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A LIFE FULFILLED IN SERVICE

It was one year ago that the life of one of Adventism's greatest daughters was celebrated in the City Tabernacle church, 562 West 150th Street in New York City. The occasion was the funeral service for Elizabeth V. Martin who died at the age of ninety years.

Here was an individual whose life had been saturated with loving service for Christ and His Church. When a tragedy came which led to her demise, it sent shock waves throughout the Northeastern Conference and in parts of the nation where she was known.

Born in Charleston, South Carolina, Elizabeth was recognized as a child possessing a great love for Bible stories. Learning new stories from her parents, Elder and Sister W. H. Maynor, she would gather her little friends and repeat the stories to them. Elizabeth was destined to be a teacher and as she grew, so did her hunger for knowledge.

The value of solid Adventist education was seen in Elizabeth's life. From elementary school through college, she was enriched with a system of values which served to deepen her love for Christ and prepare her for service in God's vineyard.

During the war years she was employed at the New York Port of Embarkation, which required employees to work seven days a week and often around the clock—but not Elizabeth. She shared her faith and convictions in such an impressive way that supervisors were compelled to bend and break rules to accommodate one small but dedicated Christian woman! She kept the Sabbath and rejoiced in the Lord for His goodness to her.

Many people talk about faith, which is trusting God and taking Him at His word. Elizabeth Martin lived by faith and leaned upon the Lord, overcoming sickness, difficulties, and obstacles. She was never an idle church member, because she wanted to do the Lord's bid-



ding at all times so that the coming of Christ would be hastened.

She served as Bible Instructor under many of the church's outstanding evangelists and was a representative for the Voice of Prophecy, Faith For Today, and Metro Correspondence Schools. Her burden was training others for outreach work and she touched hundreds of lives in this venue.

Those who followed her colorful career testified that Elizabeth Martin devoted over seventy years of loving service to the work of soul winning. The last forty of these years were spent at the City Tabernacle church.

What an example she has left for her daughters, Sara Pinkney and Helen Griffiths; her sister, Louise Maynor Teamer, and many other members of the family. In her own words Elizabeth Martin has left a great testimony for all who remain until He comes: "My life has been full and complete. No tears need be shed for me except they be tears of joy. I have always tried to serve God with my whole heart. Let us plan to meet again on the sea of glass?"

And that, my friends, is what a life fulfilled in service, is all about. Complete in Christ!

About Our Cover Photo:

Paul Miller of Vernon, VT, has once again produced a beautiful picture for our June issue this year. It received Honorable Mention in our 1988-89 Gleaner Cover Photo Contest.



RUSSIANS WORSHIP IN BROOKLYN GROUP

Shown are some of the Russian persons who began studying and worshipping Sabbaths at the Brooklyn church. Russian pastor Leonid Fundo (wearing prayer shawl) leads out in the adult group; his wife, Marina, conducts Sabbath school for a lively group of children who meet in the next room.

A number of the Russian worshippers, some of whom are Jewish, had found their way to the Adventist Information Center in Manhattan in 1992 and especially in 1993. As they shared their interest in learning more about the Bible, Naomi Sica, Information Center



manager, put them in touch with Pastor Fundo, who came to Greater New York from Moscow, Russia, in 1993.

Mrs. Sica says, "The Lord led these precious Russians here and

many of them now faithfully attend the new Russian congregation in Brooklyn." The group of 15 to 25 persons now meet at 9:30 a.m. on the lower level of the Brooklyn school, 1260 Ocean Avenue.

NEARLY 150 GRADUATED IN CEREMONIES AT NEW HAVEN AND FIRST GHANA CHURCHES

Shown are some graduates of recent Lay Bible Worker courses held in two New York City churches in Greater New York Conference. Fifty-two were graduates at the New Haven church in Brooklyn (l.) on Sabbath afternoon, April 2. Ninety-one graduated at the First Ghana church (r.) Sabbath morning, April 9.

Materials and tests for the weeks-long training series were provided by the Conference Personal Ministries Department, under the direction of Elder R. C. Connor. Church pastors, Elder G. Earl Knight and Dr. B. Owusu Antwi, supervised the instructors. Each graduate received a certificate and

credentials for one year. Lay Bible Workers renew the credentials after one year when they have won a soul to the Lord.

Elder Robert Connor was the graduation speaker at both graduation services. Four other churches plan graduations in the near future.



THE POWER OF THE SILENT WITNESS— MESSAGE

If you're simply looking for some thing to keep you up to date on the latest happenings, what's "hot" and what's not, there are plenty of choices— *Time*, *Ebony*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *Life*, to name a few. These report on the news of the day, events past and present—their pages saturated with tantalizing headlines and dazzling photos and artwork.

But if you are looking for something more, a spiritual perspective, a moral commentary, for "God's news behind the news"—from an African American perspective—there's really just one choice, *Message*. I am proud and excited to be associated with the rich and historical ministry of *Message* magazine. Not just a great magazine with prominent features and headlines, *Message* is a magazine with a "soul" and a mission.

A personal testimony

My personal experience with *Message* goes back more than 20 years to my days as a student literature evangelist. I sold *Message* on the streets of many U.S. cities and abroad. As each issue hit the streets, I could hardly wait to see the new cover and peruse the contents page. I would watch the people as they glanced through the magazine, noting the titles and subjects. I would study their facial expressions as they decided whether to receive its truth-filled pages. I have witnessed tearful struggles of people who desired change in their lives because of what they read. I can testify to the impact that *Message* makes in the lives of people as they receive it into their hands and read, as truth

begins to seep into their hearts. The resounding promise of God is that His Word will not return ineffective, "but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11, NIV).

For almost 100 years the message of salvation has been proclaimed in print through the pages of *Message* magazine. For decades editors and authors have toiled with dedication and diligence to write and publish, provide help and hope, supply admonishment and encouragement. Stories and events have brought the reality of the goodness of God alive, enlightening and edifying those who would ingest its contents. Many have been

guided in their understanding of the principles and truths of the Word of God. Sharing health, history, answers to questions, and so much more, *Message* is reaching thousands.

The mission and method

So today as the editor of *Message* magazine, I am extremely clear as to its mission to reach the masses with the saving truths of the gospel and lead men and women to a life-changing experience. It is with delight that I take part in preparing *Message* to continue to perform this vital work.

I take pride in the approach that *Message* utilizes to share Christ Jesus



with its readers. When on earth Christ taught the people with parables. He took what people were familiar with to introduce to them what they were not familiar with—His new kingdom. Parables are still the simplest method of instruction. So it is that *Message* takes the contemporary themes of today—what society is up on and familiar with, what catches the attention of the people—and uses them to present the message of Jesus' saving love.

One single parent wrote concerning the encouragement of the article, "The Thrill of Forgiveness" provided for her. "If I didn't know better," she explained, "I would have thought he [the author] was talking about my son." Deeply concerned about her son's deep depression, she had shared the story from *Message* with him to assure him that "God loves him."

When significant circumstances or events have occurred that demand special attention, *Message* has developed special issues that offer awareness, insights, and answers for such concerns as the drug and substance abuse problem, the AIDS dilemma, and bridging the "cultural gap" that is so prevalent in our world.

With the staggering statistics on violence and crime—the number one topic in news media around the world—*Message* has accepted the challenge to prepare a special issue that (1) presents the reality of and rationale for violence, (2) gives some biblical perspectives on it, (3) tells how you can protect yourself against violence, (4) teaches adults and children how to control their emotions and offers methods for working out disagreements, (5) and what Christians can and should be doing in the this global wake of crisis. This enlightening presentation will inform, instruct, and guide to greater preparedness, awareness and safety for the family and the community.

With statistics showing rapid growth in the Black Muslim organization—The Nation of Islam, *Message* is preparing an issue,

"The Christians Response to the Nation of Islam." How do we reach out to those with vastly differing religious views? As Christians we should "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15, NIV).

Message is in touch with contemporary themes conveying the latest information and help for physical and mental wellness, domestic violence, issues concerning women, historical and current events, insights and updates on Black history, marriage, family life, parenting, and children's concerns. Caleb Rosado, a writer from Arcata, California, states, "I like writing for *Message* because it is on the cutting edge, it deals with relevant issues." Each issue features exciting and healthy recipes, a story for young readers, and ideas for obtaining and maintaining good health. Most important, *Message* includes a doctrinal package that illuminates beliefs and standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In the philosophy of *Message*, self-help programs are a must. *Message* includes articles for personal growth and development that don't preach, but in the simplest terms teach how to live healthier, happier, longer, more enjoyable lives—a blueprint for a fuller and more abundant lifestyle.

The *Message* staff is committed to excellence in ministry through its content, preparation, and service. They are often in prayer for those who write with their concerns and request. They are also dedicated to quality and personal satisfaction. The publishers and staff are grateful to those who have faithfully witnessed through this exciting tool—*Message*.

Good news for all people

It doesn't matter what culture or background you are from, you can experience the power of *Message*. It does not preach an Afro-centric gospel," as one subscriber angrily ex-

pressed. We were delighted to tell him that *Message* proclaims *only* the gospel of Jesus Christ for all people and all cultures. This, with the coverage of current issues makes an appealing presentation for people of differing backgrounds. *Message* maintains a broad and diverse perspective utilizing authors and writers from varied cultures and experiences. Fortunately, God saw fit to establish a ministry focused toward the African-Americans 100 years ago. It is because of this mandate that we continue to reach and win them for Christ.

Many of you have African-American neighbors and friends for whom you have been searching for a special way to share friendship, express kindness, or get acquainted. Let *Message* open that door for you! A subscription to *Message* magazine will show that you are interested in them personally, spiritually, and in their cultural needs and concerns. Then watch the Spirit of God go to work for you. *Message* will open doors, break down barriers, and create an atmosphere that will draw men and women to Christ.

Nothing is more thrilling or exciting than to receive letters from *Message* recipients expressing thanks and excitement for what God has done for them through an article or special issue of *Message*. Nothing is more encouraging than to witness entire families, as happened this past summer, become members of the remnant family of God because somebody sent *Message* magazine to them. Nothing will be more grand than to share the glories of eternity with friends and family who are there because we cared enough to send *Message*.

The ministry of *Message* is working for thousands. Let it work for you!



Stephen P. Ruff
Editor, *Message Magazine*

1994—THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

PASTORAL COUPLE ATTENDS FORUM IN MALTA



The official United Nations emblem for the International Year of the Family symbolizes a heart sheltered by a roof, linked to another heart. Together they symbolize life and love in a home where one finds warmth, caring, security, togetherness, tolerance and acceptance.

The United Nations recently kicked off its 1994 International Year of the Family with a forum in Valletta, Malta. Among the nearly one thousand participants representing more than one hundred countries was a pastoral couple from Portland, Maine, Paull and Rebecca Dixon.

"We were surprised and delighted with the invitation extended to us to participate in this landmark United Nations Forum," explained Rebecca, Family Life Director for the Northern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. "The meetings were very positive and upbeat while at the same time addressing the almost overwhelming challenges faced by many families today," added Pastor Dixon.

Mr. Henryk J. Sokalski, the United Nations Coordinator for the International Year of the Family, in his opening address at the Malta Forum said, "Strong and healthy families make strong and healthy societies. A stable and loving family provides the healthiest environment for the generation to come."

The theme of the International Year of the Family is "Building the



Paull and Rebecca Dixon of Portland, Maine, in Malta with Henryk Sokalski (center), United Nations Coordinator for the International Year of the Family

smallest democracy at the heart of society." The principles which underlie the IYF proclamation encourage programs that "promote the inherent strengths of families, including their great capacity for self-reliance."

The Dixons are contacting other community leaders to create an awareness of the International Year of the Family. They are coordinat-

ing a series of family life educational programs for the community, and they are taking speaking appointments for civic organizations, churches, and schools.

*Paull and Rebecca Dixon
Family Life Directors
Northern New England Conference*



ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

DINING COMMONS CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN THIS MONTH

Atlantic Union College has selected a local contractor, Mullaney Corporation, of Leominster, Mass., to construct the new Chan Shun Dining Commons, according to Lisa Wheeler, development director. The Executive Committee of the college's Board of Directors voted on April 6 to begin construction on June 1. The project is expected to be completed in nine to ten months

and to open next spring.

The college planned to begin preconstruction work, such as connecting steam tunnels to the site and removing trees, last month.

The new building will cost \$2.2 million, Wheeler said. Kitchen equipment will cost another \$300,000. This construction project is not expected to have any effect on AUC's operating budget. Rather, funding will come from the \$2,471,526 the college has received in gifts and pledges from current campaigns.

In addition, Wheeler said AUC hopes to bring in \$300,000 from the sale of 1,000 inscribed paver bricks and 30 marble keystones to alumni and friends. The pavers will be laid on the north terrace of the dining commons, which will be used for outdoor eating and as the platform for outdoor events such as graduation ceremonies. The keystones will define the building's archways. For more information, call the college development office at (508) 368-2340.

WEEKEND EVENTS BRING ALUMNI TO CAMPUS

Approximately 250 alumni of Atlantic Union College registered as guests at AUC's annual alumni weekend, April 15-17. These included alumni who had sung in the Collegiate Choir or Scholars of the Chapel during the past eight years, the years James Bingham has been AUC's choral director. Bingham led a choir of more than 100 voices for the Friday evening vespers and Sabbath morning worship service.

Other musical groups who reunited for the weekend were the Crusaders and Chordsmen, two male quartets who sang on campus during the mid-1950s, and the Minuteman Quartet, who sang together in 1963. These groups sang indi-

vidually and together on Sabbath, and invited others to join them for two male chorus numbers on Saturday evening.

Guest speakers included Audray Johnson, from the Southeastern

California Conference, who preached for both Sabbath morning worship services, and Darrel Rollins, dean of Shaw University in North Carolina, speaker for Sabbath vespers.



James Bingham, AUC choral director, led a choir of more than 100 during alumni weekend. They included members of the Collegiate Choir, Scholars of the Chapel, and alumni.

REORGANIZATION AND PLANNING IN PROGRESS

AUC's administrators have been working with faculty and staff to sharpen the college's focus for the future. They also have been restructuring to make the school more efficient and cost-effective.

Osa-Karin Canto, director of academic records, has been named assistant vice president for enrollment management. She will oversee recruitment, telecounseling, and other functions that involve attracting students to the college and helping them integrate into campus life. AUC's previous enrollment

management director was Gene Edelbach, who has transferred to La Sierra University in California.

Other changes, in process as the school year draws to a close, will be announced in a future issue of the *Gleaner*.

GREATER NEW YORK

SPANISH UNIVERSITY CHURCH PRAISES GOD FOR NEW LOCATION

The Spanish University church in the Bronx has seen the power of God manifested many times, but members are agreed that the greatest manifestation came on Saturday, January 15, 1994. This was the last day the Judge of the Supreme Court in the Bronx had given the congregation to vacate the building where they had been worshipping. One month before, they had no place to go. Pastor Abel Rosario led the church in prayer. Every day, at 7:00 a.m., 12 Noon, and 10:00 p.m., they prayed. They also fasted several times. Members praise God that the Lord saw their need and their great faith, and acted on their behalf.

On October 13, 1993, a church member had seen a sign indicating a building was for sale. He told Pastor Rosario about it and the pas-

tor immediately checked on it. By Thursday, December 30, the deal was closed, and the University church became owners of the temple located at 165 East Tremont Avenue.

On a snowy January 15, with the temperature at 12° Fahrenheit, most of the congregation's 411 members

marched several blocks from their former church home to their new one. The Spanish University church is grateful to God and to the conference for making it possible for them to become owners of the new church building.

David Pastor



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES LAUNCHED AT VICTORY CHURCH

On February 19, a Family Life and Women's Day Focus was scheduled at the Victory church in the Bronx, under the direction of Bridget Carruth, Women's Ministry Director for the church.

A full day's emphasis on Bonding and Sharing began at 8:30 in the morning with a "Power Hour." Betty Cooney, Conference Communication director and co-chairperson of the 1994 Women's Prayer Retreat Committee, was the speaker. Sabbath school, led by Superintendent Sylvia Wellington, featured women of the Bible depicted by nine women of Victory church. Junell Vance, Women's Ministries



Junell Vance, featured speaker for the Victory church launching of women's ministries, leads the congregation in singing. On her right is Bridget Carruth, Women's Ministries leader of the church.

Director for the Atlantic Union Conference, spoke at the 11:00 a.m. Divine Worship service, closing with an altar call that, by God's grace, drew many to their feet.

Following lunch and a prayer time, Junell again shared, giving information and answering questions about Women's Ministries. A

4:30 p.m. meeting featured Alipia Gonzalez, co-chairperson of the Women's Prayer Retreat Committee, who gave her personal testimony of God's power to save to the uttermost, regardless of how hopeless or abusive a situation may seem. Vespers with Junell Vance concluded the day.

FIRST VAN WORKER IN GREATER NEW YORK HONORED

Valter Szoboszlai, a former missionary to Angola and a van driver and nurse-technician for 14 years with the Van Program in Greater New York, holds a plaque given him at a



dinner held in his honor at a Long Island restaurant. His wife, Iris, is at right.

Van Program staff members shared recollections of experiences they had had with Valter while working together; with a number of the experiences serving as tributes to his courage and sense of humor. Elder Merlin Kretschmar, Conference president and Juanita Kretschmar, director of Adventist Community Health Services, expressed their appreciation for Valter's missionary zeal since the day he started work as the first paid van worker in the conference. Now a heart-transplant recipient, he still occasionally answers phones at the Van Center, where his wife works in the food and clothing warehouse. Elder Bob Dale, North American Division Vice President for Strategic Planning, was on hand to make the plaque presentation.

OFFICIAL NOTICE GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the 49th Triennial Session of the Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 12, 1994, in the main auditorium at Camp Berkshire, Wingdale, New York.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and departmental directors and transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, one delegate for each 30 up to 200 members, and one additional delegate for each 50 members. Each church is entitled to elect alternate delegates who may be seated at the Conference session in place of any regular delegates not present.

G. M. Kretschmar, President
Linford Martin, Secretary

RIDGEWOOD CHURCH COUPLE CELEBRATES 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On February 26, 1994, the Ridgewood church joined in a potluck dinner to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Gotthard and Alida Althaus. Alida, born in Estonia, and Gotthard, born in Germany, were married on February 24, 1934. Standing with the Althaus is Mrs. Althaus's nephew, Edgar Schmidt, who came from Canada, to be with them on their anniversary.



OFFICIAL NOTICE GREATER NEW YORK CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the Triennial Session of the Greater New York Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the Triennial Session of the Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, convening at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 12, 1994, in the main auditorium at Camp Berkshire, Wingdale, New York. The delegates to the Conference are also delegates to the Corporation.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Board of Trustees for the coming triennial period, to receive reports, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

G. M. Kretschmar, President
P.T. Sica, Secretary

Dinorah Caraballo
Communication Leader

NEW YORK

New York Camp Meeting '94

June 24 – July 2
Union Springs Academy
Union Springs, New York

Highlights

Guest Speakers
Dan Matthews
Jim Nix
Mark Finley
Hyveth Williams
Richard Barron

Your Favorite Camp Meeting Events!

Pathfinder Fair
After Glow
Seminars to Grow By
Songs of Praise

Guest Musicians

Bruce & Cindy Coston
MelloAires
Joni Bell
Vondelle Stephenson
Hunt Family
Jeri Zacharias
Carrie Goettsch
Barbara & Peggy Hildreth
Nina Dale & Delores Foote

Yours in the Blessed Hope

You are invited to share in a camp meeting experience of true worship! join the New York family for a time of spiritual growth, enrichment and inspiration. Come be part of this special event...

GUEST SPEAKERS



**Dan
Matthews**

Dan Matthews is Executive Director of Faith For Today Television, and host of that organization's weekly television program, "Lifestyle Magazine." Before assuming FFT leadership, he served as a pastor and public relations administrator.



**Jim
Nix**

Jim Nix is Associate Director of the Ellen G. White Estate. He has been an associate archivist, librarian and lecturer, among other responsibilities. He is also a published author.



**Mark
Finley**

Mark Finley is the Speaker/Director for It Is Written telecast. He is founder of the North American Division Evangelism Institute. He has conducted evangelistic campaigns throughout the world.



**Hyveth
Williams**

Hyveth Williams is the first black female pastor in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and is currently pastor of the Boston Temple. She has been recognized for her accomplishments and is gaining attention as a dynamic speaker.



**Richard
Barron**

Richard Barron is Associate Director, Department of Church Ministries, General Conference. He has been a pastor/evangelist, youth director and conference president. He is recipient of Kiwanas and NAACP awards.



New York Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists
1994 CAMP MEETING APPLICATION

June 24 – July 2, 1994

Please check accommodations desired:	Fee:
<input type="checkbox"/> Dormitory room (2 single beds; no cooking)	\$106
—will you have children under age 13 with you? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, you must stay in boys' dormitory.	
—extra beds are available in dormitory rooms ONLY at a charge of \$5 per additional bed. Number of beds needed _____.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tent/Trailer space on hill (electricity provided)	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Tent/trailer space off hill w/air-conditioning and electricity	\$89
(spots directly behind locating, Nos. 32–45 must pay for a/c)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Camper/trailer spot off hill (electricity provided)	\$65
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabin, large	\$130
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabin, small	\$106

Overnight Guests: If you are not planning to stay at camp meeting the entire time, please indicate below which nights you will be staying:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 6/24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, 6/27 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 6/30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sabbath, 6/25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, 6/28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 7/1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, 6/26 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, 6/29 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sabbath, 7/2 |

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Telephone: _____

Cabins: Cabins are preassigned. The cost is \$130 for large cabins and \$106 for small cabins. Furnishings in the cabin are the sole responsibility of the cabin user. We usually do have some cabins available for specific nights and will try to accommodate you if we can. The charge for a cabin on a per-night basis is \$20.

Pets: For health reasons, and for the consideration of others, pets are not allowed on the camp grounds.

Minors: Accommodations are made available on the basis that the person applying for them will provide proper supervision of any minors under his/her jurisdiction.

Please mail completed application to Priscilla English, New York Conference of S.D.A., P.O. Box 67, Syracuse, NY 13215-0067. Thank you.

ACADEMY RECEIVES PORTION OF SIMKIN ESTATE

Union Springs Academy was the recipient of a \$26,596.97 check from the Cora Simkin Estate last December. Cora Simkin, a longtime church member of the Elmira, New York, Seventh-day Adventist Church left a percentage of her estate to USA in her will. Cora was predeceased by her husband Glen Simkin of Elmira. The Simkin family owned a large and successful farm in the Elmira

area. Cora's nephew, Malcolm Dwyer, who resides in the Elmira area, provided the background on Cora Simkin.

Cora Simkin (1906–1992), originally from the Cuba, New York, area, married and was baptized into the SDA Church in the early 40's. She and her husband Glen never had children of their own. Cora was a school teacher in the Elmira area public school system. Never having had children of her own, Cora took an interest in helping students who needed financial assistance for

school tuition. Over the years she aided several students from the Elmira SDA Church who attended Twin Tiers Junior Academy in Elmira and Union Springs Academy in Union Springs, New York.

Cora's love and care for young people became evident throughout her life. Because of this thoughtful gift upon her death, students at Union Springs Academy continue to benefit.

NEW YORK (CONTINUED)



Camp Cherokee

Saranac Lake, NY 12982

315/469-6921

\$40 Discount to all who pay in full by June 1, 1994

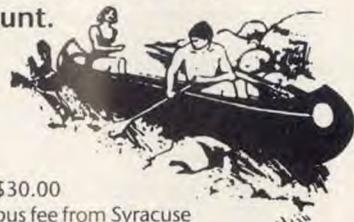
FEE	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	Family \$560	Family \$560	\$160	Family \$210	\$150
AGE	8-16	8-12	10-14	13-18	Families	Families	8-18	Families	Singles
SPEAKERS	Dave Foster	Bill Hrovat	George Kretschmar	Aaron Mountain	Dan Matthews	Karl Johnson	Karl Johnson	Dr. R. Neil	Carmen Gonzalez
CAMPS	Blind Camp/ Friendship Camp	Splits Camp/ Junior Camp	Tween Camp	Teen Camp	Family Camp I	Family Camp II	Aquatics Camp	Health Professionals Retreat	Singles Camp
DATES	July 3-10	July 10-17	July 17-24	July 24-31	July 31 - Aug. 7	Aug. 7-14	Aug. 7-12	Aug. 10-14	Aug 17-21

Deduct \$10.00 for each additional week at Camp and for each additional family member. Acceptance and participation at Camp Cherokee are the same for everyone, without regard to race, religion, color, or natural origin.

\$110.00 for each family member beyond four during Family Camps I & II. During July, all camps are open to mildly developmentally handicapped persons. Early registration is required.

Send in this application before June 1 to PO Box 67, Syracuse, NY 13215, and receive a \$40.00 early registration discount.

Name _____ Home Church _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City _____ Which Camp _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Fee Enclosed _____



\$30.00
bus fee from Syracuse

ALUMNI PLEDGE NEARLY \$8,000

Union Springs Academy raised nearly \$8,000 in pledges during its five-night Alumni phonathon! Twenty-three USA students and seven staff members participated in calling alumni to ask for their sup-

port of USA's Annual Fund. A combined total of 93 hours was contributed by volunteer callers. Nightly prizes were given to the two top callers, and two grand prizes given for the top two callers for the weekly total.

Our top solicitor, Duska Wright, a sophomore raised \$905 in pledges

from 35 alumni. Amy J. Foote, a senior took second place with \$815 from 30 alumni. The grand total for the week was \$7,951 pledged by 309 alumni. A great big *Thank You* to all the donors and volunteers who contributed to making the phonathon a success!

SHARING THE VISION FOR UNION SPRINGS ACADEMY

One year ago a representative group of parents, academy staff, students, and conference representatives came together to share their vision for the future of Union

Springs Academy. On March 13, 1994, many of these same representatives met again to review all eight priorities and action steps written the previous year.

While the overall feeling was positive, there was a general consensus that more action steps must

be implemented from the action plan entitled, "On Wings Like Eagles." For instance, a list of names, addresses, and ages of all young people from newborn to 18 years old must be compiled to assure communication between the youth and the academy.

After hearing reports, sharing current priorities and touring the academy facilities, delegates were invited to become charter members of "The Committee of 100." Many have already become members, and many more are joining with others to form a corporate membership. We are praising God for the supporters of USA and for His continued blessing on the students and staff of Union Springs Academy.



Skip Bell, New York Conference president, leads out in a review of "On Wings Like Eagles."



Jim Glass, New York Conference treasurer, shapes a portion of the financial goals for Union Springs Academy.

New York Conference Women's Retreat

A Call To Holiness

by June Strong

When: September 30 – October 2, 1994

Where: Thornfield Conference Center
West Lake Road
Cazenovia, New York 13035

Cost: \$140.00 for the weekend includes 2 nights lodging and 6 meals.

- Registrations received prior to August 20, 1994, may deduct \$10.00
- \$70.00 for day attendance includes only 3 meals.
- Registrations received prior to August 20, 1994, may deduct \$5.00

Also

Joni Bell in Concert

ABC Display, October 1, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Old Fashioned Saturday Night Social

Choice of Seminars Which Include

Not Enough Time—Clarice Coston
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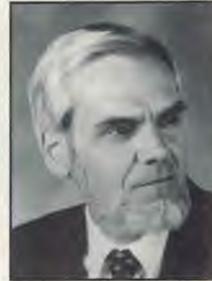
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PINE TREE ACADEMY CHOIR VISITS ROCHESTER

On March 19, the Pine Tree Academy Choir visited the Rochester Seventh-day Adventist Church. Under the direction of Dorothy Krueger, they presented the worship service in song. The Rochester congregation always looks forward to the arrival of the students and the spiritual uplift that their presence and music brings to the church. Following the service, a fellowship luncheon was served. The Rochester members look forward to the choir's next visit and their sharing of God's love in song.

Ray Champlin
Communication Secretary



Pine Tree Academy Choir

1994 MUSIC CLINIC

Every voice is silent as the lights dim over the packed auditorium. The conductor raises her baton. Musicians from two countries and six states have their instruments poised, ready to begin the concert that has been eagerly anticipated for months. Where is this concert hall? New York, Los Angeles, Paris perhaps? The answer is . . . Freeport, Maine.

For the fourteenth straight year, Pine Tree Academy played host to more than two hundred young musicians for a weekend of fun, friendship, and uplifting music during the annual Northern New England Conference Music Clinic. Thanks to the hard work of overall director

Doris Krueger, two clinicians, and a host of sponsors, this year's clinic ran very smoothly.

The band, guided by the baton of Mrs. Krueger, the choir under the direction of Janelle Westerbeck, and the strings led by Rhonda Burnham, jointly performed two main concerts over the course of the weekend plus several special numbers. The many musical selections ranged from sacred to secular.

Each year people are amazed at the speed with which so many students, who have never performed together before, coordinate their efforts to produce such beautiful music. This is due to the eager spirit of participants and the bond that develops between the students and their directors.

"The band that I conducted this year was one of the most responsive group of kids that I have ever worked with," commented Mrs. Krueger at the close of the weekend. "The long practices become very tiring after awhile," said one student, "but the end product is very gratifying."

As the weekend drew to a close, students returned home taking with them new friendships, a better understanding of music, and the satisfaction of knowing that they had used the talents that God gave them to glorify Him.

Stefanie Johnson
Freshman at Pine Tree Academy

ROCHESTER PATHFINDERS RECEIVE AWARDS

In a colorful ceremony, two members of the David 400 Pathfinders received awards upon completion of their studies and involvement in Pathfinder activities. Guided by the Holy Spirit and much determination, Stormy Keesling completed her studies and was awarded her Computer Badge.

Having satisfactorily completed the necessary Bible studies, Joshua Wiggin was awarded a certificate of Completion. The award ceremonies were conducted by Steve Loring, and as he pointed out, the youth of today are the church leaders of tomorrow. Following the award ceremonies, both Stormy and Joshua, accompanied by their proud parents, were warmly congratulated by the congregation.



Stormy Keesling (center) and Joshua Wiggin (right) standing with Steve Loring who conducted the award ceremonies.

Ray Champlin
Communication Secretary

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

NEW BUILDINGS FOR SNEC CHURCH FAMILIES

The old adage, "When it rains it pours" is very appropriate to what is taking place in the Southern New England Conference. For many years, it has been the desire of the various church families to have their own church facility and one big enough to meet their needs. Within the last six to eight months, many SNEC church families have found a building to renovate or property to buy for a new church, and they have been able to sell their former buildings.

The Stoneham church completely remodeled their church and restored it to its original design, making it a very comfortable sanctuary in which to worship God. The Northampton church family completely remodeled their church, and with a little lacking, has a

very lovely sanctuary in which to worship. The Fall River church is now working on the inside of their new church building. A few more months and it will be ready for worship.

The Bridgeport Spanish church inaugurated their new church building April 30, 1994. They are happy to have room again to worship comfortably. The Clinton Haitian church bought an old three-story public school building, is remodeling it, and it will be very adequate for their needs. The Boston Haitian church purchased a storefront building that was already being used as a church and are remodeling it to meet their needs.

The Gardner and Danbury churches have sold their present buildings and are negotiating for new property on which to build their new churches.

The Amesbury church family received an offer to sell eight acres where their school and community services building were housed. They sold it for over \$500,000 and the new owners gave them the option of remaining in their school for four years for \$1.00 per year rent. They are now looking for new property on which to build their school and community services facility.

Yes, we are living in the last days, but we need to plan for the future, as we don't know when Jesus will return. Let us pray for these new church facilities. Several other church families have large sums of money in savings for new facilities. Let us also pray for them that they will find the right place for their needs.

Truly the work in the Southern New England Conference is moving forward. God is blessing.

BIBLES FOR RUSSIA

This school year the fifth graders at Browning Elementary School voted to raise money for Bibles for Russia. They also wanted to put on a program at which they could collect an offering.

In September Pastor Bill Brace visited the classroom to tell about his recent experiences in Russia.

A new pupil enrolled in January. One day her father surprised the children with six \$100 bills for Russian Bibles. (The cheering nearly deafened the teacher.) However, most of the money brought in was in pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters that the children earned or contributed from their allowances.



From varied ethnic backgrounds, but all Americans: Pupils perform at the cultural diversity fundraiser for Bibles for Russia.

On March 30, the pupils performed a program for Cultural Diversity Month. Guests contributed \$114.68 to the Russian Bible Fund.

The next morning Pastor Bill Brace visited the classroom to receive \$1,291.05. (This bought almost 1300 Bibles.) He held an evangelistic series in May in Russia where he distributed the Bibles he purchased.

Pastor Brace visited Mrs. Wehtje's classroom at the end of May to report to the pupils about their Russian Bibles.

The fifth graders have other outreach projects. Mondays they take turns going to the Community Service Center to clean. They have been writing Amnesty International letters, collecting food for a local soup kitchen, and every Friday they read with their first-grade partners. For the Christmas party, they donated gloves for the Boston homeless instead of exchanging gifts. Scheduled for May is the making of "care packages" for the local fire and police departments.

Renate Wehtje

THAYER BRASS QUARTET ASSISTS IN CARIBBEAN CHORAL FESTIVAL

At the invitation of Elder Silton Browne of the Caribbean Union Conference, the Thayer Brass Quartet traveled to St. Maarten April 1 to 4, to assist in accompanying choral works for the annual Caribbean Choral festival. Singers aged high school to adult, coming from 12 islands, formed a 200-plus voice



Members of the Thayer Brass Quartet are (l. to r.): Conrad Roach, Trinidad, Sophomore, Trumpet Performance major; Ivor Browne, St. Croix, Senior, Music major; Justin Coe, Hartford, Connecticut, Sophomore, English major, Senate President; and Joel Sommers, Maine, Senior, Math and Computer Science major. The students were actively recruiting for AUC while on the trip.

choir, performing traditional sacred works for the island on Easter weekend. This year the events were held at the St. Maarten Sports Arena. A

concert was also given on Anguilla on Saturday evening, April 2.

Dr. Marjorie Ness

SNEC RECEIVES NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

Elder John Loor, Jr., has arrived from Central California to take up his new duties as Youth Director for the Southern New England Conference. Elder Loor has been busy meeting with groups of pastors and lay members, to get the youth programs in the conference up and moving again. He has spent his time on hiring the Camp Winnekeag summer staff, helping the Pathfinder area coordinators plan the spring camporee, helping with the youth camp meeting program,

meeting with the community services leaders in their federation meeting, meeting with Rita Vital the Boston Van Ministries director, meeting with Elder Marco Valença to help plan for the pastors, and with Gary Temple to help plan for his school visits.

"Elder Loor has been a busy person, and we are happy he has accepted our invitation. He has come in, taken a hold of the business at hand, given it his support, and our youth, Sabbath school and community services programs are off and running," stated Elder Charles C. Case, Sr, SNEC President.

We welcome Elder Loor and his family. His wife Susan is finishing her teaching contract in Fresno, California. She and the children, Cindy, age 19, and Robby, age 7 will arrive in June, when the family moves to the Southern New England Conference. Susan will be the new teacher at the Blueberry Hill School for the Gardner church. "The Loors will make a real contribution to the SNEC. We are happy they are here," commented Elder Case. Pray for them as they take up these new duties.

SPECIAL SPANISH VOICE OF PROPHECY RALLY

Dr. Milton Peverini held an evangelistic outreach reaping crusade in the Leominster Spanish church April 8 to 16. Sabbath afternoon, April 16, close to 1000 Hispanic believers crowded into the AUC field house to listen to Dr. Peverini and the Shalom quartet. More than sixty people answered Elder Peverini's appeal, and came forward, making

their decision to be baptized in the future.

Sunday, April 17, more than 350 Hispanic believers jammed the rented church in Hartford, Connecticut, to listen to the spoken Word and music. More than 35 came forward at Elder Peverini's call. Most of those who came forward are presently receiving Bible studies from the members of the Hartford Spanish church.

Dr. Peverini observed the beautiful and positive attitude of the His-

panic believers. He remarked, "I have noted a remarkable change in the Hispanic believers in the Southern New England Conference. I am happy to see this positive attitude and the earnestness to win souls. God is blessing your work in the Southern New England Conference among the Hispanics."

The planning of these rallies took months by the Hispanic pastors of our conference. They were well rewarded.

NORTHEASTERN

STUDENT RECEIVES DAR AWARD

Nicole Parham was the recipient of the Distinguished Daughters of the American Revolution award March 21, 1994, in Hamden, Connecticut. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Parham of New Haven, Connecticut, pastor of Mt. Zion Seventh-day Adventist Church and former pastor of the Boulevard church of Atlanta, Georgia.

The DAR is an organization of women directly descended from people who aided in the American independence. Women who can prove such descendants are eligible for membership. The DAR was founded in Washington, D. C., in 1890 and must report to Congress each year. It has over 212,000 members in more than 3,100 chapters in seven countries. Each year they choose one outstanding stu-

dent from selected high schools to award The American Good Citizenship Award and a check to the outstanding student of the school who has excelled in academics, dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

Nicole is a senior at Career High School, a Magnet School of New Haven, Connecticut, specializing in mathematics and science. Nicole



is ranked number eight in her class, and a member of the National Honor Society. She is a member of the school's Gospel Choir, member of the school's student to faculty advisory board, secretary of the Science Development Research club, Extended Day Care tutor, editor of the *Literary Magazine*, member of

the Student Council, Yearbook committee, and summer camp counselor. She worked summers at the Yale-New Haven nurses clinic as an intern, St. Raphael Hospital business office. The summer of 1993 she was selected from among her peers to work as an intern assistant at the Yale Medical School Epidemiology and Public Health Department. The project was on African sleeping sickness.

Nicole is very active in her local church. She was recently awarded Pathfinder of the Year. She has served as AYS secretary, AYS counselor, nursing home advocate, choir member, usher, and social committee member. Nicole has been accepted as a freshman at Oakwood College the fall of 1994. She plans to pursue a career in medicine.

*Mrs. Dorothy Hatton
Communication Secretary*

VETERAN BIBLE INSTRUCTOR RETURNS TO NORTHEASTERN

Veteran Bible Instructor, M. Myrtle Smith, was called to the Kingston church for a ten-day class that taught the members how to conduct Bible Studies.

Smith, now in semi-retirement and living in Memphis, Tennessee, returned to the conference where she served more than 20 years.

The class, which averaged just over 50 nightly, enthusiastically responded to Smith's down-to-earth teaching style. Her plain, practical instructional methods walked each attendee through the steps in effec-

tive witnessing and home study of God's word. The 18-hour class concluded with a graduation and certificates for those who completed the course work.

Kingston pastor, Lionel Martell, chose Smith to assist him in preparing his members for an evangelistic crusade scheduled for July of this year.

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Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-first regular constituency meeting (eighth triennial) of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Sunday, June 19, 1994, at Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York. The first meeting is scheduled to convene at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, departmental directors, and various committees for the ensuing triennium, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

Each organized church within the conference is entitled to be represented by duly appointed delegates on the basis of one for the organization, and one additional delegate for each 60 members or major fraction thereof.

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Calendar

CAMP MEETINGS

Bermuda
July 15 - 23

Greater New York
English July 2 and 9
Spanish July 16 - 23
French July 30 - Aug. 6
Ghanaian June 22 thru 26

New York
June 24 - July 2

Northeastern
June 24 - July 2

Northern New England
June 24 - July 2

Southern New England
June 17 - 25

Sunset Table

Eastern Daylight Saving Time

	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Bangor, ME	8:24	8:22	8:17	8:11	8:03
Portland, ME	8:26	8:23	8:19	8:13	8:06
Boston, MA	8:24	8:22	8:18	8:13	8:06
So. Lancaster, MA	8:27	8:25	8:21	8:15	8:08
Pittsfield, MA	8:33	8:31	8:27	8:22	8:15
Hartford, CT	8:29	8:27	8:23	8:17	8:11
New York, NY	8:30	8:28	8:25	8:20	8:13
Utica, NY	8:43	8:41	8:37	8:31	8:24
Syracuse, NY	8:47	8:45	8:41	8:35	8:28
Rochester, NY	8:53	8:51	8:47	8:41	8:34
Buffalo, NY	8:57	8:55	8:51	8:45	8:38
Hamilton, Bda.	7:28	7:27	7:24	7:21	7:16

Announcements

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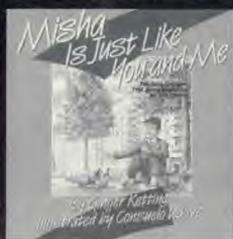
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PRESIDENT'S YOUTH COUNCIL MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

Hi! My name is Christen Higby and I am a member of the President's Youth Commission (PYC). I would like to share with you some information about who we are, why we exist, and what we hope to accomplish.

I am one of eighteen individuals (comprised of academy students, college students, and young adults) from the six Conferences in the Atlantic Union who were chosen to be a part of this group that would give suggestions to the Atlantic Union President concerning youth ministry within the church. When I received the invitation to participate in the first meeting that was held in October 1992, I had no idea what it was or how I had been selected to participate, but it sounded interesting so I went.

At the first meeting the Union President began by telling us that he believed the young people would finish the work as Ellen White said. He wanted to know what WE thought the church needed to address, and what WE felt could be done to empower the youth. Needless to say, I sat there with my mouth open, amazed that they were actually asking us.

On that first weekend of meetings we brought up many of the needs of young people and discussed what could be done about them. At the second meeting, held in September 1993, we narrowed these suggestions down to six recommendations. The following recommendations were made: (1) To duplicate the PYC in every Conference, so that the par-

ticular needs of each area would be dealt with. For continuity, individuals who are on the Union Youth Commission would also be members of the Conference Youth Commission. (2) To have youth representation (ages 17—24) on each of the six Conference Executive Committees. The feeling is that the youth should have a voice on the Conference Committees, and within three



President's Youth Commission (l. to r.): Front Row—Linda Lambert, Joel Morgan, Christen Higby; Middle Row—Freida Primm, Celeste Ryan, Carol Dozier; Back Row—Pastor Willie Oliver, Pastor Alvin Gouldbourne, Eric Kirchberg, and Dr. David L. Taylor.



years perhaps also be able to vote. (3) The Conference level PYC would work closely with the Youth Director not only to be the voice of the youth to him, but also to assist him in the youth activities of the Conference. (4) To include youth ministry

in the curriculum for ministerial training, involving Theology students with the youth programs of nearby churches before graduation. (5) To set up a youth Resource Center. However, we discovered that two already exist in the North American Division. We will spread this information to the youth who are interested in running their own youth groups or activities. (6) That there be a page set aside, as often as possible, in the *Gleaner* for articles written by or for the youth.

I wish I had space to tell you what an incredible Union President and Youth Director we have. They exemplify everything I believe a Christian to be. They graciously listened to our ramblings and frustrations and made sense out of it all. We deeply appreciate the work they've done.

I would also like to encourage the adults. Not all of the youth are leaving the church, and some of us are as concerned as you are. I want to see a fire lit in the youth that can't be put out. You cannot do the work for us. WE need to be the ones involved in running the youth programs and activities, not just attending them. I have already met youth around New York that are on fire for the Lord, some as young as 11. Watch in the coming months as we attempt to help these youth work and speak for the Lord.

Our next President's Youth Commission Meeting is scheduled for the weekend of October 14 to 16, 1994.