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HERE'S TO THE NEW YEAR!

Planet earth seems to be on a collision course with destiny. In fulfillment of the prediction that in the last days knowledge will be increased and men will run to and fro, we seem now to be on the edge of a century of discovery, the Year 2000!

Back in the 1940's, there were cartoonists whose imaginations were laughed at by the conservatives who thought that it was absolutely absurd to even entertain the thought that mankind could ever fly into outer space and return. Today there are several nations who have citizens, cosmonauts and astronauts, who can tell us about the total thrill of space travel.

Those who spend time watching television know that now they can purchase hand consoles to record programs while they are out of the house or occupied in another endeavor. If that were not convenient enough, now there is a machine that responds to the human voice giving commands about the time and date of a program or programs to be recorded. And you ask me, what is coming next?

And while we continue to advance scientifically, mankind is on a runaway freight train called rendezvous with judgment and destiny. We continue to become weaker as we become wiser. Who can keep up with the new diseases that defy cures? Promiscuity and drug abuse push upward on the death list, claiming more AIDS victims. Alcoholism still is one of the most dangerous conditions in the world. And don't forget the multiplied thousands pushed to early graves because they believed the deceptive words of crafty advertising promising enjoyment through smoking.

Mankind has not been faithful in making the best use of the many blessings God has entrusted to human beings. The earth is corrupted and defiled from man's carelessness

and sins. Water sources are contaminated, food is sometimes unfit for consumption, and what humans are doing with their bodies is nothing short of disgusting. We have proved to be the enemy, our own worst enemy.

Will 1994 bring about reformation or shall we continue to be bombarded by violence, loud obscene noise called music, gross fads in clothing, bodily mutilations to make place for jewelry, or see the abandonment of high standards of morality? Have we forgotten there is a day of judgment ahead in the future?

Will 1994 find God's church on earth experiencing conversion and doing witnessing and evangelism? Shall we seek the Lord for candles so that we can have something lighted and shining? The real tragedy of 1994 will be that we should be content to have business as usual. Our times are unusual and we must rise to the occasion. 1994 demands the church at its best!

Just now a series of lines filled my mind and now they are set to poetry. Let's call the poem—

In '94!

What will you do in '94
That you have never done before?
Are you determined to be saved
Or will you be in sin enslaved?
Will you increase your stewardship
Or will you let your talents slip?
Will you support the cause of God
Or fill your pew and simply nod?
Whatever you shall plan to do,
Aim high and then to Christ be true!
"Well done, thou faithful," you shall hear
When Jesus comes to save us here.
So please, dear friends, in '94,
Be more, do more than ever before!

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Eternal vigilance
is the price of
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men are needed
to give strong
support for
Liberty '94.



STUDENT MISSIONARIES—

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

Almost 500 student missionaries and recent graduates began serving last fall around the world, most of them from America.

Those going to the Far East serve in two general areas, according to Milton Thorman, Far Eastern Division education superintendent, and G. Ray James, director of SM recruitment. Those serving in language schools go to Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand for 12 months while those teaching in elementary schools on Guam, Ebeye, and other Pacific Islands serve nine months. The missionaries going to the islands receive their orientation in Hawaii in August.

"We're getting an increasing number of four-year graduates," Thorman said. "That's true with most of those on Guam. It seems that many of the schools are looking for a little more maturity in their teachers.

"In fact, the Korean Union Conference pays transportation over and back for those who have graduated and will serve for a full year," he added. "And at least 50 student missionaries this year decided to stay a second year throughout the Far East."

Korean schools are not limited to teaching English, James noted. They need instructors in various western languages.

"Korea's language schools help lead 200 to 300 people to baptism each year and the income from school tuition helps to support up to 40 pastors. The language programs also help produce another 150 baptisms a year in Micronesia and other countries," James said.

"Six student missionaries will go next year to Indonesia for the first time since the government closed the schools several years ago," Thorman said.

For more information about how to serve in the student missionary program or Adventist Volunteer Service (older adults), contact G. Ray James at 40 Pleasant Drive, Sutter Creek, CA 95685, or call 209-267-0416; Fax 209-267-0342 or Dick Barron at the General Conference headquarters, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600; Tel. (301) 680-6149; Fax (301) 680-6090.



During a four-day orientation program in Hawaii for student missionaries, Elder Dick Barron (right) director of the General Conference student missionary program, shows student missionaries how to use a common object (a camera) as an instruction tool for teaching English. Among those serving this year from the Atlantic Union Conference are Rick Owen (left) and Corinthia James.

NEW WORKERS IN THE ATLANTIC UNION OFFICE



Elder Leon D. Thomassian, former treasurer of the Greater New York Conference, was elected as treasurer of the Atlantic Union Conference on May 13, 1993.

A graduate of Spicer Memorial College in Poona, India, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1967, one year later Thomassian earned a B.A. in Economics from Spicer. While serving as assistant treasurer of Greater New York, he earned an M.B.A. from Adelphi University in Long Island, New York.

Elder Thomassian brings an international perspective to the Atlantic Union, having served as chief accountant of Benghazi Adventist Hospital in Libya; controller of the Afro-Mideast Division; and secretary-treasurer of the Amman Orphanage in Jordan.

From 1977 to the time of his election as treasurer of the Atlantic Union Conference, Thomassian served as assistant treasurer, undertreasurer, and finally treasurer of the Greater New York Conference. His work in that conference was greatly appreciated.

Elder Thomassian is married to the former Astrid Saliba. Their only child, Elizabeth, is a senior at South Lancaster Academy.

Mrs. Thomassian is a secretary for several departments in the Union office. She formerly served as principal of the Jackson Heights SDA School in Woodside, New York.

The Atlantic Union Conference rejoices to have the Thomassians and Pastor Oliver as members of the office family.



Willie H. Oliver was elected as youth ministries/family life director for the Atlantic Union Conference on November 11, 1993.

Since 1989, Oliver has served the Greater New York Conference as director of youth ministries and family life. A 1981 graduate of Andrews University, he was very active in evangelism during the

summer months. Pastor Oliver has pastored the Grand Concourse Temple, the Tabernacle of Joy, and the Maranatha church—all in New York City.

Oliver has conducted yearly workshops for leaders in Bermuda, Quebec, and Greater New York. He established Bible Bowls for teens and young adults. As family life director, he has conducted workshops for family life coordinators, marriage enrichment retreats, and retreats for singles.

In 1992, Pastor Oliver led the largest delegation from the North American Division to the Youth Evangelism Workshop in Prague, Czechoslovakia, which involved youth leaders and pathfinder directors. He has written many articles for Adventist publications.

Pastor Oliver holds a B.Th. from West Indies College in Mandeville, Jamaica, an M.A. in Sociology from Columbia University in New York City, and has finished his course work for a Ph.D. in Sociology from Columbia University.

Oliver is married to the former Elaine Powell of Clinton, Massachusetts, who holds a B.Sc. in Business and Accounting from Atlantic Union College and an M.A. in Student Personnel Administration from Columbia University in New York City. The Olivers have two children, Jessica Danielle and Julian Thomas.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR UNION HISPANIC MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

The 1994-95 officers for the Hispanic Ministerial Association of the Atlantic Union were elected in an October meeting held at the Greater New York Conference office. Shown are (l. to r.) Elders Cesar Urena, secretary for spiritual activities; Juan Jorge Suarez, president;

Greater New York Hispanic Coordinator Hector Torres, who will serve as the Association counselor; Josue Jara, communication secretary; Daniel Zabaleta, secretary-treasurer; Daniel Feliz, secretary for educational activities. Not present for the picture—Elder Roberto



Reyna of Northeastern Conference, who will serve as vice president.

"SUCH AN ARMY OF WORKERS AS OUR YOUTH, RIGHTLY TRAINED"*

In January 1993 a dream was born in the Atlantic Union. Although it would start small, it would soon be a vital part of spreading the Gospel in our communities. The plan would need dedicated, God-fearing students to succeed. Family Enrichment Resources, Inc., an integral part of our Seventh-day Adventist Church, employs students to promote the good news of Christ and our distinctive Adventist message through the distribution of the printed page.

Atlantic Union College was the first to send support and has continually provided encouragement and promotion of student participation. Greg Whitsett, Campus Ministries director at AUC, says, "It's one of the best things I have ever done for my Christian experience, meanwhile making more money than almost any other job available."

June through August "proved to be the highlight of the year," says Pastor Tim Bailey, director of Student Literature Evangelism for the Atlantic Union. Eighteen students from Pine Tree Academy, Union Springs Academy, and Atlantic Union College met on the campus of PTA in Freeport, Maine, to conduct a summer literature evangelism program.

Elder Elmer Malcolm, president of Northern New England Conference, was asked what kind of impact he felt this team of young people made in the conference. He said:

"It was positive; people are concerned about our youth and they get excited, especially when they can see them involved with some kind of evangelistic outreach. Beyond that, it does more for our youth. It teaches self-discipline, promotes maturity, and prepares them to be better in whatever work

they do. It is also important to our church as books can preach where we cannot always preach. We need to support our young people by encouraging them to do this work and by giving money to help provide for their needs while they are working."

Through the middle of November, these 18 students have left more than 12,000 Seventh-day Adventist books in homes in Massachusetts and Maine with more than \$60,000 applied to their school bills. More than 600 families have received the Good News Bible Study Guides. It is our sincere prayer that many persons who purchased the books last summer will be im-

pressed to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Presently, AUC is continuing its program and Union Springs Academy has begun one also. Union Springs program director Bob Mills reports that selected students, who have been trained as student literature evangelists, are in the communities daily witnessing for their faith and spreading the word about the good things that are happening at USA. Six students are currently in the program every day. We are training more students all of the

time. We are endeavoring to run two daily shifts of five students from Sunday through Thursday every week. Michael Odiam, student leader, reports that the program is "good for the spiritual development of the students, a great witnessing opportunity, and a valuable way to help pay tuition expenses."

Every day they work, the students at both USA and AUC have many opportunities to share their faith and help people in need. The students always pray with many people, giving words of encouragement and life. The programs are valuable, fun, and helping to spread quickly the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The future holds many great things for God's people here in the Atlantic Union. We have been promised that the work of God would return "to the East with power." There is no better way to hasten that experience than to send out an army of youth door-to-door spreading our books like the leaves of autumn.

This year, we are planning three major summer campaigns: one each in Northern New England Conference again, Southern New England, and New York Conference. All of these plans can materialize only with your help. We need students to do the work and funds to buy *Steps to Christ* and other books to give to every home we visit.

If you know a student who would enjoy this work or you would like to give a tax-deductible donation to help with the program, please write or call today to:

Pastor Tim Bailey
Family Enrichment Resources, Inc.
PO Box 1149
South Lancaster, MA 01561
(508) 365-7368 or 1-800-925-4437

Thank you very much and God bless you, everyone.

* Education, p. 271



Michael Odiam, student leader at USA



The 1993 AUC Team included (l. to r.) Scott Huling, Henry Davis, Leeanne Sargent, Cesar Soto, Rami Mikhail, Christina Mazza, Sonja DeWitt, Pastor Tim Bailey, Mrs. Liz Bailey, Gregory Whitsett, Pastor Lerry Carter, and Bob Mills.



ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

ADVENTIST HERITAGE IS CELEBRATED

Atlantic Union College students, faculty, and staff observed their second annual Adventist Heritage Week October 26-30. The week was designed to show that Adventist heritage consists of much more than old people in stiff portrait poses or musty smelling old books, according to Doug Robertson, chair of the Heritage Week planning committee. Guest speakers portrayed several of the pioneers of Adventism as energetic, dynamic, people-oriented individuals.

Delbert Baker, special assistant to the president and director of diversity at Loma Linda University, spoke twice on Tuesday, first explaining ways in which Ellen White was an advocate of inclusion, and then illustrating Adventism's multicultural roots by speaking about

William Foy, who participated in the Millerite movement.

Alwyn Fraser, professor of history at AUC, spoke at joint worship Wednesday evening about Ellen White in Australia. Mrs. White's husband, James, was the topic of Thursday morning assembly, presented by Larry Richardson in his



*Delbert Baker, who spoke about William Foy during Adventist Heritage Week, autographs his book about Foy, *The Unknown Prophet*, for Lee Parson, library director, and Marjorie Whidbee, a library assistant.*

one-man play, "An Evening with James White."

On Friday evening and Sabbath, Ron Graybill, chair of the history and political science department at La Sierra University, sang and spoke about early Advent hymns, explained the significance of Ellen White's first vision, and told of Edson White's effort to bring education and economic betterment to former slaves in Mississippi.

A special feature of the week was an exhibit of historical paintings by Seventh-day Adventist artists. All of the paintings, loaned to AUC by the Review & Herald Publishing Association, have been used in books, calendars, or picture rolls published by the Adventist Church. The artists included some of the denomination's most notable: Harry Anderson, Russ Harlan, and Vernon Nye.

OTHER CAMPUS NEWS

• **Dining Commons Goal is Reached.** Lisa Wheeler, development director, reports that the college has reached its \$2.1 million goal for the new Chan Shun Dining Commons. This amount is expected to cover the cost of the building. The second phase of fund raising began in December to equip the kitchen, furnish the building, and provide an operating endowment. The Board of Trustees voted on November 8 to proceed with construction this spring, after a contractor has been selected.

• **Allen Named to Public Health Board.** Carol Allen, acting president, has been named to the 12-

member Executive Board of the American Public Health Association for a four-year term. The APHA is the largest health organization in the world, with more than 32,000 members. Its object is to protect and promote personal and environmental health.

• **Fenton Wins Racquetball Title.** Laura Fenton, assistant professor of physical education, became a women's national doubles champion at the National Doubles Racquetball Tour in Phoenix, Arizona, October 20-24. Her partner was Michelle Gould from Boise, Idaho, who is ranked first in the world in women's racquetball. The victory qualifies Fenton for the United States racquetball team.

• **Sociology/Social Work Begins Weekend Classes.** During the spring semester, the sociology/social work department will offer Friday and Sunday classes, according to Susan Willoughby, department chair. Classes beginning the last weekend of January will be: Seminar in Social Involvement, Race and Ethnic Relations, and Women's Changing Roles. "In addition to serving our students, we want to serve the college community," Willoughby said. Now employees of local agencies can earn nine credit hours while still working full time. And college students will have more time to work during the week on campus, but still carry a full class load.

BERMUDA

"BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH!"

Recently an interesting depiction of the second coming of Jesus was portrayed before a large audience in the Southampton Seventh-day Adventist Church. The play was written and co-directed by Elty Anderson, AY leader of Southampton church. Freda Trimm, the other partner, narrated. Freda is a new member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her voice, clear as a bell, added meaning to the play as it progressed.

The cast of about 60 persons, young and old, from all eight churches, presented themselves in a professional manner as they played their parts. Shouts of praise rang out when drama came to life as we imagined the marriage supper of the Lamb, seeing Jesus for the first time, and living for eternity.

The play depicted scenes such as the redeemed from all ages, the 144,000, and various symbols representing God's love, including the rainbow, the sanctuary, the cross, and the Holy City, all enacted by older members. Teens posed as the ten virgins of Matthew 25 and as disciples. Married young adults played the part of the seven churches of Revelation. The Rem-



Angela Bean, one of the ten virgins

nant Church was illustrated as the Maid of Honor; the Law of God, the Head Usher; the Spirit of Prophecy, the Matron of Honor; and the Bible, the Best Man. Other special attendees were the Sabbath; God the Father; the Holy Spirit; Adam and Eve; and Mary, the mother of Jesus. A set of young adult twins acted as the archangels. Cathy Charles beautifully characterized the Bride adorned for her husband, while Pastor Tracy White magnificently portrayed Jesus, the Bridegroom.

Several groups rendered music throughout the program, including the Somerset SDA Youth Choir, Jackie Wilson, the Bible Prophecy trio, In His Image, and Shalita Gibbons. The Bride and Groom serenaded each other and dazzled the audience with "Forever Yours" while pianist Cheryl Kerr led the audience in songs of joy at various



Elty Anderson, AY leader in the Southampton church

scenes throughout the two-hour program.

"The cast enjoyed the hard work preparing for the play," Elty said. The play was performed again at the annual Bermuda Youth Congress weekend held November 26 to 28. The director, co-director, and the cast thank everyone for their support to help make the play such a wonderful success.



Mrs. Butterfield carrying the cross



Cherubs



Cathy Charles, the Bride



Pastor and Mrs. David Rogers who depicted Adam and Eve



Kelby McCottry, the Best Man, the Bible

GREATER NEW YORK

PEARL RIVER SCHOOL HONORS GRADUATES

The Pearl River church and school had special reason to thank God at their 1993 graduation ceremony. Eighth-grade graduates Erin Fuller (left) and Michelle Song had not only attended classes at Pearl River together from grades one through eight but, by God's grace, both also achieved academic honors as well.

They received Honors diplomas from the Greater New York Conference for their outstanding work, with Erin earning a 3.98 Grade Point Average and Michelle, 3.93.

Both girls were awarded \$500 scholarships from Greater



New York Academy, and \$250 scholarships from Atlantic Union College.

Faculty, church members, and leaders joined in expressing gratitude for the girls' past successes, and ones yet to be.

*Robert L. Hill
Communication Leader*

GREATER NEW YORK PLACES FIRST AT NATIONAL BIBLE BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS

On October 2, 1993, the young-adult Bible Bowl team was named National Bible Bowl Champion for the second year in a row. Members of the team traveled from the Philadelphia church in the Bronx to Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, where the event was conducted by the Black Adventist Youth Directors Association.

Shown are (l. to r.) team members Sterling Thompson, Shelley Joseph, Robert Hamilton, and Anthony Diedrick. Two of these individuals have very busy work schedules, along with attending college and medical school, and two members are married, and have children. Despite their very demanding schedules, they committed themselves to studying the seven books of the Bible required for the event.

The Bible Bowl Championship has been held annually for more

than a decade under the aegis of the North American Division. Many youth and young adults in Greater New York look forward to participating in the local Bible bowls, which have been taking place each year for the past five years. The young people indicate the activity has developed renewed interest in



studying the Bible and, for that, we give God the praise.

*Willie Oliver, Youth/Young Adult
Ministries Director*

RESIDENT OF ADVENTIST HOME CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Louise Babbitt is the oldest resident of the Adventist Retirement Home in upstate Livingston, New York, and she has also lived at the Home since 1962, longer than any other resident. She celebrated her 100th birthday with friends there, and with family members who travelled from Florida to be with her—nephew Raymond Smith and his wife, Margie, of Bella Vista, Florida; nephew Carl Horvath; and niece Edith Horvath, both of Altamonte Springs, Florida.

Louise has asked the blessing on the noon meal every day while at Livingston, and has been active in dressmaking and mending. She entertains others with her piano playing. The local daily newspaper covered her birthday celebration, carrying a three-column article and a picture of her and her relatives with her three-part birthday cake, made in a "100" shape. She remarked that her only plans for the future are to be used by God as He sees fit, and to set a good example.

NEARLY 600 CHILDREN ATTEND VBS IN GREATER NEW YORK CHURCHES

Metropolitan-area churches came alive with 76 Vacation Bible Schools, held largely during two vacation months during 1993. There were 593 children who attended, including 212 community youngsters.

Theme for the sessions was "Kids in the Kitchen," with the school divided into three parts: a learning center, cooking class, and Bible study. The eight basic elements of health were taught, and an exercise class was held daily. In addition to recipes and nutrition, the children learned about cooking safety and also made recipe books.

As a result of God's blessings in the 1993 VBSs, 19 parents made decisions to begin attending church to learn more about Adventist beliefs. The children were inspirational in their parents' decisions. One father of three who attended one of the schools had had past

Adventist ties through Pathfinders. After VBS, he began sending his children to Sabbath school.

Some churches planned follow-up including VBS newsletters and/or birthday cards to children who attended; some are holding a weekly story hour; others delivered pictures of the children taken at VBS, then invited them to join Adventurers/Pathfinder clubs. The goal of follow-up plans, according to Elder R. C. Connor, conference director of children's ministries, is to help children develop the lifestyle they became acquainted with during VBS.

Elder Connor would like to thank all VBS staff members for their commitment, particularly Pathfinder teens and other young persons who took active roles in several of the VBS programs.



PHOTO BY D.A. THORNE

The Ebenezer church was one of the 76 churches in Greater New York that conducted VBS sessions in 1993. Shown are instructors and some of the 50 children ages one through fourteen who attended the two-week session; more than 50 percent were from the community. Ebenezer's school was sponsored by church members, who pledged \$10 for each child attending. The funds covered arts and crafts materials and other expenses. Five of the children currently attend Sabbath school regularly, and one child now brings her mother to church.

*Angela Fraser
Ebenezer Communication Leader*

"SHOWING YOUTH WE CARE" ACTIVITIES AT PATCHOGUE CHURCH

Last year, the Patchogue church planned new approaches to demonstrate its love and concern for its youth. Under the leadership of Winston Bent, youth director, the Adventist Youth Society now holds meetings on the last Sabbath of each month. Young persons are encouraged to participate in the meetings with poems, special music, Bible games, et cetera.

Caring parents and friends made it possible for the youth to celebrate Valentine's Day with a banquet.



Youth Director Bent (standing) is shown with some of the young persons as they enjoyed the first course of their Valentine's meal.

Youth Day was celebrated with Pastor Charles Corno of the Co-op

City/Hartsdale district, presenting a timely and encouraging message.

The members of the Patchogue church are grateful for the supportiveness of Pastor Glen Hixon; Principal L. E. Keizer and staff of the Patchogue church school; Marlene Huie, School Board chairperson; as well as Mrs. Marcia Bent, who coordinates women of the church in assisting as needed for youth events. It is the sincere prayer of the Patchogue church that our young people will always remain faithful to their Lord.

*Gloria E. Keizer
Communication Leader*

GREATER NEW YORK (CONTINUED)

CO-OP CITY JEWISH-AWARENESS SEMINAR FOCUSES ON JEWISH HOLY DAYS

At the closing commemoration of fall Jewish holy days, members and friends of the Co-Op City church in the Bronx gathered for an evening Sukkoth service that included a brief video explaining the significance of various aspects of the holiday, service, and a festive meal. Pastor Charles Corno recounted for church members, friends, and Jew-



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ish guests from the community how the children of Israel were called by God to remember that they were only sojourners in an alien land. To depict this at Sukkoth, they were to construct booths as visible demonstrations that they were only temporary dwellers; God told them, "You don't belong here," Pastor Corno said.

Shown are members and guests (1) in the "sukkah" or canvas booth Co-Op City members put up for the special observance. The previous year, a rabbi from the neighborhood had visited the church's booth saying, "It's good."

As in the Old Testament temple, an offering of thanksgiving was called for. Here, Horace Stephens (2) places his gift in the offering box just outside the door to the sanctuary. At the meal that followed, guests enjoyed a tasty menu served in the elegantly decorated fellow-



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ship hall, and had an opportunity to get better acquainted in a relaxed, family-type setting.

According to Pastor Corno, the church's goal for observances such as Sukkoth, and for the Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur services just preceding it, is to bridge the gap for Seventh-day Adventists and Jews, showing what Jesus did when He was on earth. The services have sparked community interest, swelling attendance. Two persons were baptized shortly before the fall seminar.

CHURCH SCHOOL RALLIES HELD AT THREE LOCATIONS

Parents, teachers, church members and guests have provided enthusiastic audiences at three educational rallies scheduled during each school year. The rallies drew together students and faculty of schools by areas, for Sabbath-afternoon programs featuring the pupils. The events are held at New York City, Long Island, and upstate locations.

At the upstate rally hosted by the Livingston church, Middletown, Pearl River and Poughkeepsie church schools joined with Livingston pupils in sharing talents and testimonies. Winie Fitts, current principal at Livingston, coordinated the event under the direction of David Cadavero, conference educational superintendent.

Pupils shared acquired skills through vocal and instrumental numbers, Bible quotations, skits, poems, and prayer. Adventist educational institutions in Greater New York Conference include ten elementary schools and the Greater New York Academy.

Also this year, the Livingston church school was awarded a five-year Certificate of Accreditation by Superintendent Cadavero and Pastor Philip Johnson. The certificate represents the maximum accreditation from the General Conference Board of Regents, and involves a full-scale evaluation.

In the fall of 1993, the Livingston School was also awarded the conference "Excellence in Education"



Celeste Armstrong conducts the student mass choir at the Upstate Educational Rally held at the Livingston church.

Award, granted to those schools in the conference that have met the full 53 criteria on which the award is based.

*Vivian Austin
Communication Leader*

NORTHEASTERN

CHURCH OPENING

The Cornerstone Seventh-day Adventist Church has held its first service at its new location at 138 Pennsylvania Avenue in the East New York section of Brooklyn.

Excitement and optimism were evident as the members and friends, led by the Pathfinders with drum corps and the robed choir, marched and sang for five or six blocks down Pennsylvania Avenue and back, preceding the divine worship hour. Residents and workers in the vicinity accepted tracts and fliers distributed by some of the members and took note that the building was no longer owned by the Witnesses. The caption on the church's sign,

"Serving God and the community," tells of their intent to be true witnesses of Jehovah in this part of Brooklyn.

At the beginning of the service, the children's choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Sherolin Daley and her assistants, waved little flags with a red cross on a white background and sang "Onward, Onward, Cornerstone into all the world; raise the Christian banner, let it be unfurled." The senior choir rendered two anthems of praise and was joined by the youth choir for the meditation.

The dedicatory prayer was given by Elder Lionel Hampton, treasurer of Northeastern Conference. A plaque was presented to Elder Eric

Roach, a carpenter who worked untiringly to make the necessary alterations to prepare the building for the opening day.

The sermon was delivered by Leroy A. Daley, the pastor of the church, and the theme of his message and of the entire day was praise to God for His providence. A fellowship dinner was served.

One sad incident occurred before the end of the day. The car of one of our faithful deacons was stolen. The members saw this as the work of the devil to discourage them, but they reassured one another that their faith in God would see them through such problems.

Ernestine Patterson

LAYMAN'S MEETINGS CELEBRATE 25 YEARS

For the last 25 years, the layman federations from Northeastern Conference have gathered during Labor Day weekend for instruction, encouragement, fellowship, and

sharing. Last year marked the 25th gathering and the customary meeting venue. Camp Victory Lake was selected in fa-

vor of the Ramada Hotel in Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting served as the farewell responsibility for Pastor Norman Snipes who was recently voted to serve as conference Ministerial Secretary. The list of distinguished presenters and guests included Friday night keynote speaker, Dr. Robert Lister, Southwest Region Conference President; Sabbath morning speaker, Calvin Preston, South Atlantic Conference Secretary; Harold Lee, Columbia Union Conference Secretary; Dr. and Mrs. G.R. Earle, retired North-



Platform participants included Pastor and Mrs. Norman Snipes, (left); at the podium, President and Mrs. Stennett Brooks; and George R. Earle (second from right).

eastern Conference Administrator; and newly elected Personal Ministry Secretary, Jesse Bevel.



Calvin Preston

BROOKLYN CHURCHES HOLD HEALTH FAIR

One Sunday the Mount of Olives and El Faro churches held a street fair. The block adjacent to the Brooklyn church was cornered off and screenings for hypertension,

anemia, diabetes, cholesterol diet counseling, eye examinations, and weight taking were conducted on the street. Lectures dealing with aerobics, breast cancer, stress management, and speaking to your doctor were conducted inside the

church building. Pastor Allen Martin and Roberto Reyna were on hand as were volunteers from the church and community. The fair which ran from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. was attended by a large number of residents in the community.

NEW YORK

LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE FOR THE EDISONS

The only thing wider than his smile was the fur hat that appeared to be twice the width of his head. He introduced himself as "Pastor"—"Church," and then continued a lively conversation in Russian and body language, as he had exhausted his English vocabulary. What a welcome sight Pastor Andre was at the end of a difficult trip! We do not recommend travel in Russia as a tourist. You must have a purpose for the trip to be worth it. Our purpose was to participate in the Voice of Hope (Russian Voice of Prophecy) Crusade, led by evangelists Lonnie Melashenko of the Voice of Prophecy; his father, Joe Melashenko; and Peter Kulakov, the Voice of Hope speaker.

The meeting with Andre was our introduction to the wonderful people of the Perm, Russia Seventh-day Adventist Church. This 60-member church had worked through lonely, cold (-40° F) nights putting up 4,000 posters in trolley busses, on fences, and on lamp posts all over this city of 1.3 million people, preparing the way for the crusade. They would take off their gloves to warm the glue with their hands. They know the meaning of stewardship as the dedication of the entire life to God. None of the church members owned an automobile.

They spent long hours in a back room of the Palace of Culture correcting Bible lessons. It was hard work doing the deacon and deaconess duties for the baptism of 469 new converts and the first celebration of the Ordinance of Humility

by the hundreds of new believers. They were always gracious and hospitable, even denying themselves to serve the wholesome and delicious Russian food that we rapidly developed a taste for. America must seem like the promised land to people who have suffered so severely as our Russian brethren. While we may have our names in a church paper for having gone to Russia, these dear people will receive the greater recognition when Jesus gives the crowns in the New Jerusalem.



The Palace of Culture in Perm, Russia



Yvonne Edison (center) and Julia and Mary, special teenage friends in Perm, Russia

The crusade began March 12, 1993. Despite vigorous opposition from the Russian Orthodox Church, two meetings daily were necessary as the 1200-seat Palace of Culture was not large enough. When we arrived on April 6 there were still

about 2,000 adults and several hundred children attending daily.

Jay presented messages on healthful living, as God's way of giving life a quality that makes eternal life something to be desired. Personal counseling with the people was both moving and frustrating. Oh for the gift of tongues! He used four different translators, whose skill varied widely. So little can be accomplished trying to deal with complex health problems in such a short time, with very little of the resources that a physician is accustomed to working with. He prayed for every person who came to him and was privileged to pray with many. A particularly memorable experience was an anointing service for healing of an elderly lady with degenerative arthritis and a young intoxicated alcoholic man who was threatening to hang himself upon leaving the hall. This unlikely healing service was conducted by Pastor Joe Melashenko and Jay in a back room of the Palace of Culture, with the aid of a translator. The next day the alcoholic had been alcohol free for 24 hours and was asking for baptism. The lady still had her cane and her gait was still impaired; but a greater miracle had occurred. Her outlook had obviously changed and she shared the joy of receiving the Holy Spirit into her life. Her life is now enriched with the hope of completion of her healing when Jesus comes.

Vonnie had the happy ministry of the children's program, along with Pastor Joe Melashenko. The children delighted in learning the songs in both Russian and English.

A group of the children insisted on escorting us on the trolley bus to the hotel each evening. So many children were baptized that it is planned for Perm to have the first ever full-time youth pastor in Russia.

During the off time from meetings, the team had many appointments; sharing the love of Jesus in school classrooms, a youth prison, with physicians at the local medical

school, and with the deputy mayor.

The Russian experience was life changing for us. We love the people of Perm. We were touched by the sight of a handwritten New Testament, illustrated by pencil drawings, which a lady brought to one of the meetings. It was thrilling to see the hall packed, with standing room only, for the final meeting on April 24. The people showered us

with gifts and flowers. Many lingered long after, reluctant to have the precious experience of the moment end. If we have the opportunity to return in this life, we certainly will. But if not, we have an appointment to meet Pastor Andre and his flock at the east gate of the New Jerusalem.

Dr. Jay Edison

USA HOSTS SIXTH ANNUAL ELEMENTARY TRACK AND FIELD DAY

Last October 14 dawned chilly but sunny. Cars and vans loaded with 145 excited grade school pupils and 27 chaperoning adults arrived in time for opening exercises for the field day.

The day's events kicked off with an invigorating sing-along led by USA students. An inspiring chapel talk was presented by Campus Chaplain Aaron Mountain.

With the help of 35 USA student volunteers, several staff members, and visiting teachers, the outdoor events were well underway. The pupils in grades one through four participated in their progressive games. One teacher said that the "Little kids' events were interesting and appropriate for their age." The pupils in grades five through ten were involved in seven track and field events.

The day's events culminated with an awards ceremony when each participant in grades five through ten received ribbons for individual performance and each school received a ribbon for its overall performance. First place was earned by Frontenac and Dexter-ville, with second being placed by

Twin Tiers and Parkview. Tri-City, Fingerlakes, and Bay Knoll took third and Genessee Park came in fourth. Each pupil in grades one through four received a USA tumbler.

Tired and weary after a long day of outdoor events, pupils and teachers headed home by 2:00 p.m. USA thanks each one for attending and

hopes they will join us again next year! One teacher summed it up when she said, "All in all, my pupils had the best time this year they've ever had. Thanks to all of you!"

Carol D. Cabrera
USA Development Director

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NEW YORK (CONTINUED)

COME JOIN THE ADVENTURERS

My son came home from school and said he wanted to join "Tiger Scouts." "That sounds like fun," I said, "but we are going to run into some problems with the Sabbath. Let me think about it." I got to thinking that there must be something that the SDA Church can offer for kids around first grade-level.

So I called the conference office. "Yes, we have an Adventurer pilot program," said the voice at the other end. I asked to please have all the information sent to me.

When we received it, we didn't waste any time. My three children, Brent, 6, Tracee, 4 1/2, and Jody 3, got right into the program and were so excited with the things we were doing at home, it was hard for me to keep ahead of them. Instead of a weekly type program, we made it a daily program. Since my children are attending public school, I want them to have a good solid Christian base here at home.

We had great times together. Even though it started with my own three children, my son's friend soon joined us. Not much later four more children joined which brought our membership up to eight. I wasn't quite sure I wanted to be a club leader, but I had started something! I didn't know who else would lead out, so I decided to give it a try.

I do believe the Adventurer age may be a little harder to teach, but at least they have the enthusiasm to "be taught," and they aim to please!

Now I have a great bunch of kids at my home once a week, and we accomplish so much. If we want to have great Pathfinders (which we do have), just think how much greater they will be when they have had four years of being an Adventurer first and have touched on all things that a Pathfinder does. Not to mention making it easier for the Pathfinder leaders!

I believe with all my heart that if we have clubs like these for the younger ones, our youth will be more enthusiastic about life. Why? Because they "grow up" with thoughts and dreams of Pathfinders, instead of starting out when they are ten years old.

We have taken trips to police stations, fire stations, post offices, hospitals, dentist offices, a mayor's office, nature centers, et cetera, we have participated in a Bike-a-thon and won an award for that. (Even our four-year-old participated and finished the whole ten miles after having her training wheels taken off two weeks before.)

Little ones today can do more than most of us give them credit for if they are given the opportunity. Our canned goods collection demonstrates the great results they can get when challenged. When folks out there ask these little ones questions, they are not shy, but speak the truth.

Recently I took the group to the front of a grocery store where they could sell their candy bars to raise money for their trip to Calgary. There was a man leaning against a trash can smoking one cigarette after another, watching our little ones. After about ten minutes my three-

year-old, remembering what she had learned that week for her "health specialist" honor, went up to this man and said, "Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you . . . You were bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body which is God's." By then, my four-year-old joined her and said, "You're going to die if you keep on smoking that, and that would make Jesus sad!"

The man said, "You are right! It's a nasty habit. If you stop preaching to me, I'll buy one of those." Then he turned to me and said, "It's a great job what you teach those kids . . . Makes you really think what's important in life." I think I can safely say that man did some thinking when he left.

Minds are very impressionable when they are young. They can even preach at the age of three! That is why I believe in Adventurers. Wouldn't you like to start a club in your area?

If you would like to get into a program like this, it is simple: The New York Conference Youth Department is very helpful in getting you started. Our "Bearcubs Adventurers" have earned 52 awards among the eight members. As I said, they have enthusiasm! An Adventurer Club directs their energy for the Lord and learning the way He wants them to be.

Heide Conibear, Sterling, New York

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

SCHOOL DEBT MIRACULOUSLY PAID OFF!

Since its inception in September 1983, the Florence M. Lombard Elementary School in Saco, Maine, has been blessed by God many times. Last year was no exception. In February 1993 the school was in debt to the Northern New England Conference for \$12,400. Understandably, the conference was concerned and informed us our program was in jeopardy unless we could reduce this debt by the end of the school year. As an incentive, the conference promised to forgive \$2,000 of our debt if we could pay all but \$4,000 by June 30, 1993.

While the promise of a \$2,000 credit from the conference was greatly appreciated, the prospect of raising \$8,400 in less than five months was overwhelming. With only seven pupils paying tuition and the citrus fruit fundraising season ended, how were we going to raise that kind of money? Fortunately, for the Saco church, GOD KNEW! The whole church pitched in and worked together to "Save Our School" (SOS). Julia Anderson, at that time a yet-to-be-baptized

member, with two children in the school, suggested we hold a "free" car wash sponsored by local businesses. Another idea was sending an "SOS" letter to family and friends explaining the financial crisis.

The car wash was a great success! More than 200 cars were washed for a total of \$1,843! The Holy Spirit went with the SOS letters and impressed people to give generously. Gifts ranged from \$10 to \$2,000. There were many prayers on behalf of our school and the Lord certainly used these good friends to send favorable answers. The total response to these letters, including \$1,000 received September 23 which represented the total proceeds of a yard sale held by a friend in another state, is \$10,241.73! PRAISE GOD!

There were a couple of other miracles along the way. One Sabbath, \$600 wrapped in a rubber band appeared in our "Children's Offering." A week later there was an envelope in our Post Office box



The check being presented to the Saco, Maine, church treasurer to retire the school debt are (l. to r.): Robert Souza; Julia Anderson; Tami Black, Personal Ministries leader; and Norma Lumb, Saco church treasurer.

addressed to the school in block letters, with no stamp, no postmark, and no return address, containing a piece of white paper surrounding \$566 in cash!

What we couldn't even begin to imagine, the Lord performed before our

very eyes. We were able to pay \$10,330 to the conference on June 29, 1993, leaving a balance due of only \$2,070, which they forgave, as promised.

The bill with the conference is current, and the book and school material bill for the 1993-94 school year is paid in full. The citrus fruit which annually nets about \$5,000, will soon be in operation. We are praying that some of our good friends will "adopt" the Florence M. Lombard School as a mission project on a regular basis. These pupils are very special and precious to God and us. We are very happy that as a result of God's bountiful blessings they can continue to receive a Christian education.

A DOUBLE CELEBRATION

A commitment for Christ by baptism brings rejoicing. However, the Limington, Maine, church also rejoices that they have a brand new baptistry. After years of planning,

Ed Labbe (center), Associate Pastor for the Portland, ME, district, at the recent baptism of Richard DeRosier and Mike and Pat Ranalla, (right).



work started last spring to make it a reality. Last September 25 the pool was dedicated with members of the Limington, Saco, and Portland, Maine, churches present.

Following a sermonette by Portland pastor, Paul Dixon, Mike and Pat Ranalla were received into membership by the Limington church as a result of studies with Pastor Labbe. After drifting away, they returned "home."

Joining the Ranallas in this rebirth was Richard DeRosier. His conversion began with a book in a

doctor's office and culminated after a Revelation Seminar brochure in his mailbox led him to Pastor Labbe. Richard was accepted into the Saco congregation.

It is the prayer of these congregations that as we go forward to help finish the closing work, we will see many more joyous occasions. May the Lord be allowed to lead and guide in the lives of each of His followers.

*Stephanie Umbro
Limington Communication Secretary*

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

DANBURY-BETHEL CHURCH GROWS IN MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITMENT

Recently the Danbury-Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bethel, Connecticut, welcomed seven new church members during a beautiful celebration of baptism and profession of faith. All seven new church members had been studying the Bible and Seventh-day Adventist Church tenets with Elder Solomon Lebesse and wanted to join the church before he and his wife, Helen, moved to South Africa. Brother Lebesse accepted an invitation to serve as President of Bethel SDA College. Helen accepted a teaching position nearby at Butterworth SDA School.

After vows of commitment for membership were taken by the faithful candidates, Pastor Thomas LeBlanc baptized Delores La Bombard, Cathy Selke, and Tom and Shirley Johnson. All four were introduced to the Adventist faith through friends who are Danbury-Bethel church members. Nancy Hettel; her husband, Brian; and Nancy's sister, Tammy Fairchild, became church members by profession of their faith. Nancy patiently waited for her husband's decision

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Persons joining the Bethel-Danbury Seventh-day Adventist church are: (l. to r.) Shirley and Tom Johnson, Tammy Fairchild, Brian and Nancy Hettel, Cathy Selke, and Delores LaBombard who are standing with Solomon and Helen Lebesse, and Pastor Thomas LeBlanc.

to become a church member so they could experience this spiritual milestone together. Nancy and Tammy have been earnestly seeking God's will in their lives. They have been inspired to a great extent by the faith of their parents, church members, Ray and Dolly Smith. The Smiths were first introduced to the SDA Church through a tract on the Sabbath a church member gave to them seven years ago.

Pastor LeBlanc challenged all the church members as he stressed the importance of being committed to Christ no matter what we face in

our lifetime. Whether it is sacrifices or "turning the other cheek," God's Spirit will help us to go the extra mile for Him. "The well of living water is ours to draw from, but we must be willing to make the step and invite God into our life," he asserted.

The Danbury-Bethel church has been going forward with commitment and faith in the search for land for a new and larger church building conducive to the comfort and growth of the church family there.

Norann Cubberly-Waller

NEW HOME FOR WORCESTER MISSION CHURCH

The Worcester Pleasant Street Seventh-day Adventist Church (formerly Worcester Mission) began meeting in their own building at 370 Pleasant Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, on July 4, 1993.

The members are very thankful to Maranatha International for their timely help with renovations.

On October 9 a Children's Day

was conducted with the Sabbath school and morning worship conducted by the children. The dynamic speakers for the morning worship were Craig-Michael Chambers and Felix Claxton, both ten years old. Their topics were, "God Uses Kids" and "Jesus, the Mysterious Boy." More than 200 friends and members responded with spontaneous and vigorous "Amen's." Those who gave added support to the day's activities were

Greater Boston Academy Friendship Puppets, Bethel Children's Choir, Greater Boston Academy students, and Mr. Louie Para.

We invite visitors and those looking for a church home to join us at our permanent home on Pleasant Street in Worcester. We thank God for all His blessings and the way He has led.

*Dorothy Vassell
Communication Secretary*

CONNECTICUT VALLEY CHURCH CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

July marked the hundredth year since the beginning of the Hartford Seventh-day Adventist church. The name was changed to the Connecticut Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1987 when a new church building was constructed in South Windsor. The centennial celebration included inspiring sermons and music, as well as recollections of memorable church history. Friendships were established, renewed and strengthened. Devoted Christian service was encouraged and recognized. Many friends and relatives came to celebrate.

Guest speakers included two previous pastors, Elders David Thomas and Bruce Fox. Elder Thomas spoke during the evening program on Friday. Elder Thomas pastored the congregation from 1984–1988. He helped organize and expedite the construction of the church seven years ago. He is currently the pastor of South Lancaster Village church. His commemorative message explored the meaning and measure of success. He asserted, "Jesus measured success by service." Since "there is no success without service," Elder Thomas challenged the congregation to follow Christ's example of serving others. He concluded his message by stating, "If every church, in anticipation of the coming of Christ, would give a testimony of greatness in terms of service, what a place this world would be!"

Elder Fox delivered Sabbath's sermon. He pastored the church

from 1972–1978. He currently leads a congregation in Portland, Oregon. Elder Fox's sermon expounded on the qualities of love that surpass knowledge and time. He affirmed the strong impact love has on others and how it "enables us to know and be known. By our traits and features, the love of Christ is revealed." He added, "Christ in you is the hope of glory."

Pastor John Oddie has led the church since 1989. Special recognition was given to him and his wife, Hazel, by church member Glenn Coe who stated, "Few are the pastors who seem to enjoy all aspects of being a pastor—and pastor's wife. This gent and his wife have done a wonderful service for this church and have drawn us together as a family." Pastor Oddie was presented a medallion as a memento of the church family's appreciation.

Also recognized for his dedicated service was Don Anderson, the church's treasurer for the past 45 years. Don's wife Marguerite smiled proudly, as did Don's brothers, when a medallion was presented to him. Don humbly accepted it and warmly asserted, "The whole church is my family." The afternoon program was referred to as "Don Anderson, this is your life." He was included in many photo-

graphs and knew many previous church members in those photographs. Don has been known as a very dedicated church member and scrupulous financial manager through the years.

An engraved plaque was presented in appreciation of Arlyne Bauer's 30 years as the church organist.

Over the last hundred years God has blessed this church with many committed Adventists. Included among them are evangelists O. J. Mills (church pastor from 1962–1970) and Mark Finley. Church members Kurby Bechthold and Ron Rehurek moved to South Windsor to begin this church's construction in 1987. From 1918 until 1926 the Southern New England Conference was located in Hartford and some officers were church members in the Hartford location. In 1893 this church membership stood at 31. Today it is 200.

The Connecticut Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church gratefully celebrated God's presence through the years, in success as well as adversity. The church anticipates the marvelous celebration with Him in heaven.

Norann Cubberly-Waller
Communication Secretary

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Pittsfield, MA	5:12	5:21	5:30	5:38
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Deaths

PLUMMER, Ralph V.—b. July 6, 1903, Amherst, NH; d. Mar. 8, 1993, Amherst, NH. Survivors include a daughter, Beulah Ford; and several other relatives. His wife, Stella Clark Plummer; a daughter, Pauline Estelle Hayward; and an infant daughter, Evelyn Josephine, predeceased him.

TORRES, Evangelista—b. Oct. 18, 1909, Puerto Rico; d. July 4, 1993, NY, NY. Survivors include three children, Sarah Murphy, Gladys and Tony Torres; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

VITELLARO, Felix—b. Nov. 27, 1905, Birmingham, AL; d. Sept. 27, 1993, Huntington, NY. Survivors include three sisters, Rose Vitulli, Virginia Contacessi, and Mary Hein; a son, Peter; daughters, Angela Vitellaro and Ambrosina Buckley; 14 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

WOODWARD, Harrison L.—b. July 14, 1905, Lebanon, NH; d. Nov. 4, 1993, Collegedale, TN. Survivors include his wife, Pauline P. Woodward; one daughter, Patricia; three brothers, Leon, Robert, and Earl; four sisters, Roxie, Evelyn, Georgia and Elaine; and one grandson. Mr. Woodward was manager of the Southern College Village Market for 25 years.



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South Lancaster Seventh-day Adventist Church History Comes Alive

The Heritage Room is one of the rooms of the original South Lancaster Church which was excavated by about 40 students and teachers of South Lancaster Academy (SLA) and two teams of horses on a Sunday morning in 1897. The room affords a quiet place to view church history through the printed page, pictures, and artifacts. There are original records and actual artifacts once used by our forefathers on exhibition for viewing. The room is well appointed and its contents are intriguing.

On exhibition at the moment are health, food, and cookbooks through the years including during the era of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg. Some of the books Dr. Kellogg and his wife authored.

The Heritage Room may be visited before and after services and by appointment. Last year nearly 800 persons visited the Heritage Room coming from as far away as Hungary and Canada. All are welcome—young people and adults.



On October 27, 1993, Mrs. Renate Wehtje's fifth grade class enjoyed an escorted tour of the South Lancaster SDA Church with Dr. Geraldine Grout, church historian. The class is pictured in the Heritage Room at the conclusion of the tour.



PHOTOS BY GERALDINE I. GROUT

The South Lancaster Seventh-day Adventist Church Heritage Room lends an inviting atmosphere for visitation or study.

If anyone has pictures, articles, letters, artifacts, et cetera, pertinent to the history of this church that you would like to donate or even just lend, please send them to the following address. It is felt that they would be both interesting and edifying for the members and visitors to view. Your interest is appreciated.

Services of thanksgiving and rededication for God's unfailing guidance and rich blessings through the 130 years since the South Lancaster Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized falls on the very day it was formally organized—Sabbath afternoon, April 30, 1864. On that day four devout, dedicated married couples—Elder and Mrs. Stephen N. Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Priest, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Priest; and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Rice became charter members of this church.

Please continue to watch for further announcements regarding our rededication services next April.

Dr. Geraldine Grout
South Lancaster SDA Church Historian
P.O. Box 204
South Lancaster, MA 01561

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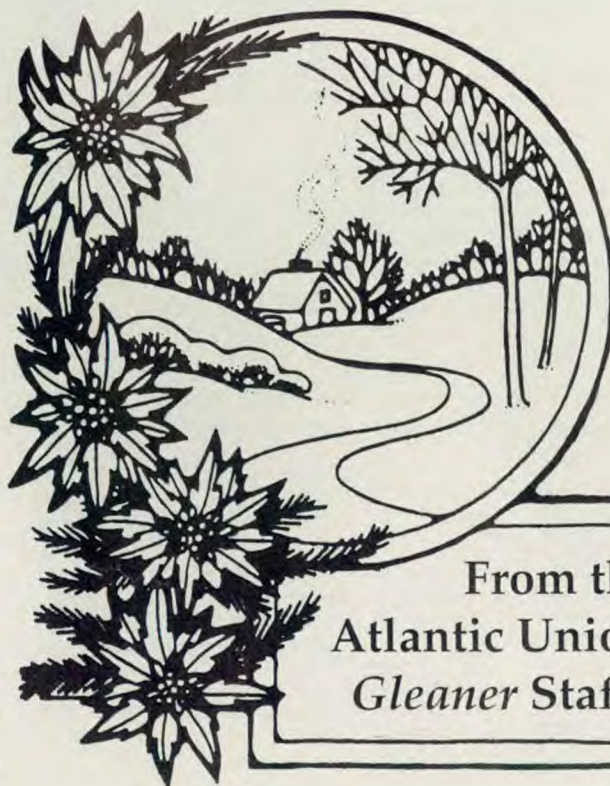
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- The Religious Freedom Restoration Act passed the United States Senate by an overwhelming vote of 97-3 on October 27, 1993. The House of Representatives had passed this bill at an earlier date. On November 16, 1993, President Bill Clinton signed this bill, making it official as a law of the land.
- In California, voters rejected Proposition 174, the voucher plan which would have had the government paying parents \$2,600 to enroll their children in public and private schools. Nearly 70% of those voting said No! The California church/state policy states:

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