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FAMILY MINISTRIES: A MUST FOR THE CHURCH TODAY

Quite often when I conduct Family Life events, I invariably state that when we have healthy families in a local congregation, we have a healthy congregation. The converse is also true. Weak congregations are a result of weak families in the congregation.

Our communities, states, and nations are made up of families. When families pass on strong moral and ethical values to their children, in the context of affirmation and affection, their communities experience the social control that is manifested as a result.

The family of the Information Age, however, has taken on a number of new faces. These faces are far different from that of its pre-Industrial Revolution days in which the family unit, nuclear and often extended, was the foundation of the nation's economy from its cottages and farms.

In those "good old days," industries were home-based. The family was central since it owned the means of production and its members, usually children, parents and other relatives, were the ones who made-up the labor force. The most important by-product of this arrangement was the time the family got to spend together, fostering cohesive growth, instead of separation and alienation.

Our challenge as a church today, is to minister to individuals who have become casualties of this complex society of ours. We must address ourselves to the pain and hurt being experienced not only in the world around us, but also with more frequency than we care to admit, in the homes of our very members and at times even the homes of leaders in the church.

We cannot continue to live in denial of the spouse and child abuse that is taking place within the homes of our congregations. Our people are in need of restoring their broken relationships by learning new skills of relating, and knowing that God not only forgives but empowers.

I am not suggesting that all pastors become counselors and spend most of their time solving relational problems among their church members; nevertheless, we must quit kidding ourselves thinking that if we involve the church in public evangelism the relational problems among the membership will take care of themselves.

Family Life Ministries is evangelism of the first order. For when we have strong, healthy and happy families in the church they return a faithful tithe, give a liberal offering, and bring their friends to church. Happy families in the church, invariably have happy children in the church who want to become members of the church. Happy children in the church, invite their friends to church, who often invite their parents to church, who when convinced will invite their friends and relatives to church. Network Evangelism is what it's all about.

After all, people will be attracted to our God and to our church, when we have the peace and joy they are looking for. That peace and joy are most obvious when our human relationships are what God wants them to be.

It makes me proud that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is at the forefront of the International Year of the Family, designated by the United Nations for 1994. What an opportunity to present to a world whose families are crumbling, that as a people we believe in strengthening the family.

Let's give more attention to having Family Life Directors in every church in the Atlantic Union. Let's give more attention to strengthening our singles and young married couples. Let's give more attention to strengthening co-parents and single parents. Let's give more attention to our divorcees, widows, and widowers. Let's give more attention to our senior citizens and children.

Like Moses of old, let us purpose to "go up and worship our God" with our children and young people, our adults and senior citizens. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus "

About Our Cover Photo:

A collage of various 1994 camp meeting pictures makes our cover intriguing. The pictures were taken by the Gleaner editor, Elder Theodore T. Jones II.



HOW TO STAY SPIRITUALLY HAPPY AND HEALTHY

"Steps to Christ," a program that sends the book "Steps to Christ" to a mailing area and offers additional free books and Bible studies.

Many of these studies are being conducted through the mail. One woman called her Bible study provider, Laura Swaney, and stated she was using the studies for a study group at a local university and

could she have more copies. Another Bible study of Barbara Paley has been in contact with Pastor Crockett and confessed to being convicted of the seventh-day Sabbath. The pastor is visiting in this home.

For some people, starting Bible studies through the mail seems to be less threatening for both parties.

Some interesting correspondence often results.

These studies, we pray, are planting seeds that will lead many to know Christ better, as well as develop confidence in church members that we all can share the faith that is so dear to us in a time when it is the only hope for the future.

A few of the Ithaca church members involved in Bible studies.



A church must be involved in outreach if it is to stay healthy. The Cortland and Ithaca churches in New York Conference are happy to have about 20 persons, with more each week, involved in Bible studies.

The Cortland church obtained its names for Bible studies primarily from a *Signs* magazine box located at Tops Market. In fact, they had so many requests for subscriptions that they ran out of funds to provide them.

The Ithaca church became involved with Project

LIVING FOR JESUS—IT PAYS!

Five years ago Craig Ammerall met Melissa (Missy) Olsen at a local pizza parlor where they both worked. As they started dating, he was attracted to something that was "different" about Missy and her family. Soon he became involved in the activities of the "Olsen clan," and he realized that here was a group of people who really "lived" their religion.

As time went on and Craig began attending the Saratoga Seventh-day Adventist Church, he found himself helping Missy in the Junior Division where she played the piano. When the Holy Spirit touched his heart, he decided to have Bible

studies with Missy's dad, local elder Neil Olsen.

On May 28 Craig was buried in the waters of baptism by Brian

Laird, a visiting pastor from Pennsylvania and a friend of the family. Pastor Coe, the local pastor extended the right hand of fellowship and gave him a copy of the book "Welcome to the Family" which was inscribed by the local church members.

Missy gets a double pay off as she had the pleasure of seeing one she loves give his heart to Jesus. They were married on July 10. As recent college graduates, Missy will be teaching school and Craig will work as a respiration therapist, as they labor together for the Lord. Surely Missy knows, living for Jesus pays!



Pastor Herbert Coe giving Craig Ammerall the book, "Welcome to the Family," after his baptism by Pastor Brian Laird who holds his baptismal certificate.

*Juliana E. Yonke
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HANDS AROUND THE WORLD

SHAREHOLDERS IN THE NEW JERUSALEM

Have you desired to own a lovely home in some very prestigious neighborhood? Or have you thought it might be nice to live in elegant style in a fine home? Here is a way you can do all of this and more, without being disappointed with the results! Holy Scripture tells us to *"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal"* (Matthew 6:20).

The largest and most prestigious neighborhoods I can think of, will be found in the New Jerusalem—the homes there will surpass the most beautiful, fantastic and breathtaking dwellings our simple minds have ever dreamed of. Not only the homes, but the surroundings will be equally as splendid—the shrubs, flowers, lakes and rivers. Our minds have no way to comprehend the excellent loveliness of it all!

The most wonderful part of it will be that, whereas a beautiful home here will still have a leaky roof, need repainting periodically, could conceivably be burglarized, or could be lost completely by fire, none of those things will ever happen to our mansion of the New Jerusalem. The inhabitants of our most fantastic homes now become sick, have accidents and eventually die, but not so for those who will dwell in the New Jerusalem. If you didn't know better, you might ask, "Please tell me, how can I invest in such a place—when can I start living there? But you and I know where this mansion is located and how to get there.

Matthew 6:21 tells us that *"where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."* Could this verse possibly be suggesting to us that as we now give to the furtherance of God's cause on this earth, we will at the same time be making preparations

for living in Heaven by the knitting of our hearts and minds to Jesus and heavenly things? Is the verse saying that as we place our treasures unselfishly in projects such as "Hands Around the World" to bring Jesus to the millions, our hearts will be drawn to Him as a result, the outcome of which plays a part in our becoming shareholders in the New Jerusalem?

May we welcome each opportunity to give to Jesus and His work on earth. The blessing will be double. Those who receive our offerings will be blessed, and the effect upon our own lives could have eternal implications!



Charles J. Griffin is president of the Greater New York Conference

By Charles J. Griffin

ATLANTIC UNION CONSTITUENT ATTENDS HISTORY-MAKING CONVENTION

Attesting Maranatha Volunteers International's annual national convention on August 4 to 6, Maranatha board member Lillian Price (Lancaster, MA) was reminded of the Atlantic Union's Maranatha involvement over the years.

"As a board member, I have been gratified to see up close the work of Maranatha volunteers from the Atlantic Union. We have many wonderful, dedicated volunteers.

"My husband George and I have noted with special interest our academies—namely, GBA, PTA and USA—and our college as they

have taken short-term mission trips to the third world over the last six or seven years. These Maranatha experiences have changed the lives of the student participants.



At the convention, volunteers with flags from 25 countries slowly marched to the front of Baker Chapel to the music "We Are One." This finale concluded the nearly two-hour volunteer talent show Thursday evening. Lillian Price is standing in the front row at the left.

"At Maranatha's twenty-fifth anniversary convention at Monterey Bay Academy (La Selva Beach, CA)," Lillian continues, "I was impressed with what has been done since Maranatha's beginnings in 1969. But more than that, I was overwhelmed with the tremendous construction needs of our world church and the endless opportunities for Maranatha volunteers to serve our church in the future.

"My dream is that more church members in the Atlantic Union will catch the enthusiasm from our schools and dare to experience short-term mission service for themselves. What an advantage it would be to our churches!"



ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

DINING COMMONS CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Students returning to Atlantic Union College in August found a major change taking place. Construction of the long-anticipated Chan Shun Dining Commons has begun on the Prescott Street side of the campus.

Construction has been delayed because the project's first set of bids came in more than a half-million dollars higher than expected. The college, working with the architects, scaled back the building to keep it within budget and again put it out for bids.

The college selected a local contractor, Mullaney Corporation of Leominster, to construct the 18,000-square-foot building, which is ex-



Construction of AUC's new Chan Shun Dining Commons began in mid-August. The first step was the removal of trees and leveling of the site.

pected to be completed by next summer. Mullaney Corporation specializes in constructing and renovating commercial, institutional, and industrial buildings.

The dining commons is expected to cost \$2.5 million, including equip-

ment. By August the college had received more than \$2.3 million in gifts and pledges from alumni and friends of the college. A campaign to sell gift bricks, which will bear donors' names or messages, has been launched to raise another \$200,000.

AUC HELPS CONFERENCES CERTIFY TEACHERS

Atlantic Union College has begun a pilot program with the Northeastern and Greater New York conferences of SDA to offer courses in New York to teachers during the summers. These courses will lead to denominational certification, according to Carol Allen, vice president for academic affairs.

Esmee J. Bovell, Northeastern Conference superintendent of edu-

cation, is the liaison for the program, which she calls "a big success." Five three-credit-hour courses were offered this past summer, she said, some on Sundays, some during the week.

Sixty-three teachers, 14 from Greater New York, the remainder from Northeastern, took one of these classes: Seventh-day Adventist Heritage, taught by R. Clifford Jones; Daniel, taught by Bordes Henry Saturne; Fundamentals of Biblical Studies, also taught

by Dr. Saturne; Reading Methods, taught by Sandra Herndon; and Exceptional Children and Youth, taught by Claudia Williams.

"Some of our teachers are able to go to AUC in the summers to take courses toward certification," Bovell said, "but some can't because they have children at home, or other reasons." It was for those teachers that the New York campus idea was developed.

WORKSHOP BROADENS PROFESSOR'S TEACHING PERSPECTIVE

D. Robert Kennedy, associate professor of religion, recently concluded his fourth and final week as a participant in the Lilly Foundation American Academy of Religion Teaching Workshop. In that session,

he and 15 fellow religion professors discussed "priorities in the professorate," Kennedy said. These included teaching, research, grading, and case studies.

Kennedy attended this four-part workshop after obtaining a grant he had seen advertised.

"I have dramatically broadened my perspective in teaching by risk-

ing new techniques and strategies in the classroom and doing profound evaluation of my work as a teacher," Kennedy said. He reported benefiting from having videotapes of his classroom teaching, his course outlines, and his teaching portfolio critiqued.

"JESUS IS ALIVE AND COMING SOON"

1994 BERMUDA CAMP MEETING

With such a dynamic and positive theme for this year's Bermuda Camp Meeting held July 15 through 23, Jesus indeed became lovingly real. Furthermore, the various speakers pointed us to the reality of Jesus' imminent return.

Dr. David L. Taylor, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, describes himself as one who loves people and loves to interact with people. He likes to see positive changes for progress. He says, "he's excited about the Lord and loves to talk about God—caught up in the Lord."

His wife, Maxine, can testify to the above statements as he has already this year attended five constituency meetings, trying to get to know the 75,000+ members located in the 450,000 square-mile area:

When Pastor Llewellyn Williams was a student at Oakwood College, he became acquainted with Dr. Taylor. He describes him as "a radical preacher of righteousness."

During Dr. Taylor's visit with us this camp meeting he shared practical ways to appreciate the

grand plan of salvation. He explained it so clearly that people can both respond and be committed to it.

His message left us with conviction: "God is not one to be feared, but loved and appreciated for what He has done in sending His Son and Holy Spirit

who give us power to be models as Christians in the home, to our neighbors, and to our children. When this is allowed to happen, we will see our world ablaze and alive for Jesus Christ."

Throughout the week Pastor Aaron Thompkins presented different situations in the life of Jesus that will enable us to see Him as being real. As Pastor Thompkins spoke to the youth he pointed out that if we would spend time bringing people to Jesus, He would not only heal them but He would heal us as well. In spite of ourselves, how messed up we may be, it is comforting to know that Christ is doing everything to save us. We do not have to pay penance or perform other acts in order to receive God's forgiveness, but we need simply to come to Him in faith.

Pastor Samuel Hutchins' down-



Pastor Samuel Hutchins, speaker for the adults

home, easy-going manner made us feel receptive; eager to receive the evening's message.

Prompted by Pastor Hutchins, the congregation took a "new look" at the story of Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22:7-14), seeing anew that faith is the power source of God's people. Like Abraham and Isaac, we are no different in our faith experience. "In order to travel this journey of life we must constantly struggle to maintain our faith when facing difficult situations, but we must realize like Abraham that our faith will be rewarded" (Genesis 22:8).

Where is our faith for today's crises? One answer: Jesus is real and coming soon. God is preparing His people for His coming. "Through trials God reveals where we are in regard to our faith relationship to Him," Pastor Hutchins said. "The testing of our faith is a developmental process that is occurring before the coming of our Lord. By observing our conduct while in the midst of difficulties, the testing will reveal the solidity of our faith. No matter how severe the situation we may encounter, faith requires that



Pastor Aaron Thompkins, speaker for the youth

we separate our thoughts from God's will." Pastor Hutchins clearly warned, "When we challenge God's will with our daily thoughts we weaken our faith experience. Faith teaches us responsibility to God's will."

"Too often we become bogged down in the possibilities. God's will for our lives is God's business." We must walk by faith.

The plateau of the Top Field of the Bermuda Institute Complex was transformed by the red and blue canvas cathedral. Each morning at 6:45 Drs. Gregory and Carol Allen, professors at AUC, brought to us Morning Manna sent from God for spiritual nourishment.

The early morning meetings with the Allens were very refreshing and informative. Many questions from various topics were asked and discussed. The Allens aided the listeners by opening the Word of God and showing the relevancy of the Bible as it throws light on contemporary issues of today in our church fellowship.



Mike Faison teaching the children's divisions

Mike Faison, his wife Joycie, and their three children, Michael, Nneka, and Mary, used the Gospel Puppets program as an evangelistic outreach tool for children and their families. Mike has been designing puppets for most of his life. He enjoys puppetry, clown ministry, skating, craft activities, and children—put them all together and

you get the Mike Faison Productions which was officially introduced as an innovative creative arts business in 1990.

This time he brought with him "Stories of the Kingdom," a child evangelism program designed for children ages three to twelve. "Stories of the Kingdom" opened with a gathering of more than 60 children. Excitement increased as each child became a part of the study. "Jesus gave up His life for us, just as the man with the pearls sold everything he had for the biggest pearl," was the reaction from Sham-mah Williams, age eight. These young pearls are preparing to meet Jesus in His kingdom as they nightly met with Sir Mike and the puppets.

Picture 153 children waving their hands singing "Love is a flag flown high from the castle of my heart." Angelic sounds which will be heard in heaven. "And how do we get to heaven?" "If you let the King in He will take you to His kingdom."

Sir Mike challenged the children to ask each day, "Lord, please take control of my mind today, because the power of evil is trying to get in."

Parents let us help our children to hear the Lord knocking at the door of their hearts. Let us as families, daily go before the Lord in prayer and invite Him in.

It was a night to remember when the Honorable Wayne Furbert, Minister of Community and Cultural



Adult tent which was always well filled.



Governor Waddington of Bermuda

Affairs, sang "His Grace is Greater Than Our Needs." He testified that Jesus has been Lord and Saviour of his life since the age of 14.

The minister sang as a part of the nightly service. Prior to this, a Mini Concert by the Somerset Young Adult Choir provided the evening's music. Under the direction of Camelita Simmons, the spirited group sang five songs.

Connect Five, a musical group visiting from Oakwood College and Sylvia Ellis also provided special music during the evening services.

The camp meeting was refreshing, exciting, and informative. Let us each day make Jesus real in our lives. He is coming again, sooner than we think. Let us read the signs. We need to focus on the present, because our future is contingent on how we live today.

Let us all look forward to the 1995 camp meeting, if the Lord is willing.

"THE BLESSED HOPE"

1994 GREATER NEW YORK CAMP MEETING A BLESSING IN FIVE LANGUAGES

The "Blessed Hope" 1994 camp meeting theme sounded again and again at each of five sessions. In five different languages, children and young people of all ages brought renewed hope and encouragement to the entire Greater New York Adventist camp meeting family through their songs, prayers, honest questions, and their laughter. Hope glowed in the shining eyes of six new members of our Russian congregation as they were baptized in the lake, and in the joy radiating from Pastor Jose and Raquel Hernandez at his ordination. Whether the music came

from recording artist Wintley Phipps, an array of choirs and choral groups, or a tiny believer singing in loving tribute to Juanita and Merlin Kretschmar as they left our area, the message was clear: We each have the blessed hope of a Saviour who's coming soon to take us home.

Believers and their friends made their way to Camp Berkshire by car, train or via a small fleet of buses. They heard again the words of early Adventist pioneers whose hopes seemed dashed on October 22, 1844, but then revived as further prayer and

Bible study revealed new perspectives. Among the speakers who came from the far corners of the US, Canada and Latin America to share zestful, Spirit-filled messages focused on the Blessed Hope were the newly elected president of Greater New York, Elder Charles Griffin, and his wife, Evelyn. That hope was, indeed, a blessed tie binding hearts and threading through generational lines, reminding camp-meeting participants of a rich, shared heritage as members of the family of God.

"A Abençoada Corda"—Portuguese



"Anidaso Pa No"—Ghanaian



"The Blessed Hope"—English





"La Bendita Esperanza" — Spanish



"La Bienheureuse Espérance" — French



Bible Bowl Awards



Bryan Robinson (second from left) and Leon Dawson (not shown) of the Mamaroneck church were awarded trophies as the Conference champions.



Juniors from the Yonkers church, with Elder Dionisio Olivo (l.), and Pastors David Velasquez, judge; and Lloyd Scharffenberg, who presented the questions (right rear).



Young adults from Spanish Intervale (front row) and youth and junior awardees from Spanish Hempstead church. With them are Elder Olivo (2nd row, l.) and Pastors Carlos Aragonés and Anselmo Mesa.

"YOURS IN THE BLESSED HOPE"

1994 NEW YORK CAMP MEETING

After prayerfully considering our goals for the New York Camp Meeting, President Skip Bell and his office and pastoral staff determined that the meetings would be planned for evangelism and reclaiming former church members. God certainly led in establishing the direction to be followed in selecting programs and speakers. The spirit of the Lord was evident as more than thirty responded to the invitation of complete surrender to Jesus Christ.

As Elder Bell stated, "The experience of spiritual renewal was dramatic. There were many decisions for recommitment to the Lord and a great sense of spirituality among our people."

The presence of the Holy Spirit was also evident in the offerings. The evangelism offering in 1992 was \$12,553; in 1993 it was \$19,400. We were thankful for the spirit-led increase from 1992 and 1993 as our people gave an offering in cash and pledges of over \$39,000 on

Sabbath during our Camp Meeting. It is truly a blessing!

Of course, there were many highlights. But one very touching memory was the last Saturday night program in the big tent. As Elder Richard Barron was closing, children from the kindergarten, primary, junior, and earliten classes joined with us for a decision and prayer of commitment. Together we determined to witness to our neighbors and loved ones so that we all could be with the Lord throughout eternity.

GENERAL HIGHLIGHTS



Our beautiful campus



Joyce and Duane Cady admire retirement plaque painted by Mari Gibbs-Pickett



Elder Dick Barron enthusiastically expounds God's Word.



Don and Ilene Caster sponsor Loralee Muhlenbeck as she and Chuck Castle are commissioned into teaching ministry



Chuck Castle accepts the challenge at commissioning service



Pastor David and Heather Foster sponsor Pastor Kevin and Wendy Dunn at ordination



Elder James White (Dennis Farley) greets the saints at New York Campmeeting.



Elder James White (Dennis Farley) enters tent singing and thumping his Bible in his traditional way.



Early Advent leader Sylvester Bliss (David Foster) takes us back in time to the Millerite Movement and relives his memories of William Miller

YOUTH DIVISION



Pathfinder clubs are awarded plaques made by Margaret Ahles for the points earned during the year.



Youth group looking forward to Christ's soon return



Wendy Dunn leads out in Cradle Roll with helpers, Andrea Nieves and Krystal Duncan



Vestal Hills Hawks take center stage during Pathfinder Fair with their depiction of the Second Coming



Margene Damon takes Kindergarten children on an outer space adventure



Primary children sit spellbound as Pastor Jose and Debbie Nieves lead out

MUSIC



Warren Ottey and "The Master's Touch" in concert



Bob Kalua and Greg Carter lead youth sing-along



Spanish campers hear inspirational music in their own language



Union Springs Bell Choir



Bruce and Cynthia Coston in concert



Cynthia Coston brings us heavenly harp music

"HE LEADETH ME"

1994 NORTHEASTERN CAMP MEETING

Some years ago, an exuberant member from Staten Island exclaimed that camp meeting was a "little bit of Heaven." That sentiment seems to be much in evidence as members from across the conference converged on the Camp Victory Lake campground for Camp Meeting '94. This year's theme was "He Leadeth Me." North American Division President Alfred C. McClure delivered the first Sabbath's sermon. His impassioned homily was enthusiastically received and served as an introduction, as many in the audience were meeting him for the first time.

The week's speakers included former South Central Conference President, C. E. Dudley; Lake Union Conference President, Robert H. Carter; former Southwest Region Conference President, W. C. Jones; Loma Linda University Special Assistant to the President and Director for Diversity, Dr. Delbert W. Baker; Atlantic Union Conference Communication Director Ted Jones; Allegheny East Conference President, Alvin M. Kibble; and others. Greetings were given by *Message Magazine* Editor, Steve Ruff; Atlantic Union College President, Dr. James Londis; Atlantic

Union Conference Secretary, Alvin Goulbourne; and Missionary to Africa, George Huggins.

The second Sabbath sermon was delivered by veteran pulpiteer Dr. E. E. Cleveland. The second Sabbath afternoon also witnessed the ordination of eight pastors: Pastor and Mrs. Lawrence E. Brown, Pastor and Mrs. Richard H. Calhoun, Pastor and Mrs. Glenelle O. Clarke, Pastor and Mrs. Jerome C. Crichton, Pastor and Mrs. Lionel E. Martell, Pastor and Mrs. Pierre Elie Omeler, Pastor and Mrs. Gregg Robinzine, and Pastor and Mrs. Tony A. Taylor.



NAD president Alfred C. McClure was the speaker the first Sabbath of camp meeting.



Elder E. E. Cleveland was the speaker for the second Sabbath of camp meeting.



The camp meeting choir singing for the first Sabbath morning service.



Brass quartet from Atlantic Union College.



(4 top photos, clockwise from top left): Other speakers included recently retired Lake Union president Robert Carter; Dr. Trevor Fraser from Oakwood College; Steve Ruff, Message magazine editor; and Dr. James Londis, president of Atlantic Union College.



Candidates for ordination



Northeastern Conference president Stennett L. Brooks introducing Pastor and Mrs. A. Medley, newly elected youth director.

"VISION TO VICTORY"

1994 NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CAMP MEETING

"Vision to Victory" — An exciting theme to a wonderful old-fashioned camp meeting held at Pine Tree Academy in Freeport, Maine. "It's like stepping back in time" expressed one visitor from California. Amid a sea of tents,

warm summer breezes, the laughter of children, and the renewing of friendships, there was found the Spirit of God permeating His people like a beautiful thread woven through everything and holding everyone together in His love. At

the Northern New England Camp Meeting you could find it all . . . friends . . . fellowship . . . a spiritual feast . . . and the marvelous promise of even better things to come.





"NEW LIFE IN CHRIST"

1994 SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The 125th Camp Meeting in the Southern New England Conference is now history. The program for the 125th camp meeting featured history of our church with a pictorial exhibit by Elder Terry St. Clair and many pastors and others impersonating the pioneers.

Each afternoon, two or more of the "pioneers" spoke and these services were enjoyed by all who attended. Mildred Case, wife of the Southern New England Conference president, started the week by impersonating Ellen White. Millie used Mrs. White's writings from *The Great Controversy*.

Other pioneers were James White (Bill Warcholick), S. N. Haskell (David Thomas), A. G. Daniels (James Elli-

thorpe), William Foy (Ives Roberts), Minnie Sypes (Rita Vital), Joseph Bates (Marion Kidder), J. N. Loughborough (Steve Sessler), J. N. Andrews (Steve Jencks), William Miller (Gary Wagner), Sojourner Truth (Hyveth Williams) and a panel comprised of Waggoner, Jones, Smith and Butler (Steven Grabiner, Bill Brace, Robert Kennedy and Wally Frost).

Many of the pioneers, dressed in the attire of the past, visited the children's divisions telling them about the pioneer's life.

Elder George Brown, retired former president of the Inter-American Division, every night expounded the great truths of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, concluding Saturday evening

with the Second Coming of Jesus. Just preceding Elder Brown's sermon, Wendell Phipps, guest speaker for the youth, sang his brother Wintley's arrangement of "Jesus is Coming Again."

Elder Gordon Henderson represented the Voice of Prophecy the first weekend, and Drs. William Shea and Miraslov Kis, from the General Conference and Andrews University Theological Seminary, respectively, spoke every day on Prophecy and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Each morning at 6:45, several new pastors and those to be ordained developed the camp meeting theme. They were elders Al Anderson, Edison Gonzalez (his first sermon in English), Lee Gugliotto, Tom LeBlanc, John Loor,



Charles C. Case, Sr., Southern New England Conference president greets camp meeting attendees.



Millie Case welcomes members as they come through the front gate.



"Minnie and Manny" of the Boston Van Ministry. Minnie is Minnie Sypes as portrayed by Rita Vital, director of the Boston Van Ministry. Manny is Manny Ortiz the Boston Van Ministry driver.



Sarah Fanton, center, dressed in period clothes of the 1800's led out in Sabbath school. Gwen Ashley, administrative assistant to the AUC president, had the opening prayer. Scott Christiansen shared his mission experience in Mongolia.



Carol Verrill cradle roll leader, with mirror and in song tells the children, "Who Am I, Someone Special to Jesus."



Simon Mora of the Holyoke Spanish church shares his experiences in the United States as a soul winner. His answer to the caution that souls were not won as easily in this country as some other countries, was, "The same God is in both places!" Simon conducts an average of 30 Bible studies per week. His record of baptisms this year is 18 with an expected total of 50 by year's end.



The Family Enrichment Resources exhibit is a popular video-watching spot for young children. Bernie Chabot in the back row sees that the children go off to their meetings on time.



Harold Henderson, 101 years of age, of the West Townsend, VT, church was the oldest father attending Sabbath school on June 18, when Sarah Fanton, Sabbath school leader, followed a Father's Day theme.

Jr., Amado Luzbett, Steven Grabiner, and Steven Salsberry.

The women's ministries under the leadership of Cathy Taylor featured Millie Case, Marion Bakker-Bidwell, Gloria Harris, Alice Cunningham, and Cathy Taylor.

The Spanish believers enjoyed Elders Juan Viera from the White Estate, Pablo Perla, pastor in Washington, D. C., Robert Wilson from Texas who spoke to the youth and Alex Davidovich, who delivered the early morning devotionals.

Elder Michel Porcena from Miami spoke to the Haitian believers and Amin

Rador from New Jersey and Mario Brito from Portugal, to the Portuguese.

Speaking to the youth was Wendell Phipps from Hinsdale, Ohio, and now the new pastor of the Taunton and Middleboro churches in the Southern New England Conference. The earliteens enjoyed the stories and wit of Elder William "Conn" Arnold of Tennessee.

A new program started for the young adults each Sabbath was well attended. This program will continue in the future. Speakers were Elders Lee Gugliotto of the New England Memo-

rial church and Willie Oliver, Atlantic Union Youth Director.

The 1994 Southern New England 125th anniversary camp meeting will go down in history as one of the most spiritual weeks. May God bless the results of this camp meeting in the lives of those who attended.

The 1995 Southern New England Conference camp meeting will be June 16-24. Make your plans now for another super spiritual one-week festival.

Charles C. Case, Sr.

President/Communications Director



*Bill Warcholick/
James White*



*David Thomas/S. N.
Haskell with Haskell's
original Bible*



Rita Vital/Minnie Sykes

PIONEER PORTRAYALS



Millie Case/Ellen G. White



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Long Weekend

Oct. 7-10

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Oct. 13

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Oct. 21 and 22

Student Association Fall Festival

Oct. 28

Thayer Symphony Orchestra

Nov. 12, 8:00 p.m.

Thayer Young Artists Competition

Nov. 19, 8:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Vacation

Nov. 23-27

Sunset Table

Eastern Standard Time

	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 25
Bangor, ME	4:18	4:10	4:03	3:58
Portland, ME	4:26	4:18	4:12	4:07
Boston, MA	4:33	4:25	4:19	4:14
So. Lancaster, MA	4:35	4:27	4:21	4:16
Pittsfield, MA	4:41	4:33	4:27	4:23
Hartford, CT	4:40	4:33	4:27	4:22
New York, NY	4:47	4:40	4:35	4:31
Utica, NY	4:48	4:40	4:33	4:29
Syracuse, NY	4:51	4:43	4:37	4:33
Rochester, NY	4:57	4:49	4:43	4:38
Buffalo, NY	5:02	4:55	4:48	4:44
Hamilton, Bda.	4:24	4:19	4:15	4:13

Adventist History in The Making

Plan now to be a part of "Adventist History in the Making" by attending a special "barn" meeting to be held at the Hiram Edson Farm near Port Gibson, New York, on October 23, 1994, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The original Edson barn is no longer standing, but the barn of Luther Edson, Hiram's father, was purchased in March of 1992, by Adventist Historic Properties, dismantled, moved and stored until re-erected September 4, 1994, on the Hiram Edson Farm which had been purchased in January of 1989.

It was in the Edson barn on the morning of October 23, 1844, that Hiram Edson and a group of earnest but disappointed people met to hold a heart-searching prayer meeting. They were seeking assurance from God that the Scriptures were true and Jesus was indeed coming to this earth to redeem His people. Here they received comfort that God would soon explain the answer to their Question, "Why hadn't Jesus come?"

After breakfast, Edson invited one of the men to accompany him to go and share with others the comfort which God had given them. Silently the two men walked through a

cornfield. About halfway across the field, Edson stopped. Heaven seemed open to his view. In relating the incident he said, "I saw distinctly and clearly that instead of our High Priest coming out of the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary to come to this earth (October 22) . . . that He for the first time entered on that day the second apartment of that sanctuary; and that He had work to perform in the Most Holy before coming to this earth." (*In the Footsteps of the Pioneers*, p. 115.)

This blessed Sanctuary Truth still burns brightly in the hearts of God's people today in 1994. Jesus is coming! Hope is still alive!

This special event immediately follows the Sesquicentennial Commemoration scheduled at the William Miller barn at Whitehall, New York, for October 20-22.

Out of Union

1994 Christian Talent Search Winners—Turning Point Studios and Chapel Bridge Records proudly announce the winners of the Second Annual Christian Talent Search for amateur Adventist musicians.

The Grand Prize Winner received a one-album recording contract with distribution by Chapel/Bridge Records. Category winners received \$1,000 worth of studio time at Turning Point Studios.



Grand Prize Winner—Jocelyn Smith. She began singing at the age of seven with her brother, two sisters, and mother who also plays the piano. She has done a variety of background work and vocalizing for various local artists. She currently lives in Pittsburg, CA, where she is completing her nursing degree. She enjoys using her musical talents for the Lord.

Persons whose eyesight isn't quite as sharp as it once was still enjoy studying God's Word—if only they had a large-print copy of the Bible, says Lina Sanchez, supervisor of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School. "Many persons who enroll in our New Life correspondence course request a Bible with large print," she explains. "Our budget doesn't provide Bibles to go with the lessons. We must depend on generous friends of the VOP ministry to provide these." If your family has a large-print Bible that is no longer needed, you can give it—and a Bible student—new life. Ship book rate to: Bible School, Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

Bible School Graduates Pass 900,000 Mark

They don't march to "Pomp and Circumstance," but they're special achievers! Another 5,798 students graduated from the Voice of Prophecy Bible School during 1993, bringing the cumulative graduates to 900,783 since the school began in 1942.

Lina Sanchez, supervisor, notes that these figures are only for the North American school at Voice of Prophecy headquarters. Around the world, there are more than 140 affiliated schools, some of which graduate even more students. The worldwide alumni for these schools number in the millions.

The headquarters school in California processed 41,940 applications in 1993, of which 14,910 actually enrolled. The four instructors graded 242,741 lessons during the year.

Besides the 34-lesson *New Life* course on Bible doctrines for adults, the Voice of Prophecy offers *God Cares*, two sets of studies on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

Several specialized courses are available for a nominal charge. These include: *Good News for Today*, for the primary-age child; *Start Into Life*, for youth; *Focus on Living*, for beginners in Bible study; *Living Light*, on the life and teachings of Jesus; *Digging Up the Past*, on archaeology; and *It's Your World of Good Health*. For further information, write to the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, Box 55, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

Senior Workers Converge at Andrews University

The thirteenth annual convocation of retired church employees came together at Andrews University, June 22 to 27. A thousand strong, these lively gramps and grandmas and alert singles, sang and prayed and listened; fellowshiped together with unbelievable enthusiasm, made new friends and revived old friendships. James E. Chase, Coordinator of Retirees Affairs for the North American Division, directed the convocation.

They contributed \$43,000 plus, to church enterprises including scholarship assistance to third world students attending Andrews. General Conference President Robert Folkenberg headed the list of speakers which included A. C. McClure, President of the North American Division; Roland Hegstad, retired editor of *Liberty*; and Neal C. Wilson, who for 12 years was the GC's chief executive, and of course, many others.

One of the happiest resources provided was the professional music skills of Harold Lickey and one of the denomination's best organists, C. Warren Becker. But the wholehearted singing of the seniors was perhaps the greatest treat. Students could hardly believe what they were hearing. Powerful voices belied the age of the retirees. Hearts full of love for Christ and one another overflowed.

The alumni meetings of 12 colleges, the memorable prayer breakfast, the Saturday night program "Sounds of the Nations," with Bruce Bauer and the international students, the retirees annual banquet, the field trips to Amish Country, and also Chicago—all added spice and color and provided spiritual appeal while the overall theme, "Homeward Bound, and "Almost Home" gave focus and excitement to the convocation.

Eight different seminars were conducted, including a well-attended program on "Last Day Events."

A pre-convocation seminar on "Retiree Club Leadership," under the direction of Delmer Holbrook of Home Study International, attracted some 65 club leaders and Union and local conference coordinators.

The seniors were delighted with the convocation and experienced a refreshing in their own personal lives. The rain and clouds that darkened the sky for several days (but also protected from intensive heat) were scarcely noticed by these preoccupied and dedicated "prime timers." The showers of God fell on their heads and they were filled anew with the love of God.

Ralph and Ruth Willard from Lancaster, Massachusetts, in the Atlantic Union attended this year's convocation. Mrs. Willard says, "She thoroughly enjoyed the various events planned for the retirees. It was a happy time to fellowship and meet old friends. They found the seminar on 'Last Day Events' taught by Elder Delafield very profitable."

There was a leaders meeting held simultaneously with the convocation and it was exciting to hear and see various denominational leaders.

The Willards stated they would like to attend another retirees convocation if the opportunity arises.

The next annual convocation of senior workers will convene at Walla Walla College August 16-21, 1995. Hundreds of seniors who have never seen this historic college in the Northwest will attend and they will not be disappointed by what they see or hear. Doubtless scores of alumni will retrace their steps to this beautiful center of learning and rejoice to see many of their old classmates.

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SDA Women's Magazine Slated to Start January 1995

Penny Estes Wheeler, Review and Herald Publishing Association book acquisitions editor for eight years, has accepted the position as editor of a new 48-page magazine for Adventist women. The first issue of the magazine (yet unnamed) is slated for release January 1995, the beginning of the Year of the Adventist Woman, and will begin as a quarterly publication.

"We have surveyed well over 2,000 women to find out what they want," says Wheeler. And what might that be? Grassroots relevancy. So this new journal will be a lifestyle magazine with a strong spiritual emphasis. It will include articles and departments to cover all areas of the Adventist woman's life—from spiritual growth to health and fitness, to careers and home.

"I was talking about our plans for the magazine with a group of women at a weekend retreat when a woman asked, 'Will you let common people like us write for it?' And I said Yes. The magazine will be interactive. My vision for the magazine is that 'regular people'



Penny Estes Wheeler will be the editor of the new SDA women's magazine.

will pick it up and recognize it as a letter from family and friends."

Robert J. Kinney, Jr., president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, is pleased with this forward step in publishing. "While there are a number of magazines targeted to women in the secular and Christian marketplace today, none of them meets the special needs of Adventist women. Every Adventist woman in North America is a potential subscriber to our new Adventist women's magazine," he said.

A full year of research and planning preceded the final decision to move ahead with the project. Women's ministries groups throughout the North American Division have taken an active interest in the planning, providing

valuable input and counsel. Elizabeth Sterndale, Director of the Office of Women's Ministries, is optimistic about the future of the new magazine. "Women's Ministries Directors across the Division have long felt the need for a magazine for Adventist women. I know they are going to do all they can to support it and ensure its success."

Penny Estes Wheeler, the newly appointed editor, brings much experience as both editor and writer to her new post. She is perhaps the most well-known of all Review and Herald Publishing Association employees because of her extensive writing (eight books and numerous periodical articles). After having served as editor of *Guide* for three years, the Review asked her to take up the responsibilities of book acquisitions editor—one of the most difficult jobs at the publishing house.

Kinney has confidence in Ms. Wheeler's skills. "She will know how to get this magazine off the ground," he says. "She's got the background and is widely respected by women throughout the church."

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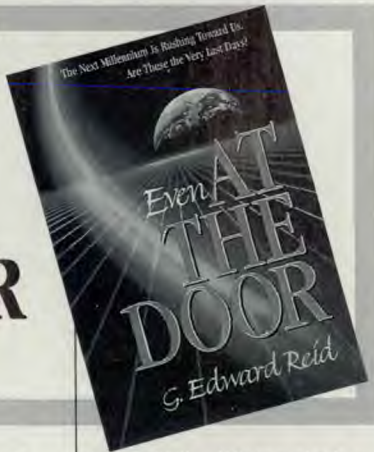
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