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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING...



Ted T. Jones
Atlantic Union Gleaner Editor

The best-known chaplain of the United States Senate was Dr. Peter Marshall, that noble Scotsman, whose determination to be somebody for God and to do something for God made him an outstanding preacher and a giant of faith. His wife Catherine became a well-known writer.

One prayer offered in the Senate by Dr. Peter Marshall gives a clarion call to Seventh-day Adventists in our compromising and peer-pressure oriented generation—"Lord, help us to know where to stand and what to stand for, because unless we shall stand for something, we shall fall for anything!" And somebody out there in Adventist land ought to say "Amen!"

I am so glad that the faith once delivered to the saints is not dead. In spite of some who would woo the innocent or unconvicted into the

arena of compromise, there are many genuinely converted Seventh-day Adventists who would let nothing earthly separate them from that which is heavenly. When one seeks to know what is truth and what is right, God will not leave that person in darkness.

A newly baptized young husband once said, "I don't want to be a halfway Adventist, a marginal Adventist. I want to be all the way with Christ!" This man had observed so many members of the church in the part of the nation where he lived who were still drinking coffee, still wearing jewelry, still attending movies, careless in Sabbath keeping, and for all appearances were simply straddling the fence.

This newborn babe in Christ had come out of the world and to his disappointment he saw so many in the church who didn't seem to know the difference between right and wrong, or perhaps who felt much more comfortable living in the "gray zone." But there is a difference and we who bear the name Seventh-day Adventist ought to know where we stand and what we stand for.

In the 1986 devotional book *Reflecting Christ* (p. 219), Ellen White wrote, "It behooves every soul whose life is hid with Christ in God to come to the front now, and to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Truth must be defended and the kingdom of God advanced as they would be were Christ in person on this earth."

There must be a time when we ought to see a return to serious Bible reading and prayer and praise as we have not seen it in ages and that time is now. If ever there was a time when the world ought to see a peo-

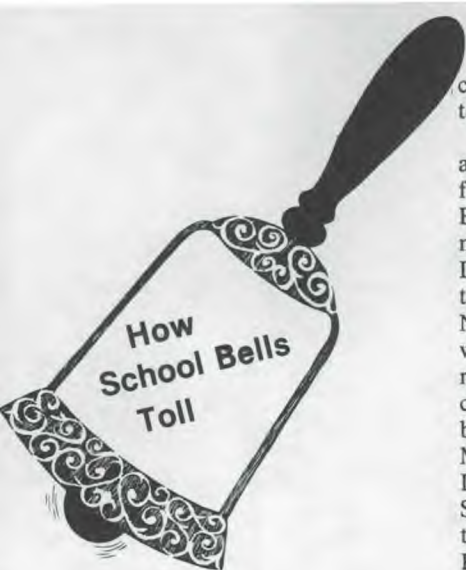
ple happy in their Christian experience, that time is now.

If ever there was a time when our churches ought to be alive and full of happy, loving people, that time is now. The Lord Jesus is soon to come and so many are asleep in Zion. We can be channels of light and blessing if we let the Holy Spirit have His way in us. Sinners would come to see the light if our lights were really turned on.

What an hour in the world's history we are privileged to live in! This is the time of the end. The Lord is coming! Precious souls are waiting for a word from heaven. Is this the time for us to stand tall for Christ and the truth? Where are your platforms and priorities? The time for thrusting in the sickle and reaping is now. The best days for Harvest 90 are now. Christ can give to each of us that wonderful exhilarative experience of leading souls to Christ, leading souls into His kingdom, if we will fully commit ourselves to living for Jesus a life that is new, striving to please Him in all that we do. Harvest 90 time is now!

Again that prayer, "Lord, help us to know where to stand and what to stand for, because unless we shall stand for something, we shall fall for anything."





cent years," said Mark Sargeant, teacher and principal of the school.

The graduation program opened with an invocation by Pastor Lee Manning, followed by the welcome by Kevin Bisson, seventh-grade student. The commencement address was presented by Daniel Jantos, guest speaker, on the theme "Forward Ever; Backward Never." Class response to the address was given by Michael Yendell and Warren (Jay) Young, class treasurer. The class gift was presented by David Campbell, class chaplain, and the class will by Melissa Young, class secretary. Diplomas were awarded by Mark Sargeant. Throughout the program there were musical selections by Janet Hurd, Wilma Campbell, and David Abbott. Michael Bisson, school board chairman, closed the program with the benediction. A well attended reception followed the program.



Standing with Mark Sargeant (Left) principal/teacher, are (L. to R.): David Campbell, Melissa Young, Jay Young, Michael Bisson, Michael Yendell.

The church school resumed classes again on September 2, 1986, with seven students in grades 3, 5, 7, and 8.

Leigh Adams
Communication Secretary

Whispering Pines School Graduation

The Whispering Pines school graduation program was held at the Old Westbury church this year. The Class of 1986 is a unique one in the history of the school. Its members are all girls and therefore the prettiest class to graduate from Whispering Pines for many years. There were exactly seven members—the perfect number! Four of the girls graduated with a total of ten individual honors. Congratulations!



The graduates are (L. to R.): Monica Suarez, Cassandra Hudson, Nicole Goffe, Karen Gray, Shalom Nisenbaum, Jennifer Schmidt and Jane Stickle.

May God bless each one as you further your education. May you, along with the world class of 1986, dedicate your lives to the service of our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Rutland Church School Graduation

Four students graduated from the eighth grade on June 5, 1986, at the Rutland Seventh-day Adventist elementary school in Rutland, Vermont. "This was the largest class of graduates in re-

Atlantic Union College

NEW FEATURE! NEW FEATURE! NEW FEATURE! NEW FEATURE!

DEAR AUC:

Why don't you tell us some things we've been wondering about? How did you increase your enrollment so much this year? Are you keeping within the budget? Do the students have a curfew? Do they have to attend church? ANSWER: Wait a minute! We thought you'd never ask! Do you really want to know? AUC wants to talk with you, to answer your questions and address your concerns. We can't do that unless you let us know what they are! We invite you to send your questions and comments to: DEAR AUC, c/o Ruth Brand, Public Relations, Atlantic Union College, S. Lancaster, MA 01561. All serious questions will be answered. Please include your name and address. We can't wait to hear from you!

Atlantic Union College Professor Wins National Recognition

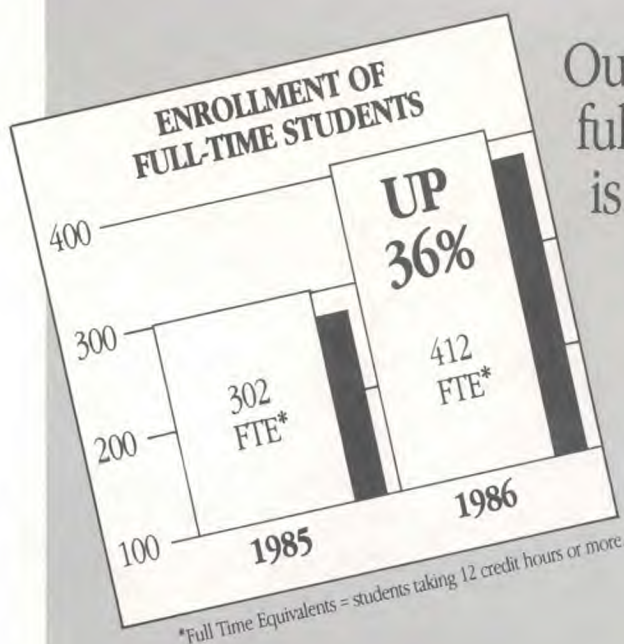
Within the community of Seventh-day Adventist colleges, Dr. Otilie Stafford, Professor of English and Chair of that department at Atlantic Union College, has earned the respect of her colleagues, the admiration of her students, and the gratitude of the college and church she serves so well. Her worth, however, has been recognized far beyond the scope of Adventist education. In the July/August issue of *Change* magazine Otilie Stafford is cited as one of only 280 educators

across the nation to be recognized by the Association for Higher Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as one of a select group whose energy and commitment reflect the conviction that their responsibilities have "significance in contexts that extend far beyond themselves." They are faculty who truly make a difference.

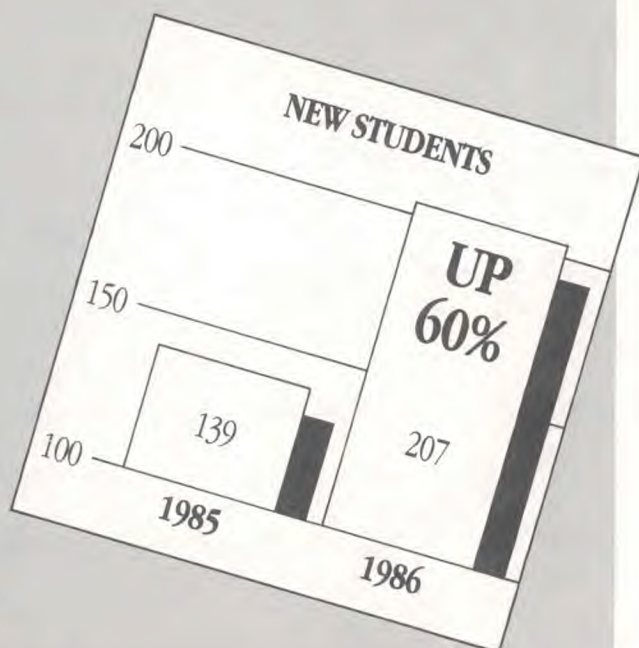
That is not to say that there are not others who make a difference or whose commitment is absolute, but when the AAHE and the Carnegie Foundation began its search for faculty leaders, 280

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teachers emerged as exceptional. Otilie Stafford, a teacher in a small, little-known college (in terms of secular education) was among them.

Stafford's contributions to higher education, to her church and to her community are many and diverse. The author of numerous scholarly articles, she finds herself in demand as a speaker for commencements, women's organizations, English associations. She recently served on the SDA hymnbook committee which produced a new hymnbook devoid of sexist language, a blending of the best in the old and new in hymnology. She was a member of the bicentennial committee for the town of Lancaster, Massachusetts. She developed the Honors Core program at AUC which has been saluted as one of the best two in the nation by an assistant professor at Susquehanna University who studied Honors Core programs of more than 175 liberal arts colleges. She developed a unique Adult Degree Program at AUC and has directed it since its inception in 1972 until this fall of 1986 when Dr. Sakae Kubo, Academic Dean, accepted that responsibility.

Impressive as these accomplishments are, however, it is not until one sits in Stafford's classroom that she can be fully appreciated. There is an intensity and excitement there. Her questions strip away the veneer of preconceived ideas and answers and force the learner to probe the unfamiliar territory of original thinking. Her comments challenge the student to learn, to stretch, to embark on an epistemological journey whose ultimate (if elusive) destination is truth.

Says *Change* magazine, "Among these distinguished faculty [those selected by the AAHE and the Carnegie Foundation] are some of the leading entrepreneurs in American higher education, recipients of prestigious awards and major grants—innovators every one; they are a diverse group, registering notable achievements in a wide variety of fields. The common elements that merge from [their] reflective statements on their central commitments, are, however, the joys of teaching and an ongoing life of learning."

After 36 years in higher education, Stafford has not lost her enthusiasm for teaching or her zest for learning. She has formed some perceptive ideas about education and the role she plays in it. In her words,

"Today's college students, their parents, and to an extent, some of

their teachers talk about education as a product to be purchased, which should be planned to please its customers. There is just enough of a truth to the idea to make it an attractive statement. But there is an important difference between manufacturing refrigerators and structuring education, and it lies in the power to change lives that learning carries.

"It is that power that keeps me and my colleagues in a profession that has more than its share of frustrations. To see the face of a student who has grasped an idea that changes her view of life, or that illuminates an area that was clouded, is enough of a reward to carry a discouraged teacher through weeks of drudgery. To feel the excitement of a discussion discovering new combinations of facts and ideas and opening up whole new areas for exploration is enough to carry one through a semester, or a year, or even a decade. To be a part of a world

where the quality of mind matters is a joy. To see young people or adults re-entering college being changed by such a world is an act of grace.

"And to be a part of an institution's self assessment that is constantly searching for something better makes the manufacture of refrigerators seem inconsequential. I feel honored and blessed to have been a part of such a profession for so many years. And most grateful to my students and to my colleagues from whom I have learned much and by whom I have been changed much."

Atlantic Union College considers itself privileged and blessed to have had Otilie Stafford on its faculty over the past years. A teacher of her quality validates the Adventist educational system while personifying all that is fine and admirable in an educator.

Ruth Brand
Publicity Coordinator

Greater New York

First "Deacon and Deaconess Day" Held at Crossroads Church

Ending several weeks of planning, the deacons and deaconesses of Crossroads church presented the Sabbath programs on September 13 in what was the first

"Deacon and Deaconess Day" in Crossroads' history. The officers planned a full agenda beginning with Sabbath school and ending with an afternoon concert.

In his sermon, guest speaker Pastor Mattahais Patrick, of the New Haven church in Brooklyn, told the congrega-



Platform guests at Crossroads church September 13 included Head Deaconess Beatrice Ellis and Head Deacon Mervyn Eversley (in white), with guest speaker Elder Mattahais Patrick of the New Haven church.

tion that silence is not always golden. There are times, he said, when we will have to cry out and rightfully identify the evils and the secularism of our age. A moving rendition of "Give Me Jesus" by soprano Mildred Vassell, the church choir director, highlighted the service. A luncheon provided by the deacons and deaconesses for guests and members followed the service.

An afternoon concert featured contemporary and classical selections by the church quartet, a duet by Mattie Quailey and Martha Felipe, as well as spirituals by the choir. The day's programs were coordinated by Beatrice Ellis and Mervyn Eversley, head deaconess and deacon, respectively.

Charlene Whitney
Communication Secretary

BRONX YOUTH FEDERATION HOSTS YOUTH SABBATH AT CO-OP CITY CHURCH



Noemi Denizard-Perez of the Pelham Parkway church, is assisted by her son, Jason Evan, as she tells a story using illustrations of birds to show the individuality of God's love for each of His children. Pastor Lloyd Scharffenberg of the Pelham Parkway-Co-op City district, liked the story so much that he left the platform to join the children. (seated on blanket, center back row) This outdoor service marked a very special Sabbath sponsored by the Federation of Bronx Young Adventists. Elder Philip Follett, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, participated in the service. A wonderful day was had by all, with age no barrier.

Eileen Quinn, Communication Secretary
Pelham Parkway Church

News Briefs

The food-sharing program coordinated by the Van Program is presently bringing from 3- to 5,000 meals per month to the hungry in New York City. Eight congregations are offering lunches to people coming to their churches from the community; six others prepare lunches either weekly or every other week for delivery by Van Program vans. Weekdays a smaller van from the Van Center transports meals prepared at the Community Services warehouse in Queens.

Five new Pathfinder Clubs are reported in the Conference, and a total of 18 young persons baptized to date this year through the Pathfinder work.

Enrollments for the lay training institutes held throughout the school year in the Conference for the past few years show increases for 1986-87. Approximately 110 persons are enrolled in IBLA, a Hispanic seminary-style institute in the Bronx.

SAMPLI, a second Hispanic pro-

gram, meets in Rockville Centre and has added two campuses this year: one in Bay Shore and one in Corona, Queens. With these additional locations, the volunteer staff teaching in SAMPLI has tripled this year to a total of 12.

ALBI, the English-speaking institute, reports a 30 percent enrollment increase. Plans are being made for regional classes in English to be held in the future in Newburgh and Brooklyn, as well as in Jackson Heights. Curriculum has been planned to address both public and personal evangelism needs.

The lay training classes meet between four and five hours weekly, usually on Sunday mornings, to train students to assist in pastoral and personal ministries outreaches.

The Trust Services Department began providing assistance with estate planning and the preparation of wills at the Information Center each Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on October 30. This counseling is offered as a service to members.

New York

Pathfinders! (And You)

I spent last weekend with a group of kids (I hope they don't mind being called kids). Twelve of them I know personally, the other 50 or so I am getting acquainted with. Anyway they are such a neat group of kids that I wanted to tell you about them.

For the past two years it has been my privilege to be the Pathfinder Director at the Vestal Hills church. I have been negligent in introducing you to us these past two years. I am sorry, for these kids and my staff deserve to be known.

We started out with six kids in January, 1985. We are now 14 strong. They are an eager group willing to work. They have done such things as preparing and serving two spaghetti dinners, working in the homes of some of our senior citizens on Service Day, cleaning a park, going on campouts and bike-a-thons, collecting 321 cans last October for canning, baking and distributing 100 loaves of bread, playing flashlight tag, I have to mention this as it is one of their favorite activities—after all isn't that the reason for a pathfinder to own a flashlight? We have had two years of fun.

We have also attended two camporees. The weekend I referred to in the first paragraph was a camporee and it was what I saw there that prompted me to write.

The weather was not the best for a campout: rainy, dreary, murky weather, but I don't remember hearing one pathfinder complain. I remember smiles, laughter, fellowship at its best. I saw them listen attentively to Pastor Couser as he talked to them in a way you talk to kids. They all felt that Elder Ortel was their friend and I saw them relate to their staff in a way that said, "Thanks for liking me."

You know we plan all kinds of activities and wrack our brains for ideas to get people to visit our churches but have you looked at your congregation lately? Folks, there is a group right in your church who are, in a sense, visiting and they are there every week. No need to advertise. What they need is some TLC from you. They need what you have to offer, Friendship! You couldn't meet a nicer group of people. They are the kids of your church. They wouldn't mind a little evangelizing. Do you have a Pathfinder Club? How about it? How about you?

Along with my staff, Sally Cady, Heber and Mary Belles, Evelyn Belles, Dawn and Russell Crerar, Diana MacKenzie, we invite you to share a little of yourself with the kids in your church. We look forward to seeing you next year at the camporee for a firsthand encounter with what we experienced—what fun it is to be with the Pathfinders!

Mary Louise Lyons
Communication Secretary

New York Conference— 125th Anniversary

NOTE: The New York Conference is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year culminating in a very special camp meeting to be held at the Union Springs campgrounds June 26 through July 4, 1987. The following is one of several articles that will be appearing from time to time in celebration of this historic event. The following story was published recently in the local newspaper, "The Malone Evening Telegram."

Don Wright
Communication Director

Recently, a special 125th anniversary celebration was held by the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in West Bangor, New York.

The church was first known as First Seventh-day Adventist Society of West Bangor, New York-Franklin County and was organized September 27, 1861, by Elder D.L. Bourdeaux and S.B. Whitney. At the time there were 15 members.

Horace W. Lawrence was the first pastor of the church. He was ordained by Elder James White, J.N. Andrews, John Byington and H.G. Buck. Mr. Lawrence was converted before age 21. He had been to two camp meetings and heard William Miller preach.

Before the organization of Seventh-day Adventists, we were part of the Millerite movement.

He heard such men as J.V. Himes, Josiah Litch, Shipman and R.V. Lyon preach. He was baptized in the icy February waters and later rebaptized by Joseph Bates. It was through his efforts, house to house, that a 40-member church was raised up at Buck's Bridge, New York, where the very first church school operated by Seventh-day Adventists was founded.

Services were held on the Taylor Road in the Town of Bangor for 32 years. By June 5, 1926, the church was meeting in the home of Emma L. Lawrence. In



West Bangor, New York, Seventh-day Adventist Church.

1950, it moved to the Christian Church in East Dickinson, New York.

We enjoyed the fellowship of several ministers during these years. Finally, after a few more moves, we decided to step out in faith and purchase our own church. On June 11, 1971, we purchased the Old West Bangor schoolhouse, which was built in 1932. With financial help from several sources, we did extensive renovating, and at present we have a lovely chapel in which to worship.

God has surely led us in a miraculous way; we have seen many answers to prayer in our little church, even though the road has been rough at times. Up un-

til a few months ago, our church was mostly "woman power," but we are seeing a few new faces. In April, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ritter and son, Troy, moved here from Missouri to join us. Then this summer, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Carter and family moved here from Delaware. At this time, we are looking forward to several others joining our church.

We thank our Heavenly Father for His many blessings to our church and pray we will remain faithful to the end and have a home in His soon-coming kingdom.

Mabel Wilson and Beverly Meacham

JAMESTOWN SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM RENOVATED



Recently the congregation of the Jamestown, New York, church completely insulated and installed new roof shingles on their school and gymnasium (pictured above). The insulation and new roof will help to reduce heat loss and prevent future water damage resulting in savings for the school and church.

Don Wright
Communication Director

"No one can be a Christian and keep his light under a bushel. God wants us to tell our personal experiences for the encouragement of others." ("A Faith To Live By," M.L. Andreassen)

It had been a lovely Sabbath and we had gone to church and enjoyed the spiritual food God prepared for us. We greatly enjoyed the pleasure of 14 of our brothers and sisters from church for dinner. Are you wondering if we had enough food? (Of course, if Jesus could feed 5,000 men, besides women and children it would be but a small matter for him to feed 14!)

After a light supper, I was impressed to go over and visit my elderly lady friend Edith. I took her a few treats left from dinner and went out. We had a lovely visit yet did not seem to get around to speak of spiritual things. As I got ready to go, "Offer to have prayer with her," kept coming to my mind. I said, "Edith, let's have prayer together." I prayed and then she did. It always makes me feel so good to pray with this dear lady, she always begins her prayer, "Lord, I thank thee for another privilege of prayer." To her it is indeed a privilege as she is not able to get out to church. (How often when we are asked to volunteer to pray in church, do we count it a privilege?)

As I turned to leave she said, "God surely sent you here tonight, I was so discouraged, you have helped me so much." Then she said, "I have a coat, I wonder if you would want it?" I had just remarked a few days before how I wished I had a summer-fall coat but could not afford to buy one. Anyway I tried her coat on (someone had given it to her) and it fit perfectly! We were both so happy!

So you see when God tells you to go and visit someone—listen to Him! You never know what surprise He has in store for you! "To every worker for God this thought should be a stimulus and an encouragement. In this life our work for God seems to be almost fruitless. Our efforts to do good may be earnest and persevering, yet we may not be permitted to witness their results. To us the effort may seem to be lost."

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister" (Hebrews 6:20).

Beverly Meacham

Northern New England

President of AUC Featured at Spiritual Emphasis Weekend

On August 22 and 23 the West Lebanon-Clairemont, New Hampshire, district held its annual Spiritual Emphasis Weekend. The featured speaker was Dr. Larry Geraty, president of Atlantic Union College.

Dr. Geraty presented four programs. On Friday evening he started the series with a slide show—"A Tale of Two Tels: The Bible and Archaeology in Jordan." The Sabbath service was entitled "The Stones and the Scripture—The Credibility of the Scriptures as Attested by the Findings of Archaeology."

After a potluck dinner on the lawn, the spiritual feast continued with "Spotlight on Prophecy—The Urgency of the Times As Seen by Fulfilled and Unfulfilled Biblical Prophecy." Sabbath evening concluded the weekend with another slide presentation "From Dan to Beersheba: An Archaeologist Tours the Holy Land."

Nancy Barcelow
Communication Secretary

Baptism at Claremont

The Claremont, New Hampshire, church rejoiced on Sabbath, September 6, 1986, as it welcomed four new members by baptism into its fellowship. Each of these four people spent several months in intensive Bible study and anticipated this day a long time.

Particularly glad to witness the baptism were Ed Conrad, an elder in the church, and Brenda Johnson, district Bi-



The four persons who were baptized in Mascoma Lake in Enfield, New Hampshire, standing with Pastor Philip Johnson (left) and Brenda Johnson (far right), are (L. to R.): Kenneth and Terri Hamelin, Christrose Lader, and Debbie Wilson.

ble workers. Ed, a TV repairman, dedicated nearly a year of Tuesday evenings to studying with Christrose. Her joy was his on that Sabbath. For Brenda, the baptism of Debbie Wilson and Terri Hamelin represented the first fruits of her labors as a Bible worker.

Congratulations to these four new members of God's family—and to the two active laymen whom the Lord used to make it possible!

Pastor Philip Johnson

West Lebanon Church Holds Vacation Bible School

Under the able leadership of Cheryl Graf, the West Lebanon church offered a week of Vacation Bible School to the community and church family during July 7 through 11. The average daily attendance was 55, the largest number being in the Kindergarten or four- to six-year-old age group.



Craft time for the kindergarten children who are making window angels.

Each day the opening and closing exercises were led by Mary Ann Conrad. The children eagerly participated in the illustrated songs and listened carefully to the story series on the bird families in Winton. Each story taught a lesson in a delightful manner.

The opening exercises formed the basis for the closing program on Friday evening, July 11. The parents obviously enjoyed the Christ-centered songs and artwork reflecting the Vacation Bible School theme "Jesus and Me." During the thirty-minute program the children received their diplomas.

Light refreshments and a tour of the impressive crafts taught by Coral Berry concluded the program. A Bible Story Hour is planned for the children this fall.

Nancy Barcelow
Communication Secretary

Southern New England

First Listen Workers Seminar in Atlantic Union Held

Listen workers are a group of special literature evangelists who are placing Adventist publications, *Listen* and *Winner* magazines and related temperance literature, in schools across the country—high schools, middle schools, public, private and parochial. We visit schools, acquainting them with our program and gaining their cooperation. We then visit the business and professional people in the local communities, giving them the privilege of sponsoring *Listen* and *Winner* periodicals and our other services to the schools. These services include classroom visits to the cooperating schools, encouraging the students to get "high" only on clean, drug-free living. The names of the sponsors are then given to the schools who respond once a year with thank-you notes of appreciation to the sponsors.

We met, ten of us *Listen* workers, September 26 and 27 in South Lancaster to gather inspiration, to sharpen our skills and to deepen our dependence on the Holy Spirit and His guidance. Accompanied by three or four publishing department leaders from various conferences in the Atlantic Union, we witnessed demonstrations of approaches to school personnel and business sponsors. We were privileged to watch and listen to several presentations on drug-free topics dealing with alcohol, drugs, tobacco and clean-living life-styles given to the elementary pupils of Browning elementary school by Tim Berger and William Warcholik, two of our most able temperance educators (*Listen* workers).

Instruction on reporting procedures was presented by H.H.E.S. workers Diane Pelley and Jamie Daum.



Southern New England "Listen" workers who attended the seminar for temperance educators.

Elder Petro Kamilos, Union Publishing Department Director, inspired us on the importance and the potential growth of our activities. He also reminded us of the importance of the evangelistic aspect of the work we are doing in encouraging young and old

to have clean bodies and clean minds so they can benefit from spiritual truths.

We all felt especially blessed by our first *Listen* workers seminar in this union.

LaVern C. Wolcott

GOD'S TROPHIES



The five beautiful children shown are a wonderful tribute to the combined forces of the Christian home, Christian schools and teachers, and the various departments of the church, such as Sabbath school and Pathfinders. Each of these institutions has exerted an influence on these young lives to cause them to make a choice intelligently and thoughtfully, namely, to give their lives to Jesus, the loving Shepherd. On September 20 they were baptized by Pastor Stevenson and became members of the Stoneham church family in the formal sense. Mark Chaffin presented a series of studies during the Edgewood spring week of spiritual emphasis and they made their final decisions at that time. Left to right they are Wendy Tauro, Lincoln Alabaster, Kim Trepanier, Niki Lawrence, and Josephine Morrison.

Sterling Church VBS Attracted Many Young People

The theme of this year's Sterling, Massachusetts, church Vacation Bible School held in July was "Jesus and Me." Mary Barry coordinated it and Frank Savoy had a story each night of young persons who had Jesus as their best friend.

Marie Bakerlis and Patti Clayburn led the Kindergarten Division through interesting Bible stories and songs. The Primary Division was led in their various activities by Gary Raymond, and Fawn Gagnon led the Juniors through their nightly lessons. Sue Raymond and Sharon Cobb showed the young people how to do their crafts. They worked on everything from styrofoam ladybugs to glasslike flowers. Approximately 25 young people came every night, and we had many helpers.



The juniors who attended the Sterling church Vacation Bible School this year were (L. to R.): Jill Savoy, Nathan Cobb, Fawn Gagnon (teacher), Rachel Cobb, Danielle Cormier, and Tricia Raymond.

We enjoyed good song services, exciting mystery seats, and tasty juice breaks. But best of all we learned that Jesus is our best Friend.

Eddie Conrad
Communication Secretary

NEW ELEMENTARY TEACHERS IN SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND



When the teachers met for their annual convention October 2 through 5 at Camp Winnekeag there were eight new elementary-level members on the conference staff. Pictured here, they are (L. to R.): Deborah Cookson, Brooklawn School; Suzanne Hayford, Warren, Massachusetts; Karen Whitehead, Waterbury, Connecticut; Adele and James Morgan, Connecticut Valley; Valerie Boccheciamp, Cape Cod; Nona Grant, Lowell; and Phyllis Crand, Browning. We solicit the prayers of our people for these and all our teachers in their delicate task of training young minds for service and for the kingdom of God.

Victor W. Collins
Communication Director



H. M. S. Richard, Jr., talks with Kay Kuzma about the problems faced by working mothers and other parents.

mothers," says Pastor Richards, "every mother and father who tunes in will receive valuable insights that will make parenting easier and more exciting."

Topics for the week include how to have quality time with the family, job and family conflicts, overcoming guilt, preventing discipline problems, and making the family a winning team.

Eldyn Karr
Public Relations Director

Blind Man Receives New "Light" In Poughkeepsie

William Jackett's visual impairment didn't prevent him from accepting the "Greater Light" found in Jesus Christ when he was baptized into the Poughkeepsie, New York, Seventh-day Adventist Church recently.

According to Larry Ward, Christian Record Braille Foundation district representative for southeastern New York, Jackett began receiving large-print reading services from Christian Record three years ago. His interest in religion was apparent immediately.

Studying with Philip Sica, newly appointed Trust Services Director of the Greater New York Conference, Elder Tony Ciriagliano, pastor of the Poughkeepsie church and Ward, Jackett was convinced the Holy Spirit was speaking to him about baptism.

The Poughkeepsie church membership increased by one because of the Caring Church spirit displayed to Jackett.

John Treolo
Public Relations



Elder Tony Ciriagliano, pastor of the Poughkeepsie, New York, Seventh-day Adventist Church, with William Jackett in baptismal pool.

General News . . .

VOP Programs to Feature Kay Kuzma on Topic of Working Mothers

Imaginative ways to tackle parenting problems will be discussed on the Voice of Prophecy daily broadcasts, December 1 through 5. The guest for five interviews with H. M. S. Richards, Jr., is Kay Kuzma, mother of three, an associate professor at the School of Health at Loma Linda University, and president of Parent Scene, Inc.

"Although this series of programs is designed especially for working

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1986 Fall Bookmobile Schedule*

Date	Time	Location
Sun. Nov. 30	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	New Bedford Port.
Sun. Nov. 30	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Cape Cod
Sun. Nov. 30	3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Middleboro
Sat. nite Dec. 6	Following Sundown	Camden
Sat. nite Dec. 6	7:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Liberty
Sun. Dec. 7	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Farmingdale
Sun. Dec. 7	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Waterville
Sun. Dec. 7	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Norridgewock School
Sun. Dec. 7	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Dixfield
Sun. Dec. 7	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Jay
Sun. Dec. 14	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Cedar Brook School
Mon. Dec. 15	11:00 - 4:00 p.m.	New England Mem. Hosp.

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The quake struck San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador on Friday, October 10, 1986. The first of the two major tremors caused the most damage. Current reports are: more than 1,000 dead; 4,000 to 8,000 wounded; 30,000 families homeless. At least 1,000 Adventists are affected by the quake with one member reported dead and another missing. Three Adventist churches are known to be destroyed and others are damaged.

ADRA International has been responding to the needs in El Salvador since the quake first struck, and ADRA personnel were busy pulling survivors from quake wreckage within two hours of the initial shock. Volunteers included Pathfinders and physicians from surrounding countries.

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Adventist Relic Retires in Heritage Room at Andrews University

The 1700-pound globe that has been at almost every General Conference session since 1932, has now retired and will be on permanent display at Andrews University in the Heritage Room in the James White Library.

"To me, it was always the heart of the General Conference session," says Louise Dederen, church employee for 39 years and curator of the Heritage Room at Andrews University. For those who have assisted in the General Conference sessions it was a meeting place. Imagine all those Adventists from all over the world meeting at the globe! The sentimental value is much more than the monetary value."



Built of aluminum in 1932 for the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, the six-foot globe is covered with small lights indicating the Adventist work all over the world. But it became fragile to work on and transportation

was more difficult. There were problems with the lights at the session in New Orleans.

Venerable with age, a letter of inquiry was sent from the General Conference Office to several potential spots for permanent display, including Andrews University. When Andrews' president, Richard Leshner, told Mrs. Dederen of the inquiry, she enthusiastically pursued making the Heritage Room the final resting place for the globe. Arrangements were made and Michigan Conference transportation division moved it in March 1986.

The globe arrived in early April in two large crates and one box. Plant service employees at Andrews reassembled the globe in the Heritage Room so it could be on display for the annual alumni Homecoming Weekend in April. A carpenter and electrician did the work. It was necessary to remove the door and door casing to make it fit into the display room.

"We are hoping that when the new General Conference Office complex is completed, there will be an electronic display in the entrance depicting the

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world," says D.C. Robinson, associate treasurer of the General Conference. "It could be made portable so we could take it to General Conference sessions. But now we are pleased that this Adventist relic has found a fitting place to retire in the Heritage Room." ☆

Davidson Joins Maranatha Staff



William W. Davidson is joining the staff of Maranatha Flights International in the newly established position of Construction Engineer. Maranatha Flights International, based in Berrien Springs, Michigan, is a non-profit, philanthropic organization, specializing in the construction of schools, churches, clinics, homes, etc., primarily with volunteer help.

Davidson is a Professional Engineer with a wide variety of experience. He received his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering at Pennsylvania State University and has taught engineering at Pennsylvania State, Ohio University, West Virginia University and Andrews University. He also served as the Dean of the College of Technology at Andrews University for eight years. In addition to his classroom experience, Davidson has done extensive consulting work as well as personally running many building construction projects.

Davidson first began working with Maranatha Flights International as a volunteer on a building project in Puerto Rico in 1971. Since that time he has been the sponsor of the Andrews University student chapter of MFI and has been involved with structural design and construction supervision of student projects

in Mexico, Panama, Dominican Republic, Belize, Costa Rica, Honduras, Puerto Rico, Utah, Colorado and Wisconsin.

Davidson will be overseeing the construction activities of the Maranatha organization worldwide. He will be involved in the planning, development and quality control of all projects. He will also be researching construction methods and materials to build with improved cost and time efficiency in third world countries. ☆

Daniel and Revelation Research Committee Results Available

The Daniel and Revelation Committee, authorized by the General Conference in 1981, has completed its work on the book of Daniel. The results of these studies are now available in three interrelated volumes: Vol. 1—Selected Studies on Prophetic Interpretation; Vol. 2—Symposium on Daniel; and Vol. 3—The Seventy Weeks, Leviticus, and the Nature of Prophecy.

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Frank B. Holbrook, Secretary
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First Program Schedule Ready

AWR—Asia will aim nearly half of the original schedule at China, the rest is intended for India and Southeast Asia. Together, they total 32 broadcast hours per day. Both 100-kilowatt transmitters will broadcast simultaneously most of the time.

Mandarin, the official language of China, will be heard the most on AWR—Asia, up to 12 hours a day, and English is second with eight hours a day. A dozen other languages will share the schedule.

The station filed this schedule with the Federal Communications Commission,

the approving governmental agency, through the service of George Jacobs, frequency consultant for the best time for their countries. "We tried very hard to give everyone something approaching 'prime time,'" said Mrs. Steele. The schedule will undergo changes from time to time as AWR—Asia adds languages, installs additional transmitters, or assigns better times and frequencies.

The time is given in UTC, Universal Time Coordinated, formerly known as Greenwich Mean Time. AWR will broadcast into some eight different time zones, said Mrs. Steele.

AWR—Asia hoped to begin broadcasts in September or October, depending on the progress of building construction and tower/antenna installation at the station site near Agat, Guam.

At Rest

BORGWARDT, Irene, born September 2, 1900, in Brooklyn, NY, died September 23, 1986, at the Suffolk Community Hospital, Riverhead, NY. She was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in New York and Connecticut for more than fifty years. Recently she was a member of the New Haven, CT, church.

Survivors: her husband Charles of Mastic Beach, NY; a daughter Irene of Shirley, NY; a son Gerard of Old Saybrook, CT; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Pastor Carl R. Johnson

OLSEN, Mrs. Mathilde, born April 9, 1893, in Arendal, Norway, died October 7, 1986, in Collegedale, TN. She emigrated to the United States in 1930, and several years later joined the Danish Norwegian church in Brooklyn, NY.

Survivors: her husband Peder Olsen; two daughters Mrs. Ragnhild Merrill and Mrs. Marion Barrett all of Collegedale, TN; and one son Dr. Olaf Olsen of New York City. Interment was in Collegedale Memorial Park.

PIKE, Carroll Milton, born January 9, 1904, in Dummerston, VT, died September 29, 1986, in St. Helena Hospital, Deer Park, CA.

He attended South Lancaster Academy in Massachusetts and in 1931 graduated from the ministerial course at Atlantic Union College. He married a classmate, Martha Christine Hansen, in 1932 and began his ministry in Northern New England Conference. For 28 years he pastored churches in the New England states and for the next twelve years he had several churches in Pennsylvania.

Survivors: his wife Martha of St. Helena; one son Dr. Robert E. Pike of Sun City; one daughter Carol Irene Rudisale of Rocklin; two brothers Elder Victor Pike of Portland, OR, and Bert Pike of Greenville, NH; four grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held in the Morrison Funeral Chapel, St. Helena, CA, with interment in the St. Helena Cemetery.

A Memorial For A Teenage Adventist Pioneer

On Sunday, September 28, 1986, a grave marker was dedicated at the burial site of Mary Frances Andrews, teenage Adventist pioneer. The dedication service was held 125 years after her birth on September 29, 1861. She died on November 28, 1878, just after her seventeenth birthday.

Mary was the daughter of John and Angeline Andrews. John N. Andrews was an early Adventist pioneer and scholar. Angeline, his wife, died in 1872 and two years later he and his two children, Mary and Charles, became the first official overseas missionaries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Elder Andrews made his headquarters in Switzerland where soon he started publishing Adventist literature. Mary became a valued editorial helper. Another worker in the infant publishing venture stated that Mary "can speak French as though she were a French girl." By 1878 she had contracted tuberculosis and when she returned with her father to attend the 1878 General Conference session she died.

Until recently she laid in an unmarked grave next to her mother and a sister, Carrie, who died in infancy. Cemetery records in Battle Creek, Michigan, where Mary died and Rochester, New York, where she is buried, recently helped establish the fact that Mary is buried in the Andrews family plot in Mount Hope Cemetery. The marker was made possible through the work of Robert Allen, a member of the Rochester Bay Knoll church and the church pastor, Dr. Trevor Delafield. Dr. Delafield organized and coordinated the Dedicatory Service which took place on September 28, 1986, at the historic Mount Hope Cemetery.

The dedicatory speaker was Elder Paul Gordon, Undersecretary of the Ellen G. White Estate. Elder Gordon is a student of early Adventist history. Richard Brown, President of Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery was also present. He indicated that on future tours of the cemetery the graves of the early Adventist pioneers will be included. (In addition to the Andrews graves, Nathaniel

and Anna White, the brother and sister of James White, are buried in the cemetery; in another area are the graves of Jonathan Orton and the J. B. Lamson families, prominent early Rochester Adventists.) Elder Nikolaus Satelmajer, Secretary of the New York Conference, represented the Conference. In addition to Elder Delafield, Elder Dick Dale and Pastor Daniel Feliz represented New York Conference churches in the Rochester area. Elder E. J. Humphrey and Elder Evaristo Gomez represented the Northeastern Conference churches. Nearly one hundred members from the five Adventist churches in the Rochester area were present for the service.

The dedication of the Mary Andrews memorial marker was really a commitment of our faith in the return of Jesus Christ. Mary, during her short but fruitful life, lived enthusiastically with the assurance that Jesus is coming.

Nikolaus Satelmajer
Secretary, New York Conference

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Sabbath School Workshop

Nov. 15; Elmira

PREACH Seminars

Nov. 24; Syracuse, Marriott
Nov. 25; Rochester, Colgate Divinity School

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Community Services Federation Presidents Meeting

Nov. 11; Concord, NH; Noon

Church Leaders Workshop for Vermont & New Hampshire

Nov. 22; 3:00 p.m.
Rutland, VT, church
Speakers: Ginger Church
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Out-of-Union Announcements

A Far Eastern Academy Reunion—Dec. 26, 1986-Jan. 1, 1987, Glacier View Ranch, Colorado. Information or to give names and addresses of FEAtes, write or call Larry & Evangeline deFluiter, 1615 Lauritsen, Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (619) 446-7487.

Betsy Ross would like to locate all Adventists of Scottish descent and those interested in Scotland. Write Betsy Ross, c/o Linda Valley Villa, 11075 Benton St., Loma Linda, CA 92354.

NEWS FLASH

● Sabbath, October 25, 1986, was Celebration of Baptism day in Greater New York Conference. On this day, conference-wide, 200 persons were newly baptized. Elder Charles Bradford was the speaker.

● On October 28, 1986, Elders Follett, Goulbourne, Geli, Beaulieu, and Kamilos teamed up with the New York Conference departmental staff and colporteurs in a history-making one-day group canvass to follow up interests generated by the New York Conference booth at the recent New York State Fair.

● Saturday night, October 25, 1986, was the opening of evangelistic services in the new Rochester, New York, Hispanic Center. These meetings are being conducted by Elder Jorge Suarez from New York City and Pastor Feliz, the local pastor.

● At the October 26, 1986, New York Conference Executive Committee meeting it was voted to organize the Rochester Hispanic Company into a church with 38 charter members, making this the 58th organized church in the conference.

● The first Church Growth Seminar of the New York Conference was conducted in the Buffalo Suburban church October 29 through November 1, 1986, under the leadership of the conference Church Growth and Development director Dr. Eoin Giller. Pastors, conference officers and several departmental men attended. Elder Philip Follett, Atlantic Union president, addressed the group on Sabbath afternoon.

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Portland, ME	4:26	4:18	4:12	4:07
Boston, MA	4:32	4:24	4:19	4:14
So. Lancaster, MA	4:34	4:27	4:21	4:17
Pittsfield, MA	4:40	4:33	4:27	4:23
Hartford, CT	4:39	4:32	4:27	4:23
New York, NY	4:47	4:40	4:35	4:31
Utica, NY	4:47	4:39	4:33	4:29
Syracuse, NY	4:51	4:43	4:37	4:33
Rochester, NY	4:56	4:49	4:43	4:38
Buffalo, NY	5:02	4:54	4:48	4:44
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THE COMPANY THAT JESUS KEPT

By Leonard G. Newton, *President*
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"Birds of a feather flock together" is an old folks' saying that has been passed down from one generation to another. It is used to measure one's character by his friends and associates.

The religious leaders of Jesus' life and times were hard pressed to give Him identity since they had already rejected Him as the Messiah. They did not want to accept as authentic His miracles and saw great contradiction in His teachings when compared with their version of Mosiac instructions.

For purposes of defaming His character and discrediting Him in the opinion of the populace, the religious leaders resorted to the "birds of a feather flock together" theory. They said of Jesus, "Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!" (Luke 7:34) In today's parlance, they were insinuating that Jesus was a food addict, a wineo, a thief because He associated with publicans, and irreligious because He was a friend of sinners.

Did Jesus really keep company with these kinds of people? If the accusation is true, why did He choose to associate with this class of people and thus leave Himself exposed to the charge of assimilation by association? Were there not more reputable persons with whom He could have associated? Let us let the Master answer the question. "But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners? And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:30-32)

With whom do you keep company? In effect the Seventh-day Adventist Church today has become a self-contained, closed society. Except for economic purposes, we have very little association with persons outside the Church. Our circle of friends are of the same religious group, dinner invitations are given to those within, and to avoid contamination our social life is also circumscribed. Subculture groups are often referred to as the "scum of the earth." We teach our children to avoid them. Jesus said of us we are the "salt of the earth." (Matthew 5:13) "Salt must be mingled with the substance to which it is added; it

must penetrate and infuse in order to preserve. So it is through personal contact and association that men are reached by the saving power of the gospel. . . . Personal influence is a power." (*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 36)

We have much to share. The sharing of one's faith includes more than passing out literature or giving Bible studies. The Church takes a wholistic approach to evangelism in which witnessing takes the form of inviting non-believing friends, relatives, and work associates to attend what has been entitled "entry events." A church social, musical concert, stress management, weight control, stop smoking seminars are just a few of the many events in which we have opportunities to invite others and thus become the salt of the earth. Let us remember that those invitations will find their best response from those with whom we have made friends.

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A sure method of church growth is found in the following quotation: "If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one." (*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 189)

We should endeavor to make friends of people of all levels of culture groups. Jesus made friends of the rich, in the case of Joseph of Arimathea; the blue collar workers among the fisherman; Matthew, the politician for advantage; and finally the prostitute, Mary Magdalene. WITH WHOM DO YOU KEEP COMPANY?