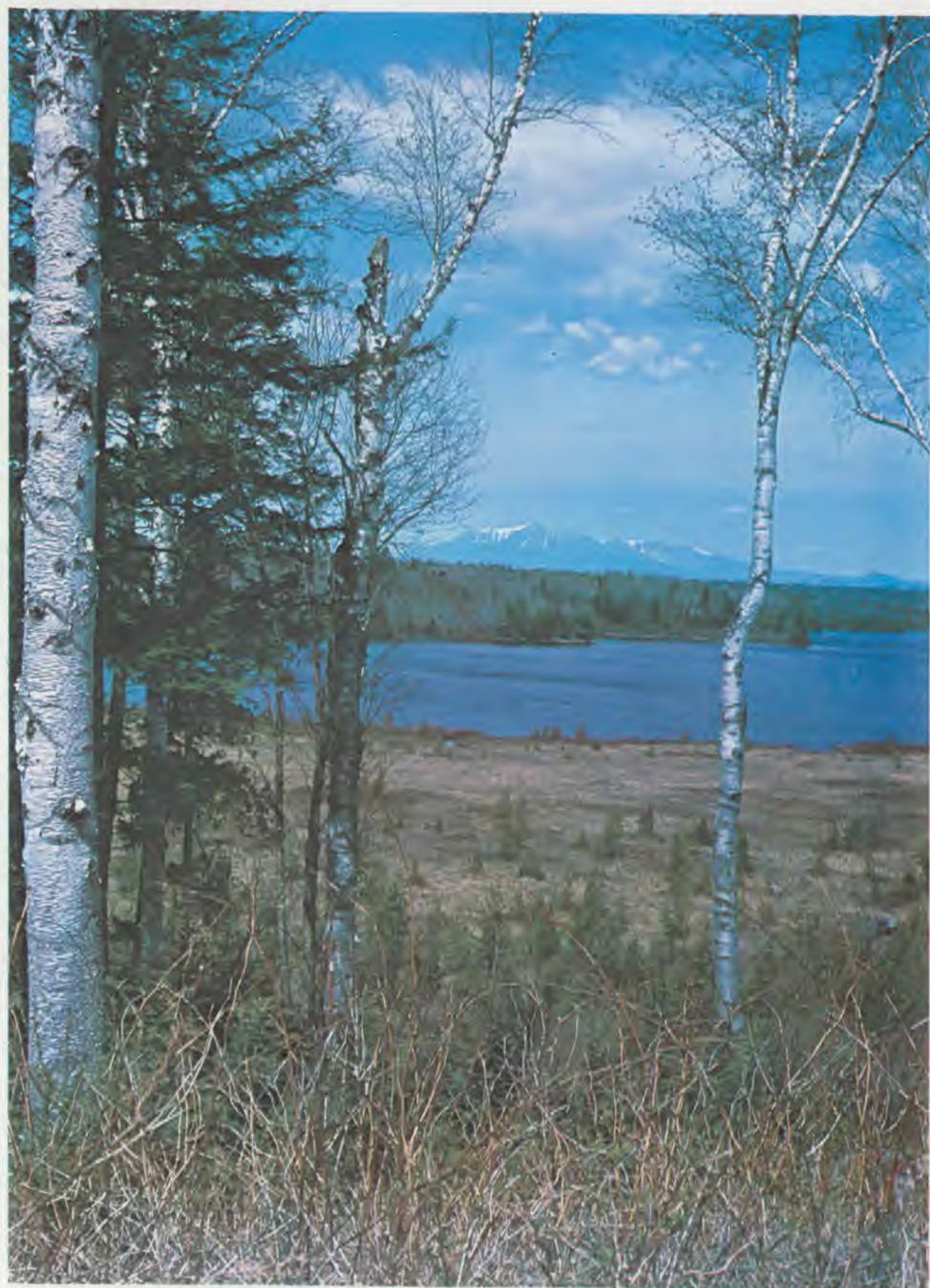


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Christmas Reflection

BY LEON H. DAVIS
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There are rules for every road and highway. Police are hired to enforce the law. Violators of traffic rules have accidents and suffer heavy financial penalties. The animal, mineral, and physical kingdoms are all controlled by law.

The origin of this Christmas message came as a sad ending to a beautiful day. Community relations day had been very successful at the Grand Concourse Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Bronx borough of New York City. A large number of visitors attended, the 44th precinct Police Department had been honored with a beautiful plaque. The church had fed successfully the large crowd and there was additional opportunity for me to witness to our guests with questions and answers from the morning message. So it had been a good day and now we are almost home.

As we exited from interstate 290 onto route 140 north, it was dark at night. Coming up the ramp I observed automobile tail lights in the distance. They seemed to be on the other side of the center island divider. Was a car traveling on the wrong side of the highway? When my suspicions were verified, I was about to inform my companion when the car disappeared on the other side of the overpass. However, within a second or two there was a tremendous impact. There were fire and smoke and a small truck veered out into our path. The impact, however, had taken place about one-half block ahead of us.

Coming upon the scene and stopping, I noted the following. A sedan and small pickup truck had crashed head-on. I only knew that one vehicle was on the wrong side of the highway. I speculated to myself that it had been the sedan, but now the sedan had been knocked around so that it was headed in the right direction and the truck was headed south on the northbound lane. Without a witness, the driver of the truck was certainly in a liable position.

The sad news came on Sunday morning newscast when we heard that a 29-year-old man was killed in this collision which was still under investigation. The Shrewsbury police were pleased to have an adult witness who could verify the eyewitness reports of two preteen-age youth.

Why was the young man traveling on the wrong side of the highway? The road was clearly marked. Was he taking a short-cut?

If you had been traveling south in the panel truck, you could see up the incline for at least one half mile or more. You could have seen the bright lights of a vehicle bearing down in your lane. You could have moved over and let the reckless driver get by. Was the driver too complacent? Did he feel that all he needed to do was watch his side of the road? On the highway of life need one be concerned only that he is safe in one's own lane with the seat belts buckled?



Every individual is born going the wrong way. Through the imputed and imparted righteousness of Christ we can make a U-turn. We can follow His footsteps in the right direction. It is only one way—the straight and narrow way. The Christ child became our wonderful Saviour—a priceless jewel—bought by a life of willing obedience.

This road sign points to Hartford. The Bible has many road signs. It not only gives the signs of the time and how to prepare for all conditions of life, but also a clear picture of where man came from, where he is going, and what he ought to be doing. The Bible signs point to Heaven. We are grateful for this gift—the wonderful Bible.



Sharing a Wonderful Jesus

Highways are designed by engineers. City and State laws for operating vehicles on all roads are posted. Curves, dips, rough roads, directions, one-way, food, gas, lodging, and other pertinent information are posted so that users can safely drive to their destinations. Violators can be hurt if caught in an accident or in violation. The penalties can be serious injury, death, or heavy fines.



When God created man, He gave rules that would keep him happy and alive. To break the law demanded death. Jesus came to pay the penalty for man's disobedience. To follow Him and stay within Heaven's law will lead one successfully up the King's Highway to Heaven. To break the law demands heavy penalties and ultimately eternal death.

Now there are rules for those traveling the highway of life. Adam and Eve, the first parents, corrupted the human family by sinning in the garden of Eden. Since that time, everyone has been born traveling on the wrong side of Straight Street and sooner or later will come to a dead end—if it were not for the Bethlehem story and that is what Christmas is all about.

The challenge comes to all church officers to open up new roads of service, not only to those that are members in the church, but also to reach out to the community, the cities and towns around our churches.

The challenge comes to Sabbath school superintendents to plan for and participate in Sabbath School Visitors Days and Community Relations Days. To invite others to the Gospel feast.

The challenge comes to lay activities leaders to plan experimental projects, not just to say "go" but "come

The road signs in the foreground inform the weary traveler where he may find food, make a telephone call, get fuel for the automobile, camp, or find housing. The Bible is God's Word and food for man. It tells how to communicate with the Heavenly Father and Holy Ghost (gas, the Christian fuel that keeps one in top condition and power to obey and travel successfully each mile of the way). We are thankful for the gift of revelation.



If you follow the road map you can travel to any city within the United States—unless someone has tampered with the signs. The Bible is the Christian map. No one can change it or tamper with it. Jesus said that He did not come to change one jot or tittle. We can choose to follow the Heavenly road signs. All you need to do is follow the map. If you get lost, make a telephone call—pray, and the wonderful Saviour will lead you home. Thank God for the earth-to-heaven communication system.



There are so many people who do not know that they are lost. They are travelling the broad road and feel secure because there are so many out there with them. What a challenge it is this Christmas and the new year that is before us, to take advantage of the gifts that God has given to us: the Bible—the rule book of life; Jesus Christ—our wonderful Saviour who will soon be returning to this earth to gather the obedient; the Holy Spirit—that guides and directs; the ministering angels; and the spirit of prophecy. As Adventist Christians we are really blessed. The challenge comes to us as ministers of the gospel to reach out to those who do not know Christ and the pardoning of their sins and to help them make a U-turn and travel the one-way street up the King's Highway.

on, let's go places and do things for God."

The challenge comes to youth leaders. There are all types of family problems in the church and out of the church. There needs to be a renewal of Christian involvement and faith sharing.

The challenge comes to temperance leaders. Young people everywhere are using drugs, alcohol and tobacco and participating in vices and worldly pleasure and indulgences. We need to involve the church, it's children, youth and adults in a temperance thrust.

The challenge comes to the welfare

and inner city workers. People are concerned about keeping warm, having food and fuel. Many are hitchhiking down the wrong way of a one-way street.

Jesus came the first time to be crucified. He will soon return as King of Kings and will reward everyone according to their belief which will be evidenced by their works. Let's make the Christmas story live every day of our lives that each will be like a tree planted by the river, bringing forth Heavenly fruit. We wish for each a joyous season—a fruitful, profitable, and Christ-centered New Year.



General News . . .

More Than 1,000

"More than 1,000 will soon be converted in one day. . ." Could Ingathering play a part in this prophecy? It may well be that it will be a factor since in most churches there are few plans made and executed that reach every home. Our people can take a report of our worldwide work to every home. This report has an enrollment card for the "Focus on Living" Bible study course. This is made available by the Voice of Prophecy. In the last few years, close to 20,000 persons have been enrolling each year. This enrollment card is on the back cover of the house-to-house leaflet. It is in the center of the business leaflet.

Last April the students of Newbold College in England found many interests for Bible study and received \$18,000 in the week of visitation.

Southern Missionary College students and faculty went out visiting homes on October 11, 1978, and covered a 40-mile radius of the college. They received many requests for Bible studies and \$10,500 for the Ingathering program.

Do our people do Ingathering overseas? Denmark and Norway (West Nordic Union) gathered in a per capita of \$102.60 for every member in the union. The Swedish Union gathered a per capita of \$115.28.

Yes, they do Ingathering throughout the world, and in some places they gather much more per member than we do here in the Atlantic Union.

Some of the objectives of Ingathering are:

- A. To reach every home.
- B. To bring the love and hope of Jesus Christ to every individual.
- C. To have prayer with as many people as possible.
- D. To encourage Bible study by offering an enrollment in a "Focus on Living" Bible study course.
- E. To leave Christian literature.
- F. To give everyone an opportunity to financially support the worldwide work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- G. To locate individuals who have been members or are interested in worshipping with or joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

LEE KRETZ, Director
Lay Activities Department
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A Money-Saving Idea

The Pacific Press has announced a money-saving idea. Any church that will cover an entire rural route, or all post office box holders, with *Signs of the Times* can have a special price. This price is good until December 31, 1979.

3 months' subscription \$.60
6 months' subscription \$1.20
12 months' subscription \$2.20

Beginning January 1, 1980, the price for 12 months will be \$3.50.

With three months' subscription, the Pacific Press will enclose one card advertising your evangelistic outreach free to you. Six months' subscription;

two cards—one at end of each quarter. Twelve months' subscription; four cards—one at the end of each quarter.

What a good way to advertise your evangelistic meetings, stop-smoking plans, cooking schools, or other outreach plans your church has.

What are advantages of rural route mailing?

1. The person cannot refuse the magazine.
2. You can advertise your evangelistic outreach.
3. The price is good. We predict you will never again be able to buy *Signs of the Times* at this low price.

Remember, the order must be in before December 31, 1979. January 1, 1980, the price goes up. Please see your conference Lay Activities director and your local Adventist Book Center.

LEE KRETZ, Director
Lay Activities Department
Atlantic Union Conference

Worldwide Hungarian Ministry Carried on by VOP

A worldwide gospel ministry to the Hungarian people is carried on from offices at the Voice of Prophecy in Newbury Park, California.

A glance at the desktops of Pastor Joseph Henne, and his wife Olga, reveals letters postmarked Austria, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, England, France, Italy, and Norway. And that's only part way through the alphabet of countries.

Olga, who with other members of her family left her native country in 1944, has been with the VOP for ten years. Dr. Henne left his internal medicine practice in 1958 to come to the

United States. He has been with the Voice for ten months.

The couple, both previously widowed, were married in February of this year. Together, they carry the load of the department.

Finding ways to let their people know about the several Bible courses offered in Hungarian is a challenge to the Hennes. One source of advertising has been in the *California Hungarians*, a weekly newspaper with a worldwide circulation.



Olga and Joseph Henne receive letters from many countries asking for Bible lessons in the Hungarian language. Dr. and Mrs. Henne are responsible for the Voice of Prophecy's outreach through literature to Hungarian-speaking people throughout Europe, as well as in North and South America.

In each set of lessons mailed out, the Hennes enclose a personal note of encouragement or share an inspirational thought. This personal attention prompted a Bible student from Denmark to write: "It makes my husband and me very happy to find you so friendly toward us. You don't even know us!"

Another woman, a student from southern California, wrote: "Your lessons fill my thirsty soul so that my whole life is overflowing with Jesus."

Mrs. Henne says, "When I think about the spiritual needs of the Hungarian people, I feel a great responsibility to tell them about Jesus' love and of His soon coming." For the Hennes, their desire to serve God and lift Him up to their fellow Hungarians continues to be fulfilled as they reach out around the world through the Voice of Prophecy.

Do other parts of the world do Ingathering? Consider West Nordic Union (Denmark and Norway). Last year Nordic Union per capita was \$102.60. Swedish Union per capita was \$115.98. Atlantic Union per capita was \$17.04.

Thank you Everyone

The 1979 Oakwood College Offering was the largest in the history of the college. The Kresge Foundation gave Oakwood a challenge grant of \$200,000 if the college could raise \$225,000. In January of 1979 the college board accepted the challenge. The board, faculty, student body and churches all over the North American Division contributed liberally. Today we have reached the \$225,000 goal and Kresge has already sent the check to Oakwood for \$200,000.

This \$425,000 was a major gift on the construction cost of the new Science complex Oakwood needed so badly. The new complex is nearly 65 percent completed. Plans are to put the plant in operation before school closes May, 1980.

We extend a sincere thank you to the North American family for the great support given Oakwood College.

F. L. JONES
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RCC/'80

A luncheon address by President Jimmy Carter and a live satellite communication from Pope John Paul II, speaking in Rome, are two of the expected highlights at the Religious Communications Congress/1980 to be held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, May 12 to 16. Over 200 persons from some 40 religious sponsoring groups—Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, Jewish, and including the Seventh-day Adventist Church—have been involved in the planning.

This is a once-in-ten-years' event—a follow-up to the first nationwide Religious Communications Congress in 1970.

The new technologies of the '80s will both be built into the program and displayed in the exhibits. And among the vitally important issues to

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TILL DEATH DO US PART

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The beautiful bride and the handsome bridegroom stood together at the altar. But before they said "I do" they had already drawn up legal documents concerning financial settlement and custody arrangements for future children should they eventually decide to terminate the marriage relationship. While to our knowledge this situation isn't customary in Seventh-day Adventist churches, it is symptomatic of current popular thinking in the world in which we live. We have heard of other couples, not of the church who substitute in their marriage vows the words "while love doth last" instead of the more traditional "until death do us part."

Forces are screaming today that marriage is nonessential and obsolete. Sociologists may rant and rave about marriage being on the rocks, but marriage on the Rock will survive. God's answer in Genesis 2 still stands.

The Divine Model

Divorce was common in Christ's day. When the Pharisees queried the Master on this difficult question, Jesus immediately referred to the Genesis 2 record of the first marriage. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh" (Mark 10:7, 8). Then Christ, who had Himself performed the first wedding in Eden, added this explicit command: "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Mark 10:9).

Marriage, according to Christ, consists of three parts:

1. Leaving: wedlock, the legal ceremony, emotional independence from parents.
2. Cleaving: love, warmth, and tenderness for each other.
3. One flesh: sexual union with one's mate.

This relationship is to transcend all other human relationships. It is to be a closer tie than that which we have with our parents. This union even transcends that which we have with our children. Only our relationship with Christ is to take precedence over the marriage relation—indeed only Christ can enable us to enjoy a happy and lasting marriage. The biblical charter for marriage is quoted five times in Scripture: First in the creation story, (Genesis 2:24), and later referred to by Christ twice (Matthew 19: 5, 6 and Mark 10:7-9), and twice by Paul (1 Corinthians 6:16 and Ephesians 5:31). This repetition emphasizes the importance of the biblical charter for marriage.

Marriage For Keeps

The whirlwind courtship culminated in a storybook wedding. The young minister dreamed of the exciting future he and his new wife would have. He envisioned her as the perfect pastor's wife who would minister to others and live to make him happy. The honeymoon was scarcely over, however, when it slowly began to dawn on him that this was not the case. She didn't keep the house tidy and cooking was

simply not her gift. Her great passion was to follow a musical career. The question came—would he only accept the ideal wife he dreamed of, or would he be able to accept his real wife just as she was? The pastor told us his story. He said, "I decided to accept Jeannie just as she is. She is a tremendous musician and I enjoy her talent. I can't change her so I'll love her as she is. She has improved some already. Now all I can do is to be patient and pray."

Oftentimes when marriage partners find that they have sexual incompatibility or clashing lifestyles, they try desperately to change their partner. If they would only totally accept each other in Christ, their lives could slowly blend and many of the estranging factors would decrease or even disappear. God's grace and forgiving love are strong enough to bridge clashing career aspirations and major personal differences. Matthew 19:6 still stands, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

Growing in Love

Sometimes we hear people say, "We fell in love." R. R. Bietz says that the truth is that people don't fall in love. Marriage cannot be made a success by falling into it. Two people—husband and wife—have to make a steady climb up the ladder of mutual understanding and forbearance. We climb inch by inch, day by day, week after week, climbing ever upward into the fullness of God's love and our love for each other.

Marriage was not meant for children. It is for maturing adults. The love chapter, 1 Corinthians 13, tells us what mature love is and how to develop it. Love is not rude, is not selfish, doesn't keep score of wrongs or gloat over wrongs. It is learning to cope with habits that are not always congruent with yours—like having a spouse who squeezes the toothpaste differently than you do or who leaves his socks laying around the house.

Perhaps the most common myth about marriage is that it is an end in itself. Marriage is not a destination, it is a path. When you get married, all you have is a learner's permit to travel together on that highway. Happiness which is grasped at as an end in itself seems to elude the seeker. Love which is given freely "seeketh not her own." This brings happiness as an automatic by-product.

1 Corinthians 13 speaks of putting away childish things. When couples truly become mature, little things like powder on the bathroom sink or hairbrushes not put away will not trigger breakdowns. If one person is immature in marriage, the other should show greater maturity in order to make the marriage a success. The love which comes from God is the only glue strong enough to hold marriages together "until death do us part." By beholding God's love, couples are to grow in mature love. God has all the resources to keep marriage happy.

Two Alternatives

Interestingly the twin institutions bequeathed to man from Eden are both under attack by evolution. The issue

is drawn as the Bible proclaims that creation is of the Lord and the Sabbath is a sign of that creation. Again the Bible proclaims that marriage is of the Lord and that sexual union is the sign or seal of this divine institution. The evolutionary alternative denies God as Creator and therefore profanes the Sabbath which memorializes it. Again modern sociology sees man as an evolving animal rather than as a created son of God. Therefore sexual urges are to be expressed and need only obey the changing mores of the culture.

God's remnant church today under the Elijah message is prophetically called to be "the repairer of the breach (in God's law), The restorer of paths to dwell in" (Isaiah 58:12). The holiness of the Sabbath and the happiness of

monogamous marriage are to be exhibited in Adventist homes as a witness to the world that God's plan still works.

Five times in the creation story the Bible says that "God saw that it was good." But in the midst of the sixth day, "The Lord God said, It is *not good* that the man should be alone" (Genesis 2:18). Something was incomplete; it was not good. But after the creation of Eve and the celebration of the first marriage, "God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was *very good*." (Emphasis supplied). Thus, it is when a man and woman enter into the marriage relationship with due consideration to their lifelong vows of love and faithfulness to one another and their responsibilities to God that they find favor with God, and, behold, IT IS VERY GOOD!

RCC/'80

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be discussed will be ethics in communication, the free flow of information, access to media, investigative reporting, and the new technology.

There will be an international film festival. Producers Showcase will show 22 hours of film and video for which producers will pay a fee of only \$50 for a 30-minute segment. Producers should apply immediately as the opportunity for the exposure will be limited to this period, and so it's first-come first-served.

Invited speakers include Norman Cousins, Martin Marty, and Harvey Cox—who will give the theme address. There will be special music and drama productions, including a sixteenth century Miracle Play.

There will be a "cafeteria" of 20 seminars on religious communications from which registrants will be able to "eat" on two separate occasions. The registration fee is \$85 (\$75 if you register before March 15). Checks payable to RRC/'80 should be sent to Wilmer C. Fields, Co-ordinator, RCC/'80 Information Central, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219. Rooms at the Opryland Hotel are available to registrants at \$48, single or double. Other hotels are also available, as are camping facilities.

It should be made clear that various denominational meetings will be held during the first three days of the congress. Methodists, Baptists, and any Seventh-day Adventists in attendance, as well as others will have their meetings May 12, 13, and 14. Registration for the conference will be Wednesday, May 14, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. But the exhibits and Producers Showcase will open Tuesday afternoon.

RCC/'80 will set the pace for religious communications in the next decade. A thousand people are expected. The Grand Ole Opry and the Nashville Bicentennial celebrations will be further attractions to the City of Music.

VICTOR COOPER
Associate Director

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Blaney appointed Atlantic Area director for CRBF

Eldon Blaney, a district representative for the Christian Record Braille Foundation since 1972, has been appointed director of the Atlantic area, according to Frank Peterson, field director.

Formerly serving the visually im-



paired in the central section of Massachusetts, Blaney spent a short tenure as a literature evangelist before joining Christian Record. The Atlantic area encompasses the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New York.

Blaney, 45, says he is very proud to be a part of this Seventh-day Adventist outreach to the blind. He, wife Sylvia and their four children live near Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

He replaces Frank Nieb, who was killed in an automobile accident in March, 1979.

Scriptural Authority, Creation and Health Presented at New York City P.R.E.A.C.H. Seminar

Nearly 20 non-Adventist ministers from Metropolitan New York gathered recently at the Times Square Center, historic home of the first Jewish Adventist congregation in the world, to fellowship with Adventist clergymen. The special occasion was a Professional Growth Seminar sponsored by *Ministry* magazine. The one-day seminars are part of the magazine's P.R.E.A.C.H. project (Project for Reaching Every Active Clergyman at Home) which began two years ago by sending free bimonthly issues of *Ministry* to 250,000 clergy of all faiths. The purpose of the project is to acquaint non-Adventist ministers with Adventist beliefs, and to befriend them in order to remove prejudice and misunderstanding regarding the church.

The editor of *Ministry*, Elder J. R. Spangler, sees the project as a fulfillment of this counsel given by Ellen G. White many years ago: "Our ministers should seek to come near to the ministers of other denominations" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 78).

One Adventist minister came a long way to come near to American non-Adventist ministers. Elder M. P. Kulakov, leader of Adventists in the Soviet Union, greeted the ministers in fluent English. Elder Kulakov was touring the United States as a guest of the National Commission on Soviet and American Friendship.

For the opening devotional, Elder Merlin Kretschmar, president of the Greater New York Conference, read Psalm 133 which begins, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"



Dr. Raoul Dederen of Andrews University.



Dr. Ruhling (at podium).



A special guest at the seminar, Elder M. P. Kulakov (left), leader of Adventists in the Soviet Union, testified of God's providence in his country.

Then Dr. Raoul Dederen, professor of ecumenics and Roman Catholic theology at Andrews University, lectured on the crisis of scriptural authority which he says is creeping into every denomination and is the main issue facing the Christian church today. Dederen feels that confidence in the objective truths of the Bible has been eroded by "encounter theology" which sprang from German philosopher Martin Buber's book, *I and Thou*, published in 1923. Encounter theology states that writers of the Bible encountered God subjectively but that no objective truth was transmitted to them. "The crucial question facing ministers and church members today



The ministers ate heartily of a vegetarian meal prepared by Living Springs workers.

is where shall we go for the sure word of God," Dederen told the ministers in a warm and animated presentation.

Noting that encounter theology has also given intellectual credence to the Charismatic Movement which is sweeping through most Christian churches, Dederen encouraged the ministers to pray and to study the Scriptures more so they can preach on a surer foundation.

"When I read Buber's book as a teen-ager it thrilled me because it says that we must have a personal relationship with God and treat people like human beings. Unfortunately, it also nullifies doctrinal truth," explained Dederen who once sat in the classroom of Emil Brunner, a Swiss theologian who was one of the first Christian leaders to adopt Buber's philosophy.

Elder W. B. Quigley, field representative for *Ministry*, informed the ministers that P.R.E.A.C.H. is not an attempt to convert them to Adventism but is "an outstretched hand to our brothers and sisters of all faiths."

"Science and the Bible—Conflict and Agreement" was the topic of Dr. Robert Brown, director of the Geoscience Institute. Dr. Brown emphasized striking statements by leading evolutionists testifying that they have not been able to bridge the gap between lower and higher forms of life and that the percentage of probability that life evolved spontaneously is astronomical.

Brown said that the biblical accounts of Creation and the Flood are becoming easier to defend from scientific data except that a literal seven-day, 24-hour creation is still not as tenable. Hence, many scientists and theologians are agreeing on theistic evolution—the theory that God created the world through long ages of time.

"Scripture rules out theistic evolution because the order of events is from land to sea instead of the reverse. I am confident that the Scriptures and science can be harmonized even on this issue," noted Brown whose doctorate is in radioisotope techniques. He said one explanation for the invalid dating of the Earth's age at millions of years is that the material used may have undergone such radical changes during the Flood, rendering the data obtained unreliable.

"Physicians need to be better ministers and ministers need to be better physicians," was the message of Dr. Robert Dunn who is now serving the Greater New York Conference. He and Dr. Dick Ruhling, new health and temperance director of the conference, stressed the value of diet and exercise in regaining and maintaining good health.

Several of the ministers purchased copies of *The Ministry of Healing* which was made available.

The entire group ate heartily of a delicious vegetarian meal prepared by Sherry Weeks and Gladys Wilson of Living Springs, a self-supporting health retreat north of New York City.

Reverend Charles Keil, a retired Methodist minister from Yonkers, remarked, "I really enjoyed the openness and hospitality. I think it shows there is a balancing in Adventism between grace and works."

All of the pastors indicated they would like to attend another *Ministry* seminar in the future.

IT IS WRITTEN Begins New Season

A bright, new season of "It Is Written" programs is now underway, heralding many hours of inspiration. It Is Written produces at least 36 all-new half-hour programs each year, making for a full season of television industry standards.

Here are highlights from some of the new programs:

"Jonestown" has become a code word for organized insanity since the tragic events in Guyana one year ago. In "Only A Whim Away," causes behind the blind loyalty to Jim Jones are revealed, giving insight into the very origin of evil.

On "The Extravagant Builders," Pastor George Vandeman takes viewers



Above, George Vandeman, speaker on *It Is Written*; below, new *It Is Written* logo.



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Have You Read

HIS TOUCH IS LOVE

(Horizon Series)

By FAY BLIX VAN DYK



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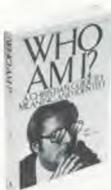
and over again I heard about His sacrifice for me and all that. That was a nice fact to know, but it was just that—a fact. I just couldn't feel beyond that. And I got so tired of dealing with facts.

"As I studied each encounter Jesus had with people and tried to relive each situation, I felt impressed with the exquisite sensitivity He had in His contacts with people—all people. He asked the woman at the well to do Him a favor; He invited Himself over to dinner at Zacchaeus' house—different ways for different people, but always love underscored every method."

Fay Blix Van Dyk is dean of women at Walla Walla College, her *alma mater*. She has also attended the University of Washington where she graduated *cum laude* with a Master's degree in English and is currently working on a handbook for deans.

WHO AM I?

BY SKIP MACCARTY



Do I really count as an individual? How can I know that I do? What is the meaning of life? How can I discover that meaning? Each generation has its own problems and questions. These are predominant questions in youthful minds today, and skip MacCarty, pastor of the Wasatch Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, offers meaningful answers drawn from his observations gleaned from counseling and research.

BUILDING CHARACTER

(Harvest Series)

BY JAN AND KAY KUZMA



The hope of a better society centers around child rearing and training. Parents who have children now will regard this treatise as a timely message written for them.

Jan Kuzma graduated from Andrews University and received his Ph.D. in Biostatistics later. He is teaching at Loma Linda University and is chair-

man of the Biostatistics Epidemiology Department. Kay holds the doctor of education degree in early childhood education from the University of California. She is a specialist in child education and development in parent-child relationships. She holds seminars and has written many articles and books on this subject.

Atlantic Union College

Nurses Dedicated



Thirty nursing students participated in the annual Nursing Dedication service held on November 16. Alice Smith, Associate Director, Department of Health at the General Conference, was the featured speaker.

Senior Recognition Day At Atlantic Union College

Richard E. Crockford, president of Dean Junior College in Franklin, MA, was the special guest speaker at the Atlantic Union College Senior Recognition assembly program held on Tuesday, November 6.

Using the biblical text of I Corinthians 13 (Apostle Paul's essay on Love) as a text for his address, Crockford spoke on the need to recognize and re-establish the basic moral values of concern, sympathy, and understanding, as well as the need for open channels of communication between people. "There is no doubt about it—we don't communicate very well. There are walls between us," he said.

Crockford spoke of the need for college-age people to grow out of the natural stage of self-centeredness they find themselves in. He emphasized the necessity of turning one's attention away from self and toward other people, their problems, and how they can

be helped. Crockford closed his address with a plea for a return to the simple human values of sympathy and consideration for others and closed with the statement "We must love one another or die."

Crockford graduated from Bowdoin College with a degree in chemistry. He completed a master's degree program in English at Boston University. He has taught English at Colby College in New Hampshire, and at B.U. In 1972, he accepted the position of president of Dean Junior College, a junior college of 2,000 students in Franklin, MA.

According to AUC Academic Dean Dr. Larry Lewis, the special Senior Recognition chapel is held in the fall of each year for two purposes. "It is to officially recognize those who are within reach of finishing their degrees, and to provide encouragement for them to do so," Lewis said.

AUC expects to graduate over 120 students in May and August commencements in 1980.

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3. The Poem:

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

SPECIFICATIONS FOR MANUSCRIPT:

1. The manuscript is to be typed double-spaced on one side of the page only.

2. The name of the author or school is not to appear on the manuscript itself.

3. A cover page (giving title, type of entry, author, instructor, and the school represented) is to be stapled to the front of the manuscript.

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2. Creativeness in writing style and in the handling of the material.

3. Interest appeal from title to final word.

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**Black Christian Union
Holds Retreat**

"Think On These Things" was the theme of the first Spiritual Retreat weekend by the Black Christian Union (BCU) of Atlantic Union College early in the fall semester at Camp Berkshire. The activities were organized by BCU President Therese Kirlaw, Vice-President Derek Flood, and Spiritual Secretary Lavern Bentt.

The guest speaker for the weekend was Pastor Roy Brown of the Allegheny East Conference. He preached on the topic of dependence on the Creator and a recognition of His ever-watchful care and wonderful love.



Pastor Roy Brown, guest speaker at the Black Christian Union retreat at Camp Berkshire.

The highlight of Sabbath activities was a candlelight agape supper of bread, grape juice, cheeses and fruit, and the presentation of a stirring sermon from Elder Brown on faithfulness to the crucified Christ.

Saturday night and Sunday morning featured social activities planned by BCU Social Secretary, Rose Popley. Saturday night activities included group games, a hayride to the campfire site, marshmallow roasting, singing, and skits.

Pastor Brown expressed his sincere hope that the mountaintop experience would not be left behind at Camp Berkshire, but would be taken down to the valley where tests of character and faith would begin. Before departing, BCU sponsor Dr. Susan M. Willoughby prayed that this experience would be shared with friends, roommates, and classmates on the AUC campus.

SYLVIA STANLEY
*Junior Behavioral Science major
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Academy Musicians Hosted for Music Clinic

Over 150 academy students and their music directors from nine Adventist secondary schools in the Atlantic Union were on the AUC campus November 7 to 10 for the Atlantic Union Secondary School Music Clinic, financed by the Atlantic Union Conference and organized by the AUC music department.

The four-day clinic consisted of intensive rehearsal sessions for the Clinic choir and Clinic band in preparation for the Friday evening vesper program and the Saturday night concert held in Machlan Auditorium. The Clinic choir, seventy-five voices strong, was directed by Robert Malin, Instructor of Music and Director of Vocal and Choral Activities at AUC. The clinic band, equally as large, was directed by Alton Baggett, Director of College Bands at AUC.

Sopranos, clarinetists, flutists, trombonists, basses, altos, and tenors spent many hours rehearsing in Machlan, or practicing in the band room at Thayer Conservatory. They came from Cedar Brook School, Greater Boston Academy, Pine Tree Academy, Pioneer Valley Academy, Kingsway, Greater New York Academy, Rochester Junior Academy, South Lancaster Academy, and Union Springs Academy. AUC was sorry that Northeastern Academy was not able to participate in this year's Clinic because of illness on the part of the academy's music director, Mr. Lloyd Chung. AUC is looking forward to hosting a full representation from all ten schools next year.

The Clinic choir and band presented the college vesper program on Friday evening. The band played selections from Bach, Vaughn-Williams, and Perseichetti. The choir sang several numbers including "Alleluia" by Hovhaness, and "Magnificat" by Pachelbel. Sabbath afternoon vespers consisted of special musical selections from each of the academies represented.

The secular concert presented Saturday night in Machlan Auditorium included choir selections from Copland and Kolovski, and the band played selections from Shostakovich, Gould, and closed with the National Emblem March by Bagley.

Dr. Margarita Merriman, Professor of Music and acting chairman of the AUC music department, says that her department is already making plans for next year's Music Clinic. "We're looking forward to making it even more profitable," she said. She notes that while one of the goals of the Clinic is to present quality music programs for the community on Friday and Saturday night, the main purpose of the Clinic is educational. "The primary thrust is to provide a quality educational experience for the young people," she says. "We try to make each Clinic a highpoint in the musical experience of each student that attends."

Atlantic Union College is proud of the musical talent represented by the students of Adventist schools throughout the Atlantic Union, and is looking forward to providing more opportunities for the Union's academy students to come together to share good music.

Sixteen Receive Special Scholarships

Sixteen students in AUC's special Honors Core program received \$200 scholarships at the Honors Core Chapel program held on October 30.

The scholarships were given to those students in the alternate core program who maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average in the Honors Core courses during their freshman year.

The speaker for the special Chapel program was Dr. Otilie Stafford, former chairman of the AUC English department and guest lecturer at AUC first semester.

The students receiving the scholarships were: Martha Aastrup, Patricia Andrews, Kristjan Asgeirsson, Robert Bauman, Lavern Bentt, Roy Christoph, Manal Issa, Kent Lewis, Rhonda McCulley, Richard McCune, Gerald McWilliams, Carolyn Mills, Rebecca Peach, Philip Smiley, Daniel Wright, Tammy Young.

Robertson Returns To Conduct November 17 Thayer Conservatory Orchestra Concert

By RON KNOTT, '81

Dr. Jon Robertson, former chairman of the Atlantic Union College music department and founder of Thayer Conservatory Orchestra (TCO) returned to the TCO podium as guest conductor for the first concert of the TCO 1979-1980 season on November 17.

Robertson conducted in place of Mark Churchill, who has been conductor for the past two seasons and who is currently on a study leave in Brazil doing research for a doctoral program at Hartt College of Music, University of Hartford. Churchill will return in February to conduct the remaining three concerts of the season.

The November 17 concert featured works of Puccini, Mozart, and Saint Saens. Guest soprano soloist for Puccini's "Sola Perduta Abandonapa," "Vissi D'Arte," and "Un Bel Di" was Margaret Vazquez, the first prize winner in the Baltimore Opera Trustees' Award and the grand prize winner of the 1976 Opera Guild Competition. Vazquez was also the recipient of the fourth Prize Alfred C. Ver Valen Memorial Award at the 14th Annual Bal-



Mr. Robert Malin directing the choir of the Atlantic Union Secondary School Music Clinic at the November 10 concert.

AUC DATELINE

December

30 ADP Seminar begins. Ends January 11.

January

2 Registration for Intercession

18 Intercession ends

19 Semester Vacation ends

20 2nd Semester Registration

21 Classes begin

28-

Feb. 2 Student Week of Spiritual Emphasis

February

4- 8 Student Association Winter Festival

9 Lancaster Classic Basketball Game

10 Student Association Valentine Banquet

13-16 Black Heritage Emphasis

23 Student Association "On Stage" Talent Program

25-

Mar. 1 Spring Week of Spiritual Emphasis

April 11, 12, 13, Alumni Weekend



Dr. Jon Robertson directing Thayer Conservatory Orchestra on November 17.

timore National Competition of Operatic Artists.

Before beginning her professional operatic career Miss Vazquez was a student at Atlantic Union College and sang in various choral groups under

Robertson's direction. "This was the first time that Miss Vazquez and I worked together since I left AUC," says Robertson. "When she was singing in my choir I don't think she was thinking of a vocal career. I like to feel

partially responsible for encouraging her that way." Robertson says his time is divided almost evenly between conducting professional orchestras in Scandinavia and piano recital tours in the U.S. Recently, he was invited to conduct at the Christian Festival in Christiansen, Norway. The annual festival is held to commemorate Norway's deliverance from the Nazi occupation during World War II. Robertson says that traditionally the festival performs only Norwegian music and is open only to Norwegian musicians. "So you can see," he says, "that I feel very honored to have been invited to participate in this important festival."

The November 17 concert also featured Mozart's "Symphony in A Major," and Saint Saens' "Symphony No. 3," which uses the organ as one of the orchestral instruments rather than as a solo instrument.

Greater New York

Adventists to Lead in Co-ordination of WNBC-TV Annual Health Fair in Greater New York

Providential openings for the work in New York City seem to be increasing with each passing day. The co-ordinator of the medical van ministry of the Greater New York Conference has been asked to lead out in the direction of the 1980 annual tri-state health fair sponsored by WNBC-TV

and the National Health Screening Council. It has also been requested that all the persons to be chosen as regional co-ordinators within the area (New York City, Long Island, parts of upstate New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut) be Seventh-day Adventists since the Church is seen to be a most effective liaison within the community. Over 700 civic, hospital, school, banking, and shopping-center organizations were involved in 1979, and even more are expected to participate in 1980.

The health fair, well publicized by WNBC's advertising and public relations resources, will be held April 14 to 20, 1980. Seventh-day Adventists have also been asked to be responsible for follow-up sessions coming approximately six weeks later. These meetings will feature one or more of the following: results of blood tests and print-outs of a Health Hazard Appraisal including suggestions for changes in life-style to improve health, Adventist

sponsored Five Day Plans, and nutrition classes. Advertising flyers for Five-Day Plans and nutrition classes will be provided by WNBC and/or other commercial sponsors during both the health fair and the follow-up sessions.

While co-ordination of such a large-scale project will require a great deal of effort on the part of all who are involved with it, it represents a blanket outreach by Adventists in Greater New York—something that has been prayerfully sought for some time by workers

and laymen in this area. By working with non-Adventist organizations and personnel involved with the fair—answering their questions and demonstrating what we believe in a very practical way—Adventists in the tri-state area will have an opportunity to witness in a unique way that which has been provided to us by God's grace.

BETTY COONEY
PR Representative
Van Program



FAITH FOR TODAY

New York

Perrysburg Church Adds New Members



Eight new members were added to the Perrysburg church at the close of evangelistic meetings held during September and October by Pastor L. J. Tessier and Perrysburg church members. Pictured are (back row) William Meyers, Joanne Hammer, James Hammer, Pastor Tessier; (front row) Tony Wyatt, Richard Parsell, Raymond Hammer, John Hammer, and Amy Clarke.

Another Baptism From Crusade



Several additional persons have been baptized by Pastor Rob Randall as a result of the recent Rochester area Focus on Life evangelistic crusade conducted by George Dudney. Several others are also planning baptism soon. Pictured are (l. to r.) Peter Gredl, Mary Bagley, Tania Mantzer, Ella Collier, Dave Pickett, Maureen and Steve Lovollo.



Union Springs Academy Corner USA Singers Invited to GC

Union Springs Academy's Les Chanteurs received a letter some time ago from the General Conference asking them to send a group recording if they would like to be considered to sing at the General Conference session in Dallas, Texas. After a decision to respond to the request was made, the group was recorded after hours of practice and the tape sent to the General Conference.

After two months of waiting, the choir director, Mr. Steve Roche, received the news that the Les Chanteurs had been selected. Union Springs Academy feels it a great honor to be chosen, and the Les Chanteurs are practicing diligently for the General Conference session in April, 1980.

NewsBriefs

- Conference president C. W. Skantz reports 49 baptisms for October through the 20th of the month. Several pastors are holding evangelistic meetings in addition to conference-sponsored crusades.

- A tithe increase is being experienced in the conference, reports treasurer Nikolaus Satelmajer; however, the percentage of increase is not keeping up with inflation. December 22 has been designed as tithe square-up Sabbath conference-wide. A strong month is needed to meet operation and evangelistic expenses.

- Seventy Union Springs Academy students participated in a recent Sabbath afternoon missionary outreach to several area nursing homes.

- Jeffrey Yeagley is serving as the pastoral assistant in the Corning and Elmira churches with senior pastor Woodrow Whidden. Yeagley is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and graduated from South Lancaster Academy and Atlantic Union College.



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came a reality when everyone who possibly could, had an active part in an Investment project. This project started with a basket filled with home-baked goods passed to one of our Sabbath school members. This member hastily removed the baked goods, put an offering in the container for Investment, put another gift in the basket, and passed it to the next member on the list. Thinking this project might be a financial burden on the young people, their names were not included on the first list. But as soon as they found out about the project, several of them bombarded the superintendent, asking why they weren't included in this very exciting project as they wanted to utilize their talents for the Lord. Also the adults' enthusiasm for the project was so high, we decided to start three more baskets to expedite the process. Everyone was anxious to "get the basket."

We encouraged them to take the Lord as their partner and use their God-given talents as they prepared the gifts for the baskets. The next few weeks brought four baskets to Sabbath school each week filled with beautiful fresh garden produce, a variety of home-baked and home-canned goods, handmade macrame, handmade book-ends, decoupage pictures, handmade dolls, centerpieces, and even a gift certificate for manual labor. Perhaps the most envied gift was a hand painting of a Vermont covered bridge painted by Mrs. Barbara Tvedt.

Many talents surfaced, a tidy sum for Investment was received, and much expectation and fun were enjoyed by everyone. We heartily recommend this Investment project.

LAUREA M. SMEAD
Sabbath School Superintendent

Northern New England

Successful Investment Baskets

The Sabbath school superintendent of the Brattleboro, Vermont, church was somewhat concerned over the lack of participation of many members in

the Investment program. A few members had projects, but only a small percentage, so a plan was devised to make the Investment participation 100 percent.

On a recent Sabbath the dream be-

Have You Tried
INVESTING
for God?

Second Annual Riverview Memorial School Alumni Sabbath

On Sabbath morning, October 13, 1979, over 250 alumni and friends gathered at Riverview Memorial school for the second annual Riverview Memorial School Alumni Sabbath.

The day's activities began with Sabbath school at 9:15 a.m. Kennan McGrath acted as superintendent and introduced Elder Robert Farley, Alumni Association President, who had the mission report. Dr. Donald Burgess led out in the morning lesson study.

During the Lay Activities period, a report on the progress of the school was given by Craig Morgan, Principal.

The morning message was given by Elder Leon Strickland, former teacher of Riverview who is presently pastor of the Reading, Pennsylvania, Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Following a very delicious spaghetti dinner, a nature program was enjoyed at one of the area's nature interest spots conducted by John Carter, teacher at Riverview.

In the afternoon an old-fashioned songfest and vesper program were enjoyed. The vesper program, directed by Renee Perry, included a very inter-

esting history of the Norridgewock church and school. Parts of the history were presented in skits done by present Riverview students.

New officers for the Alumni Association were elected as follows: President, Dr. Donald Burgess; Vice-President, Paula Huston Cook; Secretary, Betty Huston Blake; and Treasurer, Barbara Boynton.

Plans were set into motion for the 1980 meeting to be held again at Riverview Memorial school on the second Sabbath of October. See you then.

CRAIG MORGAN, *Principal*

Southern New England

New Bedford Spanish Company Organized



Photos by J. Judefind

(Left) Juan Acosta, the lay director of the New Bedford Spanish Company, speaks on Matthew 5:13-16. Elder S. R. Jayne gave the president's message at the organization of the company on November 10. To his left is Elder Ronald Aguilera, the district pastor. (Right) The members of the New Bedford Spanish Company are being presented to the people attending the organization service.

New Britain Spanish Company Organized



(Left) The New Britain Spanish Company was organized on November 17. Some of the participants in the program were Walter Soto, Eloy Martinez from the Atlantic Union Conference, Jay Shanko and S. R. Jayne from the Southern New England Conference, Alekasandar Davidovic the district pastor, Wilfredo Martinez the lay director, and Gaspar Colon the Hartford district pastor. (Center) Elder Davidovic introduces the members of the New Britain Spanish Company to those attending the program. (Right) Special music was provided by a trio comprised of Gladys Rivera, Luis Mateo, and Carmelo Rivera.

Southern New England Evangelism

The watchword of the hour is "Evangelize!" The general confusion of our times demands it. The chaos in Christendom is fulfilling the words of Revelation, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."

Are the prophet's prediction of the enlightening, warning, appealing words of the Three Angels being fulfilled with equal force and urgency? Are we praying, preparing for the latter rain in our devotional life and in our service for Christ?

Tony Moore and his team, comprising his wife, Helen; son, Steven; his grandmother, Grace Robbins; Verna Johnson of Wildwood Institute; Greg Owen, a free-lance illustrator; Shari Chamberlain, Health Educator; and Jo Lynne Gardner, librarian and educator; along with the assistance of Bridgeport Pastor, John Ferraro and his wife, Julie; and dedicated church members began an evangelistic campaign September 29, in the high school in Stamford, Connecticut, with an overflow crowd of nearly 200. Meetings have progressed rapidly three nights a week through the thrilling prophetic insights and the beautiful saving doctrines of SDA's. The meetings are nearly concluded, but already the rented church quarters of the Presbyterian church are overflowing with about 30 non-SDA's in attendance every Sabbath. May we all continue to pray that a strong church with many new pillars will be solidly established in this affluent area of the nation.

The Stoneham SDA Church shared their pastor, Ralph Cruze for an evangelistic series with Elder Kim Johnson and his intern assistant, Bill Knott, in the Middleboro congregation during October and November. The meetings, held in the SDA church, often more than filled the auditorium as searching hearts crowded in to hear the moving message that God has tailored especially for the 20th century's closing decades. The congregation is filled with the influx of new believers who have come to add their witness in this community. The membership has increased by 35 percent. An accompanying story in this issue of the *GLEANER* by an eyewitness, Kim Johnson, will



Elder O. J. Mills during one of his seminars.

fill in details of this thrilling campaign.

Pastor William Dudgeon and his New Haven congregation have just completed a successful Revelation series at the Howard Johnson Motel in New Haven. At a baptismal service last Sabbath, several additional souls made decisions for the first time to be in the next baptism. Many others are receiving Bible studies each week in their homes. A nutrition workshop held each week by Mrs. Jane Dudgeon is receiving an enthusiastic response from new interests, new members, and long-time members alike.

Pastor Bill King of the Boston Temple is sponsoring a Daniel Seminar in the Knights of Columbus Hall that we believe is a first; for leading out in classroom instruction is a physically blind, but very much spiritually seeing evangelist, Donald Dawes, a ministerial graduate of Andrews University. "The intense interest and spiritual response of the participants is exciting," said Pastor Bill King. They are expecting several souls from this series.

Across the conference many personal Bible studies and cottage meetings are being held along with health screening and health education classes, which are building new interests preparatory to a continuing harvest. We're always thankful for the work of the mass media. Especially *It Is Written* that is furnishing us with interests that are being followed up through personal contact by our pastors and members along with evangelistic campaigns.

Dwight Taylor and O. J. Mills are holding a pilot series in two locations in Worcester. This classroom seminar entitled *Studies in Daniel and the Revelation* prepared by Pastor Mills, blends the books of Daniel and Revelation in a chapter-by-chapter presentation of the great controversy in its historical, prophetic and current-

event setting as embodied in the messages of the three angels of Revelation 14. "The response to this series is thrilling," said Pastor Taylor. "These people are being captured by a depth of spiritual insight that is shaping their minds in a commitment to these new truths that is making solid Adventists before they realize what is taking place." Already over 40 of these new contacts including their spouses, accepted an invitation to a Daniel Dinner at the SDA church, directed by Mildred Mills and her committee, composed of Mrs. Marion Hawkins of Sterling and Gepka Penny of Worcester with the help of several Worcester church members.

An atmosphere of warmth and appeal was created with music furnished by Lynelle Smith of the New England Youth Ensemble. The delicious food prepared and served by Barbara Ela was beautifully displayed in an autumnal atmosphere prompting friendly fellowship and a most moving response of love and appreciation from all who attended. Already nearly a dozen non-Adventists from the classes are attending churches in the area.

Assisting Dwight Taylor in his meetings in the Bonanza Steak Pit is Mildred Mills and Laura and Margaret Drown. Mildred Mills, Fred and Marion Hawkins, Lowell Nixon, and Walter Malarczyk are assisting O. J. Mills in his class at the Howard Johnson's.

"Our vision," said Pastor Mills, "is to put this program into an evangelistic package for the use of interested pastors and qualified and trained laymen for the presentation of the message throughout the conference in the fall of 1980."

Thank you, fellow believers, for your continued prayers and dedication to evangelism in SNE and around the world.

VICTOR W. COLLINS
Communications Director

Life Sketch—May Evelyn Hurlbutt

May Evelyn Hurlbutt, a member of the South Lancaster Village Church, will be 97 years young this coming Christmas Day. She is the daughter of William Roger and Annie May (Jennings) Hurlbutt and was born in Framingham. While she was very young she lost her mother and was raised by her grandmother in Hanover Center, New Hampshire.



Community Relations Day in Hartford

The Prospect Avenue church, Hartford, Connecticut, observed Community Relations and Visitors Day on November 3 by honoring Mrs. Janet Smith as Chairman of the Board of the Hartford Community Renewal Team.

A Graduate of Framingham Business College, she went to work for Dr. Wells A. Ruble at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital. It was while she worked here in 1920 she decided to join the Adventist Church by baptism. Since there was no baptistry in the Sanitarium Church she was baptized in the Tremont Temple, Boston, by Elder Wheeler, and joined the Sanitarium Church.

Her next "call" was to the General Conference, to become Medical Secretary. She remained there until the call came for her services to the Hinsdale Sanitarium in Illinois. Here she was Secretary to the Manager, and later becoming the Medical Secretary of the Institution.

It was her Father's ill health which caused her to return to Framingham. Here she again attended and taught at the Framingham Business College. It was in 1943 that she made her move to South Lancaster to work for the Southern New England Conference under the director for the Twentieth Century Bible Course until its move to Faith For Today Headquarters in New York.

May says, "I've always been a Secretary," She retired in 1949. I know that she did not actually retire then, because in later years she worked, as the Assistant to the Lancaster Town Treasurer, Mr. Harold U. Wendell, a former Business Instructor of Atlantic Union College. Professor Wendell now resides in Tafton, Pennsylvania and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Six years ago she made the move to Bigelow Gardens, after having lived 30 years in the Haskell Apartments next to the Church. It was sad to see these buildings razed.

When possible May will be seen attending the Village Church. We, your Fellow Church members, salute you for 57 years of faithful service. May God continue to bless you.

JESSICA QUEEN
Communications Secretary



The Community Service Award plaque was presented during the church service, at which time a proclamation was read from Governor Grasso of Connecticut. The Governor expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Smith for her untiring efforts on behalf of humanity. Her knowledge of poor and elderly people's health problems pushed Mrs. Smith into the two-year organization effort to start the Charter Oak—Rice Height Health Center which opened in February, 1979. Last year she received an award for being one of the 10 most outstanding women in Hartford.

She thanked the church members for selecting her as an outstanding citizen of this area.

Among the guests were Mayor Atenson and several City Officials. A fellowship dinner was served following services for members and guests.

A reporter from the *Hartford Courant* took the picture and a release was issued in the paper.

JOANNE SEATON
Communications Secretary

History Made

History was made at the Middleboro SDA church during the month of October and November. The 50-member church, without a baptistry, had never witnessed a baptism in their own building. On faith they painted and redecorated for months, anticipating the first evangelistic series to be held in their town in 20 years. And during the week of November 4, as a result of the Prophecy '79 evangelistic meetings, 12 adults were baptized in a portable baptistry brought in for the occasion.

The meetings were the culmination of extensive health ministries by the members, headed by Becki Knobloch; and three Daniel Seminars held by Pastors Bill Knott and Kim Johnson. The speaker for Prophecy '79 was Ralph Cruze, Pastor of the Stoneham SDA church. Pastor Cruze traveled over two hours, five to six times a week to be God's mouthpiece.

Old and new members alike shed tears of joy at the blessings of God. Seven of the new members come from towns in which there had been no Seventh-day Adventist. Several more individuals will be baptized before Christmas.

Pastor Johnson commented, "The first full week of the series was on the life of Christ and that allowed the Holy Spirit to work in an unusual way during the rest of the meetings.

One new member exclaimed, "I've never heard so much about Jesus before in my entire life!"

PASTOR KIM JOHNSON
Taunton/Middleboro churches

New Haven, Connecticut, Church Has Booth At Fair

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2).

Taking the above Scripture for their theme, the New Haven Humphrey Street SDA Church was blessed with success for the efforts put forth at the annual North Haven Fair. Instituting what was for them a new concept in community service, they manned two very popular booths. Four nurses worked in shifts to take and record blood pressures throughout the four days of the fair. Eight hundred people stopped by to have their blood

pressure checked. Fourteen people requested Bible studies. Sixty people indicated a desire to quit smoking, providing names and addresses for contacts at the next no smoking clinic.

In the second booth an attractive table displayed samples of vegetarian foods which the public was invited to taste. Recipes were shared and information given concerning vegetarianism.

There were racks offering leaflets on diet and health and others dealing with the harmful effects of smoking and promoting the Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking.

Those who participated felt their efforts to be amply rewarded and are looking forward to even greater success next year.

ELSIE B. O'BRIEN

LEGAL NOTICE

Southern New England Conference Special Session

Notice is hereby given of a special session of the Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists called to meet in the auditorium on the campus of Pioneer Valley Academy, New Braintree, Massachusetts, Sunday, January 27, 1980, at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the needs of Pioneer Valley Academy and formulate definite plans for meeting these needs.

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However, our most Spirit-filled moments are our "after glow." At this time students and faculty get together for that extra-special blessing. The songs that are sung and the group prayers that are spoken draw students and faculty into a closer walk with our Lord. At PVA we want to join hands and hearts in prayer as one big family with our heavenly Father.



Northeast Adventist Health Services

Geer Memorial Offers First Sitter Course

The Health Education of Geer Memorial offered its first Baby Sitter Course as part of its program in September. The program was in co-operation with Better Life-style Awareness Month in Connecticut.

Eighteen area young ladies enrolled and completed successfully the four-week course. Area young men were eligible to enroll but not one male did so!

Each week the class was given a special lecture centered on a certain aspect of caring for children in the parents' absence. Quizzes gave the instructors ample insight as to absorption of materials presented.

Health Educator Ray Nelson presented a play with each class period, introducing the children to better nutritional habits.



Mr. and Mrs. Labard (right) and Eric Ganyon during Afterglow.



Lauri Johnston (left) and Donny Taylor during Afterglow.

During Fire Prevention Week, guest speaker Clifford Wohlfert of the Canaan Volunteer Fire Department lectured rules and do's and don't's of situations involving fire.

Ladies of the Seventh-day Adventist



Ray Nelson presents healthful eating habits through use of puppets in a skit.

Church brought their children for the final session. Sitters put into practice their learning experiences of the course. Some found it more difficult than expected as toddlers cried for their absent mothers. Other found it rather a snap as in the case of one little five-year-old girl who read to her "sitters"!



Cliff Wohlert, volunteer firefighter in Canaan, lectures on escape routes.



Little Kevin Placentino found strange sitters not to his liking.

Health Education has more phases than can be imagined. Baby Sitting Courses are just another important way to reach out to those around us.

Public Forum on Arthritis Held

A public forum on arthritis, featuring the team approach to combating the nation's number one crippling disease, was held Thursday evening, Nov. 29, at New England Memorial Hospital.

Speakers included two area rheumatologists, an orthopedic surgeon, and physical and occupational therapists, according to David Blackie, director

of rehabilitative services.

Also included was a showing of "Wherever You Are" an Arthritis Foundation film narrated by Henry Fonda, as well as a question-and-answer period.

The two rheumatologists, Dr. Robert Pastan and Dr. Matthew Heller, direct the Arthritic Clinic held on Monday and Friday afternoons at the hospital.

McGregor Speaks on Fitness at NEMH

Logic and consistency—these are the qualities of exercise that allow us to partake of the daily apple of fitness, said Dr. Rob Roy McGregor at New England Memorial Hospital recently.

A well-known fitness commentator and podiatrist at Sports Medicine Resource, Inc., in Brookline, McGregor urged hospital employees and community members to build exercise into their daily lives. "Not everyone can run, nor should everyone run," he said. He recommended daily walking, "the heart helper," bike riding, swimming and rope skipping ("you can carry your gym in your pocket") as excellent ways to condition heart and muscular-skeletal system and to lose weight.

Speaking at a Hospital Forum, the active marathoner said three twenty-minute periods of exercise a week in which the participant's heart works at 75 percent capability are minimum to create aerobic, or cardiovascular fitness. He said the best way to "die on



the weekend" is to try to mix erratic and over-stressful exercise with an "office" life-style.

McGregor, a contributing fitness reporter on WBZ-TV's Evening Magazine, urged viewers to "reinhabit" their bodies, to listen to what their bodies are trying to tell them about the way they live. "Purely muscle-building exercises, like weight-lifting, do not necessarily create healthy cardiovascular systems," he said, "whereas exercises designed for heart fitness, also create healthy muscle and skeletal systems."

McGregor participated earlier this year in a fitness clinic and opening ceremonies for the Parcourse, the outdoor exercise trail on hospital grounds.

He commended the hospital for its strong emphasis on keeping people well through its fitness and health-education programs.

People On the Go



1. **Tommie Lowe**, currently serving as director of the Lake Area, has been appointed Assistant Field Director of the Christian Record Braille Foundation. He will assist in co-ordinating National Camps for Blind Children, glaucoma screening clinics, and the work of 100 field representatives located throughout the United States and Canada.

New treasurer of the Voice of Prophecy, 2. **Lance Liebelt**, was previously manager of the Carolina Adventist Book Center and before that he was assistant to the manager of the Omaha branch of Pacific Press Publishing Association. He replaces Byron Scheuneman, VOP treasurer since mid-1977, who accepted a call to be controller for the Adventist Media Center.

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At Rest

BACKER—Thais (Molly) Backer. A memorial service was held on November 28, 1978, in Phillips Funeral Home in Big Flats, New York, for Mrs. Backer, 92, who passed away November 24 in the Elcor Nursing Home, Horseheads, New York.

She was born in the Town of Catlin, Chemung County on August 24, 1886, the daughter of George W. and Clarissa Kneale Smith. She was married on New

Year's Day, 1906, to Orin E. Backer of Catlin. Sister Backer was baptized on June 15, 1913, under the labors of Elder M. W. D. Thorba and joined the little church company of Seventh-day Adventists, the remnant of the church organized on August 25, 1861, in Catlin, New York, after Elder and Mrs. James White visited Catlin about 1854 while the Whites lived in Rochester, New York.

She is survived by her husband; a son Carlton of Horseheads; two grandsons, Elbert and Kenneth; 10-grandchildren; two great, great-granddaughters; several nieces and nephews.

Elder Donald A. Orsburn of Elmira officiated. Sister Backer was laid to rest in Rural Home Cemetery in Big Flats.

Eva Kimble

COULSON—Hatti (Draper) Coulson, 97, of 120 Retreat Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, died July 26, 1979, at the Rest Haven Manor in Wethersfield.

A member of the Hartford SDA Church, her first contact with the message was a tent meeting in New London over forty years ago, at which time she joined the church. Her cheerful loving spirit bound her family together and drew people to hear her testimony. She remained an active witness of the church even during her confinement in the rest home during her last two years.

Surviving are two sons and four daughters. A son, John Sherwood Coulson, and daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Crowe, both of Hartford, are members of the Hartford SDA Church having been baptized by O. J. Mills following personal Bible studies coupled with an evangelistic campaign. Funeral services were held in the Rose Hill Funeral Home in Rocky Hill by Elder O. J. Mills.

O. J. Mills

SCOTT—Mrs. Emily Simmonite Scott was born April 5, 1882, in Rotherham, Yorkshire, England. During World War I she met and married William A. Scott, an American volunteer in the British Army from North Vassalboro, Maine. They settled in Portland, Maine, after Mr. Scott's discharge from service. They had two daughters, Joyce and Brenda.

Mrs. Scott was introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist Church through the interest of a neighbor family, David and Blanche Shaw, at that time church school teachers. Mrs. Scott was baptized in 1944 by Evangelist Clifford Reeves and joined the Portland, Maine, SDA church. She was a member of the Providence, Rhode Island, SDA Church at the time of her death.

After Mr. Scott's retirement they moved to Rhode Island in 1954 to be near their daughters. Mr. Scott died in October, 1970. Mrs. Scott's robust constitution brought her through a number of recent afflictions including a broken hip and pneumonia but she finally succumbed to heart failure at the West View Nursing home on July 24, 1979, at the age of 97.

Her survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Brenda Goodwin, of Coventry, Rhode Island, six grandchildren, five

great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted at the Juhlin-Pearson Funeral Home, of Providence, by Pastors Alfred C. Schnell and Clifford J. Gleason. Interment was in Quidnesset Cemetery of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, where she awaits the call of the Life-giver.

PASTOR ALFRED C. SCHNELL

WHEATON—Aubrey S. Wheaton, Sr., aged 62, died June 23, 1978, at the Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, California. He was born in Belmont, Massachusetts, the son of Willard and Beatrice (Fowler) Wheaton. In 1950 Aubrey was baptized and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. For many years, Aubrey and his wife, Virginia, made their home in South Lancaster. During the latter years of his life Aubrey suffered physically. One of his three daughters, Lorraine Fisher, is a nurse in Loma Linda. So, just a short time before his death he had gone to be with her in the hope that something could be done for him at the Medical Center.

Despite the fact that Aubrey was born in Massachusetts and was living there until prior to going to be with his daughter, Lorraine, in Loma Linda, Ellsworth, Maine, has been a family center for years. It was therefore very fitting that a Memorial Service should be held in the Ellsworth Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sabbath afternoon, July 8, 1978. Pastor Anthony Russo officiated, assisted by Pastor Edgar Keslake, a long-time friend of Aubrey, his wife Virginia, and many other members of the family.

EDGAR KESLAKE

[Obituary just received-Editor]

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My Favorite Christmas Carol

By EARL W. AMUNDSON, *President
Atlantic Union Conference*



One hundred sixty-one years ago in the picturesque little Alpine village of Arnsdorf, Austria, a young priest, Joseph Mohr, pondered about making his humble parishioners happy. They loved music; but the mice had eaten at the bellows of the little church organ, so he faced the prospect of Christmas night without the usual Christmas music. He shared his dilemma with his organist and parish schoolmaster, Franz Gruber; and they agreed that something must be done to atone for the muted organ. Thus far no solution had come to either of them, and Christmas was fast approaching.

Tradition tells us that on the night before Christmas in the year 1818 the devout young priest was seated in his study carefully preparing some Christmas thoughts to present to his flock. He wanted to give his small congregation a ringing Christmas message. In the quietude of the night, in deep thought, he reflected on a remark that Franz Gruber made when they were practicing Christmas music the previous week. Gruber had said: "Pastor, do you know that the real Christmas song is yet to be written? I cannot name the song; but it will tell of the holy night where we can see the holy family, the manger, the shepherds, and the angel choir."

Then the young priest understood and said, "Friend Gruber, the song of the holy night shall be forthcoming."

The night was cold and it was snowing. Suddenly, Mohr heard someone tapping. Upon opening the door, he saw a weary, snow-covered, exhausted woman who came to bear the glad news of a woodcutter's wife who had just given birth to a child; and the anxious father had sent for the pastor to come with words of cheer and blessing. After reviving the exhausted friend who had brought the message, he hurriedly made ready by donning his coat, cap, and sheepskin leggings. Then seizing his stout *alpenstock*, he took the long, lonely journey to the cabin up the mountain. As he stepped inside, it seemed that the whole nativity scene came before him. Great artists have attempted to glorify the nativity scene in splendid frescoes and in lovely sculptured marble; but, pausing breathless in the open door, Joseph Mohr looked upon a beautiful, radiant scene no artist has ever known.

There in a small crude cradle lay the curly-headed infant boy, while on a bed of pine logs close by, the bravely smiling young mother was sustained by the presence of her husband, who was standing by with reverently folded hands, his eyes aglow with a new joy past understanding.

The crude abode seemed to melt away and a shrine of beauty, grace, and comfort take its place. All were thinking of the rustic manger that for an immortal moment sheltered the King of kings.

Tenderly he prayed for the cabin folk. He thought of the picture of another age, another land, and his soul flamed with the thought—Jesus the Saviour is here.

He was soon out in the night. It was quiet, and the stillness was broken only by the sound of his own breathing and crisp crunching of snow beneath each footstep.

Coming to a height overlooking the town, he paused and stood there musing. Snowy mountains loomed above him, pointing their peaks at the myriad stars in the clear, quiet sky. In the dark valley below he could see the outlines of the peaceful village, where a faint light glimmer-

ing here and there accentuated the surrounding darkness. He murmured aloud suddenly: "It must have been something like this—that holy night in Bethlehem."

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 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. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them (Luke 2:8-20).

Mohr was powerfully impressed. Hastening home, fearful lest the mood depart, he sat at his desk and wrote freely:

Silent night, holy night,	Holy infant, so tender and mild,
All is calm, all is bright,	Sleep in heavenly peace,
Round yon virgin mother and child,	Sleep in heavenly peace.

The other stanzas followed after hours of writing; and, pleased with his song, the tired priest retired. Early the following morning he reread his manuscript and then took it to Franz Gruber. Reading the lovely words, Gruber's musician soul caught their true spirit; and the now world-famous melody began to well within him. Hours later, on Christmas Day, 1818, the music completed, Gruber sang it over to his wife. In the hush that followed, she said, "We will die, Franz, you and I; but this song will live."

On Christmas night the organ in the little church at Arnsdorf was silent. The congregation missed it sadly until with Joseph Mohr, the pastor, singing and Franz Gruber, the organist, playing the guitar, the immortal strains of "Silent Night, Holy Night," fell upon their ears. Then, every man and woman in the church sat enthralled by this first rendition of the hymn without which Christmas today is simply not complete. Wherever, all over the world, men build their homes and rear their altars, their song of songs is "Silent Night, Holy Night." People everywhere, in looking for the finer things, in reaching up after God, know this song and sing it every Christmas season with new hope and faith.

So the simple song composed well over a century ago as a gift to the people in the quaint Alpine village of Arnsdorf and inspired by the birth of the Christ child continues to be a blessing to millions, when from Thanksgiving and through the holiday season it is heard more than any other song in all the beautiful assortment of Christmas songs.

"Christmas is coming—may you all have wisdom to make it a precious season," so wrote Ellen White nearly a century ago.

My wife joins me in wishing for each of our constituent members throughout the Atlantic Union Conference much happiness and joy in the Lord in this holiday season and Heaven's richest blessing in the New Year ahead.