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May your New Year outlook be bright. "The Lord
is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?"

Psalms 27:1



Facing the New Year with Courage. . .

ALL HIS BIDDINGS ARE ENABLINGS

By Harold E. Voorhees

Life generally begins at home. Of course there is a difference between home and house. Home is where love dwells. A house may be a place where selfishness reigns. The home should be to the children the most attractive place in the world, and the mother its greatest charm. Angels delight to linger in such a place.

Many parents may err on the side of indulgence. Afraid to make their children unhappy for a time. Others go to the opposite extreme and rule with an iron hand. However, the future well-being of the child requires kindly firm discipline. While the youth is unconverted do not leave him in idleness. Give him or her something useful and rewarding to do. One trouble with the world today is that so many people who stand up vigorously for their rights, fall down miserably on their duties. Even though you may not be qualified to be a star, don't be a cloud. Do something to help yourself and others around you. Listen, we can talk to God about those who will not let us talk to them about God.

When I was a teenager in New Jersey, my mother was a Christian adventist. I would come home late on Friday nights from a basketball game, and passing my mother's bedroom I would hear her praying for me. This broke my heart, and led to my conversion. I began to pray for myself, asking God to forgive me, bless me, and help me to help others of my friends. "Unless there is practical self-sacrifice for the good of others, in the family circle, in the neighborhood, in the church, or wherever we may be, then whatever our profession, we are not Christians.¹ People will believe not what the pulpit preaches, but what the church lives. Every church member should share his faith. Not



PRAY FOR THE FAMILY

to work."³ "Where there is no active labor for others, love wanes, and faith grows dim."⁴ God said, "Ye are my witnesses . . ." (Isaiah 43:10). "The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious working of our people . . . Every member of the body of Christ must act his part in the cause of God, according to the ability that God has given him."⁵ Again "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."⁶ [Emphasis supplied] If you and I do what we can, God will increase our ability. Love without responsibility is mere sentimentalism. We must not only love our neighbors, but pray for them. Plan ways to influence them for listening to the pleading of the Holy Spirit. Visit them. Give literature. Offer to study the Bible with them. We should pray for our unconverted loved ones and neighbors, and then follow up with missionary endeavors. Prayer changes things. "It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask."⁷ Oh God, grant me the patience to accept the things I cannot change, the faith and courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference!

Some years ago when I was the Sabbath School and Lay Activities Secretary in the Chesapeake Conference, I was speaking in the Baltimore church as guest speaker. As I shook hands at the close of the service with the people, I met a lady who told me "This is the first time I have ever been inside a Seventh-day Adventist church." Then she added, "I am a Methodist." I invited her to come back again. I suggested that she might like to become a member some day. "Oh, no, I was born a Methodist and will die a Methodist," she replied. "Do you think it is possible for you to become a better Methodist?" I retorted. "Oh, yes, no one is perfect," she replied. Right then the Spirit impressed me with a great thought. So I suggested that I might come and show her from the Bible how she might be a better Methodist. That appealed to her, and I made an appointment to go to her home.

For several weeks I studied the Bible with her. Then I was transferred to the Northern New England Conference. Before leaving Baltimore, I made arrangements with a Mrs. Porter to



LET YOUR LIGHT
SO SHINE BEFORE MEN
...MATT.5:16

all can do the same thing, but each one can do something. The real go-getter is the person who makes hay from the grass growing under other people's feet. And church membership doesn't make a Christian any more than owning a piano makes one a musician. You must practice your religion. All can at least give away a tract or book. We can send *Signs of the Times* subscriptions through the mail. "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scripture."²

"The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing, but planning work for them. Give each one something to do for others. . . . Let all be taught how

continue the studies with my Methodist friend. Two years went by, and I was attending a Bible convention in Lansing, Michigan. As I was passing from one meeting place to another, I heard someone behind me say, "Pastor Voorhees." I turned around and there was Mrs. Jacobson, my Methodist friend from Baltimore. Surprised? Yes, I was indeed! "Why, Mrs. Jacobson, I am glad to see you, but I am curious to know what brings a Methodist to a Seventh-day Adventist convention." She laughed aloud, and said, "I am no longer a Methodist. I am now a Seventh-day Adventist Christian." Then she introduced me to her husband who was the Sabbath School superintendent of the Baltimore Sabbath school. And her daughter who was attending Shenandoah Valley Academy in Virginia. What a wonderful experience! It is a little foretaste of what will happen in heaven. We will meet people whom we have influenced in the past, but did not know what happened in detail. All heaven is waiting for men and women through whom God can reveal the power of christianity.

In Revelation 18:4 God says of Babylon: "COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE." [Emphasis supplied] "We have a work to do for the ministers of other churches. God wants them to be saved."⁸ Maybe some people now in Babylon don't come out because they see too much of me, and not enough of Him in our church. Could it be that I am a door blocker instead of a doorkeeper.



**"...Make My joy complete
by...maintaining the
same love..."**

Phil. 2:2

During the time of trouble preceding the falling of the plagues, many who now oppose and disbelieve will come forward and use their talents and means to help us to swell the loud cry, and forward the work of God on planet earth. Listen to this. The greater part of the followers of Christ are still in BABYLON.⁹ Again, the great body of Christ's true followers are still to be found in BABYLON.¹⁰

Remember Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea? They were unbelieving rich Jews before Jesus was crucified. But they asked Pilate for permission to bury his body. After His resurrection they were true believers and used their wealth to finance the early Christian church. So it will be again before Jesus comes. No man is strong enough to carry the cross and prejudice at the same time. We are tempted to think that because we are the Remnant church that people in other churches are not Christians and will not be saved. But some are living up to the light they have better than we are living up to the light we have. They are waiting for more light to come their way. Why don't you and I let our light shine, so they may see that "added light." "Intelligent people are alarmed at the outlook in the world. If



**THEY ARE PRECIOUS
IN HIS SIGHT...**

those who have a knowledge of the truth will practice Bible principles, showing that they have been sanctified by the truth, that they are true followers of the meek and lowly Saviour, they will exert an influence that will win souls to Christ."¹¹ "What the world needs today is the light of Christ's example, reflected from the lives of Christlike men and women."¹² And "none but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict."¹³ "What was Christ's method in winning souls? 'Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.' " [Emphasis supplied]¹⁴ God measures a man by putting the tape around the heart and not the head. May this be your prayer and mine: Take me, O Lord, as I am, and make me what I ought to be. Give me a clean heart and a clear mind. I will do my best for thee, Lord. You please do the rest in and through me (Philippians 4:13). Revelation 22:20 and 21 says: "Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." God grant that you and I, and those for whom we pray and labor, will be among that victorious band who will swell His praises throughout eternity!

¹The Desire of Ages, p. 504.

²Testimonies, Vol. 4, p. 390.

³Ibid., Vol. 9, p. 82.

⁴The Desire of Ages, p. 825.

⁵Christian Service, p. 75.

⁶Gospel Workers, p. 352.

⁷The Great Controversy, p. 525.

⁸Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 77.

⁹The Great Controversy, p. 383.

¹⁰Ibid., p. 390.

¹¹Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 417.

¹²Ibid., Vol. 9, p. 136.

¹³The Great Controversy, p. 593.

¹⁴The Ministry of Healing, p. 143.

About Our Cover

The cover photo, entitled "Frosty Morning," was taken by Mariellyn Hill on an early February morning in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, f/16, 1/15, using a tripod. Mariellyn is an assistant treasurer in the Southern New England Conference in South Lancaster.

Atlantic Union College

Music—the Universal Language

Dr. Margarita Merriman, Chairman of the Music Department (housed in Thayer Conservatory) at Atlantic Union College, has contributed richly to the college during her 25 years of service here. She holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and a M.M. in Music Therapy from the Eastman School of Music. Her Ph.D. in Music Theory was also earned from Eastman, where she studied composition with Bernard Rogers, Alan Hovhaness, and Herbert Elwell. Dr. Merriman has been Director of Music at Shenandoah Valley Academy and has taught at Andrews University and Southern Missionary College. As a member of the faculty at AUC, she teaches theory, counterpoint, form and composition, and orchestration. A composer herself, many of her original compositions have been performed in the Boston area.

Not only is Dr. Merriman an accomplished musician, but an author, having published two books, *Unleashed*, and *A New Approach to Sixteenth Century Counterpoint*. Between being a cellist in two local orchestras and full-time teaching, she still finds time to garden and be with her family. She and her husband, Houston, have two children, Harold, who is currently doing graduate work in biochemistry at Loma Linda University and Merrilynn who is an art major at AUC.

Toshimasa Francis Wada is in his second year here at Atlantic Union College. He joined the faculty as the Director of the Preparatory Music School at Thayer Conservatory and teaches conducting, music education classes, and

directs the college band. In addition, Mr. Wada is musical director and conductor of the Thayer Conservatory Orchestra. Originally from Japan, Wada, holds an undergraduate degree in music education from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and was a scholarship winner for graduate studies in conducting at that same school, earning a Master of Music degree. He taught for six years at Chatham Borough schools in New Jersey, where he served as Chairman of Music for three years in the Chatham high school. Prior to coming to AUC, he taught at Platte Valley Academy and Union college in Nebraska. Wada was one of twelve chosen to study conducting in the master class of the 1981 and 1982 International Institute of Orchestral Conducting with Dr. Herbert Blomstedt, Music Director of the Dresden Staatskapelle.

Although Mr. Wada's heavy musical responsibilities keep him very busy, his family life is also action packed and full of surprises. He and his wife Nancy, who also holds a degree in music performance and in music education, have five children who are, of course, also involved in music; Yumi is a violinist, Naomi is also a violinist, Paul is a cellist, Daniel is a violinist and Kimi who is 6 months old has not yet chosen her instrument.

When Mr. Wada does happen to find some free time, he likes to spend it playing table tennis for which he still has the

expertise and style taught him years ago by his Olympic Coach, or creating one of his paintings for which he has received more than 30 prizes.

A native of Jamaica, Mr. Kaestner Robertson is the piano and organ instructor of the college. In 1982 he received a Jamaica Government Scholarship to study at Boston University under Bela Boszarmenyi-Nagy and obtained his Masters degree in Music there. He is currently a candidate for the D.M.A. there also.

Mr. Robertson was formerly the head of the piano department at the Jamaica School of Music. In addition to his activities as AUC organist, he performs extensively in solo and chamber recitals in the Boston area. He and his wife Joyce, a teacher, currently live in Leominster.

Mr. Robert Malin is Director of Vocal and Choral Activities at AUC. He received his B.S. in Music Education from Columbia Union College and is pursuing his M.M. from University of Massachusetts at Amherst in choral conducting. He has studied conducting with Dr. Paul Traver and participated in choral workshops under Gregg Smith and Lloyd Pfausch. His principal voice teacher was Louise McClelland. Formerly choral director at Takoma Academy, he was also an instructor of music theory, history appreciation, and voice. Mr. Malin is the former choir director of the Hughes United Methodist church in Washington, D.C. One of his special interests is electronic music which he not only enjoys but teaches. He and his wife Joyce currently reside in Lancaster with their young son Jeremy.

Wendy Ripley
College Relations

Greater New York

Bronx-Manhattan School Has Kindergarten

There is something new at the Bronx-Manhattan school! A kindergarten class has been initiated, for we feel that the future of a school rests with its beginning level. "Kinder," as it is affectionately called, has a bubbling atmosphere of learning. Under the instruction of Mrs. Priscilla Beaman, B.S., M.S., the children are studying such courses as Audio-Visual Discrimination,

Obedience I, and Survey of the Bible. The alphabet, colors, and numbers entice the children to excel. Mrs. Cruz, the school's principal, is presently ordering computer software for each level, including kinkergarten.

With a class of sixteen little ones, BMSDA is happy to have Mrs. Juliana Stabile as a volunteer in the classroom. We hope that with the planting of these seeds, Bronx-Manhattan school will reap a rich harvest.



Photo by Paul Turk

Music Faculty (L. to R.): Kaestner Robertson, Robert Malin, Margarita Merriman, Toshimasa Francis Wada

Who Am I?

I am between rich and poor
I am me.

I am brown between fat and skinny
I am me.

I look like 11, but I am 10
I am me.

I don't wear glasses; I have 18/18
vision
I am me.

Marino Reyes
Fifth Grade

Health Fair Opportunity

Health fairs under the sponsorship of the National Health Screening Council, the Pfizer Corporation, Citibank and WNEW-TV (Channel 5) are scheduled for April 20-May 4, 1985.

Churches interested in participating as health fair sites are invited by the planners to contact the following for details as soon as possible:

Mr. Paul Viboch, Director
Health Expo
235 E. 42 St.
New York, NY 10017
212-537-7375

Participation involves essentially planning and conducting an individual fair, with a minimum number of basic health screening tests required. Benefits include increased visibility in the community through interaction with other community agencies participating.

Martha Covi, communication secretary for the Yonkers church, reports favorably on Yonkers' participation in the 1984 fair. "We ran our own event based on their guidelines, and put out our own publicity," she states. "This year we plan to add to the screening tests offered. I feel that being part of a network of sites in the metropolitan area gives us more exposure and credibility with the public."

GRASP FOR THE BEST



THIS SPRING AT AUC



Photo Credit: Nelson Dodge

Register for Second Semester at Atlantic Union College
January 20, 1985 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Call (617) 365-4561 Ext. 235 for further information

PREACH Seminars in the New York Conference

On November 12, 13 and 14 three Professional Growth Seminars (PREACH) were sponsored by *Ministry* magazine and the New York Conference. The seminars were held in Albany, Rochester and Buffalo. Clergy from various denominations attended the seminars as well as pastors from the New York Conference and some neighboring conferences. The lecturers for this series of seminars were: Dr. George E. Rice, Professor of New Testament, Andrews University Theological Seminary, and Dr. Rex D. Edwards of the *Ministry* magazine staff.

Between 400 and 500 clergy from various denominations have attended these Professional Growth Seminars. The last series was received with unusual enthusiasm by the participants, and plans are being made for future seminars. If you know of a minister in your area to whom we can send, free of charge, the *Ministry* magazine, please send the name and address to me and we will provide a subscription.

These seminars and the sending of *Ministry* magazine are in part sponsored by the offerings we give for the New York commitment as part of our regular church stewardship. Thank you for your support.

Nikolaus Satelmajer
Ministerial Secretary

Vienna and Saratoga Win Trophies

A conference-wide Pathfinder Day was successfully conducted by Dr. Robert Wielt on October 27, 1984, at the Vienna church. This special occasion was attended by approximately 250 Pathfinders, youth and interested adults.

It all started with the introduction of "Shaggy" (little earthly bear) and "Shiny" (big celestial bear) by Margaret Ahles, acting superintendent. A six-foot silhouette was the backdrop for a lighted representation of the "Big Dipper." Pastor Gene Thomas taught an interesting lesson study in parable form vividly portraying "what our Mediator does."

An enthusiastic and inspiring sermon was delivered by Pastor Michael Sady on



Rome Mohawk Pathfinder Club performing "Project Sunlight" skit.



Spectators enjoying the Pinewood Derby Car Race.

"Dealing with the Mule." One could just imagine being in Balaam's shoes!

The afternoon was highlighted by two unusual presentations: a travelog-slide presentation by naturalist Gary Roberts on the Amazon, Peru and the Galapagos; and the dramatization of the final events of planet earth by the Mohawk Pathfinder Club. This skit portrayed the final chapters of "Project Sunlight."

New York Conference Youth Director, Pastor Mike Ortel made available an Australian camporee film and a slide program that previewed our 1985 North American Pathfinder Camporee in Colorado. A directors and staff meeting of the eight represented clubs plan to participate in the upcoming camporee.

After the vespers and supper refreshments, all attention was focused on the Pinewood Derby Car Race. What excitement mounted as the 67 contesting cars began to race! The first place trophy for the race was won by Heather Wood from the Vienna Pathfinder Club; the first place craftsmanship trophy was claimed by Regina Lee from the newly formed Saratoga Pathfinder Club.

A full day of devotion and activities was enjoyed and appreciated by all. The fatigue that all experienced was more

than compensated for by the inspiration, joy and fulfillment of this most memorable Pathfinder Day! ☆

Second Gas Well Drilled at Union Springs Academy

Because of the success of a previous gas well on the campus of Union Springs Academy and the need for more gas presently, the New York Conference voted to give study to drilling a new gas well on the USA property.

Geologists and engineers were contacted and when all the facts were reviewed, the Frey Drilling Company was given the contract, and the drilling project was begun on October 18, 1984. It is anticipated that the well will save \$70,000 per year in heating costs.

The well was drilled to a depth of 2,250 feet into the Midina-Queen stone formation. It was then fracked between 1,740 and 1,868 feet with 60,000 pounds of sand, 800 barrels of water and liquid nitrogen used to purge the well. Casing was cemented to a depth of 1,908 feet.



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Photos by David Wright

Various stages of the drilling process.

Gas production of the well was measured at 550 pounds of pressure producing 562,000 cubic feet per day. Based on other surrounding gas wells, it was pronounced a job "well worth the effort" when it was completed on October 25, 1984. ☆

cock Hospital two days before, a victim of cancer. She was 61 years old. In a choked voice Marion's sister and appointed Spiritual Guardian, Josephine Charbano, accepted the baptismal certificate and told those assembled of the joy and peace Marion had enjoyed in the last month of her life.

At times like these, in the midst of our pain and sadness, how we thank God for the Blessed Hope! "But I would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:13, 14, 18).

Pastor Philip Johnson

Northern New England

Joy and Sadness in West Lebanon, New Hampshire

The West Lebanon church rejoiced as six new people were added to its family at a baptismal service held August 25 at Mascoma Lake in nearby Enfield. Pastor Philip Johnson led out in the ceremony, giving each individual an opportunity to testify. It was a diverse group, and each person related a unique experience with the Lord.

For John Sawyer and his mother, Ruth Phillips, their baptism was a time of recommitment, since each had been taught the Adventist Message some twenty years before but had drifted away. Debbie Sawyer, John's wife, told how much Christ had come to mean to her as she had studied the truths for the last days. Gloria Lipscomb shared how wonderful it was to be a part of a caring Christian community. Missy Small, who attended baptismal classes for two years with Pastor Johnson, said that now she was sure she wanted to follow Jesus. And, Marion Camber spoke from her heart of how thankful she was to have found the Lord in the midst of serious illness.

Three weeks later, in the sanctuary of the West Lebanon church, Pastor Johnson conducted a special Spiritual Guardian Service. Each of the newly baptized persons stood before the congregation, their Spiritual Guardians at



Pastor Philip Johnson (left) standing on the shore of Lake Mascoma in Enfield, New Hampshire, with baptismal candidates (L. to R.): Gloria Lipscomb, Ruth Phillips, Debbie Sawyer, Missy Small, John Sawyer, and Marion Camber.



Pastor Philip Johnson baptizing Marion Camber. She succumbed to cancer less than three weeks later.

their sides. Together they covenanted to continue to follow God and grow in Him daily. But Marion Camber was missing. She had died at Hanover's Mary Hitch-

Children Think of Others

On October 31, 1984, seventeen children in Barre, Vermont, collected canned goods to be used for Thanksgiving baskets. These children represented the Central Vermont Seventh-day Adventist School Central Vermont Regiment Pathfinder Club and some church member's children. The food will be distributed to needy families in the Barre-Montpelier area.



The collection was followed by a celebration where the children enjoyed games (such as relay races and bobbing for apples) and of course, there were "goodies" for all.

Many thanks to all of the children; it really can be fun helping others!!

Manchester Church Supports Prison Ministries

With a silent prayer, the Pastor entered the room where the prison inmates awaited him. He noted that although a few faces radiated a warm glow in anticipation of the Word of



Manchester church prison ministries. Left to right: Gordon Burnett, Jay Ruediger, and Margaret Burnett. Jay, an inmate preparing for baptism, conducts a witnessing team within the Goffstown House of Correction.

Today, the Manchester church is quite active in bringing a message of hope to the men in the jails and prisons in both Manchester and Concord. Under the able direction of Gordon and Margaret Burnett, regularly scheduled Bible Study classes have been initiated in the local prisons with considerable success. In addition to the Bible studies, various members of the congregation have been encouraged to correspond with those inmates who are actively seeking the Word of God. Bibles purchased by private funds have been donated to those who cannot afford to purchase their own. Pastor Robert Korzyniowski makes regular visits to the prisons to offer words of inspiration and encouragement.

So successful have the efforts of Brother and Sister Burnett been in spreading the Gospel among the inmates, that some of the inmates have organized their own witnessing teams in an effort to increase the availability of the Word of God to others. Two former inmates are now attending regular church services and have requested baptism. Another is released each Sabbath to attend church services, and he also has requested baptism. Here we see positive proof of the power of the Holy Spirit working to bring all men back to God. May the success of the Manchester church be an inspiration to other churches to join in this all-important work, and to bring the "Good News" of Jesus Christ to all who thirst for the truth.

Raymond Champlin
Communications Secretary

God, most were sullen and marked with the boredom that comes from long prison confinement. The Pastor greeted them warmly and asked them to join him in a short prayer. Next, he began to read from his open Bible, and as he read the words, "Come to me all who labor and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest." He paused momentarily and glanced at the faces before him, noting that many faces had softened. The Pastor continued, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." With these words, he paused again and scanned the faces before him. Most of the sullenness was gone, and many of the eyes were moist. The words of the Master had captured their hearts, and a flicker of hope was now mirrored in their eyes. Thus, began a series of prison ministries that has now spread across the country.



Mrs. Fernanda Silva is about to be baptized by Pastor Artur Silva of the New Bedford Portuguese church on November 24. She first learned of the Advent message through the radio program "A Voz da Profecia" which is aired each Sunday on station "Radio Globo," a powerful Portuguese facility in New Bedford.

through a friend, Francisco Fraga. Brother Fraga had been acquainted with the candidate when living in the Azores and he first studied with him, then invited him to church and this led to his baptism.

We are looking forward to the baptism of Mr. Silva, and the teenaged children, Claudia and Rogerio, so that the words of Jesus can be fully applied to this family, "Today salvation has come to this house." Please pray for this family.

Pastor Artur A. Oliveira
New Bedford Portuguese Church

Southern New England

Baptism at New Bedford Portuguese Church

It started around eighteen months ago. The telephone rang and a lady's voice called me from Falmouth. As soon as she recognized my voice from the radio program, "A Voz da Profecia" she began to express kindly her appreciation of the lectures to which she listened regularly. She asked for some literature we advertised and also requested a visit. Plans were immediately made to see her and the following week my wife and I were knocking at the door of a beautiful ranch home in Falmouth.

We met a lovely family including Mrs. Fernanda Silva, the lady who called, her

husband Mr. Silva, and two teenagers, Claudia and Rogerio. Mrs. Silva was the most interested and was enrolled in one of our Bible courses.

She progressed rapidly in the knowledge of the truth and very soon accepted Jesus as her Saviour. Some difficulties arose from her relatives as she started keeping the Sabbath, giving away improper foods, and witnessing boldly for the truth. However, her faith continued to grow stronger in spite of the devil's efforts to discourage her and put doubts in her mind.

Finally she decided for baptism. November 24, 1984, was the happy day as she was baptized with another precious soul, Luis Gomes, contacted



Elder Arthur Carlson, Ministerial Department Director of the Michigan Conference and a specialist in the conduct of Revelation Seminars, directed a workshop in that soul-winning activity at Camp Winnekeag the weekend of November 2 to 4. More than fifty lay

Revelation Seminar Workshop Leads to Commitments

HELPING TO MAKE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The eighteen members of the Sterling, Massachusetts, church Chocksett Pathfinder club visited homes in the town on October 25, 1984, gathering 470 food items. These, along with fruit donated by the club and church members, made twenty Thanksgiving baskets for the needy which were later distributed. Alfred Keith (back row, second from left) is the club director.

people and pastors from the Southern and Northern New England conferences were in attendance. They learned the special techniques of how to hold Revelation Seminars and at the close all but one committed themselves to hold a Revelation Seminar within a year and most during the first six months of 1985. Our people are urged to pray for these meetings which will be held mostly by lay members.

Victor W. Collins
Communication Director

Meadowbrook Pupils Present Sabbath Worship

(The following is a news item prepared by two eighth-grade pupils from Meadowbrook school in Hudson.)

Pupils of Meadowbrook elementary school in Hudson, Massachusetts, visited the three constituent churches of their area, Hudson on October 27; Framingham on November 3; and Northboro on November 10. On all three occasions they presented the entire church service, including special music, offering, prayers, children's story, Scripture reading and the sermon.



Bernadette Figueiredo tells the children's story in the worship service conducted by the Meadowbrook pupils at the Hudson church October 27. The teacher is Martha Ban.



Meadowbrook school pupils serve as the choir at the church service in Hudson.

The eighth graders wrote and presented the sermon, entitled "The Battle of the Mind." It focused on the good and bad influences in life and how they affect us.

Six more programs are planned for the pupils to present during the school year. In doing these programs we are trying to get to know the church families better while at the same time spreading the message of Christian education.

Joanne Figueiredo and Shawn Baldwin
Meadowbrook Eighth Graders

Humberto Noble Alexander at the Village Church



Elder Humberto Noble Alexander was a special guest at the Village Church Senior Sabbath school, Sabbath, November 17, 1984. He gave a moving report of his experiences for the missions emphasis period.

Elder Alexander, a native of Cuba and a literature evangelist/lay preacher, was a political prisoner for 22 years. He was among the over 40 American and political prisoners released after the intercession of The Reverend Jesse Jackson with Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba.

Alexander was imprisoned after being stopped on his way home from holding an evangelistic meeting and accused of being a counterrevolutionary. In prison he was first made to strip to his underwear—and remained in that state for almost all of his imprisonment. At one point his hands and feet were tied and he was thrown into some water. The prison officials told him if he could swim out they would believe he was innocent. Then an official would raise Alexander out of the water just enough for him to catch a breath of air and throw him back in, taunting him that His God could not save him; that he was at their mercy. Alexander also described some of the other horrible and inhuman treatment of prisoners; the beatings and torture many endured for their faith.

During his imprisonment his faith did not fail, and he organized and held



Elder Alexander holding two slips of paper on which songs have been hand-written. If a prisoner was found with one of these, he got 21 days in the dungeon. At the end of that time, he was asked if he would sing the songs again. If he said yes, he received an additional 21 days and so on until he agreed to stop singing the hymns.

religious services. Hymnals were made by writing songs on pieces of paper. Pages were torn from smuggled-in Bibles and hidden in cakes of soap. The punishment for possession of these items was very severe.

Alexander now lives in Salem, Massachusetts, and he has reentered the literature ministry in the Salem area. He asks our prayers for those still in Cuba and other religiously oppressed places. Elder Alexander closed with an appeal for us to be thankful to live in a land of comparative freedom and plenty. He urged us to do the work of the Lord now in this period of peace. He was warmly greeted by the members of the church as he left the platform.

Gwen Ashley
Senior Sabbath School Leader
Village SDA Church

Your Alumni Association Is Working

Alumni weekend, October 5 to 7, 1984, was a tremendous success. The school spirit was exceptional.

Registration began early on Friday evening in the foyer of the Atlantic Union College Church, followed by a moving sermon by Alan Rice ('64).

Sabbath services were most uplifting. Attendance was at its peak with representation from Washington, California, Texas, Illinois, Florida, Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts. This year's honor classes were 1974, 1964, 1959, 1944, and 1934.



Richard Emery, class of '64, SLA, speaking Sabbath morning, October 6, at the Atlantic Union College Church.



The SLA bell tower showing the plaque unveiled alumni weekend.



Class of 1974.



Class of 1964.



Class of 1959.



Class of 1944.



Class of 1934.



Alumni basketball game.



Alumni cheer leaders.

"Ropes of Gold" was the title of Richard Emery's ('64) sermon at the worship hour. During the delicious potluck dinner in the multipurpose room of the church, classmates gathered in every corner sharing "old memories."

Later that afternoon the plaque unveiling took place on the grounds of SLA by the newly constructed (1983) Bell Tower. To close the Sabbath, the class of '74 presented an inspirational vesper program entitled, "Our Next Reunion—Heaven."

Saturday evening a brief business meeting took place prior to the basketball game. New alumni officers were elected and the outgoing ones were commended for their fine team effort in representing SLA. It was noted that the school spirit was at an all-time high, much was due to the enthusiasm of the officers. Before the basketball game, classmates were again gathering in groups exchanging photos, addresses and experiences.

Then, as always, the game (Alumni vs. SLA) was a great source of enjoyment—a fun way to spend a Saturday

evening. The cheerleaders, represented by honor class members (of all classes), did a great job of keeping the momentum going. The final score was Alumni 92, SLA 78.

A special added feature this year was the bus tour of some of the most scenic areas of beautiful New England. This was very well received with hopes expressed that it might be done again next year.

We would like to thank all SLA Alumni who were able to attend this year's celebration. It is the continuing support and prayers of all alumni that make SLA and the "SLA family" such an outstanding organization. Join us next year on October 11 and 12.

If you are an alumnus of SLA and have not been receiving information via the postal service, or if you've recently moved and have a change of address, please write and let us know. Write to: SLA Alumni, P.O. Box 864, So. Lancaster, MA 01561.

Kathy Johnson
Alumni Public Relations

Ganter attended Atlantic Union College and received a Bachelor's Degree in History and English. In 1967, he was awarded a Master's Degree in English after completing studies at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He received a Doctorate in English Education from Boston University in 1978.

Ganter is a member of the Society for Hospital Planning and Rotary International.

Ganter is married to the former Leilani Pecci, originally from Bath, and they have two teenage children. The Ganters reside in Brunswick.

Lynn I. Ahrens

General News . . .

VOP to Begin Live Call-in Program by Satellite January 5

"Let's Talk," a one-hour live interview and call-in radio broadcast originating at Voice of Prophecy headquarters in Newbury Park, California, premieres on Saturday, January 5, at 10 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

H.M.S. Richards, Jr., and Kenneth Richards will host the program. Each week, they will interview a guest for about 20 minutes and then take phone calls from listeners who want to ask questions on the evening's topic.

Guest for the first program, January 5, is Dr. Jack Provonsa, a member of the ethics committee that made the decision to proceed with the baboon-heart transplant in the recent "Baby Faye" case at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

The following week, Dr. Kay Kuzma will discuss coping with the stresses of parenting, problems of working mothers, and teaching children at home versus public education. Dr. Kuzma has authored several books on family living, hosts a daily radio program, and is an educational consultant for a toy manufacturer.

The programs will be transmitted to radio stations via the Satcom III satellite by the Satellite Radio Network. Any radio station in the United States may air "Let's talk" without payment of fees to the network, according to Michael Gliner, vice-president and general manager of SRN.

"We are excited about this great opportunity," says Pastor Richards. "The

Adventist Health System North

Ganter Appointed New President at Parkview Memorial Hospital

Kurt K. Ganter has been appointed president of Parkview Memorial Hospital, Brunswick, Maine, according to Daniel L. Lord, Jr., vice chairman, board of trustees, and a member of the Search Committee established by the board.

The Search Committee was established by the board last February after former president William H. Gosse announced his plan to retire by October 31, 1984.

Ganter brings with him a history of previous responsibilities that reflect his experience in health-care management positions.

Before accepting the presidency at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Ganter was senior vice-president for general services at Simi Valley Adventist Hospital in California. He also served the Simi Valley Hospital as vice-president for marketing and planning following two years as director of personnel, public relations, and development.



Kurt K. Ganter, President of Parkview Memorial Hospital, Brunswick, Maine.

In 1969, Ganter was appointed an assistant professor of English at Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts. From 1974 to 1978, he served the college as director of public relations, development, and recruitment. The college promoted Ganter to director of development in 1978.

ON THE CUTTING EDGE

An exciting course on conflict management will be taught by Dr. Arnold Kurtz of Andrews University for the continuing education extension seminary program for ministry January 13 to 17, 1985, in New York City. The Atlantic Union Conference is pleased to provide this spiritual and practical learning experience for the ministry of this union. We believe it will result in a great blessing to the ministry and membership alike.

In this complex technological age, the pastor who wants to stay on the cutting edge should avail himself of every opportunity to sharpen his skills. In addition, he needs to learn new ways to help people cope with change in a fast-moving society and to reach their highest potential in the service of God for humanity.

For further information regarding the continuing education program for ministry, contact your local ministerial secretary.

Pedro Geli, Jr.

best part of all is that the Voice of Prophecy will pay only for the production of the programs. We will not be buying time for this new broadcast.

Stations airing the programs will be able to sell commercials in their own communities. Our job is to make the broadcast so good that stations will want to carry it because of the audience potential."

Eldyn Karr

Public Information Director

New Youth Ministries Videotapes

The General Conference Youth Ministries Department has released two new YOUTH AWARENESS SEMINAR series: "Marriage, Anyone?" by Dr. and Mrs. Delmer Holbrook. The series is appropriate for use with teenagers at

weekend retreats, discussion groups, camp meeting, Senior Youth Camps, and Academy classes.

This series of five 30-minute tapes is an excellent help to give direction to discussion on sexuality and factors that promote a happy and successful relationship. They introduce and answer pertinent questions which individuals may be hesitant to ask in a group. "Marriage, Anyone?" comes complete with 107 page workbook.

"From Eden With Love" by Dr. Alberta Mazat. These five 30-minute tapes are planned for premarital counseling of couples. Their purpose is to inform and inspire young people to make wise decisions which will enable them to live happily and effectively. They emphasize God's plan for sexuality and answer many questions; such as, what are the requisites of a healthy sexual relationship? Is sex all right during the engagement period? In Mrs. White's writings what is her attitude toward sex? How can we have a happy honeymoon?

For more information concerning these videotape series write or call: LIFE VIDEO GOSPEL ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 395, College Place, WA 99324, or telephone (509) 522-0784.

New Year's Spots for Radio Stations

"Have a good year!" is the theme of a series of 12 public service radio spots recently sent by the Voice of Prophecy to every station in the United States and Canada for airing from December 26 through the middle of January.

"Each spot models a way to make the new year creative and meaningful," says

Next Month in SIGNS

Does winter get you down? Read "You Can Beat the Blues This Winter."

Do you sometimes feel that our world is so fragile and small, that you are so insignificant and unimportant, that heaven may just overlook us all? Read "The Cry of a Lonely Planet."

Do you wish you could talk of your faith in a natural, spontaneous way? Read "To Share a Treasured Asset."

Want to be inspired that God can take ordinary people like you and make extraordinary Christians of them? Read "The Foolish Things of the World," and "The Unforgettable Wilfred Grenfell."

Do you ever wonder why Satan seems to have such ready access to your mind? Ever wish you could shut him out? Read "The Devil and the Cordless Phone."

Do you feel confused by explanations of one God in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Read "The Trinity."

All these and more are inside the covers of the January SIGNS. Be looking for them.

John Robertson, director of Sunspot Productions at the VOP. "We suggest that listeners begin a new hobby, consider a new health program, attend church, renew old friendships, and so forth. Each of the 12 suggestions is contained in a 30-second message."

The New Year's spots are part of the continuing "Seasonings" series released near various holidays. Each spot has a concluding tag identifying the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Eldyn Karr

Public Information Director

Marijuana: More Dangerous Than Tobacco

"Smoking one marijuana joint is probably equal to smoking a pack of cigarettes a day," says Dr. Alfred Munzer, a lung specialist from Takoma Park, Maryland. He goes on to state

COMING IN THE ADVENTIST REVIEW

"How to Spot a Quack," to be run January 24, gives tips on how to tell if you are being given sound medical advice or merely being led down the garden path. The same issue will tell what happened when a former General Conference vice-president and his wife knelt down and prayed with two men who had just stolen their car and burglarized their home at gunpoint.

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TITHE AND OFFERINGS
Nine Months Ended September 30, 1984

TITHE

Conference	Goal Memb	39 Weeks 1984	39 Weeks 1983	Increase (Decrease)	Per Capita 1984	Per Capita 1983
Bermuda Mission	1 990	1 155 778 41	991 136 98	164 641 43	580.79	523.03
Greater New York	8 594	3 364 575 26	2 983 148 07	381 427 19	391.50	372.89
New York	4 655	1 511 271 03	1 477 262 54	34 008 49	324.66	315.45
Northeastern	25 252	6 411 082 56	4 298 707 66	2 112 374 90	253.88	176.39
Northern New England	3 890	1 527 849 00	1 492 228 60	35 620 40	392.76	387.09
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WORLD MISSION FUND

Conference	% to Tithe	39 Weeks 1984	39 Weeks 1983	Increase (Decrease)	Per Cap Per Wk 1984	Per Cap Per Wk 1983
Bermuda Mission	5.20%	60 107 42	55 086 48	5 020 94	.774	.745
Greater New York	6.53%	219 766 47	205 040 09	14 726 38	.656	.657
New York	7.51%	113 505 93	104 170 21	9 335 72	.625	.570
Northeastern	4.25%	272 314 87	211 618 33	60 696 54	.277	.223
Northern New England	6.47%	98 838 98	108 800 15	(9 961 17)	.651	.724
Southern New England	5.92%	186 059 25	176 418 84	9 640 41	.627	.600
	<u>5.55%</u>	<u>950 592 92</u>	<u>861 134 10</u>	<u>89 458 82</u>	<u>.469</u>	<u>.439</u>

SABBATH SCHOOL

Conference	% to Tithe	39 Weeks 1984	39 Weeks 1983	Increase (Decrease)	Per Cap Per Wk 1984	Per Cap Per Wk 1983
Bermuda Mission	5.12%	59 138 53	53 681 93	5 456 60	.762	.726
Greater New York	6.42%	215 891 78	200 476 63	15 415 15	.644	.643
New York	7.32%	110 642 26	102 203 23	8 439 03	.609	.560
Northeastern	3.90%	250 222 20	196 663 29	53 558 91	.254	.207
Northern New England	6.34%	96 905 77	104 221 72	(7 315 95)	.639	.693
Southern New England	5.77%	181 486 07	171 698 63	9 787 44	.612	.584
	<u>5.34%</u>	<u>914 286 61</u>	<u>828 945 43</u>	<u>85 341 18</u>	<u>.451</u>	<u>.422</u>

that thus far few lung disease deaths have been attributed to marijuana smoking "only because marijuana as it is being used today hasn't been around that long."

Dr. Munzer, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association, is deeply concerned about the carcinogenic properties of marijuana smoke. In an interview to be printed in the February, 1985, issue of *Listen* magazine, Dr. Munzer explains why smoking marijuana can be far more dangerous to the lungs than smoking tobacco.

"Literally hundreds of compounds are released when a marijuana joint is lit," says Munzer. "We don't know exactly what each of these compounds does, but a great many of them are ir-

ritants to the respiratory tract. If the respiratory tract is irritated long enough, precancerous conditions appear that can lead to true cancer." The greater potency of marijuana in recent years has further increased the risks involved with its use.

Not only does marijuana smoke contain 50 to 60 percent more cancer-causing agents than tobacco smoke, but marijuana users tend to smoke joints down to the very end and to inhale much more deeply than tobacco smokers, which draws the carcinogens further into the lungs. Munzer cites tests which show the presence of precancerous cells in the sputum of marijuana users after only three to six months of regular marijuana smoking.

Richard E. Inglish

Francis A. Soper Retires As *Listen* Editor

Francis A. Soper has retired after serving 30 years as editor of *Listen* magazine—the church's "better living" publication for young people.

Soper began his denominational career at the Pacific Press Publishing Association in Mountain View, Calif., as a copy editor. He later was promoted to head proofreader. In 1948 he joined the *Listen* staff as associate editor when Pacific Press published the first issue of *Listen*. Three years later, he moved to the General Conference to become an associate director of the Health and Temperance Department in addition to his *Listen* responsibilities. He became editor-in-chief of *Listen* in 1954.

Besides his *Listen* duties, Soper has been active in many temperance and press activities. In the late 1960's he worked with the temperance group Action on Smoking and Health to push for equal air time for anti-smoking television messages as was already given to cigarette advertisements. At the 1972 Olympic games in Munich, Soper, an official press correspondent, interviewed Mark Spitz, winner of seven gold medals. In 1975 he addressed the House of Commons in London on methods for dealing with drug dependency—emphasizing prevention rather than rehabilitation.

As an associate director of the Health and Temperance Department, Soper conducted seminar classes for church members around the world on the philosophy of temperance, encouraging them to sponsor temperance projects such as the "Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking."

Soper was also instrumental in planning the film "One in 20,000." "It was a pioneer film that showed the impact smoking has on health," he said. "It has been the most widely used film on that subject. We estimate that 100 million people have viewed it."

Since the first issue of *Listen*, Soper has interviewed many celebrities, politicians and public servants who provided positive role models for young people. Winton Beaven, a former colleague and close associate of Soper's said that Soper was unique from other journalists. "When he contacted and interviewed people he left friends," Beaven said. "Some of these people were quite controversial. But I don't know of one that would say he wasn't welcome again. He established trust and confidence with people."

Through the years *Listen* has offered positive alternatives to teenagers—such as developing family life and social skills—instead of using drugs and alcohol and indulging in other harmful activities. "One of Francis Soper's greatest accomplishments was that during 30-plus years he kept updating *Listen* so it was contemporary," Beaven continued. "The *Listen* of 1984 is nothing like the *Listen* of 1948."

Soper has maintained affiliations with many health and temperance organizations including the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism, the American Public Health Association and the American Medical Writers Association.

"Really Living," "Toward Prevention" and "If You Smoke" are three of

the seven books that Soper has compiled.

Now in retirement, Soper and his wife, Eunice, will move to Page Valley in Virginia. In his spare time he will care for two acres of land including a fruit orchard and potato patch. He will contribute to Adventist and non-Adventist periodicals and plans to continue his affiliations with temperance organizations.

Holly M. Denton

Weddings

Cardosi - McGrady

Susan D. Cardosi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Cardosi, deceased, and Jay R. McGrady, son of Glen McGrady, Jr., of Rising Sun, MD, and Mrs. Eleanor McGrady of El Paso, TX, were married September 9, 1984, in Lincoln, RI, by Pastor John Cameron.

The couple is residing in South Attleboro, MA, where Susan is customer service supervisor at Le Bon Industries and Jay is a CPA working as the accounting manager at Fuller Memorial Hospital.

Powell - Oliver

Elaine Powell, daughter of Mrs. Ethlyn Powell of Clinton, MA, and Willie Oliver, son of Pastor and Mrs. Wilbert Oliver of Panama City, Panama, were married August 26, 1984, by Elder Robert Kennedy in the Village Church in South Lancaster, MA.

Elaine graduated from Atlantic Union College this year with a major in business and accounting, and Willie is the pastor of the Tabernacle of Joy in the Bronx, NY. The couple is residing in North Bronx, NY.

Wilson - Minty

Linda K. Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Wilson, and James K. Minty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Minty, were married on August 5, 1984, in the Girls' Country Chapel, Hockley, TX, by Pastor David Thomas.

Both the bride and groom attended Andrews University. The couple will be making their home in Amesbury, MA, where James teaches in the Amesbury Seventh-day Adventist school and Linda is a data-entry operator in Newburyport.

David E. Thomas

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At Rest

BAILEY, Mary O., born February 20, 1902, in Abercorn, Quebec, Canada, died March 17, 1984. Her husband, Ernest Bailey, predeceased her in 1963. She was a charter member of the Morrisville, VT, Seventh-day Adventist Church. Funeral services were held in the Morrisville church with Pastor Ray Nelson officiating.

BURSEY, William James, M.D., born February 8, 1920, at St. John's, Newfoundland, died August 6, 1984, at St. Luke's Hospital following six and one-half weeks of fighting for his life as a result of an auto accident.

James attended Atlantic Union College, So. Lancaster, MA, as a pre-med student in 1947. During his college years, he served as the first student body president at AUC. He graduated from Loma Linda University, CA, in 1954, interning at Pawtucket Memorial Hospital in Rhode Island. This started a long succession of many and varied exploits and endeavors during his too-short lifetime. His talents, interests, and activities have been many and varied. He used his talents to the fullest to further the cause of God through his musical talents, working with the youth, and his medical work.

Survivors: his wife, Brita; his mother and father, Arch and Mary Bursey of Phoenix; six children and their families, Ernest and Beth Bursey of Walla Walla, WA, Kenneth Bursey of Scottsdale and Jim and Julie Bursey of Yuba City, CA; Kathy Ackerman of San Jose, CA, Darlene and Richard Olson of Phoenix and Suzann Eddlemon of Scottsdale; four sisters, Beatrice and Thelma of Providence, RI, Harriet of Phoenix and Jane of Milgrove, MO; six grandchildren, Blake, Jonathan, Stephen, Kristin, Melanie and Michael.

GRISWALD, Mildred of County House Rd., Branchport, NY, 82, died at home August 14, 1984. She was a charter member of the Penn Yan Seventh-day Adventist Church and was an ardent supporter of God's cause. Pastor L. J. Tessier conducted the funeral at the Townsend-Wood Funeral Chapel, Penn Yan, NY, with interment at Lakeview, NY.

KOBAK, Mary Skeetup, born March 28, 1899, in Temple, ME, died July 25, 1984, at Boston, MA. She was the wife of Stanley Kobak whom she married in Chicago, IL, in 1946. After two years they moved to Boston and Stanley passed away in 1973. They both accepted the third angel's message and joined the Boston Temple.

Survivors: a sister, Jennie Huntington of Phillips, ME, and several nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held by the writer assisted by Pastor I. R. Torres. Interment was in the Gethsemane Cemetery in W. Roxbury, MA.

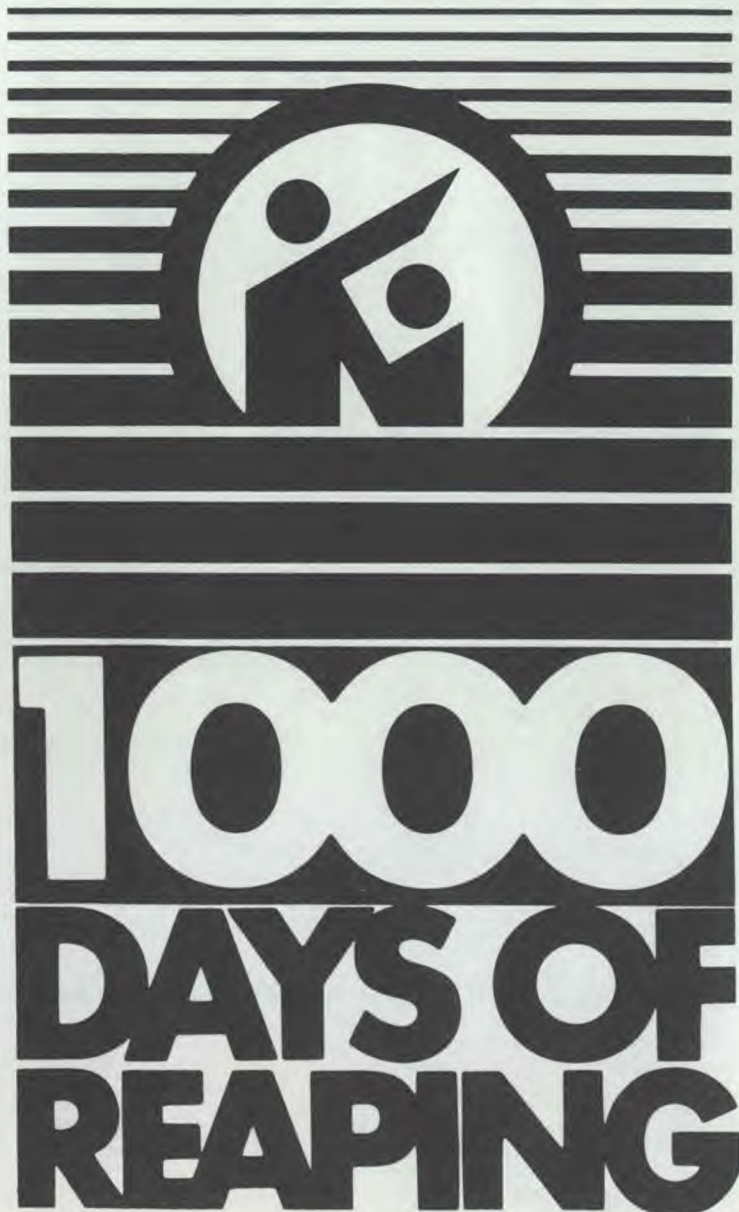
Victor W. Collins

MITCHELL, Richard Ancil, born November 5, 1907, in Oolitic, IN, died August 15, 1984, at his home near Shartlesville, PA. During his ministry he assisted many evangelists as music director, tent master, and Bible worker, including M.K. Eckenroth, George Vandeman, DeWitt Osgood, and Robert L. Boothby. He was ordained in 1947. He pastored in Indiana, Vermont, Maine (where he had seven churches at one time), New Hampshire, Montreal and Quebec City in Canada, New York, and Ohio. After his retirement from the ministry, Pastor Mitchell served as the chaplain of the Reading Rehabilitation Hospital, Reading, PA, for four years. After that he continued to be active in the Reading Hampden Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church serving as a church elder. Pastor Mitchell was called upon to preach throughout Pennsylvania in the absence of pastors as well as in his home church.

Survivors: his wife, Leone; two daughters, Kim Mitchell in Silver Spring, MD, and Dixie Mitchell Barry who resides with her husband William and their two children, Veronica and Bryan in Staten Island, NY; two sisters, Gula Taylor in Mansfield, TX, and Leona Mueller in Spring Hill, FL; a half-brother Robert Hatfield predeceased him.

WEBB, Smith Fletcher, born June 10, 1893, in Linden, WV, died August 3, 1984, in Avon Park, FL. He served in the United States Army, stationed at Portland, ME, from 1911 until shortly after his marriage to Mary Elizabeth Yates in 1915. He was baptized the next year after attending tent meetings conducted by Elder Miles Coon. His wife predeceased him in 1972 and he remarried.

He worked as a pastor, teacher, and literature evangelist for the Southern New



England Conference after his graduation from Atlantic Union College in 1928. Smith Webb interned under Elder James Schultz in Boston, MA, where he learned preaching on the Commons. His ministry included raising a church at Sterling, MA. Among churches he served are N. Adams, Pittsfield, and Lynn, MA, and Norwich, CT. He taught school in Providence, RI. Later he went into the wholesale egg business and he is remembered for the health food and grocery store he operated near Atlantic Union College. He moved to Florida in 1971 where he had a major role in raising the church at Sebring. He was a member of the Walker Memorial Church, FL.

Survivors: his wife Georgia; his daughter Alzora Leppanen or W. Townsend, MA; two granddaughters, Nancy Grishman, Portsmouth, NH, and Patricia Emerson, Cocoa Beach, FL; two great-grandchildren; and three stepsons with their descendants.

Elders Robert Darnell, a stepson; Gordon Henderson, the local church pastor, and A. W. Ortner, a longtime friend and associate, conducted the services at the Stephenson Nelson Smith Funeral Home. Elder Emil D. Moldrik, the associate church pastor, and his wife Ruth provided music. Interment was in the family plot in the Bouganville Cemetery.

Robert Darnell

TYMESON, Miriam Gilbert, 82, principal for 41 years and founder of John Nevins Andrews School in Takoma Park, MD, died September 9, 1984, in New London, NH, after a heart attack. Mrs. Tymeson who lived in Takoma Park, was born in So. Lancaster, MA. As founder of the JNA School, Mrs. Tymeson formed the first Seventh-day Adventist elementary school which combined students from several local churches. Today, the school of 280 students serves seven churches with a constituency of 3,500 church members. She retired in 1978 as the only Seventh-day Adventist woman administrator who had served such a large constituency for over 40 years.

She was a graduate of Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, MD, and received a master's degree in 1959 from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI. In 1974, that institution awarded Mrs. Tymeson an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Survivors: her husband, Sydney W. Tymeson of Takoma Park, MD, and a niece, Patricia Harris of Walnut Creek, CA.

Funeral services were held September 12, 1984, in So. Lancaster, MA, with interment in the North Lancaster, MA, cemetery.

WITTMAN, Gladys Jeannette, born January 7, 1901, in Dennis, MA, died July 4, 1984, in Hyannis, MA, at 83 years.

She married George A. Wittman in 1917 and he worked for the French Cable Company, Cape Cod and New York City. George and Gladys joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cataumt, MA, on profession of faith in 1960.

Gladys was unique in that seven years after her membership in the Adventist Church she took some Ingathering papers in her bicycle basket, visiting neighbors and other townspeople handing out the papers. From 1967 right to the present time, Gladys ingathered during the late summer and early fall months. She never talked about how much she got in

donations (in five consecutive years she received over \$1,000 or close to a thousand dollars), but she glowed when she talked about the hundreds of papers she passed out or encouraged someone who needed a lift. She spoke of her wonderful Saviour to many through the years.

Survivors: three children, Vera Tuttle of Tacoma, WA, and Alfred and Lois Wittman of Orleans, MA; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Her husband predeceased her 12 years ago. Private graveside services were conducted by Pastor George Whitsett in the Orleans cemetery.



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"There are many who, when they are reproved, think it praiseworthy if they receive the rebuke without becoming impatient; but how few take reproof with gratitude of heart, and bless those who seek to save them from pursuing an evil course" (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 667).



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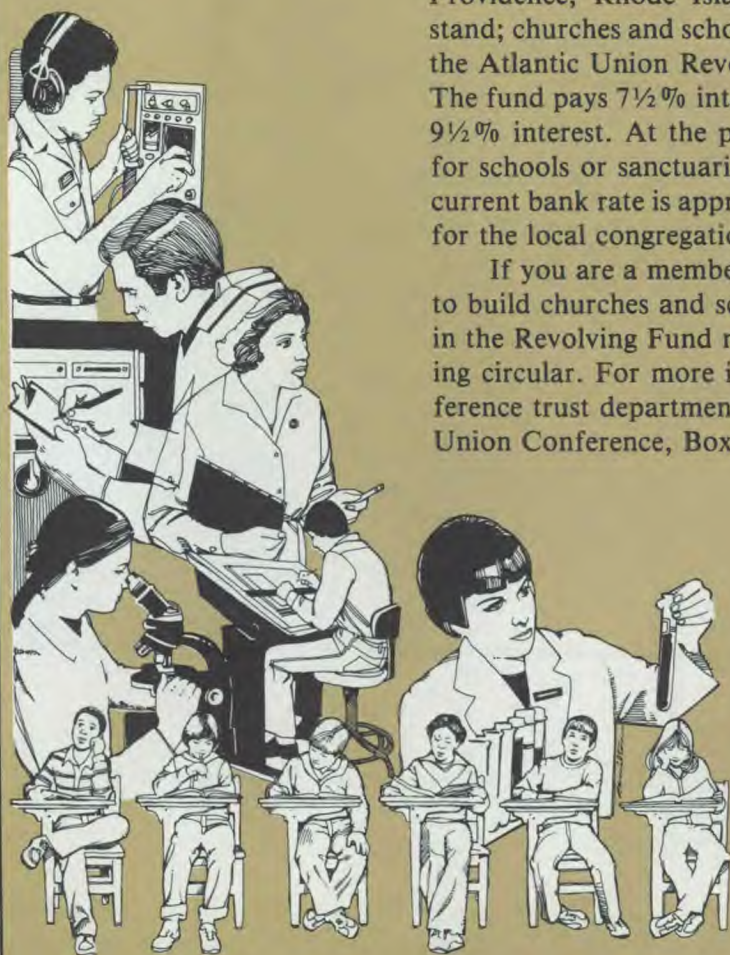
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If you are a member, consider the possibility of helping to build churches and schools in the Northeast. Investments in the Revolving Fund may be made only through the offering circular. For more information, contact your local conference trust department or write: Revolving Fund, Atlantic Union Conference, Box 1189, South Lancaster, MA 01561.



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Jan. 6; Feb. 3
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Youth Day

Jan. 5
Syracuse Church
Speaker: Mike Ortel

Health Evangelism Field School

Jan. 11 & 12
Rochester Bay Knoll Church
Speaker: Mike Ortel

Sabbath School Workshops

Jan. 19—Pulaski Church
Feb. 18-20—Albany Church
Feb. 23—Buffalo Church

Youth Day

Feb. 2
Nigrara Falls Church
Speaker: Mike Ortel

Medical-Dental Meeting

Feb. 24
Place to be announced.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

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Pine Tree Academy
Freeport, ME
Second Sunday each month
exc. July & August
10:30 a.m.-12 noon



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Forest Lake Academy Homecoming—Feb. 22-24. Honor classes: '35, '45, '55, '60, '65, '75. Additional information Forest Lake Academy, 3909 Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703. Send current address, graduation year or year last attended.

SDA Singles—The happiest people are those who keep on making friends. Members of ASM take an active interest in life and have a caring circle of friends they've met at various activities designed to meet the needs of single Adventist adults. Information: ASM, 23 Hurlbut St., Albany, NY 12209.

New Spanish edition of Marriage Education (Educacion para el Matrimonio) and its companion volume for couples, Togetherness, Oneness, Joy (Companerismo, Union y Gozo en el Matrimonio), are ready. Write Home and Family Service, General Conference of SDA, 6840 Eastern Ave. NE, Washington, D.C. 20012

A.D., a major 12-hour television event to be aired Sunday, Mar. 31. through Thursday, Apr. 4 In this sequel to the 10-hour TV drama "Jesus of Nazareth," producer Vincenzo Labella continues the story from Pentecost through the lives of Peter and Paul. Consult local listings for broadcast time in your area.

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Eastern Standard Time

	Jan. 4	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 25
Bangor, ME	4:07	4:15	4:23	4:32
Portland, ME	4:17	4:24	4:33	4:42
Boston, MA	4:23	4:30	4:39	4:47
So. Lancaster, MA	4:27	4:34	4:42	4:50
Pittsfield, MA	4:33	4:40	4:48	4:57
Hartford, CT	4:33	4:40	4:48	4:56
New York, NY	4:41	4:48	4:56	5:04
Utica, NY	4:39	4:46	4:54	5:03
Syracuse, NY	4:43	4:50	4:58	5:07
Rochester, NY	4:48	4:55	5:04	5:12
Buffalo, NY	4:54	5:01	5:09	5:18
Hamilton, Bda. (EST)	5:26	5:31	5:38	5:44

Add one minute for each thirteen miles west.
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PLANNING TO SUCCEED

By Samuel D. Meyers, *Associate Director*
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Recently our country has engaged in a nationwide review of our education system. As we examine the schools of the land, we can readily see that they are providing students with a great number of career opportunities. Students are acquiring knowledge in such areas as computer technology,

medicine, science, accounting, humanities, et cetera; but they are not teaching one of the most important subjects needed to chart a course safely through the financial uncertainties of our complex society, and that is how to manage the money that God entrusts to their care.

It has been said that our minds are bombarded with over 30,000 appeals a day via the television, newspapers, catalogs, billboards, et cetera, to buy things that we don't need, with money we don't have, to keep up with people we don't even know.

It used to be that "what to buy" was a relatively simple question. If you had cash, you bought; and if you didn't have cash, you didn't buy. But now with consumer credit and credit cards we can buy now and pay later. It has led to a people who are enslaved by debt.

Those who find themselves on the rocks of debt can usually trace their problem to the following three reasons:

1. Failure to put God first
2. Budgeting more than take-home pay
3. Failure to plan for emergencies

Let us look at these reasons for financial trouble. First, failure to put God first invites the displeasure of heaven and the promise of having God "blow" on our income. (Haggai 1:6-11) The

opposite side of the coin is that when we put God first in our thought, in our study, in our returning of tithe, in our giving of offerings, in our serving of fellow human beings, He promises to open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing so great that we will not have room enough to receive it.

Secondly, when our outgo (spending) exceeds our income, it will lead to our downfall. God has created human beings with moral, intellectual, and spiritual qualities. He has given us the power of intellect which is the power to reason and moral power which is the power of the will or choice. He has not given these powers to the lower order of animals. Their behavior is governed by instinct. A bird doesn't reason the need for immigration and then chart its course. God handles it by instinct. Outdoor animals do not reason that it's going to be a colder winter than usual and thus grow a thicker coat. God handles it for them. But to man, God has given the intellectual power to reason it's colder than usual, I'll have to put on warmer clothes and be comfortable or not put on warmer clothes and suffer the consequences.

As for the many offers to purchase items offered by the various media, God has equipped us to deal with these offers. We must use the powers God has given us—the powers of intellect (reason) and moral powers (will) to make wise decisions.

Thirdly is failure to plan for emergencies. The pen of inspiration tells us we should save a portion of every paycheck. Two rules should apply to our savings:

1. No amount is too small to save.
2. Never save more than you can afford.

If you are not saving now, when your next account is paid in full, save the full amount regularly or a part of it. Treat it like a bill and add it to your savings on a regular basis.

It has been said, "Failure to plan is planning to fail."