work, start your own project and with the blessing of the Lord watch it grow.

DWIGHT TALYOR

*Sabbath School Department*





## Pioneer Valley Academy Corner

### Successful Ingathering Field Day Held

After much planning and preparation for our first scheduled Ingathering field day, we were rained out. Many of the students were disappointed, for they had their hearts set on going out to do the Lord's work and help win souls for Him.

The new date was set for October 4. The day was sunny, but cool. Over 200 students were assigned to 37 different cars, the first leaving approximately

9:45 a.m. the last at 11:00 a.m. We covered territory all the way from Westfield to Grafton, Massachusetts.

As the students got into the various cars there was the traditional talk and excitement of "What shall I say when I knock on the door?" or "I'll hold the can and you do the talking." But when they came back, the tone was different. Some wished we could go out again the next day, but on the average everyone was tired and worn-out from the busy day they'd had Ingathering.

The last car came in around 10:00 p.m. Excitement ran high as we evaluated the accomplishments of the day. Everyone wanted to know how much we had brought in. One car came in with approximately \$170. All totaled, just over \$2,300 was collected and close to 15,000 pieces of literature were handed out.

The most exciting part of the day were those occasions that some of the students had to pray with those in need. They discovered that throughout the day there were many different ways in which they could witness. This we all know is the Lord's purpose for Ingathering.

The next evening, at a special chapel, several students shared their experiences with the whole student body for the benefit of those who did not get a chance to go for lack of chauffeurs. Next year we hope that each and every student attending Pioneer Valley Academy will have this chance to go out to be a servant of the Lord on Ingathering Field Day.

WINONA CAMPBELL  
*Senior*



**INGATHERING POTENTIAL.** Students reflect many moods as they wait to be assigned their Ingathering territory.



**P.V.A. students leave for Ingathering Field Day.**

# New England Memorial Hospital

## Commissioner of Public Health Launches Annual Seal Campaign

Commissioner Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, is launching the 1977 American Lung Association Christmas Seal drive in Massachusetts. The Christmas Seal campaign is the association's major source of income to support programs aimed at the prevention and control of lung disease.

In accepting the chairmanship, Com-

missioner Fielding said, "I believe the Lung Association's emphasis on the prevention and early detection of lung disease is a major health contribution to all of us in the Commonwealth. By contributing to Christmas Seals each of us can help the Christmas Seal people continue sponsoring emphysema clubs, exercise programs for asthmatic children, and programs in smoking education and air-pollution control." He added, "The smoking habit is the greatest preventable cause of death in Massachusetts."

The commissioner will be involved with public appearances for the Christmas Seal campaign throughout Massachusetts for the duration of the campaign. The appearances will include television and radio spot announcements, dinner engagements, and press conferences.

"Dr. Fielding's appointment is appropriate since he is the chief medical officer for the state," stated Walter E. Kloss, president of the American Lung Association of Massachusetts. "One of his primary areas of interest is lung disease."

Kloss, besides his duties as ALAM president, is chief chaplain at New

England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham, where he has conducted the successful Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking for several years. Two years president of the American Lung Association of Massachusetts, Kloss has also served for two years as vice-president of the ALAM and president of the Middlesex Lung Association for four years.

Chaplain Kloss explained the Christmas Seal system: "Through an annual mailing campaign, the seals are made available to the public. The people place the seals on their Christmas cards and then send a donation to the Lung Association. This process began near the turn of the century, when the organization was called the Respiratory and Lung Disease Association. The association has historically played a role in the campaign against TB and chronic respiratory disease."



Commissioner Jonathan E. Fielding of the State Department of Public Health (left), honorary chairman of the 71st annual Christmas Seal campaign for the American Lung Association of Massachusetts, receives Christmas Seals from Walter E. Kloss, president of the American Lung Association of Massachusetts.

The Christmas Seal campaign began in 1907, when Emily Bissell, a philanthropic woman from Wilmington, Delaware, sought the co-operation of a Philadelphia newspaper to promote the seals. Miss Bissell succeeded in raising \$3,000 to help save a small tuberculosis hospital on the banks of the Brandywine River. The money raised far exceeded her expectations. She had hoped to raise \$300 when she designed the first Christmas Seal in America—a wreath of holly, with the greeting, "Merry Christmas."

## Luncheon Presented by NEMH Auxiliary

Sixty-seven ladies gathered at the Bear Hill Golf Club in Stoneham, Thursday, September 29, for the "Member/Guest Luncheon" presented by the New England Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

As luncheon co-chairperson, along with Virginia Junker, Marie Swenson opened the event by extending a welcome to all who were present. Mrs. Junker then introduced the Auxiliary president, Christine Goulding. Also expressing greetings to the Auxiliary members and friends in attendance, Mrs. Goulding extended an invitation to any visitors who might wish to become members of the organization.

Twelve ladies joined the Auxiliary as a result of the invitation: Isadore Askenazy, Evelyn Madden, Rose McManus, Bette Moran, Geraldine Waite (all of Wakefield); Genevieve Bryant, Betty Lasselie (Stoneham); Bernice Lobdell, Gladys Schlimper, Davina Shuman (Reading); Josephine Lombardo, Ruth Wagner (Melrose); and Evelyn Pollock (Malden).

Mrs. Goulding then presented a check for \$3,500 to Miriam Moore, director of Volunteers at New England Memorial Hospital, on behalf of the hospital.

The gift is a portion of a \$20,000 pledge which the Auxiliary has made to the hospital for the purchase of a fetal heart monitor, to be used in the maternity ward, and for an addition to the nursery.

Mrs. Moore thanked the Auxiliary for their generous gift to New England



Christine Goulding (left), president of the New England Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, presents a check for \$3,500 to Miriam Moore, director of Volunteers, on behalf of the hospital.

Memorial Hospital, and commented on how significantly the Auxiliary had grown since its humble beginning in 1965, with only nine members. Mrs. Moore was one of the founding members of the hospital's Auxiliary. She pointed out how Auxiliary members and their friends, who become involved in the communities while serving the hospital, helps to strengthen the community as well as the hospital.

Then, Mildred Schweiger, also a charter member and a past-president of the Auxiliary, gave a brief history of the organization, from its date of conception to the present. She told that on March 10, 1965, a group of nine people gathered at the home of Janie Hudson, 20 Tufts Street, Arlington, to discuss the possibility of starting an auxiliary for New England Memorial Hospital. She pointed out that the present Auxiliary membership now exceeds 150 and that growth makes many important tasks possible. Mrs. Schweiger also wrote a short history of the Auxiliary, which was printed in the luncheon program.

The main address was presented by representatives of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, entitled, "Raising House Plants Successfully." The lecture included all the "dos" and "don'ts" of indoor plant cultivation.

The luncheon was concluded when Mrs. Swenson conducted a drawing for a free plant.

The New England Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is still welcoming new members. If you are interested, you may contact the membership chairperson, Helen Valenti, 245-4205.

## Hospital Employees Feast at Annual Corn Roast

The aroma of roasting corn drifted across the lawns of New England Memorial Hospital, September 14, as employees gathered on the hospital's ballfield to enjoy the annual corn roast. The corn roast is free to hospital employees and their families, and they are given as much as they can consume.

Early in the afternoon, preparations for the feast began. A long block pit was built and metal grates placed over it. A fire was kindled and allowed to burn, until a huge bed of glowing red coals had formed. Then hundreds of ears of corn were laid on the grating—husks and all—to begin the slow,



but gloriously tasty, process.

Tables were arranged and laden with huge pans of melted butter, juice, hot chocolate, fresh vegetables and beans.

The stage was set. The time was 4:30 p.m. Enter the players. Hundreds of New England Memorial Hospital employees, and their families, began getting off work and arriving to partake of the cookout. As the meal progressed, a van pulled up and ice cream was delivered.

A portable public address system made it possible for Dave Beers, director of Personnel, to gain everyone's attention as he introduced an additional segment of the activities: recognition of retiring employees.

For each of the retiring employees, there was a gift, and a few words about their employment and future plans.

Beginning on June 6, 1940, Lucy Beale has served New England Memorial Hospital as a private-duty nurse and general nursing supervisor for 37 years. On December 1, Miss Beale will retire to Nathalie, Virginia.

Dave J. Stone, Sr., began employment at the hospital immediately after graduating from nurses training in Sep-

tember, 1934. In 1941, he finished physical therapy training and joined the hospital's Physical Therapy Department, where he has been director for 36 years. Stone retired from NEMH on September 1.

Having emigrated from Greece in August, 1960, Araxie Aprahamian began working at New England Memorial Hospital when she arrived in the United States. On November 1, after 17 years of service at the hospital, Miss Aprahamian will retire from her work as a graduate LPN.

Claude and Gerry Shook were the last to be honored before their retirement.

Claude Shook has devoted 32 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist hospital system, of which New England Memorial Hospital is a member. Of those years, 13 were at NEMH. His wife, Gerry, has also been employed at the Stoneham hospital since their arrival on December 28, 1964.

As the final farewells died down, the exuberant employees dispersed to go their own ways. But each person who attended had enjoyed an opportunity to socialize with those with whom they toiled each day.

## Students Make Dean's List

The Registrar's Office has released the names of those students who made the Dean's "A" list (3.75 GPA or above) for the second semester of 1976-77. They are:

Lauren Aastrup	Joseph Kretschmar
Jerilyn Benson	John LaBrecque
James Brassard	Lewis LaClair
Leonard Cann	Richard Latane
Wai-Chi Chan	Thomas LeBlanc
Cynthia Christoph	Joyce Malin
Steven Crand	Linda Nord
Karen Crooker	Jenny Nygard
Laddie Dunfield	Eugene O'toole
Vicky Fox	Kaye Paddyfote
Laurie Geddes	Earline Parson
Leacroft Green	Timothy Poirier
Joyce Greenfield	Debra Quay
Lori Haak	Felicia Rao
Sheryl Haesche	Beverly Richards
Holly Hagopian	Joyce Simonds
Keith Hallock	Elaine Suska
Leon Hauck	Issa Taha
Georgina Hill	Paul Teo
L. John Hoyte	Pranee Tulyathan
Michael Jamieson	Patricia Tyler
Patricia Jones	Reginald Tyler
Martti Kahkonen	Eduardo Urbina
Kathryn Kittredge	Nan Wang
William Knott	Renda White
Roger Knowlton	Jeffrey Yeagley

Those who made the "B" list (3.25 to 3.75 GPA) are:

Norma Acevedo	Richard Koehler
Rita Acosta	Kevin Landa
Angela Bennett	Cynthia Larson
Richard Bergeson	Christopher Lawson
Merrilyn Bowers	Lori Lewis
Daniel Burrington	Byoung Lim
Dennis Campbell	Kathy Marston
Nellie Candelaria	Debra McFarland
Edwin Chaparro	Richard Mills
Paul Clarke	Rebecca Muniz
Mary Colageo	Dianne Padilla
Carolyn Cook	Pamela Pettengill
Donnette Cooper	Darrol Pierson
Dorothy Cross	Arthur Randall
Randy Davis	Gail Recchia
Ronald Davitt	Blin Richards
John Dawson	Marla Rigsby
Doreen Day	Robert Rigsby
Cynthia Diamond	Connie Rittenhouse
Jennifer Diamond	Eldon Ryder
Sarah Dunn	Michael Sady
Donna Eggebrecht	Lynn Savino
James Ellithorpe	Catherine Schmidt
Nadia Ferraro	Olivia Sicard
Rosanne Field	Susan Smith
Holly Finley	Cun Yong Tan
Rocky Gale	James Tautfest
Valerie Gardner	Diane Taylor
Michael Gordon	Carmen Trynchuk
Cheryl Graf	Mark Turner
Loritha Graham	Kevin Van Allen
Magaly Guerrero	Hernan Vazquez
Maria Guerrero	Abidah Viera
Peter Hagberg	M. Sue Wagner
Joelle Hamer	Dennis Williams
Shelley Hansor	Elva Williams
Benjamin Hill	Earle Wilson
Luc Homicile	Donna Young
Debbie Huntley	Stephen Zork
Lubomyr Hyk	Susan Zork

# Atlantic Union College

## Thirty-nine First-Year Nursing Students Dedicated

Nursing Dedication for the 1979 graduating class of nurses was held Friday evening, November 4, in Machlan Auditorium. This year's seniors took part in the traditional candlelight ceremony by passing the "Light" to the first-year nursing class. Those first-year nursing students who took part in the ceremony were: Naomi Batista, Joy Begeal, Lavona Biggs, Carol Brooks, Bonnie Burnham, Myrna Candelaria, Linda Chevalier, Brent Child, Carmen Curbelo, Holly Derbyshire, Roger Duguay, Jean Emse, Wanda Gates, Shirley Hunt, Elizabeth Hill, Maha Issa, Janice Kendrick, Jean LaMountain, Cynthia Larson, Roger Libby, Dorothea Livergood, Peter MacEwen, Cynthia MacLaren, Jeannie Martinez, Linda Nickerson, Elena Nikitas, Martha Perez, Randi Pifer, Ileana Pino, Pamela Rodriguez, Louis Shore, Diana Stewart, Beth Taylor, Roselyn Turner,

Paula Tyler, Cynthia Velho, John Zak, Lesley Zork, and Patricia Parker. The Class of 1979 Nursing Philosophy was presented by John Zak and Lesley Zork. Responding for the Class of 1978 were Ray Sauls and Karen Schoen. Bonnie Beers, from New England Memorial Hospital, then presented her philosophy as a professional nurse. A small reception was held afterward in the student lounge for family and friends.

## Newsnotes

The AUC Executive Committee voted to purchase a 15-passenger van to be used primarily for the transportation of Nursing students to the Marlborough area for clinical training. The purchase of the van should result in considerable savings since the college will no longer have to rent a commercial bus.

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Mr. Don Cantrell, Business Manager, and Dr. Larry Lewis, Academic Dean of AUC, attended an NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) Regional Meeting at Massachusetts Institute of Technology on Friday, October 21, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Group discussions focused on "Changes in Financial Aid Procedures," "Staffing Patterns in a Period of Tight Budgets," and "Problems of State and Federal Aid."

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Senior Recognition Day took place in Chapel on November 8 with George W. Hazzard, President of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, addressing the 1978 graduates. His speech was entitled, "Social Responsibility in a Technological Society." He was introduced by Dr. R. Dale McCune, President of AUC. Academic Dean, Dr. Larry Lewis, "presented" the class. The special music, "I Met God in the Morning," was presented by Carmen Graves; invocation by Dr. Margarita Merri-man; and the benediction given by Dr. Clyde McCulley, Senior Class Sponsor.

### "Under the Influence"

"Under the influence" is a term used in the Criminal Justice System. In such circles its meaning is so well understood that hardly anyone would ask, "under what influence?"

A few weeks ago as my high school senior daughter and I were discussing

her selection of a college for next year, she said, "I want to attend AUC [Atlantic Union College]."

"Oh?" I said.

"Yes, Dad graduated from AUC, you graduated from AUC, and Gerry [her brother] graduated from AUC. Furthermore, I think that AUC is a good school."

Julie Willoughby, while making her own decision to attend AUC was yet under the influence—under the influence of the family tradition.

This thought afterwards struck me: "How many students on AUC's campus today are sons and daughters of alumni?" Since that data was not immediately available, I attempted a simple survey which revealed the following:

Of 204 students who responded to a questionnaire, 18 percent are sons and daughters of alumni, 16 percent are siblings or relatives of alumni, and 26 percent are friends of alumni.

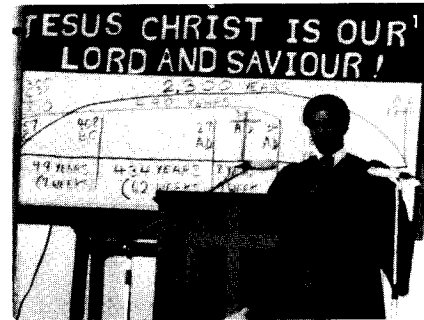
I agree with Julie Willoughby that AUC is a good school. So, Alumni, uphold the tradition and those of you who are not in the Alumni group, allow your children to continue the good influence of a home life into the same influence of a school life at Atlantic Union College.

For further information, write Admissions, Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561  
 DR. SUSAN M. WILLOUGHBY, *Professor Education/Behavioral Science*

final Sabbath there was another baptism and three souls were baptized. Assisting Pastor Simmons in both baptisms were Pastor Sydney Gibbons and Pastor Alvin Goldbourne, President of the Bermuda Mission.

During the six weeks hundreds of people were spiritually blessed by the inspiring sermons they heard from night to night. The final night was one that many people were sorry to see, but many left the tent with renewed determination to follow their Lord and Saviour all the way and to be saved in God's Kingdom.

WENDELL SIMONS  
*Communication Secretary*



## Bermuda

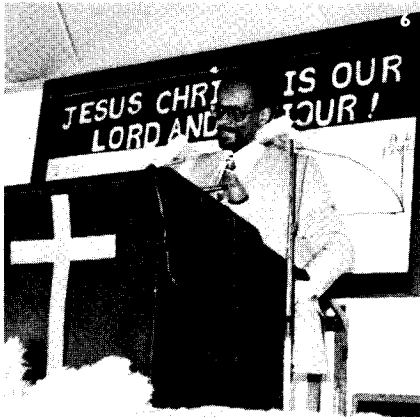
### New Life Crusade in Somerset, Bermuda

The New Life Crusade took on a new dimension in evangelism services when the medical and the spiritual were combined at the New Life Tent which was erected on the Royal Naval field in Somerset, Bermuda. Pastor Carlyle Simmons, a native Bermudian, preached inspiring sermons for the six-week crusade every night except Thursday. He was assisted by Pastor Sydney Gibbons and Randolph Wilson, a Theology student. The health lectures were presented by Doctor Ronald Lightbourne, a native Bermudian. Assisting him were nurses Marilyn

Simmons, wife of the evangelist, Karen Weir, and Beverly Brangman. Every Monday and Wednesday evening, one hour before the start of the lectures, there were free blood pressure checks, and a large number of people took advantage of this free service.

There was special music every night by singers—choirs, solos, duets—and instrumentalists from the seven churches on the island.

On the fifth Sabbath of the crusade following the worship service a large portion of the capacity crowd from the tent, went to Simmon's Beach located at Ely's Harbour to witness the first baptism of the crusade where eight souls were baptized. On the sixth and



1. Evangelist Simmons during one of his lectures.
2. The eight candidates of the first baptism. Extreme left: Pastor A. Goldbourne, Pastor C. Simmons, candidates, and Bible workers.
3. Pastor A. Goldbourne reading baptismal vows to the candidates of the second baptism. Left: Pastor S. Gibbons, three candidates, Pastor C. Simmons, and R. Wilson.
4. Some of the large crowds which attended the tent from night to night.
5. Blood pressure check. (L. to R.): Nurse Beverly Brangman, Joyce Jones, and Nurse Marilyn Simmons, evangelist's wife.
6. Doctor Ronald Lightbourne giving one of his health lectures.
7. The congregation of the Somerset church with some of the newly baptized members seated on the front row. Pastor Carlyle Simmons and wife standing, front row extreme left.

## Greater New York

### Guest Speaker at Crossroads Church



The guest speaker in the Crossroads church for the worship service on September 17, was Elder Franklin W. Hudgins (left), Director of Communication for the Columbia Union Conference. He was accompanied by his father-in-law, Elder C. Ray Kinney (right), now retired, who at one time was pastor of the Crossroads church. Elder Kinney participated in the worship service and was particularly happy to meet those who remembered him and to stand behind the pulpit as was his custom more than nineteen years ago. Our congregation was richly blessed as we listened to the message of hope from God's word brought to us by Elder Hudgins and as we fellowshiped together on that Sabbath day.

Joyce Wiseman  
Communication Secretary

### Baptisms in Grand Concourse Church

Pastor Trevor Fraser celebrated his first anniversary as pastor of the Grand Concourse church with a baptism on three consecutive Sabbaths. The enthusiasm with which he works seems to be contagious, for the church family is experiencing a growth both spiritually and numerically. Church elder, Fitz Smalling, expressed the thoughts of all members when he said, "Pastor Fraser is the type of person the devil



Elder Trevor Fraser of the Grand Concourse church interviews candidates prior to the baptismal service.

is afraid of and Christ is proud of."

Pastor and Mrs. Fraser are greatly admired and loved for their dedication to the work. Mrs. Fraser is appreciated for her faithfulness in spending hours counseling members on all types of problems. One of her beautiful qualities is that she likes to listen.

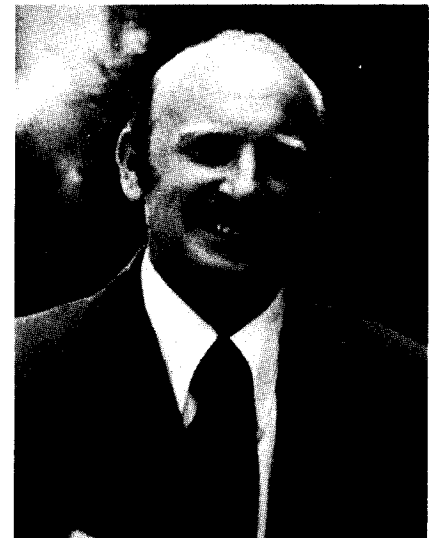
The Frasers, though young in years, have bridged the generation gap and have the confidence of all members, old and young. As one member said, "Everything Pastor Fraser does prospers and that must be because he first checks it out with Christ."

DOTTICE THOMAS  
Communication Secretary

### Experience in Hell's Kitchen

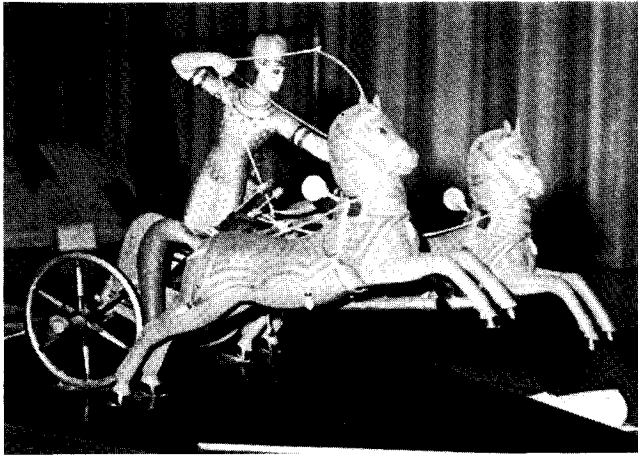
Evangelism in New York City—exciting and rewarding? Definitely!

What else could it be when you advertise an opening lecture for three sessions: 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. and in no time they are all booked, forcing you to add another session at 12:00 noon. Still the telephones keep ringing and you then decide to run the same lecture again the following Sunday and once again you are totally booked for three sessions. A total of 2,400 people attended the opening lecture.



Elder Don Lewis is director and speaker for the evangelistic crusade in the Times Square Center.

The Times Square Center will never forget *October 16 and 23* as they were the opening days of the "Tutankhamen Experience."



An interesting display of artifacts and documents was set up in the Times Square Center for people to view following each lecture. Some of the items belong to Elder Lewis and some were borrowed from the Egyptian Embassy for the occasion.

Evangelist Elder Don Lewis opened each session by saying how wonderful it is to see families coming to Times Square and having something to see which is not rated XXX. The crowd gave him an ovation for this statement and were hekl in his palm all through the lecture.

Elder Lewis mentioned in his conclusion, what a better world it would be if we lived by the Ten Commandments freeing us from all the violence and crime in the world. Once again an ovation was heard. The people were so responsive, they gave \$2,100 in donations and book sales.

Never before had the Congregation of the Center seen the place so full for so many sessions. God had answered their prayers, helped get an enormous crowd (99 percent non-Adventist) out to a lecture by a Seventh-day Adventist minister; and, as you all know, it

is extremely difficult to draw a crowd in "Hell's Kitchen."

Elder Don Lewis will run these lectures every Sunday for approximately 20 weeks. He has started on archaeology and as time progresses and he has the confidence of the audience, he will gradually move into deper Bible subjects. Already our next lecture is totally booked without any further advertising.

We, of the Times Square Center, need your prayers as we labor for our Creator. We hope and pray that through this endeavor many souls may be won for the Lord and amongst them Jewish people to whom Ellen G. White says . . . "the light of present truth is to be brought."

The second lecture drew 1,150 people in four sessions and we are heavily booked for the third lecture.

LISA LEWIS, *Evangelist's daughter*

performance on the 1976 Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifications Test (PSAT/NMSQT), and he is among the only students who will continue in the competition for Achievement Scholarships to be awarded in 1978.

Black students with the highest PSAT/NMSQT scores in each United States geographic region are named Achievement Program Semifinalists; the number of semifinalists in a region is proportional to the region's percentage of the total United States Negro population.

To advance in the competition, Eden, as an Achievement Program Semifinalist, must qualify as a Finalist by meeting additional requirements. Semifinalists must be endorsed and recommended for scholarship consideration by their high school principal; they must supply biographical information, maintain a high academic standing, and confirm their qualifying test scores with scores from a second examination.

Over 1,200 Semifinalists are expected to become Finalists and will compete for approximately 575 Achievement Scholarships to be awarded in the Spring of 1978.

DAVID A. CADAVERO  
*Principal*



Times Square Center on West 45 Street in Manhattan.



Greater New York  
Academy Corner

**Semifinalist in National Achievement Scholarship Program Designated**

Eden Shaw, senior, has been officially designated a Semifinalist in the 1978 National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. He is among 1,500 semifinalists from a student population of 60,000 who qualified on the basis of their

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## Temperance Ministry Successful in Rochester Area

Pastor LaMont Francisco of the Rochester, New York, Bay Knoll church has great enthusiasm and talent for conducting the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. After directing several sessions in the church complex, he decided that a new area was needed and chose the Rochester Institute of Technology. The first meeting place assigned him wasn't exactly what he had in mind, but he and his associates forged ahead undaunted. This, too, was a success.

The project and its success came to the attention of those in administration and made a definite positive impression. It was not too long before Pastor Francisco was offered very desirable quarters in the administration building of this fine institution for his next class. He did not even have to search about for participants because the administrator urged his staff and faculty to be a part of this excellent program.

The percentage of those overcoming the habit of using tobacco was very high and another class is being planned for the entire college in the near future. One person who is successful in his efforts to "quit" will tell

## Blind Camp

Pictured is Miss Milesse Horner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horner, also pictured and sharing the joys radiating from a happy heart.

Milesse and her parents reside on Jennings Road near Watkins Glen, New York. Milesse is home from a week of camp for blind children in Pennsylvania, which was one of thirty-six such camps sponsored by The Christian Record Braille Foundation during 1977, across the nation and Canada.

Milesse was chosen and voted Girl Camper of the Week and is proudly holding her trophy, displaying the love and confidence of her companions and counselors who chose her.

Brother O. R. Keeler, who resides in Branchport, New York, is the local representative for the Christian Record Braille Foundation in this area and some parts of Pennsylvania. Brother Keeler is an elder and active layman in the Penn Yan SDA Church and



arranged for Milesse to attend the camp.

May God richly bless Milesse and her family, and also the work of Brother Keeler and all of his associates as they labor in God's field serving the needs of the blind.

GENE THOMAS, *Pastor*  
*Penn Yan Church*

## Young People Collect Food for Thanksgiving Baskets



Young people from the Wayland, New York, church (pictured above) collected 293 cans of food to be given at Thanksgiving time to those who are less fortunate. The Community Services ladies prepared the baskets.

Young people from the Penn Yan church carried on a similar program and were likewise blessed with canned goods and other food stuffs for the needy.

The youth of these churches felt richly rewarded in their experience of goodwill as they realized by doing this Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me."



Pupils from the Elmira Twin Tiers Adventist Junior Academy, Elmira, New York, turned their tricks and treating to others and not themselves by collecting from area residents.

Nearly 1,400 cans of food went into food baskets to be distributed to needy families at Thanksgiving time.

Looking over the food collected are (L. to R.): Linda Dell, Robert Althof, and Larry Lovell. Approximately 53 students participated in the project. Ronald Skinner is the school principal.

Gail M. Taylor  
*Communication Secretary*



Photos by Donald May  
Administration building of RIT where the  
Five-Day Plan was held for staff and faculty.

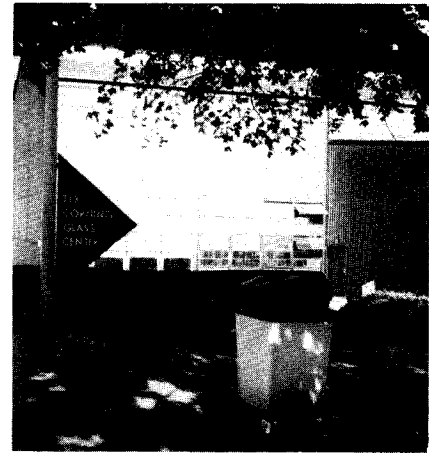


Pastor Francisco (left) and Elaine Kelper  
(center) congratulate a Five-Day Plan gradu-  
ate at RIT.

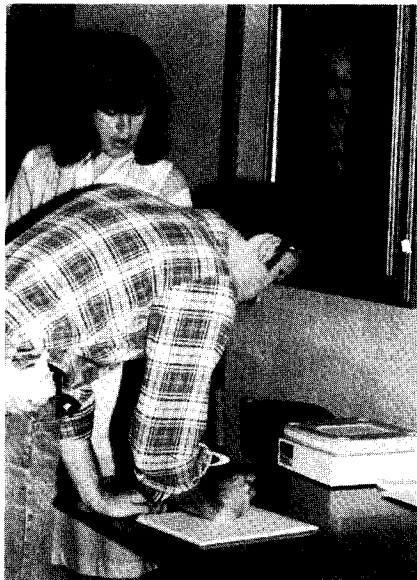
at least 300 others. Unsolicited acclaim and advertisement came about through a local talk show when a graduate called in to laud the program and urge others to try it.

Jon Schriver, a working church member, decided to try this same program in a more intimate style. He has held some Five-Day Plans in the recreation room of his home, working with small groups. Elaine Kepler, who has assisted Pastor Francisco, is also helping Brother Schriver. So far they have been blessed with one hundred per cent success.

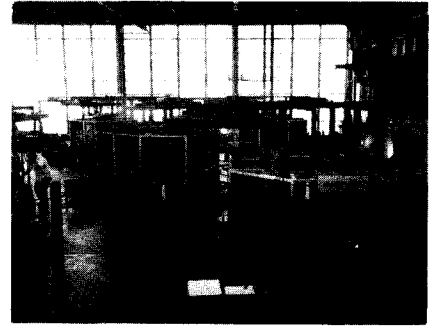
DOROTHY HILLIER  
*Communication Secretary*



Corning Glass Center, Corning, New York.



Some trepidation of signing in. . . Diana  
Francisco (center).



Stuben Glass Manufacturing Center, Corning,  
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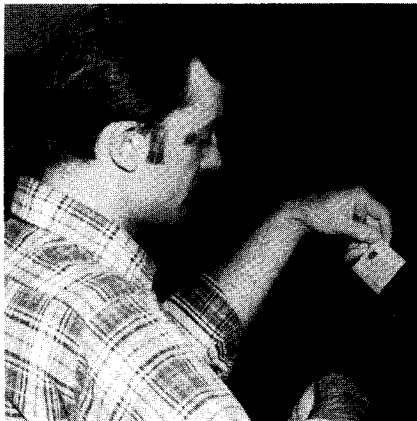
### Union Springs Academy Corner National Honor Society Visits Corning Glassworks

Members of the Academy chapter of the National Honor Society met recently to elect their officers. Mark Cady, a senior from Lafayette, New York, was elected president.

To initiate this year's activities in the National Honor Society, the members recently took a field trip with their sponsor, Robert Hricz, to the Stuben Glassworks, which is a part of the Corning Glassworks. They toured the glassware works and the museum area, watched several artifacts being made in the glass furnaces, and then enjoyed lunch together at the Pizza Hut before returning to school.



National Honor Society Officers and members.  
(l. to r.): Tammy Hinney; Pat Benenson; Terry  
Meyer, Treasurer; Sue Scott, Secretary; Sue  
Vrooman, Vice President; Mark Cady, Presi-  
dent.



But determination and wise guidance bring  
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## Musical Missionaries to the Inner-City

The Ecstatistics, one of Northeastern Conference's outstanding gospel groups, began their sixth year of touring the city prisons and hospitals by singing at the Bird S. Coler Hospital on Roosevelt Island in New York City. As usual, the patients and staff of the hospital were an appreciative and responsive audience.



The Ecstatistics singing to the patients of Bird S. Coler Hospital.



A group of patients in the Bird S. Coler Hospital listening to songs being sung by the Ecstatistics.

Over the years this group of young men, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. James Beaman and Mrs. Alice Lewis, have received awards and certificates for their dedicated prison ministry. It is a joy to bring inspiration to the many patients and inmates in the system.

At the Bird S. Coler Hospital, Mrs. Gladys Bailey and her staff of hospital workers from the Ephesus church in Harlem wheeled in the many patients who after the program said they were grateful that these young men felt impressed by God to come and inspire and uplift the spirits of the sick and shut-ins.

We ask God's blessing on the current members of this group: Steve Dalmda, Leon Lewis, Louis Martin, Junis Martin, Lawrence Watkins, and Philip Critchlow as they continue the traditional call of all Christians to visit our hospitals and prisons.

## Youth—Adult Labor Day Camp

Eighty young adults from Northeastern Conference attended the annual Labor Day Weekend Camp held at Victory Lake, September 25.

The weekend, sponsored by our Conference Youth Department under the direction of Pastor Trevor Baker, was jammed with activity. It began with a very inspirational vesper service on Friday evening. Pastor Victor Wallen, our guest from the Patterson SDA Church in New Jersey, led us through the hallowed halls of the Scriptures as he talked to us about "Heads of Gold."

Sabbath morning broke bright and balmy. After sharing the day's activities with the many guests who had come in for the day, the sacred hours of the Sabbath were concluded with a campfire vesper service. The campers then joined in a good old marshmallow toast and an old-fashioned social including a movie.

Sunday morning, the campers were up early for a bicycle hike. For those without bikes, it was a foot hike. Activities also included many games, an African-style banquet, and surprises. All in all, the weekend was a relaxing time for all who attended.

## Nurses Day at Bethel

Sabbath, October 8, 1977, was nurses day at Bethel. The 32-member nurses unit of Bethel was in charge of the day's services. Headed by Sister E. Cyrus, the nurses showed how they are helping to further the spreading of the gospel by ministering to the medical needs of man. "Saved to Serve" the theme of the day fittingly described their lives.

Guest speaker for divine hour was Doctor Milton Haynes. His sermon



Pastor E. T. Mimms (left); Sister E. Cyrus (center), Head of nurses unit; and Dr. Milton Haynes (right), guest speaker.

"Two Births" compared physical birth to spiritual birth. The afternoon service consisted of performances by members of the nurses unit.

Pastor E. T. Mimms and members were thankful to the nurses unit for the insight to the Medical Ministry of the church.

KENNETH LAIHNG  
*Communication Secretary*

## Plan for a Large 13th Sabbath Offering

## Two Senior Citizens Honored



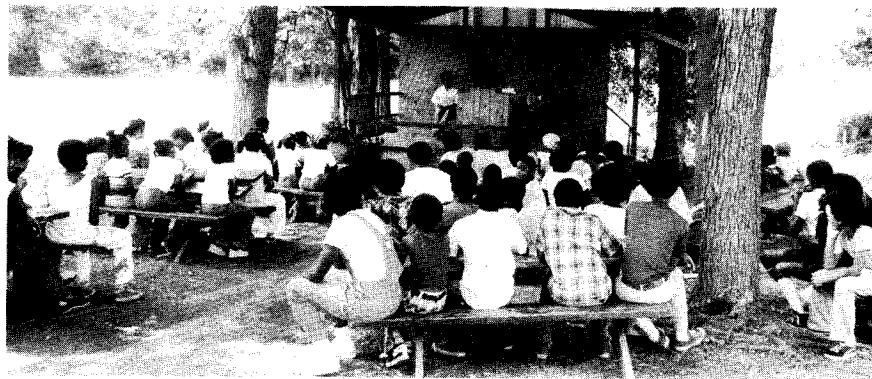
Elder E. J. Humphrey, pastor of the Ephesus church, interrupted the regular order of service to allow time for the church to pay tribute to the oldest woman and the oldest man on the church roll. Sister Henrietta Parks is 94 years old. She is a member of Sister Rosa Lee Jones' Sabbath school class. Deacon Neville Caines is 89 years old. He is a member of Deacon Erwin Jacobs' class.

These individuals accepted the beautiful flowers and monetary gifts as representatives of all of the senior citizens of the Ephesus church who have borne the burden in the heat of the day and now look forward with joy to that great day when the Lord of Glory shall appear in the clouds of heaven.

H. Jackson



Campers with Director Hunt in wilderness class.



Campers at one of the daily camp councils.

## Junior Camp Well Attended

There were 185 youngsters from across the tri-states of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut who attended summer camp at Victory Lake Camp, situated in historic Hyde Park this past summer. Because of the many new regulations in the camping program across America, much work had to be done to ready our camp. Nevertheless,

by the grace of God, and as a result of the co-operation of the Conference administration and Camp Staff, camp opened on schedule.

Junior Camp affords boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 15 the opportunity to explore God's great outdoors, and at the same time to develop or learn skills in various areas. This year, there were classes offered in wilderness living, swimming, ceramics,

photography, physical education, and driver education.

In addition to the classes, there were campfires, planned trips, and many social events which made a packed camp program. Camp Director T. Baker reports that he is looking forward to expanding the camp program to include more skills. It is also his hope that more parents may take advantage of the opportunity to send their boys and girls to Camp Victory Lake.



Youngsters fed under the summer feeding program were required to eat on the premises to insure that food would be eaten to avoid the abuses that the program had experienced in previous years when operated by other agencies.

## Feeding the Less Fortunate

Between July 11 and September 3, 1977, the Brooklyn Temple, under site supervisor Alice Britt, served approximately 100 breakfasts and lunches daily to community youngsters as part of the United States Department of Agriculture's summer feeding program.

Brooklyn Temple was fortunate to have Henry Coley as a member of its congregation since he knew the right people in the city government to have the church basement approved as a site for the distribution of the meals.

After Brother Coley indicated that the site had been approved by the city, the Church Board quickly agreed to have the meals served to the needy in the community.

The first Monday of meal distribution proved to be almost more than Alice Britt, Alice Armstrong, and Mary Bennett could handle. It's an understatement to say that the youngsters (a few were over the program age limit of nineteen but claimed they were not) were a rowdy and undisciplined group. In spite of it all, the threesome put up



Photos by Rodney A. Walker  
Site supervisor Alice Britt was responsible for feeding approximately 100 individuals everyday. She is shown here with one of the individual meal portions as packaged by vendors for the United States Department of Agriculture's summer feeding program.

a fearless front and demanded that everyone take their meals in an orderly fashion, eat on the site as required by the program, and throw away their garbage before leaving.

It is hoped that this program will not only feed those in need of nourishing food but show the community that Adventists are indeed interested in their physical as well as Spiritual well being.

RODNEY A. WALKER  
*Communication Secretary*

## Student Literature Evangelism in the Northeastern Conference

The Publishing Department's Student Scholarship Program was directed by Miss Janet Rugless. Assisting her were Mr. Jesse West, Mr. Larry Preston, and Mr. Michael Palmer. The Lord blessed them in their efforts to give the gospel through the printed word to thousands of people in the Northeastern Conference. We believe that their dedicated service will result in many people of all walks of life emulating the life of Christ.

We thank Metro for bringing the literature ministry through our student literature evangelists into its evangelistic thrust in the great city of New York.

The principal of Northeastern Academy, Mrs. Edna L. Williamson, spoke highly of their conduct in the part of the academy they occupied. What she said made us feel proud of them. They could be placed in the category of our most dedicated and consecrated young people.

Miss Janet Rugless stated that their work was made more pleasant as a result of the hospitality extended to them by Pastors Sebert Anderson, Willard Hall, Carlyle Langhorn, Edwin Humphrey and their members. Pastors and members, we thank you for the housing and food you provided for the students.



Only six of the students appear in the picture with the pastors of the Ephesus church. Back Row (L. to R.): Pastor Edwin Humphrey; Merrill Smith; Barbara Westmoreland; Silas McClamb, publishing director; Jennifer Adams; Janet Rugless; Pastor John Nixon. Front Row (L. to R.): Larry Peterson and Michael Palmer. Immediately after the picture was taken Pastor Humphrey invited us to a very delicious meal prepared by Sister Grant and others.

Thank you again.

SILAS McCLAMB, *Director*

## Why Not Change a Hopeless End to an Endless Hope?

This was the inspiring topic selected by Evangelist Roy W. Ashmeade for the recent tent meetings held at 156th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, under the auspices of the City Tabernacle. As a result of this fruitful campaign, 22 souls were bap-

tized at the close of the meetings and many more are being prepared for baptism by attending the baptismal class. Pastor Ashmeade is also conducting Sunday evening lectures with question-and-answer periods which will no doubt enhance their knowledge.

YOLANDA MEED  
*Communication Secretary*

## Scholarship Awarded

An \$800 scholarship was awarded to Gordon Bliss, Jr. by the Jefferson Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church. Nineteen-year-old Gordon, who plans to study for the ministry, is attending Oakwood College this school year.

Much of the scholarship came from a benefit concert given by the church choir. Director, Boswell Roberts, M.D., conceived the idea of a benefit concert to encourage students in educational pursuits. Saturday night, August 21, the choir presented its sacred concert featuring various singing groups as well as the entire choir.

At the close of the performance, a plaque was presented to Gordon Bliss, Jr., by Arlene Brathwaite, Chairperson of the Educational Service Club. The plaque will hang in the Jefferson Avenue church and is inscribed with Gordon's name as first recipient of the scholarship. The names of other recipients will be added in the future.

Gordon Bliss was chosen because of his activities in the Youth Department, and other areas of the church. Gordon had been a Pathfinder counselor, a youth Sabbath school leader, a member of the choir, and a willing supporter of many other church functions.

## Wedding

Knapp - Ilves

Fernell Rachel Knapp, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Richard Walter Knapp of Hamilton, Montana, and Aare Ilves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Voldemar Ilves of Delmar, New York, were united in marriage by the bride's father, who also escorted her to the altar, on Sunday afternoon, October 16, 1977, in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Albany, New York. Elder Donald Orsburn assisted. Five ministers were in the wedding party.

The happy couple received their guests in the fellowship hall of the church. Following their honeymoon trip to Northern New England, the newlyweds will be at home in Albany where the groom is employed by the New York State Department of Health.

R. W. KNAPP

# At Rest

## CHOIR-STUDED CONCERT

Old Westbury Church  
211 Jericho Turnpike  
Old Westbury, New York

3:00 p.m.  
Sabbath, December 24, 1977

Choirs from  
Bethel, Hempstead, and Old  
Westbury churches and the  
Whispering Pines church school.

### Head Soloist

William Hungerford

Baritone

Greater New York Academy

Choirs will combine  
on many numbers to make nearly  
50 voices praising the Lord  
this holiday season.

All church members and friends  
cordially invited.

Church Musicians' Guild  
Greater New York Chapter

## Attention Adventist Singles

Bring in the New Year with a spiritual emphasis at beautiful Camp Kulaqua in sunny Florida (one mile north High Springs on Rt. 441), December 29 to January 2. Dr. Colin Standish, president of Columbia Union College, and Dr. Winton Beaven of Kettering Medical Center will help you enrich your experience in Christ Jesus.

Fellowship—a trip to Disney World, canoeing, horseback riding, et cetera—with other singles from many states.

For information contact Clyde Evans at 301-270-5272. Cost: \$4.00 per night and \$2.50 per home-cooked meal. Philosda members save 25 percent if reservations are paid in full by December 23. Send to Clyde Evans, 7715 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20012. Only 215 reservations will be accepted.

(The Philosda Club is sponsored by the General Conference Youth Department.)

**COWELL**—Mrs. Ola Cowell passed to her rest November 16, 1977. She was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bradford.

She was the widow of Sidney Cowell and was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, June 21, 1893. She graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music. Mrs. Cowell taught piano and voice in Brockton and later became a nurse at the Rockingham County Home in Brentwood.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Wicker of Kingston, New Hampshire; a son, James Parker Cowell of Kingston Springs, Tennessee; a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Field of Auburn, Maine; four grandchildren; a niece; and two nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the Brewitt Funeral Home in Exeter, New Hampshire. Pastor Clarence Johnson officiated.

**ERLECKE**—Elder Friedrich Karl Erlecke was born in Lutzschena-Leipzig, Germany, November 13, 1901. This servant of God laid down his burden on September 27, 1977.

A true prince of Israel is at rest. After finishing his ministerial training at Friedensau, Germany, he began his ministry in his home country. He was married on October 15, 1931, to Martha Charlotte Kleppisch, and was ordained to the ministry on May 12, 1934. He continued in pastoral evangelism in the Netherlands and then went to Indonesia, serving in the same capacity and administrative duties. He was separated from his family because of war conditions for seven years and rejoined his wife and small daughter in California in 1948. He came to Greater New York in 1948 and served as pastor of the German churches until his retirement in 1967. He has continued active in church work and especially the German Stimme der Hoffnung radio program in New York.

Those who survive and look forward to meeting him on the resurrection morning are his wife; his daughter, Mrs. Christine (William) Craig; and four grandchildren. He was buried in the Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York. Funeral services were conducted by Elders D. J. Sandstrom, Oswaldo Krause, Herbert Roehn, and William Jackson.

D. J. SANDSTROM

**JONES**—Harry E. Jones, Sr., was born January 3, 1895, to Edward and Arminda Morey Jones at Wellsville, New York. He died October 31, 1977, after a long illness at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville. On December 24, 1914, he was married to the former Inez Spence, who died August 23, 1960.

He was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and a former employee of the C and G Wheelpuller Company in Scio, New York.

His two daughters, Mrs. Clark Wilkins and Mrs. Morris Quackenbush are residents of Wellsville. His son Harry E. Jones, Jr., lives in Albion, New York.

The family of Harry E. Jones, Sr., includes 10 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. His one sister, Mrs. Carlton Shutt, lives in Wellsville.

Funeral and committal services in the Mulholland-Crowel Funeral Home were conducted by Pastor G. L. Pursley. Harry Jones awaits the call of the Life-giver in the Johnson Cemetery, Wellsville.

G. L. PURSLEY  
Pastor  
Wellsville Church

**MONELL**—Mrs. Mary Monell was born December 13, 1922, in the Island of Puerto Rico. She came to New York City with her family in 1954. She made her home there for nine years then moved to Newburgh in 1963.

In 1966 Mrs. Monell joined the Newburgh Seventh-day Adventist Church and remained faithful until the time of her death. She was a kind and loving Christian, always willing to help others. She was responsible for seeing her own brother and several friends give their hearts to the Lord.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Bruce Monell; one son, Louis Vargas; two daughters, Mrs. Aida Johnson and Mrs. Lucy Cabbuto; three granddaughters; four brothers, Steven, John, Pepi and Juan; and one sister, Mrs. Alex Colon.

We believe she rests from her labors until the resurrection when she will come forth to eternal life. She was laid to rest in the Cedar Hill Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver.

CARLYLE A. NELSON  
Pastor

**MORRIS**—Alicie Howe Morris was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, on March 12, 1888, and passed away at the St. Francis Hospital, Olean, New York, January 11, 1977, after a short illness. She was the daughter of Loren and Sarah Dutcher Howe. For the past 53 years she has lived at Olean, New York. On August 28, 1913, she was married to Ralph A. Morris, Sr., who died March 9, 1966.

Mrs. Morris was a faithful member of the Olean Seventh-day Adventist Church, and carried a strong and loving influence in her church and community. This influence is still bearing fruit.

Surviving are: a son, Ralph A. Morris, Jr., of Olean; two daughters: Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Walters of Buffalo, New York, and Mrs. Clarence (Betty) Heinz of Eggertsville, New York; nine grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Forever in the memory of her family and loved ones is the picture of "Grandma" Morris sitting in her special chair by the door of the church she dearly loved. Here she faithfully greeted new and old friends almost to the day of her death. Only eternity will reveal the breadth of her strong Christian influence. She awaits the call of the Life-giver.

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**NETTEN**—Mrs. Marion Netten was born in Levant, Maine, November 28, 1912, and passed to her rest in Jesus October 19, 1977. Sister Netten was the daughter of Lawris and Ida Lafortune. She married Reginald W. Netten and they made their home in Hartford, Connecticut. After his death in 1967 sister Netten moved to South Lancaster, Massachusetts, and then later to Bath, Maine.

For the last few years she has been living near or with her daughter, May Ellen Colon, wife of Gasper Colon, a worker in the Greater New York Conference. It was in their home in Huntington, New York, that she passed away.

She is survived by her son Victor Netten, Hartford, Connecticut; her daughter, Mrs. Gasper Colon, Huntington, New York; a sister and brother; and two half sisters and two stepbrothers.

Funeral service was held in the Bath Seventh-day Adventist church by Pastor Edgar Keslake assisted by Pastor Jamile Jacobs, the local pastor of the church. Interment was in the South Levant Cemetery, Levant, Maine.

EDGAR KESLAKE

**NORCLIFFE**—Arthur Norcliffe was born in Buffalo, New York, December 23, 1884, and passed to his rest November 3, 1977, in Stoneham, Massachusetts. He is survived by two daughters, Harriet Walkowiak of Maynard, Massachusetts, and Evelyn Davies of Wakefield, Massachusetts; one son, Arthur Ray of Glendale, California; nine grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the writer and John K. Griswell, Jr., at the Bryant Funeral Home in Stoneham, Massachusetts, with interment in Eastwood Cemetery, Lancaster, Massachusetts.

A. RAY NORCLIFFE

**OTIS**—Carl Wilson Otis was born October 11, 1908, in Carmel, Maine, and passed to his rest on October 1, 1977, in Minneola, Florida. He was baptized in the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1938 in Maine, and during his lifetime was Local Elder of the Claremont, New Hampshire, church for many years.

I first met Carl when I came from Africa for he was my first Elder in the Claremont, New Hampshire, church. In the short period of service I performed in Claremont, it was my joy to baptize Joe Johnson and his wife, daughter, and son-in-law in the church, as a result of Carl's efforts.

Carl graduated from Atlantic Union College in 1940. His field of education was in Business. For 28 years he worked in the Brampton Woolen Company, Newport, New Hampshire, as the Office Manager. He married his secretary and enjoyed Glenice's love and companionship for almost 40 years. Upon his retirement he volunteered his services at Groveland Academy, Groveland, Florida, for the last five years as accountant and teacher.

He is survived by his wife Glenice; a son Bruce of Newbury, New Hampshire; his 88-year-old stepfather, Wilson P. Homestead of Newport, New Hampshire; and

two sisters, Louise Smith and Marion Donnell, both of Leeds, Maine.

Brother Otis was laid to rest in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Newport, New Hampshire, where he awaits the call of the Life-giver on the glorious morning of the resurrection.

ELDER P. D. BAKKER

**RALPH**—Mrs. Winnie Ralph, 77, of Natick, Massachusetts, was born August 18, 1900, in England and died October 20, 1977. She was an active member of the Framingham, Massachusetts, church. Surviving are a brother and two sisters in England. She also leaves one daughter, Mrs. Joan Hamilton of Natick, four stepchildren, and two grandsons. The writer conducted the funeral service, and she was laid to rest October 24 in Dell Park Cemetery, Natick.

JOHN CAMERON, *Pastor*

**ROBERTS**—Miriam Roberts was born in Brigus, Newfoundland, September 16, 1881, and passed to her rest in Stoneham, Massachusetts, October 10, 1977. The family came to Chelsea, Massachusetts, when she was a young girl. As a young woman she attended a series of evangelistic meetings and chose to surrender her life to Christ. She was baptized and remained an active and faithful member all her life.

Shortly after Miriam became a church member, the family purchased a lovely farm in Holland, Massachusetts, and Miriam made her home there for over fifty years. Maplehurst Farm, with its quietness and beauty, brought many summer friends and relatives and Miriam's reputation as an expert cook made it a popular place to spend days of rest in the summer.

In 1935, when Miriam was a woman in her 50's, a tragic death left her brother's four children motherless. So Miriam accepted the responsibility of these four young children, including newborn twins. She was, in fact, their adopted mother and was greatly loved by them.

The farm was sold some years ago, and Miriam and her sister Jane moved to the South Lancaster area. The last several years Miriam spent with her niece, Mrs. Abby Warman. She is survived by two nieces and a nephew: Mrs. Abby Warman of Stoneham, Massachusetts; Mrs. Jane Dudgeon of New Haven, Connecticut; and Alfred (Bud) Roberts of South Lancaster. She also leaves grandnieces and grand-nephews.

Funeral services were held in the Bryant Funeral Home in Stoneham, and burial was in Holland, Massachusetts, where Miriam was laid to her rest in the blessed hope of the first resurrection when the Lord Jesus Christ returns in glory.

STANLEY J. STEINER

*Atlantic Union College Church*

**RUGGLES**—Harold V. Ruggles was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on June 24, 1899, and passed to his rest on June 25, 1977, in Malden, Massachusetts. He was married to Mary Lois Cash of South Lancaster, Massachusetts in 1923. His wife predeceased him in 1970.

It was in his early years as a patient at the New England Sanitarium and Hos-

pital, now the New England Memorial Hospital, that Mr. Ruggles first became interested in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. After completion of Bible studies, he was baptized and returned to the New England Sanitarium and Hospital as an employee. He served that institution faithfully for forty-three years until his retirement.

Mr. Ruggles was an active church member in the Stoneham, Massachusetts, area. The interest that he had originally displayed in the Bible preparatory to his baptism remained with him for the rest of his life. He was known by his fellow church members as a student of Scripture and his leadership as a local elder and teacher reflected this acquired knowledge of the inspired Word.

He is survived by three daughters: Elizabeth J. Collins of New Jersey, Eleanor L. Hodson and Eunice A. Wilkins both of Massachusetts; three sons: David W., an Adventist physician of Pennsylvania, Raymond E. and Arthur E., both of Massachusetts; twenty grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted by a brother-in-law, Elder Ralph Cash, and the writer. Mr. Ruggles was laid to rest in the Lindenwood Cemetery in Stoneham, Massachusetts, to await the call of the Life-giver.

WILLIAM BRACE

**WRIGHT**—Herbert Louis Wright, Sr., was born June 19, 1899, in Fredericksburg, Texas, and died on August 8, 1977, at St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh, New York.

On June 26, 1920, he was married to Elvera Grace Tate. In 1929 Brother Wright joined his wife as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In the years that followed, he held membership in and faithfully supported several churches, most recently being a member of the Middletown church since 1961.

A building contractor by trade he used his skills not only to support his family but also to help his friends, neighbors, and the church he loved.


He is survived by his wife Elvera of Pine Bush; three sons, Merwin of Walton, Russell of Pine Bush, and Herbert, Jr., of Newburgh; ten foster children includ-

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ing Michael Lay, Duncan Lay, Stanley Cook, Roy Davis, and Morgan Bedford; 21 grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. Real wealth consists not in possessions which perish but in having family, friends, loved ones, and most of all a relationship with Jesus Christ. In all these ways Brother Herbert Wright was a truly wealthy man.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Michael Lay and Lloyd Scharffenberg at the Middletown Seventh-day Adventist Church on August 12. Burial was in the New Prospect Cemetery, Pine Bush.

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### Eastern Standard Time

	Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 30
Bangor, Me.	3:56	3:54	3:55	3:58	4:02
Portland, Me.	4:06	4:04	4:05	4:08	4:12
Boston, Mass.	4:13	4:12	4:13	4:16	4:20
So. Lancaster, Mass.	4:15	4:14	4:15	4:18	4:22
Pittsfield, Mass.	4:21	4:20	4:21	4:24	4:29
Hartford, Conn.	4:21	4:20	4:21	4:24	4:28
New York, N. Y.	4:29	4:29	4:30	4:33	4:37
Utica, N. Y.	4:27	4:26	4:27	4:30	4:34
Syracuse, N. Y.	4:31	4:30	4:31	4:34	4:38
Rochester, N. Y.	4:37	4:35	4:36	4:39	4:44
Buffalo, N. Y.	4:42	4:41	4:42	4:45	4:50
Hamilton, Bda.	5:14	5:14	5:16	5:19	5:23

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

## "THIS WAY, SIR—FOLLOW ME"

By J. L. DITTBERNER, *President*  
*Atlantic Union Conference*



Several weeks ago my Sabbath appointment was in one of our churches in the Northern New England Conference. We had the street address of the church, but I must have missed a turn because we ended up on the wrong side of town. After driving about, trying to locate the street without success, I decided it was the better part of judgment to ask someone for directions. Just ahead there was a man backing out of his drive. In response to my hand motion, he stopped; and I asked him if he could direct me to the corner where two certain streets intersected, as I knew that was the location of the church. He said, "Well, it's a little hard to direct you; but why don't you follow me, I'm going that way."

After going down a steep hill and making several turns, he stopped at a corner, got out of his car, and walked back to my open window and said, "This is the corner you are looking for." I could see the church across the street. I didn't get the man's name, but I thanked him and was most grateful for the kindness of this friendly gentleman.

I'm thinking of the time almost two thousand years ago when two strangers came to town looking for a place to stay. The gospel record according to Luke states that there was "no room... in the inn." From this brief account we would assume that Joseph and Mary had tried to get accommodations in the inn, or what we today would call a hotel or motel. Eventually they found shelter in a rude building where the animals were kept. Here the Redeemer of the world was born.

Have you ever wondered who directed Joseph to the stable? Maybe it was the hardhearted innkeeper who indicated to Joseph with a motion of his thumb that there was a "place around back." We are told in *The Desire of Ages* that "angels attended Joseph and Mary as they journeyed from their home in Nazareth to the city of David." But, you know, angels don't always reveal themselves as heavenly messengers. Often they work through people to help other people. Several years ago when we were traveling in Europe, we had difficulty in finding our way around in some of the cities as we were looking for points of interest. Several times, upon inquiry for directions, people motioned for us to follow them as they took us to our desired destination. I es-

pecially remember a boy in Geneva who rode his bicycle ahead of us to take us to "Reformation Wall." When these people would give us confused travelers such welcome help, my wife would say, "Well, that was our guardian angel again." We didn't learn these people's names, either, but did appreciate their help.

I wonder who it might have been that directed Joseph to the stable. Maybe it was the innkeeper; or perhaps the angel impressed the stable boy who took care of the beasts to say, "This way, sir; I'll show you how to get there." Or perhaps it was a girl, the daughter of a guest, who noticed Mary's condition and realized an emergency was impending. Or it might have been just one of those nameless folk who appear in the streets at such times—the little people who emerge for an instant onto the stage of history, do something beautiful, and are never heard from again.

It makes us feel good to think about such a person. We can identify with him—or her. We are so familiar with the shepherds, the wise men, the camels, the ox, the ass, even the innkeeper and the wicked king. But here is a person who could have been anybody. If we had been there, it might even have been one of us. We might have slipped up to Joseph, touched him on the sleeve, and whispered, "This way, sir, follow me." And probably Joseph wouldn't have gotten our name, either.

We may assume that this nameless one had no idea that the long-expected Messiah, the Saviour of the world, was about to be born in that rude place. All he knew was that someone was in need, and he offered help. But it gives added meaning to the words of Jesus, who in later years said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

At this Christmas time we will not have the opportunity of showing Joseph and Mary to a resting place, but we can through our gifts to Jesus help some of His suffering children have food and clothing. This will be our opportunity and privilege if we don't spend all our money exchanging gifts with those who really don't need them. Let's share with those who are really in need of material help and the gospel. In this way we can help the Lord Jesus find entrance into hearts today even though there was no room for Him in the inn. We might be the nameless ones who can say to those in need of salvation, "This way, sir, follow me," as we show them the way to the Saviour.