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About Our Cover Photo:

Paul Miller, a successful farmer and an excellent photographer in Vernon, VT, captured the loveliness of a picturesque New England church in West Guilford, VT. The church's quaintness is further accentuated by being framed by the colorful foliage of the fall season.



Justified Pride

As we travelled through western Europe this summer, it was interesting to note the obvious pride the local tour guides displayed for each city's cathedral. Invariably, guides made the cathedral the first stop on the city tour explaining that cathedrals were generally constructed in the center of the city. Beginning with the edifice—the style; the period it represented; whether it was made of marble, stone or brick; the meaning of every detail was painstakingly described.

The interiors were by no means less impressive. Each section telling its own story. Great thought was given to the positioning of windows so that not only would they provide light but by the color stain of the glass portray meaning. Paintings of renowned artists hung on the walls. The sculptures, which were strategically located, each portraying a story, seemed to prepare one for the grand impressive altars each cathedral contains.

Undoubtedly, their pride is justifiable. These structures are a lesson for an architect, inspiration for an artist and knowledge for an historian. Even to the unscholarly, learning of the antiquity of the building and listening to the narration of the implication each detail represents is an awesome experience.

As one guide was relating the details of the work involved in maintaining one of the structures, the millions of dollars it costs to clean the sections of glass in the windows and match the paint in the paintings, my mind wandered to our church. No one can discount the value of these cathedrals and their contents and yet how many sin-burdened souls would find peace within their walls?

I am thankful to be part of an organization that uses its finances to bring to the people of the world a knowledge of Christ and the blessed hope of His second coming. During the current year Atlantic Union Conference and North American Division appropriated \$1,315,862 for evangelism, \$1,752,192 for education K-16, \$155,000 for inner city/community services, \$673,035 for local conference general appropriation and \$40,587 for the publishing work.

The conditions around the world should not be the criteria to determine our urgency in preparing ourselves and in proclaiming Christ's second coming to those around us. We should each determine to be ambassadors for Christ and good stewards of our time, talents, and blessings. We should generously support our church by returning faithfully our tithes and offerings for, "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." With the same enthusiasm and pride tour guides show off their cathedrals, we should be as anxious to share with others Christ's love and the blessings we receive from Him as well as the benefits we derive from fellowshipping together in our churches.

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ighty-seven students were graduated in the first graduation ceremony held at the Spanish South Brooklyn church for individuals who had completed the Bible course, "'La Fe de Jesus" (The Faith of Jesus). The same day, nine new believers were baptized, inaugurating the church's new baptistry and background painting.

SPANISH SOUTH BROOKLYN CHURCH HAS FIRST BIBLE COURSE GRADUATION



At the conclusion of the baptism, Pastor Abel Rosario made a call for all who wanted to prepare for the next baptism, and 48 guests responded by giving their lives to the Lord. Elder Hector Torres, Conference Hispanic Coordinator, presented the sermon.

Dennis Paul, Communication Leader Spanish South Brooklyn Church

BAPTISM CONDUCTED AT GREATER NEW YORK ACADEMY

or the first time in several years, the Greater New York Academy chapel was the scene of a baptismal service. Eleven students were baptized, as their pastors, parents, family and friends looked on.

Pastor James Clark, Academy pastor and Bible instructor, officiated. He is shown here with Josephine Cespedes.

Community service, health and spiritually-oriented outreaches are part of Greater New York Acade-



my's extra-curricular activities, including Adventist Youth for Better Living presentations in churches and community activities.

"SMART," a new tuitionmanagement program utilized by the Academy assists parents and students with flexible payment options. The program facilitates tuition payments and enhances parent-school relationships. For details, call the school's business office, (718) 639-1752.

SPANISH FLUSHING CHURCH ORGANIZED

Ider Stanley Patterson, Conference Ministerial Association Secretary, holds the membership record book as charter members of the Spanish Flushing Church signed at an organization service held July 22, 1995.

The church, which is located at 35-10 Farrington Street, was prayer-

fully begun by an initial group of 15 persons from the Spanish Queens church in Corona, who began evangelizing immediately. Spanish Flushing church has 81 members currently and is pastored by Elder Jose Montano. Pastor Carlos Henriquez led out in Bible work for the new church.



SMALL SCHOOL WORKSHOP AND TEACHER ORIENTATION

he date was set, August 6 through 10, 1995. The meeting place was ready in the Atlantic Union Conference room. However, Peggy Fisher, Superintendent of Schools for the Northern New England Conference, with the help of Beverly MacLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools for New York Conference and Principal of Union Springs Academy, had been working on plans and materials for several months. Peggy wrote to all the teachers throughout the union who were expected to attend the orientation. Their questions about places to stay, money for meals, and travel costs were answered before they left

Each teacher attending received a large notebook filled with references. At the beginning, there was a schedule for each day. Sunday, 19 teachers were present when Rosemary Tyrrell led out in a welcome and devotional. Spirits were high! Rosemary gave each one spiritual food for thought. God was blessing.

Monday and Tuesday started early, 8:00 a.m., and were filled with information sessions covering classroom environment, school pictures,

lesson plans, testing, A.R.M.S., and actual observance of a master teacher in action, Beverly Bucknor.

However, Wednesday was special because it continued with observing Beverly Bucknor in the morning, and held another special planned for the afternoon. Ann Frost, teacher from Manchester, New Hampshire, brought a truck load (literally) of learning centers to share with those attending. Ann explained how to begin planning for a learning center. "Decide what you want to feature and begin to collect items around that theme at least two years ahead of time." In addition to displaying a myriad of centers, Ann shared printed materials for several centers. Teachers and superintendents were delighted and inspired with Ann's presentation.

God led out in this motivational time of sharing, presenting, and hands-on opportunities. Thanks go to Peggy Fisher for her terrific planning and preparation to make this teacher orientation a success.

Beverly MacLaughlin New York Superintendent of Schools



Master teacher Beverly Bucknor with Browning Elementary "volunteer students"



Ann Frost with her penguin unit displayed



Southern New England's **Art Cheney** working on a learning



Southern New England's Mrs. Cottrell working on lesson plans



Atlantic Union director of education Paul Kilgore



A student who helped out during one-and-ahalf days of actual school



Janica Peppard, grades one and two teacher at Pine Tree Academy, laminating



Beverly MacLaughlin, superintendent of New York schools and principal of Union Springs Academy, presenting

REACHING THE CITIES WITH HEALTH, HEALING, AND HOPE

OFFERING TO FUND HEALTH OUTREACH AND PRISON MINISTRY PROGRAMS

he fourth quarter 13th Sabbath Overflow Offering will be taken on December 23, 1995. Funds gathered from the offering have been allocated to the North American Division (NAD) to fund health outreach and prison ministries projects.

Health and Temperance, in conjunction with Adventist health care systems, educational institutions, Adventist Community Services, and conference and union Health and Temperance departments, will use the funds to develop an Adventist Health Network. Through the network, model projects will be set up in 10 cities across North America, church-based wellness centers will be established, and health professionals, church volunteers, and community resources will form teams and work together.

"The Adventist Health Network will pool the resources that are currently available and expand our health and outreach ministry," says DeWitt Williams, director of Health and Temperance for the NAD. "We want our hospitals, schools, and churches to unite. We

> want our teachers, preachers, health professionals, and church members to work together to bring health and healing to people in our communi-

· Set Up Model Projects

Create Church-Based Wellness Centers Unite Health Profes-

1. Develop an Adventist

Health Network to

expand health and

outreach ministry

in 10 Cities

Projects

- sionals, Church Volunteers, and Community Resources
- 2. Strengthen Prison Ministries Work
- Develop 200 New Prison Ministry Teams
- Train Pastors and Members
- Minister to Prisoners' Families

Prison Ministries will use the funds to develop 200 prison ministry programs, strengthen existing programs, train pastors and church members in prison ministry, provide Bible studies and literature for prisoners, and minister to their families.

ties across North America."

"We need to help those who are incarcerated, and we need to help their immediate families-especially the children," says Dan McManus, president of the Adventist Prison Ministries Association (APMA). Because there are so many families and

children in need, McManus believes prison ministries needs special attention.

The Time Is Right!

To prepare for the offering, the North American Division has identified 10 cities with critical needs. These are cities with high crime rates, homelessness, hunger, and low income families. They are also places where the Adventist Church has very little presence.

"We have work to do," says Auldwin Humphrey, director of Adult Ministries. "A new report reveals that the prison population has increased. Now, in the United States alone, there are nearly 1.5 million incarcerated men and women."

Williams further establishes the urgency: "The time is right. Everybody's talking about health and prison reform. There are lots of organizations providing services, but the Adventist Church goes one step further. We also offer a life-changing, behavior-changing power-Jesus Christ."

Alfred C. McClure, president of the Seventhday Adventist Church in North America, says he's excited about the work that will be done as a result of the offering and calls on Seventh-day Adventist members around the world to contribute.

"Through a stronger outreach in the large cities-the mission fields of our division-Adventists can touch people in need, build relationships with them, and introduce them to the Saviour," he points out. "And by following the message we've been given, we can offer health, healing, and hope to this dying world."

Monte Sahlin, assistant to president of the Seventhday Adventist Church

Promotional Ideas

- 3 Ways to Start Planning for the Offering Now
- 1. Form a promotional team that includes your pastor, Sabbath School, prison ministries, and health and temperance leaders.
- 2. Designate December 23 (Christmas Sabbath) as your 13th Sabbath program and day to collect the offering.
- **3.** Get the pathfinders and youth involved to put on a special program with a mission story, skit, or sermonette.

Atlantic Union College

CHAN SHUN DINING COMMONS CENTER OF GALA WEEKEND

October 1 was the official opening date for AUC's Chan Shun Dining Commons, the college's new 17,000 square-foot dining, meeting, and conference rooms. The entire week's activities, however, rotated around the new building and the services it could provide within a variety of activities.

Thursday evening, Dr. Tom Chan, son of Chinese philanthropist Chan Shun, and Dr. Chan's spouse Bonita visited AUC on behalf of the Chan Shun Foundation for the inaugural dinner in the Otto John Presidential Dining Room. Chan and several other primary donors to the building project, including Helen John and other mem-



Tables set for the first formal dinner in the Otto John Presidential Dining Room in Chan Shun Dining Commons at AUC.

bers of the former AUC president Otto John's family, as well as alumnus Sam Young of the Chan Shun Foundation and other friends of AUC who have been instrumental in building the commons, enjoyed an elegant five-course candlelight dinner in the paneled vaultedceilinged dining room. "This has been one of the finest vegetarian meals I have ever had," said Chan, who also added that the building is the most elegant and well-designed

project the Chan Shun Foundation has ever funded.

Sabbath afternoon found members of AUC's Black Alumni Association gathering in the East dining and conference room, enjoying the fellowship of new and old friends. At the same time Dr. M. Hirota, President of the Japan Union Mission, several other delegates from Japan and the Japanese-American community in Boston, joined President Londis for Sabbath dinner in the Otto John Presidential Dining Room. Dr. Don Sahly, president of Southern College joined them.

On Sunday, Maestro Francis Wada and his brass ensemble entertained guests from the faculty and community for the grand celebratory opening of the Dining Commons, which hosted over two hundred guests who toured the facility and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres during the afternoon.

"This has been a remarkable weekend," said President Londis. "This new facility has brought a wonderful variety of AUC constituents together-I couldn't think of a more appropriate way to inaugurate the building. We owe many, many people a great deal for the sacrifices they have made to construct a building that can bring so many of us together under one roof. This really is what AUC is all about."

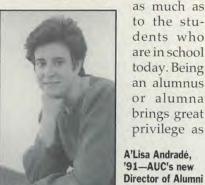
AUC APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

A'Lisa Wilhelmsen Andradé, '91, has joined AUC's staff as Director of Alumni Relations. AUC's first full-time alumni officer, A'Lisa comes to the campus with fresh ideas and considerable energy: "I am looking forward to getting to

know my fellow alumni," she says, "In many ways, that is what I will enjoy most." A'Lisa also plans to revitalize old chapters, organize new ones, and help alumni get in touch with others who have the same interests and experiences. She is also particularly interested in finding lost alumni and rebuilding our alumni organization with those graduates who have traditionally not felt part of the college family.

A'Lisa earned her baccalaureate in psychology with a minor in music from AUC not long ago, but has been part of AUC family for years. Reared in upstate New York, she met and married her spouse, Melville M. Andradé, '91, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, here in South Lancaster. Since then, she has taught special education for the Massachusetts public school system, has been a learning specialist in the reading center at AUC, and has served the South Lancaster Village Church as administrative assistant to the church pastor.

Her personal background and professional training have prepared her well for a multifaceted task: keeping alumni in touch with each other, in touch with their alma mater, and in touch with their responsibility to AUC. "Alumni need to have a sense of ownership for their college—AUC belongs to us



to the students who are in school today. Being an alumnus or alumna brings great privilege as

A'Lisa Andradé, '91-AUC's new **Director of Alumni** Relations

well as responsibility for the operations of the school," she says.

A'Lisa plans to keep all segments of AUC's alumni organization—our Black Alumni Association, our Latino Alumni Association, and our New Alumni Association-working together within one umbrella organization, producing new ideas for taking the college into the twenty-first century. New chapters will be forming in all areas of the Atlantic Union. If you have suggestions for a new or old chapter or if you are looking for an alumni friend or a chance to volunteer, she says, please let the alumni office know. Call 1-800-AUC-2030.

AUC STUDENTS CELEBRATE LATINO HERITAGE WEEK

"Women in Today's World" was the theme of this year's Latino Heritage Week at AUC. Sponsored by the Council of Hispanic Students for Progressive Action (CHISPA), the week began with a processional



Council of Hispanic Students for Progressive Action officers, including Ofelia Roman, Elton Miranda, Esther Familia, Norma Senior, Nitza Pinilla, Eric Rodriguez, and Juan Ramos.

display of various Latino flags and a wide assortment of music presented by AUC's singing group, "Face 2 Face," and students Elton Miranda and Nitza Pinilla. Activities progressed each day through the week, emphasizing the role of Latinos in American society, and the role of women in Latino culture.

Tuesday's lunch was an espe-

cially welcome part of the week: arroz con gundules, plantains, corn patties, black beans, flan, and Spanish cookies. Ana Peña O'Connor sang traditional Spanish songs during the lunch hour. "Being Haitian, I realized Latino's do not have a very different culture than we do," says freshman Arnold Dumay, "their food is very similar," he added, thoughtfully, but somewhat surprised.

Friday night vespers featured Lourdes Morales Gudmundsson, a prolific writer and woman of inspiration," according to AUC's Dr. Saul Torres. Gudmundsson has recently published Women in the Church: The Feminine Perspective. Sabbath's services included a message from Dr. Grace Alvarez Altman, educator and author, who encouraged the congregation to spread Christian joy. Sabbath afternoon was filled with a spirited panel discussion on the role of women in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, including the moral mandate to provide a place from which women can minister to the church completely. Responses to the discussion were lively and

After Sabbath hours, CHISPA provided Saturday night and Sunday afternoon entertainment. "It is very important that we realize each other's differences so that we can understand people as they are," said AUC student David Hume, who learned a great deal during the week. "I was very pleased to see how young people who hadn't done anything like this before could pull together for a cause like this," added Juan Ramos, Co-president of CHISPA. "This is one of the things that makes being a student at AUC something to be proud of."

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TEETING THEME IN GREATER NEW YORK



We came together to hear the Word in preaching and in music. Prayers of many languages mingled at God's throne. We shared in pageantry, in recommitment, in seeking deeper communion. We left, fired by the joy of unity in Christ, the Lord's blessings of fellowship, and renewal by His Spirit.





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SPANISH





New York

NEW YORK CONFERENCE K-10 SCHOOLS

Prayers, plans and preparation were in place as principals, teachers and their superintendent geared up for a new school year. Praise God for leading over 200 young people to attend a Seventh-day Adventist Christian School. Although the final enrollment is not yet tabulated, we can see how God is blessing. Two schools are gaining ground in their growth: Kingsbury had 12 pupils last year with one teacher; this year they have two teachers and 31 pupils in grades 1 through 10. It is exciting to see these classrooms filled with love and learning. The second school with a larger enrollment is Pleasant View Christian School in the Albany area. Although they were not able to hire a second teacher full

time, Gary Blanchard is assisting Karen Blanchard in meeting the needs of the 23 pupils. Karen also administrates the day care and early childhood program held in the same building.

SCHOOL

Bay Knoll SDA School, Rochester Dexterville SDA School, Dexterville Fingerlakes Adventist School, Cortland Frontenac SDA School, Union Springs Genesee Valley Christian School, Rochester Jamestown Elementary School, Jamestown Kingsbury Jr. Academy, Hudson Falls

Parkview Jr. Academy, Syracuse

Perrysburg SDA School, Perrysburg Pleasant View Christian School, Albany Southern Tier School, Vestal Hills Twin Tiers Adventist Jr. Academy, Elmira Vienna SDA School, Vienna

We know it is God's plan that His children be in Christian schools. Thank you, parents and supporters, for making this possible. These churches are providing the following programs for their youth:

TEACHER(S)

Rebecca Fraker Calvin Duncan Debbie Muthersbaugh Mark Sargeant Joyce Cassano Lori Younce Richard Keech Debra Shepier Fredrick Burghardt Suzanne Hayford Kimberly Kaiser Jean Young Karen Blanchard Sharon Colavito Adele Morgan Joan Fischer

HISPANIC WORK GROWS IN NEWLY FORMED DISTRICT

Under the leadership of Elder Raul Rodriguez, the Utica Hispanic church has risen to new heights. More than 25 visitors have made it a weekly routine to congregate with church members on Sabbaths and weekday meetings as of August of this year.

Church elder Herminio Rivera has led a home study crusade involving more than 15 persons who are interested in becoming members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Diana Velez, an extremely active member, has founded a women's Bible Study group with the help of Mrs. Dora Gaico, one of several visitors. The group meets once a week with an average of 12 women who are willing to learn

more about the wonders of Christ.

We are witnessing the fruits of the Holy Spirit through the efforts of these members. We congratulate them in their efforts to cooperate in teaching and preparation for the Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May the Lord richly bless this newly formed Hispanic District in Rochester, Syracuse, and Utica, New York.

UNION SPRINGS ACADEMY NEWS

Blessings at Union Springs Academy

The administrative team at Union Springs Academy (USA) were praying for an enrollment of 85 students on registration day, August 27. You

can imagine their praise when 92 students started classes on August 28, 1995. These 92 students are positively contributing to the spiritual and academic climate at USA.

Administrative Changes

Administratively, Union Springs Academy is leading other schools by developing an administrative team. The principal, Beverly MacLaughlin, is also Superintendent of Schools for the New York Conference. However, three Vice-Principals carry on an excellent program when Mrs. MacLaughlin is attending to K–10 responsibilities throughout the conference.

Vice-Principal for Administration is Joe Hamilton. Joe has been a teacher at USA for more than 27 years. He is currently teaching Physics, Chemistry, Computer Keyboarding, and Driver Education.

Vice-Principal for Academic Standards is Nestor Cabrera. Nestor is in his tenth year at USA. In addition to chairing the Academic Standards Committee, he is Guidance Counselor and teaches Spanish I, Spanish II and Government.

Vice-Principal for Finance is George Kretschmar. In addition to teaching Bible I, II and IV, George is also Pastor of the Union Springs church and heads up the Campus Ministries office at USA. George is in his second year at the academy.

All four principals meet once each week and are joined by the dormitory deans, Claudia Sargeant and John Foote. This administrative team is working well together, and are committed to raising the standard higher at Union Springs Academy. Together, they are seeking God's wisdom and plan for USA.

Student Discipline Committee

While running for President and Vice President of the Student Association at Union Springs Academy, USA, Marci DiProfio and Amber Rheinschmidt campaigned on a platform that would enable students to assist with appropriate disciplinary actions, if necessary. After Marci and Amber were elected, they met with Greg Carter and Carol Cabrera to organize this committee.

Members of the classes of '96, '97 and '98 chose representatives to the committee. Class representatives are Clark Sargeant, '96, Nick Plumley, '97, and Tricia Fraquarson,

This committee has met twice to consider discipline challenges. Their decisions have been well thought out and appropriate for the situation. The Administrative Team has endorsed and affirmed their decisions in each instance.

TRACK & FIELD DAY SUCCESSFUL

September 12, 1995, dawned bright and clear. As Union Springs Academy students attended classes and work, carloads of eager grade school children arrived for Elementary Track & Field Day.

The visitors were greeted with a fantastic worship and praise time led by Eric Welty and George Kretschmar, USA Chaplains. After worship, grades 1-4 went to the front lawns of campus for their games and events. Grades 5-10 proceeded to the athletic fields for their track & field events where USA student volunteers coordinated each event by keeping time and scores for each participant.

The total number of visitors to USA's campus this year, was 191! Attendance was nearly 30 more than last year! Our cafeteria director, Sue Walter, provided a deli-



First through fourth grade pupils enjoy the Track & Field Day events.

cious ravioli dinner—a sure hit with kids! After lunch, grades 1-4 went on their annual hayride. At last, good-byes were said, assurances of attending again next year were shared, and our visitors were on their way home. Those of us who stayed at USA smiled out of happiness and satisfaction that another Track & Field Day had been successful.

Many thanks go to Union Springs Academy students who volunteered their time and expertise in coordinating each event. Vienna and Parkview schools took first place overall; Twin Tiers, Dexterville, Bay Knoll, Fingerlakes, and Frontenac took second place; and third place by Home School, Genesee Valley, Pleasant View, and Southern Tier schools.

Northeastern

NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Northeastern Conference celebrated its first 50 years of service September 8 and 9 with ceremonies at the Egg and Knickerbocker Arenas, respectively, in Albany, New York.

The commemorative activities, dubbed "Rise and Rejoice," began with a vesper message by Brooklyn Faith pastor Sherwin Jack. Sabbath services began with an early-riser service by Eddie Kinley of Freeport Long Island Ebenezer church. The Sabbath school lesson was taught by NAD secretary, Harold Baptiste, and the worship hour message was by NAD past-president Charles Bradford.

Special guests included Baptiste, General Conference vice president Philip Follet, Southeastern Conference president Roy Brown, Northeastern past-president George Earle, and Atlantic Union president and secretary Theodore T. Jones. and Alvin Goulbourne, respectively.

Time was allotted for recounting the conference history and honoring past presidents, administrators and laypersons who have rendered exemplary service to the conference. A special presentation was made to Ida Williams, present conference treasurer, who has worked for the conference since its inception.

NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE LAUNCHES N.A.R.S. FUND

The communications department of the conference launched its Northeastern Acquisition Radio Station fund at the conference's 50th anniversary celebration in Albany, New York.

N.A.R.S. includes a 900 number that the conference is using. A call to 1-900-288-4228 costs the caller \$10, eight dollars of which will go directly to the fund to purchase a station. Departmental leaders such as Charles D. Brooks and Walter Arties (Breath of Life), Mark Finley (It Is Written), Dr. Benjamin Reeves (Oakwood college president), Charles Bradford (retired NAD president), Wintley Phipps, and Calvin Rock (GC vice president) have consented to record a one-minute message which will be heard by the callers. The messages will be rotated every month or so.

"We have no major institutions

in the New York area to serve as a platform from which to evangelize the masses. This will allow us to go where we have never gone before and reach those who have to date been beyond our reach," states conference communication director C. A. Murray. The conference is asking its members, as well as those outside of the conference with a burden to see evangelism in the Northeast, to "Just make the call that's all," which is the slogan used to highlight the campaign.

TRAINING FOR HISPANIC LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

The Northeastern Conference publishing department conducted a Spanish literature evangelist training school at Camp Victory Lake under the able leadership of Pastor Lawrence Brown, publishing director, and Migdonio Rojas, associate publishing director. The meetings were well attended by recruits from around the conference.

The chief presenter was Elder Paul Jensen, now retired, who recently ably served the Atlantic Union as publishing director. Significant contributions were also made by Pastors Carlos de la Pena, Richard Calhoun, Irenio Martinez, Trevor Baker, and Stennett Brooks.

More than 30 workers attended and all of them concluded that the training prepared them to do a mighty work for God. The literature ministry in Northeastern Conference is on the march forward!

Lawrence Brown, Publishing Director Michelle D. Brown Publishing Secretary

SOUTH OZONE BURNS MORTGAGE

During services recently held, the South Ozone Park church celebrated its mortgage burning. The services featured a Friday night sermon by former pastor Charles A. Tapp and also Pastor Robert Lister, founding pastor and presently Southwest Region Conference president. Also present were former pastor Lionel Arthur, current pastor Howard Weems, and conference administrators Stennett Brooks, president; T. H. C. Baker, secretary; and Ida Williams, acting treasurer.

Bermuda

LAYMAN HELPS LEAD TWO SOULS TO ACCEPT CHRIST

The Personal Ministries Department challenged each member of the Hamilton church in Bermuda to win at least one soul in 1995. One of our church elders, Dennis Mapp, felt the challenge was directed to him by the Holy Spirit. He immediately set out to find souls for the Kingdom.

Elder Mapp found two precious souls for the Kingdom—Derek Darrell and Winston Lightbourne.

These brothers are now rejoicing in the Third Angels' Message, growing stronger and learning to be faithful each day. They are a blessing to the Hamilton church. Their outgoing personalities permeate our congregation.

We look forward to great things happening through the witness of our members thereby winning souls for Jesus.

Dennis Mapp with Derek Darrell and Winston Lightbourne



CLOWN TROUPE PERFORMS

The Bermuda Institute Clown Ministry Troupe performed for hundreds of children on the steps of City Hall in downtown Hamilton, Bermuda.

The Clown Troupe, under the direction of teacher J. N. Mike Faison, was the special grand finale for the official opening of the Bermuda Association for Education of

the Young Child, otherwise known as "The Week of the Young Child." The pupils learned the art of clowning from costume design, make up, clown character and mime. Pupils chose their own clown name also, and at the end of the performance the 15 clowns joined in a big parade of about 600 preschool children to Victoria Park for lunch. After lunch with the pre-schoolers, the 15 clowns headed for their dressing

rooms and offered praise and thanks to God for the successful program and witness. The last event of the day was when they boarded bus #8 for the ride back to Bermuda Institute dressed in full clown costume and make up. This delighted local passengers and tourists along Middle Road.

The Clown Ministry elective started second semester 1995 with 25 students from grades 11 and 12.

It is the privilege of every soul to be a living channel through which God can communicate to the world the treasures of His grace, the unsearchable riches of Christ. There is nothing that Christ desires so much as agents who will represent to the world His Spirit and character. There is nothing that the world needs so much as the manifestation through humanity of the Saviour's love. All heaven is waiting for channels through which can be poured the

holy oil to be a joy and blessing to human hearts.

"Christ has made every provision that His church shall be a transformed body, illumined with the Light of the world, possessing the glory of Emmanuel. It is His purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace. He desires that we shall reveal His own joy in our lives"

—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 419.

Northern New England

YEAR OF THE ADVENTIST WOMAN RECOGNIZED AT THE PORTLAND CHURCH

"Who Is My Neighbor?" A look at relationships based on how Jesus treated people, was presented by Bette Toscano and Becky Dixon at the July 29 worship service. The church chose this Sabbath to honor the women of the congregation in celebration of the General Conference designated Year of the Adventist Woman. Two members,

Nell Davies and Leah Whitaker, received plaques honoring the outstanding work they do for Christ in the church and community.

Another highlight was a baptism. Valerie McKenzie planned to be baptized at an Adventist Church in Jamaica when she was just sixteen years old, but decided to wait. Now, as an adult with teenagers of her own, Valerie has taken that step after attending church and a women's prayer group, and studying with Bible worker, Janet Breer.

Many friends and members of Valerie's family came to witness her baptism. Among them was a man who had been in the Jamaican church years ago when she was supposed to be baptized! Val Cargill, a Portland member and friend of Valerie's, prepared a beautiful fellowship meal for the family following the church service.

Becky Dixon

VBS HELD AT SEARSMONT CHURCH

Sixteen energetic children attended an inspirational VBS at the Searsmont SDA Church July 9 through 13, 1995. Four teenage girls from the community volunteered to assist the leaders in their divisions and help the children complete their craft projects.

The "Friends Forever" theme was emphasized in the lively songs and interesting Bible Stories. The decor of the church depicted scenes as they may have been in Eden with beautiful flowers, green trees, rocks



and many varied kinds of makebelieve animals playing peacefully together.

In keeping with the theme, the children enjoyed making crafts rep-

resenting bunnies, frogs, inchworms, butterflies and dragonflies. Each of the primary and junior classes made toy wooden soldiers with moveable arms and legs and a real birdhouse.

The closing night each division presented a special feature of songs, poems, memory verses, and a skit.

All children were presented a Friends Forever T-shirt as VBS came to a close. An exciting VBS follow-up is being planned in the near future.

Betty Barnaby

SEVENTH ANNUAL FAMILY CAMP HUGE SUCCESS

They came from all over Northern New England—young and old, singles, couples, and families—155 people participating in the seventh annual Labor Day Family Camp at Camp Lawroweld, sponsored by the Conference Family Life Department. Reservations were arriving up to the last minute, necessitating that some individuals be turned away due to housing limitations.

Presentations by guest speaker

Chester Damron, head chaplain at Volusia Medical Center, focused on the "Gifts of Life" that families need in order to experience healing and wholeness: unreserved forgiveness, unconditional love, acceptance in Jesus. Both Elder Damron and his wife, Mary Jean, made themselves available for counseling, joined in the recreation, and rolled up their sleeves to help other volunteers in the kitchen.

A potpourri of recreational activities from water sports to softball, horseshoes, and hiking allowed campers opportunity to pick and choose those events that they most enjoy. A special feature this year was a Sunday night "Mexican Fiesta" complete with ethnic foods and decorations, followed by a variety program. A spirit of true "familiness" prevailed as participants ate, played, worshipped, and laughed together. One person remarked, "This is the best Family Camp yet—and I've been to every one so far.

Becky Dixon



COMMUNITY PICNIC SPONSORED BY LIMINGTON CHURCH

Dozens of ears of fresh roasted corn, a table laden with baked beans, mounds of potato salad and delicious homemade desserts was the setting for the Community Picnic held on Sunday, August 27. A rousing baseball game for all ages, lawn sprinkler and other games for the

younger set, and plenty of unhurried time to chat and laugh together were some of the ingredients that made the picnic a huge success. Members invited people living in the immediate vicinity of the church as well as their own relatives. Fifteen guests responded. The goal of the Family Life Committee is to meet the needs of the church and community members and to be living witnesses of Christ's love. One

astute little visitor said it best when she confided, "Mom! They're all Christians here!"

The Committee sponsored a Family Finance Seminar in September. A Parenting Seminar will be in November and a Marriage Seminar in December.

Kathy Berger

ADVENTURER FUN DAY

Oh my, what an exciting time 130 Adventurers, parents, and leaders had at this year's Adventurer Fun Day, Sunday, September 10.

Our special guests were the award winning duo, Jeff and Deb Sandler alias "Mr. and Mrs. Fish." They dressed in a colorful array of fish and marine creature costumes

to teach the wonders of ocean life to our Adventurers. The Florida Shell Fun Award was also taught with each child making a collection of 10 shells to take home. Games such as Penny Toss, Balloon Darts, a Fish Pond, a Duck Pond, and Face Painting were the "fun activities."

"Hot dogs," corn on the cob, lemonade, and fruit shish kabobs were "sold" at the lowest prices seen in decades. (10 cents eachthis could happen only at Adventurer Fun Day.)

To end our day, we had a creative, imaginative "circus" with Dr. Peter Schroer as Ringmaster. Closing thoughts were of an "event" coming that far exceeds our thoughts and imaginations—one better than any circus. Jesus is coming to take us home. We can't wait!

Marilyn Schroer

SEEING JESUS

This was the theme for the Northern New England Conference Teachers' Retreat held at Camp Lawroweld, September 8 to 10. As we met for a weekend of fellowship and renewal, Pastors Bob and Beverly Bretsch from Portland, Oregon, ministered to us. Their theme was to recognize Jesus for whom He really is, and catch a vision of His desire to have a loving relationship with us. We, in turn, can share and model this relationship before

our students, students' parents, church members, and fellow workers. This special weekend. planned by Superintendent Peggy Fisher, was a blessing in spiritual growth and rich fellowship, Each teacher left renewed both physically and spiritually, ready to carry on the task of imparting knowledge—but more importantly—sharing the joy of a new and vital relationship with Jesus.

Roberta Merrow



Bob and Beverly Bretch, pastors from Portland, Oregon

Southern New England

GIFT OF LOVE

As an expression of love and appreciation for the Thomas Family in our midst for the past six and a half years, they were given a handmade quilt representing the members of the South Lancaster Church.



Kandi Davitt (left) and Linda Oetman who carefully and lovingly saw the completion of the quilt project. They produced a beautiful memorable gift for the Thomas Family.

Kandi Davitt, Linda Oetman, Cheryl Bartlett, and others made various squares depicting places



and buildings familiar and significant in the lives of the Thomases during their sojourn with us. Some

of them are: their little home on Goss Lane, The Village Church, the college, et cetera, on a blue background.

May the Thomas Family ever sense the love and high regard with which the South Lancaster Church holds them as they take up their responsibilities in Walla Walla, Washington. The Village Church members are praying for them.

Dr. Geraldine I. Grout Gleaner Assistant Editor

Cheryl Bartlett is helping to hold up the beautifully made quilt for the church members to see. Kandi Davitt (hidden from view) is holding the other side of the quilt.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR PROVIDENCE AND WICKFORD CHURCHES

As of July 1, Tom Dombrowski is the new associate pastor for the Providence and Wickford churches in Rhode Island. He will be working with Pastor James O. Ellithorpe, senior pastor of both churches.

Tom, 31, completed his Master of Divinity degree at Andrews University last June. While at Andrews, Tom served as a student dean, and chaplain in the men's dormitory. He also worked as a contract teacher for the Andrews University music department. For the past two summers he was one of five student leaders for the Magabook program

in Chicago, Illinois. Prior to his education at Andrews University, Tom taught music and history in the Tempe Elementary and high school district. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from Arizona State University in 1988.

Tom's parents reside in Arizona, and he has a brother and two sisters. He was raised Roman Catholic, and he was baptized in the Tempe church on Christmas Eve 1988. Currently he is the only Seventh-day Adventist in his family.

His immediate goal is to get well acquainted with the members of both churches to develop a team ministry in preparation for evangelism and outreach.



TORNADO RESPONSE

On May 29, a surprise tornado ripped through the western part of Massachusetts within a few hundred yards of some member's homes; but thanks to God, they were not touched. However, many others lost homes and other property. An automobile with a teacher and two handicapped students was picked up by the wind and hurled hundreds of feet, killing the occupants.

The Adventist Community Services responded to the needs with Sarah Fanton, conference disaster coordinator, directing. With supplies from the Amesbury CS Center, the Lancaster CS Center and

the Stoneham CS Center, the conference trailer was taken to Great Barrington. Responders included John Loor, conference Community Services Director; Edith Reed, Stoneham CS Center Director and Greater Boston Disaster Coordinator; Bill Deason, Connecticut Disaster Coordinator; Dan Caron, Western Connecticut Disaster Coordinator; Linda Monk, Massachusetts Disaster Coordinator; Paula Vogler, Southeastern Massachusetts Disaster Coordinator: Pamela Hutchinson, Foxboro; Alice Delorme, Willimantic; Ann Delorme, Willimantic; Paul Fanton, Warren; and Joyce and Ernie Bernier, Berkshire Hills. After the Disaster Response Team left, Wanda and Steve Millahn of the Canaan church continued to receive donations and respond to needs.

The work done by the Team included distribution of blankets, sheets, socks, suits, clothing and child comfort kits donated by the Adventurer program. The victims and responders stated how much they appreciated the help given.

Southern New England Conference is training and preparing members to respond before, during and after a disaster. Contact Sarah Fanton at the conference office if you are interested in preparing yourself and your church. It is our plan to be ready for natural disasters.

CAPE COD CHURCH PARTICIPATES IN LOCAL FAIR

If you had asked a member of the Cape Cod SDA church what occurred July 24–31, that person probably would have replied, "It was a fair week!" That's because the church had a booth at the Barnstable County Fair in Falmouth on Cape Cod.

Since November of last year, Terry Bonneau, a church member who lives across the street from the fairgrounds, has been actively and prayerfully pursuing his vision. He, along with Ray Paron and Amy Sager, also church members, envisioned the Cape Cod church with its messages on health and nutrition, inspiring and uplifting the thousands of visitors who attend this annual summer event.

All came together this summer when Terry called two weeks before the fair's opening day. He was



(Left to right) Ray Paron and Tim Kingman shaking hands, Terry Bonneau, Ginny Thompson, blood pressure technician, Mickey King.

told by a fair administrator that a cancellation had come in that morning, leaving an opening for the Cape church. Terry was informed that they would have an excellent location for their booth where church members could take blood pressures, provide free literature, and share good news with fairgoers.

Terry was also told that, contrary to contract policy stating that those having booths must provide services from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., the Cape Cod church could schedule their own hours. Just more evidence that God's mighty hand was in this affair.

Each day was a success with at least 50 people stopping to have blood pressures checked. In addition, one out of every 15 passersby stopped just to look at the health ex-

hibits, literature, or simply chat about various topics. Some were children concerned about their parent's smoking or eating habits.

God's people were blessed with good weather and attendance at the fair. More importantly, they witnessed once again the wonderful results of prayer.

Sue Kingman Communication Secretary

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THREE INDUCTED INTO GBA CHAPTER OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

When selecting students to be inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS), faculty members look at four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service and character. Each student is evaluated by standards, some more concrete than others. Grade point average, for example, is set in stone. Impressions of a student's leadership, service,

garded by others as a worthy leader. Service—a student should not only serve, but also desire to serve.

Character—we should observe our character and ask, "What can I do to make myself a better person?" Hodson felt the NHS omitted one very important criterion: A strong love for God and a desire to follow Him.

Hodson concluded by evaluating each inductee's qualities and accomplishments. Mat Steer has served as freshman class treasurer and this year served on the Student lated Lombard and Steer for their accomplishments, but more than that, for being well-rounded Christians.

After Lombard and Steer recited their pledge to the NHS and lighted the candles signifying their official induction, principal Bill Arnold and the staff felt that they should induct another individual into the NHS. Arnold said that even though she had not been inducted as a student, her involvement then and now as a faculty member earned her the distinction. Thus, Ms. Rondi Aastrup became GBA's first Honorary Inductee into the NHS.

Following the ceremony, a brief reception was held for new members, their families, and previous NHS inductees.

Ann Marie Rondinelli Greater Boston Academy Junior



Left to right: Mathew Steer; former inductees Tanya Rondinelli and Sonya Neves; Rondi Aastrup; former inductees Andrea Maxwell and Caroline Conrad; and Adam Lombard.

and character vary from individual to individual. This year the two inductees are sophomores, Adam Lombard and Mathew Steer.

These two students were honored during an induction assembly attended by fellow students, staff members, parents, and relatives. Sandra Bent, longtime GBA science teacher, defined the NHS thus, "Being chosen is an obligation of honorable and responsible behavior."

The ceremony's speaker, David Hodson, Edgewood/GBA school board chairman, elaborated on the four criteria, adding explanations.

Scholarship—grades only do not prove an individual's excellence.

Leadership—a person should exhibit leadership qualities and be re-

Association as treasurer. He also is a photographer for the school's newspaper, *Panther Prints*, and is greatly involved in his local Pathfinder group at home.

Adam Lombard served as his freshman class president. This year he contributed to the Student Association as vice president, spiritual, and was on the Youth Church planning committee. [Lombard will serve as Student Association president and Steer as Student Association treasurer for the 1995/1996 school year.] Hodson added that both students have also contributed to the school paper, been involved with the *Friendship Puppeteers*, and maintain good grades as well as hold a steady job. Hodson congratu-



For Mrs. Clara La Fountain, member of the Fitchburg SDA church May 29, 1995, was not only Memorial Day but also a memorable day. It was her 100th birthday, celebrated with festivities directed by her son Earle Long and his wife in the church fellowship hall.

Sister LaFountain recalls being baptized in the Merrimack River, "before the water was polluted," she adds. With deep conviction she states, "I feel that I want to be ready and keep ready to meet Jesus when He comes."

Thelma E. Hale

Bulletin Board

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Boston, MA	4:12	4:11	4:12	4:15	4:20
So. Lancaster, MA	4:14	4:13	4:14	4:17	4:22
Pittsfield, MA	4:20	4:20	4:21	4:24	4:28
Hartford, CT	4:20	4:19	4:21	4:23	4:28
NewYork, NY	4:29	4:28	4:29	4:32	4:37
Utica, NY	4:26	4:25	4:26	4:29	4:34
Syracuse, NY	4:30	4:29	4:30	4:33	4:38
Rochester, NY	4:36	4:35	4:36	4:39	4:43
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OFFICIAL NOTICE Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby published that a Special Constituency Session of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the Atlantic Union College Field House (Gymnasium), Main Street, South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561, December 3, 1995. The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m.

This constituency session is being held for the purpose of receiving reports from Atlantic Union College and to help plan for the future of the college.

The Atlantic Union Conference constitution, Article III, section 2: "Voting Representation," defines the members of this constituency and outlines the formula for arriving at the number of delegates to be chosen as follows:

- Each member organization shall be represented at union conference constituency meetings by duly accredited delegates as follows:
- (1) Each local conference/mission shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to conference membership and one additional delegate for each 225 church members or major fraction thereof.
- (2) Such delegates shall be chosen by respective local conference/mission executive committees.
- (3) At least one-half of the delegates shall be persons who are not denominationally employed, of whom approximately

one-half shall be women.

- b. In addition, delegates-at-large shall participate in the union conference constituency meeting as follows:
- (1) The individual members of the executive committee of this union conference; and
- (2) Members of the Board of the Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.
- (3) Officers of the local conferences.
- (4) Members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
- (5) Members of the General Conference and North American Division Executive Committees who may be present at any constituency meeting of this union conference. The number of such delegates representing the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the total number of delegates provided for herein above in section 2.a(1) of Article III of these bylaws.
- (6) Such other persons from the Union conference staff, church institutions, owned and operated by the union and local conferences/missions, as may be recommended by the union conference executive committee and accepted by the delegates in session; the total number of delegates from this category not to exceed ten percent (10 %) of the total number of regular delegates provided for herein above in section 2.a(1) of Article III of these bylaws.

Theodore T. Jones II, President Alvin R. Goulbourne, Secretary

OFFICIAL NOTICE Atlantic Union College Corporation

Notice is hereby given that a special session of the Atlantic Union College Corporation is called to convene Sunday, December 3, 1995, 10:00 a.m., at the Nelson Field House on the campus of Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

The purpose of this meeting is to help plan for the future of Atlantic Union College and to attend to any other business which may properly be brought before the body.

The members of this corporation are the members of the Board of Trustees of Atlantic Union College; representatives of the college staff and employees elected by the college officers and academic and auxiliary department heads not to exceed one-third of the total number of constituents [excluding General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist representation]; delegates present at a regularly called Atlantic Union Conference session if and when the constituency meetings are held at the same time and place; local conference educational superintendents, senior academy

principals, either the secretary or treasurer of each local conference of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the president of the New England Memorial Hospital (now named Boston Regional Medical Center); members of the General Conference Committee of Seventh-day Adventists in attendance at any meeting of this corporation; the president and four elected officers of the Atlantic Union College Student Association; six laypersons and six denominational employees, plus one additional representative for each 10,000 members and major fraction thereof, appointed by each local conference executive committee; up to ten Atlantic Union College alumni who are not included in the other categories, selected by the AUC alumni executive committee.

Theodore T. Jones II, President James J. Londis, Secretary

Atlantic Union College

Message from the Atlantic Union College President

The Board of Trustees of Atlantic Union College and the Executive Committee of the Atlantic Union Conference have called a special joint constituency meeting to be held at the Nelson Fieldhouse on the Atlantic Union College campus on Sunday December 3, 1995. This meeting is called specifically to address the needs of Atlantic Union College. The College and Union administrations, as well as other members of the AUC community, encourage non-delegates as well as delegates from all conferences in our Union territory to attend this unprecedented, interactive meeting that will provide voice to all Atlantic Union constituents as the college plans for the future.

This meeting will have a one-item agenda: methods by which we can strengthen the future of the college.

All members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in this Union have the right and responsibility to know about Atlantic Union College, how the college is serving the sons and daughters of the Atlantic Union, and how members of the Union and the college family can better serve in laying a sound future for the college.

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James J. Londis, Ph.D.
President, Atlantic Union College

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