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“All things tell of His tender,
fatherly care and of His desire to
make His children happy.”

—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 412

GUEST EDITORIAL

NEW YEAR'S BIBLE READING CELEBRATION



William McNeil
Ministerial Secretary
Atlantic Union

The B-I-B-L-E, that's the book for me....Perhaps all of us have heard our children radiantly singing this little song as it was taught to them in Sabbath school, Vacation Bible School, or AJY meetings. Perhaps you even remember how it brought to your heart the desire to read your Bible more.

On Wednesday evening, December 31, 1986, the officers and staff of the Atlantic Union Conference will be conducting a New Year's Bible Reading Celebration. They are praying that the flame of reading the Bible through will be rekindled in the Atlantic Union.

Plans are for Union personnel, along with other volunteer

participants, to read the Bible continuously for 24 hours per day over a four-day period beginning New Year's Eve.

In conjunction with reading the Bible, there will also be a hymn festival and a prayer and praise meeting. May I at this time remind you that one of the objectives for Harvest 90 is "Renewal and personal growth for every member through Bible study, intercessory prayer, celebration and worship."

Since it will be impossible for everyone to come to the Union office in South Lancaster, the Union officers and staff would like churches and other groups to conduct their own little Bible reading celebrations. The smaller Bible reading celebrations should be conducted at some time during these four days (Wednesday evening through Sunday evening, December 31 through January 4). These meetings may be held in the church, home, denominational institution, et cetera.

Tentative plans are to set up three chapels or meeting rooms at the Union office. Groups from the local churches and institutions will be invited to sponsor a two- or three-hour segment. When the group arrives, it will start in the hymn-singing chapel and conduct a twenty-minute festival. The new *Seventh-day Adventist Church Hymnal* will be the basic hymnal used.

Following the hymn festival the group will proceed to the

prayer and praise chapel and spend twenty minutes there. The time will be spent praying for the requests that have come in. Also, plans have been made to have a prayer telephone line. Individuals throughout the Atlantic Union may call collect (617)368-8333 during these four days and the prayer group will listen to their requests by speaker phone. I think it would be wonderful and exciting for members to call in and have the Union officers and other staff members pray with them.

When the twenty minutes are completed in the prayer room, the group will then go to the Bible reading chapel where members may participate in reading the Bible or just listen. Once the group has completed the cycle, the group may begin again or elect to return at another hour.

If your church or group would like to participate in the New Year's Bible Reading Celebration at the Atlantic Union office, please contact me at the Union Office (617) 368-8333, 400 Main Street, So. Lancaster, MA.

By the way, I would be very happy to know how many churches will consider conducting a small Bible reading celebration during these four days. Why not drop us a note and register your group.

It is my prayer that this New Year's Bible Reading Celebration will be the start of a great spiritual revival in the Atlantic Union. May God bless each of you as you plan to join the officers and staff of Atlantic Union in this special time of prayer and celebration.

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!



Alfred Johnson of Union Springs Academy proudly wears his gift T-shirt.

College Days a Great Success at AUC!

From New York, Bermuda, and all the New England states, academy and high school seniors came to Atlantic Union College for the annual "College Days" on October 26 and 27. A total of 166 students flooded the campus, overflowed the dormitories, visited classes and competed in intellectual and physical activities.

Sunday morning found about 80 students bent over ACT tests, administered by Sandra Nelson, Director of Health Services and Testing at AUC. This is the first year that Atlantic Union College has offered this service to visiting seniors. It is an advantage to these prospective college students to have their scores early in the academic year so that they can submit them to col-

leges as part of the entrance requirements.

Faculty members outdid themselves in preparing for the Educational Fair held Sunday afternoon in the gymnasium. Each department sported a booth offering academic counseling, information on careers related to their particular majors, as well as an assortment of edibles, ranging from apples to cheese and crackers.

Some faculty members shed their professorial dignity and appeared in unlikely guise. Ann Parrish, Professor of English, materialized as a turbaned "palm reader." What she foresaw in each student's future was an irresistible assortment of English classes!

Campus tours, volleyball, and "Freak

Olympics" rounded out Sunday's events.

On Monday morning students were given the opportunity to ask questions of President Geraty and other college administrators. Armed with newly acquired knowledge of collegiate life, they joined regular college students as they attended classes. Some students took the opportunity to consult departmental chairs, lining up their majors for the following year.

A special Chapel service offered prospective AUC students a glimpse of the spiritual pleasures awaiting them. Ray Tetz, Director of Public Relations and Corporate Development of Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Intl. (ADRA), in Washington, D.C., cap-



Amid colorful balloons, students leave the gym for a tour of the campus.



The Nursing Department offers apples as preventive medicine!

tivated the assembly with humor, drama, and an inspiring message.

Attired in their gifts from AUC, T-shirts proclaiming "ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE—SHARE THE SPIRIT," students swarmed into the college cafeteria for a final tasty meal. As David Osborne, Executive Vice-president for Institutional Advance-

ment, whipped up banana splits for the departing students, smiles, animated conversation, and friendly overtures signaled the conclusion of a successful College Days event and bright days ahead for AUC.

Ruth Brand
Publicity Coordinator

gies. Young men and women are invited to give God the strength of their youth, that through the exercise of their powers, through keen thought and vigorous action, they may bring glory to Him and salvation to their fellow-men."

So brothers and sisters, young people in Christ, be an example to the believers, God is counting on you.

Pastor A. Llewellyn Williams
Youth Director

Bermuda

Be An Example

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12). This text is appropriate because the world is looking for an example, and expects more from the professed people of God than from anyone else. At the recent Atlantic Union Academy Leadership Conference held at Camp Victory Lake, New York, the youth were admonished to be examples to other youth. God is looking for young people who will stand up and be counted as worthy influences to others.

During our recent Youth Congress '86, we were told repeatedly that there is "Not A Moment To Lose." That was our theme for the congress and how appropriate! If the youth are going to be examples to the world, examples of Christ-centered, Christ-directed lives, exerting positive influences, then there is not much time left to do so. Now is the time! Youth Congress '86 was an example of how young people can be such an influence. Each night during the week of September 28 to October 4, our young people arrived early, involved themselves in the worship service, and were totally engrossed in the workshop presentations. They were examples of the believers.

A few of the highlights of the Congress are: Pastor Marcus Harris of the Berean SDA Church in South Bend, Indiana, presented inspiring messages on the theme "Not A Moment To Lose." For five nights after each worship service, workshops on Drugs, Aids, Christian Recreation, Teenage Pregnancy, and Sexually Transmitted Diseases were presented by Maria Davis, Russ Ford, L. Gomes, Pastor Harris, Olga Scott and Brenda Bean of Teen Services. There were two special workshops for parents



Pastor Marcus Harris preaching at divine worship.

on "How to Parent Your Teenager" and "Drug Prevention and Education for Parents" presented by Patricia Vaughn and Maria Davis. Our Sabbath Services were highlighted with the Bermuda Institute's presentations on 'Perceptions' with music by their steel band under the direction of Mr. Leonard Cann. The school's presentation truly represented total involvement of our youth.

The Congress concluded with a social at the Hamilton Adventist Centre for the youth on October 4. We thank all the A.Y. leaders and assistants for their hard work and commitment to ministering to our youth. We also thank Bermuda Institute for encouraging the students to be involved. And thank you, parents, for sending and bringing your young people to the meetings. A final vote of thanks to our president Dr. Edward Richardson and our conference administration for their support.

Gospel Workers, Page 67, by Ellen White says, "In order that the work may go forward in all its branches, God calls for youthful vigor, zeal, and courage. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause. To plan with clear mind and execute with courageous hand demands fresh, uncrippled ener-

B.I. Student Association on the Move

Newly elected Student Association officers of the Bermuda Institute assumed their duties on September 22, 1986, to serve for a year.

At the election held on September 21 in the school's auditorium, Wendy Bean, senior, was chosen to serve as president and Shawn Crockwell, an eleventh grader, as vice-president. Named to the other offices were Stacey Robinson, secretary; Owen Simons, treasurer; Wayne Caines, pastor; and Troy Joseph, parliamentarian.

Four of the new officers and the newspaper and yearbook editors were privileged to attend a biannual seminar at Victory Lake, New York, designed to stimulate and motivate student leaders in the secondary schools in the Atlantic



Posed on the stairway from top to bottom are: Reggie Matthie, yearbook editor; Miss Rosemary Tyrrell, principal; Wendy Bean, S.A. president; Trina Richardson, newspaper editor; Owen Simons, S.A. treasurer; Stacey Robinson, S.A. secretary, and Wayne Caines, S.A. Pastor.

Union to utilize their latent and potential talents.

The 120 students pooled their ideas and related experiences to help generate interest and provide encouragement and support for each other. The emphasis this year was on writing and thus was particularly beneficial to the newspaper and yearbook editors.

Accompanying the students to this event were the principal, Miss Rosemary Tyrrell, and school pastor, David Rogers.

A student on his return said, "The seminar was motivating and inspiring as well as fun filled."

Another such occasion awaited these students on their return—the annual Student Association picnic. The special feature of this year's picnic was an exciting treasure hunt organized by Mr. Edwin Smith, art and photography teacher at the Institute. This event was held on October 8 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.



Engrossed in discussion with Mrs. Gaylah Cantrell, a guest speaker at the seminar, is Owen Simons, treasurer of the Student Association, Bermuda Institute.

The sponsors of the Student Association are Mr. L. Cann, Pastor D. Rogers, Mrs. F. Simmons and Mrs. E. Nisbett.

Joan Rogers
Public Relations

Pathfinder Leaders' Convention Held at Berkshire

Seventy-five Pathfinder leaders met at Camp Berkshire October 24 through 26 for instruction and fellowship.

Elder Norman Middag, the Pathfinder Director for the North American Division, was a featured speaker throughout the weekend. In addition to sharing information on Pathfinder methods, Elder Middag was enthusiastic about the role of Pathfinders in the Harvest 90 program. "Pathfinders' honors classes can be an asset for the Harvest 90 programs of the church, particularly if community people are invited to teach in some of the honors classes and to participate in the awarding of honors."

Speaker for the eleven o'clock and 4:00 p.m. services on Sabbath was Elder James C. Hicks, the newly appointed church ministries director for the Atlantic Union Conference. Calling for commitment and response to the challenge for Harvest 90 for Pathfinders, Elder Hicks considered a variety of ways in which Pathfinders and their clubs can be supportive of local-church evangelism.

Area coordinators presented information on methods of teaching honors, and Efrain Delgada, an Adventist travel consultant, instructed in the fine art of raising money for travel projects. Elder Dan Pabon, Conference youth director, closed the weekend with an overview of the exciting 1987 Pathfinder year ahead.

Greater New York

Victory Day!

On October 25, 1986, Spanish Central Brooklyn had a Visitors' and Baptism Day, concluding a fall crusade. Through much prayer, the church was blessed with 70 to 75 visitors and a number of children. Six new members of various ages were also baptized.

The church was filled to capacity and the Holy Spirit's presence was felt. A day we wished never ended. Of course, we can thank the Lord for such a victorious day and pray for His continued blessings in our area.

Mildred Gray
Communication Secretary



Six baptismal candidates at the Central Brooklyn Hispanic church affirmed their acceptance of the Lord and Seventh-day Adventism on October 25.

Erratum

The total number of baptisms for the North Bronx church as of October 25 was 128, not 20 as indicated in an article appearing in the October 14 issue.

George Earle is Featured Speaker for Community Guest Day at Maranatha

It was standing room only as close to 400 persons crammed into the Maranatha church to hear Elder George Earle, former president of the Northeastern Conference, speak.

The occasion was Community Guest Day on Sabbath, October 18. About fifty non-Adventists were in attendance, including Mrs. Dorothy Baldwin-Ganz,



Elder George Earle was the featured speaker at Maranatha church's Community Guest Day. Mrs. Dorothy Baldwin-Ganz (left), chairperson of Community Board No. 17, was one of some 50 non-members present that day.

chairperson of the Community Board No. 17 of Brooklyn's East Flatbush District in which the church is located. Mrs. Baldwin-Ganz spoke to the congregation regarding the work of the Community Board and urged members living in the community to get involved in its activities.

Church pastor Dudley Thorne spoke special words of welcome to the invited guests, including Elder and Mrs. Earle.

Elder Earle's sermon entitled, "We Have Found Him," dealt with the joys of finding Jesus personally and drew warm response. Four individuals made commitments for baptism. Music was provided by the senior choir of the Christian Fellowship church, where Elder Thorne pastored before joining Greater New York Conference.

An additional highlight of the day was the favorable comments made by members and guests regarding the newly installed 25-foot-long church sign located strategically on the roof of the building for all passersby to see. A delicious lunch was served after the service.

New York

Buffalo School Experiences Growth

The Buffalo Suburban church school is growing by leaps and bounds! This year, 28 anxious pupils arrived September 4 for the first day of school. A new addition to the classroom is the kindergarten class with three eager young pupils. The school is fortunate to



Pictured above are the pupils in the Buffalo Suburban school along with their teachers Mrs. Raya Abadir on the far right, Kevin Sullivan, far left, and Dawn Ransom behind him.

have a student teacher, Dawn Ransom, assisting with these children. Dawn is very helpful in other aspects also (including transporting three children who wouldn't be able to attend otherwise). Ms. Ransom is a senior at Houghton College and will receive student teaching credit later in the year.

Grades one through four, taught by Mrs. Raya Abadir, has twelve pupils. Kevin Sullivan keeps busy teaching the

thirteen upperclassmen!

The school has a lot of new playground equipment, much of which was donated to them. As the church school continues to grow, we are even more anxious to begin plans for a new gymnasium. We hope and pray this building will become a reality in the not-to-distant future!

Debbie Fickess

New York State Fair Booth Successes Spread across the State

The New York Conference H.H.E.S. booth at the New York State Fair in Syracuse brought over 5,000 requests for information about family Bibles and important books that we publish.

Brother Poyuzina and assistant Publishing Director, Les McCoy, pro-

vided the main staffing for the 10-day fair at the Syracuse Fairgrounds. Conference and Union staff members as well as local lay members also assisted in manning the booth from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day.

A beautiful Bible Story backdrop caught the attention of fairgoers while members of the staff offered gifts of engraved nail files in order to open conversations. Most of those invited to do



Alex Poyuzina's desk and chairs covered with sorted neatly stacked requests for literature resulting from the booth at the New York State Fair.

so signed up for the free drawing requesting information about publications on display. The carefully prepared enrollment blank provided for various responses enabling our literature evangelists throughout the conference to know what approach to make.

During a recent group canvas in Syracuse which was organized by Elder Poyuzina, these blanks were used with success. L.E.'s participating in this canvas were Les McCoy, Celestia Dow, Richard Atwell, Priscilla Haesche, Ed Schlist, Jean Roberts, Tom Willumson, Bob Pitcher, Steve French and Gordon Zutz. Pastors Phil Follett, Alvin Goulbourne, Pete Geli and Pete Kamilos from the Union joined Brethren Nikolaus Satelmajer, James Glass, Don Wright, Mike Ortel, Fred Neigel, Alex Poyuzina and the writer for this day-long venture. The day began with a devotional followed by the selection of partners so that each conference or union worker would accompany an L.E. Only one of the L.E.'s needed to go by himself but he had a partner later in the day. A special fellowship and testimony meeting followed by a nutritious meal that was prepared by Donna Poyuzina ended the thrilling day of personal contacts and good fellowship.

Those of us who were privileged to go with our faithful literature evangelists came away with renewed appreciation for these faithful soldiers of the cross who brave all kinds of weather, facing unknown situations to bring our publications to people everywhere. Truly they are God's frontline messengers!

Norman L. Doss

"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee" Isaiah 41:13

We had a large bill coming due and not enough money to pay it. As my husband and I knelt in prayer, I prayed specifically about this bill. When my husband came in from work that night, his face was beaming. "Guess what? A man came today and wanted a certain part for a machine." Several years before this, my husband had bought this part and then forgot about it. After searching diligently he found it. The price of it was nearly the amount we needed to pay our bill!

"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer" (Isaiah 65:24).

Beverly Meacham

USA News Notes

Elder Gene Thomas, pastor of the Vienna District in the New York Conference, recently completed a Fall Week of Spiritual Emphasis. His theme, "Special People," was designed to show students and faculty that they are cherished and loved by Jesus. The week ended with the Ordinance of Humility and Communion Service on Friday night. The students and faculty were greatly blessed during this special week of spiritual emphasis, and we appreciated Elder Thomas's messages.

The Senior Class has voted over-

whelmingly to work toward a service-orientated class trip. So far, the Lord has really blessed their efforts to raise money for the trip. The Senior Class Benefit, complete with an auction and "dunking booth," was a huge success. By the end of the evening the Seniors had made a little over \$1000. On November 9 the Seniors completed a five-hour community Work-a-Thon. As of this writing the Seniors have raised over \$1,100 in Work-a-Thon donations. The Seniors have a long way to go toward raising money for the class trip, but they are confident they will reach their financial goal. If you feel impressed to make a donation, please write to the sponsors, Ron Anderson or Tim Simon.

A Youth Rally was held on the campus of Union Springs Academy on November 1. The speaker for the weekend was Elder Buz Menhardt, Campus Chaplain at Shenandoah Valley Academy. The students of USA, as well as the youth of the New York Conference, enjoyed the interesting subjects presented by Elder Mike Ortel, coordinator of the New York Conference Youth Rally.

Union Springs Academy was the subject for an extensive article printed in the November 7 edition of the Auburn, New York, *Citizen*. The Academy program was presented in a positive manner by staff writer Michael Lopez. We feel that the article will better inform our non-Adventist friends in the community what Union Springs Academy is all about and what we stand for.

Tim Simon
Campus Chaplain

ALBANY/SCHENECTADY DISTRICT EVENTS



The pupils at Tri City Academy in the Albany, New York, area, recently finished a Bible Marking course. Once a week at the school, the pupils learned how to mark their Bibles and do some research work. The course instructor was Elder Hamblen, Pastor of the Albany church.



There was special joy of witnessing a baptism recently in the Schenectady, New York, church that added members to both churches. Baptized were Ruth Goss, Norman Seitz, Vicki Buck, Catherine Peabody, and Robert and Delores Wishart. Elder Hamblen baptized the group.

Northern New England

Presque Isle Church Welcomes Pastor Smiley

The Presque Isle, Maine, Seventh-day Adventist Church recently held a potluck dinner and welcomed Pastor Smiley, his wife Nancy, and children, Andrew and Sherrie.

Pastor Smiley, a native of New Sharon, Maine, came to Presque Isle from Andrews University where he completed a Master of Divinity degree in August of this year. He is also a 1983 graduate of Atlantic Union College.

Prior to attending Andrews University he was a ministerial intern serving the Bath and Brunswick, Maine, churches. Presently, Elder Smiley is pastoring both the Presque Isle and Oakfield churches. He is also teaching seventh- and eighth-grade Bible at the Perth, New Brunswick, church school. His son Andrew is a second-grade pupil at the school.

Pastor Smiley has a strong interest in youth and hopes to involve them in many church programs. He is looking forward to his work in Aroostock County and hopes to help the community better understand the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Donna Cain
Communication Secretary



Left to right: David Beckwith, Jr., Jana Clapp and George Butler are new members in the Presque Isle, Maine, church.

George Butler who was baptized on July 12 in Presque Isle.

Jana and David come from Adventist homes and both have attended church schools. Presently, Jana is a junior deaconess and David is a junior deacon as well as Pathfinder assistant.

George came in contact with Adventists through reading the book *Search for the Truth*, and he is proving to be a real blessing to the church. His wife Velma and three children are also attending services regularly.

Donna Cain
Communication Secretary



Pastor Philip Smiley who will be serving the Presque Isle and Oakfield, Maine, churches.

Northern New England Fall Dorcas Federation Meetings

Dr. Alva Appel, ADRA Special Projects Director, was the speaker for Northern New England's fall federations held in Barre, Vermont, Drewsville, New Hampshire, and Brunswick, Maine, October 20 through 22.

Dr. Appel, one of our denomination's most knowledgeable leaders in the area of trusts, wills and emergency preparedness, spoke of the impact ADRA is having on worldwide hunger and medical problems. Delta and TACA Airlines have recently shipped tents, blankets, flashlights, stretchers, medicines, food and a light generator to aid in the disastrous El Salvador earthquake. Additional supplies of clothing, shoes, books and food followed.

One Adventist girl has died and two church members are missing. Some Adventist churches in San Salvador are heavily damaged or totally destroyed.

In each of the federations new officers were elected for a two-year term. Leading the Maine Federation are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kennedy, co-presidents; Arlene Peckham, vice-president; and Dorothy Hatt, secretary/treasurer.

Mr. Lauris Moore will enable and encourage the Community Service Centers as president of the Northern Vermont and Northern New Hampshire Federation. Mrs. Barbara Vorce was elected vice-president with Mrs. Wendy Morey as second vice-president and Mrs. Phyllis Moore as secretary/treasurer.

The Southern Vermont and Southern New Hampshire Federation leaders are Mrs. Clara Jobes, president, and Merlene Legare as secretary/treasurer.

Doug Kilcher
Director
N.N.E.C. Community Services



Left to right: Elder Alva Appel, ADRA Special Projects Director; William Stacy, Northern New England Federation President; Elder J. C. Hicks, Atlantic Union Community Services Director.

Fund-raising Project Enhances School Program

Pioneer elementary school in East Westmoreland, New Hampshire, had a very successful fund-raising effort using Tom Watt kits. The 24 pupils, under the leadership of Timothy Brown, teacher



Pictured are the outstanding salespersons (L. to R.): Melissa Howe, Crystal Lewis, and Becky Pike.

of grades five through eight, sold \$8,881 worth of products.

Since the teachers believe in minimizing competition, prizes were not awarded. As a substitute for prizes, each pupil earned one dollar for each \$20 worth of orders. Everyone joined in a pizza party when all the money was turned in.

There were some outstanding salespersons. Becky Pike raised \$733; Melissa Howe, \$640; and Crystal Lewis, \$545.

New Pathfinder Club in Drewsville

A new Pathfinder club has been organized in Drewsville, New Hampshire. Eleven young people were inducted as Pathfinders on September 19 at the Drewsville church. Morley

The funds raised will be used to purchase equipment to enhance the school program, such as a listening center, computer software, library books, and playground equipment. They will also cover the cost of school field trips.

The school is appreciative of the support given by parents, church members, and relatives who helped in the selling, record keeping, and supplying the food for the pizza party.

Thomas and Jim Henderson conducted the service.

Since the induction, the club has been very active with fund raising and other special activities. They attended their first camporee at the Otter River State Forest October 10 through 12 and are looking forward to the next one.



Induction service (L. to R.): David Morey; Dustin Wright; Nathan Smead; Tim Brown, Deputy Director; Morley Thomas; Jim Henderson; Cindy Brown, Director; and Shelley Patterson.

Southern New England

Boston Van Ministry Update

The Boston Van Ministry's single van has reached its maximum output. Three days each week the van goes to the Boston Common, one day at Kenmore

Square, (Sunday through Wednesday) Thursday, the double presence of Seventh-day Adventist Community Services at Randolph and Quincy, and Waltham on Friday. The screening pro-

grams in Waltham, Quincy and Randolph preceded and augmented Pastor William Brace's evangelistic thrust.

Over 3,000 participants have been screened for hypertension since the van ministry was launched on May 1. One hundred fifty are enrolled in a Bible correspondence course. North Shore and South Shore towns which have been entered would like the van services on a regular basis. Two additional vans could be used immediately if funds were available.

Due to the influx of the high-tech industry in greater Boston, van staff housing and headquarters are of prime prayer concern. Please join us in prayer and commitment. Volunteers may write Rita Vital, GMF Box 1600, Boston, MA 02205.

Here is an excerpt from the Boston Van Ministry newsletter for the reader's encouragement:

Gloucester—We pray daily for just the right parking spot, and most of all to even find two spots we can easily maneuver into. Gloucester's narrow streets present quite a challenge. We circled the main thoroughfare twice and asked God to find a spot near a corner where extra footage is available, in the heart of the town. On our third trip through two cars pulled out at the same time near the corner in front of the most popular chain drug store. The Senior Center was on the next corner, and on this hot July day the Lord even gave us a large shade tree for coolness.

At this location three people wanted Bible studies, one 78-year-old man knew



Kevin Plaisted, blood pressure technician, checks a shopper's pressure at Shaw's Super Market, Randolph, Massachusetts. A weekly screening in Randolph is done while the van is in Quincy, Massachusetts.



Brother Newman and attended the Mission as a youth, another lady had been taught to pray by an Adventist lady in the Orlando area and had been healed of her illness. She begged with tears in her eyes, "Please come back to Gloucester the people here need God so badly—but they don't think they do." (I pray for another van to serve the North Shore on a regular basis.)

New Boston Portuguese Company Organized

On Sabbath, November 1, fifty-one Boston-area Portuguese members were organized into another Portuguese group of believers. Over the past three to four years this group has been meeting with the Boston Temple and they continued to grow until they were such numbers that a company could be organized. Robson DeOliveira, a Portuguese graduate of Atlantic Union College, has been giving them leadership during this time. It was his encouragement and leadership that caused this group of believers to continue to grow.

This Boston Portuguese company will continue to meet in the Everett Seventh-day Adventist Church located at 162 Vernal Street, Everett, Massachusetts. The former English church, which has been meeting in this location, has decided to join with the Boston Temple.

This happy occasion was celebrated by the attendance of members from Lowell Portuguese, New Bedford Portuguese and East Providence Portuguese churches and companies with a total membership of approximately 350 members.

It is the plan of this company to reach out and witness into the Boston Portuguese community. It is hoped that within a short time they will be able to form themselves into a full church.

Southern New England Conference wishes this new company the Lord's blessing as they witness for their Master.

Stanley J. Steiner
President

Community Services Workers Attend Federation Meeting

On November 2, 1986, the Southern New England Conference Community Services Federation held its annual meeting at Bailey Hall behind the Conference office. Seventy-five people attended with Elder Hernandez leading out and Elder Stanley Steiner presenting



The entire group with honorees on the front row (L. to R.): Elder Paul Peterson; William Stacy, Northern New England representative; Alba Hernandez; Elder Fred Hernandez, Conference Community Service Director; Elder Harold Voorhees, former Conference Community Service Director with 51 years of continuous service; and Ruth Voorhees, 51 years of continuous service.

the devotional. Elder J.C. Hicks, new Church Ministries Director of the Atlantic Union Conference, was introduced to the group.

Reports were given by all active Community Service Center and Unit Directors. The group was encouraged by the opening of a new Community Services Center operated by the Athol church in Orange, Massachusetts.

Thirty-two members were awarded pins for continuous service of more than five years. Pins were for five, ten and lifetime (20 years or more) service.

Sarah Fanton, *Secretary*
Personal Ministries Dept.
S.N.E. Conference



Elder Fred Hernandez, Conference Community Services Director, awards Mrs. Hazel Lackey, Community Service Director, Athol church, her ten-year pin. She has worked twelve years.

New Conference Ministerial Secretary in Southern New England

Elder Charles Klatt, pastor of the church in Norfolk, Virginia, has accepted the call of the Southern New England Conference committee to serve as Ministerial Secretary and will be taking up his new responsibilities January 1, 1987.



Elder and Mrs. Charles Klatt

Elder Klatt was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and graduated from Pacific Union College in 1967 with a degree in theology. He has since served as pastor in Iowa, Minnesota, Wyoming, and Florida, as well as Virginia. He served in the United States Navy from 1957 to 1961.

His wife Sharon holds a degree in Social Studies from Pacific Union College and has served as teacher and Bible worker.

The Klatts have two daughters, Laura, 18, a business major at Southern College, and Becky, 15, a student at Little Creek Academy, Knoxville, Tennessee.

We wish Elder and Mrs. Klatt the rich blessings of God in their work in Southern New England. They will appreciate the prayers and support of our workers and members.

Victor W. Collins
Communication Director

Adventist Health System North

Addition to Parkview Memorial Hospital Staff

Stemple Johnson, M.D., has joined the medical staff of Parkview Memorial Hospital, Brunswick, Maine. Johnson is a general surgeon specializing in trauma and vascular surgery.

Prior to moving to Maine, Johnson was associated with Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, a 600-bed teaching institution in Taiwan where he was associate professor of surgery and chief of the emergency division.



Stemple Johnson, M.D.

Johnson has joined Gaylen W. Johnson, M.D., a surgeon with offices located in the Parkview Professional Building, 331 Maine Street, Brunswick. The telephone is (207)729-0134.

Ron Pelton, Director
Community Relations
Parkview Memorial Hospital

Fuller Memorial Hospital To Expand

Fuller Memorial Hospital held groundbreaking ceremonies for a \$4.5 million, 141,000 square foot building project on September 25, 1986.

Fuller Memorial Hospital is adding two new inpatient wings, a centralized admitting area, a main entrance and parking, a dietary and dining facility, a chapel, gym and recreational facility and have a permanent site for the school which is temporarily being housed in two mobile units. In addition to this expansion, there will be renovations to the 32-bed area presently being used for in-

patient services for use of administrative space, clinical offices and ancillary services.

Planning for the construction provides for the uninterrupted inpatient and outpatient services, according to projects manager, Ken Slaupa, Brett Construction Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts, the construction management firm on the project. George Edmondson, a member of the Fuller Memorial Hospital Board of trustees, is acting as the clerk of the works.

Completion of all new buildings is scheduled for the fall of 1987, with completion of all renovations to the existing building scheduled by the end of 1987.

The groundbreaking ceremonies were hosted by Ronald C. Brown, president of Fuller Memorial Hospital. Elder J.S. Damazo, the hospital's first chaplain when Fuller Memorial opened in 1937, came from his home in Frederick, Maryland, to give the opening prayer. The closing prayer was offered by Lonny

Smith, the present chaplain for Fuller Memorial Hospital.

Fuller Memorial Hospital will be celebrating its 50th year anniversary in 1987. The hospital provides psychiatric and substance abuse treatment services to the people of southeastern Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island. The hospital is located on the former 50-acre estate of the late Charles Fuller, a Providence, Rhode Island, jeweler. His daughter, Alice Ford Davenport, donated the property to the Seventh-day Church to be used as a medical institution. Originally known as Fuller Memorial Sanitarium, the hospital has evolved over the past 50 years from a small, long-term facility into a modern, 82-bed acute care, private, psychiatric hospital. FMH is located in southeastern Massachusetts, 45 miles south of Boston and 10 miles north of Providence, Rhode Island.

Written by Thomas Loats, director of community support and outpatient services, Fuller Memorial Hospital and Lori Evangelos-Kershner, account representative, FitzGerald & Co., Providence, Rhode Island.



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General News . . .

Hispanic Advisory Meets for Reports and Strategy

On September 30, 1986, the Atlantic Union Hispanic Advisory met in South Lancaster to receive reports from local fields and to make plans for the continued forward thrust of the Spanish work.

Speaking for the one-day meeting were Elder Philip Follett, Union President, and Elder Carlos Aeschlimann, General Conference Associate Ministerial Director and Harvest 90 Coordinator. Also in attendance were all local conference presidents, union officers and available departmental directors.

Utilizing every modality of communication—radio, television, public evangelism, Revelation Seminars, Friendship '87, Health and Temperance programs, van ministries, and youth



Special guest speaker of the Hispanic Advisory, Elder Carlos Aeschlimann (Standing left), General Conference Associate Ministerial Director and Harvest 90 coordinator, speaking on a coordinated strategy of evangelism with Elder Pedro Geli, Jr., translating.

work—many people are being reached with the Third Angel's Message.

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Elder Philip Follett (Right), Atlantic Union Conference President, recognized the union's top Hispanic soul winner, the 1985 centurion Elder Pedro Clausell. (L. to R.): Dr. Hernandez, Spanish coordinator; Elder Pedro Geli; and Elder G. M. Kretschmar, Greater New York president, look on.

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Pedro Geli

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Jackson Heights Church
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Rumored Meeting between Wilson and Reagan

Elder Neal C. Wilson, General Conference President, desires to assure everyone that he did not have a meeting with Ronald Reagan, U.S. President, as has been rumored. Elder Wilson expressed dismay concerning this rumor when questioned in person by Elder Gordon Engen, Associate Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty at the General Conference.

New York Station Sets Record

"Superstation" WOR-9 from New York City achieved a season-high response for a single It Is Written telecast on Sunday, October 12. Telephone operators at Adventist Information Ministries in Berrien Springs tabulated the telephone calls requesting George Vandeman's book, *The Telltale Connection*, at the close of "The Truth About Psychic Healing," Telecast #4, in the miniseries.

"This clearly demonstrates Channel 9's effectiveness as a 'superstation' carrier for It Is Written," says David B. Smith, director of public relations for

the TV ministry. "Although the program now airs at 11:30 p.m. on the East Coast, this gives us a prime time slot—and a prime response—across the nation."

"The Truth About Psychic Healing" received high marks nationwide as well, coming in third for 1986 behind a May telecast, "Dodging the Cancer Bullet," and the major series, *The Rise and Fall of Antichrist*.

David B. Smith
Public Relations Director

NEWS FLASH

● Bermuda Conference is making history by already achieving more than 50 percent of its \$30,000 Ingathering goal at this time. Of the eight churches in Bermuda, two are over their goals and two other churches are nearly over theirs.

● A large number of non-SDA clergy attended the two PREACH seminars held November 24 and 25 in Syracuse and Rochester, New York. Featured speakers were Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi

from Andrews University and Dr. Eldon Chalmers from Maryland.

● The Boston, Massachusetts, Spanish church has four branch Sabbath schools being conducted largely by laymen. Prospects are that one of the branch Sabbath schools will be organized into a company soon.

● The Southern New England Conference has purchased the community services van from the South Lancaster Village church. It will be available to any of the SNE conference churches on a loan basis.



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Portland, ME	4:05	4:04	4:06	4:09
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
Hamilton, Bda. (EST)	5:13	5:14	5:16	5:19

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I hope that many of our churches throughout the Atlantic Union Conference will devote at least a few hours during the weekend from December 31 to January 4 to the public reading of some portion of Scriptures and to prayer. Then, I hope each of you will join me in the personal or family reading of the Scriptures every day of the New Year.

What a spiritual power base! I wonder, might some people gather around, wondering what is happening to these prayer-and-Scripture-saturated people?

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