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COPING WITH BROADCASTING IN THE ATLANTIC UNION

By Betty Cooney, Communication Director
Greater New York Conference

"470 million radios are in use in the U.S."
"Weekly radio reaches 95.8% of the total population."
"American TV sets are now working nearly as long each day as their owners, an all-time high of seven hours and two minutes." pp. 13,14, *Air to the Kingdom*, J.O. Iversen, Wordsmith Publishers, 1986.

The above statistics are of special interest to Seventh-day Adventists since they portray broadcast media as a strong left arm for mass ministry. That left arm is being put to work in every conference in the Atlantic Union.

The most rapidly expanding local television program is Power to Cope, one of only two television programs presently being aired in English within the Union. ("What God Did for Man," a biweekly program on cable in Manhattan, features Elder Robert Kennedy, personal ministries director for Greater New York Conference.) Power to Cope is also unique in that it is hosted by a woman. In this half-hour series, Juanita Kretschmar, director of the Van Program in Greater New York and an experienced counselor, is on camera for interviews with persons who have found God's power to handle difficult life situations and problems. The program is currently airing as much as six hours per week on five cable systems in the metropolitan New York area and two stations outside New York.

"We find that a person telling how God has helped with a real-life problem has a powerful impact," says Juanita Kretschmar. "One of our guests called recently to tell us that a discouraged friend who had seen the program in Manhattan told him how much the guest's personal story of dealing

with the breakup of his marriage had helped him. Others have shared similar reactions to interviews relating to their particular situations.

"I've also found these tapes as effective in our various forms of evangelism through Van ministry as for broadcast purposes. We praise the Lord as we have even seen decisions for Christ as a result of persons just seeing the programs right at the Van Center—as well as by those viewers who wrote or called in to receive the offer of Power to Cope Bible guides."

Power to Cope tapes are being used in conjunction with stress-control, nutrition and stop-smoking seminars, as well as for weeks of prayer and in Christian educational settings. They are also suitable for use in hospitals and other health-care institutions, for both individual and closed-circuit use. One-half inch VHS cassettes of programs are available for a donation of \$12.00 each on subjects such as cigarette addiction, grief, loneliness and obesity. For a complete list plus details, write Power to Cope-TV, P. O. Box 1029, Manhasset, NY 11030 or call (516) 627-2210. (In New York, call 1-800-832-2210.) Individuals wishing a 3/4" preview tape to take to local stations should contact the writer at (516) 627-9350. (Tapes for broadcast use are made available on a loan basis, without charge.)

The program has traveled well beyond local boundaries. In addition to broadcast schedules being maintained in Keene, Texas, and Nashville, Tennessee, Adventists in the Caribbean are using them on islands where no TV stations operate but VCR's abound. Workers in Africa have ordered



The rapid expansion of the Power to Cope television program has involved Van Program staff members in editing, duplicating and shipping as requests for the program have increased. Here, Jerry McCandless, who duplicates and handles shipping, confers with Jennie Wilkinson, editor for the program.



Elder Artur Oliveira shares with Portuguese residents in the New Bedford area on both radio and television.

A striking example of that determination is evident in Rutland, Vermont, where Pastor Lee Manning and Bible worker Dan Dreher have worked to create both the air-time possibility and a 60-second public service announcement for Revelation Seminar materials. After approaching Cox Cable with Christian Lifestyle Magazine, they were surprised and delighted to obtain free time for that program to run two times weekly. They then asked for time and assistance with a spot offering seminar materials for personal study. The station

In the Atlantic Union, a membership of some 56,000 is commissioned to reach out to a population of 30,000,000. To assist in meeting the enormous challenge of the area, virtually all of the radio and television programs produced by the denomination are shown in one part or another of the territory. The types of local broadcasts (see schedule) reflect a determination to be on the air to whatever degree budgets will allow. The many ethnic broadcasts also indicate a determination to speak to specific segments of the population in familiar ways.

tapes for both broadcast and personal ministries use. Meanwhile, Adventists in other parts of the United States are laying plans to use the series as a weekly Sabbath school feature because of the program's ministry to contemporary needs of church members and visitors alike. Plans are now being finalized to produce Power to Cope for radio in the fall.

tion not only granted free time for a 60-second spot following each airing of Lifestyle Magazine but also produced the spot for them.

The longest-running program in the Union is Ayer, Hoy y Manana (Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow), a half-hour Spanish program which has a 15-minute counterpart on radio. AYM radio has broadcast in metropolitan New York for the past 17 years, and on television for 11 years. It is now a General Conference program with plans for broadcasting throughout the United States. Elder George Grieve is producer-speaker, and Nila Grieve, his wife, scripts and regularly appears on the TV program. Vigorous follow-up crusades led by Elder Grieve have resulted in approximately half a dozen new Hispanic churches in the tri-state New York area.

The broadcast schedule for the Atlantic Union should be looked at as a heartening sign of very real, creative, dollars-and-cents, time-and-energy commitment to sharing of the Adventist message with today's tools. The experience of program producers listed here represents a call to prayerful, daring use of a very basic commodity: air waves. The God we serve created those air waves as opportunities for spreading His Word. If we ask, He promises to supply us with power to cope with even this formidable fact of life in today's communication society.

Local Programming in the Atlantic Union

Conference	Program	Sponsor/Speaker	Schedule	Length	Station
Bermuda	The Bible Speaks	Egerton Carnegie	Thurs. 7:15 p.m.	15 min.	ZFB/AM
	The Last Countdown (format change planned)	Hamilton Church/ Simmons/Lightbourne	Fri. 8:00 p.m.	30 min.	ZFB/AM
Greater New York Yugoslavian Spanish Spanish German	Focus on Health	Ruthann Haus/Adv. Home	Mon. 5:30 p.m.	30 min.	WHUC-Livingston
	- Voice of Hope	B. Samardzija	Sun. 3:15 p.m.	10 min.	WNWK/FM (NYC)
	- Ayer Hoy y Manana	J. Grieve	Sun. 9:00 p.m.	15 min.	WADO/AM (NYC)
	- Ayer Hoy y Manana	J. Grieve	Sat. 2:00 p.m.	30 min.	Channel 47 (NYC)
	- Voice of Hope	H. Roehn	Sun. 2:00 p.m.	30 min.	WVOX/AM West-Chester
	- Voice of Hope	Imre Petrik	Sun. 7:00 a.m.	10 min.	WNWK/FM (NYC)
	- Voice of Hope	Ukrainian Church	Sat. 9:30 a.m.	30 min.	WNYM/AM (NYC)
	- Power to Cope	Van Program/ Juanita Kretschmar	Wed. 5:30 p.m.	30 min.	Manhattan Cable
			Mon. 8:00 p.m.	30 min.	Group W. Cable (in Manhattan)
			Mon./Wed. 5:00 p.m.	30 min.	Poughkeepsie Cable
Hungarian Ukrainian			Wed. 6:00 p.m. varying (daily)	30 min.	Yonkers Cable
	What God Did for Humanity	Robert Kennedy	alt. Mons. 7:00 p.m.	30 min.	Cox Cable (LI) Group W Cable (in Manhattan)
New York	In the Steps of a Good Man	Eoin Giller, Ph.D.	Sun. 5:30 p.m.	30 min.	WXRL-Buffalo, NY
Northeastern Spanish	- Luz en El Camino	Carlos de La Pena	Sun. 7:00 a.m.	30 min.	WJIT (NYC)
	- Luz en El Camino	Carlos de La Pena	Fri. 4:30 p.m.	30 min.	Group W Cable (in Manhattan)
Northern New England	Focus on Living (GC Script Service)	Bill Jackson	M-F 11:05 a.m.	5 min.	WKTO/AM Norway, ME
	Revelation Sem Spots (in conjunction with Chr. Lifestyle Mag)	Lee Manning/ Dan Dreher	Tues. 7:30 p.m. Thurs. 10:00 a.m.	60 sec. 60 sec.	WTME/AM Bath, ME Cox Cable Rutland, VT
	Words of Life	Dick Bullock	Sun. 7:00 a.m.	5 min.	WCME/FM Bath, ME
Southern New England Portuguese-	"Radio Globo"	Artur Oliveira	Fri. 9:30 p.m.	15 min.	WJFD (New Bed.)
			Sun. 7:45 a.m.	15 min.	WJFD
	A Light in the Way	Artur Oliveira	Wed. 9:30 p.m.	30 min.	Cable Portuguese Channel 20

THIRD SECULAR CAMPUS WEEKEND WORKSHOP

Atlantic Union College/Atlantic Union Conference
October 3 & 4, 1986

FOR SDA students attending non-SDA colleges/universities.
Pastors interested in Secular Campus Ministries.

ACTIVITIES Series of meetings aimed at encouraging Adventist students in Christian ministry on their non-Adventist campuses; workshop Sabbath afternoon for sharing of ideas for such ministry; fellowship with others who have discovered ways it can work.

DATE Friday and Sabbath, October 3 & 4, 1986
beginning 7:30 p.m., Friday.

WHERE The College Church, Atlantic Union College Campus
S. Lancaster, MA 01561
(617) 365-4561 or (617) 368-0311

HOW Pre-Registration required: Call Chaplain Rick Trott's Office at AUC (See above numbers)

TRANSPORTATION Mileage will be reimbursed at the following rates:
Cars—12¢ per mile
Vans—16¢ per mile

ROOM & BOARD AUC will provide five meals and a dorm room; you must provide your own bedding and towels.
(Friday evening supper through Sunday breakfast.)

SPEAKER Lorenzo Grant, SDA Secular Campus Chaplain with a career-long involvement with Adventist youth. Currently Dr. Grant is chaplain at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and pastor of the Breath-of-Life church.

PURPOSES

1. To provide encouragement to SDA students attending non-Adventist colleges and universities.
2. To suggest options for these students to use in sharing SDA Christianity on their non-Adventist campus.
3. To discover ways AUC and Conference Youth Departments can serve Adventist students attending secular colleges/universities in the Atlantic Union.

SPONSORED BY The Atlantic Union Conference Youth Department in cooperation with Atlantic Union College.

SECULAR CAMPUS WEEKEND WORKSHOP

Pre-Registration
Call AUC Chaplain Rick Trott's Office: (617) 365-4561
or write Chaplain Trott, AUC, So. Lancaster, MA 01561

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

College/University _____

Pre-Registration must be by Wednesday, October 1, 1986

An Era Ends

For most of us, library and Oscar Schmidt have been synonymous at AUC.

Mr. Oscar Schmidt, who has worked at the AUC library for 39 years, including four years as a student, and who has been its director for the past 34 years, retired this summer as Professor Emeritus of Library Science. For the past several years Schmidt has been at AUC longer than anyone else, the professors emeriti excepted.

During his 35 years of service to AUC, Schmidt has provided continuity to a library that has undergone numerous changes. He has organized two new libraries: one in Haskell Hall when he came here and the current G. Eric Jones Library, which was completed in 1970. He also established the first undergraduate minor in library science in this area and set apart a heritage room for AUC's collection of denominational works—today's Oscar R. Schmidt Heritage Room.

While a student here Schmidt became interested not only in library science, but also in Adventism. He was baptized in the village church during his senior year. After graduation, Schmidt combined his two loves—teaching and library science—as he began a long career of denominational service. He taught in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania before going to Union Springs Academy, where he taught and ran the library. While at Union Springs he graduated with Syracuse University's first Master of Library Science class. Then he accepted a call to work at AUC. In his first year he was the assistant director of the library and taught in the English Department; in his second year here he became director of the library.



Mr. Oscar Schmidt

This Schmidt era of 35 years could well be called an Era of Good Feelings. In addition to running the library, teaching Grammar and Usage and Elderhostel classes, serving on faculty committees and acting as a trouble-shooter between the administration and the faculty, Schmidt also kept active in the community as a trustee of the Lancaster Public Library for nine years and as a member of the Lancaster Lions Club. He also established a procedure by which members of the community can, for a small annual fee, use the college library. And the alumni will remember Marchmaster Schmidt, who recalls that marching "was the big thing" when he was at Union Springs Academy, where he developed his interest in that unique exercise/art form.

In addition to fostering good feelings about the college in the community, Schmidt created a pleasant work atmosphere. A cheerful boss with a quick sense of humor, he was willing to work extra and thought nothing beneath him, whether it was straightening the rug by the front door or helping a freshman

find some materials for a term paper.

Schmidt says, "We have never had an overabundance of money, and I don't suppose we ever will"; but by trying to be fair in apportioning work among his employees, Schmidt has kept the quality of the library services high despite budget curtailments, leaving a strong base for the new Director of the Library, Lethiel Parson, to build on.

As he leaves the library, however, Schmidt says he is both honored—he terms his new title of *professor emeritus* "a promotion"—and expectant—"I will not fossilize." In addition to volunteer work at the college, Schmidt will now be able to spend more time with his family. His wife, Madeleine, helped him some in the library and later worked as the nursing department secretary from 1971 to 1982, when she retired. Schmidt's two children also live in the area: Randy '80 and Lucille Trueblood '68, a special lecturer in the business department and the mother of his two grandchildren.

Jacquelyn Eiselt-Wehtje



Evangelist Raymond Saunders, Jr.

Conference, Dr. Edward L. Richardson, the local pastors, and singing evangelist Rodney Ware of New York.

On the evening of July 26, many couples renewed their vows to one another and redicated themselves to God in a wedding ceremony that was seasoned by a real wedding. Two individuals who had been baptized earlier in the day were remarried that evening. Then on August 2 another wedding ceremony was conducted and the two individuals who had previously joined themselves to the Lord in baptism on August 19 as a result of the crusade, were married.

Another highlight of these meetings was evidenced on July 5 when Elder Saunders preached "The Old Man's Funeral." Each one who attended that night actually saw themselves reflected in a coffin. The effect was real and many purposed to bury the old man of sin.

On the final weekend of the crusade, the Lindenaies from the Linden Boulevard church in New York City joined us. They blessed our hearts with

Bermuda

Better Living Experience Crusade

"Don't Let The Devil Steal Your Joy" was the theme of the Better Living Experience Crusade held June 27 to August 3, 1986, at Frog Lane field in Devonshire, Bermuda.

Evangelist Raymond Saunders proclaimed life-giving truths from night to night in the large tent, which resulted in over 65 souls being baptized. He was assisted by the President of the Bermuda



Wedding ceremony of couple on July 26.



Couples renewing their vows

songs of praise and thanksgiving and enthusiastically performed for the Lord.

The success of this crusade was due not only to powerful, plain preaching and soul-stirring music, but also to dedicated church members and friends who gave willingly of their time and ef-

fort, and were present at the nightly meetings. We sincerely ask our sister conferences to pray for us that God will give us the wisdom to nurture the new believers in Christ.

Mable Dunbar
Secretary

Nurture and Evangelism at Victory Church

An Evangelistic Outreach—The Van Program's food-sharing ministry, led by Sister D. Morgan in cooperation with Sister Jennifer Gordon's Sabbath school class, has been making an impact on the lives of many in the community. Each Sunday morning, a faithful group meet at the home of Sister Morgan to prepare vegetable soup, along with bags containing a cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetables. These are distributed through the Van Program to needy persons.

As they provide for the physical need, spiritual need is also satisfied because each recipient also gets a religious magazine. Requests have also been made specifically for a Bible or literature, instead of food.

One Sunday, the group was visited by Conference Community Services Direc-
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Greater New York

Upstate Baptisms

Middletown—July 19, 1986, was a special Sabbath of rejoicing as Steven DeLong, Kimberly Radebolt and Michael Anthony Hutson each accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. The three were baptized by Elder William Broadwell, pastor of the Middletown church.

Brenda Montes
Asst. Communication Secretary

Kingston—On Sabbath, July 12, Gladys Duryea and her daughter, Wendy, were baptized by Elder Jerry Justesen in the Kingston church. This day was an especially happy one for Barbara Duryea, a daughter/sister who had been baptized two years earlier.

Helen Zestermann
Communications Secretary

Yonkers—Carmelita Uzuegbu was baptized by Pastor Marco Valenca on July 12 in the Yonkers church. Also baptized was Judy Sands a participant in the Revelation Seminar conducted in Yonkers by lay person Billwayne Jamel



Camelita Uzuegbu being baptized by Pastor Marco Valenca.

this spring. This was Billy's second Revelation Seminar.

Martha Covi
Communication Secretary

Poughkeepsie—On June 19, five persons were baptized by Pastor Tony Cirigliano at the Poughkeepsie church. One of the candidates was Thomas

Koscal, an employee at the local IBM plant. Tom's name had been given to the pastor by the Conference office as an It Is Written interest from 1983. Pastor Cirigliano contacted him and began studying with him.

Two of the other candidates were Jonathan and Michael St. Hilaire, whose mother is a Poughkeepsie member. Jonathan Benson and Casey Brenson studied with Michael Cruz, a member of the Newburgh church. Their Uncle Jon is a worker at Camp Berkshire. Thirteen others are preparing for baptism at Poughkeepsie.

Mary Ann Cirigliano



Poughkeepsie baptismal candidates were (front row, L. to R.) Tom Koscal, Michael St. Hilaire, Jonathan St. Hilaire, Jonathan Benson; (back row) Pastor Cirigliano, Michael Cruz and Casey Benson.



The seminar group attending a potluck lunch at the Yonkers church after which they received their diplomas. Judy Sands is second from the right and Billy is third.

tor Juanita Kretschmar and Elders Perry Pederen and Earl Parchment of the General Conference and Union Personal Ministries department, respectively. The visitors expressed great appreciation for the work being done by the group, and by approximately 10 or 12 other churches in the area. Some 10,000 meals are distributed each month in this outreach coordinated by the Van Program.

"Baby Month"—July was "Baby Month" at Victory church. Each Sabbath babies were brought to the Lord, and Pastor Bulgin prayed for God's blessing on them and their parents. By the last Sabbath of the month, a total of seven babies had been brought to the Lord. These infants represented not only the church family, but also the community.

Health Fair Day—A Community Health Fair was held on the church's intended site on Sunday, July 27. Screenings offered to the community that day were dental, blood pressure, optical and blood sugar. Assisting the health team were personnel from Our Lady of Mercy, Veterans and St. Barnabas hospitals.



Victory food-sharing team with Sister D. Morgan (front, center). Juanita Kretschmar and Elders Perry Pederen and Earl Parchment (back row) visited Victory church recently during a food-preparation day.

The Van Ministry, which caters each week to the physical and spiritual needs of the area, was also made available to residents nearby.

Philipine Mair
Communication Secretary

Rochester. Since he will not be too far away we hope to see him and Nina once in awhile. We thank them for their faithful years of service to the Syracuse church and wish them God's blessings.

Joan Payne
Communication Secretary

CORRECTION

Next to the last sentence in the article "Buffalo Suburban Church Celebrates Centennial," (July 22 *Gleaner*, page 6) should have read: It was a privilege for Nikolaus Satelmajer, conference secretary, and his family and the writer (Norman L. Doss) and his wife to attend and participate in this happy weekend.

V.B.S. Held in South Buffalo

The South Buffalo, New York, Company held its first Vacation Bible School July 14 through 18. Kerry Freedman was the leader and nine children attended. With the help of Irene Danner and Brenda Kerlavage the children learned songs of Jesus, listened to Bible stories and made simple crafts. The crafts included: Bible boxes, yarn braided octopuses, flowers, caterpillar magnets, and banks.

Friday evening was the climax of the week as 19 people attended the graduation program. The children sang the V.B.S. theme song "Jesus and Me" and several other of their favorite songs which they learned during the week after which they received their graduation certificates and pins of Jesus. After the program they showed their crafts to their parents as refreshments were served. The V.B.S. was very successful and many of the children wanted the program to continue.

Brenda Kerlavage



The V.B.S. children singing during the graduation exercises in South Buffalo, New York.

New York

Farewell Picnic for Elder and Mrs. Dale

Sabbath, July 19, not only was a high day for the Syracuse, New York, West Genesee church but also a sad day as it was the last Sabbath Elder Dick Dale and his wife Nina would be with us.

After services, the church family went over to the Parkview school and had a potluck picnic in the sunken gardens there. It was a beautiful, hot, sunny day and there was plenty of food and good fellowship.

After everyone had eaten there was a short program for the Dales. They were presented with a money tree as a gift from the church family, followed by a flute solo by Barbara Hildreth. Then Mildred Christensen, church clerk, read a few words of tribute that she had written for Elder Dale and his wife. This was followed by Emojean Schmidt playing her guitar and singing a song to the Dales with her family joining her in another song. The program closed by everyone singing "Blest Be the Tie" and "God Be With You." There were many



Answering God's call. . .and ready to "serve."

tears shed as people said goodbye to their pastor and his wife whom they had come to love very much these past eight years.

Elder Dale will be pastor of the Rochester Genesee Park and Batavia churches. He will also be taking studies at the Colgate Divinity School in



Left picture: Some of the workers in the Community Services of the Albany church. The two gentlemen on the left are local community volunteers who come to help each Wednesday. The women are church members. Elder Jerry Hamblen is interviewing the group.



Semos (not pictured) and Margaurite Walker the clothing store has been successful. People travel 25 to 30 miles for the free services. A follow-up program is being planned to determine the additional needs of these persons and hopefully lead many to the Lord. Several workers are missing from this group of workers.

Picture on the right: Thanks to the leadership of Chris

Lay Evangelism Training School To be Held

The 1986 Lay Evangelism Training School for members in the Atlantic Union Conference will be held at Camp Cherokee, Saranac Inn, New York, October 3 through 11. This is the first lay evangelism training school to be held in New York. The training school, also known as Maranatha, is a highly successful lay evangelism training program developed by Elder Samuel Monnier, Associate Director of Church Ministries of the General Conference. Participants will receive instruction in personal witnessing, public evangelism and preaching. The instructors are experienced individuals in various areas of lay witnessing.

Elder Samuel Monnier will provide the instruction in the area of public evangelism. Assisting him will be lay members who have been active in lay evangelism in their own churches. The newly elected church ministries director of the Atlantic Union Conference, Elder J. C. Hicks, will serve as the chaplain for the entire series. Elder Nikolaus Satelmajer, New York Conference, will provide instruction in the area of preaching.

An effort has been made to keep the cost at a minimum for the week-long training program. Camp Cherokee is the youth camp of the New York Conference located in the beautiful Adirondack mountains. Room and board for the entire training program will be

\$95.00 (in some instances congregations will assist a member who is attending such a program and interested individuals should check with their church). Those who will participate in the training school will travel in the area at the peak of the color change in the leaves, which is quite beautiful.

Brochures giving additional information and directions to the camp are available from the New York Conference. Write: Elder Nikolaus Satelmajer,

New York Conference, Box 67, Syracuse, NY 13215 or phone (315) 469-6921. Conference Church Ministries directors within the Atlantic Union have received a supply of brochures. Pre-registration is necessary and those interested are urged to contact either their conference or the New York Conference immediately.

Nikolaus Satelmajer
New York Conference

Northern New England

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If you should need assistance, please write to:

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Northern New England Conference
of Seventh-day Adventist, Inc.
PO Box 1340
Portland, ME 04104
or call: (207) 797-3760

West Lebanon District Harvest 90 Advance

The West Lebanon and Claremont churches have accepted the challenge of Harvest 90's dual emphasis on

evangelism and strong lay participation. Pastor Philip Johnson has asked six members to join him to form a special evangelism advisory council. The council members will utilize demographic information to form long-range goals specifically designed for the district and action-implementation plans for reaching those goals. Evaluation of the plans will also be an integral part of the council.

Earlier this year the churches asked Brenda Johnson to accept a new position as district Bible worker. Brenda has been accepted on the conference plan where the local churches and conference share the cost of her salary. Brenda holds a B.S. degree from Atlantic Union College in Personal Ministries. The West



Brenda Johnson, Bible Instructor

Lebanon and Claremont churches are proud to have such an enthusiastic, well-trained professional representing their faith.

More importantly, however, Brenda has promised to train others in sharing their faith. We look forward to a triumphant Harvest 90 in the West Lebanon and Claremont churches.

Nancy Barcelow
Communication Secretary

Southern New England

"Discipline As You Like It"

A workshop for enhancing adult-child relationships.

September 19-21, Brooklawn Church, Bridgeport, CT.

To be held by Drs. Herald and Donna Habenicht from Andrews University. \$25.00 per couple, \$12.50 for individuals. Meals will be provided by the church at no charge. Limited housing available with church members. Advance notice required. Information: Call Pastor Eric Doran, (203) 335-1457. A must for anyone dealing with children.

Closing date for
registration Sept. 14

WANTED

CEDAR BROOK SCHOOL will be celebrating its 25th year of Christian service this coming '86-'87 school year. If you ever attended or served on the faculty at Cedar Brook or one of the three sister schools (BROOKSIDE ACADEMY, PROVIDENCE CHURCH SCHOOL or ATTLEBORO CHURCH SCHOOL) that formed Cedar Brook, please send us your name, address and a brief description about yourself. We would like to send a 25th anniversary letter to you. Thank you for your cooperation. Yours in Christian service, Keith D. Waters, Principal, Cedar Brook School, 24 Ralsie Road, Rehoboth, MA 02769.

New Pastoral Staff at College Church

After many months with no regular pastor, the Atlantic Union College church now has a full-time pastor and three part-time associates.

Elder Terry Pooler with his wife Helene and two children, Mike, 14, and Nicholas, 11, have arrived from Shenandoah Valley Academy in Virginia and are getting settled into their new en-



Elder and Mrs. Terry Pooler and sons, Mike (left) and Nicholas. He is the new senior pastor of the Atlantic Union College church in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

vironment. Their new address is 1223 Elm Street, Leominster, Massachusetts.

Elder Pooler is a graduate of Pacific Union College, class of 1968, and Andrews University, class of 1971. He was born in Auburn, California, and has served in several pastorates in that state and one in Montana. Helene is a registered nurse. They were married at Angwin, California, in June, 1969.

Elder Marion Kidder and his wife Mary Lou are well known to our readers since they have worked in a number of our districts through the years as well as on the staff at Atlantic Union College. Of late he has served on a part-time basis as pastor of the Leominster church along with his college assignments. Now he will be associate pastor of the college church with visitation and lay training for evangelism as his specialties.



Elder and Mrs. Marion Kidder (left) and Shari and Don Paradis, newly appointed associate pastors at the College church.

Don Paradis is from Arlington, Massachusetts, where he was born and received his early schooling in parochial (Catholic) schools. He spent seven years in the United States Coast Guard. While on vacation on Cape Cod he met Shari Lynn Smith and her family from Huntington, Connecticut, members of the Bridgeport church.

Shari was instrumental in awakening his interest in Bible truths and through a friend directed him to Elder Marion Kidder who gave him studies. Elder Kidder was at that time pastor of the Stoneham church. He was baptized in March, 1983. In September they were married.

In January, 1985, the young couple came to Atlantic Union College where he is studying religion and history while Shari is secretary in the conference education department. For two summers he has been working with the area people in the Adventist Youth Association. He has been appointed associate pastor of the college church on a part-time basis to continue working with the church youth.

Shari spent four years at Pioneer Valley Academy, graduating in 1979 and

has studied one year at Atlantic Union College.

Elder Richard Trott and his wife, Cheryl, have been on the staff of the college for nine years. He has been campus chaplain and associate pastor of the college church and he will continue with these assignments. Cheryl is secretary-receptionist in the nursing department at the college.

We request the prayers of our people for these workers as they labor for the youth and other members of the church and community.

Victor W. Collins
Communication Director

Cape Cod Church Holds V.B.S.

Colorful balloons, happy children's voices and an eye-catching sign welcomed everyone Monday morning July 14, 1986, to a week of Vacation Bible School at the Cape Cod, Massachusetts, church. The children were greeted by Mrs. Susan Dueanes, coordinator of the program, with Jennifer Cassista and Tracey Shaughnessy, former V.B.S. students now volunteers in the program.

The theme "Jesus and Me" encompassed the children around the globe as each day they were transported to a new country via an exciting story by Mrs. Sherri Wall. To make the story more meaningful, the children were taught to say "Hello" and "Goodbye" in each language.

Crafts under the direction of Mrs. Leslie Vecchione not only kept the children's hands busy but their taste buds were well rewarded with delicious, healthful ice pops which they all had a hand in making.

Each day the children were able to take part in nature projects as well as active outdoor sports. Mr. John Wood with his guitar and love of music kept the primary children in tune while Mrs. Mary Wood fed their spiritual life with



The Junior class at the Cape Cod Vacation Bible School with Elaine French leading.

Bible Stories. Mrs. Elaine French, an experienced school teacher, guided the Junior group through the week with visual aids and experiments which kept their interest peaked. Under the guidance of Mrs. Sherri Wall, the kindergarten group showed what can be accomplished during a week of Vacation Bible School by putting on an excellent closing program on Friday evening. Parents and friends were impressed by each group's presentation. Light refreshments were served at the close of the program.

Barbara Strassberger
Communication Secretary

Revelation Seminar in Framingham

Michael Coppola, III, with pastor Luis Badillo coordinating, conducted a Revelation Seminar at the Framingham, Massachusetts, church. The program began March 17 and continued on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights through May 9. About thirty-five guests



Revelation Seminar graduates in the Framingham, Massachusetts, church May 10 with Michael Coppola and Pastor Luis Badillo (front center).

along with many church members attended.

On Sabbath morning, May 10, a graduation service was held for forty people, with many of their relatives and friends present. Pastor Badillo and Brother Coppola gave out the diplomas. David and Denise Reinwald provided vocal musical numbers.

The graduation exercise was followed by a banquet, prepared and served by the ladies of the church. Many members of the class contributed toward the meal.

The class was polled and interest was shown for a Daniel follow-up seminar which Brother Coppola started the following week with one session a week for six weeks. Twenty-three people are still receiving studies, several of whom plan to be baptized soon.

God has richly blessed this effort, the fourth that Brother Coppola has held. Many other members of the church have been inspired by the seminar to give Bible studies. We praise God for His blessings.

Mildred Andronico
Communication Secretary

Adventist Health System North

Nurse Named to National Hall of Fame

Grace D. Scheresky, vice-president for professional service in five Adventist Health System/North hospitals with headquarters at Hinsdale, has been named to the Adventist Nurse Hall of Fame.

Inducted during informal ceremonies at the 19th annual meeting of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses (ASDAN), Miss Scheresky was selected partially for her philosophy which "recognizes the worth of in-



Grace Scheresky is the 33rd nurse elected to the Adventist Nurse Hall of Fame.

dividuals." The citation referred to her role modeling, mentoring, and generosity. Also mentioned were her positive attitudes, ability to "conquer challenges, and her enthusiasm for extra-mile projects."

NEMH RECEIVES GIFT FROM STONEHAM SAVINGS BANK PRESIDENT



Malcolm Barron (left), president of Stoneham Savings Bank, presents a \$5,000 check to New England Memorial Hospital president Wolfgang von Maack. The gift kicks off a \$120,000 fund-raising campaign to acquire 11 new heart-monitoring computers for the intensive care unit and cardiac care unit.



Alvin R. Goulbourne

Alvin Goulbourne has been both a teacher and a pastor in the South Central and Northeastern conferences and in Bermuda Mission. Elder Goulbourne and his wife Lucy have four children Alvin, Jr., Apryl, David, and Julie.

J. C. Hicks was not only a pastor and a teacher in Southwest Region, South-



J. C. Hicks

eastern and Northeastern conferences but also Inner City director in Southwestern Union Conference and Sabbath school, personal ministries and health director in Southwest Region Conference. Elder Hicks and his wife Viola have three children Terry, Shannon, and Jahala.

William McNeil has been a pastor in Northeastern Conference. He developed



William McNeil

Northeastern Conference's "Friendship '87" soul-winning program—a conference-wide pre-evangelism program. He has conducted ten major evangelistic crusades and as a result of his evangelistic efforts several of his churches doubled their membership. Elder William and Annie McNeil have three children Craig, Dwayne, and Eric.



Ted T. Jones

Ted Jones's 28 years of ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist Church includes service in both the United States and overseas. In addition to pastoring, Ted Jones has worked as a departmental director in both the East and West Indonesia Unions. He also was chairman of the theology department in Bugema Adventist College in Kampala, Uganda, East Africa for a little over a year.

When Elder Jones returned to the United States for health reasons he was named editor of *Message* magazine at Southern Publishing Association in Tennessee. He has also been a self-employed printer as well as working as a printer at Oakwood College in Alabama for four years.

The Jones Family is very musical. Mrs. Esther Jones is both a pianist and organist and Elder Jones has played the trumpet for over 30 years. Janelle their daughter is a pianist and all three sons—Ted III, Randall and Jeffrey—sing and are trumpet players.

Let us all earnestly pray for the ministry of these men as they plan and implement programs that will yield a large harvest in the Atlantic Union. There is no better or strategic time than now to be in the Lord's work. It is both exciting and solemn. May the Lord richly bless us all as we humbly dedicate our talents, strength, and money to a speedy finish of His work on this earth so that we may have an abundant entrance into His kingdom prepared for us all.

Dr. Geraldine I. Grout
Assistant Editor, *Gleaner*

General News . . .

New Personnel at Union Office

We warmly welcome to the Atlantic Union Conference office four men of wide and varied experience in the Lord's service. Working in the Atlantic Union will not be new to three of the men—Elder Alvin R. Goulbourne was most recently president of the Bermuda Mission for nine years; Elder J. C. Hicks was pastor of the New Rochelle, New York, church in the Northeastern Conference; and Elder William McNeil, Jr., was the first full-time director of church growth on the conference level (Northeastern Conference) in the North American Division. Elder Ted T. Jones comes to us from the North Pacific Union where he has been pastor of the Sharon, Oregon, church for a little more than six years.

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Building Character for Tomorrow

The ad pictured above will appear in the October issue of *Parents* magazine when it arrives at 1,675,000 homes in mid-September. A very similar ad will appear in October's *Family Circle*, which has a subscription rate of 5,810,000. Both ads will be accompanied by colorful tear-off cards that interested persons can mail in for information on *The Bible Story*. The interest cards will be returned to the *Review and Herald*, where they will be distributed to the respective Home Health Education Service offices across North America. Literature evangelists will receive them in time to call on these interests, take their orders, and deliver the volumes in time for Christmas giving. So watch your newsstands for these two issues and the colorful ads for *The Bible Story*.

Rose Otis
Public Relations

Scale Model of Bounty Ship Offered

A scale model of the H. M. S. *Bounty*, the ship of mutiny fame, has been given to the Voice of Prophecy by G. Clarence Hoskin, Jr., with the understanding that it will be offered to the highest donor.

Hoskin, a retired aerospace engineer, spent 800 hours constructing the model. Models with the kind of detail exhibited by this project often sell for \$2,500 to \$3,000, says Hoskin. Even that amount is equivalent to less than minimum wage for the labor involved. He decided to give it to the VOP instead of selling it.

The *Bounty* model features walnut, birch, and limewood. Detailed work went into creating the keel, frames, hull planks,

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deck, masts, and sails. The model is constructed on a 1/50 scale and is approximately 32 inches long and 24 inches high.

Making the rigging involved tying 3,300 knots by hand, a process that required surgical tweezers and scissors—and a great deal of time. A small dab of clear fingernail polish was applied as a sealant to every one of the knots.

Hoskin lives in Huntington Beach, California. The *Bounty* is the latest in a series of scale models he has built as a hobby since 1974.

Bids on the *Bounty* model may be sent to: Lance Liebelt, Treasurer, Voice of Prophecy, Box 2525, Newbury Park, CA 91320. All bids must be received by December 1, 1986. Checks should not be sent at this time; the highest bidder will be notified during December, 1986, and may then send the amount of the bid within 30 days. The Voice of Prophecy reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

"We want to thank Clarence Hoskin for making such a beautiful model and giving it to the Voice of Prophecy, says James Hayward, VOP manager. "We appreciate this fine gesture of support for the radio broadcast and Bible School ministry." ☆



Clarence Hoskin (right) of Huntington Beach, California, tells Roland Rhynus how he constructed a scale model of the *Bounty*, the ship that Fletcher Christian and his band of mutineers sailed to Pitcairn Island in 1789-90. The ship is on display at the Voice of Prophecy broadcast headquarters in Newbury Park, California, where it is being offered to the highest donor. Rhynus is director of the VOP's Stamp Project, one specialty of which is a complete selection of Pitcairn Island stamps.

How to build a bridge

GEORGE E. VANDEMAN

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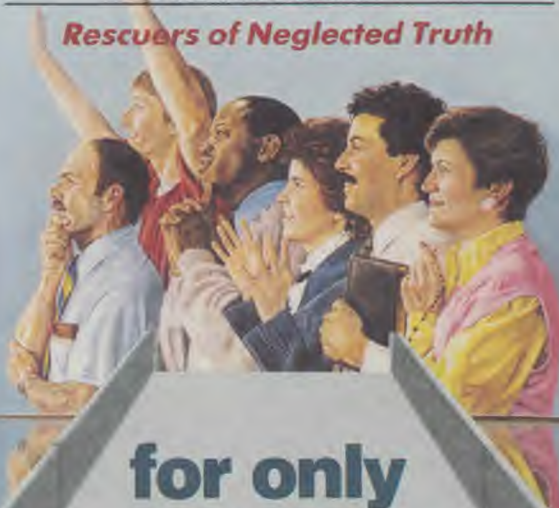
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A weekend of inspiration & training for Personal Ministry Directors & Staffs, Local Elders & Jr. Leaders
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Sun. 12:30 p.m. closing exercises
Cost: \$5.00 per person

Communicating the Good News

A Seminar for Communicators & Writers of Faith
Sat. Sept. 20; 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
German N.Y. Church
111 E. 87th St., Manhattan
Speakers include Elder Wm. Johnsson, editor, *Adventist Review*; Robert Nixon, GC Communication Direc.; Tom Dybdahl, asst. editor, *Prevention* magazine and more
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NEW YORK

Eastern Area Meeting for all School Board Chairmen, Treasurers, Secretaries, Home & School Leaders, and Pastors.

Sept. 7; 1:00 p.m.
Conference Office

Western Area Meeting for all School Board Chairmen, Treasurers, Secretaries, Home & School Leaders, and Pastors

Sept. 28; 1:00 p.m.
Buffalo Suburban Church

Maranatha/Lay Evangelistic Training School

Oct. 3-11; Camp Cherokee
Speaker: Samuel Monnier, GC

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Firm Foundation Conf. XVII

Sept. 12-17
Brunswick SDA Church
333 Upper Maine St.
Brunswick, ME
Correlation with Hartland Inst.
Information (207) 729-3346 or (207) 729-0943

Community Service Center Training Weekend

Portsmouth, NH
Sept. 13 & 14

Annual Meeting

Bordoville, VT
Sept. 27
Speaker: Elder Paul Gordon
White Estate

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Brooklawn Church
Bridgeport, CT
Sept. 19-21
Details (203) 335-1457

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Camp Winnekeag
Ashburnham, MA
Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. to
Sept. 28, 12:00 Noon
Speakers: Elders Wieland and Short
Information (617) 528-5160

Annual Homecoming

N. E. San & Hospital
Stoneham, MA
Sept. 26-28
See announcement *Gleaner*
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SLA Alumni Weekend

Oct. 10-12
AUC Church
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Adventist Singles Ministries Weekend Retreat

Oct. 17-19
Camp Winnekeag, Ashburnham, MA
Information: Lucy Santana
(617) 368-8453 Evenings only.

GBA Alumni Weekend

Oct. 31 & Nov. 1
GBA Gym
Speaker: John Hayward
Sec. Lake Union
Honor classes '46, '56, '61, '66, '76

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Meadowbrook Adventist School
Hudson, MA
2:30 p.m. 2nd Sabbath Monthly

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Coming September 21

Miniseries—"The Telltale Connection"

NEWS FLASH

- A total of 69 persons were baptized as a result of the evangelistic crusade by Evangelist Raymond Saunders which recently concluded in Bermuda Conference.
- On September 21 there will be a new television program in Bermuda Conference in Portuguese 8:30 a.m. Sundays—Uma Luz No Caminho—A Light to My Path.
- Elder Henry M. Wright, President of Allegheny West Conference, presented the Week of Prayer in St. Georges Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bermuda Conference July 20-26. There were nine new decisions for Christ and the persons are preparing for baptism.
- More than 200 persons attended the commemorative service at William Miller Chapel, Low Hampton, New York, on August 16. James Nix, a Loma Linda University associate archivist, led the group in singing hymns of the William Miller era. In addition to having Neal C. Wilson, General Conference president, speak twice to the group, Elder Paul Gordon from the White Estate was also present.
- There have been 13 tent crusades and 25 church efforts held in Northeastern Conference this summer with attendance holding well in each one.

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Power to Cope program has been airing in Manhattan, New York, for three years and is now airing on approximately eight stations. Juanita Kretschmar (right) hosts the program and is shown interviewing Jennie Wilkinson. Van program and conference staff work on production with a local director. Photo by Douglas Woods.

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	Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26
Bangor, ME	7:07	6:54	6:40	6:27
Portland, ME	7:12	6:59	6:46	6:33
Boston, MA	7:14	7:01	6:49	6:37
So. Lancaster, MA	7:16	7:04	6:51	6:39
Pittsfield, MA	7:22	7:10	6:58	6:45
Hartford, CT	7:19	7:07	6:55	6:43
New York, NY	7:24	7:12	7:00	6:48
Utica, NY	7:31	7:18	7:06	6:53
Syracuse, NY	7:35	7:22	7:10	6:57
Rochester, NY	7:41	7:28	7:15	7:03
Buffalo, NY	7:45	7:33	7:20	7:08
Hamilton, Bda. (EST)	6:39	6:29	6:20	6:11

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NOW IS THE HOUR

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In some people's thinking, the golden days of soul winning are in the past. They believe people today are so sophisticated that the secular mentality is holding sway, making it almost impossible to bring people to Christ. While it is true that people are more materialistic today than ever before, it is equally true

that we are in the last hours of earth's history, and God's Spirit is at work.

We are also in a time when nearly everyone realizes that this world is out of control; that something has got to happen or people will end up destroying themselves and the world. It really is time for Jesus to come again. Now is the hour to tell others about the coming of our Lord. We've been very encouraged to see how people are responding in our field. So many times recently, people will come to our mobile screening vans—not to get their blood pressure taken, but to find out more about Seventh-day Adventists.

In one of the most interesting incidents, a loaded city bus pulled up beside one of our parked blood pressure screening vans and stopped. The driver jumped out and ran over to our van. Naturally, his stopped bus was causing a major traffic jam, and the cars stalled behind him were honking frantically. But, in spite of the noise, the bus driver calmly indicated he didn't want his blood pressure taken, he was interested in finding out more about Seventh-day Adventists. He had seen our vans all over New York City and was intrigued by the name Seventh-day Adventist. Our van personnel talked to him, gave him the literature he requested, and he happily went back to his bus, started it and drove off; ending the traffic jam.

How many times pastors will tell me, "Never have I seen so many people just walk off the street into the church seeking Bible studies and a knowledge of what Seventh-day Adventists believe." Just another example of how God works: when one new group was being planned in our area (the very week before the first service was initiated), a man arrived at the place of meeting. He said he had been studying the Bible and was convinced the seventh-day Sabbath was correct and wondered if there was any church that kept the Sabbath in that area. Naturally, he was told of the opening of the new group the following Sabbath. He attended, has now been baptized and his wife is preparing for baptism. God's Spirit is working in the 20th Century! If we understand Bible prophecy correctly, we can expect to see more and more miracles of God's grace as we approach the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The question arises, "What can each one of us do to make it possible for the Lord to use us in a very special way to witness for Him in these last hours?" In one church that I pastored, a lady very frankly told me she had no burden for souls and didn't feel comfortable trying to change people's religious viewpoints. I counseled her to pray earnestly that God would put a burden on her heart for souls and lead her to witness for Him.

She agreed. Being an honest person, she sincerely asked God to lead in her life. The Lord answered her prayer, and within six months she turned into one of the most active and enthusiastic workers for God in the whole congregation. There will be souls in the Kingdom as a result of her activity.

As God's Spirit comes into our lives, we will be workers for Him. If ever there was a time when we need to be studying and praying, it is today. Only as we learn to depend completely on God will we be successful in soul winning or any other activity for Christ. Indeed, now is the hour to give our lives to the Lord and let Him work in us.