

The Atlantic Union

GLEANER

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“Seek ye first. . .”

"...and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:33

"A REBEL'S HEART SUBDUED"

By Moe and Candy Ledoux
Auburn, Maine, Church Communications

The road of life sometimes takes very unusual, difficult, and interesting routes. This has been very true for David Farkas who was baptized by Pastor William Jackson in Range Pond at Poland Spring, Maine.

David's beginnings were in New York City. He was born to a non-practicing Jewish couple. At age 13 he had his Bar Mitzvah, a choice he made with his parents' blessings. But this ritual service did not bring lasting satisfaction in a walk with God.

Even though David was introduced to and accepted Jesus at age 15, family problems, such as, the divorce of his parents and the early death of his father, linked with peer pressure to use drugs and alcohol, marred his willingness to totally submit his life to God.

Before he was baptized, David worked with the van ministry in New York City, and then attended Mountain Missionary Institute as a student. In rebellion he left school to work at a lobster storage pound on an island off the coast of Maine. For a year he went back to his old ways. But thank God the story didn't end here. With a troubled, unhappy conscience, and through a series of providences, he came to the Poland Spring Health Institute. There he made his decision to bury his old life in a watery grave forever.



David Farkas being baptized
by Pastor William Jackson.



Richard Chamings'
baptism by Pastor William
Jackson

prayer, persistent exercise and a change of diet paid off and his strawberries were open to the public as usual. But, this time there was no picking on Sabbath and Richard faced the possibility of losing up to \$2,000 in lost sales and berries with his "you pick" farm closed on one of the busiest days of the week. He advertised this in the nearby papers and posted a sign reading as follows, "Closed Saturday to

rest as told, so there'll be no berries picked nor sold." Most of his steady customers came and graciously finding that he was closed for the Sabbath, promised to come back the next day, which they did.

God richly blessed the faithfulness of this brother only recently baptized, and for his faithfulness in keeping God's rest day holy, his strawberries lasted one week longer than usual for the summer season. Often the berries were picked out by 1:00 p.m. and the yield was so abundant that \$2,000 extra came in over the previous year. Brother Chamings uses little spray, but had no rot on his berries. His face radiates with the love of God, as he tells of many miracles and blessings since he became a Seventh-day Adventist.

"I kneel by my bed and weep every night," Brother Chamings says, "as I consider the goodness of God and His mercy to me, finding the Advent truth after these many years." In spite of drought, every time water was needed, rain came in answer to prayer. Twice the yield with half the work! Can you wonder about the promises of God's Word?

"SABBATH-KEEPING PROMISES"

By Dr. Richard Hansen, Director
Poland Spring Manor

His face beamed across the table as our neighbor Richard Chamings shared his love for the Lord as a new Seventh-day Adventist Christian.

It was 1985 when Richard, a strawberry farmer in Poland, Maine, began studying the Bible in earnest and praying for guidance. Then it "happened" that Roberta Jackson, wife of Pastor William Jackson, came to pick strawberries. She sensed immediately his spiritual interest, invited him to visit the church in Oxford, and introduced him to colporteur Larry Farley. Not long after that Richard was there in church and as he learned of the seventh-day Sabbath, he immediately accepted this truth and made plans to join the remnant people.

A painful and crippling bout with arthritis made everyone wonder whether Richard would be farming this summer, but

"GOD USES PEOPLE"

By Deborah Curbelo

On bended knees and with folded hands pressed against my tear-stained face, I cried "Lord, you know how much this senior class means to me. Help me to trust You to work things out for the best. You're the only One who can help. Forgive me for getting so upset. In Jesus' name, Amen."

While getting off my knees I heard the telephone ring. Mr. Astrup, the principal of South Lancaster Academy, told my dad I could go on the senior class trip to Vermont if I paid \$200 on my \$550 school bill. Dad gave me a check for \$200 and told me to take it to the school. While driving down the country road I knew the Lord was going to help me pay the other \$350 sooner or later. Then doubt began to arise and there was a struggle in my mind, "Debbie, be reasonable. Do you think you'll have that money paid the day you get back from your trip? It doesn't seem possible. You better be prepared not to graduate." I shook my head, focused my attention on the Mayflowers beginning to spring up, and then a

peace came over me. I felt a strong confidence. "If the Lord wants you to graduate, you'll have the money."

During those few days on the trip, a feeling of unity with my classmates made me forget about the financial problem that would be facing me when I returned to school the following day.

Thursday morning I was called over the intercom, "Debbie Curbelo, please come to the office; Debbie Curbelo, please come to the office." Once was enough—why did they have to torture me by calling twice? My heart skipped a beat and began pounding so hard I was afraid everyone in the room could hear it. My stomach began to tighten as if someone was tying it in a knot.

This was it. Mr. Aastrup would inform me that I could not take my final exams. I quickly walked into the office, anxious to get over with the whole dreaded deal. Mr. Aastrup was sitting in his black office chair with a serious look on his face. He told me to have a seat.

"Debbie." He cleared his throat. "Don't look so worried. Smile!" Then slowly his face broke into a smile. I called you in because I thought you should know we are giving you \$100 for being Student Association president." I just sat there with my mouth wide open. He broke the silence with, "I think that's pretty good, don't you?"

"Yes, thank you very much."

"You did a good job, Debbie." With that he shook my already shaking hand and said if I wanted I could take it off my school bill.

"That would be great," I said.

Two hours later I was sitting in the administration office taking a break from work talking to the secretary when a tall, gray-haired lady, Miss Drown, walked out of the closed doors of the accounting office.

"Hi, Miss Drown," I greeted her while throwing my arms

around her. "I haven't seen you for a long time. How are you doing?"

"Fine, thank you," she said with a sincere smile.

"You're coming to my graduation aren't you?"

"I wouldn't miss it for the world," she said.

"See you then," I replied. She's such a nice lady I thought as she walked slowly out of the building.

Meanwhile Mrs. Bigham, the secretary, had rushed in and out of the accounting office. "Debbie, I think you should run up to Miss Drown and give her a big hug."

"Oh, I saw her and greeted her already."

"No, Debbie, I think you should do it again. She just cleared the rest of your school bill."

"What?" I asked with bewilderment.

"She just paid your school bill."

God does answer prayers. He uses people—family, friends or even people we've never met before. I have found in my own experiences that the Lord cares about our needs whether financial, family, or social.

We need just to ask Him to give us the gift of faith. Yes, it is a gift but it's a gift we can ask for. Let's not forget to thank Him for all the good things in life He has provided for us.



Deborah Curbelo

Atlantic Union College

Epic Brass Quintet to Teach at Atlantic Union College

This fall the Epic Brass Quintet will pioneer a chamber music program in the Music Department at Atlantic Union College. Since 1983 this ensemble has been building a solid musical reputation with audiences worldwide.

In March of this year the Epic Brass won the Grand Prize in the Alliance Auditions, outperforming eight other finalists in the New England-wide competition for chamber ensembles. As a result, the Quintet will be presented in a debut performance at the renowned Carnegie Hall in New York City.

According to Earl Raney, Artistic Director of the Epic Brass, the group has toured in nine countries in an effort to "expand the public awareness of brass

music literature and encourage young performers in their educational pursuits."

The members of the Quintet (Earl Raney, trumpet; William Harvey, trumpet; Kevin Owen, French horn; Matthew Guilford, trombone; and Ross Whitlock, tuba) are looking forward to working with the students at AUC and are "very proud" to make AUC their home base. In their words, they "hope to visit as many of the churches and schools in the Atlantic Union as possible."

Atlantic Union College, in turn, is proud to work with these fine musicians in their dedication to the highest standards in music.

Alchemy—or ADP at AUC

The Adult Degree Program at Atlantic Union College was inaugurated in July, 1972, under the leadership of a forward-looking Academic Dean, Dr. Eugene Gascay. Dr. Otilie Stafford, known for her creativity and her scholarship, became the Director, a position she has held until the present. The coming academic year, 1986-87, will for the first time see the program under new leadership with Dr. Sakae Kubo, Academic Dean, taking the position of Director of the Adult Degree Program. Under Stafford's direction, the Program has grown from an original five students and three faculty members to an enrollment of roughly 75 students with almost the entire faculty involved with the cur-

riculum. An innovative program, it allows students to create their own individualized programs under the guidance of competent advisors.

Not all majors lend themselves to this type of individualized study, but the options open to ADP students are wider than for those enrolled in the more traditional program. One student thought she would have to put her studies aside for a year because she would be traveling through Appalachia. Instead of her travels interrupting her education, however, they became a basis for a unit on the study of Appalachia. She learned photography, soap-making, how to play the dulcimer, immersed herself in the culture of the region. Others have used foreign travel, job experiences, or areas of interest as a basis for their work in psychology, the arts, social science, or other disciplines.

The Adult Degree Program is not for everyone. But for the mature, intelligent, motivated learner, it could be the answer to the question, What do I do with the rest of my life?

For more information, simply write to:

The Adult Degree Program
Atlantic Union College
South Lancaster, MA 01561

Ruth Brand
Public Relations

Kurt Ganter, AUC Alumnus



What's a boy from Brooklyn doing in Brunswick, Maine? What's a man with an Ed. D. in English Education doing as the Administrator of Parkview Memorial Hospital? Both of these questions apply to Kurt Ganter, former Director of College Relations and Admissions and Director of Development at Atlantic Union College. The answer to both questions is that he's doing a good job. Certainly he sees nothing

unusual in his circumstances.

Kurt's meandering path traces back to Atlantic Union College in the fall of 1962 when he entered AUC as a freshman. Describing himself as "a late bloomer, one of those solid C students in the back row," Kurt came under the influence of such great minds and teachers as Ottilie Stafford, James Londis, Agnes Eroh. Says Kurt, "My AUC experience taught me to get along with people of all backgrounds and philosophies. It taught me to appreciate people as individuals. I learned how exciting it is to think new thoughts and to think in new ways. And I could do all this in an environment consistent with the values and principles of my upbringing."

Kurt's education at Atlantic Union College led him to the acquisition of a Master's degree in English and then back to AUC where he served as assistant professor of English. Accepting the position of Public Relations Director in 1970, Kurt soon turned his talents to Development for the College. He also began work on his doctorate, which he completed at Boston University in 1978. In the meantime, Kurt and "Lani" (the former Leilani Pecci of Bath, Maine, an alumna of AUC with a degree in Nursing) had married and became the parents of Geoffrey, now entering his sophomore year at AUC, and Shannon, a senior at Pine Tree Academy in Freeport, Maine.

In 1980 Kurt and his family moved to Simi Valley, California, in order for Kurt to assume his new duties as Director of Personnel, Vice-president for Planning and Development, and Senior President for Operations at Simi Adventist Hospital. After serving Adventist Health Systems West in this capacity for four years, he accepted his current position as Administrator of Parkview Hospital.

A varied career though it may be, Kurt maintains that his education at Atlantic Union College gave him the basic skills needed in all phases of his profession. It gave him, he says, the ability to do "valuing," to balance principles and values and to resolve apparent conflicts. AUC, he says, encouraged thinking; it emphasized thought and expression, preparing one to live life rather than merely to pass tests.

Atlantic Union College is proud to preserve that tradition of excellence and is proud to claim Kurt Ganter as an alumnus.

Ruth Brand
Public Relations

ADP Graduation

On July 13, 1986, sixteen students in the Adult Degree Program graduated from Atlantic Union College. The ceremony took place in the Red Room at the Thayer Conservatory of Music.

The commencement speaker, Dr. Kurt Ganter, presently administrator of the Parkview Adventist Hospital in Brunswick, Maine, and an alumnus of AUC, emphasized the wisdom of returning to formal education after tasting of life's experiences in his address, "The Pause That Refreshes."

The Adult Degree Program at Atlantic Union College, inaugurated in July, 1972, with Dr. Ottilie Stafford, Professor of English at Atlantic Union College, as its Director, is a non-traditional program specifically for students 25 and over who cannot attend on-campus classes full time, or who prefer ADP's individually designed program of study. The program has grown over the years and is enormously successful.

Following is a list of this year's graduates:

Bachelor of Science

Deborah Jean Aho, with distinction
Business Administration
Karen Piscitelli Blaser
Elementary Education
Vivian Peterson Brown
with distinction, Behavioral Science
Rebecca Merkin Cormier
with distinction, Social Work
Thomas A. Germond
with distinction, Computer Science
Ruthann Elizabeth Haus
Health Science
John Hemann, Personal Ministries
Brenda Johnson, Personal Ministries
Saralea Faith McKenney, Nursing
Erwin Leon Nisbett, Health Science
Linda L. Quillin, Elementary Education
Alipia Rodriguez-Hernandez
Business Education
Agnes Wong-Oosterhof
Physical Education

Bachelor of Arts

Deborah Jean Aho
with distinction, English
Wenda Lacy Clark, Music
Duane M. Frey, Theology
Laurie Rosanne Gust
English and Certificate
in Clerical Training
Joan Rogers, Business Education

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Public Relations

CAMP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Left picture: Five Romanian believers were among those baptized during the camp meeting season. Nicolai Zablaui (front center between Victor Diaconescu, pastor of the Romanian church, and Ion Trandafir, local elder), a 74-year-old man who had studied at the Adventist seminary years ago, rejoices in his renewed faith. Pastor Diaconescu knew him as a young child and reminded him of their past association when encouraging him to return to the Lord. (Back row, right to left) Gabriel Petrescu, son of an Adventist pastor in Romania is eager to win souls; Mircea Alexandru, a young man whom



members helped when he was very ill from substance abuse; and Lauretiu Kazan and Teofil Vladu are sons of church members.

Pictured right: Balloons filled with helium were sent up with literature attached, and prayers that receptive persons might be reached. The balloons were a feature for the youth during the English camp meeting. A special outdoor candlelight service of commitment was featured for the youth at Spanish camp meeting.



An international pageant during Spanish Camp Meeting was a colorful reminder of the many nations represented in Conference membership. Flags from the twenty Spanish-speaking countries of the world were paraded.

Coin Collection Yields Extra Value as Donation to Van Program

A recent donation of 27 coins with face value of \$13.75 was sold for \$33.00 as a result of careful "shopping" by the Trust Services Department. Director Philip Sica received the coins from a Long Island member wanting the coins to benefit the work of the van program.

The program has received a wide variety of donations through the years

since it began in 1975. While some of these have been gifts for cash conversion, an array of new and used goods and services have also been made available for actual use in van ministry and at the Van Center. Books and magazines for free distribution have been among the larger and more frequent donations.

Camping/Canoeing Trip

A seven-car caravan with members from Pelham Parkway, Co-op City and Rockville Centre churches traversed to New Jersey on the weekend of June 20 on a camping and canoeing trip.

The group camped out in Stokes State Forest, enjoying Sabbath nature study, singing and Bible study. A net-fishing expedition for the very young yielded a bright orange salamander. Hiking to the

highest peak of Kittatinny Mountains, an evening campfire and even a confrontation with a skunk were also on the agenda. Sunday canoeing on the Delaware River provided fun and exercise as most of the campers completed the 17-mile run of the river. Pastor Lloyd Scharffenberg coordinated the outing.

Noemi Denizard-Perez
Reporter

Victory Church Has Groundbreaking, Baptism

Sunday, June 8, was another milestone in the history of the Victory church: the groundbreaking ceremony for our new church. Among those officiating at the ceremony were Pastor Earl Parchment, representing the Atlantic Union Conference; Pastor Juan Prestol, secretary-treasurer of Greater New York Conference; Pastor Robert Kennedy, Conference personal ministries director, who was the featured speaker; Elder Roy Gordon, pastor of the North Bronx church, the parent church of the Victory congregation; and Pastor Raymond Saunders, evangelist for the tent effort conducted on the site last summer.

Community representatives were also present, including Jones Harding (representing Mayor Koch), Assemblyman Larry Seabrook and Neville Dentor of the Harlem Hospital.

Inclement weather did not permit the event to be a lengthy one, but we can

VAN TESTING STIRS INTEREST IN STREET EVANGELISM ON LOWER EAST SIDE



Free blood pressure testing on a van scheduled on Manhattan's lower east side was so appreciated by residents in that area that many expressed keen interest in knowing more about Adventists. Invitations from van personnel to attend curbside evangelistic meetings planned in the neighborhood by Union Square Hispanic church pastor, Pedro Claussell, were greeted with enthusiasm. Interfaith leaders responded similarly, telling Pastor Claussell, "We've never been a part of anything with so much class, ministering to the health needs of people like this."

truly say God's name was glorified on that day.

On Sabbath, June 7, members and friends of Victory church rejoiced as seven precious souls celebrated their new birth. This day was an especially blessed one for Brother and Sister Bailey who were baptized along with three of their children.

New York

OPEN HOUSE SALE

Sunday, September 7
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Food Samples—Door Prize

BOOK AND FOOD SALE

4930 W. Seneca Turnpike,
Syracuse, NY 13215



Elder Samuel Bulgin (at lectern), Victory church pastor, leads in prayer at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Farewells at Saratoga Springs

Farewells are never easy. This year at Saratoga three families have become part of the "Great Advent Movement."

Cheri and Lanie Olson with their two boys Tony and Bradley came to us two years ago from Bremerton, Washington, because Lanie's job brought him to the West Milton Atomic Project. The first thing Cheri did when they arrived was to find the Adventist Church! For two years we enjoyed their fellowship and

Cheri's unlimited enthusiasm. As our Personal Ministries leader Cheri was instrumental in organizing a very active program which included a Revelation Seminar conducted by four of the church elders. She was also active in a Home Bible Study and Prayer Circle and did much in the line of personal visitation and Christian witnessing. Her biggest help to us all has been in just being her sweet and loving self! As our sister in Christ we will miss her dearly. Lanie's job is completed and we wish them all Godspeed as they go to South Dakota and start a new kind of life on the farm.

Bonnie and Werner Stavenhagen and their two children, Tina and Werner, Jr., came to us in 1968 from Patchogue, L.I. Originally from Germany, they are now almost completely Americanized as they have integrated themselves into our way of life. As pillars in our church they have held many offices through the years with the main ones being head elder, treasurer and school board chairman.

This missionary-minded family is now being spread to various parts of the world. Mom and dad have accepted a call to pastor the Cortland and Ithaca District. After serving many years as the head of the Language Department in the Shenendahowa School District, Werner, Sr., is now seeing a dream come true as he is returning to his first love, the ministry. With his loving wife at his side we know they will be successful in living for Jesus in this new adventure.

Not to be left out in this missionary outreach, Werner, Jr., is leaving in August for Guam, as a student missionary, to have a part in starting the new Adventist World Radio Station under the direction of the Steeles. Werner who is a communications major at Southern College, elected to take a year out of his busy schedule to gain more practical experience and was pleasantly surprised to be one of those chosen to go to Guam. He will help in producing the radio programs. His sister Tina who recently graduated from college will go to O'Hara, Colorado, as a Social Volunteer for two years working with South American and Mexican refugees.

William Menshausen, III, and his wife Bonnie and three children will be moving also to South Dakota to take up new responsibilities as a church school teacher.

The family will be sorely missed for their many contributions to the activities of the church—Sabbath school superintendent, Sunshine Band, treasurer,

cake decorator—you name it, and they had a part in it. Perhaps the most significant contribution that both Werner and Bill made this year was taking part as two of the four elders who were our main speakers in our Revelation Seminar, basically a laymen's effort. We appreciate the wonderful work of all these dear folks and wish them God's blessing in their new endeavors.

Juliana E. Yonke
Communication Secretary

Pens Church Lesson



Jennifer Meacham, 10, of Dickinson Center is the guest writer featured in the Children's Church Quarterly, published in Idaho and distributed internationally by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Her story, "Lost Bikes Found," was included in the section "Hello Primaries," which all children of that church studied on June 27. The young

writer is the daughter of Beverly and Sam Meacham.

Jennifer's story tells how she and her mother like to go bike riding and how their bicycles were stolen. She tells how her mother reported the theft to the police who didn't give them much hope for the return of the bicycles.

Part of Jennifer's story follows: "My mom has always taught us kids to take our problems to Jesus, so we started praying about our bikes.

"We kept on looking and praying all week.

"On Friday evening, while we were eating supper, a state police car stopped in our driveway. The policeman came to the door.

"He said he was quite sure he had found my bike but that he wasn't sure about mother's. He said he would be back in a couple of hours.

"Just before sundown, he returned with both of our bikes in the trunk of his car!

"Talk about happy!

"My mother told him how we had been praying about the bikes and how we believed Jesus had answered our prayers.

"He said, 'I believe you. This had to be an answer to your prayer. My little boy's bike was stolen and we never found it.'

"We knew that several other bicycles had been stolen around where we live, and no trace of them has been found. We are sure that Jesus answered our prayer."*

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*Taken from the Malone *Evening Telegram*.

Northern New England

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Kenneth Blake Ordained during Camp Meeting

Elder Kenneth Blake, pastor of the Portsmouth and Rochester, New Hampshire, churches, was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Northern New England camp meeting on Sabbath afternoon, June 21.

Following high school, Kenneth studied engineering at the University of Colorado in Boulder, psychology at the University of California in Berkeley, and graduated in 1971 with a major in art from Humboldt State College in California. It was while living in Berkeley that Kenneth met his wife, the former Susan Gottschalk of Cleveland, Ohio. The Lord has blessed them with three



Elder and Mrs. Kenneth Blake

children: Chris, 15; Andy, 10; and Heather, 1; and a foster daughter, Ann, 15.

After touring the country selling artwork and working at various jobs, the Blakes ended up in Oregon, completely unaware that God had decided the time had come to reveal what He had to offer. Early in 1973, through His providential leading, including a magazine on Revelation from *These Times* magazine, the dedicated interest of a neighbor who was preparing for rebaptism, and the influence of a godly and tireless pastor, Kenneth and Susan began Bible studies, attended evangelistic meetings, and were baptized into the Salem, Oregon, church. By September of 1973, again with God opening the way, Kenneth and

his family were preparing for the ministry at Pacific Union College.

Upon completing two years of theology classes, Kenneth accepted a call to serve as a literature evangelist in San Diego, where he labored until the Northern New England Conference called him to serve as a Bible Instructor in the Portland district in 1976. After also serving in the Saco-Limington and Camden-Farmingdale-Richmond, Maine, districts, Kenneth attended Andrews University Theological Seminary and the Lake Union Soul-Winning Institute. Since returning to New England in 1982, the Blakes have served the Newport, Vermont, church and currently the Portsmouth and Rochester churches in New Hampshire.

The Northern New England Conference is thankful for the talent and dedication of this family to the full-time ministry of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus' soon return.

Mexican Earthquake Project

Members of the youth Sabbath school class at the Rutland, Vermont, church are shown handing church treasurer Wilma Campbell some of the \$140 worth of checks and cash collected to aid in the ADRA Mexican Earthquake Project.

The youth appealed to church and Sabbath school members to donate returnable bottles or cans, or cash to raise funds. A letter to the editor of the



Sabbath school members are (L. to R.): Jesse Shelton, Melissa Young, David Campbell, Jay Young, Mike and Kim Yendell. Missing from the picture are Heather Campbell, Eric Bradley and Kelly Yendell.

local newspaper explaining the project to rebuild homes destroyed in the September, 1985, earthquake and other ADRA work, brought calls from people in the community who wanted to donate cans and bottles also.

The Lord provided a miracle for us in this work, too. One check from the redemption center found its way through the washing machine and dryer in the pocket of a pair of trousers. All that remained of the check was a scrap of paper with the date and amount of the check on it. Therefore, \$10.95 was added to our collection when the redemption center manager honored that scrap of the former check. Praise the Lord!

Leigh E. Adams
Communication Secretary

CALAIS CHURCH AND GEORGIA-PACIFIC COOPERATE IN STOP-SMOKING CLINIC



It all began as a combination of recent Maine laws restricting smoking in businesses and factories and previous church outreach. The Georgia-Pacific Corporation, an area paper mill, telephoned the Calais Regional Hospital to inquire regarding the possibility of a smoking-cessation clinic for its employees. Because of a recent Five-Day Plan conducted at the hospital by Richard Bullock, the former pastor, Georgia-Pacific was referred to John Wood, local church member and hospital physical therapist.



The Calais, Maine, Seventh-day Adventist Church, working in conjunction with the corporation's health benefits coordinator, conducted the first Five-Day Plan for the paper mill employees. During the eight sessions conducted in March, 11 participated of which six are currently tobacco free.

Pictured are Health Benefits Coordinator Candy Robb from Georgia-Pacific Corporation and Elder Wes Johnston in the left picture and Elder Johnston conducting the clinic in the picture at the right.

Southern New England

Baptism in Stoneham

Pall and Anna Kalmansson, first and third children in a family of four children, were baptized on July 26 during the worship hour at the Stoneham, Massachusetts, church.

These two young adults are the product of Greater Boston Academy. Pall recently graduated from Southern College and will begin study at Willamette Law School in Oregon this fall. Anna will enter her sophomore year as a pre-med student majoring in Psychology this fall at Southern College.

They have come up through the Sabbath school system in the Stoneham church and have been given a musical training as well. Their parents, Birgir and Shirley, have worked sacrificially through their growing years. Shirley has worked for six years as an operating room nurse in New England Memorial Hospital. Birgir has his own electrical business in the Stoneham-Woburn area.

The Stoneham church family is proud of this stalwart family and thankful for their loyal support of the church program.

Pastor Ernest Stevenson



The Kalmansson family (L. to R.) Shirley, Pall, Anna, and Birgir. The young people (center) were recently baptized in the Stoneham church.

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND OCTOBER 10-12

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| Fri, Oct. 10 - 6:00 p.m. | Registration (College Church) |
| 7:30 | Vespers |
| | Classes of '71 and '76 |
| Sat, Oct. 11 - 9:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:30 | Sabbath School |
| | Class of '66 |
| | Lesson Study |
| | Briggs Gedutis '56 |
| 11:00 | Church Service |
| | Speaker: John Thurber |
| 1:00 p.m. | Potluck (Gym) |
| | SLA Alumni, families, friends |
| 2:00 | Class "Get Togethers" |
| 5:30 | Vespers |
| | Class of '61 |
| 6:30 | Supper (fruit and muffins) |
| | Business meeting and election |
| 8:15 | Men's basketball game |
| | SLA vs Alumni |

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 of the Tantasqua Regional High School, Sturbridge, Massachusetts, October 5, 1986, at 10:00 a.m.

This Special Session is called for the purpose of receiving the report of the SNEC Commission on Health Care Institutions.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof.

Stanley J. Steiner, President
Larry L. Davis, Secretary

Late News of Southern New England

Darrell Muehlhauser, Bible worker with the William Brace team working in Waltham, and his wife Kristina, have been invited to pastor the Attleboro-Burrillville district. Former pastor Richard Latane and his wife, Kandi, went to Hinsdale, Illinois, where he will be youth pastor.

Clifford and Susan Gleason accepted the Cape Cod district and will also shepherd the small flock of believers on Martha's Vineyard Island. They have been in the Middletown-Portland and Meriden district in Connecticut.

Louis Badillo and his wife Connie are to begin their work as the new leaders of



Darrell and Kristine Muehlhauser, new pastor of the Attleboro-Burrillville district.

the Leominster church on their return from vacation later in the month of August. They are transferring from the Hudson-Framingham district.

Steven and Vivian Grabiner have joined the Brace evangelistic team working in Waltham.

The Faith Lutheran Church, 65 Roberts Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, have opened their facilities for the new group who are holding Sabbath services in that city. William Brace and his team are planning to make that city the center of their next program looking toward raising up a church. Steve and Alberta Cook have been working there for some time.

During the two weeks before the Southern New England Conference camp meeting, the Boston Van Ministries visited Clinton, and the shopping centers at Searstown and K-Mart in the Leominster-Fitchburg area. On the first Sabbath of camp meeting two ladies, who had been on the van the day before, came to Sabbath services. One of them asked for three sets of all the literature she had gotten on the van the day previously. She enjoyed it so much she wanted extra to take to her family the next time she visited with them. Another lady, who visited the van, came to camp meeting every day.

For more Boston Van Ministry news write to have your name placed on the van ministry newsletter mailing list. The address is: Community Services of SDA, Van Ministries, P.O. Box 1600 GMF, Boston, MA 02205.

ATTENTION ALL FORMER PVA STUDENTS AND FACULTY

We are collecting names and addresses for a PVA reunion in 1987. Please send them to Patrice (Nickerson) Croak, P. O. Box 4, New Braintree, MA 01531. Thank you.



Vincent Romeo (left) and Jack Cameron carry Bonnie Lee, Jack's golden retriever, in the litter improvised by Pathfinder Vincent.

nie Lee, Jack Cameron's golden retriever, began to limp and his paws bled badly. Something had to be done quickly. Vincent Romeo, an eighth grader at Laurel Oaks school, Hamden, Connecticut, pondered a solution.

Bonnie was hurt and struggled to keep pace with the other dogs. With much

alacrity, Vince came upon a brilliant idea! Using his Pathfinder sweatshirt, one other sweatshirt and two sturdy branches, this Pathfinder made a litter for Bonnie Lee. Thus the group was able to continue their trek in good form. Vincent was presented with a first aid kit acknowledging his noble effort.

MISSING SLA '61 CLASS MEMBERS

Can anyone help us locate any of the following persons?

Kingston Bassett
Walter Labrenz
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Dale Wiles
Mary Wooster

Please contact June Reams, 35 Stafford St., Worcester, MA 01603

Tel. (617) 791-6141.

Motifs and Milestones

Laurel Oaks Pathfinder Receives Recognition

The Laurel Oaks Pathfinders began their 12-mile hike near West Rock Park with determination and perseverance. There were twenty energetic children and three eager dogs. But suddenly Bon-

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary Noted by Family and Friends

Many church members, family, and friends gathered on the first Sabbath of the year when the Saratoga, New York, Seventh-day Adventist Church, under the direction of Cheerie Roberts, hosted a fellowship dinner in honor of the sixtieth wedding anniversary of charter

members, Charles and Ruby Krueger.

First elder Werner Stavenhagen gave an appropriate message in the sermon for the day, speaking on Isaiah 40:31, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run,



The sixtieth wedding anniversary celebration of Charles and Ruby Krueger (center) with their four children (L. to R.) Dr. Myron Krueger, Marjorie Marston, Marion Bearden, and Carl Krueger. The message on the cake reads: "And we shall walk through all our days with love remembered and love renewed."

put in touch with someone in their community—a professional or a parent who has experienced and been trained to deal with such problems—who cares about their feelings and needs. Appropriate materials will be sent upon request. Confidentiality is assured.

"Though sponsored especially for Seventh-day Adventists, this service is available to everyone, whether a member of the Adventist Church or not," says Francis A. Soper, AAP president. "AAP cares about you personally and wants to help you."

The hotline number for the United States is 1-800-253-3000. ☆

Hispanic Ministry Institute Receives Endowment

The Institute of Hispanic Ministry, part of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, recently received an endowment of \$500,000 for operating expenses from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

The institute was established in 1983 by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to encourage and develop leadership skills among Hispanic ministers. With multinational and multicultural congregations, Hispanic ministers face unique challenges in church administration.

"Although we have sponsored some programs, much of what we had up to now was a paper institute," said Elder Eloy Martinez, associate director for the office of human relations at the General Conference. "Funds to render the institute operational just have not been available."

Knowing the donor's concern for evangelistic work among Hispanics in the United States, Elder Martinez approached him with the idea of providing an operating endowment.

"My friend knows that Hispanics represent the fastest growing ethnic group among North American Adventists. He is truly interested in doing all he can to move the evangelistic work among our people forward as quickly and effectively as possible, hence his donation," Elder Martinez said.

Elder Elias Gomez, director for the institute, was pleased. "To have the institute as a fully functioning entity to serve the needs of Hispanic ministers has been a dream we have pursued for a long time," he said.

Steps are now under way to formulate operating guidelines for the institute.

and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

With the Kruegers on this happy occasion were their children: Marjorie Krueger-Marston and her husband Robert from New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, Massachusetts; Carl Krueger, mathematics teacher from Broadview Academy, LaFox, Illinois; Marian Krueger-Bearden, elementary school teacher from New Orleans, Louisiana; and Dr. Myron and Doris Krueger from the Brunswick, Maine, area. This was the first time in twenty-seven years that the four children and their parents had all been together at the same time. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren plus relatives from the Scotia, New York, area helped to fill up the special table set in the fellowship room for the dinner.

Charles and Ruby have generously given of their musical talents to the church through the years; Charles, playing his violin, and Ruby, the piano. Members of the family participated in the church service. Marian Bearden gave the children's story. Doris Krueger played the organ for the church service. Her sons Brendan on his French horn and Bradley on the trumpet accompanied her as the opening hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," was sung. Brendan and Bradley sang a duet, "Children of the Heavenly Father," and Brendan and his mother played a piano and organ duet, "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring." The four Krueger children sang as a quartet, "Precious Jewels."

Pastor Michael Pizar gave the dedicatory prayer for the New Year for

the church and family group gathered there.

At the fellowship dinner, Werner Stavenhagen was the Master of Ceremonies and the church school teacher, William Menshausen, III, gave a brief family history. The dinner was concluded when the Krueger family, joined by the congregation, sang "Happy the Home When God is There." Truly this was a happy reunion time for the whole family!

Marjorie Krueger-Marston

General News . . .

New Hotline Service

Do you need help with youth or family problems resulting from drug, alcohol, or other chemical use?

Well, help is at your finger tips! Just call the divisionwide hotline sponsored by the Association of Adventist Parents for Drug-Free Youth (AAP) and maintained by the Adventist Information Ministries (AIM) in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Twenty-four hours a day competent Christian operators are available to aid parents, young people, or others who have a problem with or are concerned about chemical dependency. Since this is not a crisis-intervention hotline but rather a referral service, callers will be

During 1986-87, additional staff will be hired to expand on the number of workshops, seminars and degree-oriented programs offered by the institute.

Troy Storfjell

Adventist Health Leaders Meet in Monterey

There will be fewer hospitals in the future, and the future belongs to those who make change their partner, a guest speaker recently told leaders of the church's health-care work.

The Association of Adventist Health Care Executives meeting in Monterey, California, June 25 to 29 examined the issues of change and competition facing hospitals in the United States today.

"In this country we have too many beds, too much equipment and too few patients," author Leon Martel told the group of approximately 125 hospital presidents and leaders in the Adventist Health System. He said that in the future hospitals will see more changes in technology, methods of payment, laws, and attitudes of consumers toward health care. Martel, author of *Managing Change*, is a political scientist and futurist.

While Adventist hospitals share similar problems that all hospitals have today, one of the purposes of the Monterey meeting was to also examine some of the challenges of denomina-

tional institutions with a Christian mission. A number of these were discussed by a panel that included a chaplain, two physicians, a nursing administrator, hospital administrator, and management consultant.

Four issues facing Adventist hospitals today were cited by Albert Brendel, Jr., chaplain of Kettering Memorial Medical Center in Ohio. These are 1) how to communicate our mission, 2) Sabbath keeping in our institutions, 3) developing an understanding between church leadership and health-care leaders, and 4) finding creative ways to reach the secular public.

Developing practical solutions to some of these issues, as the discussion revealed, will be more difficult than identifying them. Another guest speaker offered some counsel for marketing Adventist health care in today's competitive environment.

"Word of mouth is your best marketing tool," said Francis Edwards, management consultant. He stressed the importance of the hospital's involvement in its community and keeping abreast of the needs of the community. "In the past the community has come to the hospital," he said. "Today the hospital must go to the community."

To survive in the competitive environment of health care today, Edwards said, a hospital must "legitimately go beyond what is expected."

"Be uncompromising in your mission. Be the best you can be. Build and maintain that reputation in your

community," he said.

The Monterey meeting was the first annual meeting of the newly formed Association of Adventist Health Care Executives, which is an outgrowth of the former Adventist Hospital Association. President is John Koobs, president of Huguley Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. ☆

Aid Administrators Meet in Dallas

Members of the Adventist Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators met recently during the 1986 National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' Annual Conference held in Dallas, Texas, July 20 to 23. An informal pre-session hosted by Southwestern Adventist College's Betty Peterson during the weekend of July 18 to 20 also provided opportunity for the group to discuss mutual concerns.

Comparisons of scholarships, budgets, packaging of awards, the equitable meeting of needs, and the burden of debt incurred by students were among topics discussed during informal and formal meetings.

Members of AASFAA attending the convention included Al Grashuis, Andrews University; William Deitemeyer, Atlantic Union College; Karen Bekowies, Kettering College; Patricia Anderson, Loma Linda University, LL Campus; Byron Scheuneman, Pacific Union College; Laurel Wells, Southern College; Betty Peterson, Southwestern Adventist College; and Sergio Hernandez, Walla Walla College.

Sergio Hernandez, 1985-86 AASFAA president, presided over the meetings, during which 1986-87 president Rich Hendrickson was elected. ☆

Bedtime Stories to be Printed in Nine African Languages

The Review and Herald Publishing Association has extended rights on volumes 1 to 10 of *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories* to our Southern Publishing Association in Cape Town, South Africa. This will allow the volumes to be translated into nine vernacular languages. The South African house will be experimenting with a plan to sell the volumes through an outside publishing organization within their territory. SPA also plans to print overruns of the *Bed-*

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D. Glenn Hilts Scholarship Winners Announced

The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians (ASDAL) is pleased to announce the 1986 winners of the D. Glenn Hilts Scholarship. They are Daniel Maxwell, a graduate of Walla Walla College who is attending Indiana University, and Linda Wildman, a graduate of Andrews University, who is attending Brigham Young University. This scholarship was established to "recognize excellence in scholarship and encourage individuals with leadership potential to enter the field of SDA librarianship."

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NEWS FLASH

Personnel now in place in the Atlantic Union Conference office are Elders Alvin R. Goulbourne, Union Conference Secretary; James C. Hicks, Church Ministries Director; Ted T. Jones, Communications and Public Affairs/Religious Liberty Director; and William McNeil, Ministerial and Associate Church Ministries Director.

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Sunnydale Academy 40th Anniversary Celebration & Alumni Homecoming Weekend—Sept. 26 & 27. Featured speaker: Delmar Holbrook, one of the original staff.

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The serene couple by the window, Chester and Erma Budd, are the parents of Paul Miller's wife Mary. Paul is a self-employed farmer who lives in Vernon, VT, and enjoys his photography hobby. It is obvious that the Budds experience tranquil satisfaction from their daily study of the Scriptures.

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THE 354TH STEP

Philip Follett, *President*
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It wasn't hard to count the first 10 or 15 steps. Even four-year-old Scott, who stood (or was carried) with his family just ahead of me, enjoyed numbering those first stairs. There was an air of anticipation, even restrained excitement as our little group joined the 10,000 or more each day who climb to the crown of Lady Liberty.

The crowd moved slowly, and the wait seemed unending. When we reached the first landing, hundreds of people pressed together like Linkettes in a can, seeming not to move for long minutes.

At last we started up the next steps. Even Scott forgot to count at the excitement of being on the move again. There was a sense of being a part of history, of sharing a moment of destiny.

A pamphlet welcoming the multitudes who thronged the Statue of Liberty celebration starting July 4 proclaims a threefold meaning of the event: "*rejoice* in . . . success, *remember*. . . how it all came about, and . . . *renew* our devotion."

These are worthy objectives for Christians in our daily walk with Jesus. First, there is a call for *rejoicing*. Christians are realists. We live in a world of tragedy, trials, and troubles. "In the world ye shall have tribulation," our Savior acknowledged, "but *be of good cheer*; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33.)

The events of Independence Day, 1986, gave Americans an opportunity to celebrate what's good about our country. Wise citizens know that the land is filled with problems, pain, and poverty. But it is appropriate to take time to recall that even now there is cause for rejoicing. Our land still provides hope and opportunity to those who dare to dream and to do.

The church should celebrate often, too. We know that much remains to be set right within the church. But we can still rejoice in Jesus' presence and hope in His promise. Let's make our churches centers of celebration where we rejoice in the good news that God is still at work in His world and among His people.

Christianity is a religion of history. We know God can be trusted with our future because of His gracious acts

throughout the past. Every week, we are commanded to *remember* His power and His grace when the Sabbath hours begin.

Not only are we encouraged with the memory of God's goodness in ancient times. We need to recall often the way He has in these last days led our church, our families, and our own pathways. God's leading in our past assures us that we have nothing to fear for the future, so long as we trust His hand.

Perhaps the most challenging admonition coming to us from Lady Liberty's birthday celebration is the call for *renewal*. Every day, we need to renew our own commitment to Christ, His message, and the fellowship of His people. The Holy Spirit is the agent of renewal. When we are truly led by Him, we shall frequently sense a restlessness with our habits, our familiar thought patterns, even our comfortable surroundings. Renewal means openness to change. It means dreaming new dreams, seeing fresh visions, catching untamed stars. It's exciting, and it's scary. But Spirit-inspired renewal is the only formula for survival—of the church or of the individual Christian.

We climbed the spiral staircase higher, higher inside the statue's form. We could finally reach out and touch the inside of the copper skin and the stainless steel skeleton. And then, at last, we were there—inside the crown, peering out of the windows to witness the spectacular view of New York Harbor. A common sense of wonder bound us for that instant. We had climbed 354 steps and now we claimed a special distinction—we were part of Lady Liberty!

O Lord, make me patient, make me persistent, and bind me to my fellow pilgrims as I climb, and wait, and anticipate an eternal crown you have promised to all those who love Your appearing!

