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**"I was glad when they said  
unto me, Let us go into the  
house of the Lord."**

**Psalm 122:1**



## EDITORIALY SPEAKING...



*Ted T. Jones  
Atlantic Union Gleaner Editor*

The sound of many voices is being heard again. Many questions are being asked and issues raised which, if one devoted full time to such interruptions, could easily become vehicles for side-tracking the people of God as they make their way toward the eternal kingdom.

Is the church still on track? Does the church still believe that Jesus could come in this generation? Are sermons on the realities of prophetic fulfillment and the second coming still being heard from Adventist pulpits or have we begun to hear a new gospel? Questions. Questions.

Let's take time for a few answers. Yes, the church does have a mission which is so clear and direct that no one need get off the track. We are to represent Christ and the truth to the world around us. More than that, we are to communicate by life-style and loving-kindness that the truth, translated into human flesh, can be a power for good in this wicked and adulterous generation.

All around us changes are taking place. Someone has said that nothing is constant but change. Yet, I believe that God's people should never compromise the standards or the doctrines of the truth that have made us the church that we are. God forbid that we forsake our wholesome uniqueness to appear more acceptable to the world or to our own vanities. God forbid that we forsake the truth as it is in Jesus in order to preach a socially accepted gospel.

An FBI agent noticed a clean-looking lady who regularly boarded a city bus in Takoma Park, Maryland. The lady had all the observable traits of a Seventh-day Adventist—graceful, clean, an air of confidence. She was impressive.

The agent noticed, however, that when the bus crossed the major intersecting street and began its entrance into downtown Washington, the lady quickly opened her purse, propped her mirror and worked an immediate transformation. Lipstick, earrings, necklace, finger rings and rouge.

Unknown to her, this lady was being watched by one of the Justice Department's leading agents. He saw a reenactment every week on the city bus and made this statement to me as I was trying to witness to him about the high standards of Adventism, "Ted, here's a lady who obviously isn't happy being a Seventh-day Adventist!"

What about you and me? Are we consistent in our life-styles?

Do we remember that we are being watched, not only by fellow human beings but angels as well? It is time to get our houses in order and to enjoy the privileges of being converted, happy, and true representatives of Jesus Christ!

"Lord, lay some soul upon my heart and win that soul to Thee" is a prayer that each member in the Atlantic Union Conference could do well to pray each day. How sweet it is when someone you have shared the message with is baptized into the church and fellowshipped into the body of Christ. That is a great experience! Seeing a new creature in Christ gives an unequalled joy to both the teacher and the pupil.

A hard look at Harvest 90 and 1987 should encourage each of us to make a new commitment for living God's love and enjoying the high noble standards of Adventism and, without doubt, sharing the great message of truth that liberates people from guilt, hopelessness and despair! This is our finest hour.

December 31, 1986, will launch for the Atlantic Union Conference a great spiritualized missile, the New Year's Eve Bible Reading Celebration. Reading the Bible continuously for four days, 24 hours per day will be a real challenge. Singing, prayer and praise sessions, scrolls of prayer requests, phone-in requests—all these activities will keep the vision of Harvest 90 fresh in our hearts. Remember, God is counting on each of us to win one or more souls during 1987. Planting, watering and harvest—the time is now!



# Atlantic Union College

## AUC Has Academic Prestige

When we think of American colleges and universities renowned for their academic prestige, we may not be accustomed to thinking of Atlantic Union College. We should change our thinking.

The *National Register of Social Prestige and Academic Ratings of American Colleges and Universities* selected Atlantic Union College as one of 89 across the United States as having "very high academic prestige."

Says the *Register*, "We have...referred to highly recommended programs and field areas offered by schools renowned and distinctive for [their] academic offerings. Even though they are not listed or rated among the top ten or twenty in their fields, their programs are still of an outstanding quality."

Ruth Brand  
Publicity Coordinator

## AUC Awarded \$10,000 Surprise

Atlantic Union College is a richer place because of Larry Smart and Maryon Nelson. These two dynamos, director and assistant director of Alumni at AUC, were surprised to receive a \$10,000 bonus check from the Business Executives' Challenge to Alumni (BECA) at the Tenth Annual Dinner for Philanthropy in Washington, D.C., on November 6.

AUC was one of two colleges to be awarded the bonus check in addition to the \$21,500 grant from BECA for raising \$100,169 in unrestricted gifts and student aid/endowment from 32.8 percent of the alumni during the 1985-86 fiscal year. Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, also received a bonus.

The colleges received the surprise checks for their steady growth and achievement during their six years in BECA. Other criteria met were consistency in appealing for annual unrestricted gifts, developing a repetitive pattern of solicitation throughout each year, holding the average annual gift steady, and providing prompt and timely reports to their donors.

Said Milton Murray, director of Philanthropic Service for Institutions (PSI), "Although the other colleges



*AUC president Larry Geraty receives a check for \$21,500 from George Crumley, treasurer of the North American Division. The college earned the money from the Business Executives' Challenge to Alumni for achieving its 1985-86 annual funds goals.*



*AUC alumni staff receive a surprise bonus check during the Tenth Annual Dinner for Philanthropy in Washington, D.C. Presented to Larry Smart and Maryon Nelson by Wallace Coe, general vice-president of the General Conference, the bonus was awarded in addition to the \$21,500 AUC earned in regular incentive monies from the Business Executives' Challenge to Alumni.*

have scored well in some of these areas, or even most of them, the BECA Committee believes these two colleges have demonstrated unusual consistency and capacity to fulfill the spirit and the donors' intent of the BECA program."

In a perceptive statement peculiarly pertinent to Larry Smart and Maryon Nelson, he also said, "These colleges have been able to count on...people who have stuck to the job, through thick and thin, drudgery and glamor. Exceptional leadership, professional leadership has been their hallmark."

Larry Smart and Maryon Nelson work for AUC with the fervor of people

who believe in what they're doing. The combination of the two, Larry Smart—brash, outspoken, funny and sincere, with Maryon Nelson—tactful, efficient, determined and gracious, is an unbeatable one. To have in six years developed a program that puts Atlantic Union College in first place among Adventist colleges in steady growth and achievement is a tribute to them as individuals and to the alumni who have cooperated with them.

The 1987 dollar and donor goals for Atlantic Union College are to raise \$110,000 from 1,427 alumni. The team of Smart and Nelson is working on it.

Ruth Brand  
Publicity Coordinator

## Bermuda

### Tribute to Dr. Marjorie Louis Bean

"Give honor to whom honor is due" was the intent of the Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on November 1, 1986, when Dr. Marjorie Bean, an outstanding citizen of the Bermuda community, was honored in a special program held at the Adventist Centre on King Street.

Hundreds of church members and over 30 dignitaries from the community, including, Sir Edwin Leather, a past governor of Bermuda; The Hon. Irving Pearman, Minister of Tourism; the Hon. Mr. Frederick Wade, Opposition Leader; Dr. Edward L. Richardson, president of the Bermuda Conference; and representatives of the Bermuda Business and Professional Women's Association, founded by Dr. Bean, were present for this auspicious occasion.

The program included musical selections from children's choirs of the Adventist churches and the Bermuda Institute Band. Some past students and acquaintances recaptured their early memories of Dr. Bean. Mrs. Eileen Musson, author of the biography, *Dr. Marjorie Louise Bean, a Bermuda Trail Blazer*, was recognized for this compilation which reflected Dr. Bean's life and her contribution to the Bermuda society and its educational system. Bermuda Institute owes a great debt to Dr. Bean who helped to improve and update its curriculum so that it has progressively





*Dr. Marjorie L. Bean*

become an outstanding private institution that has contributed greatly to the Bermuda community.

In her early years as a teacher, and later on in her various appointments in the Education Department of Bermuda, Dr. Bean worked undauntingly to raise the standard and quality of education. Among her many achievements, she has had the distinction of being the (1) first black woman to become a member of Bermuda's Legislative Council, (2) first black supervisor of schools, (3) first woman chairman of the Berkley Educational Society (4) first black Senior Government Administrator, and (5) first black executive officer in the Department of Education.

During her lifetime, Dr. Bean has touched many lives in many ways. Today many of her students occupy government positions and are prominent citizens in the Bermuda community.

In her response at the end of the program, Dr. Bean thanked the Bermuda Conference for their magnanimous gesture of goodwill. She challenged the young people to be "music makers." Music makers help to make people laugh and be happy. Likewise the youth, "Bermuda's Tomorrow," should seek to be a blessing to others. To make this challenge even more descriptive and lasting, she drew our attention to the piano. "The most beautiful and harmonious music is achieved when the black and white keys are played together. Likewise, young people must learn to live together to maintain a beautiful and harmonious island."

Mrs. Marjorie Richardson, wife of Dr. Edward Richardson, was the coordinator for the afternoon's activities.

Mable Dunbar  
*Administrative Secretary*

## Greater New York

### Conference Secretary and Treasurer Appointed

Juan Prestol was recently appointed secretary of the Greater New York Conference by the Executive Committee, and Leon Thomassian has been asked to serve as Conference treasurer. Elder Prestol formerly served as secretary-treasurer, and Leon Thomassian as undertreasurer. The action was taken to help meet the escalating responsibilities resulting from the continued growth of the work in metropolitan New York.



*Juan Prestol (left), newly appointed secretary of the Greater New York Conference, and Leon Thomassian who is now the Conference treasurer.*



*Mrs. Belkis Prestol*

Mrs. Belkis Prestol, who had been working in the Treasury Department on a part-time basis, was asked to serve as a full-time accountant.

To accommodate these personnel changes, a new office and small-meeting area was created for the newly appointed secretary from space formerly used as a board room on the first floor of the Conference Office building. (The board room is now located across the hall in the former waiting room/library.)

### "Felt Forum Highlights" Available on Videotape

A ½" VHS videocassette of highlights of the Felt Forum meeting held in May, 1986, is now available. To order, send your \$20 donation to the Van Center (Seventh-day Adventist Community Health Services), P.O. Box 1029, Manhasset, NY 11030; Attention: Gerry McCandless.

### Middletown Church Reports

• Victor Leidich is one of several members to have received special recognition by the church body for his outstanding performance and dedication to the Middletown, New York, church. On October 25, 1986, he was presented with a plaque with the inscription, "This plaque is presented to Victor Leidich for the miraculous work he does in maintaining and upholding God's House." The term miraculous was used in reference to the great love and grace of God that has been working in the life of Brother Leidich and his family in his service to the church. Members in Middletown for approximately 30 years, Vic and his wife Lois have assumed many leading roles in the church.

Vic performs the janitorial services, as well as serving as Head Deacon. As a result of his personal commitment and efforts, not only is the routine maintenance commendable, but the extra cosmetic work he devotes his time to enhances the beauty of the sanctuary. The plaque was prepared as an expression of the church's appreciation and love for the Leidichs.

• Through the efforts of youth leader Chynsia Morse, a Bible Bowl was held recently. Young people competed in a question-and-answer session to test their knowledge of the Scriptures, with contestants from both the Middletown and Monticello churches participating. Two awards were granted.

• On October 18, Lorinda Pinero acknowledged the acceptance of Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. While family and friends lovingly looked on, Pastor William Broadwell baptized Lorinda and officially recognized her as a member of the Middletown church.



Lorinda is a student at the Middletown church school.

• On October 25, Pastor Jack McFarlane, former pastor at Middletown, was the visiting speaker. During the service, he dedicated Daniel Uriah, born March 23, 1986, to members Jack and Lori Soldano.

Brenda Montes  
Asst. Communication Secretary

## New York

### First New York Conference Church Growth Seminar

The Buffalo Suburban church hosted the first Church Growth Seminar sponsored by the New York Conference. Thirty-eight persons, including pastors, conference officials, and departmental men convened for the three-day meeting, October 29 through November 1, 1986. The seminar was conducted by Dr. Eoin Giller, pastor of the Buffalo Suburban church and conference Church Growth and Development Director.

Dr. Giller holds a degree in church growth and is establishing a reputation for his insight and work in church revitalization. He has successfully conducted 30 similar programs in Australia and the United States.

Approximately 25 pages of written material were covered during this seminar. Some of the topics covered were:

—*The Life-Cycle of a Local Congregation.* Involves analyzing the "genetic" structures of a congregation and how a minister may intervene to bring a church to its prime.

—*Church Revitalization.* Studies how a pastor should enter a church system so

that the congregation will support his ministry and find a renewal of spiritual life.

—*Renewal in Worship.* Involves how to motivate members in ministry.

—*Demographic Study.* Presented by Elder Satelmajer, New York Conference ministerial secretary. The study analyzed 47 population clusters for compatibility with SDA life and faith, and determined which evangelical approach should be used at particular locations.

On the final day, Sabbath, November 1, the group observed Buffalo's progressive church services. Elder Philip Follett, Atlantic Union President, presented the final address that afternoon.

Buffalo Suburban has seen great change since Pastor Giller's arrival 2½ years ago. His revitalization programs are working here in a very positive way. The congregation has not only become more active, but also there is an atmosphere of praise and Christian love. Weekly attendance has almost tripled.

As an example of "Renewal in Worship," an important part of the church service is the "praise session." More than a song service, it incorporates Scripture with both contemporary and traditional songs. Between our fourth and fifth numbers, there is a "meet and greet" time, when members have an opportunity to welcome visitors and friends.

Another vital element of the praise session is the 18-piece youth orchestra as seen in the accompanying picture. Composed primarily of young people, it includes strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion. The dedicated leader, Ed Fickess, started the orchestra almost two years ago. He writes the musical arrangements and holds weekly practice sessions. The orchestra serves a dual purpose—it not only adds vitality to the service but also acts as a cohesive force for the youth-age group.



The youth orchestra of the Buffalo, New York, Suburban church.

Many other changes have taken place in Buffalo, such as vegetarian suppers before the Wednesday night meetings. These innovations have promoted fellowship, growth, and support. Buffalo Suburban has become not only a church to attend but also a place of Christian love and fellowship. It is a place where people like to bring their friends—we have many visitors. We pray our church will continue to grow and that the seminar we hosted will be instrumental in the growth and development of other churches.

Debbie Fickess

### BAPTISM IN SYRACUSE CHURCH



Pictured are Mrs. Linda Millsbaugh and Mrs. Laura Cooter (center) who were baptized recently by Gerald Greene, interim Syracuse, New York church pastor (left). They were prepared for baptism by Syracuse Bible Worker, Bob Snyder, (right).

### Happenings at Vestal Hills

The growth of any church is measured by the young people who are members of the church.

We are quite pleased with our young people. We have many young married couples in our church. So, with young people in the church, there are always babies. This past quarter, Pastor Taylor has been busy with all his routine duties and we have added a few more.

The pastor makes it very interesting for us when we have something pertaining to the family. He calls it "Family Time." The first dedication we had was the twin children of Fred and Terri Jones. Then, our next precious jewel to be dedicated was the daughter of Richard and Jeanette Annunziata. The pastor also introduces the families. Today we see them as babies, but tomorrow



row they will be our leaders. We pray for God's richest blessings for each child, and a special blessing for their parents.

Anne M. Whitaker

## Norwich District Welcomes New Pastor and His Wife

Pastor Robert Bjelica and his wife Mariann accepted the call to pastor the Norwich/Oneonta District in the New York Conference, effective December 13, 1986. They replaced Elder and Mrs. David Crouch who accepted a call to the Ohio Conference.

Both Robert and Mariann were born in Yugoslavia but the United States has been their home for the last 20 years. Robert's previous professional experience includes literature evangelism for the Ohio Conference and working in the medical field as a surgical assistant at Cleveland Clinic Hospital. Robert completed his undergraduate studies in theology at Andrews University, where he also worked on his Master of Arts in New Testament studies. Mariann likewise completed her B.M. degree in Music Education at Andrews. They have recently been serving in the Batavia church where Robert ministered in the capacity of a Bible Instructor and assistant to the pastor.



Pastor and Mrs. Robert Bjelica

## UNION SPRINGS ACADEMY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

### PRESENTS

Keith Rasmussen, Organist  
Kingsway College  
Oshawa, Ontario  
January 24, 1987; 4:00 p.m.  
Union Springs Academy Chapel  
Freewill Offering

# Northern New England

## BRUNSWICK RETIREMENT VILLAGE ENJOYS THANKSGIVING DINNER



Brunswick Retirement Village held their annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 13 in the Brunswick Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship hall. The majority of residents of the Retirement Village were present and enjoyed an excellent dinner served by the officers of the Northern New England Conference. John DePalma, Director of Trust Services for the Conference, was Master of Ceremonies and Elder John Lorntz, the Brunswick church pastor, led the gathering in a hymn, a responsive reading, and a devotional.

## HELPING TO MAKE HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Young people of the Dixfield, Maine, Seventh-day Adventist Church gathered scores of canned and non-perishable foods from the community. These will be used in holiday baskets for needy families.



# Southern New England

## Parenting Seminar Appreciated

Approximately 40 people attended a three-day seminar at the Brooklawn Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut, last month. Presented by two seminary professors, the workshop stressed insights for teaching Christian values to Adventist children.

Dr. Donna Habenicht, child psychologist and professor of education at Andrews University, began the series of presentations, outlining the privileges and goals of the Christian parent. She went on to discuss the methods for teaching Christian values, drawing on experiences from private practice, as well as from her own parenting.

Her husband, Dr. Herald Habenicht, pediatrician and allergist and associate professor of health education also at Andrews University, rounded out the seminar with his presentations on diet and nutrition and their effect on children.



Participants, ranging from young single adults to parents and grandparents including members from the community as well as church members, took part in group discussions and question-and-answer sessions. In response to a unanimous request from the group, plans for a future seminar with the Habenichts are already being considered, according to Pastor Eric Doran. ☆

## COMMUNITY GUEST DAY OBSERVED IN FITCHBURG



Photo courtesy of Sentinel-Enterprise, Fitchburg  
Pastor Wallace G. Frost of the Fitchburg, Massachusetts, Seventh-day Adventist Church presented a community service award plaque to Claire Demers at a special community guest day service October 18, 1986. The title of the sermon for the day was, "Helping Hands." Demers was honored for her nine years of volunteer work at Birchwood Manor Nursing Home and also for time she contributes to the Fitchburg Family Life Center. Demers said that she accepted the plaque on behalf of all volunteers in the city of Fitchburg.

After the morning services the congregation, including Miss Patricia La Cross, activity coordinator and director of volunteer services at Birchwood Manor and a resident, accepted the invitation to a fellowship dinner in the Better Living Center of the church.

Thelma E. Hale  
Communication Secretary

## Brooklawn Pathfinders Have Full Year Planned

Last year Jacques Maignan of the Brooklawn church decided it was time to have a Pathfinder Club in Bridgeport. Jacques enlisted the help of leaders and organized a club. Sixteen young people participated last year, earning several honors and enjoying camp-outs, hikes, crafts and special activities.



Brooklawn Pathfinder Club organized this year includes (L. to R.): Misty Russell, Sandy Russell, Hector Torres, Brian Weir, and leaders Jacques Maignan and Georgia Russell.

This year, under the direction of Georgia Russell, the club has a full year planned. This fall, pathfinders will be working on honors in shells, plastics, stained glass and swimming. Special activities include a car wash and tag sale,

Bible Character Costume Party, and hike up Sleeping Giant Mountain. The pathfinders also attended the conference camporee in October, and plan to have a winter camp-in at Winnekeag in January.

## Baptism in Northboro

Kennard Reece moved recently from his home country, Guyana in the Inter-American Division, and joined the Northboro, Massachusetts, church by baptism on his birthday, September 6, 1986. He was baptized by Pastor Ives Roberts of the church.

A few months prior to his baptism he appeared in a man's dream. As Kennard was walking to work one day a car suddenly stopped beside him. The driver in-

vited him to ride and as they rode together, the driver told of his dream the night before.

He had seen a Black man in a blue suit walking by the road carrying an umbrella. He was instructed to give this man a ride. The driver said that his wife was a Seventh-day Adventist. Just before his dream he had consented to pray with his wife as she had expressed urgency about the soon coming of Jesus. That same night he had the dream and now the fulfillment in the person of Kennard.

It was an uncanny experience and in the abruptness of it neither man thought to exchange names. Hopefully the experience may be the means of leading an unbelieving husband to develop faith in God and His truth for today.

Leora DeWitt  
Communication Secretary



Photo by Lynette DeWitt

Kennard Reece is welcomed into church fellowship in Northboro September 6 by Pastor Ives Roberts of the Northboro church.

## A Blessed Busy Day

Last August 16 was a very busy Sabbath at the Framingham, Massachusetts, Seventh-day Adventist Church. During the church service Cathy and Steven



Carter's baby Isaiah was dedicated followed by the ordination of deacons and deaconesses by Pastor Badillo.

In the afternoon at four o'clock six precious souls were baptized—James Sousy, Maureen Giampa, Lisa Giampa, Lisa Martin, Martha Hurd, and Concetta Astorelli. A smorgasbord reception was held for our new members and a farewell for our Pastor Luis Badillo, his wife Connie and their sons Eric and Jeff. To close the blessed Sabbath, testimonials and sundown worship were held followed by Christian fellowship.

It was a day of joy and sadness—an entrance and a departure. Joy filled our hearts with the dedication of the beau-



*Pastor and Mrs. Luis Badillo and sons Eric and Jeff.*

tiful baby and the baptism of the "born again" loved ones in the church family. We were saddened to have our pastor and his family leave us after seven blessed years of their ministry. They have taken up their duties and responsibilities in the Leominster, Massachusetts, Seventh-day Adventist Church.

We have seen their little ones grow up to young manhood—a credit to their parents. Our loss is their gain. We look forward to our new pastor Edward (Ted) Pettit. Our Lord always sends us the pastor we need at a certain time.

Mildred Andronico  
*Communication Secretary*



*Group baptized August 16 at the Framingham church. Left to right they are Maureen Giampa, Lisa Giampa, Concetta Astorelli, Pastor Luis Badillo, Martha Hurd, James Soucy, and Lisa Martin.*



*Connie Badillo looks at a stained glass picture of Jesus praying, lovingly made by Carol Lombardo as a going-away present for the Badillos.*

## Adventist Heritage Tour

Sabbath, September 20, was rainy, but there was sunshine on the faces of more than 50 members and friends of the Sterling, Massachusetts, church as we boarded the bus to begin an Adventist Heritage tour directed by Pastor David Greenlaw. Our first stop was the little church in Washington, New Hampshire. We had left early enough, 8:30 a.m., to join the little congregation for Sabbath school and the worship service.

After lunch, which was eaten anywhere a dry place could be found, Pastor Greenlaw gave us some of the historical background of the area and the church, which included information about Rachel Oakes Preston and the Farnsworth family. The church has no heating system or electricity. Some of us were cold and damp, but knowing that the discussions and ideas presented in that very church long ago were the basis for our church today was well worth it.

We again boarded the bus, which had a good heater, to drive by the Farn-

sworth home and on to Annie and Uriah Smith's birthplace and gravesite. We had planned to stop for supper at the Cathedral of the Pines, but because of the weather, we went back to the church for a supper of hot stew and popcorn.

It was an enjoyable Sabbath. Pastor Greenlaw is talking about a weekend heritage tour to Maine next year. I, for one, will be there.

Edie Conrad  
*Communication Secretary*

## Norwich—New London Pastor Conducts Four Seminars

"Forgiving is releasing from our judgment entirely the one who has hurt us," said Reggie Phillips, pastor of the Norwich and New London churches, as he began church service seminars in each church on the topic of "Learning to Love."

During the seven sessions of these seminars held in August and September,



*Elder Reggie Phillips conducts seminar at the New London, Connecticut, church.*

worshippers were encouraged to use their workbooks to copy ideas projected on the screen—ideas on how to forgive, how to affirm the worth of another person, how to share faith without offense, and helping members and potential members feel loved and important. Each of the seminars concluded with the folk song: "Teach me to love, Lord, better each day; My fellowman, Lord, because there's no other way."

"Breathe Free" stop smoking clinics were held in the Norwich church and for



personnel at Turbo Products International of Ivorytown, Connecticut, in September and October. These eight-day programs emphasized the same concepts of the Five-Day Plan, but with some revisions. Joe Jenecaro, Personnel Manager of Turbo Products, was so pleased with the influence of the plan upon his employees that he asked Pastor Phillips where the nearest church was so that he might attend. Francis Parisi of Centerbrook and a member of the New Lon-

don church was the person responsible for arranging the seminar with the pastor.

Quoting material from the Love Seminar, Phillips says: "The church as a force is person-centered. If the big church stays person-centered it will increase its effectiveness with its size. There is nothing bigger or more important than the individual."

Reggie Phillips  
Pastor

England Memorial Hospital, "No Gift Too Small."

A 10-year employee at NEMH and currently secretary for the Intensive Care and Critical Care Unit, Wortman gained fame from the following poem:

No Gift Too Small

"UNITED WAY just asks a part  
Of all the love that's in your heart.  
Please answer this most urgent call,  
We need your help—

NO GIFT TOO SMALL.  
Your gift of love could help some child  
Who's bruised and battered or defiled.  
Or teach the elderly to cope  
With life at home, we bring new hope.  
And all the research that is done  
May benefit your treasured one.  
We're glad these agencies are there;  
For folks in need, it shows we care.  
We're proud of all the work we do,  
That's why each year we count on you.  
It brings such happiness, we find,  
To give a gift that helps mankind.  
You make the difference, this we know.  
Your pledges help to make us grow,  
That we may serve from day to day  
In truly a UNITED WAY  
So we appeal to one and all,  
We need your help—  
NO GIFT TOO SMALL."

Larry Kidder, Public Relations  
New England Memorial Hospital

## Adventist Health System North

### NEW ENGLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HONORS MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS



The Atlantic Union and Southern New England Conferences were honored on November 13 for financial contributions to New England Memorial Hospital at a recent unveiling ceremony.

The unveiled "Wall of Honor" recognizes individuals and organizations that have given cumulative donations of \$10,000 to \$250,000 to the hospital over the past two decades.

More than 90 guests attended the event, including honorees, next of kin and friends of deceased honorees.

In attendance were Elder Philip Follett (left) president of the Atlantic Union Conference, and Elder Stanley Steiner, president of the Southern New England Conference.

Larry Kidder, Public Relations

### Stoneham Poet Published In United Way Newsletter

Marie Wortman, poet from Stoneham and a member of the Stoneham Seventh-day Adventist Church, was recently

published in United Way of Massachusetts Bay Newsletter "Campaign 1986 Highlights."

Wortman, who writes poetry frequently, was asked to write a poem based on the theme chosen by New

## General News . . .

### Worcester Will Air Christian Lifestyle Magazine

Beginning November 2, Greater Media Cable, Channels 13 and 28 in Worcester, Massachusetts, began carrying Christian Lifestyle Magazine two times a week.

The series will be carried Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., free of charge as a public service to more than 38,000 subscribers in Worcester, Leicester and Spencer.

Jeff Wilson  
Public Relations

### Bulimia: Another Kind of Addiction

"Our bodies don't redesign themselves because of current fashion," notes Dr. Robert L. DuPont, director of the Center for Behavioral Medicine in



Rockville, Maryland. Unfortunately, that is just what people suffering from bulimia would like them to do.

Bulimia is, in effect, an addiction to food. Bulimics cannot control their eating habits, so they attempt to rid themselves of the calories they eat by purging. "Purging can come in a variety of ways," says Dr. DuPont. "Excessive exercise, diuretics, laxatives, and—most commonly—self-induced vomiting."

"Addicted to Food?", an article in the December, 1986, issue of *Listen*, takes a look at bulimia and shows how it correlates to other types of addictions. The article examines the causes and effects of compulsive eating behavior, drawn from interviews with both medical personnel and bulimics.

"The person who becomes bulimic is someone who tries to control her weight by following a calorie-restrictive diet or even by going without food completely. Initially she succeeds, and she experiences a rise of self-esteem because she has solved the problem," explains Dr. DuPont. The behavior soon becomes compulsive, and the bulimic finds she can't stop the pattern.

Bulimia is an addiction, like alcoholism or drug addiction. There is no cure—only recovery. "But bulimics are never really the same (after recovery)," says Dr. DuPont. "They are going to have a different relationship with food and eating forever after." ☆

## Next Year in Jerusalem

Students with a keen interest in biblical studies with focus on archaeology, history and geography will be able to study at the newly renovated Jerusalem Center beginning in January, 1987.

The Jerusalem Center is a service of the General Conference under the sponsorship of the Biblical Research Institute. It provides study opportunities for pastors, graduate and undergraduate students as well as for mature persons with a bachelor's degree. The Center organizes courses of study to be taught by well-qualified visiting professors from the staffs of our strongest institutions of learning.

The Jerusalem Center occupies an attractive church-owned building in the heart of Jerusalem. The building itself, some 750 square meters in size, received some major overhaul in 1986 to provide a classroom, reference library, living area and food service for as many as 25

students, both men and women. Both men and women are served in separate facilities.

The Biblical Research Institute, an agency of the General Conference, is responsible for the financial operation of the Jerusalem Center. A generous gift from the General Conference provided for the remodeling of the building, but the Center's operation is required to be self-sustaining. In order to serve men and women from all parts of the world, costs are being kept at a minimum.

The Center offers a rich study program with full credit terms for both graduates and undergraduates. Five different fields are open for study: Old Testament, New Testament, the Ancient World, Early Christianity, and Introduction to Archaeology.

Besides these credit programs, the Center also offers non-credit seminars for students who wish to broaden their knowledge but do not expect academic credit. Pastors, however, who attend such seminars, may apply for Continuing Education credit.

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Besides a well-balanced study program, students will be inspired by pleasant Sabbath walks on the Mount of Olives or by a visit to the moody waters of the Pool of Bethesda. There will also be quiet moments of personal devotion in a private corner of the Jerusalem Center garden.

## Request Overwhelms Adventists in Papua New Guinea

An unusual baptism in Goroka, Papua New Guinea, has left Seventh-day Adventist officials in the South Pacific Division with an overwhelming challenge.

Concluding a baptism of 284 converts, witnessed by nearly 16,000 in attendance, Evangelist Laverne Tucker made another appeal for those who wished to continue studying the Bible and follow Jesus in future baptism. By actual count 2,874 people made that commitment.

Follow-up of that kind of interest in Goroka, the largest highlands town in Papua New Guinea, is now left to local leaders. Tucker and his team have

returned to their Quiet Hour broadcast ministry which headquarters in Redlands, California.

Papua New Guinea, with more than 80,000 members in its 13 independent island groups, grows most rapidly of all national churches in the South Pacific. Current ratio of Adventists to population is 1:38.

Pacific Adventist College near Port Moresby granted its first degree last year in the Church's continuing emphasis upon education.

## Catholic Television Center Aired Adventist Program throughout Greater Boston

The Boston Catholic Television Center has aired "Christian Lifestyle Magazine" to its subscribers at no cost to the Adventist Church since April. For three and a half years previous to that they broadcast our "Westbrook Hospital" series.

The series is seen twice a week, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. over the following outlets:

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Cambridge	Cable 37
Chelmsford	Cable 29 or P
Lowell	Cable 29 or P
Milton	Cable 54
Quincy	Cable 54
Randolph	Cable 54
Revere	Cable 30
Tewksbury	Cable 29 or P

The Boston Catholic Television Center carries only two or three non-Catholic productions other than "Christian Lifestyle Magazine."

Jeff Wilson  
Public Relations Director

## Services for SDA Military Personnel in Europe

With about 500 Seventh-day Adventist military personnel stationed in Europe, from the British Isles to Turkey, the National Service Organization faces a real challenge to provide adequate spiritual support for these church members. Ten different worship groups meet each Sabbath under the direction of active lay leaders. Three Adventist Army chaplains—CH (CPT) Rick Brock, CH (CPT) Bill Broome,



and CH (CPT) Ed Bowen, along with the director of the Frankfurt Servicemen's Center, Elder Glenn Bowen—provide additional pastoral care.

Every two years an offering is taken across the United States to help provide church papers and other materials for these and other SDA military personnel scattered in many places. This is our offering year, and there is still time before 1986 ends to put in a gift marked "Servicemen's Fund Offering."

If any readers have relatives serving in the US military in Europe, we encourage them to share the following information about weekly meetings held there:

AUGSBURG Community Chapel Lay Leader, David St. Cyr	0930 Hours
BERLIN Waldfriede German Hospital Lay Leader, Dorothy Cox	0930 Hours
FRANKFURT Atterberry Housing Chapel Lay Leader, Stanton Brooks	1000 Hours
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HEIDELBERG 130 Station Hospital Lay Leader, Elverton Mapp	1000 Hours
NUERNBERG Army Hospital Chapel Lay Leader, Ilesio Illidge	0930 Hours
RAMSTEIN Air Base South Chapel #2 Lay Leader, Oliver Trepanier	0930 Hours
SPANGDAHLEM Base Chapel Lay Leader, Darrell Roberson	0930 Hours
STUTTGART Robinson Barracks Chapel Lay Leader, Ron Weeks	1000 Hours
WURZBURG Army Hospital Chapel Lay Leader, Joe Mucha	1000 Hours

Charles D. Martin, *Director  
National Service Organization*

### Seventh-day Adventist Church World Leader Denies Con- nection with Kenya, Africa, Splinter Group

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church denies any connection with the splinter group in Kenya, Africa, calling itself Seventh-day Adventist Church Reformed and advocating strange doctrines," according to Neal C. Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church.

The *Kenya Times* published a story on November 4, 1986, referring to a small

splinter group calling itself the Seventh-day Adventist Church Reformed, which was circulated worldwide by an international news agency on November 17. This little group set November 27, 1986, as the day when Jesus Christ would return. Other ideas and practices were also a part of their beliefs.

"This group is not a part of the worldwide body of Seventh-day Adventists, numbering 700,000 in the United States and Canada and nearly 5,000,000 worldwide in 184 countries," Wilson said.

Tulio Haylock  
*General Conference  
Communication Department*

### Attention Sabbath School Leaders and Teachers

The North American Division office of Church Ministries is providing each quarter a Sabbath School Video Workshop. Most conferences receive this workshop videotape, which is avail-

able for your use which introduces materials and suggested ideas for all divisions, including some ideas for self-made devices to help create an interesting Sabbath School program for each quarter. Consult your conference Sabbath school director for availability in scheduling for your Sabbath school leaders' and teachers' viewing.

### Black Educator Dies

America's first Black lady to complete requirements for a Ph.D. died October 29 in Huntsville, Alabama, at the age of 93. Funeral services for Eva B. Dykes were held November 2, in the Oakwood College Campus church, Huntsville, Alabama.

Born in Washington, D.C., Dr. Dykes was a 1914 graduate of Howard University, Summa Cum Laude. Entering Radcliffe University for graduate work, she was denied credit for her degree from Howard. Undaunted, she completed a second bachelor's degree, then

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both a master's and a doctorate in English from Radcliffe in 1921.

Second child in a family of three girls, Dr. Dykes was born only 30 years from slavery. Nonetheless, her family had already made a mark in the academic world—father, mother, uncles, and sisters all graduating from Howard and entering professions.



Dr. Dykes taught at Dunbar High School in the District of Columbia, 14 years at Howard, the former Waldon University in Tennessee, and Oakwood College in Huntsville where she has been since 1944.

A widely published author in both educational and religious journals, Dr. Dykes began a column for the monthly *Message* magazine in 1934—a column which ran for 50 years.

As an accomplished musician, she accompanied some of the greatest artists in Washington and directed nationally sought-for choirs.

Although Dr. Dykes retired in 1968, she was called back to the classroom in 1970 when she taught full time for three years and then two more years on a part-time basis.

At Oakwood the 1400-member student body dedicated their library to Dr. Dykes in 1973, and in 1976 she was honored by the National Association of Black Professional Women in Higher Education. There before hundreds of Black women holding doctoral degrees, Dr. Geraldine Rickman, president of the Association read the citation: "We have in our midst a pioneer.

"Pioneers are special people. 'Firsts' are always difficult. We don't know that things can be done, that dreams can be fulfilled, that great accomplishments can

be realized until somebody takes that first step and shows the way.

"Black women had never realized their full intellectual development and potential until this pioneer, Dr. Eva B.

Dykes, 55 years ago dared to take the first step and show the way.

"We honor here the spirit of her dreams," the citation concluded.

Interment was in Huntsville.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL COUNCIL IN RIO DE JANEIRO

This was only the fourth time in the 123-year history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that the Annual Council has been held outside the United States. Other locations included Toronto (1968), Mexico City (1972), and Manila (1982).



*Lay members of the General Conference Committee in attendance at the Annual Council in Rio de Janeiro included (front row) Dr. U. Mohanlingum, Southern Asia; Mr. and Mrs. (guest) Oh Soo Chong, Far East; Nathaniel Aina, Africa-Indian Ocean; Lloyd Henry, MD, Inter-America; and Edmond Long, South Pacific; (second row) David Thomas, North America; Rui C. Vieira, South America; Kenneth Hammond, Trans Europe; and Paul Clerc, Euro-Africa.*



*Representing the Church family in Socialist countries were Bekele Beri, Ethiopia; Stanislaw Dabrowski, Polish Union; Mikhail Kulakov, Association of Seventh-day Adventists in the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic; and N.A. Zhukaluk, Association of Seventh-day Adventists in the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.*



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1. All transparencies must be mailed or delivered in person so as to be in the *Gleaner* editor's office not later than February 27, 1987.
2. Each photographer may submit up to 10 transparencies or slides in the following way: two pictures for each of the four seasons—fall, winter, spring, summer; and two miscellaneous pictures. Pictures may also be submitted that will conform to the church calendar (write for details).
3. Transparencies can be 35mm. up to and including 4" x 5". Preference will be given to 35 mm. slides. Don't send color negatives or prints. They can't be used.
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12. Submissions for *Gleaner* covers should be mailed to *Gleaner*, P.O. Box 1189, South Lancaster, Massachusetts, 01561.

Ted T. Jones, Editor



When the *Message* exclusive featuring *Challenger* astronaut Ron McNair came off the presses at the Review and Herald, it contained excerpts from a speech given by President Reagan honoring *Challenger's* crew.

*Message* editor, Delbert Baker, promptly sent a number of copies to the White House inviting President Reagan to review them. In response to this invitation, Baker got a letter from the president commending *Message* for the fine tribute given to Ron McNair.

The opening paragraph read: "Nancy and I have been deeply touched by your tribute to Ron McNair. Ron wanted his life to be an uplifting example to all those he touched in his journey on this earth. You have done Ron a great honor and your readers a great service in telling his story." The letter was signed by Ronald Reagan.

Rose Otis  
Public Relations

## At Rest

SALADINO, Erna Reidt, born January 3, 1914, in Springfield, NJ, died October 11, 1986, in Tompkins Community Hospital, Ithaca, NY. She was baptized in 1938 in the New York City

Temple as a result of evangelistic meetings sponsored by the late Dr. James J. Short in Hempstead, NY.

Survivors: her son Peter; a daughter Diane Nanette; a sister Esther Spielman of Ithaca, NY; and nephews David R. and John H. Spielman. Funeral services were officiated by Pastor Werner Stavenhagen and interment was in Danby, NY, cemetery.

[more At Rest on page 14]



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# NEWS FLASH

● To date there has been one baptism from the evangelistic meetings by Evangelist Michael Sczekan just concluded in Manchester, New Hampshire. However, there are 50 more persons who are taking further studies.

● The first Hispanic church in New York Conference was organized on December 6 in Rochester. There are 30 charter members. Participating in the service of organization were New York Conference president, secretary, and treasurer. Daniel Feliz is pastor of the church.

● Adventist Living Centers, New York, was granted a Certificate of Need on December 4 to operate a nursing home in Auburn, New York. Pastor Nikolaus Satelmajer, New York Conference secretary, successfully made contact with various New York officials in helping obtain this certificate. There has been evidence of providential guidance in recent weeks to help make the application successful.

[At Rest continued from page 13]

SAUNDERS, Eugene E., born September 9, 1926, died May 26, 1986, in Newington, CT, in the veterans' hospital. He was a member of the Norwich, CT, Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Survivors: his wife Antoinette, nine children, his mother Gertrude Saunders, and a sister. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Norwich, CT.

[Obituary just received—Editor]

POWERS, Hattie, born September 8, 1892, died May 31, 1986. Mrs. Powers lived all her life on Staten Island, NY, and she and her husband John, who predeceased her in 1978, were faithful members of the Staten Island Seventh-day Adventist Church since their baptisms in 1918.

Survivors: her daughter Gladys Kane and two grandsons Randy and Mark. Funeral services were conducted by Stephen Bauer, pastor of the Staten Island church.

Gladys Kane

POWERS, Edward Vynel, born December 28, 1921, in New Haven, CT, died September 26, 1986, at River Terrace Healthcare, Lancaster, MA. He was a member of the South Lancaster Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Survivors: a son Harold; two daughters Linda Joyner and Sandra Gilmore; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and a sister Ruth Richardson James. Pastor Leon Strickland officiated during the services and interment was in Eastwood Cemetery, Lancaster, MA.

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Portland, ME	4:15	4:21	4:29	4:38	4:47
Boston, MA	4:22	4:29	4:37	4:45	4:54
So. Lancaster, MA	4:26	4:33	4:41	4:49	4:58
Pittsfield, MA	4:31	4:37	4:45	4:54	5:03
Hartford, CT	4:31	4:37	4:45	4:53	5:02
New York, NY	4:39	4:46	4:53	5:01	5:09
Utica, NY	4:36	4:43	4:51	5:00	5:09
Syracuse, NY	4:40	4:47	4:55	5:04	5:13
Rochester, NY	4:46	4:53	5:01	5:09	5:18
Buffalo, NY	4:52	4:59	5:06	5:15	5:24
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## HAVE YOU SQUARED UP WITH GOD?

By Dale R. Beaulieu, *Treasurer*  
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We live in a world filled with confusion. There is much uncertainty. There is a great deal of sinfulness and ungodliness, and yet God still is leading His remnant people through to victory.

God is so anxious that His people trust in Him and render faithfulness to Him in all things. Our spiritual condition is in direct proportion to the

giving of our time, talent, and treasure to the cause of God. Matthew 6:19-20 urges us to lay up treasures in heaven, for where our treasure is, there will our heart be also. In Matthew 6:33, God specifically instructs us to seek "first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

God wants us to trust Him, to have faith in His promises, and to obey His Word. And thus, for the good of mankind and for the good of the church, God has ordained the tithing system in order that every child of God may return unto Him a tenth of his income.

Voluntary offerings and the tithe constitute the revenue of the gospel. Of the means which are entrusted to man, God claims a certain portion, a tithe. But He leaves all free to say how much the tithe is and whether or not they will give more than this. They are to give as they purpose in their hearts, but when the heart is stirred by the influence of the Spirit of God then the heart becomes soft and tender and responds to the needs of the church and responds to the call of God to be faithful unto Him in all things. "The Lord requires that we return to Him in tithes and offerings a por-

tion of the goods He has lent us. He accepts these offerings as an act of humble obedience on our part and a grateful acknowledgment of our indebtedness to Him for all the blessings we enjoy. Then let us offer willingly, saying with David: 'All things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.' Withholding more than is meet tends to poverty. God will bear long with some, He will test and prove all; but His curse will surely follow the selfish, world-loving professor of truth. God knows the heart; every thought and every purpose is open to His eye. He says: 'Them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.' He knows whom to bless and who are deserving of His curse. He makes no mistakes, for angels are keeping a record of all our works and words" (*Testimonies*, vol. 5, pp. 267 and 268).

Never was there a more important time in the history of our work than the present. The message of the third chapter of Malachi comes to us holding up before us the need of honesty in our relations to the Lord and to His work. God is depending upon each of us to be faithful in that which He has entrusted to us.

As we come to the close of another year, would it not be a good idea for each of us to look over the past year or years and recognize that God holds the whole world in His hand? The cattle on a thousand hills are His. We of ourselves can do nothing without Him. Wouldn't it be well for us then, as we contemplate the blessings of God, to also check our records carefully to make sure that we have done everything we possibly can for God and for His work?

This is the time of year for us to really square up with the Lord. God will bless you and He loves us all so much! He is anxious for us to respond to His call to come unto Him and He will give us rest. It is only as we yield all that we have and all that we are to Him that we can be totally happy and live in peace and know that someday, we hope very soon, our Saviour will come to take us to that better land.