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About Our Cover Photo:

Various photos taken during the 150th Anniversary activities at the William Miller Farm on October 20-22, 1994: Each row (l. to r.). Top: Camera crew in action during up-link. A section of the audience during the eleven o'clock hour; Several generations of William Miller's descendants; Middle: Sing-a-long during Sabbath school for the Juniors; Walter L. Pearson, Jr., preaches during the eleven o'clock hour; Jim Nix leading Advent hymn singing for the people assembled on Ascension Rock; Bottom: Henry Livergood directs setup for food distribution; C. Mervyn Maxwell and Jo Ellen Barnard Walton lead Advent Hymn singing at the eleven o'clock hour; two little baby girls, Melina Morov Barg (l) daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Barg from Brazil, and Olivia Bethany Knott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Knott, were dedicated by Charles C. Case and Robert Kloosterhuis in Miller Chapel on Sabbath, October 22, 1994.

GENTLE REMINDERS

Since this will be my last editorial as President of the Atlantic Union, I thought it would be fitting to share some "gentle reminders." This expression I borrow from Dr. Eva B. Dykes, my English professor at Oakwood College. She initiated a practice in which she would remind us by example of the correct grammatical principles. She labeled them "minimum essentials" that must be mastered to successfully and effectively live and communicate the gospel.

In 1993 the General Conference conducted a world survey. The responses from the North American Division were revealing and alarming because it is evident we aren't doing what we should to be successful in sharing and communicating the gospel. Notice a few responses from over 95 areas surveyed: (1) Daily participation in personal Bible Study—27 percent. (2) Daily participation in family worship—22 percent. (3) Have given a Bible study in the past 12 months—19 percent. (4) Have taken part in a witnessing activity—14 percent. May I share with you a few gentle reminders as "we see that day approaching as to what manner of people we ought to be."

People of Repentance—An unidentified man walked into the office of a public service company, placed an envelope on a desk and walked out. The envelope contained \$400 and a note which read: "Once a thief, now a Christian. This is to pay for the electricity I stole from your company." "Godly sorrow worketh repentance" (2 Corinthians 7:1) and causes us to be . . .

People of Character—Dwight L. Moody said you can tell a person's character by what one does in the dark. Macauley said, "the mea-

sure of a person's real character is what they would do if they knew they would never be found out." People of character are . . .

People of Responsibility—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Christian who defied the Nazis said, "action springs not from thought but from a readiness for responsibility." One doesn't have to move mountains to make a difference but when responsibility is accepted we shall see improvement in our lives, families, congregations, and communities. This will lead us to become . . .

People of Service—Toward the end of his life, Albert Einstein removed the portrait of two scientists—Newton and Maxwell—from his wall and replaced them with portraits of Ghandi and Schweitzer. He explained it was time to replace the image of success with the image of service which will motivate us to become a . . .

People of Mission—The global village becomes more attractive for our mission. 240,000 miles from the earth, on July 20, 1969, the first man walked on the moon. The USA spent 24 billion dollars and employed 400,000 technicians and workers from 20,000 private firms.

Joe Shea, who manages the project wrote in his book *Apollo*, "we would go out in the parking lot and look up at the moon and say, "you really want to go there?" The answer was always, "yes!"

Our mission for Christ carries a much higher mandate than reaching the moon. Success is possible if we look to Jesus (Hebrews 12: 1 and 2) These are just gentle reminders of what can happen if we practice the minimum essentials.



IN THE PATH OF THE PIONEERS

The publishing program, Family Enrichment Resources (FER), is following the path of our pioneers in the Atlantic Union. For our Spanish and Portuguese literature evangelists the statement in *Colporteur Ministry* is still alive!

"I have a message for you. You must begin printing a small newspaper to send to the people. It will be small at the beginning; but as people read you will receive what is necessary to print it; it will be a success from the very beginning. It has been shown to me that from this small beginning rays of light will illuminate the globe."

El Colporteur Evangélico, p. 9

This poignant message of November 1848, in Dorchester, Massachusetts, has brought blessings to this ministry in a marvelous way. Ninety-five percent of our Big Book Spanish students earn an average of two scholarships per student

working in the Boston area. Our books are currently on television, thanks to the financial support of elders, brothers, and pastors of other denominations who see the importance of our materials.

Pastor Oscar Aparicio, Southern New England Conference Spanish and Portuguese director, is currently working on new territories in which to colporteur. Carlos Jimenez, a literature evangelist in Massachusetts, has been a key player in opening two new Spanish congregations in Lawrence and Malden. He also has developed a children's program with Megabooks in places where we do not have a Seventh-day Adventist Church. This same group of children then becomes the first to attend a branch Sabbath school, which is the beginning of a new congregation. Praise the Lord!

During 1994, our Spanish and Portuguese literature evangelists in

Southern New England will deliver close to a million dollars in cash sales (no credit sales), which shows one of the highest achievements in the history of this territory. Thanks to our dedicated and supportive pastors, we have literature evangelists in Rhode Island; New Haven and Bridgeport, Connecticut; and Lawrence, New Bedford, Lowell, Boston, and Springfield, Massachusetts.

Other successful tools in our publishing ministry today are the Health, Nutrition, and Family seminars presented by Pastor Oscar Aparicio and his wife, Gloria. Recently we received a letter from a vice president of Marriott Hotel Corp. in Massachusetts. It said: "I had been looking for something different to present to our employees during our convention in October 1994. We were very privileged to have your worker (Pastor Aparicio) come and share five hours in a seminar about the Beauty of the Family. We need your help, and we need to start somewhere. What better place than with the books of Family Enrichment Resources."

Dear Fellow Believers, there are still people out there waiting to hear the truth. Let us keep our message alive through the publishing ministry. If you feel the calling in your heart, and want to participate as a literature evangelist in the Atlantic Union territory, please do not hesitate to call (508) 365-7369 and ask for Eliseo Lozano. We can help you to be a successful literature evangelist.

*Eliseo Lozano, Director
Foreign Market/Language Division
Columbia/Atlantic Unions*

Pastor Oscar Aparicio presenting a Daniel and Revelation seminar in a Pentecostal church in Boston, Massachusetts.



HANDS AROUND THE WORLD

BY STENNETT H. BROOKS, NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is one big, loving, multicultural family, now numbering some eight million strong. That is good news! It means that the work of the gospel being spread to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people is fast becoming a reality. So many of us can recite those words of Matthew 24:14 . . . "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." This text raises some very serious questions.

Does the Adventist church have the gospel message so deeply entrenched in its heart that we are willing to give all and do all to spread the good news? Are we in possession of the heartfelt burden of spreading the gospel like our old pioneers? Jesus told His church to let their lights shine so that men would see their good works and glorify His Father. Is there a problem today with some of us in letting our lights shine? Can it be that some don't even have candles or lights in their hands?

One of the beautiful things about our church is that the areas of the world where finances are strong, we can accept our responsibility of helping those areas where our people are enduring hardship and struggles. God is glorified when His people have love one for another and are willing to help each other. The benefits of our worldwide missions program are seen today in the work of areas overseas. Without the support we send, the work would languish.

Years ago a promoter of one of our outstanding missionary magazines often made this statement: "Remember, Christ cannot come *anywhere* until the message has gone *everywhere*!" How absolutely true this statement is! We possess a message that God desires to belt the earth, this good news of the soon return of Jesus Christ in power and great glory. As dark as things are in our world, both politically and spiritually, there is still opportunity for the faithful to do what they can to support the spread of the gospel message.

When Mahatma Ghandi died years ago, Prime Minister Nehru said, "A great light has gone out in the world, and there is darkness everywhere." It is true that the assassination of Mr. Ghandi was a dark day. But when we think of Jesus, who proclaimed Himself as the Light of the world, who is risen from the dead, who is ministering for those who accept Him and His message, then we can have reason to rejoice. The great Light is soon to return to save us eternally.

Sacrificial giving now for the Hands Around the World Offering will help to hasten the day of His return. While we can give, let us give! While we can yet witness, let

us witness! While we can reach out and serve, let us do so! For our churches in the Atlantic Union, this can be our finest hour!



ABC TELEVISION CHRISTMAS EVE BROADCAST FROM ANDREWS UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

A special Christmas Eve service will be televised nationally on the American Broadcasting Company from Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

The program will be filmed against a background of organ pipes and modern banners and will feature musical groups, choirs and Scripture reading crafted around a Christmas sermon designed especially to reach "Generation X," commonly known as the Baby Buster generation. Music will be coordinated by Stephen

Zork of the Andrews University Music Department.

Senior Pastor, Dwight Nelson, 42, has done a special study of techniques for reaching the generation that followed the Baby Boomer generation. He will also present a story designed especially for the children in the audience. According to Skip MacCarty, administrative pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church, "the service will portray a contemporary classical Christmas, featuring a unique blend of modern and traditional Christian expressions cel-

ebrating the divine gift to bring peace on earth and good will among all peoples."

A one-half page ad for the program will appear in the December 24 issue of TV Guide, near the listing for the program. Please consult your TV listing for the specific time for the showing in your area.

The American Broadcasting Company makes this time available to denominations in the United States through the coordination of the National Council of Churches.

A TIME FOR REFLECTION

1844–1994 — 150TH ANNIVERSARY

BY THEODORE T. JONES II
EDITOR, ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER

October 20 through 23, 1994, was a time to remember, a time to reflect upon why Seventh-day Adventists would gather at the William Miller Farm in Low Hampton, New York, to catch the vision of the Millerites, that group of early Adventists who expected Christ to return to this earth for His faithful flock on October 22, 1844. They were concerned about developing a character which would enable them to meet Jesus in peace when He appeared in the heavens.

From many parts of North America and even distant overseas countries, 2,500 Adventists came to the Miller Farm to participate in the anniversary activities which had been carefully and prayerfully planned by the Adventist Heritage Ministry. The people who came were surprised to see a giant white tent situated behind the Miller home with its paladian windows making the tent look like a tabernacle with side windows of plastic. This was a great weekend of busy activity which didn't let up until Sunday morning.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church was remembering the great disappointment of the Millerites and gathering lessons about that sobering experience. We recalled the waiting of the Millerites for the

event of all the ages which did not transpire as they had hoped. And we learned that we need to examine our priorities and refocus upon the person of Christ and why He has delayed His return to this earth.

Speakers helped us to recall that 19 years later, after the great disappointment, the Seventh-day Adventist Church was born. The wisdom of God and His providence was emphasized over and over again. Even though 150 years have come and gone since the disappointment, we have substituted an "H" for the "d" making that traumatic experience . . . His-appointment! Ellen G. White wrote, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget how the Lord has led us . . . in our past history."

How thrilling it was, then, to see many leaders of our world church and the North American Division come to Low Hampton, New York, to help us renew our commitment to sacrifice, work, pray, and live to help hasten the day of Christ's coming. We are indeed a people of hope. *We still believe* . . . believe that the day is drawing near when Jesus will return. This world seems to be crying forth with pain, waiting to be delivered. God's clock is still running and we cannot help but be aware that we are living on borrowed time.

Those who were there saw the best of Adventism. The singing of the old Advent hymns was so heartwarming. Seminars and communion services were uplifting and enlightening. The sermons were stirring and challenging! The very atmosphere was supercharged with an expectancy that here was an event that might not be repeated again, that surely the Lord would come soon.

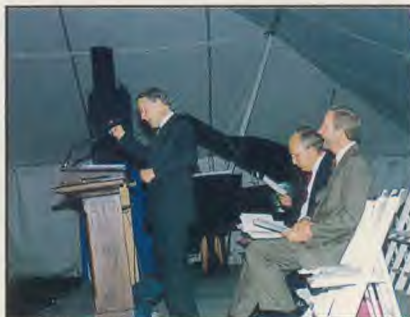
A great team of volunteers prepared the way for this memorable weekend. Shawnee Mission Medical Center supplied the free lunches on Sabbath. Their Assistant Vice-President, Robert L. Woolford, provided expertise and direction to the entire operation. The Voorheis, Hesses, and many other individuals worked tirelessly to keep the weekend intact. The Lord blessed the weather and everyone was abundantly enriched for having come to the commemorative weekend.

James R. Nix, president of Adventist Heritage Ministry, stated the goal of this exciting and inspirational series of meetings: "We must recall what actually happened on October 22, 1844, and what we saw and felt on October 22, 1994. Time cannot last much longer. *Jesus will soon return!*"

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE



Everyone found a place for sitting on Ascension Rock, including this little fellow.



G. Mervyn Maxwell directing singing of old Advent hymns.



NAD President A. C. McClure makes remarks.



Elder Robert S. Folkenberg, General Conference President, speaking during the eleven o'clock hour.



Robert Woolford (right, at microphone) assistant VP of Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Kansas, makes announcements concerning the sack lunches as Myron Widmer looks on.



Ascension Rock as it is today.



William Miller descendants and relatives pose in front of the Miller Farm House.



Dr. Delbert Baker, VP for Diversity at Loma Linda University, stands between the grave markers of William and Lucy Miller.



Hazel Phelps Stannard, descendant of William Miller (left), conversing with (l. to r.) Arl Voorheis, Alice Voorheis, and Jim Nix.

"GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT"



Dr. Don Jacobsen welcomes worshippers at the tent's entrance.



Jim Nix speaks as (seated l. to r.): Charles Griffin, Elmer Malcolm, Skip Bell, and Mervyn Maxwell listen.



Congregation singing another good old Advent hymn.



Elder Robert Dale, NAD Vice President, brings greetings.



Ronald Knott interviews William Miller's great great-granddaughter, Hazel Phelps Stannard, while Dr. James White, great-grandson of James and Ellen White, awaits his time to speak.



Platform participants during eleven o'clock hour (l. to r.): Malcolm Gordon; Robert Folkenberg; Walter Pearson; A. C. McClure; former Adventist Review editor, Kenneth Wood; and associate Adventist Review editor Myron Widmer.



Even the disabled were able to navigate the path from William Miller Chapel to Ascension Rock.



The huge tent seated nearly 2,000 people.



Dr. Marjorie Ness at the piano ready to accompany the AUC choir in their rendition of an Advent hymn.



A cross section of the thrilled audience participates in the worship service.



Elder M. C. Van Putten, associate treasurer of NAD, makes the offering appeal.



ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

COLLEGE SUPPORTS MILLER FARM ACTIVITIES

Atlantic Union College provided two essential ingredients—music and food—for the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Great Disappointment on October 22 at the William Miller Farm in New York State.

The 32-member Collegiate Chorale, directed by Paul Oakley, sang a half dozen early Advent hymns at two of the Sabbath services. With Robert Folkenberg, General Conference president, as soloist, they sang "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" for the eleven o'clock worship service. At the late afternoon service that was broadcast on satellite, they sang several hymns that included "Lift Up the Trumpet," sung with the congregation and herald trumpeters Tom Cushing and Conrad Roach, also from AUC.

"Lift Up the Trumpet" was the highlight of the day for choir member Cynthia Tan, from Ontario. So

many people singing together with trumpet accompaniment was a very moving experience for her, she said.

Joanna Carter, from Maine, described the entire day as exciting. "It's hard to put it into words," she said. "It's a whole experience I've never felt before, an excitement that Jesus is coming and it's important to tell everybody."

Marjorie Ness, chair of the music department, accompanied the group to the Miller Farm. She said the chorale was invited to participate in these services by the Ellen G. White Estate in Silver Spring, Maryland.

While choir members were preparing their music for this event, Henry Livergood, food service director, was planning how to provide sack lunches for the 2,500 people who attended and purchasing huge amounts of food. His planning paid off.

On Friday, October 21, Livergood and a crew of 60 began at 5:00 a.m. assembling the sack lunches. By mid-morning they had made and packaged 5,000 sandwiches and begun packing the lunch bags with two sandwiches apiece, two drinks, a bag of potato chips, an apple, and an apple turnover.

Livergood, who had never made more than 1,000 sandwiches at one



Amy Foote and Sonia Larivee add sandwiches and apples to sack lunches that will be eaten the next day by church members at the William Miller Farm.



Gordon Moore and Nicole Luttrell begin the sack lunch assembly line process with beverages and sandwiches.



Robert Folkenberg, right, General Conference president and an honorary alumnus of Atlantic Union College, rehearses a hymn with Paul Oakley, left, and the Collegiate Chorale.



Dr. and Mrs. James White, from Los Angeles, visited Founders Hall recently and posed for a photo under the relief sculpture of his great-grandparents, James and Ellen White.

time, had calculated that if the sandwiches were made by an assembly line, they could be made in 18 seconds apiece. A student sandwich maker said it actually went faster than that: "Fifteen seconds," he said triumphantly.

With four lines of workers, the job went quickly. By 4:30 in the afternoon, the brown-bag meals were stored in a rented truck, covered with plastic, and cooled with large blocks of ice. Early Sabbath morning Livergood, his family, and a half dozen students drove to the Miller Farm. They set up tables outside



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE CUSHING

Henry Livergood, food service director, distributed 2,500 sack lunches on October 22.

the tent where the church service was held and laid out the bags so that as people exited the tent, they could pick up their lunch quickly and find a pleasant spot to sit and eat it.

"We gave out about 2,000 lunches after church," Livergood said, "but we had brought 2,500, so I set the extras out on the tables. They disappeared quickly. We didn't bring any food back home with us."

Livergood and his food service crew also served 1,500 large oatmeal cookies, beverages, and apples for those who wanted a light supper.

The meals were distributed without charge to everyone who wanted one. The North American Division and Adventist Health System will be paying the bill, Livergood said. Filling an order of that magnitude was a challenge, he admitted. But good planning and capable help made it happen successfully.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE CUSHING

Robert Folkenberg, General Conference president and an honorary alumnus of Atlantic Union College, sings the solo part in "Jerusalem, My Happy Home," as Paul Oakley and the Collegiate Chorale accompany him.



PHOTO BY NEUBER OLIVEIRA

Herald trumpeters Conrad Roach and Tom Cushing lead the Collegiate Chorale and congregation in "Lift Up the Trumpet."

Jocelyn Fay
Public Relations

ENROLLMENT DROP BRINGS OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES

The number of students enrolled at AUC as of September 13 was an even 500, according to the office of academic records. This figure is down 96 from last year's total on the same date. It includes English Language Institute students, but not the more than 500 in AUC's alternative programs. (Electronic Distance Learning was between terms

when the oncampus program began, but it normally serves between 300 and 400 students each eight-week term. More than 100 are registered for ADP, and another 60 are earning degrees through Continuing Education.)

"Although we're smaller this year, we've gotten the year off to a great start academically, spiritually, and socially," said James J. Londis, president. "One benefit of our smaller size is that our student-to-

faculty ratio is 8:1. It's a great opportunity for individual attention."

A line of credit from the Atlantic Union Conference will enable the college to meet its financial obligations during the school year, according to Londis.

"Our challenge is to increase enrollment for second semester, as well as next fall," he said. "Church members can help us by calling our enrollment management office with the names of prospective students."

BERMUDA

COMMUNITY SERVICES DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING SESSIONS HELD

Approximately 200 persons attended the series of disaster response training sessions sponsored by the Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) of the Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists September 11 to 18.

Two of the four classes held during the week were all-day sessions. Those persons who were able to stay and work their way through the instructional materials were rewarded by receiving certificates of

completion. The number of persons receiving certificates in the three categories were: Emergency Distribution Operations, 71; Shelter Operations, 51; and Disaster Preparedness, 53.

Larry Buckner, Director of Disaster Response Planning for the North American Division, was the instructor. He drew heavily on his broad experience across the United States in coordinating the response to varied disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods.

Among those who attended were people from various local

community service organizations, such as, The Red Cross, The Salvation Army, The Bermuda Government EMO, The Ministry of Social Services, The Medical Cadet Corps, and The Seventh-day Adventist Community Services Federation.

We thank Pastor Rogers, the officers, and community services workers of the Devonshire Seventh-day Adventist Church who provided the venue and facilities for all of the meetings.

Leslie C. E. Holder
Coordinator

NAD BIBLE TEACHERS CONFERENCE LOOKS AT YOUTH ISSUES

Three-hundred Bible teachers, chaplains, and principals from nine unions in the North American Division (NAD) came together July 17 to 21 to discuss ways to better help the youth of the Adventist Church. The convention, whose theme was "Reflecting and Affecting God's Kingdom," was sponsored by the NAD Office of Education and hosted by the Hancock Center for Youth Ministries at La Sierra University.

"The purpose of the conference," says Gilbert Plubell, director of the NAD Office of Education, "was to provide teachers with professional in-service, to give them a spiritual boost, and to give them an opportunity to exchange ideas and materials with their fellow Bible teachers and chaplains.

"They are going to go back to their campuses with a lot of new ideas, a fresh bounce in their step, and a bunch of resource materials," Plubell says. "All of the breakout

sessions provided them with hand-out materials to help them organize their classes, create community service activities and outreach services, to help them with short-term mission trips and to give them resources to handle difficult questions on topics, such as inspiration and standards."

The convention included morning devotions, general sessions, and a series of more than 70 breakout sessions. "Hearing Smuts van Rooyen's illustrations of grace in his life has been worth the whole conference," said John Gatchet, principal of Gem State Academy, about one particular devotional session. He felt that participants needed at least a week to stop and think about all that was discussed at the conference.

More than 50 youth specialists from across the division presented the breakout sessions ranging in topics from "Relating to Teenage Indifference" and "Standards in

Crisis," to "Shop Talk for Religious Educators." In one breakout session, Dick Duerksen, vice president of Columbia Union Conference, challenged the educators to make their students "change" agents. "Make them leaders now so they can become leaders later," he said.

A highlight of the conference was a communion service held the night before the conference ended, which included a vivid reader's theater/presentation of "The Table," by Mel Campbell, professor of curriculum and teacher education at La Sierra University.

"I have been able to glean at least one good idea from each meeting," said Wayne Wentland, principal of Rio Lindo Adventist Academy, "and that has made coming here worthwhile."

The presenter from the Atlantic Union was Phil Muthersbaugh, director youth ministry department, New York Conference.

NORTHEASTERN

SABBATH SCHOOL— A SANCTUARY OF STUDY

There is earnest work to be done in our Sabbath schools, and teachers are needed who have a love for the work and a willingness to labor. "Learn of Me" says Christ, "for I am meek and lowly of heart." And so it was the need of enlightenment that inspired 52 members at Springfield's Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church to enroll in a Sabbath School Teachers Training Course.

The four two-hour classes were under the instruction of Elder Roy V. Lawrence from Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hartford, Connecticut. He is a teacher in the Hartford school system.

Fifty-two students marched in the graduation exercises and received their official graduation certificates signed by their instructor and conference officers: Stennett Brooks, president; Trevor Baker, secretary; and Arthur Morgan, Sabbath school director.

The guest speaker was Pastor Arthur Morgan, Shiloh's beloved pastor who worked and served many years at Shiloh. He expressed the "need of genuine religion and consecrated teachers in our Sabbath schools today." Sabbath school superintendent Myrtle Miller gave thanks to God and all who cooperated to make the special training course a success.



A portion of the students who completed the Sabbath School Teachers Training Course proudly but humbly holding their graduation certificates.

The afternoon program featured Sister Velma Brown as mistress of ceremony and organist. Magnolia McKenzie, retired conference Bible worker, offered the opening prayer. Ben Brown II, Sheila Beeput, both Sabbath school teachers and students, and Mildred Humphries, a student, remarked how the course had helped them. They now "have a better knowledge of the purpose of the Sabbath school and the need for consecrated teachers who love God." First elder Derrick Miller applauded all for their interest in taking the course.

As the Sabbath school department presented Elder Laurence with a plaque for his caring and sharing, he remarked, "This was the most exciting class he had conducted in all of his years of teaching this course for Christ."

Vespers by Pastor Morgan left three words ringing in the hearts of all—*prayer, patience, and faith.*

GREATER NEW YORK

CROSSROADS PARTICIPATES IN MANHATTAN FOOD FESTIVAL FAIR

Selling vegetarian food and offering information promoting vegetarian cooking and the 5-Day Stop Smoking Program, leaders of the Crossroads church participated in the 21st annual 9th Avenue Food Festival Fair. Their aim in the venture was "To Move Up with Christ in the '90s" and their booth displayed their motto, "Behold, I have

given you every herb bearing seed . . . to you it shall be for meat." Genesis 1:29. Free blood pressure



screening and health-education information was offered on an Adventist Community Health Services van parked nearby.

Leading the members and the many youth who took an active part in the fair were Rudolph Gillis, Personal Ministry director (right); and Christiana Bobcombe, Health-Temperance and Community Services leader.

*Esther Brenner
Communication Leader*

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES ANNOUNCED AT ADVENTIST HEALTH AND RETIREMENT CENTER

Bill McGregor, who has served the past three and a half years as administrator of the Adventist Retirement Home, was recently named administrator for the Adventist

Nursing Home and executive director for both facilities. McGregor has more than 20 years' experience in the Adventist Health Care Systems.

Mrs. Joy Windscheffel is now serving as administrator of the Adventist Home, an adult-care facility with 49 rooms in an assisted-living program, and 31 in-

dependent-living units. She has been with the Home since 1987, first as office manager, and more recently as assistant administrator.

For information about the retirement center, call 1-518-851-9182, or the nursing home, 1-518-851-3041 (in NY, call toll free, 1-800-834-2360).

EBENEZER CHURCH PROMOTES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A Christian Education Day was held at the Ebenezer church under the direction of Sister Leslene Henry. The day's emphasis began with a Sabbath school program that featured colleagues and students from the Brooklyn Adventist Church School. David Cadavero, then Conference superintendent of schools, presented the message at the Divine Hour worship service.

Following lunch and prayer bands, Dr. Robert Kennedy and Marjorie Ness from Atlantic Union College shared information on the



college, giving insights on dealing with costs.

The day's program concluded with inspiring songs by the Kaleidoscope Choir from South Lan-

caster Academy, directed by Sam Martinborough, and the Ebenezer Sounds of Joy Choir.

*Angela Fraser
Communication Leader*

With coordinator Leslene Henry (far right) are representatives of Atlantic Union College who participated in Ebenezer's Education Day: (l. to r.) Thierry François, Robert Kennedy, Marjorie and William Ness.

"STRAY" PAMPHLET LEADS WOMAN TO REVELATION SEMINAR

Just as in the time of Acts, the Holy Spirit came as a wind into the life of Catherine Forrester when a paper blew from the hands of her work supervisor and landed at her feet. Retrieving the pamphlet, Catherine discovered that it was an invitation to a Revelation Seminar being conducted by guest speaker, Pastor Rollin Shoemaker, at the Morris Park church in the Bronx.

As Catherine later explained to the congregation on the morning of her July baptism, she had attended services of several different denominations; but she found in the



Seventh-day Adventist Church two things she had been seeking: doctrine based on the Bible, and rest for her soul.

With encouragement from Pastor Gerald Mattenson, Catherine charmingly related the struggle she had gone through in removing her jewelry. Finally one Sabbath, when she leaned in for a hug from Sister Rebecca Thomas, she found her ear painfully twisted in the process. That day, Catherine declared, she decided that if earrings were going to get in the way of receiving warmth from her new friends, the earrings had to go.

Praise the Spirit for the way He works in our lives!

*Helene Mattenson
Communication Leader*

NET '95 SEMINAR HELD AT CAMP BERKSHIRE

Approximately 60 persons from the northeast US gathered for a week-end of instruction on how to lead out in lay evangelism during the Net '95 satellite crusade planned for the North American Division.

Presenters were Elder Louis and Carol Torres, formerly of Greater New York Conference and now with the Amazing Facts ministry in Maryland. Elder Torres (second from left) talks with seminar participants Jim and Wilma Keifer of

the Camp Berkshire staff, and Mario Fabian (right) a lay person from New Jersey.

A number of lay persons in Greater New York are planning to hold crusades in 1995, both as adjuncts and follow-up to the Net '95 TV crusade which will feature Elder Mark Finley, speaker-director for the It Is Written television program. Some Greater New York churches are in the process of arranging for a satellite dish so they can downlink the TV crusade; Victory church in the Bronx is already receiving satellite transmissions.



Call the Conference office for information on Net '95 (1-516-627-9350; NY 1-800-392-3929).

BIBLE BOWL ERRATA

The Hempstead church junior Bible Bowl team with (l. to r.) Hopal Russell, Jason Davis, Talia Paul, captain; and Horace Russell, Jr., won the junior champi-

onship in 1994. An earlier picture was incorrectly identified. The Hispanic Young Adults championship was awarded to the Spanish Queens church team.



NEW YORK

FIRST NORTHEAST NATIVE AMERICAN CAMP MEETING

On July 15 and 16, 1994, the first Northeast Native American Camp Meeting was held at Union Springs, New York. Ed Dunn, a Native American (Ojibway) and pastor from Western Canada, was the speaker Friday night and Saturday evening. The Sabbath morning mes-



sage was shared with us by Manuel Vasquez from the North American Division of the General Conference.

Sabbath morning began with overcast skies and a threat of rain. In spite of a light misty rain that began as the church service ended, we all went to Long Point State Park in Aurora for a potluck picnic lunch. The closer we got to Long Point, the clearer the sky became, and then the sun shone! The food was delicious and included some traditional native foods, corn, beans, squash, corn soup and hot scones. The fellowship was warm. After lunch we had a time of joyous praise and thanksgiving to our Creator through songs and testimony. There was a hike to Moonshine Falls



at Great Gully. Some made it all the way to the bottom of the gorge and back up again!

Vespers ended this beautiful Sabbath day. Children (of all ages) enjoyed a campfire with Native American stories, roasted corn and marshmallows.

We are already looking forward to Northeast Native American Camp Meeting 1995!

Judith Gravatt

CLOWN MINISTRY BEGINS AT UNION SPRINGS ACADEMY

A group of students from Union Springs Academy did more than just "clown" around on Sabbath, October 15, at Frontenac elementary school in Union Springs. With the help of Diane Castle and Loralee Muhlenbeck, they taught the pupils how to be clowns with Christian values. Clown ministry at USA has started with a flying leap and we expect it to be a highlight of the school year.

From braids to blue hair, pink stripes to purple polka-dotted shirts—any fashion goes in clown ministry as long as it shows the love of Jesus Christ. Pupils huddled together creating the faces and characters of the clown they wish to become. Echoes of laughter came

from the entire room as they molded and brought themselves to life under a mask.

"I think it's wonderful to be a part of children's laughter. In order to create their future, we have to influence their present for the positive!" says Jonathan Hill, a senior at Union Springs Academy. "Jon often calls himself a fellow clown."

The "clowns" spent a part of their morning playing children's games such as *Duck Duck Goose* and *Freeze Tag*. These students found that while playing elementary school games they forgot about their age and recaptured the memories of their yesteryears on the playground.



After a short intermission for lunch, the students headed for the mirrors, getting out cream and baby powder, preparing foundations for their masks. Like artists, they created their masterpiece, planning carefully each detail and making sure it didn't clash with the personality they chose.

From a sanguine to a melancholy clown everybody had fun through their personality that God gave them. They continue to find ways to reach out and minister to someone who needs them. Whether a skit without words or a flower with a simple "Jesus loves you." If one smile is caught, it then gets passed on until everyone in contact with this ministry is reflecting the joy of Jesus!

*Janelle Chang
USA Sophomore*

GRADE 5 TO 8 PUPILS ATTEND OUTDOOR SCHOOL AT CAMP CHEROKEE

Pupils from the elementary schools in the New York Conference met at Camp Cherokee October 3 to 5, 1994, to exchange indoor studies in the 3 R's for outdoor classes in nature. Although the weather was stormy, spirits were high and the exhilaration that comes with the beauty of autumn and its cool crisp air seemed to prevail.

Features included lessons from the Native American culture, sketching and writing, trees, measurement and volume and abso-

lutely terrific music and worships to start and end each day led by Pastor Phil Muthersbaugh and Pastor Eddie Robinson.

Already plans are in the process for an expanded outdoor experience next year. Future plans include special breakout features for students in 7th and 8th grades. Also there will be at least one field trip for all participants.

Gary Blanchard has been the promoter behind this program. His efforts are sincerely appreciated,

and we look forward to this annual opportunity for a close-up study of what God has created for us.



Happiness is contagious.



Pastor John Portney displaying Indian regalia.



Gary Blanchard taught about the forests.



How would you measure the height of a tree?



The children enjoyed the worship services.

PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS RETREAT

New York Conference teachers representing grades K-12 met at Camp Cherokee for a pre-school spiritual

retreat August 22-24. Through music, prayer, study guides, Bible reading and pastoral presentations, hearts were mended, minds were both sharpened and softened, and Jesus Christ was upheld. Leading

out in this retreat were Ron Anderson, Chuck Castle, Dick Coston, Eoin Giller, Bill Hrovat, Beverly MacLaughlin, Jose Nieves and Roy Wesson.



Roy Wesson



Dick Coston



Ron Anderson



Eoin Giller



Jose Nieves

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

130TH ANNIVERSARY OF BORDOVILLE CHURCH NOTED

The Bordoville, Vermont, SDA Church celebrated 130 years of Adventist heritage on September 10, 1994.

The Bordoville church was built in 1864, one year after our denomination was founded. The Bourdeau brothers had held evangelistic meetings in the Bordoville area, and from their efforts a congregation was born. The church is the oldest Seventh-day Adventist Church in the denomination, built and operated exclusively as a Seventh-day Adventist Church. It has functioned continuously as a church since it was built. From the Bordoville



PHOTO BY R. LENBERT CHENEY

church, the work spread throughout Vermont and some other parts of New England.

At one time this thriving community filled the church with 150 members—today, from seven to 15 people worship together in this now sparsely populated rural area. The building is in need of extensive repair, and without financial help the future looks uncertain. Yet, about

95 people gathered on this special day to hear Elder Philip Follett, a General Vice President of the General Conference, speak for the morning and afternoon services. This challenging message gave hope as we wait for the coming of the Lord. From Jesus' parables on "delay" he brought lessons for us who are like the pioneers of old expectantly waiting in the sure and certain hope that Jesus is coming soon.

Beautiful music was provided by musicians from Williston, Vermont, and Abercorn, Quebec. The Bordoville SDA Church works and witnesses for the finishing of the work and the coming of Jesus.

R. Lenbert Cheney

PINE TREE ACADEMY BUSINESS MANAGER BECOMES US CITIZEN

Friday, September 16, 1994, was a special day for Andrew Choi, business manager, at Pine Tree Academy, Freeport, Maine. Andrew became a citizen of the United States.

Since the entire school could not attend Mr. Choi's swearing in at Faneuil Hall in Boston, a mock swearing in was held at Pine Tree Academy on Thursday, September 15, with the entire student body in attendance. The swearing in was conducted by "Chief Justice" Omar Dient, American History and Spanish teacher. Upon his swearing in, Mr. Choi was presented with a patriotic tie and an apple pie.

We congratulate Mr. Choi on this achievement and welcome him as a citizen of this great country.

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BERLIN CHURCH CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Close to 100 people of many denominations gathered October 1 in Berlin, New Hampshire, to help the Berlin church members celebrate the restoration and centennial of their Mt. Forist church.

"If I had brought a list of all the people who helped out with this

speakers from all over the country, gathered to celebrate the day.

The fresh violet carpet, oaken pews and molding, and repainted metal ceiling all seemed to complement the songs of the choir and the church organ in breaking the long silence of the sanctuary. With this rededication, the church building was brought into its second century. The building was erected in 1894 to accommodate the growing

population of Methodists who had been meeting in their homes.

In 1975, Robert Farley received a phone call notifying him that the church on Mt. Forist Street was for sale and the members were able to purchase the building for \$5,000. The group held services and seminars in the building's first floor, until they undertook the daunting task of restoring the main sanctuary in 1990. "I have to admit, in the beginning, I was faithless" said church member Wendy Williams. "There was so much to be done."

But after four long years and countless late nights, the work is finished—almost. Members report that there are a few nooks that still need painting and nail holes to be puttied, but the lion's share is completed. Williams reflected on the hard work that went into the restoration. "It's hard to believe it's done. This was such a big part of my life," she said. "What happens now?"



Dr. Peter and Marilyn Schroer were the driving force behind the restoration.



Visitors and members stand together to sing the opening hymn in the new sanctuary.



Pastors of the Berlin church since beginning in 1975 (l. to r.): Robert Farley, Fred Schmid, Tom Schroer, Ben Davis, Roger Hougaz, Earle Meola (absent), and Jack Baker.

church, you would have to bring your pajamas," Pastor Jack Baker told the people who packed the pews. Members and nonmembers alike from Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire, along with guest

Williams said that the contributions of members from within the Northern New England Conference, and those of Berlin residents who just wanted to lend a hand, were a great help—practically and spiritually.

"One day there was a lady vacuuming in the hall. I didn't know who she was, I asked around and no one else knew who she was," said Williams, adding that the woman helped ease their spirits as well as their workload.

The weekend program included several former pastors, a fellowship meal and a concert by world-renowned organist John Rose. Tom Schroer, who pastored the church between 1982 and 1985 led out in a vesper service on Friday evening. The new sanctuary was dedicated by Bob Farley and Fred Schmid led a Sabbath sundown vesper program. The weekend was capped by a concert featuring the church's new organ, which was recently given to the church by an anonymous donor.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

ATTLEBORO CHURCH HOLDS YOUTH RALLY

On Sabbath, August 27, the Attleboro Seventh-day Adventist Church held a Youth Sabbath, involving young people from four area churches.

"This is the first youth Sabbath ever held by the Attleboro church, according to the records," said Israel Fernando, head elder of Attleboro. "We hope to make this a regular occasion with similar programs every six months."

The focus of the program was the music, with special numbers sung in three different languages. The youth of the Attleboro church sang six pieces. They contribute their talents to the local church on a weekly basis. The church organist, Israel Fernando, Jr., is 15 years old,

and the two church pianists, Elinor Fernando and Karl Valcourt, are 13 and 14, respectively.

The Youth Sabbath began with a Sabbath school program in which youth from Attleboro, Massachusetts; Lincoln, Rhode Island; New Haven, Connecticut; and the Ephesus Haitian church took part. The guest speaker for the Divine Worship hour was Matthew Lombard, chaplain and Bible instructor from Greater Boston Academy. Following a potluck dinner, an afternoon program was held, with youth once again contributing their musical talents. Pastor Eric Doran presented a sermonette followed by a Bible game conducted by Leslie Robbins.

The Youth Sabbath was planned and executed by church members Leslie Robbins, Israel and Felina



Samuel (left), Benjamin, and Thelma Garcia from the Lincoln, Rhode Island, church shared their musical talents.

Fernando, and Jean and Millie Valcourt.

"It was so good to see the church full," commented one church member. People were eating in the hall and outside under the shade of the trees. We couldn't all fit in the fellowship hall."



The Attleboro youth sing (l. to r.) Rachel, and Shirley Valcourt; Joan Alamay; Elinor Valcourt; Israel Fernando, Jr.; and Matthew and Karl Valcourt.



Wilner Montervil represented the Ephesus Haitian church.



The Lincoln, Rhode Island, youth sang a special number (l. to r.) Chris Dozier; Dennis, Jr., and Michelle Langley; Kofi and Ellen Asare; Rochelle Ducharme; and Danielle Listenfelt.

SLA CARES

Teenagers are experiencing the value of reaching out to the community and the people who live in it. On September 8, 1994, South Lancaster Academy joined forces

with the United Way in their second annual "Day of Caring." More than 50 students were involved with five different projects from South Lancaster to Worcester.

The largest project was cleaning up the grounds around Worcester

Union Station. Thirty students picked up trash, raked, swept, and shoveled debris away. Ian Delmolino, a senior from Pittsfield, Massachusetts, helped with the project from a different angle. He says that he used to trash places

and do graffiti, but this time it was nice to be involved with making the area attractive.

Rick Brace, a senior from Norfolk, Massachusetts, joined Ian in the Union Station effort. He says that he went because he "wanted to give back to the community and see Union Station resored." He had never done anything like this before. He said that he had fun cleaning up the mess. A lot of people getting involved really make a big difference and that it was gratifying to hear the community say "Thank you," including the Mayor of Worcester who personally came out to thank the students.

Some students worked at the Worcester County Food Bank. They sorted fresh vegetables from rotten ones for the hungry homeless people; others packed boxes for

ADRA at the SDA Community Service Center. One group served a spaghetti dinner for needy people at the James 2:15 Soup Kitchen in Clinton.

It was amazing how much work was accomplished in just a part of the day. When youthful energy is channeled in the right direction, the possibilities are limitless. Jason Oetman, a freshman from Bolton, Massachusetts, and Leilani Britton, a senior from Poughkeepsie, New York, painted at the Worcester Committee on Homelessness and Housing. Jason went to join others and he's glad he did. The basement he painted was horrible when he began, but when the day was finished it had been transformed into something clean and respectable. Leilani reported that she got involved because of the example Jesus

left us. She said that it left a very nice impression on the other local groups she was working beside. She said, "They could hardly believe that a group of high school students would care enough to get involved with a project like this." One lady went on to say, "You must not be from a public high school!"

SLA students can hold their heads high because they left a very positive, lasting impression in their local community regarding what being a South Lancaster Academy student is all about. More importantly, though, they were a unified team that brought a great deal of honor to the King of the universe as they demonstrated Christianity in work clothes.

Mark Fenton
SLA Outreach Coordinator

DR. CHARLES S. RICKS NAMED NEW PRESIDENT OF NEMH

Charles S. Ricks, D.D.S., M.P.H. is the new president and CEO of New England Memorial Hospital (NEMH) in Stoneham, Massachusetts. He was recently appointed to the position by the hospital's Board of Trustees after a six-month nationwide search that included numerous candidates.

Ricks brings years of successful hospital management experience to New England Memorial. He has a broad background in healthcare, both as an administrator and practitioner. Before coming to NEMH, he was a vice president of the Southern California Healthcare Network (SCHN), a three hospital network of Adventist Health System/West in the greater Los Angeles area. In



his capacity as vice president, Ricks was the chief operating officer of White Memorial Hospital, a 377-bed hospital member of SCHN.

Prior to his work at White Memorial, he was president and chief

executive officer of Hanford Community Medical Center in Hanford, California. His other healthcare experience includes positions as vice president for alternative delivery systems and managed care at Adventist Health System/United States in Arlington, Texas; general vice president of Shawnee Mission Medical Center (SMMC); and president of Midwest Management Services of SMMC, a subsidiary of Adventist Health System/Eastern and Middle America. Previous to these positions he was a dentist in private practice for ten years.

Ricks holds a doctor of dental surgery and master of public health from Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California, and is a diplomate of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

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Wedding

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Kimberly Bobenhausen, daughter of Mrs. Laura Stevens of Collegedale, TN, and Mr. David Bobenhausen of Marietta, GA, and Matthew Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Harris of Vernon, VT, were married May 1, 1994, in the Ooltewah, TN, Seventh-day Adventist Church. The couple will reside in Collegedale, TN.

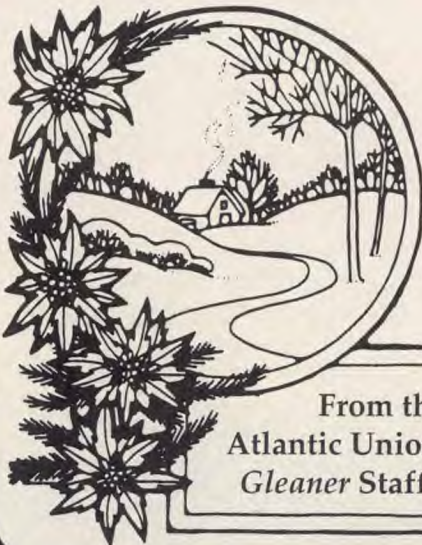
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Deaths

SKALING, Annie (Anderson)—b. July 1, 1894, Sweden; d. Feb. 3, 1994, Marlboro, MA. Annie and her husband, Ray, owned and operated a bakery in depot square, Clinton, MA, for many years. When camp meeting was held on Bolton Road, South Lancaster, MA, in the early '30s, Mr. Skaling was the chef in the dining tent.

Survivors include a sister and a niece. Her husband predeceased her in 1964.

VANWOERT, Gertrude E.—b. Jan. 14, 1898; d. Sept. 8, 1994. She was a registered nurse, and the oldest member of the Elmira, NY, Seventh-day Adventist Church. Survivors include two nieces; one nephew; and several great-nieces and nephews.

CORRECTION

A recent obituary for Glen Dana stated he was predeceased by his wife, Helen Weston. His wife was Helen Mohr.

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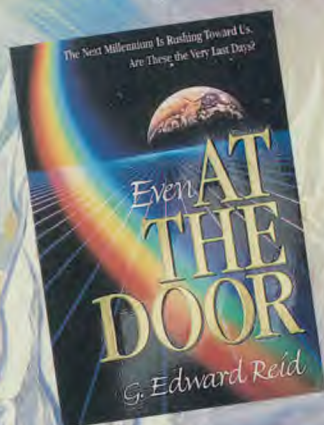
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