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SERIOUS RELIGION

As I watched the lines of Air Force Academy Cadets standing in formation in Colorado Springs, Colorado, a number of things became very clear to me. First of all, the cadets were fully dressed in impeccable uniforms. Secondly, they were where they were expected to be at that time. Thirdly, they were ready for inspection. Officers walked up and down the lines of cadets, checking each person carefully. And all this was taking place just before the noon meal. The cadets took their work **SERIOUSLY**.

Synonyms for the Word "Serious"

In the American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, there appears a most interesting list of synonyms for the word *serious* which merit our attention for this editorial. Let's consider the list: sober, solemn, earnest, sedate, staid. These adjectives are compared as they refer to the appearance, air, manner, or disposition of persons. **SERIOUS** applies broadly to one whose main concern is with responsibility and work as opposed to play.

About Our Cover

Left to right: Elder H. M. S. Richards, Jr., talking with a member at the Northern New England Camp Meeting; Elder George Rice, White Estates, featured speaker at New York Conference Camp Meeting; group baptized at Greater New York Conference Camp Meeting; Elder Carlos de la Pena, a speaker at Northeastern Conference Camp Meeting; and Elder H. M. S. Richards, Jr., from the Voice of Prophecy, speaking at Southern New England Conference Camp Meeting.

That last description raises some **SERIOUS** questions. Is the work of proclaiming the gospel to all the world the sole duty of ministers, evangelists, literature evangelists, missionaries, and teachers, or is the work of witnessing through the Word a privilege and responsibility of everyone who professes the name of Christ? Should living in Christ and for Christ be the consuming attitude of every believer?

Sobriety

SOBER strengthens the implications of dedication to purpose, circumspect behavior, and self-control. Doesn't the Bible say something about living soberly? And noting the phrase, circumspect behavior. . . do we habitually strive to honor and represent Jesus in all our actions and words? In the ways we treat one another, are we doing as Jesus would do? When we are out away from friends and those who know us, how do we behave?

Pity the poor church member who had a "closet habit" and was on the job one evening when the door bell rang in his section of the plant. As he walked toward the door, he saw a face in the glass, a face he knew well. It was a new convert to the faith, and here was this seasoned member with a cigarette in his fingers. For a few burning seconds, the man was in a dilemma, as if he didn't know whether to eat the cigarette or throw it away. Our sins have a way of being

discovered, like it or not. Circumspect behavior, then, is very important!

Earnestness

I won't take time to analyze all the synonyms, but permit me to take a look at the word **EARNEST**. The dictionary states that this word implies manifest sincerity and intensity of purpose. Some have wondered if a church will ever be discovered where every member was full of earnest zeal and did what Jesus would do. . . making the lifestyle so pleasant and enjoyable that people would be attracted to the message. I've met many earnest Adventist Christians who attract people simply because of their nice, kind, sweet dispositions and they delight in pointing their friends to Jesus. Earnest Adventists!

Perhaps one of our major handicaps is the fact that we know that we have the judgment-hour message but we spend too much time judging each other. Is criticism one of the fruits of the Spirit? You would think so if you listened to some of us. A local pastor said in a recent Sabbath sermon, "We are more interested in sharing **BAD NEWS** than we are in sharing the **GOOD NEWS**." I wonder if there is anything wrong in encouraging one another in these troublous times?

It's bad enough that the accuser of the brethren, the devil, is doing his job 24 hours a day. Why should any of us be helping him with his work? No wonder the admonition—"let brotherly love continue!" A tired soul said, "It's time brotherly love got started!"

The Caring Church is Serious-minded

A serious Adventist Christian will enjoy being a part of the Caring Church! He or she will love the opportunities of letting the Holy Spirit lead them into relationships which can result in experiences of helping, sharing, loving, teaching, exhorting,

and imitating the life of Christ, which, in the final analysis, is the life that counts!

We can be happy, pleasant, cheerful, agreeable, kind, gentle, sweet, loving, tenderhearted, pitiful, understanding—and still be **SERIOUS** Christians. Jesus never sat for an artist to paint a picture of Him, but in the Scriptures there is more than enough evidence to give us a pattern

to imitate. He was not a grouch, nor gossip, nor backbiter, nor brawler, nor hater of people—but He provided an excellent picture of what He and the Father were like. They want us to be serious imitators. Through the indwelling Spirit, we can do it! Give it a try today!

Ted T. Jones II

Results of witnessing

Our purpose in witnessing is to offer the transformation of life that we have enjoyed in linking up with Jesus Christ. Ellen G. White admonishes us, "The will is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or choice. Every human being possessed of reason has power to choose the right" (*Education*, p. 289). When a person chooses to serve Christ his whole life will come under the influence of His will, and his very mode of living will be transformed.

Power of choice; importance of the will

Mrs. White again states, "God has given us the power of choice; it is ours to exercise. We cannot change our hearts, we cannot control our thoughts, our impulses, our affections. We cannot make ourselves pure, fit for God's service. But we can *choose* to serve God, we can give Him our will; then He will work in us to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus our whole nature will be brought under the control of Christ. . . . By yielding up the will to Christ, we ally ourselves with divine power" (*Life at Its Best*, p. 125).

As we ally ourselves with Jesus Christ, exercising our will to choose to serve Him, He will place a burden for sharing our own growing experience with others. It won't then be frightening to reach out to witness to others about Jesus Christ.

Will you accept this challenge?

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Guest Editorial

ACCEPTING CHALLENGES

The ever-present challenge of witnessing is set before each of us, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19, 20 NIV).*

Even with this promise of God's presence, the majority of individuals who identify with the body of believers in Christ become terrified at the thought of sharing Jesus Christ with others. However, the times in which we live should challenge every worker and every church member to become personally involved in reaching out for judgment-bound souls.

Awakening interest in Bible truths

There are numerous ways of creating an interest in the gospel. Here are just a few: consistent Christian living, being a good neighbor,

literature distribution, gift Bible evangelism, Neighborhood Bible Clubs, Friendship Teams, Community Services, health classes, temperance programs, Revelation and Daniel Seminars.

All of these methods are effective to awaken the interest of men, women, and children in Jesus Christ and in the special truths for these times. The most important factor for the successful soul winner is to radiate love and compassion. In order to share your faith, or to be an effective witness, *you* must not only experience God's love within yourself, *you* must open your heart. Then, like a river, this love (God's love), will flow through you to others.

There are many helps available to assist in the second part of witnessing, the indoctrination into Christ-centered truth. We have access to Bible courses, magazine subscriptions, books, and tracts by the hundreds. Bible studies on video and filmstrip or slides provide a more personal touch.

J. C. Hicks is Church Ministries Director of the Atlantic Union Conference.

GREATER NEW YORK

This camp meeting season drew our members to Wingdale for a one-day English camp meeting and to Tranquility, New Jersey, for a one-week Spanish camp meeting. A spirit of fellowship and renewal pervaded both sessions, and believers who came in search of the camp meeting blessing went away filled.

English Camp Meeting July 9



From the "Hour of Prayer" at 8 a.m. to the ABC sale in the evening, meetings were scheduled for nearly every hour of the day. Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr., spoke to the senior youth. Community Services leaders considered disaster-relief planning; the Adventist Lay Workers' Corps was formed. GNYA and AUC alumni met. Families and churches picnicked, and the Van Program provided a cooling afternoon juice break. Testimonies of changed lives provided inspiration and encouragement throughout the day.

Spanish Camp Meeting July 17-23



Spanish camp meeting was held this year at Garden State Academy in Tranquility, New Jersey. "Christ Our Righteousness" was the theme for the week, and seminars on that theme and on "Christ in the Sanctuary" were presented by Robert Eubanks of Atlantic Union College and Dr. A. R. Treiye of Antillian College, respectively. Elder Louis Torres, Conference secretary, presented a seminar on family relationships.

"The studies gave us a deeper appreciation and understanding of Christ's righteousness, and the fact that we must depend on Christ for salvation. The message that the heavenly sanctuary is real and that Christ is really in the Most Holy Place was a great blessing for our camp meeting. To be reminded that we are seated beside His throne right now, by faith, was most inspiring and encouraging. Our souls were fed." Elder Humberto Hernandez.

1. Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi of Andrews University was the featured speaker at the morning and evening meetings; 2. Superintendent of Schools David Cadavero presented Earline Maynard-Reid with a special plaque which commended her for educational tours planned for her third-graders. One trip was to Kansas and a more recent one was to Europe; 3. Praise in music abounded throughout the day, including vocal, instrumental and choral numbers. Shown are the Shofar Singers, a recent group whose primary focus is on outreach to Jews; 4. Approximately 2,000 were present on Sabbath. On the platform at the eleven o'clock hour were (L. to R.) David Santos, GNYA principal; Humberto Hernandez, Greater New York Hispanic coordinator; Louis Torres, secretary; Philip Follett, Atlantic Union Conference president; Merlin Kretschmar, Greater New York Conference president; A. R. Treiye, professor of theology, Antillian College, Puerto Rico; Leon Thomassian, treasurer; Antonio Rodriguez, pastor of Manhattan Hispanic church. Elder Pedro Orue, pastor of the Rockville Centre Hispanic district, is at the podium; 5. Representatives from "The Story Hour," a Spanish radio program for children being aired internationally, presented a feature for children Sabbath afternoon. Here children prepare to sing under the direction of Mrs. Elsa Segui. To her right is David Gonzalez (in dark suit), director of "The Story Hour" program, who presented a puppet show and other features enjoyed by both children and adults present; 6. Robert Eubanks, Dean of Students at Atlantic Union College, presented a seminar series throughout the week on "Christ Our Righteousness." On Sabbath he spoke to the senior youth.

NEW YORK CAMP MEETING 1988

"Getting to Know God Better" was the theme of the New York Conference Camp meeting.

George Rice from the Ellen G. White Estates conducted a week-long revival emphasizing the work of the Holy Spirit.

Other special activities included seminars given by the Peck/Sady/Wallace Family Life Team on how to deal with family problems in a Christian way;

Friendship Witnessing by William McNeil, Ministerial Director, Atlantic Union; Cooking classes by Margaret Gibbs, Instructor in Vegetarian Cuisine; Sabbath School Workshop by Hazel Todd, Lamplight Productions of California; and a Pathfinder Fair Day.

Sabbath afternoon concerts and nightly afterglows accompanied by a variety of instruments were favorite features.



1. Hispanic Tent—Pedro Clausel, Speaker; 2. Lee Thompson (left), NY Conference President and Royce Williams of It Is Written; 3. Youth Speaker—Graham Bingham, General Conference; 4. Women's Commission—Janet Wallenkampf, Speaker; 5. Mike Sady Ordination—Nikolaus Satelmajer, Ministerial Secretary, NY Conf.; Woodrow Wilson, Pastor, Michigan; Gary Patterson, Assistant to the President, NAD; Michael Sady, Ordained, Linda Sady, spouse; Lee Thompson,

President, NY Conf.; Lynn Martell, Church Ministries Director, NAD; 6. Award-Winning Pathfinders—Front Row: Cheeri Roberts, Teresa Roberts, Sumiyah El Ansari, Mary Louise Lyon; Back Row: Mike Ortel, Youth Director; Lyman Fritz, Pathfinder Area Coordinator; 7. Kindergarten Division—Margene Damon, Leader; 8. Fun at the Pathfinder Fair—John Foote, Dean of Boys, USA.

Photos by John Satelmajer and Donna Burton

NORTHEASTERN CAMP MEETING 1988



This stirring motto reminded each person upon entering the main auditorium that now is the time for the caring church to rouse to action. Earth's prophetic clock says there is not much time to do what needs to be done for earth's millions.



Elder Samuel James (left), retired Northeastern Conference minister, talking with Elder George Timpson, Secretary of Mid-America Union, between meetings.



Veteran camp meeting usher Otis Butler (left) welcomes North American Division President Charles E. Bradford to Northeastern's 1988 Camp Meeting.



Mr. and Mrs. Tester R. Stringer with their twin babies—Justin Ray and Justina Rene. Mrs. Joannett Stringer is a Bible Worker.



Pastor P. M. Mawela, guest speaker from South Africa, is an official in the Adventist Church.

The atmosphere and spirit of the old-fashioned Camp Meeting is alive and well in Northern New England! The flap of canvas in a stiff breeze; embracing old friends; the melody of favorite old choruses drifting across the newly cut grass; but most of all, the stirring of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the people.

"To the East With Power" and "Christ Our Righteousness" were the dual themes of this year's gathering. Again and again the beauty of Jesus was presented. The challenge to emulate His character was given. Night after night opportunity was provided to establish and strengthen our relationship to our Saviour.

Featured evening speakers were: Harry Sabnani, Church Ministries Director for Northern New England; H. M. S. Richards, Jr., speaker for the Voice of Prophecy; Elmer Malcolm, President of the Northern New England Conference; Mark Finley, Ministerial Director for the Trans-European Division; and Neal Wilson, General Conference President. Thrilling accounts of how God is leading His people in the world field and drawing new believers to our faith, added to the excitement felt by all, and that truly earth's time is short.

"How To Study the Bible," "Revelation Seminar Training," and "Living With a non-S.D.A. Spouse" were some of the daily classes offered on varied subjects, geared to meet the felt needs of our conference.

Highlights of this year's convocation were the 25th anniversary celebration of Camp Meeting at Freeport and the baptism of five into the Family of God.

If we could carry with us into this new year the fervor and intensity of our mission, and our love relationship with Jesus, Camp Meeting 1989 in heaven could surely be a reality.



NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CAMP MEETING 1988

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CAMP MEETING 1988



On Evangelism Sabbath, June 18, many precious souls testified through their words of encouragement for others how they found Jesus Christ and accepted Him as their personal Saviour and others were baptized that day. It was heartwarming and impressive as Elder Max Thames of the Athol District baptized Mrs. Terry Runyan (3) and Elder Joaquim Miranda of the Lowell District baptized Stephanie Reddick (4) and James Reiss (5). Elder Isaac Jean-Baptiste is shown baptizing three of the total who requested to join God's Family (6, 7, 8).

It was a distinct pleasure for us to have Elder Mark Finley

(seated at right No. 2), director of Lay Evangelism for the Trans-European Division, with us for the evangelism hour. He labored for several years in the Southern New England Conference.

Dorcas Kumar (center no. 1) is Lillian Hauck's (Right) next door neighbor and she has been studying the Bible with Dorcas. She will be joining God's Family by profession of faith. Elder Charles Klatt, conference Ministerial Secretary, stands at Dorcas's right.

Bible Prophecy Crusade in Bermuda



Albert Smith, being baptized by Pastor Carlyle C. Simmons, was among the 20 souls baptized during the first Sabbath Celebration of the Crusade on July 9. (Left picture) Six of the 20 persons baptized were children. The age range was seven to 81 years. (Right picture) Pastor Llewelyn A. Williams was the



evangelist for the Crusade held June 19-July 16 in the Berkeley Institute Sports Complex in Pembroke, Bermuda. Pastor Williams and Associate Evangelist D. Randolph Wilson and their team of 12 Bible workers report 235 visitors attended the Crusade during the first two weeks.

Five Persons Join Fitchburg Church by Baptism



Recently Pastor Wallace Frost and the members of the Fitchburg church welcomed five precious souls into their family fellowship. (L. to R.): Pastor Frost; Richard Landry; Lois Rearick (not one of the newly baptized), nurturer of Carolyn Normandin; Jessica Wilson; Corey Morin and Adam Frost. Richard Landry is holding a gift box containing a set of the Conflict of the Ages which is given to each newly baptized member.

Thelma E. Hale, *Communication Secretary*

Four Persons Accept Jesus

Four precious souls in two different churches—Manchester and West Lebanon, New Hampshire—accepted Jesus Christ into their hearts and were baptized. Pastor George Crutchfield baptized Carol Schlottman and Pamela Alexander in the Manchester church, reports Elizabeth Gay, communication secretary.

Julie Huston, an LPN, grew up in an Adventist home and attended Estabrook school and Pine Tree Academy. She married Thomas Chase of Randolph, Maine, in July. Julie Schafflinger has studied the Bible for several years and as her knowledge of Bible doctrines increased she desired to join the fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists and be baptized as Jesus was. She and her husband, Manfred, dedicated their two children Sarah, 9, and Justin, 6, to the Lord in the same service. Pastor Phil Johnson happily baptized the two Julies.

As these dear ones are added to the remnant church we pray that their lives will reflect Jesus' love to many others.



Julie Schafflinger (left) and Julie Huston being welcomed by Pastor Phil Johnson into the fellowship of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

‘I do not worry about money’

How to reduce—or—eliminate—worries about money.

By Joe Engelkemier

Do you expect any financial perplexities as you close 1988? When and if you do, will you be able to say, “I do not worry about money”?

Jesus did not make the statement that constitutes our title, but He came close to it when he said: “Do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:31-33, NIV).*

“When the Lord sees that it is best for me to have money, He sends it to me.”

I recently discovered a statement by Ellen G. White where she did use the very wording of our title. Here’s her I-do-not-worry-about-money statement in its context:

“At times I am called to pass through financial perplexities. . . (Some of us can identify with that!) But I do not worry about money. God takes care of my affairs. I do all that I can, and when the Lord sees that it is best for me to have money, He sends it to me” (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 247).

In *Our High Calling*, she wrote: “The grace of God will make a little go a great ways. When we devote ourselves to the affairs of the kingdom of God, He will mind our affairs” (p. 196).

“I do all that I can.” Let’s review that aspect of money management.

Compare your financial practices with the following suggestions.

Set aside tithe and offerings first. “Honor the Lord with your . . . firstfruits,” Solomon writes in Proverbs 3:9.

Mrs. White suggests the following in *Counsels on Stewardship*: “Not only does the Lord claim the tithe as His own, but He tells us *how* it should be reserved for Him. He says, ‘Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the *first fruits* of all thine increase.’ . . . Let God’s portion be first set apart” (p. 81).

Make it your goal to be increasingly efficient in your work. Generally, income relates directly to skill and efficiency. “The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance” (Proverbs 21:5, RSV).# Note also this suggestion:

“By tact and method, some will accomplish as much in five hours as others do in ten. . . . In their work let them have a definite aim. Decide how long a time is required for a given task, and then bend every effort toward accomplishing the work in the given time. The exercise of the

will power will make the hands move deftly” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 344).

Save regularly. Mrs. White advised one family, “Every week you should lay by in some secure place five or ten dollars not to be used up unless in case of sickness” (*The Adventist Home*, p. 396).

On another occasion, she told of a family who spent every penny as fast as they earned it. She commented that if they had been more economical “they could ere this have had a home of their own and besides this have had means to draw upon in case of adversity” (*Ibid*, p. 395).

Use good judgment and restraint in food purchases. Food has been called “the national weakness.” Eight out of 10 families spend more than would be required for good nutrition. Many food purchases, in fact, do more to destroy good health than to build it up—soda pop, ice creams, cheese and rich desserts are a few items in this category.

Meals should be nutritious, attractive and well-prepared. They do not need to be expensive. We can save by raising our own garden when possible, by avoiding between-meal and bed-time snacks, by eliminating rich desserts, by shopping when prices are most advantageous, and by planning ahead so we aren’t continually running to the store for one or two items.

Limit your non-food wants. In Philippians 4:19, Paul promises, “My God will supply every need.” Not every want.

Tithing is not a magical charm. It does not preserve us from the conse-

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Life at Its Best, p. 125

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quences of poor choices nor the effects of overspending.

Avoid charge accounts. Credit can be useful, particularly when buying a home. For most of us, that is probably about the only thing for which it should be used. A home differs from most purchases in that it usually will not depreciate in value and often increases in worth.

Tithing does not preserve us from the consequences of poor choices nor the effects of overspending.

Other things bought on credit—clothes, furniture, even a car—are usually about worn out by the time payments are ended. And you probably have been paying about \$18 interest per year on each \$100 you charged.

Never buy impulsively. Some of us are afflicted by a weakness known as impulse buying. One solution, along with prayer, is to refuse to buy any item you hadn't already planned to purchase, particularly items of any size, until you have taken a few days to think it over. If married, counsel with your partner before any purchase.

Pray as you shop. Consider this question directed to youth: "When they really desire an article of dress, or some ornament or convenience, do they lay the matter before the

Lord in prayer to know if His Spirit would sanction this expenditure of means?" (*Messages to Young People*, p. 357).

We are told in Proverbs 3:5,6, that God graciously offers to guide us in everything. We would do well to type this promise on a three-by-five card and place it on the dashboard of the car or in some other conspicuous place to be reminded of it before every shopping trip.

Then, even as we shop, we can lay matters before the Lord "to know if His Spirit would sanction this expenditure."

I am starting to discover some important money-management principles in Philippians 2:5-11, Paul's famous incarnation passage. The verse that leaps off the page and into my thinking is, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

I close with this personal testimony. More and more, I want to think as Christ thinks about *everything*—about how I manage money,

"I want to think as Christ thinks about everything that I will encounter each day."

I want to spend more time with the Gospels and with *The Desire of Ages*. I want to increase the time I spend in thinking about Christ and in talking to Him. I want ever clearer pictures of His matchless attractions.

May I invite you to seek a similar experience?

Part 2 of this four-part series will be published in Issue 10.

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Life at Its Best, p. 125

about priorities, about people, about goals, about leisure time, about what I do or don't eat, about my devotional life and about everything that I encounter each day. I can best fulfill this desire by scheduling adequate time to behold Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18).

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HELPING THE VOICE OF PROPHECY SHARE BIBLE TRUTHS

Ilistened to the Voice of Prophecy today for the first time," writes Sharon from Columbia University in New York. "I enjoyed every minute of it. Could you please send me a copy of your booklet about Christ coming back? Also, I am interested in your New Life Bible Guides."

Rhonda, another listener from the New York area, says: "This is my first time writing, but I've called your 800 number and requested literature. I've listened to your broadcast on WWDJ a few months. I always learn something new, and your literature helps me in my growth in biblical study and in my spiritual walk."

Joyce wrote from the Bronx after hearing a Voice of Prophecy interview with Kay Kuzma on raising children. "I have a very short temper," said Joyce, "and sometimes I take my troubles out on my kids. I love them, but sometimes I can't seem to handle four kids, being behind in all my bills, with no friends to turn to or family. I tried some of the suggestions that Kay Kuzma gave and they worked."

"Now when I feel rage I turn to my Bible or talk to God in my head instead of yelling or hitting my kids for no reason. You're truly an inspiration to me. Please remember our family in your prayers."

The Voice of Prophecy catches the ears of people today with messages on many topics—family living, health and nutrition, science, ar-



Jane Barker is an instructor and counselor at the Bible School. She phones many students each week to encourage them in their studies to answer their questions, and to put them in touch with a Seventh-day Adventist church in their area.



Ilene Diede (standing), is supervisor of the Bible School. Margaret Lapostol is one of several instructors for the Voice of Prophecy courses.

chaeology—in addition to direct exposition of Bible doctrines.

The goal is to reach individuals who have varied interests and concerns, suggest to them that the Bible has something to say on a subject that appeals to them, and then lead them into a study of God's Word with the help of the New Life guides and the advanced courses on Daniel and Revelation.

Upon completing the New Life series, June wrote from upstate New York: "This Bible course has been the greatest thing that has happened in my life. It's brought me much closer to God and Jesus Christ. It explained the Bible to me. I would like to continue to study. I could never pay for the course that I have just completed, but please accept my small donation as a 'Thank you' for all you've done for me."

A young man in the Bronx writes, "I began studying New Life after listening to your radio broadcast. My family and I presently worship in a Baptist Church. I'm trying to convince my wife that we should worship on the true Sabbath but she is very hesitant. Please pray for us on this issue, as I do not want my family to be spiritually divided."

The Voice of Prophecy offering received in many churches on October 8, along with a portion of what is given to the World Budget throughout the year, will help the church's radio broadcast continue sharing Bible truths with those who are searching for answers.

CHURCH IN ACTION

Atlantic Union College

How to Have a Rewarding Summer

Perhaps you thought only juniors and teens went to summer camp. Not so! Among the great variety of summer jobs and activities enjoyed, or endured, by college students, summer camp may be one of the best. It not only provides a summer in a resort environment, albeit as a worker, and a generous scholarship program to help with the cost of college, it also provides valuable work experience for anyone entering the helping professions or planning to work closely with people.

This summer a large number of AUC students and prospective students gave their energy and knowledge to the summer camp program. Fyrn Forbes worked at Northeastern's Camp Victory Lake in the kitchen. "It's not just liking the kitchen," she said. "It's rewarding because my major is child psychology. I get a lot of chances to observe the children while I serve them and also in between times while they play." Fyrn says the long hours on her feet working in the heat are hard and "there are too many skunks around camp at night—I can't deal with those," but it is worth it.

At New York's Camp Cherokee both the Boys' Director, Lester Herrington, and the Girls' Director, Donna Burton, are AUC students. They are veterans of camp life.

"A lot of us have worked here many years," says Counselor Candy Aubin who has worked at Cherokee for five summers. "I like meeting new campers every week, bringing them to God. We're almost like a family by the end of the week. Camp Director Mike Ortel likes to hire college-age students; we have seven AUC students here this summer."

Asked if there is any exciting wildlife around, Candy said, "They think we have a mountain lion up

here—I haven't seen it. We have seen and heard the bears, usually at night when we're safe in our cabins."

Although getting close to bears may not be everyone's dream, feeling close to nature is one of the values of camp life enjoyed by both staff and campers. AUC student Neal Norcliffe, who worked as a counselor and lifeguard at Camp Au Sable in northern Michigan this summer, was impressed with the beauty of the place and the many little creatures running and flying around. Neal's sister, Sylvia, who worked at Northern New England's Camp Lawroweld, told of rabbits fearlessly playing tag among the team members on the ball field. Such scenes bring heaven a little nearer.

That, after all, is the goal of the summer camp program, bringing heaven a little nearer. Many campers come with difficult home problems and personal insecurities. A college-age friend may be just what they need—young enough to understand, old enough to guide and comfort.

Predictably, Southern New England's Camp Winnekeag, just 30 minutes from South Lancaster, is AUC's biggest summer camp hang-out. Fifteen AUC students and incoming freshmen worked on scholarships there this summer, including many in key positions. Girls' Director Becky Niemi, Craft Director Penny Kilgore, Nature Director John Schumacher, and Boys' Director David Valdes are all old-time members of the camp family.

Two 1988 graduates of AUC have found their camp work so rewarding they went back for a postgraduate summer! Debbie Hawley was a counselor and nature teacher at Winnekeag. Benjamin Herrera was acting camp director at Lawroweld. Why do they all keep going back?



PENNY KILGORE

Debbie Hawley and a happy camper.

Valdes says, "The reason I keep coming to camp is because of the interaction with kids who are at a growing point in their life—being part of that—especially when you see them come back year after year. The staff looks forward to seeing them, just as much as they look forward to coming to camp."

College in the winter, camp in the summer—a *natural* combination.

Mary Norcliffe
Publicity Coordinator



Enjoying Being Christian Ambassadors for America

Atlantic Union College Music Department Chairman and Collegiate Choir Director Dr. James Bingham reflected on the highlights and significance of the Choir and Youth Ensemble's recent tour of Australia, Dr. Bingham's home country. Two stories sum up the value of such a tour.

The group's departure for Hawaii from Los Angeles was chaotic. As the 80 members scrambled to find seats on the plane, an Australian gentleman already seated commented, "Now you know why Americans are hated all over the world. They are loud and boisterous and just take over."

"He was right," says Bingham. "It was a disgrace. At the first worship in Hawaii, I talked to the students. By chance, on the plane to Australia the same group with the same gentleman was waiting for us. This time the kids went quietly to their seats and sat down."

"It's good to see you," said the gentleman.

"Did they do any better this time?" Bingham wanted to know.

"Marvelous, absolutely marvelous," said the man and asked where they would be performing in Brisbane. Before the concert at St. John's Cathedral he worried, "I've never been to a church before in my life. Is this going to be too much for me to understand?" Afterwards he told how thrilled he had been by the experience.

This illustrates the tour's mission to secular people. The young people learn to be ambassadors for both America and Christianity.

A second incident at Avondale College shows the power of great

music for encouraging and uplifting fellow Adventists.

Church members in Brisbane sent word south after the group via "bush telephone" to their friends and relatives, who flocked to the concerts. Nevertheless, Avondale staff prepared the Choir and Ensemble for a small turnout for their evening program at the beautiful new campus church. "Nobody comes out for a Wednesday program here."

That night the performance started with a packed church. They had to keep giving encores well beyond the planned program. Afterwards, when Bingham stepped back inside to talk with old friends, he was kept rooted to the spot for an hour and a half.

"You cannot imagine what you have done for sacred music on this campus," Avondale residents said.

Avondale students went up to ministers and asked, "Why don't you give us any of this good music?"

"People don't usually stick around like this, even after church," says Bingham. "They didn't want to leave and break the spell—the great power of music. Finally the lights had to be turned out to get people to go home.

"It was a thrilling experience to worship with the people, and to enjoy their warmth and hospitality towards us. The kids got the spirit of it. Many students want to come to AUC because of its musical outreach. Students are writing from all over the world, wanting to be part of the experience here."

Mary Norcliffe
Publicity Coordinator

NEWS NOTES

*****A record 76 students attended the summer session of the Adult Degree Program. Thirty-six of them were new entries in the program, with the Education Department having the highest number with 36. Nine ADP students graduated in the summer commencement, July 10.

*****The Seventh-day Adventist Church Musicians' Guild held its annual convention on the Atlantic Union College campus, July 26-30. Twenty professional musicians from as far away as the West Coast and Trinidad registered for the conference. They were joined for part of the time by 15 area ministers who came to study and celebrate "Dimensions in Music and Worship."

Charles L. Brooks, director of the Office of Church Music at the General Conference and John Eric Floreen, Director of choral activities at Rutgers University and Organist-Choirmaster at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Milburn, NJ, headed the list of distinguished guest lecturers at the convention.

AUC staff members Kaestner Robertson, William Ness, and Terry G. Pooler participated as presenters and coordinators of the conference. Steven Vitrano, professor of liturgics, represented the SDA Theological Seminary. Organ recitals were presented by Kimo Smith of Loma Linda University and Hollywood Presbyterian churches and by Timothy Tikker, internationally known recitalist.

*****Two Atlantic Union teachers earned their Master of Arts in Teaching degrees this summer through Andrews University's AUC extension program. Second-grade teacher Bedelia Wilson of the Excelsior SDA School in Brooklyn, NY, and Calvin Duncan, teacher of grades 4-8 at the Buffalo Suburban SDA School, NY, graduated August 7.

Homeless Churches: A Case Study in the Bronx

Worshiping in a rented sanctuary poses a variety of problems for Seventh-day Adventists, as more than 40 congregations in Greater New York can attest. The most common difficulty is having the use of the building for, in some cases, Sabbath mornings only. Some congregations are able to arrange for its use for prayer meetings as well. In either case, both evangelistic and fellowship activities are restricted.

But churches and groups face numerous other inconveniences as well. Some cannot post a sign indicating they are worshiping in the building. Advertising for meetings may cause confusion when meeting addresses include the name of the host denomination. Sabbath school supplies must be packed up and transported each week. A sense of rootlessness develops, since rents can escalate unexpectedly; rental agreements can be terminated if owners decide to sell (at prices beyond the reach of the renters) or if the tenancy is not satisfactory for any reason.

One congregation that has experienced some rather protracted difficulty is the University Hispanic church in the Bronx. The building this congregation is renting has landmark status and was renovated and redecorated during the spring. This work was undertaken by the United Church of Christ Church which owns it, prior to their putting the building up for sale.

For approximately two months, workers repaired, scraped and painted. During the same period, Adventists came promptly at 4:00 p.m. on Fridays to begin preparations for Sabbath services. As painters and other workers left for the weekend, as many as 20 Adventist members began the work of clearing out the rubbish and cleaning and bringing in the 40 large pews which had to be cleaned and, in some cases, repaired. Hours were needed

to make the sanctuary usable. Friday evening meetings were scheduled in adjoining rooms, and continued despite the problems.

Leaders in the host church suggested that University members might not be able to meet at all during the trying period; the congregation considered seeking an interim location, but was unable to locate one. An additional problem arose when the boiler broke. Unusually cool spring weather rendered Sabbath services uncomfortably chilly.

As the restoration drew to a close, the final problem proved to be the painting of the pews. Since the seats were not completely dry on Sabbath morning, sheets of plastic had to be used to cover each one. Under the rental agreement, the Adventist congregation is expected to leave the premises ready for Sunday worshipers, so the Friday work crew essentially did double duty. Through all of the disarray and discomfort the rent, of course, continued.

University Hispanic church members see a blessing in the difficulties experienced in the spring: they are now looking forward to owning their own building. A campaign has already begun to secure sacrificial



Soul winning has continued at the University Hispanic church, despite problems incurred by renovations. Here, Pastor Abel Rosairo baptizes Patricia Moncada.

pledges and gifts from members and other churches locally and in other areas. Meanwhile, the church continues in its primary work of winning souls. At a recent service, one person was baptized, and fifteen persons stood when Pastor Abel Rosario made a call for those desiring baptism at a future time.

Readers interested in assisting with funding needs of the "homeless" churches in Greater New York may contact Philip T. Sica, Church Development director, at the Conference office.

Emily Lopez
Communication Secretary

Union Meeting

"I had to come and see the body of believers that Victor Treeket came from. The enthusiasm generated by Victor about feeding the hungry and contacting people on the Greater New York Van in conjunction with North Bronx church and his boldness of personality when we met in Washington, D. C., are the basis of my visit," said Elder Robert Grady, Associate Church Ministries Director, General Conference, on his visit as he spoke in the North Bronx church recently.



Elder Robert Grady (center, at pulpit) and Elder Roy Gordon to his left.

9th Annual Music Festival

What a busy place Union Springs Academy campus was when more than 125 seventh to tenth graders buzzed around the campus from one rehearsal to another. The occasion was the New York Conference Music Festival attended by 16 different schools from other conferences who requested to attend. The Friday evening and Sabbath afternoon services were almost totally devoted to choral or band renditions.

Paul Kilgore, Union Director of Education, conducted a general Sabbath school lesson study with our new conference President, Elder Lee Thompson, preaching the Sabbath sermon.

Especially appreciated were the services of our guest clinician, Dr. Marjorie Ness, Associate Professor of Music at Atlantic Union College. Her untiring efforts were well re-

warded as the presentations by the choir were most outstanding.

Charles Zacharias directed the band and thanks to the efforts of both he and his wife, Jeri, we can draw the curtain down on another most successful elementary music festival in the New York Conference.

Donald Wright



The festival band was conducted by Charles Zacharias, music instructor at USA.



Dr. Marjorie Ness, associate professor of music at AUC, conducting the Festival Choir in USA church.

Two Couples Celebrate Wedding Anniversaries

The Batavia church joyfully celebrated the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Elder Howard Greene and his wife Isabelle with a reception.

Elder Greene was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1944. New London, Connecticut, was the first loca-

tion where he lovingly pastored five churches and three companies. Through the years he has pastored many churches and led many souls to Christ.

Isabelle taught for many years in Adventist schools as well as in public schools. Her first teaching job was in Rome, New York, where she taught in the old balcony of the church.

The Greens now live in Albion, New York. They are wished many more loving and fruitful years together.

Herman and Bertha Messemer of Troy, New York, celebrated their 54th anniversary. The Greater Albany Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated this grand couple's anniversary with a potluck dinner.

They have four children, sixteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. These children and their families filled more than 40 seats, which represented one-third of the total attendance.



Elder and Mrs. Howard Greene



Mr. and Mrs. Herman Messemer

Ledgeview Memorial Nursing Home Report

It is good, at times, to look back and see how God has blessed us. This is what we want to do as we look at the Ledgeview Memorial Nursing Home in West Paris, Maine, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wilday.

The full board reviewed the financial picture of the institution and found it in good condition and quickly approved the budget for 1988. We are happy to report that God has richly blessed the efforts of all employees and residents.

Just recently I had the privilege of talking to two individuals. One was a nurse supervisor for the State of Maine and the other was a salesman. The nurse was in the institution with two other nurses conducting the annual evaluation on nursing care. This supervisor voluntarily said, "If I ever need a nursing home, I want to be brought to Ledgeview." The salesman, a few days later, said the very same thing.

It has been my privilege for these past two months to be working in the nursing home as director of housekeeping and it has given me a different perspective from the time when I was chairman of the board. I can now see the "inner working" of the nursing home. People tell us that it is one of the cleanest nursing homes in the state and as I investigate the work being done in the housekeeping and laundry area I can see the results of dedicated workers. They are all conscientious and dedicated to their work and most of them have been with us for 10 to 15 years.

The relatives of the residents very often write letters of appreciation to the administration for the tender loving care given to their loved one. We want to share part of a letter with you and it will speak for itself.

Dear Ledgeview
"Family" and Friends,

How can I ever thank you enough for the expert loving care you have given George these past nine years and for the warm friendly kindness shown me and my family?

How well I remember the day Barbie and I brought George to Ledgeview not without apprehension, however. Mrs. Wilday, you were completely sensitive to the fact that putting a loved one in a nursing home is a traumatic experience. You welcomed us, took us to George's room, and spent a long time talking with us, introducing us to staff, and reassuring us that you were happy to have George and would do everything possible to help him adjust and be happy there. . . .

At the beginning you gave me a written statement of the Philosophy and Objectives of Ledgeview. I found them most impressive and after nine years of at least weekly visits, this old school teacher would give all of you an A+ for your sound philosophy and for your tremendous success in meeting all of your stated objectives. I have always felt that your priorities were exactly right, and I have appreciated the lack of rigidity in your rules — for example, being able to bring George back rather late at night from a family outing.

What a wonderful staff Ledgeview has had during my nine-year association! Not only have you been skilled, dedicated, and professional, but so many of you have gone way beyond to be kind and helpful. Staff morale has always seemed high. I know there have been difficult days when you were short-handed, but usually there was laughing and kidding among the staff, genuine friend-

liness, mutual interest in and concern about families, and lots of offers to help each other. Many of you have told me that you enjoyed working there, and what could be better for patients than a happy staff! I have such admiration for you who can do that hard physical and emotional work so well; I'm sure I never could.

Finally to those of you who were with George, Barbie and me those last few days, I can't begin to tell you how much your constant attention, loving care, and moral support meant to us. In retrospect, we feel that you *knew* that Sunday afternoon was our last visit with George, and we believe that you did everything possible to keep him resting comfortably and peacefully so that we could remember him that way. One of you old friends was in the room with us nearly every minute that afternoon, and we felt a strong sense of support and comfort for which we shall always be deeply grateful.

May God bless all of you.

With deep affection and appreciation,

Frannie

If we had space enough we could share with you other letters expressing similar reactions for their appreciation for Ledgeview. This is one reason for its existence, to help those in need and to be a comfort to the relatives who need comforting.

Carl P. Anderson
Director of Public Relations

Southern New England

Boston Van Is Very Busy; Second Van Promised

The Boston Van Ministry began as a faith venture two years ago launched by money from New England Memorial Hospital to purchase the first van and interest from a faithful, deceased member's trust fund. Support from the Southern New England Conference and its constituency with volunteers and donations has seen the van program gain entry into fourteen towns previously.

Presently screening sites are Boston Common on Sundays and Mondays; Boston City Hall, Tuesdays; and Harvard Square, Wednesdays. Each Thursday the Van is at Stoneham Stop and Shop, and

another crew screens from an attractive table site at Woburn Mall, the second and fourth Wednesdays monthly. Instead of permission being granted monthly, officials have granted permission till the end of the year.

A second van has been promised by New England Memorial Hospital if matching operating funds can be raised, (\$25,000).

Anyone who would like to share in the Boston Van Ministry by donation or deeds contact: Rita Vital, Seventh-day Adventist Community Services, GMF Box 1600, Boston, MA 02205, (508) 438-2838.

Weight Management Seminar

Eighty-one people, sixty of whom were non-SDA's who learned of the Weight Management Seminar to be held at the Leominster SDA church through newspaper advertising, registered for the last seminar.

A three-member team, headed by Connie Badillo, registered dietitian and instructor of Foods and Nutrition at Atlantic Union College, Luis Badillo, pastor of the church, Lawrence Kuhlman, church officer and many faithful church members, was successful in helping the participants in ten weeks to lose a total of 120 pounds. One man lost a total of twenty-five pounds.

Follow-up sessions will take place in the coming months.

Barbara Bruso

Volunteer Honored



Oh, for an extra pair of hands! During busy times these words are heard in the Southern New England Conference office. Who comes to the rescue? Helena, of course, Helena Harding. She sorts, files, counts, stamps and arranges with precision. Her many years of office experience make her a valuable volunteer in the office. As a token of their appreciation, the office staff surprised her with a (shh 86th) birthday breakfast.

Helena is shown holding a plant arrangement and watching her "Happy Birthday" balloon.

Loma Linda Foods Makes an Award



During the Southern New England Camp Meeting, Ed Lindsay (Right), Manager of the Adventist Book Center, was presented with an award from Loma Linda Foods by Representative Adams Schlereth. The plaque was given in recognition of "outstanding achievement" and presented to Abundant Life Distributors, the subsidiary of the Adventist Book Center which distributes Health Foods to the northeastern states. Loma Linda Foods recognized their two largest customers, both located on the East Coast, and the Southern New England Conference was pleased to receive one of these awards.



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Frank J. Perez is New President of New England Memorial Hospital

Frank J. Perez, a hospital administrator for the last 18 years, recently accepted the position of president and chief executive officer of New England Memorial Hospital (NEMH), Stoneham. Perez served as the executive director of Caribe Hospital Affiliates, Inc., in Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

On May 3, the NEMH Board of Trustees invited Perez to fill the position vacated by former president Wolfgang von Maack. Within the week, Perez informed the board that he would accept the position and begin his tenure as president and CEO at NEMH on June 1.

"During my interviews with the trustees, I had the opportunity to visit briefly with the New England Memorial Hospital family. I was most impressed by the spirit, the dedication to excellence and the careful attention to detail that pervade the NEMH community. I look forward with great pride to working with people of such strong commitment. It will be my privilege to strive to enhance and strengthen the family spirit and excellence of service that have become hallmarks of New England Memorial," Perez said in accepting the hospital's chief administrative position.

Perez began his health-care career in 1970 as an assistant comptroller at the Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland. In 1979, after serving five years as vice president at Christ Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey, Perez and his family moved to Puerto Rico, and remained there for nine years. During that time, Perez served as the executive director of Bella Vista Hospital in Mayaguez and as associate administrator of San Pablo Hospital in Bayamon.

Perez earned a master of health-care administration degree from



Frank J. Perez, President, New England Memorial Hospital

George Washington University, Washington, D.C., in 1974. He is a 1970 graduate of Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, having received a bachelor of science in business administration from that institution.

He has had several articles published in trade journals and has exercised leadership in many areas such as FHA financing, DRGs, budget formulation, marketing, fund raising, and medical staff development.

Perez was born in Cuba and became a U.S. citizen in 1973. He comes to NEMH with his wife Carmen Rosario and three daughters—Shelley, Vanessa and Karen.

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NY 11030
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NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Bordoville, VT, Annual Meeting

Sept. 10

Spiritual Gifts Seminar

Oct. 5-9
Speaker: Dr. Wm. Liversidge
Manchester, NH, SDA Church
37 Back River Rd.
Bedford, NH
Info & Registration:
Mrs. Gladys Trautner
55 N. River Rd., Apt. 9E
Manchester, NH 03104
(603) 668-5386

3rd Annual Brunswick Bible Conference

Oct. 7-9
Fri. 7:30 p.m.
Sabbath 11:00 a.m.;
2:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Sun. 10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Morris Venden
Brunswick, ME, SDA Church
33 Upper Maine St.
Brunswick
Church: (207) 729-3346
Pastor: (207) 729-3492

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

SLA Alumni Weekend

Oct. 7-9

Adventist Singles Ministries Fall Retreat

Oct. 14-16
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Contact: Lucy Santana
(508) 368-8453 after 6:00 p.m.

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Supt., or youth director.

Update

The Conway, NH, Company is fast completing its new church structure and they plan to hold a church school for the first time this fall. There will be approximately 7 or 8 children in grades one through eight with Mrs. Jan Ellis as their teacher. Church membership includes about 20 adults and 22 children. The church building received a big boost from Maranatha Flights, Inc., recently.

The Kellogg Elementary School in Manchester, NH, was recently presented a new state flag by Governor Sununu. In Governor Sununu's remarks at the presentation, he said that there are many things he can do and one thing he can do is choose what he wants to do. He considered it a distinct pleasure to make the presentation of the flag to the school. The pupils and teachers considered it an honor.

Northern New England Conference has scheduled a record number of 100 Revelation Seminars in churches and homes to start this fall.

Twenty-two persons were baptized during Camp Meetings held in the Atlantic Union this summer so far. Southern New England had the highest number with ten persons baptized during the Evangelism Hour on the first Sabbath of camp meeting.

Greater New York Conference has now passed the 12,000 membership mark as of June 30 report with 12,054 members.

Out of Union

The Parsons, KS, SDA Church will be having an evangelistic series Sept. 25-Oct. 15. David Merling of the Archaeology Dept., Andrews University, will be the speaker. Anyone having friends or family in the area of Parsons, KS, please send their names and addresses to Blaine Fults, 401 N. 16th, Parsons, KS, 67357.

U. S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, H. M. S. Richards, Jr., and George Vandeman are to be featured in a new "Christian Lifestyle Magazine" series, according to Elder Dan Matthews, program host. The 13 new programs are scheduled to begin airing nationwide on Sept. 4 "CLM" is produced by Faith For Today TV and is currently aired on more than 100 stations in the U.S., Canada, and overseas. For a free station log, write: Public Relations, Faith For Today, Box 1000, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359.

SEARCH can now be viewed on the nationwide TEMPO TV cable network on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. This is The Quiet Hour's new venture into Cable TV. TEMPO says that they have 14,500 homes on their network.

Great Lakes Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend—Oct. 7 & 8. All alumni and faculty from Cedar Lake Academy, Adelphian Academy, and Grand Ledge Academy welcome. Honor classes: 1978, 1963, 1938. Please send current addresses. Information: Great Lakes Adventist Academy, P.O. Box 68, Cedar Lake, MI 48812; (517) 427-5181.

Women's ministries information needed—The General Conference Women's Ministries Advisory Committee would like to establish a mailing list of women's ministries and groups of any kind in conferences or churches in North America. Send information to Elizabeth Sterndale, NAD Women's Ministries Coordinator, 6840 Eastern Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20012.

Correction

The Hempstead Hispanic group in Long Island, NY, which was organized on June 25 with 44 charter members brings the total Hispanic groups in Greater New York Conference to at least 35, not 107. We are sorry for the inconvenience this caused.

Request

South Lancaster, MA, Village Church Anniversary—This church was organized April 30, 1864, by John N. Loughborough, the denomination's historian. Next year we will celebrate our 125th anniversary. We are the oldest Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southern New England Conference. We would appreciate any mementos, notes, pictures, diaries, old Bibles, albums, etc., to help with our church history and enhance our heritage room. I am especially desirous of obtaining pictures of the following five of the eight charter members of the Village Church—Mary How Haskell, Henry S. and Maria N. Priest, Lewis H. Priest, and Benjamin F. Rice. If you have the pictures or call tell me where I can obtain them, please let me know. Please write Dr. Geraldine I. Groat, South Lancaster Village Church Historian, Box 204, South Lancaster, MA 01561.

Sunset Table

Eastern Daylight Saving Time

	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28
Bangor, ME	6:06	5:53	5:41	5:30
Portland, ME	6:13	6:00	5:49	5:38
Boston, MA	6:17	6:05	5:54	5:44
So. Lancaster, MA	6:19	6:07	5:56	5:46
Pittsfield, MA	6:25	6:14	6:03	5:53
Hartford, CT	6:23	6:12	6:01	5:51
New York, NY	6:29	6:18	6:08	5:58
Utica, NY	6:33	6:21	6:10	5:59
Syracuse, NY	6:37	6:25	6:13	6:03
Rochester, NY	6:42	6:30	6:19	6:09
Buffalo, NY	6:48	6:36	6:25	6:14
Hamilton, Bda. (EST)	5:36	5:47	5:39	5:32

Add one minute for each thirteen miles west.
Subtract one minute for each thirteen miles east.

Did You Know?

Pledges totaling \$1.45 M will give an extra boost to fund-raising efforts at Adventist academies, colleges and universities over the next five years. Coordinated by Philanthropic Service for Institutions at the General Conference, BECA P.S. (Business Executives' Challenge for Advancement's Philanthropic Success) will offer the 12 NAD colleges and universities about \$365,000 per year in achievement awards and challenge grants. The three-year program aims to increase the total voluntary support those institutions receive annually from \$16M to \$27M by 1992.

The additional monies also provide for 10 more academies to join the Academy Alumni Advancement Challenge (AAA) for four years, bringing to 40 the number of participants. With incentives totaling \$1.175M, the 40 expected to raise \$2.89M by 1992. The 29 already in the program have raised \$650,000 in the first two years. Three academies from the Atlantic Union are in AAA for 1988-89: Greater Boston, Greater New York, and Union Springs.

Adventist Health Systems/United States has committed \$55,000 on behalf on its hospitals, including four from the Atlantic Union, to a \$2M public awareness campaign for non-profit hospitals and medical centers, according to Don Welch, president. So far, total commitments to the campaign exceed \$1.5M. Most of the gifts come from hospitals and medical centers in the US and Canada.

Initiated by the National Association for Hospital Development (NAHD), the "Give to Life" campaign will utilize public service advertising to enhance public perceptions and awareness of hospitals and medical centers, and the need to support them. Its goal is to double giving to nonprofit hospitals and medical centers by 1992.

This NAHD initiative complements a national, five-year campaign which encourages people to volunteer five hours a week and give 5% of their income to nonprofits. Achievement of those objectives by 1992 would mean that philanthropic giving had doubled in five years.

Missions Extension Offering Sept. 10

Your offering will benefit two unreached-people groups in the North American Division: The French-speaking Quebecois-Acadiens of Canada and New England, and the Native Americans. These groups up until now have been unreceptive to the gospel but now evidence an open door. We need to reach them rapidly before the door of opportunity slams shut. This is the way to get involved in the cutting edge of mission.

According to Dale Beaulieu, Union Treasurer, the giving pattern of the membership in the Atlantic Union indicates that 20 to 30% of the church membership gave regularly to church-operated programs, while 20% give periodically, and 50 to 60% of the membership give nothing at all, reports J. C. Hicks, Church Ministries Director.

Let's see if we can turn this around and really support our missions for North America on Sept. 10. If the date goes by, still give your offering as it is always welcome.

Photo by Norm Middag

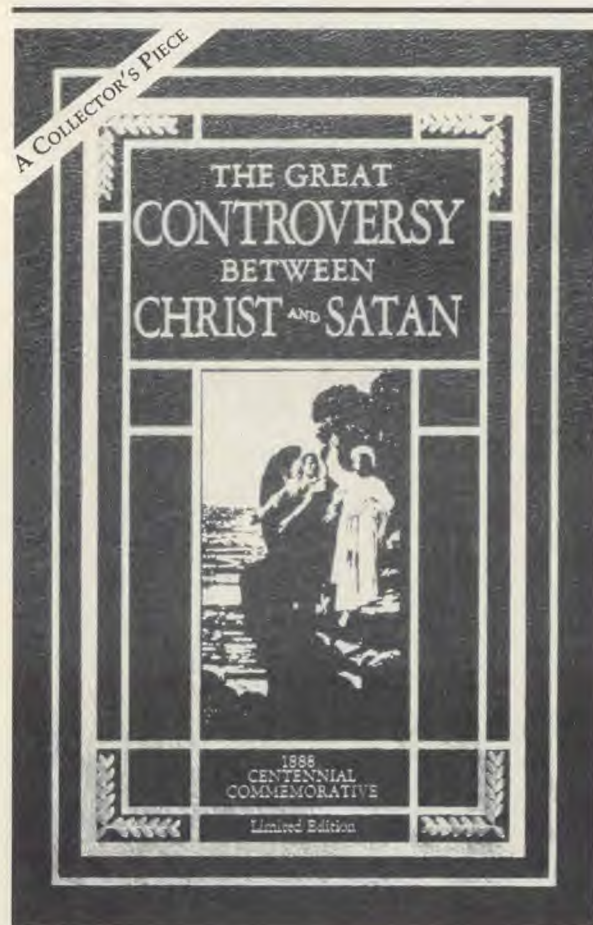


Eager to make church life attractive to the youth of Quebec, plans are being developed to organize Pathfinder Clubs in strategic areas throughout the field. Here is a group in Montreal working on plans for their Pathfinder Club.

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Graduates from the Certified Motor Mechanics course taught at the Holbrook Indian Adventist School have no problem finding employment. The students receive thorough training by qualified instructors as pictured.



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CAROL



H. M. S. Richards, Jr.
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