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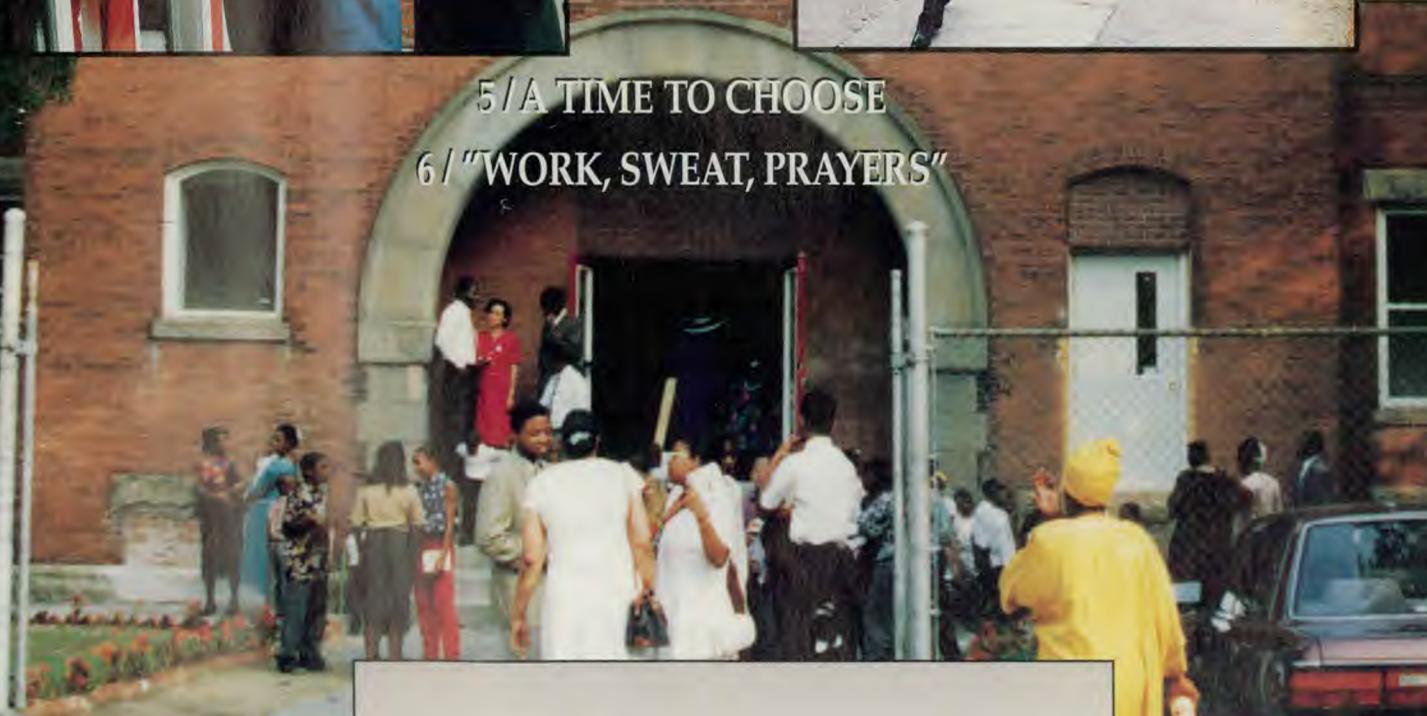
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"IT'S STILL EVANGELISM!"

"Philosophers" wrote Karl Marx, "have only interpreted the world differently; the point is, however, to change it." We as Christians can change the world. There are no established limits to human ability. Everyday old barriers are being dissolved because someone has influenced a person to think differently to bring about the change.

The church proclaims the changed world as the consequence of changed people. Reflective people produce new philosophies; it is only regenerated people who hold the clue to a society that is really new. It is this conviction, grounded in the good news that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself," that makes evangelism immensely more than a theory or a slogan. It brings it into focus as a necessity.

At this point one raises the question: In light of Revelation 14:6-12, how do we go forward with an evangelism that is continuous, contagious, and compelling, widening the circle of faith so that it includes more and more people who trust Christ as Saviour? When we consider how God's grace has triumphed in causing a people to witness for Him, we touch the heart of the gospel in action—Evangelism.

History reveals that the early disciples were commanded by the Lord to journey to Jerusalem and remain in the city until they were endued with power from on high (Acts 1:4). Jesus influenced 120 persons so deeply that they left their daily vocations and remained in their capital city until their goal was realized. They seemed to understand that the Holy Spirit had to influence the cities, counties, and far flung reaches of their global village.

God is speaking a solemn word to His church to be careful how we build or evangelize. We must rescue the concept of evangelism from the realm of the "special" and the "occasional," and anchor it where it belongs in the "essential" ongoing life and witness of the church. How may this be done?

There are three approaches to evangelism

labeled by the Institute of Church Growth in Pasadena, California, as: Presence Evangelism, Proclamation Evangelism, and Persuasion Evangelism. *Presence Evangelism* stems from the biblical word witness or testimony. The Christian must begin with presence evangelism by winning a hearing. The godly life of the soul winner will motivate the lost to give an honest hearing to the message. The Christian evangelizes by living the gospel before the lost and being a positive testimony so that the unsaved would want to become a Christian. *Proclamation Evangelism* is the Christian making the good news of Jesus Christ known so that the lost will understand it. The Christian must proclaim the gospel to the unsaved. Before a person can be saved they must hear the gospel (Romans 10:14) and understand the message. *Persuasion Evangelism* is not only proclaiming the gospel but it involves inspiring or motivating the unsaved to respond. It is essential for the Christian to persuade people to receive Christ. At times Paul pleaded with tears (Romans 9:2; 10:1); at other times he persuaded with the rational arguments of a trial lawyer (Acts 13:4). The Greek word for persuasion means "to bring another to a point of view." When Paul preached in Corinth, "he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded . . ." (Acts 18:4).

When will we realize that evangelism is not done by something, but by someone. It is an expression of God's love, and God is a person. His nature, being personal, is only expressed through personality, first revealed fully in Christ, and now expressed through His spirit in the lives of His people. Committees may help to organize and direct, but the work itself is done by individuals reaching others for Christ.

We are not here merely to interpret the world differently like the philosophers, but to change it. *It's Still Evangelism* and people are God's method. It's His strategy (Matthew 28:19, 20) and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it.

About Our Cover Photo:

The school building in Clinton, MA, lovingly transformed into a house of worship by Bethel church members and others; Conference President Charles C. Case leads the procession through the gates to the doors of their newly renovated church; and President Case proudly but humbly cuts the ribbon so that all may enter.



MISSION: MINDANAO

Filipino members at the Jackson Heights church in Queens, New York City, weren't too thrilled when Pastor Theodore Lopez announced his forthcoming mission to the Philippine's heavily Muslim area. None of them had the heart to tell him that, only a week before, a priest had been kidnapped and held for ransom by Muslim rebels. Filipinos themselves would think twice before setting foot on this southernmost part of their country.

Culturally isolated from the rest of the Philippines, Muslims there have been vigorously seeking to become a separate nation. Consequently, next to negotiators, missionaries are least welcome in their territory. Christian communities are concentrated in the cities of Mindanao, safely cocooned within their church walls, and shielded from notice. There is also Adventist presence in the key cities of Mindanao, particularly Pagadian to which Pastor Lopez was assigned. Since these cities are surrounded by rebel Muslim enclaves, even holding a simple Bible study must be discreetly done. Yet here were New York City teams, launching a crusade for Christ!

To the great relief of Jackson Heights Filipinos, their pastor returned from his three-week mission aglow with gratitude to the Lord for the courageous strides made by our brethren in Pagadian City. Though they have modest means, the support they gave to the mission looked like they were staging the biggest performance in their lives. Timing a church-sponsored "SportsFest" with the crusade, they effectively created a climate of excitement around the latter, and also



Shown are some of the 210 persons baptized by Pastor Lopez in the Mindanao Mission.

created more awareness by making the event a wonderful, festive happening in the city.

By God's grace, not a single skirmish with rebels occurred during crusade days. Evangelism in a region like Mindanao is against odds which Filipino Christians recognize as humanly impossible to surmount. One Muslim Bible student told Pastor Lopez he hid underwater for an hour to escape the wrath of rebels hunting him down because of his open interest in the Bible. Still, the crusade drew crowds.

Two hundred ten persons were baptized in Pagadian alone, and a total of more than one thousand souls were harvested as a whole. With God's help, these baptisms were the mission results of Pastor Lopez and his fellow crusaders in the other cities. But, Pastor Lopez says, "The bonus result of the cru-

sade was that a flock of Adventists who might otherwise have stagnated in that danger zone has thrown caution to the winds and are now involved in a bold, highly visible effort to share the Third Angels' Message."

Since Pastor Lopez's return to New York, the Pagadian believers have written him that their wooden church, which was far from completed when he was there, was being hurriedly constructed to make room for new Sabbathkeepers, and additional baptisms are anticipated. By pooling their resources, Pagadian brothers and sisters were cramming into weeks what would otherwise have taken them years to accomplish.

*F.P.G., Communication Leader
Jackson Heights Church*

GLOBAL MISSION: TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

BY CHARLES C. CASE

"To be" says Elder Robert Folkenberg, G.C. president.

Global Mission is one of the most interesting, significant, and practical programs this church has ever undertaken.

Scriptures tell us that "This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" Matthew 24:14. Do we want to fulfill this commission from God? What is our mission? Only our local church, only the SNEC, only the Atlantic Union, only the NAD? No, brothers and sisters, our mission is to the whole world. Are we there? Not quite yet. There

are many unentered areas which have not received the gospel yet. Can we ignore them?

My answer is No. We must help those who don't know the gospel, both at home and abroad. Do our offerings lessen at home when we help others? No, not at all. When we help others, we help ourselves. God can bless us when we give to help others.

The Global Mission offering needs our support to help pay the expenses for reaching the millions yet not reached. A good percentage of the offering will be returned to us here in the conferences of the Atlantic Union for our Global Mission project.

In Southern New England, we have English, Portuguese and Spanish work to open in various cities. Plans are already made and we are waiting for funding. Please be generous as we strive to finance Global Mission for the world and here at home.



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England
Conference*

FESTIVAL OF FAITH '94 MEETINGS PLANNED

BY ROBERT L. DALE, VICE PRESIDENT, NAD

As part of the special 1844 commemoration activities planned throughout the remainder of 1994, Festival of Faith meetings will be held here in the Atlantic Union. Sponsored jointly by your union and local conferences, as well as the North American Division, these special day-long Sabbath meetings are being held throughout the United States and Canada.

Highlighted at each meeting will be powerful old-fashioned, Bible-

based preaching on each of the four great doctrines of Adventism that historically are linked directly to 1844. These are: The Sabbath, The Second Coming of Christ, The Ministry of Christ in the Heavenly Sanctuary, and The Gift of Prophecy. In addition to the preaching, hymns loved by Adventists through the years and stories about the pioneers will be featured at each meeting. If you have a copy of *Christ in Song* hymnbook, bring it along, as most

of the hymns sung during that Sabbath will be taken from it.

So far one Festival of Faith meeting is planned in our Union. So that you can start planning to attend, it will be held October 29, 1994, in New York City. The place and time will be published in the next *Gleaner*.

A TIME TO CHOOSE

BY G. EDWARD REID

STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR, NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION.

Decisions. Who likes them? We all have them—every day. And, of course, we must face the consequences of them. Big decisions bring big consequences. Bad decisions come back to haunt us. It is a solemn thought that by our present course of action we are deciding our eternal destiny. Why don't those of us who know what's right—do it? Do we feel that we will not have to face the consequences some day? The Scriptures declare that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." When we fear God, we respect and honor him.

God wants to enter into an agreement with us. Remember that salvation is not based on a unilateral agreement. Oh yes, God died for every man, woman, and child that ever lived. But will all be saved? No. In fact, we know that only a relatively small percentage will be saved. What is it that makes the difference? It's quite simple actually. The saved choose to enter into the agreement (covenant) with God. The lost on the other hand either choose to go it on their own or deliberately choose not to be in partnership with God.

Is there any sign that we can know about or observe that would indicate that we are in covenant relation with God. Actually there are two. One is the Sabbath. The other is the tithe. God calls the Sabbath, "My holy day," (Isaiah 58:13) and also a "sign between them [His people] and Me" (Ezekiel 20:12, 20). He also calls the tithe holy. "All the tithe of the Land . . . is the Lord's. It is holy unto the Lord." "And concerning the tithe of the herd . . . the tenth one shall be holy to the Lord." Okay. So both the Sabbath and the tithe are holy, and I can see that the Sabbath is a sign, but where do we learn that the tithe is also a sign or

part of the covenant agreement? I find it in Malachi 3:10 where God says in effect, "You bring Me your tithe and I will pour out blessings on you."

I have been reading through the large green bound volumes of the *Review* articles by Ellen White and have found some amazing insights. She states in one article, "I entreat my brethren and sisters throughout the world to awaken to the responsibility that rests upon them to pay a faithful tithe. Do not allow lax principles to lead you to rob God. Keep a faithful account with your Creator. Realize fully the importance of being just with Him who has divine foreknowledge. Let every one search his heart diligently. Let him look up his accounts, and find out how he stands as related to God."



"He who gave His only begotten Son to die for you, has made a covenant with you. He gives you His blessings, and in return He requires you to bring Him your tithes and offerings. No one will ever dare to say that there was no way in which he could understand in regard to this matter. God's plan regarding tithes and offerings is definitely stated in the third chapter of Malachi. God calls upon His

human agents to be true to the contract He has made with them. 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse.' He says, 'that there may be meat in mine house.'"

She goes on to say, "Duty is duty, and should be performed for its own sake. But the Lord has compassion upon us in our fallen condition, and accompanies His commands with promises. He calls upon His people to prove Him, declaring that He will reward obedience with the richest blessings" (*The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, December 3, 1901).

There is another fascinating part of God's covenant with us. He says in effect, "You be faithful in returning to Me the tenth and I will provide you with pastors, Bible teachers, and evangelists!" Remember that in Old Testament times the Lord directly employed the Levites [ministers], and made provision for their support. He paid them with His own money—the tithe, (Leviticus 27:30)—which was due Him from His people. He says, "I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle" (Numbers 18:21).

How can we expect to see the work of God go forward with power until we stop robbing God? Neither can we expect to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, because the Lord plainly says that the Holy Spirit is given to all who obey Him (Acts 5:32). I want to see the work finished, don't you? I want to receive the outpouring of the Spirit in my life to perfect my character and equip me for the work of ministry. How about you? Will you join me in renewing your covenant relationship with God? It's time to choose!

“WORK, SWEAT, AND PRAYERS” A CHURCH HOME AT LAST!

The happiest man in Massachusetts on July 9, 1994, was Pastor Isaac Jean-Baptiste, the retired but re-fired minister whose untiring efforts to start a church for the Haitian work in Clinton, Massachusetts, finally bore fruit. Bethel church, the congregation he started, now has a permanent church home at 45 Flagg Street in Clinton.

Although relatively small in numbers, the members of Bethel church have been meeting faithfully for several years in rented facilities, including, most recently, using the chapel in the ladies' dormitory on Atlantic Union College's campus, Preston Hall. They met in an Episcopal Church and rented a Pentecostal Church while keeping the vision alive of having their own church building.

When the vacant elementary school building was discovered on Flagg Street, it appeared as a gigantic project for the 125 members of Bethel. Windows were boarded, the building has two upper levels and a complete basement. From the perspective of some observers, it could easily have been demolished, but the Bethel members saw in the old school the potential for *their church!*

Prayers were offered with deep sincerity as church leaders negotiated with the owner to purchase the old school. The members of Bethel believed that God had led them to this building and with support from the Southern New England Conference, the building was purchased for this Franco-Haitian congregation.

After the pioneer, Pastor Jean-Baptiste, fell ill from a stroke, the members rallied in prayer for his recovery and the Lord heard their pleas and raised the pastor from his bed of affliction. Pastor P. Emmanuel Joseph was given the assignment of being the new pastor for Bethel in addition to his church near Boston.

Permits were granted by the city, a contractor was secured and week

to be removed. It was so large that it had served as a formidable partition for 2 classrooms on each of the two floors.

This building had set empty for so long that paint was flaking on the walls and ceilings. No Problem. The men of Bethel sandblasted the needy areas. Windows needed replacing. No Problem. New windows were installed. New electrical work was installed, new plumbing,

the front yard cleaned of debris, and before long the transformation had taken place. The former elementary school had become the Bethel church.

The Bethel church stands as a memorial to the love of the truth evidenced by the multiplied hours of sacrifice given by the members. Both young and older gave of their best to the Master. The beautiful sanctuary with its royal red carpeting, new walls, a pulpit built by two members, the new restrooms all are a result of *Work, Sweat, and Prayers.*

Next will be the remodeling of the second floor which will become Sabbath school classrooms. More equipment is needed including pianos, freezer, refrigerator, and stove. All contributions will be gratefully acknowledged.

The officers of the Southern New England Conference are rejoicing with the members and leaders of Bethel and are looking forward to the completion of this lighthouse in the city of Clinton.

Theodore T. Jones II
Editor, Atlantic Union Gleaner



The old school on the first floor before remodeling began.



The new platform included a baptistry and a panel for a mural.

by week, a miracle began to take place. Members of Bethel volunteered their skills and services. Work, sweat, and prayer was the weekly agenda as the school building began to change its appearance on the inside.

A three-story brick chimney had



Left to right: Pastors Isaac Jean-Baptiste, Emmanuel Joseph, Charles Case, and Dennis Millburn led the congregation into the new house of worship.



Members and guests applauded as the ribbon was cut by Conference President Charles C. Case.



Elder Charles Case gave the keynote message, translated by Pastor Luc Pierre.



The audience enjoyed the program and appreciated the miracle wrought by Faith, Work, and Prayer.



Bethel's youth choir shared their musical talents several times on Sabbath afternoon.



The audience numbered more than 250. Many had to stand outside.



Pastor Emmanuel Joseph interviews a neighbor, Mr. Pat Notareo, who attended the school many years ago as a child.



Michel Cesaire (left) and Pastor E. Joseph make an appeal for financial support.



Brethren Sejour, Noel, and a visitor monitored the sound during the celebration program.



Jeanine Jean-Baptiste sings during the afternoon program.



Church leaders donated many hours of labor to remodel the school into a church; (l. to r.) Linus Helvetius, Jean Oge, Caleb Mondestin, and Aime Bisteau

PITTSFIELD HOSPITAL NURSES TRADE COATS AND SNOW SHOVELS FOR SUNBLOCK AND MASON TROWELS

For several months Audrey Suriner, a member of the Berkshire Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church, Lanesboro, Massachusetts, had scanned the Maranatha Volunteers International newsletter. All those projects it announced in various parts of the world intrigued her and she hoped that one day she would be able to be involved with one. Then she noticed a project scheduled in the Marshall Islands to begin in February 1994.

She had often shared her desire with Marilee Jackman, a fellow nurse at Hillcrest Hospital in nearby Pittsfield. The two women have a common interest in God and service to humanity. Marilee had expressed her wish that she could serve in the American Peace Corps, but felt that she couldn't take two years out of her schedule to do it.

"Besides," she thought to herself, "I'm too old to do that now anyway." Heading into another New England winter, Audrey and Marilee agreed that getting away to a tropical Pacific island in February and doing something to help God's cause could really be exciting. So they enrolled for a two-week stint and purchased their airline tickets.

On that late February morning when they left Dalton, "two feet of snow had fallen on my front porch. I had to shovel the walk and driveway to get out and it was 20 degrees below zero," Audrey recalled. "And when we landed in Majuro where the heat and humidity were so high, my body almost couldn't handle it. It took the first week just to get acclimated."

But rather than basking in the sun on a nearby sandy beach they set about to carry mortar and blocks

for the masons and every two hours douse themselves with sunblock lotion to avoid burns from the tropical sun. They were among 75 volunteers from across North America who came to help build an auditorium-kitchen-classroom complex for the Adventist school.

Being their first project, the two young ladies gained many new friends among fellow workers as



Audrey Suriner (left) and Marilee Jackman joined a Maranatha Volunteers International project in Majuro, Marshall Islands, to construct a multipurpose building for the local Adventist school.



Audrey (left) and Marilee (center) work with Stephanie Landing of Columbia Union College, in transporting mortar to block layers on the wall of the building.

well as many of the children who attend the school.

"It was a wonderful experience," the two women agreed. And by early May they had begun receiving letters from and exchanging recipes with their new friends.

"Maybe we'll go to Australia or some other place next time," Marilee suggested. "We'll go where the projects are."

"My only disappointment," Audrey said, "was that we couldn't stay to see the building completed."

The new two-story structure will supplement the existing school which is one of several Adventist schools serving the Marshall Islands. The only facility of its kind on the atoll, it will also serve as a community and health education center. Besides a large auditorium it has a kitchen, a classroom and living quarters.

"It has the nicest auditorium on the island," said Bruce Lane, superintendent of Adventist schools in the Marshalls, formerly a teacher in Florida. "Now we need a food service specialist to conduct cooking schools and head the school's food service."

Funding for the \$275,000 project included \$175,000 from Maranatha, \$50,000 from the Marshallese government and \$50,000 to be raised by the school and parents of the students. "They're about \$30,000 short of their goal," Lane said.

"The Adventist message is going forward among the islands," Lane said. "One island had no Adventists in 1990. Today it has a 40-member church. Canvasback (medical launch) has helped to open up several areas."

If you'd like to volunteer for a Maranatha project adventure, write to Maranatha Volunteers International, 1600 Sacramento Inn Way, Suite 116, Sacramento, California 95815, or telephone (916) 920-1900 for an application.



ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

NEW ADP DIRECTOR ARRIVES ON CAMPUS

Ian Bothwell, formerly chair of the education department at Pacific Union College began her new duties as director of the Adult Degree Program at Atlantic Union College with the July seminar.

She replaces Otilie Stafford, who has been associated with the innovative program since its inception in 1972, and has directed the program for the last five years. Stafford will continue to teach at the college.

Bothwell comes from Pacific Union College, Angwin, California, where she taught education classes



Ian Bothwell, new director of the Adult Degree Program, speaks at summer graduation about the Adult Degree Program and her first impressions as director.

for the last 11 years and chaired the department for the last six.

Her immediate goals include meeting the faculty and students. "I'm trying to learn who the ADP students are," she said. The best

surprise so far has been "the tremendous amount of interaction with students," as Bothwell considers herself a teacher before an administrator.

Stafford and Bothwell share a strong commitment to the advanced educational needs of working adults. Many of the students have families and jobs that do not allow them to pursue their education in a traditional way. The two-week sessions in January and July coupled with a strenuous program of study in-between allows the non-traditional students to advance towards their degrees.

Neal Norcliffe, Special Contributor

FIFTY-SIX GRADUATE AT SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

Atlantic Union College awarded degrees to 56 students at summer commencement ceremonies July 10. This was more than half the number of those who graduated in May, 106. Another 30 graduated in January, bringing to 192 the total of students who received AUC diplomas during the 1993-94 school year.

In his welcome, Larry Lewis, chair of the education department, noted that summer graduations usually are small. They have been larger in recent years because of an increasing number of Adult Degree Program graduates (22 this year) and those earning Master of Educa-

tion degrees (15 this year). Lewis said this indicated that AUC is fulfilling part of its mission, to provide life-long learning to students of all ages and backgrounds.

Commencement speaker was Otilie Stafford, outgoing Adult Degree Program director. In her address, "The Full Resonance of Civilization," she said colleges don't exist simply to pass down facts. "Studies should civilize us," she said. She defined a civilized person as someone who is constantly learning, reading, and thinking, and is an active participant in society.

In addition to presenting diplomas to the graduates, James J. Londis, college president, congratulated Vera Davis, chair of the nurs-



Vera Davis, professor of nursing and chair of the nursing department, is this year's recipient of the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching. James J. Londis, president, presents the award to her at summer graduation.

ing department, who received this year's Thomas and Violet Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching.

SOCIAL WORK TEACHER HONORED

Margaret Howell-Walton, assistant professor of social work, was one of 30 New England scholars honored recently at Boston's Four Sea-

sons Hotel. The event was the Fourth Annual Celebration of Black Scholarship in New England.

The annual celebration is sponsored by the University of Massachusetts Boston to honor a community of scholars who have

contributed to the intellectual life of the region and the nation. Previous honorees from AUC have been Joan Francis, professor of history, and Carol Allen, vice president for academic affairs.

BERMUDA

JESUS IS ALIVE

Jesus lived on earth as a man and experienced pain and suffering and death at the hands of those who hated Him. When Jesus was killed all of His followers were very sad. Jesus' body was put in a tomb, but three days later He came back to life.

This is the way the Children's Ministries Department at Warwick Seventh-day Adventist church saw it when they had an inspiring Children's Church.

The sermonette was a vibrant muppet show, "Andy Learns About Easter." The muppeteers were Michael Lambert and Kevon Scott. Michael played the part of Tim, and Kevon played Andy. The sermonette ended with a skit, "We're Glad for Easter." The participants were Michelle Spencer, Dennis Lister, Amanda Scott, and Kyle Scott. Fol-



Members of the skit: (l. to r.) Michelle Spencer, Dennis Lister, Amanda Scott, and Kyle Scott.



Members of the Warwick Seventh-day Adventist Church Junior Choir

lowing the sermonette and skit the Children's Choir sang.

A special presentation was given by Elder Llewellyn Wainwright, a carpenter. The children were quite fascinated by the things he brought, as these are things that they can do as children. This was done because it related to Jesus, Who was a carpenter also.

We attempted to instill in the minds of the children that Jesus' resurrection was real. He lives today within and for them as their Saviour and Friend. Every day He can be asked to forgive their sins. Because He died for them and rose from the grave, the fear of death is changed to hope. This happens only when He is received as a personal Saviour.

The Children's Church ended with a presentation of flowers to Brother and Sister Grant by Brian Faries and Michelle Spencer, with a tribute to them by Miranda Lister. Texts were from Mark 16:6 and Psalm 98:1, and were read by Blake Stevens.

Special thanks should be given to Michelle Scott, Miranda Lister, and Marcia Spencer for all their hard work in helping to coordinate the program.

The Warwick church requests your prayers as it endeavors to "save its children."

*Lynette Harvey
Children's Ministries Director*

GREATER NEW YORK

CHURCH, YOUTH, GO ON AIR IN GREATER NEW YORK

In upstate Orange County, a half-hour, phone-in radio program called "Focus on The Word" is drawing phone responses, both on- and off-air, as well as requests for the free books and materials offered during the program. Sponsored by the Middletown church, each week features a discussion by Elder Leroy Bruch, with laymen Bob Massarini and Richard Mills, Jr.

"Focus" airs on station WALL (1340/AM) at 7:30 a.m., Sundays. Among the guests already featured on the program: Elder Lonnie Melashenko of the Voice of Prophecy radio program, and Harold Camping, whose two recent books predict Christ's return in September, 1994. To discuss the recent rash

of serious bacteria problems in hamburger that received media attention at the time, one program featured Adventist physician Agatha Thrash. She arose at 4:30 a.m. PST in order to participate in the discussion by phone.

In addition to the calls received over the station's 800 number during each week's program, numerous calls come in each week to the church's number which is given during the half-hour as the program's "off-air" number. The off-air calls are reportedly from individuals with questions who do not wish to be heard on the radio. The church initially agreed to sponsor the program from April through August 1994, with further airing pending Board action.

"La Voz de La Verdad" (The Voice of Truth) is a one-hour program currently broadcasting to the

metropolitan-area Hispanic community via radio station WKDM (1380/AM). Sponsored by the Conference Youth Department, the Brooklyn Hispanic Youth Federation, and the Conference's Hispanic churches, the program includes both taped and live segments and scheduled at 7:00 p.m. Saturdays.

"La Voz de La Verdad" states as its mission the "proclaiming of the message of the three angels to the world, today." On-air participants include Pastor Oscar Mejia of the Bay Shore Hispanic church; Alicia Marquez, Conference accountant; Adler Panduro; and Fiordaliza Fernández. Rolando Santos serves as technician and provides music for the broadcasts. For further information, or to assist, call the Conference Youth Department (516) 627-9350 or (in New York) 1/800-392-3929.

SATELLITE DISH GOES UP IN THE BRONX

Harbinger of a number of churches in Greater New York Conference that are making plans to participate in the "NET '95" North American evangelistic crusade via satellite, the Victory church satellite dish was set up on the church roof in mid May. According to Pastor Hugh Maynard-Reid, the equipment enables his church to receive video transmissions from the North American Division (NAD) that can be recorded and replayed on a video projector to his members; messages and programs from the Division can also be shown live, so congregations can receive information as it is relayed.



The church schedules the NAD monthly OnLine Edition as one of its prayer meetings.

The NET '95 crusade will run for five weeks early in 1995 with Elder Mark Finley of the It Is Written TV program as speaker. A number of churches will also conduct local evangelistic series during that time. Pastors wanting to order equipment should call 1/800-ACN-1119.

YOUNG PERSONS BAPTIZED AT CHINESE CHURCH

In a portable baptismal tank placed in the small fenced-in back yard of the church, five young persons were baptized at the New York Chinese church in Corona, Queens, at the beginning of the summer. Elder Frank Lee officiated.



GREATER NEW YORK (CONTINUED)

A RUSSIAN CONGREGATION GROWS IN BROOKLYN

Shown are some of the members of a growing congregation of Russian Adventist believers, many of them Jewish, who have been worshiping during the past year in the Brooklyn church. Elder Leonid Fundo (far left) pastors the group. A second Jewish Adventist pastor, Elder Mordecai DuShey, will work with Pastor Fundo periodically in reaching out to the large influx of Rus-



sian Jews in the metropolitan area. Their work, while under the auspices of the Greater New York Conference, will be supported through fundraising efforts led by Elder DuShey. The Russian group meets at 1260 Ocean Avenue. For details, contact Elder Fundo at (516) 437-2351.

BRONX AND MARTINIQUE PATHFINDERS SHARE WEEK IN NEW JERSEY

During July, an excited group of "Hercule" Pathfinders of the Morija Church in the French-speaking

country of Martinique flew to New York City and boarded a bus to Camp Tranquility in New Jersey. At the camp, they met Pathfinders from the Victory church in the Bronx with their pastor, Elder Maynard-Reid.



Shown are Bronx and Martinique Pathfinders with Victory church Pastor Hugh Maynard-Reid (left) and Martinique Pathfinder leaders Rosalind West, Violet John, and Paul Toussaint.

As a first, get-acquainted assignment for the two groups, campers were invited to take a T-shirt and paint their names plus anything else they wanted to. Time flew by as the youngsters learned to tie knots, build rope bridges, paint, make Plaster of Paris molds,



Rope walking during the international Pathfinder week of sharing.

and learn about wildflowers. Throughout their time together, campers had a taste of international life through shared languages and cultural experiences.

CHINESE ATTEND 1994 CAMP MEETING AT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Some 200 Chinese members and workers gathered in Berrien Springs, Michigan, in July for the annual Chinese camp meeting in the U.S. Among the attendees were members from the New York Chinese church in Corona, Queens.

Others came from the Eastern Seaboard, the West Coast, and Canada.

Plans are being made now for the 1995 Chinese camp meeting, which will be held at Camp Berkshire.



NEW YORK

PERRYSBURG PUPILS REACH OUT

Under the guidance and assistance of teachers Jean Young and David Maines, pupils at the Perrysburg school have been sharing love and concern for members in their church and community.

They are experiencing the joy of singing to homebound residents and visiting the sick, but they also have felt the thrill of watching expressions of delight brighten the faces of senior citizens when presented with cookies baked by the pupils themselves.

Fund-raising has also become a



learning opportunity. Together they have received more than \$6,000 for school operating as a result of their

efforts through a variety of "athon" activities.

In addition to these activities, the pupils have helped with In-gathering and Christmas caroling. However, one of the most touching moments for guests and pupils was when a presenta-

tion of flowers was made to a bereaved church member during the eighth-grade graduation program.

GARRIE WILLIAMS' TRINITY POWER SEMINAR HELD IN ALBANY

The seminar was as broad in its impact as the Holy Spirit is in His work. Rather than a succession of lectures on the Spirit, we heard stories of people being changed, new assurances of salvation, healings, and new hope and meaning filling lives.

Starting the series Friday night, Garrie told of the abysmal depths of despair that the devil had drawn him. How he had wanted to end his life.

Sabbath morning he referred to Romans 8:26 and 27 many times.

Elder Williams exhorted us to reach out to the Spirit to fill us, so we would be helped in our "weaknesses." We are to pray more, inviting the Holy Spirit to change our petitions, as He sees fit—knowing that the Holy Spirit always works on our behalf to draw us closer to Christ.

In the afternoon period, we experienced a free, open worship with many members taking part. We shared Bible texts and what they mean to us. We sang, anyone starting a song as they felt inspired, and we ended up praying in groups.

Groups were one of Elder Williams' themes. He posited that every revival experienced in Christianity has started with small groups meeting in the homes of church members.

Saturday evening, Garrie related some experiences of people he has seen healed by the Spirit. He made several points clear. First, it's not a question of the person's faith, whether or not they are healed. God in His sovereignty does what He knows is best. And we can't predict the mind of God. Secondly, healings can take place physically and immediately, or slowly over time. Again, a spiritual or emotional healing may take place rather than a physical one. If the sick soul reaches out, healing always takes place in

some way. He added that in heaven, all will be healed.

Through the week we benefited from other talks. My favorite was Tuesday night' on the Prodigal Son. Garrie suggested that we all let our minds wander into the "far country" at times. And some of us allow our mind to stray there quite awhile. Negative thoughts, criticism of others, the desire for money and things—all are "far country" thoughts. We all need to ask the Holy Spirit to cleanse our mind, lest we stray too long and too far.

The second weekend Elder Williams was at the Schenectady church. Many Albany members attended. And all of us hope to hear more. We want to hear more from each other. We want to let the Holy Spirit fill us, so our fellowship becomes a garden producing miracles for God's glory. And the next time Garrie comes, he'll be listening to us telling of the good things God has done in our lives.

Dr. Victor Wallenkampf

NEW YORK (CONTINUED)

PUPILS GIVE THEIR YOUNG LIVES TO CHRIST

Fingerlakes Adventist school in upstate New York believes that the foremost responsibility of Christian education is to see the young people commit their lives to Christ.

This year the church families rejoiced to see six young people give their lives to Christ and publicly declare their decision in baptism. The baptismal class, conducted by Pastor David Crockett, is one of the most important events in the district.

Pupils are already asking about joining next year's class, including pupils from the community. Teacher Pat Botelho and teacher assistant Cindy Angel are committed to seeing these precious young people grow in Christ.



The Fingerlakes Adventist school pupils which includes the ones who were baptized. The young people are, back row, first and third from right: Daniel Davis and Jamie Lewis; middle row, first, third, fourth, and sixth from left: Brian Castellanos, Brandon Hayward, Betsy Davis, and Robert Castellanos.

A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE S. DEAR, SR.

Many in the New York Conference were shocked to learn of the death of a dear friend. His relationship with me was brief—only four years—but the impact of his selfless life has left a lasting impression on the many lives he touched.

The bare facts of a man's life tell little of the character of the man. Each life that was touched by that man gets only a brief glimpse of the whole person. This is certainly true of George S. Dear, Sr. of Rochester, New York, who was killed Sabbath morning, January 29, on this way to church. This "Good Samaritan" stopped to help a stranded motorist whose car had skidded off the road. As George and two other people attempted to help remove the car from the snow bank, another car skidded on the slippery

road and struck and injured all three people. George died on the way to the hospital.

Everywhere the New York Conference Adventurers, Pathfinders or Youth assembled, George was there with a van load of young people and adults. If there were vegetarian cooking and nutrition classes being offered, George was there, also, with his van full of enthusiastic folks. George had a generous heart and a desire to see the Adventist Health and Youth messages spread.



George thoroughly enjoying a group of young people in the snow.

After he retired from Kodak, George's search for a better way of life led him to the Geneva Adventist Church. The church welcomed him into their community as a vegan vegetarian. There he found a group of young people and adults who needed someone like George who was selfless and caring. His involvement brought joy to both the church and himself.

George was called Santa Claus by those who first saw him because of his age and long flowing white beard. But as they grew to love him, they endearingly called him the "Good Samaritan."

George has left us with fond memories, but most of all, with an idea of what it is like to have Jesus live in the life of a selfless, modern man.

Mike Ortel, Youth Director

NORTHEASTERN

HOMECOMING DAY BIG EVENT FOR ELLENVILLE CHURCH

On April 24, 1994, the Ellenville Seventh-day Adventist Church Sabbath school and communication departments celebrated Homecoming Day. Pastor Reginald Washington, former pastor and guest speaker, delivered a powerful message on the prodigal son to go along with the theme, "Welcome Back Home."

Special music was rendered by Voices of Unity from Suny New Paltz Gospel Choir, and Persuaded from Trinity Temple. As a result of the messages in both song and God's spoken Word, many rededicated their lives, asked for special prayer, and one young person asked for baptism.

Even though the Ellenville church is a small church located in



Voices of Unity, Suny New Paltz Gospel Choir, rendered special music.

the midHudson Valley area, more than 200 people attended the services. Former members, friends, and visitors, both far and near, came to join with us and rejoice in the Lord.

After lunch was served, a concert was held featuring Voices of Unity, Beacon Light Youth Chorale from Beacon church; God's Victorians, Middletown church; Spirit Three, Kingston church; and other



Pastor Reginald Washington congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lewis on their wedding anniversary. Mr. Lewis is the Ellenville church head deacon.

local talent. The MC for the concert, Pastor D. Smith, is a former pastor of the Ellenville church.

Surely the Lord was in His holy temple that day and everyone who attended testified to the blessings they received.

*Alma N. Guerrero
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NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

COUPLE CELEBRATES 65TH ANNIVERSARY AND 65TH CAMP MEETING TOGETHER

Every year during the Northern New England Camp Meeting, nearly 200 senior citizens attend a special dinner in their honor sponsored by the conference. The cafeteria is decorated, each attendee receives a corsage, and dinner is served by the conference office staff.

Honoring these special members of our church is a real joy. This year it was our privilege to share in the celebration of the 65th wedding anniversary of Eda and Elmer Waterhouse. This was also their 65th camp meeting together. Friends and family came with congratulations, prayers, and best wishes. Seated at



the table with them are (l. to r.): Mel Fleming, Eda Waterhouse, Elmer Austin, Richard Fleming, Gloria Waterhouse, and Geraldine Austin.

NEW PRINCIPAL AT PINE TREE ACADEMY

Brad Hunter comes to Pine Tree Academy from Portland Adventist Elementary School in Gresham, Oregon, where he was vice principal and taught physical education. He has a Master's degree in Education Administration and ten years of experience in elementary education. His wife, Tami is also an education major and will be the house parent for the secondary level boys this year. They have two children, Matthew, 6, will be in the first grade, and Megan, 3.

One of Brad's specialties is outreach programs like POPS—Power of Positive Students. "I like to see students involved, getting a look at how others live. In the POPS program we have students helping shut-ins, visiting kids in foster homes, working in soup kitchens, and doing yard work for the eld-



erly," he explains. "This helps students to like themselves and others, and develops positive self-esteem. One of my favorite sayings is: It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice."

When the Hunters visited Maine for their interview, they attended the Freeport church and the Student Association banquet. Their

first impression of the school was: "If this school has one thing going for it, it's the warmth and friendliness of the students."

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SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

CAMP MEETING ORDINATION SERVICE HELD

Sabbath afternoon, June 25, the Southern New England Conference ordained two pastors at the 125th camp meeting in the Southern New England Conference.

Pastor Steven Grabiner, pastor of the Norwich and New London district, with his wife Vivian by his side was ordained. Steven, a converted Jewish believer, finished his professional studies at Atlantic Union College in 1988. He managed a vegetarian restaurant in New York City, was a Bible worker with Elder Bill Brace, and has been the pastor of the Norwich-New Lon-

don district for the past four years. The Grabiners have three children, Joy, 11; David, 9; and Jeremy, 2.

Pastor Steven Salsberry, associate pastor of the Atlantic Union College church, was ordained and his wife accompanied him.

Steven has pastored and taught school in Southern California and Michigan. He studied at Loma Linda University, La Sierra University, and is presently working on a Ph.D. in Religious Education at Andrews University. The Salsberrys have one son, Michael, age 8.



The Salsberrys



The Grabiners

We welcome these families to the pastoral responsibilities of the Southern New England Conference. Please pray with us for them.

Charles C. Case, Sr.
President/Communication Director

BAPTISMAL SERVICE HELD IN FITCHBURG CHURCH

On June 4, 1994, three persons were baptized by Pastor David Berthiaume in the Fitchburg Seventh-day Adventist Church in the presence of friends and relatives from far and near.

Ernestine Mae Marble (l.) from Orange faithfully attended the prophesy seminar that Pastor Berthiaume recently held in Athol. Somewhat previous to the seminar, Ernestine, raised in an Adventist family, started attending church in Athol. Through the warm friendship of the church members and the study of God's word she de-

cidated to publicly declare the new birth experience.

Erzsebet Szecskar (center), graduate student of the Boston Conservatory of Music, left in July to continue studying voice in San Francisco, California. Before her baptism, Erzsebet gave a testimony of God's leading in her life. Then

she sang, "To God Be The Glory." She had attended the Boston Temple as well as a Seventh-day Adventist church in Hungary.

Linda Morgan (r.), resident of Fitchburg, attended the Prophecy Seminar recently held by Pastor Berthiaume in this city. She is demonstrating her commitment to the Lord by serving as bulletin secretary for her church for the coming year.

Pastor Berthiaume, before baptizing the three candidates, charged them to put on the whole armor of God to fight their adversary that they may be ready to meet their soon-coming Saviour in the clouds of heaven.



Thelma E. Hale
Communication Secretary

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

50 years old! That may not be what you want to hear personally, but for an institution like Greater Boston Academy, it is a very exciting milestone.

Since its founding in 1944, Greater Boston Academy has been committed to quality Christian education. The academy, a co-educational day and boarding school, was first located at 415 Newbury Street in Boston. Greater Boston Academy has a reputation for high academic quality and Christian standards. In 1965 the school moved to its present location in Stoneham on the grounds of New England Memorial Hospital. The tradition of "excellence for the purpose of service" has continued.

In addition to our beautiful location, bordering the Fells Reservation forest, there are many other characteristics which make the school a special place. The first of these is the faculty. The Christian teachers and staff of GBA are committed to young people and their total development. While creating a caring, vigorous environment, the staff holds high expectations for the students. At the same time, the GBA faculty are always willing to work individually for each student's success.

Another aspect of GBA of which we are proud is the diversity of our student population. Situated between the urban and the rural, the academy attracts students from many different areas. Both students and faculty enjoy the mixture of cultures and backgrounds. Encouraging students to develop tolerance and appreciation for different points of view is an educational goal which GBA meets beyond the curriculum through its very composition.



Greater Boston Academy has an innovative curriculum. As teachers continually evaluate their courses in terms of the school's goals and the students' needs, classes are refined and focused to offer the students a solid basis for either further education or other plans. Helping students to achieve their individual potential is the goal of both our courses and our activities.

The activities of the school are designed to fulfill the school's mission in ways complementing the curriculum. Allowing students an opportunity for involvement in music, dramatic arts, athletics and school organizations provides a variety of areas in which they can succeed. At the same time, they enrich and are enriched by the social interaction. The school also takes advantage of the abundant cultural and educational opportunities afforded by the Boston area.

Certainly, one of the most essential components which makes Greater Boston Academy special is its Christian identity. Students are encouraged to make intelligent individual choices. Through a decided Christian emphasis in classes, activities, and atmosphere, the school hopes to stimulate moral development. While both intellectual and emotional commitments to Christian values are fostered, practical evidence through the Community Service Program is encouraged as well.

Through a total school program, we want the graduates of our school to have begun a lifelong education. Confident and capable, they can face the challenges of the future with enthusiasm, purpose, and faith.

Greater Boston Academy is approved and accredited by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Board of Regents through the North American Division Commission on Accreditation. It is also accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. We extend a special invitation to everyone who has had opportunity to be acquainted with Greater Boston Academy to attend the 50th Reunion, scheduled at Greater Boston Academy September 30 through October 2. We look forward to seeing you there.

May the Lord continue to bless Greater Boston Academy and its efforts for an additional 50 years.

*William Arnold, Principal
Greater Boston Academy*

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Sunset Table

Eastern Daylight Saving Time

	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28
Bangor, ME	6:03	5:50	5:39	5:28
Portland, ME	6:09	5:57	5:46	5:36
Boston, MA	6:14	6:02	5:51	5:41
So. Lancaster, MA	6:16	6:04	5:54	5:44
Pittsfield, MA	6:22	6:11	6:00	5:50
Hartford, CT	6:20	6:09	5:59	5:49
New York, NY	6:26	6:16	6:05	5:56
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Out of Union

Andrews Academy Alumni Weekend—Oct. 14 & 15. All who attended or graduated from Andrews Academy, Andrews University Academy, or Emmanuel Missionary College Academy are cordially invited to attend.

Deaths

CLEMONS, Sarah C.—b. Feb. 18, 1912, Ellsworth, ME; d. July 14, 1994, Southbridge, MA. Survivors include two sons, Francis and George; and two daughters, Patricia Igoe and Elizabeth Proctor.

CONIBEAR, Helen Z.—84, d. April 26, 1994, Fulton, NY. Survivors include one daughter, Nancy; three sons, Richard, George, and David; a sister, Elizabeth; one brother, Henry; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Her husband F. Lester Conibear predeceased her in 1984.

FREEMAN, Susie M.—b. Feb. 25, 1902, Woodville, ME; d. June 15, 1994, Bar Harbor, ME. Survivors include two daughters, Annie Thompson and Lillian Sweetland.

GROOM, Carl E.—b. Dec. 30, 1920, Elmira, NY; d. June 21, 1994, Tucson, AZ. He graduated in 1946 from Atlantic Union College, after which he entered the ministry in Northern New England Conference. He was very

active in youth work. He pastored churches in NY, PA, and served for a time in Canada. After spending many years in pastoral work, he requested a transfer to teaching and accepted the principalship of the Tucson, AZ, Seventh-day Adventist Junior Academy where he served many years.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth (Hills), of 50 years; a daughter, Sharon Nordstrom; a son, David; five grandchildren; one brother; five sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

HUNT, Grace G.—b. Sept. 8, 1923; d. Mar. 8, 1993, Lincoln, NE. For more than 50 years she was a member of the Union Springs and Auburn, NY, churches. Survivors include her husband, Robert, Sr.; a daughter, Debbie; a son Robert, Jr.; and three grandchildren.

KESLAKE, Edgar F.—b. April 17, 1908, St. John's, Newfoundland; d. April 19, 1994, Brunswick, ME. In 1935, he graduated from New Haven College of Physical Therapy, qualifying in physical therapy, laboratory technique, and X-ray. From 1938-42 he was head of the Physical Therapy Dept. at Florida Sanitarium and Hospital. From 1946-60 he was a missionary in West Africa and president of Sierra Leone Mission.

He pastored in both the Nevada-Utah and Northern New England conferences. In 1967 he came to Parkview Memorial Hospital, Brunswick, Me, to serve as its chaplain and head of community health education. For four years he served as health and temperance secretary for the Northern New England Conference where he held innumerable three-day programs to stop smoking in elementary and public and parochial schools. He was recognized as aiding more people from the State of Maine drop the nicotine habit than any other person. He was equally active in Religious Liberty.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Gertrude (Collins) Keslake; a son, Victor; a daughter, Phyllis Gillette; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four nieces. A brother, Charles; and sister, Hattie S. Hand predeceased him.

RICHARDS, Ashley G.—b. Sept. 19, 1908; d. Jan. 5, 1993, Apopka, FL. Survivors include his wife, Berneva of 56 years; two daughters, Jacquelyn of Huntington, CT, and Sharon of Altamonte Springs, FL; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**The following eulogy was written
by Wendy Tranter Curtis of South Lancaster, MA,
for Ashley G. Richards:**

Dear Richie,
Dear Dad,
Dear Grandpa,

We are all here today to pay tribute to you for the beautiful legacy of love and devotion that you have left with us. Though you will be sadly missed, our hearts are filled with gratitude.

We fondly remember your spontaneous hugs and the repeated question: "Have I told you today that I love you?" We're inspired by your long hours of hard work that you endured without complaint. We marvel at the ability you had—and the effort you made—to make each one of us feel so special. We're thankful for your love of music that has been passed down to four generations. And we'd all like to claim your unlimited athletic ability.

Now as you rest, we will go on being inspired by your triumphant stay on this earth.

Though hard-working, you were equally playful. Though strong, you were always gentle. Though strict, you always demonstrated love. Though a proud independent, your devotion to us was unswerving.

Yes, you were a great husband, dad and grandfather, but you were an even greater friend and example.

We always knew we could rely on you for anything. You were capable, stable, and always there. Yet, not even you could escape the realities of this world, and somehow, maybe we're surprised. Selfishly, we want you to be playing another game of golf, or out weeding the garden, or telling us a story.

But for now, we have to say goodbye. And when you wake to hear the words "Well done my good and faithful servant," we want to be

there to join you, and walk together through God's perfect garden, where there will be no weeds, no suffering, and no more goodbyes.

And by the way, Richie, Dad, Grandpa—we can say today that we will *always* love you.

With tender love,

Burrie, Jacquie, Sharon, Jim, Bob, Shari, Hal, Wendy, Heidi and Michael



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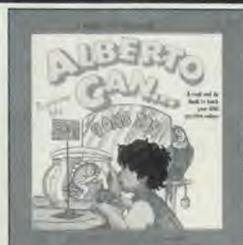
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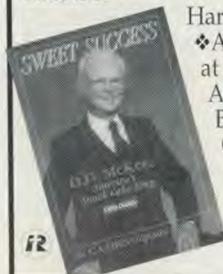
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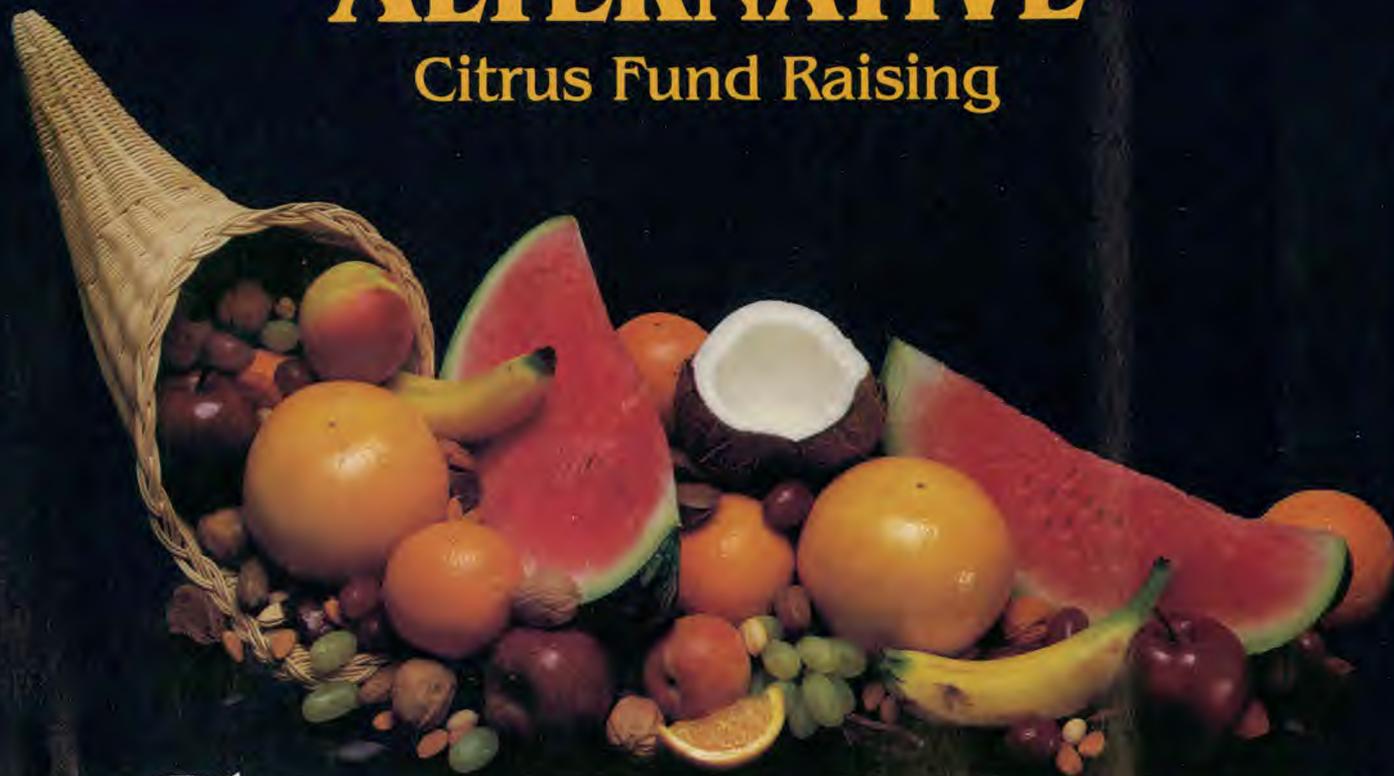
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