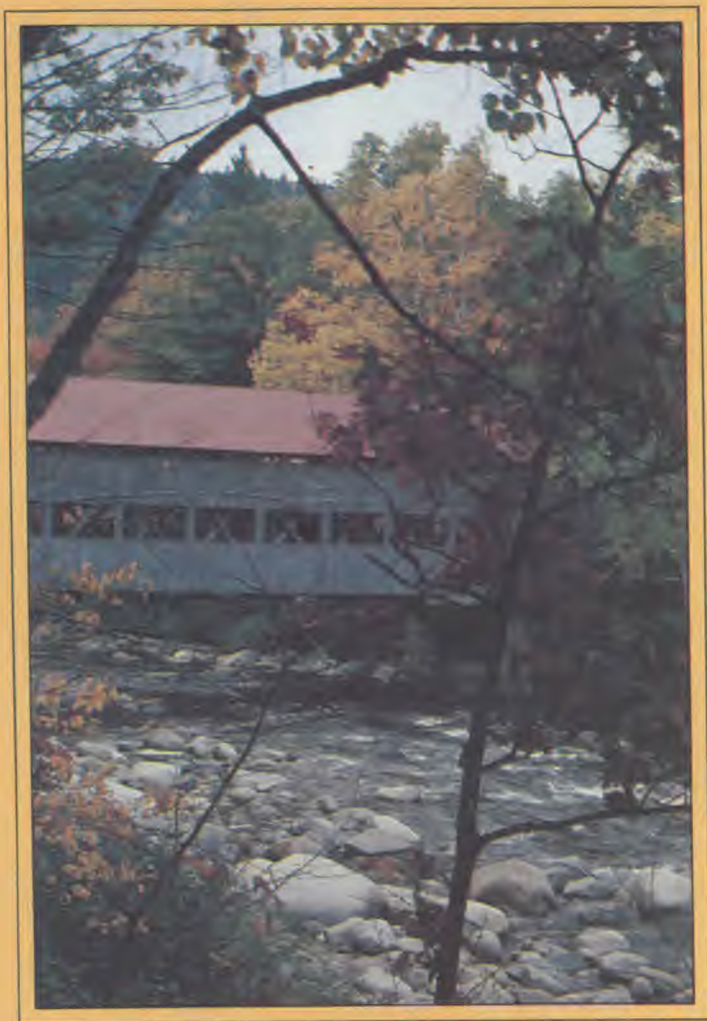


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## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING...



*Ted T. Jones  
Atlantic Union Gleaner Editor*

The wise man, Solomon, wrote in Proverbs 27:1, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." How true it is! We never know what lies in store for us from one day to the next and sometimes from one hour to the next.

Such was the case one fall evening as our family found itself en route to the academy for a talent program. My wife was to accompany some singers and, later in the program, I was to render a trumpet solo. Neither she nor I had any idea how the tranquility of that evening would be shattered. It happened so quickly.

Some important item had been left at home so I took my wife to the auditorium, let her out, and drove back across town to retrieve the forgotten item. Our two older sons rode with me in our beautiful new Mercury sedan along with my wife's brother.

On our way to the academy I decided to take a route that would shorten our driving by three minutes, missing several long traffic lights. As we sat there at the intersection waiting for the traffic to pass so we could turn, I saw a big heavy car racing toward me as I sat

still with my left-turn signal indicator blinking. Then it happened.

The big Buick crunched into the rear of my car and then we struck a new gray Oldsmobile which was coming toward us in the next lane. My car went up in the air and came to rest on its wheels while the Oldsmobile spun around in a field creating a cloud of dust, and then it stopped.

Quickly an ambulance was on the scene and transported the two passengers in the Oldsmobile and me to the nearest hospital. "This is a terrible way to get acquainted," I said, "but I am Pastor Ted Jones of the Seventh-day Adventist Church." The older of the two ladies frowned, looked hard at me and said, "Seventh-day Adventist! Is that what you said?" "That's right," I replied. She then said, "I used to keep a young Adventist pastor in my home 25 years ago. His name was Nathaniel Banks."

When I told her that Elder Banks was then an executive in our union conference office, she was excited. Then I asked for permission to visit her and share the good news of the gospel. She consented. Before the year was over we had completed the Bible studies and she was ready for baptism.

Elder Banks and his wife drove up from Glendale, California, and together he and I baptized Kathryn Gaines into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It was a happy day for everyone on that eventful Sabbath.

Our God can turn a disaster into an opportunity for sharing His love, if we are willing to be used by Him. The Holy Spirit is anxious to use you, too. Make today your first step in Harvest 90 participation. Boast not yourself of tomorrow for you don't know what a day may bring forth, but every day can be a day for making contacts for Christ and eternity. Harvest 90 time is now!



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## Elderhostel Thrives at AUC

They may have chosen Atlantic Union College because of a particular class which interested them. Or perhaps it was because of our friendly hospitality, the beautiful New England fall setting or our indoor swimming pool. Regardless of the reason, they came to our campus, and we're glad they did.

For the past five years, AUC has had the privilege of hosting Elderhostel each spring and fall. From September 21 through October 11, 102 enthusiastic, energetic senior adults enjoyed stimulating classes, local tours and periods of relaxation during their stay on our campus.

Al and Ellen Diming of Greensboro, North Carolina, found they enjoyed the intellectual stimulation of their classes as well as meeting new people and visiting new places. Their first Elderhostel experience was in Winona, Minnesota, earlier this year.

Each year, adults who are 60 years and older, are given the choice of over 850 educational institutions where they can experience dorm life, cafeteria dining and campus activities while expanding their minds. The United States, Canada, and over 25 countries overseas

offer Elderhostel programs.

Besides the \$205 fee for a one-week program, students must also provide their own transportation. Despite the fact that many senior adults live on fixed incomes, they feel that the cost is small compared to the benefits.

The Elderhostel program does not require any special educational background nor are tests or grades given to the students during the classes. Nevertheless, AUC's nutrition teacher, Connie Badillo, along with Oscar Schmidt, coordinator of the program on AUC's campus, have both found that the students are interested, self-motivated, punctual, willing to participate, and eager to learn. AUC freshman Mary MacDonald thought Elderhostel students were exciting and full of energy.

Because of the growing popularity of the program, students would be wise to apply two or three months in advance to be assured a place in the program of their choice.

Sharlene Tessler, Director of the Continuing Education Department, administers the Elderhostel program.

Karen Silverthorn  
*Special Contributor*

## Students Sing Praises of Elderhostel

Elderhostel is an international, non-denominational organization with centers in Canada, the United States, Europe, and Asia, among other locations.

That so many students have chosen to come to Atlantic Union College for their Elderhostel experience is a tribute to AUC's unsurpassed location, the appeal

of vegetarian meals to many, and the friendliness and professionalism of its administrators and teachers.

Some students have so enjoyed their experience at Atlantic Union College that they have been moved to write songs, poems, send pictures and appreciative letters to the Continuing Education Department, the administrative department for Elderhostel at AUC.

The following song is a sample of the kind of things Elderhostel students at

AUC are inspired to write after they conclude their AUC experience:

(CHORUS) Glory, glory Elderhostel,  
Glory, glory Elderhostel,  
Glory, glory Elderhostel,  
We're never too old to learn.

1. Our eyes have seen the glory of the Elderhostel plan  
We've gathered here together just to learn all that we can,  
From Cobb, Pichot, to Wintle, some culture we've absorbed,  
Our bods keep marching on. (Chorus)
2. We have taken Art and French and our consciences have been pricked.  
We're smarter than the ones who just stayed back home in the sticks  
We have eaten healthy foods and we have learned an awful lot.  
We want to come again to learn what we've forgot. (Final Chorus)

(FINAL CHORUS) Glory, glory Elderhostel,  
Glory, glory Elderhostel,  
Glory, glory Elderhostel,  
We can never forget you now.  
Anonymous (Elderhostel student)

Ruth Brand  
*Publicity Coordinator*

## Bermuda

### BERMUDA INSTITUTE RECEIVES GIFT OF ENCYCLOPEDIAS FROM BRITANNICA



Mr. Neville Tatem (left), district manager of Encyclopedias Britannica Bermuda, presents the new 32-volume heirloom set of Britannica to Bermuda Institute's library. Mrs. Belvina Barnes, school librarian, gratefully accepts the volumes on behalf of the school and shows off two of the attractive volumes.

Joan Rogers  
*Public Relations*



Elderhostel students come from all over the United States and Canada to grow and learn. These smiling students attended the fall session, 1986.

## A New Beginning

Beautiful, peaceful, and serene are the words most fitting to describe the dawning sabbath of August 29, 1986, chosen by the principal, faculty and staff of the Bermuda Institute to commemorate the ordinance of Humility and Holy Communion in the school's chapel.

The idea of such a celebration to culminate the teacher's preweek originated with the new principal of the Institute, Miss Rosemary Tyrrell, and sanctioned by Pastor David Rogers, the school's pastor, who proceeded to make detailed plans and arrangements for the joyous ceremony.

It was a very intimate occasion in which all present were seated in a circular fashion in the chapel. An informal song service was conducted by Pastor Rogers after which he along with the other three pastors present, Pastor Edward Richardson, President of Bermuda Conference, Pastor Carlyle Simmons, Superintendent of Education, and Pastor P.D. Bakker, Stewardship Director of the Conference, officiated at the service.

The special musical selection was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Saadia Bean the sixth grade teacher prior to the Homily given by Pastor C. Simmons. The occasion was brought to its climax by a charge given to both the principal and her associates by Dr. Richardson. The charge in essence called for all to unite their efforts, work together and the results would be amazing. "Unity is strength," he said. In concluding the service Pastor Rogers instructed all to join hands and sing "Blest be the tie that binds." The blessing this occasion afforded is evident in the warmth which hovered and a bond of fellowship still lingers with the participants of this event.

Joan Rogers

## Revelation Seminar Well Attended

Beginning August 17, approximately 65 persons faithfully assembled in the City Hall East Exhibition Room for 16 nights where Dr. E. L. Richardson and Elder P. Bakker conducted a Seminar on the Book of Revelation. Each student registered and received materials, a lesson or two each night for homework and a Bible. In order to pass the course and receive a certificate with the student's name professionally inscribed



*Student receives certificate from Dr. Edward L. Richardson as Miss Esther Zuill looks on.*

on it, 20 of the 24 lessons had to be completed.

Although Adventists made up roughly 80 percent of the total attendance, several representatives of other persuasions took the course and asked to be included in the next seminar. Three re-

quested baptism. Of all the Conference/Mission evangelistic thrusts, this Revelation Seminar has experienced the greatest success in many years in attempting to cross racial boundaries.

On graduation night, October 3, the classroom was transformed into a banquet hall. The study tables were decorated with white tablecloths. Delicious fruits (pears, grapes, apples), cheese, Italian stick bread garnished the side desks. Students, with their family members and friends, came dressed in their best outfits eager to share in the grand occasion. A special instrumental selection was provided by Leonard Cann and his wife Kaye.

Fifty individuals received certificates that evening, and once again we were witnesses of Christ's glory as revealed in the Book of Revelation made real by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Delbert Pearman

## Greater New York

### Nearly 200 New Members Welcomed by "Celebration of Baptism" in Manhattan

Climaxing a conference-wide Day of Baptism, the "Celebration of Baptism" was held Sabbath, October 25, in Manhattan as a welcoming for the nearly 200 persons baptized earlier in the day. This brought the number of persons baptized in Greater New York Conference during 1986 to a total of 1,200, with numerous evangelistic campaigns still ongoing or planned for the remaining months of the year.

Held at the Manhattan church in Greenwich Village, the special meeting had a "packed house," including a good number of the persons baptized in the morning or early afternoon. The celebration opened with a half hour of musical selections and congregational singing led by Conference Youth Director Dan Pabon. The baptismal candidates were given seating preference in a roped-off area near the front of the church, and they heard challenges directed to them in various messages from the pulpit. A special ribbon commemorating their baptism was given each candidate. Five representatives of the contingent of the new Adventists

who spoke briefly of their newfound faith and desire to share the Gospel message were John Treat, Cho Isu, Daniel Pricel, Norka Tomlinson and Jeanine Langlois.

Elder Charles Bradford, president of the North American Division, was the featured speaker, calling both the evangelized and the evangelistic to avoid burying the treasure they possess, and share it quickly in earth's closing days. Earlier in the service, Elder Carlos Aeschlimann, General Conference director of the Harvest 90 thrust, shared news of some 30 coordinated Hispanic crusades and seminars as well as 15 evangelistic series conducted in English and other languages in Greater New York that had led to the celebration.

Programs for the day were printed in English, Spanish and French, and speakers' messages given in English and Spanish. To accommodate the throngs of believers pouring in throughout much of the meeting, closed circuit televisions were set up in the basement. Seating was quickly filled in the sanctuary, leaving crowds of persons in hallways and corridors, straining for snatches of the presentations at the sanctuary doors.

"The Manhattan church, with the additional seating rented for the occasion,



*Newly baptized members stand as Elder Merlin Kretschmar, president, welcomes them into church membership, fellowship with the many fellow members present and a close relationship with the Lord.*

is really the largest church in our conference," President Merlin Kretschmar stated. "Despite the overcrowding and some sound problems that developed, the celebration provided the blessing of encouragement. The fellowship with so many other believers at one time can be spiritually refreshing, particularly for those attending small churches that have difficulty getting people out to their meetings. Seeing so many new brothers and sisters at once was also a strong affirmation for the newly baptized members.

"The statement made by the 'Celebration of Baptism' was that a lot of dedicated workers and lay persons are involved in reaping right now. That kind of statement has to have a very positive effect and will, we believe, be a catalyst for even greater attempts to work for the Lord."

Another benefit of the meeting, especially for the new members, was get-

ting acquainted or reacquainted with the roster of church leaders from Conference, Union and General Conference levels seated on the platform. Elder Philip Follett, president of Atlantic Union Conference, closed the meeting with a call to consecration and prayer. Elder Pedro Geli, Union vice-president, was on the platform and served ably as a translator. Union secretary, Elder A. R. Goulbourne, was also on the program. From Greater New York Conference, Elder Juan Prestler, secretary; Leon Thomassian, treasurer; Elder Humberto Hernandez, Hispanic coordinator; and Elder Robert Kennedy, Personal Ministries director; rounded out the roster. Other Conference directors and pastors assisted with the many behind-the-scenes details involved in conducting a large meeting.

## Profile of a Busy Lay Person

Penny DeCarvalho, after becoming a member of the Middletown church three years ago, quickly began utilizing her gifts and talents in active, ongoing community service work for the church. It was not long before she became a member of the Church Board, where she remains a valuable asset to many who love and depend on her for her participation in important decisions.

As one of the individuals responsible for establishing, maintaining and

organizing Dorcas activities, Penny spends much of her time helping people in the Middletown area. Additionally, she plays an important role in the distribution of federal food subsidies such as cheese, butter, fruit, et cetera.

Her first responsibility being her family, Penny's goal is that church activities not impede her role of wife and mother of four young children. The witness conveyed to her fellow church members is to "get involved; there's much to do!"

Brenda Montes  
Asst. Communication Secretary

## Education Day at Maranatha

Education Day was observed recently at the Maranatha church in Brooklyn.

Guest speaker for the midday service was Pastor David Santos, principal of Greater New York Academy. He encouraged the young people to be obedient to God because of His love for them. Speaking of his own experience in church school and what it had meant to him, he encouraged young and old to further their education in order to be of better service to God and humanity.

Special music was rendered by the Youth Choir, under the direction of Neville Blackwood. The afternoon program was presented by the Adventist Youth Society of the church. Education was again the focus, as it was pointed out that "those who try to do something and fail are infinitely better off than those who try to do nothing and succeed."

Marie Jozy Celestin  
Communication Secretary

## Video Aids Yonkers Stop-Smoking Clinic

In a stop-smoking clinic that opened at Yonkers church September 21, Pastor Marco Valenca and Dr. Robert Castellanos led out, as each session was videotaped. One participant who started a day late seemed discouraged when he had to report at the next night's session: he still smoked ten cigarettes, when others were able to report only one or none. Since he owned a VCR, he accepted the videotape of the first session so he could learn what he had missed. At the next roll call, he was able to report that he had become a nonsmoker. Two weeks after the conclusion of the stop-smoking clinic, he wrote the pastor—

I want to express my thanks and gratitude to you and the wonderful members of your church. You all have been so kind and helpful to a stranger like me. I had to quit smoking just not to let you down after all your efforts. I can hardly believe I really quit smoking after 35 years, and it wasn't that hard to do with your help. I do get moments of weakness when I crave a cigarette, but so far I haven't given in. Please accept my check as a small token of my appreciation.

The check was for \$100.

On the eighth night of the program, participants and guests were invited to a vegetarian supper. Past graduates were also invited, in the hope of organiz-



*New nonsmokers and their guests gathered with Pastor Marco Valenca (right, standing) for a vegetarian meal held October 2.*

ing a support program for the new nonsmokers. After supper, a videotaped interview with two graduates of last year's program was shown to the group. The lady interviewed reported she was pleased to have everyone note her improved physical appearance due to a great weight loss since she had stopped smoking. A gentleman who had to repeat the stop-smoking program one year later due to a traumatic period in his life, came to bring his donation of \$25. His evaluation of the program (under "Comments")—"Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!"

A Wa-Rite Program was begun the

week following the clinic. The wife of a clinic participant signed up with two friends, and brought two more friends the next week. Ben Vela, health educator at Living Springs Retreat, conducted the program, assisted by other members of the staff.

These responses and victories enjoyed in working for others more than doubled for the writer when her son in the Air Force in Okinawa informed her that he had quite smoking. How? By attending a Five-Day Plan in an Adventist Church nearby.

Martha Covi

*Communication Secretary*

## New York

### Pioneer Footprints

Footprints of the pioneers are deeply imbedded in the soil of New York State. In particular, 1986 has been an unusual year of anniversaries: the 155th year since William Miller preached his first sermon in Dresden and the 150th year since his first book of sermons was printed in Troy, just north of Albany. Elder Neal C. Wilson, General Conference President, was the speaker for the morning and afternoon services on August 16, to commemorate William Miller's first sermon 155 years ago last August 14. James Nix of the Loma Linda White Estate Museum and Paul Gor-

don of the White Estate at the General Conference were participants. Dr. Elmer Malcolm, President of the Northern New England Conference, led the Sabbath school lesson discussion. In addition to the chapel, visitors were able to see the William Miller home and ascension rock where meaningful historical information was inspiringly presented followed by prayers of dedication.

1986 is also the 125th year since the birth of Mary Andrews, teenage Adventist pioneer, who with her father and brother helped pioneer the work in Switzerland. A memorial service was held on September 28 in Mount Hope Cemetery when a new grave marker was

placed on her grave. All the pastors and many lay people from the Rochester area were present. Dr. Trevor Delafield and Robert Allen of the Bay Knoll church were prominently involved in preparing for and carrying out this thoughtful, historical memorial service. Paul Gordon of the White Estate was the speaker.

And finally, our own beloved Union Springs Academy has its 65th birthday this year, rounding out this time of anniversaries.

Next year, 1987, New York will celebrate its 125th anniversary as the oldest conference in the Atlantic Union and the third oldest world-wide! An anniversary homecoming camp meeting will be held at Union Springs Academy.

Significant "footprints" events have occurred in the upstate New York area over the past 150 years and more. Some of them are:

1. The first sermon by William Miller on the second advent, August 14, 1831.
2. His first book of sermons was printed in Troy, 1836.
3. Rachel Oaks Preston, from whom we received the Sabbath message, first kept the Sabbath at Oneida, New York, before moving to New England.
4. The Sabbath and Sanctuary message were first preached in Port Gibson, New York.
5. The first four issues of the *Adventist Review* were printed in Auburn in August, 1850.
6. Ellen White's first book was printed at Saratoga Springs in 1851—*Christian Experiences and Views* (later became *Early Writings*).
7. First denominationally owned printing press, the Washington Hand Press which cost \$652.95, was used in Rochester in May, 1852.
8. James White prepared the first Sabbath school lessons in 1852 in Rochester.
9. The first Sabbath school was conducted in Rochester in 1853.
10. The first Adventist church school was established at Buck's Bridge in 1853.
11. The first church built by Adventists was erected on John Byington's farm in 1865 (not now standing).
12. The first ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister was a New Yorker—Frederick Wheeler.

13. The oldest existing church built for Seventh-day Adventists and in continuous use ever since, the Roosevelt church near Central Square, was built in 1858. (The Washington, New Hampshire, church was purchased from another denomination).

As we in New York look ahead, it is with the certain knowledge that God has led in the past. We enter the anniversary year, 1987, challenged by the gravity of the responsibility laid upon us by our significant historic heritage. We desire to keep step with these pioneer footprints in seeing the work develop and grow toward the mighty crescendo when Jesus will come!

Norman L. Doss  
President

### Nearly 40 Persons from Three Conferences Attend Lay Evangelistic Training School

Camp Cherokee was the site of the October 3 through 11, 1986, Lay Evangelists Training School. The one-week training program provided both theoretical and field training for nearly forty individuals who attended. Participants came primarily from the New York Conference but Northern and Southern New England Conferences were also represented.

The main instructor for the training program was Elder Samuel Monnier of the General Conference Church Ministries Department. Elder Monnier has held similar training programs in many other parts of the world. Assisting him was a layman from Texas, Art Swaningson who has had extensive experience in holding lay efforts. Other in-

structors were J.C. Hicks, Church Ministries Director of the Atlantic Union Conference; Fred Hernandez, Personal Ministries Director of the Southern New England Conference; and Nikolaus Satelmajer, Personal Ministries Director of the New York Conference. Some individuals who attended the training school had attended previous schools. A number of them have held public efforts or other types of meetings in their hometowns.

Nikolaus Satelmajer  
Secretary/Personal Ministries Director

### A Time to Tear Down and a Time to Build up Again

What a tremendous challenge members of the Roosevelt church have had. The extremely ancient carriage house that once stood adjacent to our church collapsed (with the aid of a chain saw and chains hooked up to a truck). The tools of destruction were wielded by our demolition experts, Elder Jerry Greene and Deacon Arthur Durgan.

The carriage house had, just prior to its demise, defied repair. The roof leaked, the siding was missing in places, and the posts and beams that had for so long faithfully held up the building were now severely split or badly rotted. There was no recourse but to tear it down, thus putting it out of its agony and humiliation. I must admit that from the vantage point I had as I drove by the day they wrestled it to the ground, the carriage house put up a good fight.

When the dust had settled and the traumatic job of cleanup was completed, we were met head on with a dilemma.

The carriage house had in the past served for various outreach programs such as VBS.

How would we ever be able to rebuild? Besides this question, another loomed on the horizon. Being keenly aware of the historical significance that the Roosevelt church holds for Adventism, how should we design the new building? We desired that the new would blend with the old. We did not want to intrude on the architectural era of the past when our church was originally built. Therefore, after much prayer and numerous board meetings, we designed an addition that matched the basic look of our church and then sought financing to make our dream a reality.

September 17 of this year marked the groundbreaking by contractors George and Dave Conibear. The addition is erected and mid-November was our completion date. Praise God!

We now have a new structure in which we can proudly serve the community, one that will nicely accommodate our members as well. VBS, Breathe Free sessions, cooking classes, Revelation Seminars, et cetera, will be conveniently conducted in our new multipurpose room. It will be thrilling to host our church socials and potluck meals in this room as well. Most exciting of all, plans for our multipurpose room, if it is within the framework of our Lord's will, is to have it serve our church's youth as a church school. We are a small congregation at Roosevelt with only a few couples of childbearing age, but do we ever have a large flock of kids! Jeff and Rosamond Kline, alone, have greatly boosted our children population by having triplets last year, not to mention their little girl Christy.



Elder Samuel F. Monnier instructing the LETS/MARANATHA group.



Pictured are persons who have held public efforts or seminars during this year.





*The new addition to the Roosevelt Seventh-day Adventist Church.*

God has magnificently and richly blessed His Roosevelt church. His house has expanded to nearly twice its former size, and it is so much more versatile and functional. Praise His name! It was built to His honor and glory.

In closing, I would like to appeal to every reader of this article. We are presently substantially in debt making our dream mature into a reality. Besides this, is the cost of putting a new roof and a paint job which the original section desperately needs. This requires the expenditure of even more money, which in reality we don't have nor are we in a position to borrow. I have faith that God is going to supply that extra amount needed to finish the renovation of His house. I believe that He is giving

you, the reader of this article, an opportunity and a privilege to become part of this endeavor. I know that God, the Holy Spirit, will place in your hearts a generous spirit and you will be impressed to give as liberally as you are able. Please send all contributions to our treasurer, Carol Paul, RD #3, Box 499, Pinnacle Hill Road, Fulton, New York 13069, and she will send you a receipt for the amount donated.

We'd love to have you visit us at Roosevelt and see the dream God converted into a reality. Keep in mind that the first Sabbath of each month is our Potluck Sabbath. Give me a call for directions at (315) 668-9248. Hope to see you soon.

Pastor Michael Sady

In addition to the formal education, Elder Lorntz has spent time in the Caribbean as a student missionary and in Amman, Jordan, with Andrews University on an archeological dig.

The Lorntz family have come to Northern New England from the Greater New York Conference where Elder Lorntz was Ministerial Secretary of the Conference. He has also held positions in that conference as Associate Youth Director, academy Bible teacher, Pastor, and Trust Services Director.

Joyce Hanscom Lorntz is a graduate music major, registered nurse and M.P.H. candidate at Loma Linda University. She has a special interest in ecumenical community Bible groups and chaplaincy ministry. The Lorntzs have two daughters, Breyette, thirteen years old, and Tarina, eight years old, who are enrolled at Pine Tree Academy in Freeport.

One of the many interests Elder Lorntz has mastered is marathon running. He participated again this year in the New York Marathon.

We welcome this talented and dedicated family to the Northern New England Conference. In gratefulness to the Lord, we accept His gift of the Lorntzs' ministry and the blessing it has already become.

Doug Kilcher  
*Communication Director*

## Northern New England

### John Lorntz Pastors Brunswick

Pastor E. John Lorntz is the new pastor for the Brunswick, Maine, Seventh-day Adventist Church. His wife, Joyce, will be an associate for pastoral care.

Pastor Lorntz is a fifth generation Seventh-day Adventist with roots back to a Norwegian immigrant who returned to Norway with the Advent message and worked closely with Ellen White in 1886 establishing the publishing work in that country.

Educational opportunities for Pastor Lorntz have included attending Pacific Union College. Seminario Adventista Espanol in Valencia, Spain, and Atlantic Union College. Currently, he is involved in a Ph.D. program at New York University.



*Pastor and Mrs. E. John Lorntz*

### Portland Community Service Center Clothing Giveaway

How does a Community Service Center reduce its large inventory of clothing and help people at the same time? Very easy. Advertise by newspaper and posters that a "Clothing-Giveaway" will be sponsored by the Adventist Community Service Center.

The Portland, Maine, Community Service Center did just that. On two successive Mondays in September, they advertised in the *Portland Press Herald* that warm clothing would be available free of charge in the Center's parking lot. With the help of volunteers from the Portland church, clothing was taken from the Center's storage areas and displayed on racks and tables in the spacious parking lot. But what if it would rain? What if no one would come?

Extensive advertising was done. Posters were taken to the Red Cross and Department of Health Services. The newspaper ad appeared six times during the two-week period. The weather was



Portland Community Service Center Director Mrs. Susan Marston getting ready for the Clothing Giveaway in the Center's parking lot.



People began arriving before the 9:00 a.m. start of the Clothing Giveaway. The clothing was placed on racks, tables and even in boxes on the ground. Only the number of items taken by those in need were recorded.

excellent, and the response overwhelming! The total effort saw over 250 people helped and 3,000 pieces of clothing distributed.

A number of recipients came to Service Center leader, Mrs. Susan Marston, in disbelief. "How can you just give this clothing away?" "I have never heard of an organization doing this before." "How can I help in this work?" One

gentleman insisted that he give a donation for some items his wife had taken.

Director Marston says, "When overly abundant donations of clothing threaten to suffocate a Center, relief can be found. Don't throw the clothing away. Have a "Clothing Giveaway Day" and invite people to come and take what they need without strings attached. People cannot believe it is free. It gives us an

opportunity to share with them that the Bread of Life is also free, but it must be taken."

The Community Service work in Portland is a strong testimony to the work of a Caring Church. A mega clothing giveaway can be one small part in a church's strategy to reach a city. ☆

## Four Baptized in Rutland

Sabbath, June 7, 1986, marked the spiritual birth of four young people in the Rutland, Vermont, church. David Campbell and Melissa Young are recent graduates from the Rutland Seventh-day



Three of the four young people who were baptized in the Rutland, Vermont, church standing with Pastor Lee Manning (second from right) are: Melissa Young, David Campbell and Kevin Bisson. Missing from the picture is Heather Campbell.

Adventist elementary school, Kevin Bisson is a seventh-grade pupil at the church school, and Heather Campbell is a junior at Union Springs Academy.

A reception followed the baptismal service when church members welcomed these young people into the family of God. It is not always easy for young people to make a decision for Christ, but attending church school is a good help in this direction. We praise the Lord for the Rutland church family, each one, for this continuing effort to support the church school and win souls for Jesus.

Leigh E. Adams  
Communication Secretary

## Please, Remember Us!

While visiting my daughter and son-in-law, we attended Sabbath services at Ramstein Air Force Base in Ramstein, West Germany. I was delighted to meet with our sisters and brothers in our Armed Forces stationed throughout West Germany. I was pleasantly surprised to worship with fifty to sixty believers and guests.

Following a spiritual service I had time to visit with many of these folk. They were so happy to see someone from "Home." All asked that we remember them in our prayers.

Remember, these dear souls are helping to keep our country and our allied countries free from terrorism. Often we think of family, then our local church, our local conference, and maybe the people mentioned in our missionary stories, but seldom hear of our fellow members in the Armed Forces throughout the world. Please remember these dear souls and their families. They make extra sacrifices by being uprooted to different environments and cultures.

Martha Fraser  
Plymouth, NH

## CORRECTION

Persons seeking information concerning the Graphic Arts program at Mountain Missionary Institute should contact Elder Gerald Finneman, President, MMI, P. O. Box 807, Harrisville, NH 03450; (603) 827-3600.

## Stop Smoking Class Successful

On September 26, 1986, five people graduated from the Breathe Free stop-smoking program held in the West Lebanon, New Hampshire, church school. Pastor Philip Johnson congratulated each one on having chosen to be a nonsmoker and presented them with a diploma, attesting to their achievement.

These were not the only graduates, however, Denis Gamache of the Breathe Free program held in March was on hand to receive his Master of NO-smoking degree—signifying six months as a nonsmoker. Denis also shared his

experiences and feelings about quitting with the September class during the first few days of the course through an interview with Pastor Johnson.

During the course, dentist George Quittmeyer gave insights into the medical aspects of smoking. Blood pressures were checked by nurse Josephine Charbano, and nutrition hints were presented by Nancy Barcelow, a registered dietitian. Each member of the March class has been periodically followed up with telephone calls. The same procedure will continue for the new graduates.

Nancy Barcelow  
*Communication Secretary*

The Ramptons have two fine boys, Dannon, six, and Darin, three years of age.

Elder Rampton preached his first sermon at the Greater Providence and Wickford churches on Sabbath, November 1. They were warmly welcomed by both congregations.

We are happy to have these two workers and their families join the Southern New England Conference team. We know our readers will add their names to their prayer lists that God will make them fruitful laborers in this field.

Victor W. Collins  
*Communication Director*

## Southern New England

### New Pastors in Hudson and Providence

Elder Edward P. Pettit is the new pastor of the Hudson-Framingham district in central Massachusetts. He comes from pastoring the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, church.

He was born in London, England, and graduated from Newbold College and Columbia Union College. He holds a M.P.S.S.C. (Master Psycho-Social Science) degree from Penn State University, Capitol Campus, Middletown, Pennsylvania. He has served as pastor, editor, and counselor both in England and the United States.

In 1961 he married Eryl Seth in London. She is a trained secretary born in Jamshedpur, India. The Pettits have three children, Dawn Estelle who is in

the Cooperative Education Department at Columbia Union college; Edward John, a computer technician for Xerox; and Janice Ann, attending Blue Mountain Academy.



*Elder and Mrs. Colin Rampton, new pastor of the Providence-Wickford District, with their two sons, Darin (left) and Dannon.*

Providence has a new pastor in the person of Elder Colin W. Rampton who has come from the Warren church in the Michigan Conference. He studied at the Avondale College in Australia, being a native of Melbourne, and graduated from Columbia Union College with a BA Degree in Theology in 1973. He has a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University.

His wife Sherri Linnae (Roy) comes from Harvey, North Dakota, and holds a master's degree in music. She is the daughter of Norman J. Roy, formerly on the music staff of Atlantic Union College.

### Testimonies from Two Spiritual Gifts Seminar Attendees

*Testimony of Paula Tessier, Hudson, Massachusetts, Church as told to Leora DeWitt who also attended the Seminar at Camp Winnekeag.*

I call the time of the Spiritual Gifts Seminar the weekend I had an encounter with God. As I drove to Camp Winnekeag on Friday, September 19, I prayed, "OK God, this is Your weekend. I dedicate it to You."

On the Sabbath I went through a lot of mixed emotions. I felt something was after me and prayed on Saturday night for God's help and protection.

Nancy Holt and I were in the same cabin. We attended the sessions together and seemed to be holding each other up emotionally. Nancy was having terrible arthritic pains in her legs. I had excruciating pain that medication would not mask. But we both attended every session in spite of the pain.



*Paula Tessier being baptized by Pastor Luis Badillo, former pastor of the Hudson, Massachusetts, church.*



*Elder Ted Pettit and his wife, Eryl, now leading the Hudson and Framingham, Massachusetts, churches.*

At the closing session on Sunday we were to participate in the service of being anointed with the Holy Spirit. As I was being prayed for, the pain immediately left and my head cleared. I felt God's presence. I felt a burning desire to do God's will.

Pastor Badillo attended every session with us lay people. He had been studying with me until I knew all the doctrines. He agreed to baptize Nancy and me at once in the waters of the lake there at the camp.

As a new member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church I make an appeal to those who read my testimony: Let's take our directions from the Holy Spirit. Let's yield ourselves to the utmost, unreservedly, to be used NOW to work for the Lord.

*Testimony of Nancy Holt, Glens Falls, New York*

It is with praise and gratitude to God that I tell you how He has turned my life around these past few months and I continue to feel somewhat overwhelmed by the wonder of it all. The happiness and peace that this has brought me is not easy to describe. He has made me aware



*Nancy Holt from Glens Falls, New York, being baptized by Pastor Luis Badillo in Lake Winnekeag, Ashburnham, Massachusetts.*

of many things about myself that are humbling and I'm sure this is only a beginning.

I was brought up in the Adventist faith and felt myself well grounded. For years I had been searching for a better understanding of Justification and Sanctification by Faith. Several years ago I began reading other sources in an attempt to better understand, and I learned some things that were indeed precious to me. It seemed that at long last I had found what I had been searching for. When I began reading these

other sources I stopped searching the Scriptures for myself and I stopped reading Ellen White's writings. I began criticizing the Church for being legalistic and I also blamed Ellen White for making me legalistic. One thing led to another until I began minimizing God's law and doing things that I had never done before. I stopped coming to church and the Sabbath became like every other day of the week to me. I was embarrassed to be associated with the Church for I felt that it falsely represented God. I felt I was right with God and maybe a few steps ahead of the rest of the Church. I was happy with my newfound freedom—I thought.

Then a few months ago I had a conversation with someone very dear to me who expressed uncertainty as to the existence of God. I became frustrated in an attempt to prove to this person that God did, indeed, exist. In talking to God about my frustration I began to appreciate more fully the function of the Holy Spirit and the extent of my own unbelief.

I determined to spend the summer reading the Bible and *The Conflict of the Ages* series to see if I could believe Ellen White. I finished *The Great Controversy* and it would have been difficult not to believe. I began to see the importance of the law and for two mornings in a row my first waking thought was "great peace have they who love thy law." My whole life changed. I began abhorring the things I was doing and longing for those things I had been neglecting and treating lightly. I felt a complete relaxation of the tension that had been keeping me on edge.

How can anyone well grounded in the Church become so deluded? Ellen White says that one sin secretly cherished will nullify the whole effects of the gospel. I had not made a full and complete commitment in every area of my life. I had used coffee for years knowing I shouldn't and the Holy Spirit often brought to my mind the verse "make no provisions for the flesh," but I kept reaching for that coffee cup. I didn't really trust God in every detail of my life. When crises came, instead of trusting Him no matter what, I would muddle through. Instead of saying, "Thy will be done," I wanted my will to be done.

But now my life and goals have radically changed. I cannot seem to get enough of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. I find myself begrudging time



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## NEWS FLASH

● New work was started on October 25, 1986, in the Capital of Maine by Elders Gordon Blandford and Norman Deakin. Evangelistic meetings are being held in the Augusta, Maine, Civic Center. There are 19 non-Seventh-day Adventists and 84 Seventh-day Adventists attending. Meetings will be followed by Daniel and Revelation Seminars.

● November 1 the Boston, Massachusetts, Portuguese group with 55 members organized into a company. They will meet in the Everett, Massachusetts, church.

● November 22, as a result of Elder O. J. Mills' Daniel and Revelation series and the work of a nucleus of church members, a Company of 25 organized in Torrington, Connecticut.

● Elder Charles Klatt, former pastor of the Norfolk, Virginia, church, has accepted the call to be Ministerial Secretary of Southern New England Conference and will be taking up his duties in January, 1987.

● October 28, 1986, was Administrators' Day in New York Conference when three Atlantic Union officers joined officers and departmental personnel of New York Conference and literature evangelists to make a group of 34 canvassers to follow up 200 leads resulting from the conference booth at the recent New York State Fair. By 5:00 p.m. 45 "Happiness Digest" books ("Steps to Christ") and 18 Voice of Prophecy Bible course cards were distributed; 35 prayers were offered in the homes and Alex Poyuzina, conference publishing director, gave a Bible study with good prospects for continuing. The day's sales were \$2,000.

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Ted T. Jones, *Editor*

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needed for other duties. The Sabbath is very precious to me. Having determined to be rebaptized, I signed up for the Spiritual Gifts Seminar. While there I felt impressed that this would be an appropriate time to publicly seal my commitment to God by renewing my vows in baptism.



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Boston, MA	4:12	4:12	4:14	4:17
So. Lancaster, MA	4:14	4:14	4:16	4:19
Pittsfield, MA	4:21	4:20	4:22	4:26
Hartford, CT	4:21	4:20	4:22	4:26
New York, NY	4:29	4:29	4:31	4:34
Utica, NY	4:27	4:26	4:28	4:31
Syracuse, NY	4:30	4:30	4:32	4:35
Rochester, NY	4:36	4:36	4:37	4:41
Buffalo, NY	4:42	4:41	4:43	4:47
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## HAVE WE FORGOTTEN ANYTHING?

By Stanley J. Steiner, *President*  
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On the first Saturday morning in August of 1831 William Miller sat at this desk studying his Bible and as he did so a strong conviction came upon him that he should go and share the fruits of his fifteen years of Bible study with others. As he sat studying suddenly there came a knock at the door and when he looked out he recognized the visitor as his sister Sylvia's son from Dresden, New York, which was about sixteen miles west of where Miller was living. His nephew simply stated to him that his father wanted William to come and preach in their church the next day. William Miller was overwhelmed. He left the boy without giving him an answer and went in great distress to a grove of trees nearby and there prayed for an hour. The conviction resting upon Miller was so strong that he accepted the invitation and went with his nephew and preached the next day and thirteen families were converted. Thus, William Miller was launched into his preaching career.

In November of 1838 William Miller preached in Exeter, New Hampshire, and a group of ministers of the Christian Connection came and visited Miller. In this group was Joshua V. Himes who was pastor of the Chardon Street chapel in Boston. He invited Miller to preach in his church. Himes accepted Miller's prophetic message and became Miller's public relations director and was responsible for Miller's widespread proclamation of the 1844 message. Fifty to one hundred thousand Millerites waited for the Lord to come on October 22, 1844, but He did not come.

One of the groups who emerged out of the Millerite Movement included such individuals as James White, Ellen Harmon, Joseph Bates, and Hiram Edson. Their continued study of the Bible led them to take part in the drawing together of a group that today is known as the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This church—our church—has as of June 30, 1986, 4,862,673 members scattered around this world in 191 countries.

Now, we have been told, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." The real important question that presses itself in upon our thinking should be whether or not we have forgotten the way the

Lord has led us and have we departed from His teaching in our past history?

Some of the pastors in the early days of the Adventist Church were capable of quoting whole books of the Bible from memory. Are we capable of doing that today? Are we even studying our Bibles? How many of you who are reading this article have a regular plan for reading your Bible day after day and studying it carefully? Are we spending time in prayer as we should? Do we know what real intercessory prayer is? Are we enjoying regular Christian fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the church where we have our membership?

We live in days when the current topics of discussion may be whether or not it is proper in the Christian community for individuals who are comatose, for whom the doctors have no hope of recovery, to be withdrawn from their life support systems. Other topics, such as abortion, surrogate motherhood, apartheid, and the threat of nuclear destruction are all issues of great importance and are being discussed at length in many circles.

All these current issues are very important. But they are not as important as the soon coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. His coming will make these issues pale into insignificance. The important issue and question that faces us as Seventh-day Adventists in 1986 is the question of whether or not we are prepared for the soon coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Dear reader, are you ready, really ready for Jesus Christ to come and do you know Him well enough that when he comes you can look heavenward and be happy that you see Him coming in the clouds of heaven? We all need to make sufficient preparation now so as to be ready for that happy event.

