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Fiat Lux—"Let There Be Light" Keep the Flame Burning

Seventh-day Adventism has an abundantly rich history in New England in general, and in South Lancaster, specifically. It is quite evident that the hand of God has moved to establish in this area a movement and individuals who possessed great visions of what could be accomplished to the glory of God.

In his book *And There Was Light*, p. 7, Myron F. Wehtje describes the important events which were to lay the foundation for what we have in force today. "The attractions of South Lancaster soon became well known to other Adventists in New England and elsewhere. Efforts to strengthen Adventism in New England became centered in that village. In December of 1868 several of the foremost denominational leaders, including James and Ellen White, John N. Andrews, and Joseph H. Waggoner, came to South Lancaster for a 'general meeting' called to consider the future of Adventism in New England."

With S. N. Haskell providing strong leadership for the church as president of the New England Conference, he was counseled by Ellen White to give attention to other aspects of the church than the tract and missionary work. The work of education became one of Haskell's new areas of interest.

Haskell spent long periods of time seeking directions from the Lord so that he could start a school in New England which would train workers for the cause of God. The fire was burning in his heart to carry the Advent message through trained gospel workers and God was guiding Haskell and preparing others to help him fulfill the vision.

So much more could be written here to share with you how the hand of God had moved in times past to start the school which was launched in 1882. New England needed *spiritual light* in those days and the Lord saw to it that the flame would burn. The Light of the world, Jesus Christ, was actively involved

in the beginnings for the work of Adventism then. Is that interest still in place today?

When one walks through the campus of Atlantic Union College, the air seems fragrant with aromas of the past. Founders Hall stands as a monument of yesteryear and is still being used as a classroom building and houses a chapel which easily transports the visitor to the days of yesteryear. Huge portraits of pioneer leaders, old fashioned pews and pulpit and unique chandeliers work together to establish an ambiance of rich history. The light still shines!

The tradition continues as dedicated teachers lead their students into a journey of faith and learning. Atlantic Union College is proud of graduates who have made their marks in leadership within the church and in many other arenas of service. If I would begin to list outstanding alumni of this college, this *Gleaner* issue would be filled with the names of faithful graduates who have carried with themselves the flame of truth. The light still shines!

Today, as never before, there is an urgent need for institutions like Atlantic Union College. No college can have a successful existence without the blessings of God and the support of its graduates and constituents. There are needs in all parts of the world for financial support, and as those who labor for Christ in the New England area see the needs of our

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and a promising future! Support our College!**

college, we need to respond with our young people and our financial

resources to keep the light burning.

As this year comes to its end, I appeal to you as members and friends of Atlantic Union College to help us keep the flame burning. When you consider gifts, please remember our college, established with love and sacrifice for the educating of our young people. Rightly instructed and trained, they can be a power for the truth as they do their part to keep the light burning!

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FOLLOWING GOD'S LEADING IN OUR LIVES

In 1992 an unknown face appeared in the College church and on August 20, 1995, a familiar face disappeared. The face was a happy, smiling one because it reflected a love that was developing. Watching, this growing relationship brought joy to the church members.

Here is the story. God was calling Ann Anderson before she recognized His voice. But she did recognize Him in a fellow office worker who wisely drew Ann into his family circle before he introduced her to His church family. Then as Ann fell in love with Jesus and even before her baptism, a desire for service began to burn in her

heart. When a change in Ann's employment indicted to her that mission service was possible, she began to investigate just where she was needed.

God made it very clear to Ann where she was to go. With a desire to work with children Ann contacted ADRA. International Children's Care (ICC) was recommended. The same day Ann received this information an ICC newsletter was given to Ann by a church member. The next day Ann read an article in the *Gleaner* about ICC. It was clear to Ann where God needed her.

After attending the Mission Institute, a six-week program that prepares workers for overseas mission service, at Andrews University in July, Ann left August 20 for Romania.

She is working with an ICC program that helps parents obtain enough food for their children so the children can remain in their homes and not have to be placed in an orphanage to survive.

The College church members eagerly shared their resources as Ann's departure drew near. Three thousand dollars was given by the

members after a presentation of her plans and the needs in Romania. On the Sabbath before "their missionary" left, a farewell potluck took place where good-bys were said.

Now members look forward to letters in which Ann describes her activities. Pray for Ann. There are many challenges. There are many needs. Are there

others who can meet these needs as Ann is doing?



Ann Anderson

GOD'S LOVE NEVER FAILS

Like the sun hanging onto its wintry Alaskan horizon, Melbourne never completely let go of his belief in a Saviour. It lay as a constant vision in the distance, blurred only by the influences of this world.

Born a Seventh-day Adventist and baptized when he was eleven, Melbourne Cragwell grew up knowing and understanding the words to "Jesus Loves Me." But like many teens, he slowly strayed from that love, trading it for temporal desires and distractions.

Melbourne married Florine, a Seventh-day Adventist, and together they raised two children in the beliefs of the church. Melbourne remained on the outskirts of his family's religion, fully aware of the battle within him, realizing to whom he gave control, but always

remembering his dear mother's wise words, "Procrastination is the thief of time."

It was not until he sat recuperating from a serious industrial accident that Melbourne felt an overwhelming urgency by God's Spirit to repent. Having been so close to death and to being eternally lost, Melbourne

decided it was time to secure his future in the Lord.

He asked Pastor Steve Jencks of the Cape Cod Seventh-day Adventist Church to rebaptize him July 27. Almost 50 years after his first baptism, Melbourne's cup was filled to overflowing, as was the



Melbourne Cragwell

sanctuary. In addition to his church family, Melbourne was surrounded and supported by about 70 friends and family members, and all witnessed the birth of a new man.

Firm as his commitment, excited about life in Christ, and eager to share his faith, Melbourne looks forward

to Heaven where he will be reunited with his mother to say, "Thanks Mom. I made it."

Sue Kingman
Communication Secretary
Cape Cod SDA Church

LENDING A HELPING HAND

13TH SABBATH OFFERING TO BRING HEALTH, HEALING, AND HOPE

This Christmas season, each of us has a perfect opportunity to spread some cheer by giving to the 4th Quarter 13th Sabbath Overflow Offering taken on December 23. By giving generously, you can help to fund health outreach and prison ministries projects not only across North America, but in the Atlantic Union as well.

Funds gathered from this special offering will be used to develop an Adventist Health Network across North America in which projects will be set up in 10 cities identified as having critical needs. These are cities having a high percentage of crime, homelessness, hunger, low income families, and very little Adventist presence.

In the Atlantic Union, Boston has been selected as a pilot site to initiate the development of the Adventist Health Network in this region. Although Boston is the oldest major city in North America, the majority of its 3.8 million residents have no religious affiliation.

But with your prayers and generous offering, you can help change

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that picture. In the Spring of 1996, a cross-section of people from the Atlantic Union, including community service workers, pastors, lay health and temperance people, conference workers and administrators, and other thought leaders will begin to create an overall vision for establishing a health network in the



Atlantic Union. Through a series of strategic planning sessions, this visionary group will lay plans for reaching the cities with the Adventist health message. And the funds collected on 13th Sabbath will help make this vision a reality. Isn't that exciting?

"We want to start an Adventist Health Network that will enable our

teachers, preachers, health professionals, and church members to work together to bring health and healing to people in our communities across North America," says DeWitt Williams, director of Health and Temperance for the NAD.

But that's not all. Prison Ministries will also use funds gathered from this offering 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.

"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).

Lend A Helping Hand

Alfred McClure, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, is calling on Seventh-day Adventist members around the world to lend a helping hand.

"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," McClure says. "And by following the message we've been given, we can offer health, healing, and hope to this dying world."

Lend a helping hand. Remember to give a generous offering this 13th Sabbath.

Patricia Humphrey is a freelance writer from Culpeper, Virginia.



This 13th Sabbath offering will go to developing an Adventist Health Network so we can reach out to people where they live through van ministries, church-based wellness centers, and prison outreach programs.

GET READY FOR NET '96

NORTH AMERICA INITIATES PUBLIC EVANGELISM VIA SATELLITE

Based on the demand from pastors and lay leaders, the North American Division (NAD) will initiate a second continent-wide evangelistic campaign in the fall of 1996 called Net '96. Like Net '95, which was the largest soul-winning effort by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America to date, it will be uplinked via satellite on the Adventist Communication Network (ACN).

"We believe Net '96 may result in the most dramatic breakthrough in soulwinning that we have ever seen in North America," said Alfred McClure, NAD president. "To be successful, it will take a joint effort. We need strong leadership from our conference presidents and pastors, committed involvement from our members, and the miracle-working power of God."

Strong Organization

Net '96 will be uplinked five nights a week October 5 through November 9, 1996, from Orlando, Florida. The live event will be held in the 3,000-seat auditorium at Forest Lake Academy.

Mark Finley, director of the *It Is Written* television ministry, will again be the evangelist. C. D. Brooks, director of the *Breath of Life* television ministry, will again conduct the question-and-answer periods during the event.

Don Gray, a veteran evangelist, will serve as general coordinator of Net '96. Local conferences have been asked to appoint Net '96 coordinators.

According to Don Jacobsen, an assistant to the NAD president and a member of the planning committee, a number of goals have been set for Net '96. These were endorsed



Key Net '96 Event

January 20, 1996
Lay Training & Witnessing Seminar
4 to 5:30 p.m., EST
Galaxy 4 Channel 5

by delegates to the recent NAD Year-end Meeting in Battle Creek, Michigan.

"We want at least 2,000 North American churches involved in this evangelistic effort," he says. "We have also been asked by the General Conference to plan for the Inter-American, South American, and Euro-African divisions to downlink the event, so we're going to provide simultaneous translation channels in Spanish, Portuguese, French, and possibly German."

Jacobsen says that in preparation for the reaping series, the *Voice*



Mark Finley, director of the *It Is Written* television ministry, will again be the evangelist for NET '96.

of Prophecy Bible School will coordinate an effort to enroll one million people in Bible study during the next year. *Lifestyle Magazine* programming will be focused on reaching missing church members, and interested pastors, leaders, and church members will be trained in personal witnessing.

A planning committee for Net '96 has been meeting since May, chaired by Glenn Aufderhar, president of the Adventist Media Center. The committee is reviewing input from the debriefing interviews conducted by telephone with the pastors who participated in Net '95, as well as the results of an anonymous evaluation survey.

Deep Commitment

"The NAD is taking the initiative with the Net '96 project because of our firm conviction that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is proclaiming a message that the world desperately needs to hear," said McClure. "Net '95 was a pilot project that many doubted would be successful. But we baptized 5,000 people, and it changed the minds of many Adventists who had given up on public evangelism. Net '95 demonstrated that under the blessing of God, public evangelism can work and is still a viable means of bringing men and women to Christ."

"Net '96 will give all of the pastors and churches that didn't participate in Net '95 a second chance," said Gray. "And based on the success of Net '95, many Adventists are now interested in participating in Net '96."

Monte Sahlin
Assistant to the NAD president
and general manager of ACN

FUNDS HELP IMPROVE LIFE FOR MUTINEER DESCENDANTS ON PITCAIRN ISLAND

A gift of \$125,000, part of it given by members and students of Adventist schools throughout the Atlantic Union, is on its way to improve life for the band of mutineer descendants on tiny Pitcairn island, the one-time main missionary base of Seventh-day Adventists in the Pacific Ocean area.

The funds will provide drainage and an all-weather surface for the island's washout-prone main road from the boat landing at Bounty Bay, up the notorious "Hill of Difficulty" to Adamstown, the island village.

"This gift will make the steep, often-rutted and rocky route which the Pitcairners must constantly use into a much easier road to travel," said Herbert Ford, director of the Pitcairn Islands Study Center at Pacific Union College. "It will be a

major improvement for Pitcairn."

The center, and the international Christian witness organization Youth With A Mission have been sponsors of the road-improvement project.

In addition to donors in the Atlantic Union, thousands of others, including a number of widely known persons, have contributed to the project. These include King Hussein of Jordan; François Mitterrand, recently retired president of France; Prince Albert of Monaco; Pulitzer prize-winning playwright Edward Albee; actors Ed Asner and Robert Redford; and Adventist country singer Roy Drusky.

According to Ford, gifts for the



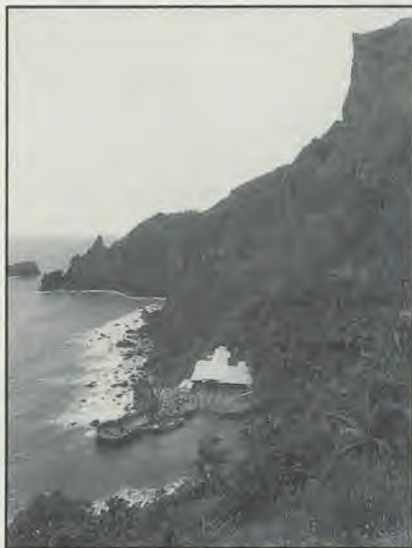
Rugged Pitcairn Island, one mile wide by two miles long, rises abruptly from the floor of the South Pacific. It was to Pitcairn in 1890, that the first Seventh-day Adventist missionary ship went.

project have totaled some \$125,000. A portion of the sum was spent about two years ago to send a volunteer surveyor-engineer team to Pitcairn to prepare plans for the roadway. The plans will be available to the Pitcairners to guide them in the road improvement project.

After they mutinied against William Bligh, their captain on the British ship H.M.S. Bounty in 1789, a number of the crew members, along with their Tahitian wives, settled on uninhabited Pitcairn. In the early 1800s the islanders embraced Church of England beliefs.

In 1890, after receiving Adventist literature in 1876, and a visit from Adventist layman John I. Tay in 1886, most of the Pitcairners became Seventh-day Adventists.

In the last decade of the 1800s, and in the first decade of the 1900s, the Adventist schooner "Pitcairn" called at the island six times. With each departure from Pitcairn the ship carried Pitcairn lay missionaries and appointed missionaries from America to preach the Christian gospel on numerous other Pacific Ocean islands.



Ship landing point at right rises 700 feet above the boat landing at Pitcairn. A campaign to fund improvement of the island's main road, which begins at the left of the boat sheds, has just been completed.



A view of the boat landing at Pitcairn Island with the steep road running up the "Hill of Difficulty" at left of the boat sheds. One of the Island's launches in which the Pitcairners go out to meet passing ships is tied to the jetty.

WORLD AIDS DAY

A CHALLENGE TO OUR CHURCHES

On Friday December 1, as in years past, the White House dimmed its lights from 7:45 to 8:00 p.m. to commemorate World AIDS Day and to offer hope and concern to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Towns and cities across the country were encouraged to join the White House in dimming their lights as a visual demonstration expressing the worldwide commitment to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.

World AIDS Day, observed annually on December 1, serves to strengthen the global effort to face the challenges of the AIDS pandemic which continues to spread in all regions of the world.

This year's theme, "Shared Rights, Shared Responsibilities" (a) urges the world to protect everyone's rights to HIV/AIDS prevention and care, (b) recognizes that everyone shares the same human rights regardless of their HIV status and (c) emphasizes the shared responsibilities of individuals,

families, governments and the international community to promote prevention.

AIDS cases are the visible part of the epidemic, but because there is, on average, 10 years between HIV infection and the onset of AIDS, they may reflect the HIV situation a decade ago. The World Health Organization estimates that around 18.5 million adults, and more than 1.5 million children have been infected with HIV since the beginning of the pandemic 15 years ago. This is an increase of approximately 2.5 million infections since July 1, 1994. The continued increase of infections, particularly in southern and central Africa and South Asia, will accentuate the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on the developing world.

The United States has the highest reported rate of AIDS in the industrialized world. Through December 1994, 441,528 people in the United States had been reported with AIDS to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Of these 441,528 people, 83% were men and 13% were women; the remaining 2% were children less than 13 years old. Through 1994, a total of 270,870 AIDS related deaths had been reported to CDC. Currently, CDC estimates that approximately one million Americans—or one in every 250 people—are infected with HIV. The number of people infected represents only a small fraction of the number of people who are affected by the epidemic, including family members, friends and loved ones of infected individuals.

For Adventists, AIDS is a challenge to live our theology, an opportunity to demonstrate true love.

*DeWitt S. Williams, Director NAD
Health & Temperance Department*

Working with HIV/AIDS?

If you are ministering to individuals or groups of individuals living with HIV/AIDS, or individuals whose lives have been affected by HIV/AIDS, and wish to contact others with similar interests, please contact the North American Division Health & Temperance Department, (301) 680-6733, fax (301) 680-6464, or e-mail #74532,1401. The members of the AIDS Committee are sponsoring the formation of an SDA AIDS Network to provide hope and healing for those affected by this epidemic. Please respond by providing name, address, phone or fax contact and include information about the form your ministry takes.

What can my church do?

- Encourage your Pastor/Elders to speak about HIV/AIDS in sermons
- Focus on the impact of HIV/AIDS during religious education programs; invite people living with HIV/AIDS to speak; coordinate with local AIDS ministry or community-based AIDS organizations
- Contact the AdventSource (Formerly the NAD Distribution Center) 5040 Prescott Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68506, (402) 486-2519. Purchase *Compassion in a Time of AIDS*, a manual for training Adventist pastors, local elders and leaders to develop an AIDS ministry in their local communities
- Purchase the video produced by ADRA entitled *Call to Compassion*. Call 1-800-424-ADRA to order your copy. Show it to your church.
- Encourage long-term commitment of your religious community to the issue of HIV/AIDS by starting an AIDS ministry within your congregation or joining with others in your community
- Start a service program; members of your congregation can work with a local AIDS group to provide meals, transportation, shelter, companionship or other services to people living with HIV/AIDS.
- For a resource booklet that will help you plan a special emphasis program, write American Association for World Health, 1129 20th St., NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036-3403; or call (202) 466-5883.

What can I do?

- Talk to your friends and family about HIV/AIDS testing and prevention
- Call your AIDS State Hotline to find out how you can help in your community
- Wear/distribute to others a red ribbon as a symbol of hope
- Write to your congresspersons and encourage them to take responsibility and encourage an active response to the HIV/AIDS needs in your community
- Read a book about HIV/AIDS issues
- Make a donation to local community HIV/AIDS programs
- Visit someone who has AIDS who is homebound or in the hospital
- Join the Adventist AIDS Network. Send your name address, phone number, and a short paragraph about your activities and special interests to Dr. D. S. Williams, Director, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600

Atlantic Union College

AUC RATES HIGH IN NATIONAL SURVEY

Atlantic Union College places solidly in the top half of the liberal arts colleges in the nation's northern region, according to *USNews & World Report's* annual *America's Best Colleges*, which ranked over 1,419 colleges and universities nationally and placed AUC in the second of four tiers of schools in their category. *USN&WR's* northern region, which includes a disproportionate number of the nation's schools, includes states from Maine through

Maryland and Washington, DC.

"We're pleased and proud," says AUC president James J. Londis, "we offer a great program, here, and not enough people know that." A good share of AUC's high ranking came from statistics that indicate the quality of AUC's freshman, the school's retention rate, the high graduate school acceptance rate for seniors, and the school's high level of alumni support, an indicator of "client satisfaction."

America's Best Colleges includes helpful articles on choosing a college, ways to handle the rising cost

of America's higher education, staying healthy on campus, and getting along with roommates. The publication is consulted by thousands of educators and students, worldwide.

Other SDA colleges that were ranked by *USN&WR* include: Andrews University (4th tier), Walla Walla College, (2nd tier), Pacific Union College (1st tier), La Sierra University (3rd tier), Southwestern Adventist College (3rd tier), Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists (2nd tier), Oakwood College (3rd tier), and Columbia Union College (4th tier).

LIFE CARE FOUNDATION DEDICATES FIREPLACE FOR ETHEL AND BENJAMIN PRESTON, '22

Forrest Preston, founder of *Life Care Centers of America* presented a \$25,000 check to James J. Londis on behalf of the Life Care Foundation October 24 to name and dedicate the floor-to-ceiling fireplace that is the social center of Chan Shun Dining Commons. Preston, who lived in South Lancaster with his brother Winston as children, dedicated the fireplace to their parents, Ethel, who accompanied both sons to the ceremony, and AUC alumnus Benjamin, '22, who passed away in

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August of 1994. Winston Preston, Forrest's brother also attended the presentation of the gift.

During the same ceremony, Preston also presented a check for *Life Care's* annual \$3,000 Benjamin



Forrest, Winston, and their mother, Ethel Preston, pose with a family photograph to be hung over the Chan Shun Dining Commons' fireplace.

M. Preston Scholarship for students studying in business, and recognized last year's *Life Care* Scholar, AUC senior accounting major Dionne Cambridge. *Life Care's* regional staff and administration surprised Preston, his mother, and brother, and added a \$1,500 annual scholarship in Benjamin and Ethel's name for an AUC student preparing for a career in health care. Forrest Preston also presented the college with a large framed photo-

graph of his parents to allow students to see the dedicated Christian people for whom the lounge area is named. "I am very impressed by the building and by the energy and activity I see on this campus," noted Preston. After AUC's brass ensemble fanfare upon formal presentation of the check, Preston joked, "Would the fanfare have been bigger if I had brought a bigger check?"

John Wagner, '63, former president of Union College and Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists and present vice-president for educational development at *Life Care*, also attended the ceremony and reception held in the Otto John Presidential Dining Room for Forrest, Winston, and Ethel Preston, regional *Life Care* administrators, *Life Care* President John O'Brien, and *Life Care* senior vice-president Beecher H. Hunter.



BLACK ALUMNI COME HOME

AUC's sixth annual Black Alumni Weekend held from September 29 through October 1, brought scores of alumni back to campus—many of whom had not been back to their alma mater since the day they graduated. Meeting the needs of African-American students at AUC—financially, spiritually, culturally, and socially—drives the mission of the Black Alumni Association and energized the weekend's many social and spiritual activities.

"Why Christian Education?" Friday evening's vespers service address, presented the congregation with the substance of Christian Education. Professor Gregory Allen, Th.D., challenged the con-



Harold Grayson '69, Elton Lester '66, Darrell Rollins '62, James Londis '60, and College Church pastor John Nixon participate in the Sabbath service.



Senior accounting major Dionne Cambridge (left), recipient of the Benjamin M. Preston Life Care Scholarship, and junior Ricardo Whyte (right), are Black Christian Union officers this year.



Elton Lester '66 is named "Alumnus of the Year" by the Black Alumni of AUC.



Festively dressed Lucia Anosike-Dike '92 attends weekend services.



Dr. Darrell Rollins '62 was the featured Sabbath speaker.

gregation to rethink the meaning and role of higher education in a Christian person's life: Christian education takes place at the point where faith and learning come together, the nexus at which the spirit and the intellect meet. "Christian education gives us the opportunity to reintroduce young people to Jesus Christ," he said in closing.

The Black Christian Union Choir, student Luanna Isaac, and the AUC Men's Chorus presented worship in song before the Sabbath homily given by 1962 AUC alumnus The Reverend Darrell Rollins, D.Min., Dean of the Shaw University Divinity School in Raleigh, North Carolina. Rollins spoke on the miraculous power of healing that is available to men and women of faith. "... through our journeys in life God hears and answers prayer." Testifying to the near-

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death medical crisis his faith helped him survive when his kidney failed, Rollins also exhorted attendees to seriously consider the values of organ donorship so that others with

matching genetic patterns can live to tell a similar story.

AUC Black Alumni honored attorney Elton J. Lester, '66, Chief Counsel for the Community devel-

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opment Block Grant Program and Chief Counsel for the Historically Black College and Universities Program, which together distributed well over \$5 billion to States and units of general local government and to historically black colleges for economic and community development.

Also honored was Professor Alwyn Frazier, M. Litt., as one of AUC's finest teachers and mentors. Former Chair of the history department, Frazier taught and cared for over fifty students, many of whom have continued with great success in graduate programs in history and economics, founded *The Atlantic Historian*, and AUC's Phi Alpha Theta, AUC's history honors society. Retired since 1993, Frazier has been one of AUC's most influential history professors.

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The weekend continued with a musical and awards program Sabbath afternoon and an "Old Fashion' Family Social" at the Nelson Field house Saturday night. Two full days of friendship and inspiration brought the AUC Black Alumni family together again, providing an energetic example of support and success for African-American students, faculty and staff, and a testament to the power of faith and learning at Atlantic Union College.



Lincoln Maynes '93 and Janelle Jones Maynes enjoy Black Alumni Weekend.



Vespers' soloist Januwoina Nixon '82 visits with a friend at the Chan Shun Dining Commons.

PARENTS' WEEKEND BRINGS NEARLY 200 TO CAMPUS

"I appreciate the deep spirituality in everything, and the personal warmth of this entire weekend," wrote one parent at the end of AUC's first annual parents' weekend.

The weekend, planned and coordinated by Judy Hodder, the director of AUC's freshman program,

at AUC." Several parents met each other for the first time in 25 or 30 years, having attended AUC themselves. "This is like a second homecoming or alumni weekend," one returning AUC parent said.

"The energy on this campus is tremendous," continued another parent during Sunday's "Brunch with the President." "The campus looks better than I ever remember seeing it, and professors are clearly committed to caring for their students spiritually as well as academically. I'm not sure I had this much attention when I was in school." The weekend progressed through special Sabbath services in the college church, seminars during the late afternoon and evening, and supper and entertainment Saturday



Parents, students, and faculty socialize over Sabbath Dinner at the new Chan Shun Dining Commons.

brought family members from across the Union and outside to campus to worship with their children on campus, to meet their children's professors, and to chat with college administrators. "I think this is wonderful," added another parent, "this should be done twice a year. I know my son is very happy

night. Most parents and family members stayed for brunch the next day. Many students joined their families for these activities, but many were busy preparing for mid-term exams, an important element in student life. "Sometimes I forget that students are here to study—I imagine them with more free time



AUC chaplain Dr. Richard Trott welcomes students, family members, and teachers to Parents' Weekend at the College Church.

on their hands than they really have," observed one father.

Probably the most telling remark made at the end of the weekend full of activity and friendship was one parent's final thoughts, written on a questionnaire family members were requested to fill out: "Special thanks to the committee who threw

"I appreciate the deep spirituality in everything, and the personal warmth of this entire weekend,"

themselves totally and wholeheartedly into this beautiful weekend... the team effort was obvious—and," she added, "Thank you for taking care of my daughter."

Northeastern

CENTENARIAN GRATEFULLY RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS

Alyce A. E. Jones was born October 6, 1895, in Guyana, South America. On October 8, 1995, more than 500 of her family, friends, and fellow church members gathered in the Ephesus church to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Jones, who was smartly dressed in a white two-piece suit trimmed with gold, accented with gold shoes and a white-and-gold hat, received congratulations from president and Mrs. Clinton, New York State Governor George Pataki,

Harlem Congressman Charles Rangel, and New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Mrs. Jones also received citations, awards, and well wishes from several departments of the church where she has held membership for more than 60 years.

It is remarkable that at 100 years of age, Mrs. Jones is sound of mind and body and remains quite active as founder of the Humphrey Scholarship club, an organization that she started at age 85, which assists students attend-



ing Christian schools. She also serves as a deaconess and committee woman. The birthday festivities included a worship service in the sanctuary and a dinner in the church fellowship hall.

In her brief reply, Mrs. Jones tearfully thanked the Lord, her biological and church families, and credited them all for her years of life and happiness.

Mrs. Alice A. E. Jones

500+ PARTICIPATE IN ANTI-DRUG MARCH

On Saturday night, September 30, the Kingston, New York, church hosted an open air anti-drug march and rally called NIGHT LITE. The march, which moved along Broadway, the town's main street before turning and stopping on Van Buren, drew city residents, participants from various denominations, and city and county officials, as well as

local block association heads. The theme of the rally was enlarged to include a memorial for Rickel Knox, a seven-year-old girl who had been abducted and murdered the previous week.

Alice Cook, Kingston church AYS leader and chairperson of the organizing committee, was joined by Pastor Lionel Martel and MC Stephen Wright in overseeing the program on Van Buren, a street noted for drug trafficking and pros-

titution. A parade of testimonies interspersed with music and political speechmaking highlighted the evening. Each of the more than 500 marchers carried a small flashlight or candle lit as a symbol of hope, faith, and solidarity in the war against crime. Black and White, Christian and non-Christian, young and old joined together in a call for unity in redressing the ills that are affecting the small upper Hudson Valley community.

YOUTH DAY AT TRINITY TEMPLE

The Youth Day theme, "Children proclaiming the Word of God with boldness," included seven young people ages eight to 13 who spoke for the Divine service. Many commented that they never saw anything quite like it. In fulfillment of Joel 2:28, Trinity Temple witnessed a sight which will be repeated as the the Lord's coming draws closer.

The day was organized in conjunction with the Adventist Youth

Society, directed by Elder Ina Mus-senden. The young people were directed by poet Berrinda Jean Evans, from Poughkeepsie, New York, who wrote the homilies and directs the Trinity Temple Speech Choir, of which the young people are members.

Each speaker's topic upheld Jesus as the central theme. The speakers, their ages, and topics were: Jessica Maddox, 10, "Lamb Slain"; Jonathan Brooks, 13, "Running Away"; Shavon Leach, 12, "Jesus Is Coming Again"; Rachel

Wright, 12, "Sabbath Rest"; Owen Dennis, 11, "Stealing"; Nadine Brooks, 10, "Lifestyle"; and George Jason Bradley, 8, "Don't Blow Yourself Away."

Other youth served: Candice Wells presented the Personal Ministries emphasis; Shakeba Thorpe welcomed everyone to the service, and Rowena Saunders read the Scripture. Rebecca Gillard led in a spirit-filled intercessory prayer and Trinity Temple Children's Choir sang. Jeremy Prince presented the Hymn of Meditation.

Greater New York

15TH ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR HOSTED BY YONKERS CHURCH

Yonkers church members of all ages once again were involved

in a health fair outreach to the community.

The Pathfinders, under the direction of Anthony Rivera, again took advantage of the opportunity to hold a cake-and-punch sale and to sell donated flowers.

From the coordinator and others involved with the fair: many thanks to all the volunteers who made this event a success.

Donna Lewis
Communication Leader



The 1995 fair was limited as to the number of tests offered. The most popular tests included urinalysis, blood pressure and (shown) glaucoma testing. Many of the visitors attend the health fair each year, expressing their appreciation for the excellent community service provided by the church.



Martha Covi (center), Yonkers health fair coordinator since 1983, again launched a successful program with the help of many volunteers from the church.

HOUSE OF PRAYER COOKING SCHOOL DRAWS OVERFLOW ATTENDANCE

As many as 70 persons per session crowded the Van Center House of Prayer church to participate in health programs and enjoy food samples at a vegetarian cooking school.

The audience listened attentively to lectures by Alfred de la Torre, M.D., as he pointed out the appropriate use of even healthful foods. Visitors asked in-depth questions that revealed their interest in a healthy diet and lifestyle. They also enjoyed food presentations by

Donna Anthes, R.N., featuring dishes she and Danielle Seban had prepared. The complete-vegetarian, or vegan, samples, being cholesterol-free, were of special interest to this health-conscious group.

Church members assisting with the series were encouraged by the receptiveness of the audience. The House of Prayer church, which meets at the Conference Community Services Center in New Hyde Park, prepared for the meetings with both prayer and public relations. *Newsday* carried free announcements for the classes, and advertising was published in the local *Pennysaver*. Members also placed flyers in libraries and health

food stores on Long Island and in nearby Queens.

One class member has already attended the House of Prayer church several times, and has begun family worship at home with her son, who has also visited the church. Some class members attended a follow-up weight management seminar, and several others planned to attend a food-tasting and nutrition group planned for a member's home.

Laura Pinyan
Communication Leader
House of Prayer Church



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS

Church school students and parents, and the members of the Livingston Adventist Church were joyful spectators at a special presentation service in which the Livingston Church School received the Excellence in Education Award for the current school year. The large, attractive, handcrafted plaque was presented for outstanding achievements.

Winie Fitts, principal, and Pastor Philip Johnson, school board chairman, received the much-

admired award. David Cadavero, then Conference superintendent of education, and Pastor Philip Sica, then Trust Services director and member of the Conference Board of Education, participated in the award ceremony.

Also on the podium were Esther Grey, principal of the Poughkeepsie Church School, and several Livingston Church School board members. Among the congratulatory letters shared with the congregation was one from Elder Paul Kilgore, Education Director of the Atlantic Union Conference. He commended the tireless efforts of

church and school leaders that enabled the school to meet the award criteria.

The Brooklyn Church School also merited the Excellence in Education Award during the 1993-94 academic year. Five additional schools in the conference received the award during the 1992-93 year: Whispering Pines, Jackson Heights, Patchogue, Middletown, and Poughkeepsie church schools.

*Vivian C. Austin
Communication Leader
Livingston Church*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR EVENING HELD AT HEMPSTEAD CHURCH

Earlier this year, the Hempstead church celebrated its first Children's Choir Evening. Guest choirs joining the "Hempstead Joys" to sing for the glory and honor of God included children's choirs from the Bay Ridge Spanish church in Brooklyn and the Rockville Centre Spanish and Ebenezer (Freeport) churches on Long Island.

Praises were sung in English and Spanish. An instrumental number, with Vaughn Edmeade on the saxophone, and Kalechi Noel on the clarinet accompanied by Dale Edmeade on the keyboard, provided a beautiful complement to the choir's outstanding presentations.

Sister Heather Simpson, as the Master of Ceremony, kept the program flowing smoothly. This joyous celebration culminated in a social gathering and fellowship with our brothers and sisters.



The "Hempstead Joys," directed by Sister Olive Davis and accompanied by Brother Dale Edmeade.

*Marcia P. DuMaurier
Communication Leader*

New York

A DAY TO REMEMBER

That particular Sabbath morning was bright and beautiful. I knew it was going to be a special day. Arriving at the Vestal Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church, there were gorgeous flowers and a giant sign on the door literally shouting "Welcome Home."

Beautiful meditative music was playing as we waited for our special speaker, Pastor Edmond Robinson, and his wife Ferne to arrive. Every-



Pastor and Mrs. Edmond Robinson

one warmly welcomed the Robinsons, and he presented a wonderful sermon and a children's story. The Robinsons blessed us in song.

A fellowship dinner further helped to bind our hearts together. We pray that God will continue to sustain and bless Pastor Robinson and his wife. May we all eagerly anticipate the day of Jesus' return when sin and sickness will end forever.

Anne Whitaker

OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Camp Hollis, just outside of Oswego, New York, was the setting for the first full week of Outdoor School sponsored by the conference. Located on the shores of Lake Ontario, it is a beautiful setting for studying God's second book, nature.

Sixty-one students in grades 5 through 8 converged on the campsite for this special event. Under the leadership of Fred Burghardt,





the committee, Calvin Duncan, Becky Fraker, Sue Hayford, and George Kretschmar, planned a full schedule of nature studies. Students took full one-hour classes in Man & Forest (including a unit on pond water study using a microscope), map making, compass reading, stars (complete with the construction of a planetarium) and kite making (students earned an honor), plus classes in canoeing and orienteering. Each day there was a quiet time for reflection. Students were urged to write about the



events of the day and their personal thoughts about each event. To encourage students to look for details and see the differences in similar objects, a class was taught called Sketch & Write. Debbie Muthersbaugh and Phyllis Merkel took students into the forest to examine nature objects, sketch them, transfer that sketch to water color painting paper, and paint their picture. After completing the pictures, they wrote about them.

Although class work was a focus, there were three excellent meals each day. Brenda Krueger, accepted our invitation to plan and prepare meals. Also, there was time for recreation right after lunch and again just after

supper. Students could be seen in the pool during the afternoon recreation, and in the evenings they could be spotted playing soccer with Mark Sargeant or trying to fly their kites with Sharon Colavito. Debbie Muthersbaugh enjoyed the evening sunsets, and several students joined her with cameras to snap a photograph of the sun setting on Lake Ontario.

Elder Nathan and Phyllis Merkel traveled from Berrien Springs, Michigan, to assist Fred and to help teach classes. Elder Merkel also assisted with worship the last evening of the school. Pastor George Kretschmar arranged for either Pastor Joel Nephew or Eric Welty, to be with the students each morning and evening for worship and praise in this beautiful outdoor setting.



Northern New England

ROCHESTER FAIR BOOTH A SUCCESS

Each year the Rochester, New Hampshire, Seventh-day Adventist Church features a booth at the Rochester Fair. James McNally was in charge of this year's operations and reports that the booth attracted quite a few people, some of whom were repeats from the previous year and had more questions to ask concerning our faith.

The booth was a real "crowd pleaser" because of the large painting hanging in back of the booth depicting our Lord's glorious return

in the clouds and the resurrection of the faithful.

Books and other literature were distributed to all who requested them, and even though the attendance at the Fair fell by 50 percent, there was no shortage of people who seemed genuinely interested in the Word of God. Even one of the local newspapers carried an article about the booth, including a photo of the painting depicting our Lord's re-



turn. James McNally can be seen at the left behind the booth.

Ray Champlin

NET '95 BAPTISMS HELD

On a summer Sabbath the Brattleboro and West Townshend, Vermont, churches witnessed the baptism of three new members into their fellowship. Pastor Richard Wright held his third baptism since the Net '95 series in the Brattleboro church. Charlie Morse was introduced to the Adventist Church many years ago, but recently through a friend, Barbara Wilson, he was reintroduced to the Adventist message. Both Wilson Gale, Jr. and Sr., presented Bible studies for Charlie. He also attended many of the Net '95 meetings held at Pioneer Junior Academy and then made his decision for baptism. West Townshend rejoices to have Charlie a part of their church membership, and he is already an active member there.

Joie Benoit, brought up in a fine Adventist home, attended Sabbath school and church in Brattleboro most of her young life. Joie always desired to be baptized into the Adventist Church, so when Net '95 was held, she attended nearly all of

the meetings and made her decision to be baptized. After studying with Pastor Wright, she was baptized into the fellowship of the Brattleboro church which rejoices to have Joie join their church. She is an active member, using her musical talent of playing the flute for special music.

Dianna Lynch, baptized as a young person when her parents joined the Brattleboro church, slipped away from the church. Her parents and friends never stopped praying for her, and the Holy Spirit

never ceased striving with her heart. When the first "Homecoming" Sabbath was held, Dianna was invited to come back to the church by several church members. She attended that day and has not missed many Sabbaths since. A few months later her husband, Troy, began attending prayer meetings. They both assisted with the Net '95 meetings by arriving early to set up the TV, shovel snow, greet people, have prayer with the team, among other activities. It was during this series that both Dianna and Troy decided to be baptized. Pastor Wright studied the Bible for several months with them. Dianna was baptized and Troy is still studying and will be baptized a little later. Dianna is assisting in the Cradle Roll Division and Troy enjoys greeting people on Sabbath mornings.

The Brattleboro and West Townshend churches welcome these new members and wish them God's richest blessings as they live for Him daily.

*Jean Brodis, Brattleboro Church
Communication Secretary*



Standing with Pastor Richard Wright (right) are the persons baptized, (L. to R.) Dianna Lynch, JoBeth Benoit, and Charles Morse.

Southern New England

EIGHT PERSONS BAPTIZED IN PROVIDENCE

Last June 3 eight precious souls were baptized in the Providence, Rhode Island, church. The baptism was the culmination of the leading of God in their lives and months of study.

The eight new members of the congregation are John, Jeffrey, and Alexander Pella, Jennifer Rowinski, Jane and Katie Dambach, Elisa Maccerrone, and Amy DelSesto. Jane Dambach first came to the church as a direct response to the new sign which was installed in front of the church on Route 6. She began attending the mid-week Bible study conducted by Elder James Ellithorpe, Senior Pastor of the district.

Eventually, her daughter Katie and her husband Bernie also began



Elder James Ellithorpe (right) stands with the eight newest members of the Providence church.

attending services. After the baptism was conducted, Bernie was overheard saying, "Well, that's two down and one to go." Jane was so impressed by the service, in a short note to Elder Ellithorpe, she stated, "It turned out to be a wonderful day we will never forget . . . We appreciate your God-given abilities to reach people, including a special

gift of humor while teaching an important message." At this time, Jane recently reported that her daughter in Indiana is now attending church, and her mother recently began attending mid-week study (The Book of Revelation) in Providence as well.

Along with several new faces in the congregation in recent weeks, we are looking forward to our next baptism as soon as possible!

Earline Rowinski, Church Clerk

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ELDER AND MRS. WILLIAM JOHNSON WED 50 YEARS

Elder William and Mrs. Wilma Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sabbath, June 3, in Providence. Elder and Mrs. Johnson are well known in the Southern New England Conference having served in several districts including Providence just before retiring. Elder Johnson currently serves as First Elder in Providence and Mrs. Johnson is the Minister of Music.

Both congregations in the district, Wickford and Providence, gathered in the fellowship hall of the church to honor this fine Christian couple with a surprise "wedding cake" and numerous cards and gifts. The beautiful cake was baked and exquisitely decorated by Jeanne Gowdey, a member of Providence.



Mrs. Johnson prepares to offer Elder Johnson a piece of their "golden" wedding cake.

The Johnson's were overwhelmed with the love and support of the congregations and a few weeks later went on a trip to visit their children to celebrate with them this Golden memory. May God continue to bless this fine couple with many more years of peace, joy, and happiness.

Earline Rowinski, Church Clerk

Bulletin Board

Sunset Table

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| Bangor, ME | 4:08 | 4:17 | 4:26 | 4:35 |
| Portland, ME | 4:19 | 4:26 | 4:35 | 4:44 |
| Boston, MA | 4:26 | 4:34 | 4:42 | 4:51 |
| So. Lancaster, MA | 4:28 | 4:36 | 4:44 | 4:53 |
| Pittsfield, MA | 4:35 | 4:42 | 4:50 | 4:59 |
| Hartford, CT | 4:34 | 4:42 | 4:50 | 4:59 |
| New York, NY | 4:43 | 4:50 | 4:58 | 5:06 |
| Utica, NY | 4:40 | 4:48 | 4:56 | 5:05 |
| Syracuse, NY | 4:44 | 4:52 | 5:00 | 5:09 |
| Rochester, NY | 4:50 | 4:57 | 5:06 | 5:15 |
| Buffalo, NY | 4:55 | 5:03 | 5:11 | 5:20 |
| Hamilton, Bda. | 4:27 | 4:33 | 4:39 | 4:46 |

About Our Cover Photo

The Miles building on the west side of the AUC campus mall, mutely but proudly stands under a blanket of new-fallen snow. The building has an interesting and distinguished history. In the spring of 1932, the Board of Trustees gave careful study to the needs of the college. Elder E. E. Miles, whose interest in the college was always active, expressed his desire to have a part in providing a new science building. He proposed accepting responsibility of erecting a suitable building with the understanding that the Board provide and install heating, lighting, a ventilating system, and plumbing. The proposition was carefully studied, and in counsel with the General Conference Committee and Educational Department, the proposition was accepted.

AUC at that time was growing and endeavoring to strengthen the science department. With courses which were added, therefore, it was then possible to major in chemistry and minor in mathematics and physics.

The photo was taken by Jonathan Girma of Clinton, MA, an AUC graduate.

SDA Retirees Hold Convention

The National Retirees Convocation was held September 6 to 11 on Walla Walla College campus using the church and other facilities. There were 1336 registered attendees with more than 2000 in attendance. Approximately 25 attended from the Atlantic Union.

Music programs were conducted by Dr. Harold Lickey with Dr. Melvin West as organist. There were various classes of interest, a Prayer Breakfast to pray for church unity, the Holy Spirit, the ill, the bereaved, students and staff of all our schools, and former church members. There were also tours of the local area sites.

More than 1,000 attended the annual banquet and gave nearly \$70,000 for Evangelism. (Net '96 and Picture Rolls for soul winning in remote areas.)

Next year's Retirees meeting (for retired SDA employees) will be at Southern College June 19 to 24, 1996. For further information, contact James E. Chase, Coordinator of Retirees Affairs, NAD, (209) 522-2527, or Compuserve 74532,157.

Summary of International Teacher Service (ITS) Work

Since November 1, 1990, when ITS was put in place, we have worked on projects in China, Russia/Ukraine, Turkey, Poland, Peru, Madagascar, plus holding several evangelistic campaigns as well.

CHINA: Several major tasks had to be performed to place teachers in China. We had to find places for the teachers to work in China; we had to recruit teachers; and we had to print a curriculum in China. We also conducted an orientation for these teachers and provided a service of correspondence and support while they were in the field. The letters continue to pour in from schools in China asking for our ITS teachers. The teachers who have served in China report that they have received hundreds of letters from their students, and the opportunities to witness were more than most people ever even dreamed about. The students that have been under the influence of ITS teachers have spread out all over China into many areas.

RUSSIA: In June of 1993 our first group of teachers were sent to Russia. Schools were opened in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Ryasan, Nishniy Novgorod, Kiev, Sakhalan Island, and Magadan. Books were printed in Russia, teachers were found, and an orientation was held to help the teachers become efficient in teaching English as a second language. A retreat was later held for the teachers.

POLAND: We started a small program in Warsaw, Poland.

MADAGASCAR: We recently sent two teachers to Madagascar to help launch a program there.

PERU: On October 16, 1995, we sent teachers to Lima, Peru to begin a small program in that city.

TURKEY: We have worked many hours on a project in Turkey. We have no real church organization in Turkey, and so ITS had a major task in placing teachers in Istanbul. ITS has been registered, books have been printed, a school location was found, apartments were located, equipment purchased for the apartments and school, a fire escape built for the classrooms, licenses, registration with the government official have all been procured. The school in Istanbul has been operating for 20 months. There were 154 students enrolled in the spring of 1995.

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First World Congress of SDA Librarians

Fifty Seventh-day Adventist librarians from 20 countries and five continents met at Newbold College (Bracknell, Berkshire, England) for the First World Congress of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians. It was also the 15th annual meeting of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians (ASDAL).

The librarians discussed the formation of a consortium as a way to share electronic databases among SDA libraries using the Internet. Two such databases, The Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index and Religion Index, have been mounted at Andrews University and can already be shared in this way. A paper was also presented on the use of FidoNet, which can be used in those places that do not yet have Internet access.

The conference established a Taskforce on International Cooperation, with wide geographic representation, to study ways whereby Adventist libraries worldwide can share resources and work towards a global information network.

Russian Vasilii Osadchuck was named the winner of the D. Glenn Hilts Scholarship. He will attend San Jose State University (Calif.) for his library degree before returning to Russia.

For more information about ASDAL or the scholarship, please contact ASDAL Treasurer Lee Wisel at Columbia Union College, 7600 Flower Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912 or lwisel@cuc.edu.

The Quiet Hour

Bill Tucker, Dan Cotton and The Quiet Hour Evangelism team held Health Expo meetings for packed audiences in Nepal. The team completed more than

1500 computer generated health-age profiles in the first four days. The meetings were held in the Katmandu City Hall Cultural Center and the national minister of health cut the ribbon and gave a warm welcome. Then he said, "We have only talked about the things you are sharing. You are implementing them! I would like to see this kind of program in all 75 regions of our country." More than 40 Hindus accepted Christ as Saviour during the last weekend. The health message is our only avenue of access in many areas. Their lives are now in great danger, and we request your prayers for them. (Robert Johnston)

Bible School Graduates Pass 900,000 Mark

They don't march to "Pomp and Circumstance," but they're special achievers!

Another 6,522 students graduated from the Voice of Prophecy Bible School during 1994, bringing the cumulative graduates to 906,522 since the school began in 1942. By the close of 1995 the number of graduates will be approximately 913,000.

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

The headquarters school in California processed 42,497 applications in 1994, of which 16,579 actually enrolled. The instructors graded 160,845 lessons during the year.

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

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ACN Revised Schedule—Jan. through Mar. 1996

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| Jan. 3 — 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (ET, CT) | <i>First Wednesday</i> News and Mission Reports, Host: Lonnie Melashenko |
| Jan. 5 — 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. (ET) | <i>People of Hope/Global Mission Frontiers</i> Mission Reports, Host: Dick Duerksen |
| Jan. 13 — 4 to 6 p.m. (ET) | Starting a Youth Ministry in Your Church Training Workshop, Presenter: Jose Rojas |
| Jan. 21 — 7 to 9 p.m. (ET) | Conflict With Your Teen Outreach Seminar, Presenters: Jose Rojas, youth ministry professionals |
| Feb. 2 — 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. (ET) | <i>People of Hope/Global Mission Frontiers</i> Mission Reports, Host: Dick Duerksen |
| Feb. 3 — 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (ET) | <i>Reclaiming Roundtable</i> Town Hall Meeting with Pastors, Facilitators: Warren Nelson, Paul Richardson |
| Feb. 7 — 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (ET, CT) | <i>First Wednesday</i> News/Mission Reports, Host: Lonnie Melashenko |
| Feb. 10 — 4 to 6 p.m. (ET) | Teaching Stewardship as a Lifestyle Training Workshop, Presenter: Ed Reid |
| Feb. 18 — 7 to 9 p.m. (ET) | Secrets of Success: Family Finances and Values Outreach Seminar, Presenter: Ed Reid |
| Mar. 1 — 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. (ET) | <i>People of Hope/Global Mission Frontiers</i> Mission Reports, Host: Dick Duerksen |
| Mar. 3 — 1 to 3 p.m. (ET) | Vacation Bible School Workshop Training Workshop, Presenters: Noelene Johnsson, children's ministries professionals |
| Mar. 6 — 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (ET, CT) | <i>First Wednesday</i> News/Mission Reports, Host: Lonnie Melashenko |
| Mar. 9 — 4 to 6 p.m. (ET) | Visitation Skills for Nurture and Outreach Training Workshop, Presenters: Leslie Bumgardner, Ben Maxson |
| Mar. 17 — 7 to 9 p.m. (ET) | Regaining Your Health Outreach Seminar, Presenter: Dr. Richard Neil |

Please check the ACN Bulletin regularly for additional information, satellites, and channels.

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

Eldyn Karr, Public Relations Director

Life Sketch — Aaron Brogden

BROGDEN, Aaron N.—b. Aug. 14, 1923, Baltimore, MD; d. June 5, 1995, Greensboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps in the European Theater during World War II, receiving an honorable discharge in 1946. He was a graduate of Oakwood College, Summa Cum Laude, 1951 with a B.A. in Theology. He continued his education at Youngstown State and Ohio State Universities.

His mentor and spiritual advisor, Elder William L. Cheatham, president of Allegheny Conference, invited Pastor Brogden to accept a pastoral charge in Wilmington, DE, in 1951. From this point on Pastor Brogden earned his way through the ranks and assumed pastoral posts in various cities in Ohio leading him to pastor one of Cleveland's largest churches. As the Allegheny Conference grew, it was divided and Elder Brogden became Secretary-Treasurer of the newly organized Allegheny West Conference.

In the early part of 1969, Pastor Brogden was invited to join the Atlantic Union Conference as its Executive Secretary. He retired from this position in 1986.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Cummings Brogden, of 54 years; one daughter, Brenda Brogden-Torres; Beverly King of Colorado; three grandchildren; a sister, Thelma N. Hall; three brothers, Charles, Calvin, and Phillip; a son-in-law; an aunt, Ruth Plunkett; a sister and brother-in-law, Lucy and Alvin Goulbourne; a brother-in-law, Leonard Cummings; many nieces, nephews; other relatives; friends; and ministerial colleagues. A son, Carl Brogden, predeceased him.

Elder Brogden was a kind, loving, and thoughtful pastor, administrator, and counselor, as well as a visionary, pioneer, and conscientious leader in the church. He received many honors rightfully as a manager, shepherd, scholar, teacher, preacher, and friend.

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Life Sketch — Hilda Goulbourne

GOULBOURNE, Hilda Isabelle Dunn—b. July 13, 1902, Cedar Springs, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, W.I.; d. June 29, 1995, New Rochelle, NY. She was the oldest and last remaining charter member of the New Rochelle, New York, church, where she had held many and varied positions. She had great faith and strong belief in God which sustained her all of her 93 years.

She married David Samuel Goulbourne on August 25, 1925, and they lived happily until his death in October 1966. To this union were born five children, Eric, Donald, Alvin, Sidney, and Etoy. She also raised George and Wesley Earle. Mrs. Goulbourne was a kind, loving, caring person who always gave of herself unselfishly. Her giving, openhearted manners endeared her to many so that she became known lovingly as "Granny." She spent her life giving not only to her children, but also to her 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She enjoyed doing what she possessed, the inherent ability to excel in—cooking and baking.

Survivors include four sons, Eric, Alvin, Sidney, Etoy; grandchildren, Ricky, Michelle, Dewitt, Debbie, Donnie, Adrian, Craig, Melaine, Alvin, Jr., April, David, Julie, Sidney, Jr., Mark, Winston, Jr.; brothers, Byron, George, Irvine, and Jim; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Deaths

HILBERT, Sarah E. (Record)—86, b. in Strong, ME; d. in Clinton, MA, May 24, 1995. Survivors include her husband, Victor C. Hilbert, Sr., of 62 years; two sons, Victor C. Hilbert, Jr., and Theodore C. Hilbert; a daughter, June H. Harris; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nephews; and nieces.

HITCHCOCK, Charles Arnold—b. July 8, 1932, Watertown, NY; d. Oct. 16, 1994, Amherst, NY. He was a graduate of Union Springs Academy, 1950; and Atlantic Union College. He taught church school in Buffalo, NY, for two years. He then taught for 35 years, mainly grades 4 and 5, in Buffalo Public Schools, retiring in 1991. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching and was a very caring teacher who was loved by his many pupils. In 1973 he completed his master's degree in elementary education at Buffalo State College.

He was a firm believer in Christian education and at one time was a member of the K-12 Board of Education of the New York Conference. His daughters always attended SDA schools and all graduated from Union Springs Academy and Atlantic Union College.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Evelyn Boyd Hitchcock whom he met while attending AUC; three daughters, Karen Hitchcock, Patricia Dunham, and Deborah Cummings; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

KESLAKE, Gertrude Millis Collins—b. Aug. 4, 1914, New Bedford, MA; d. Apr. 12, 1995, Brunswick, ME. Survivors include a son, Victor; a daughter, Phyllis Gillette; a brother, Victor

W. Collins; three sisters, Barbara Stuart, Miriam Sievers, and Alice Carney; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

PEARL, Florence Fay—b. Sept. 12, 1896, Rochester, NY; d. July 29, 1994, Glendale, CA. For many years she and her husband, Henry Pearl, were nurses at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital (now Boston Regional Medical Center). Survivors: one son, Henry of Glendale, CA; a sister-in-law, Hazel H. Fay; and three nieces, Ruth Hershberg, Alice MacLarty, and Esdelle Czernarnik. Her husband predeceased her in 1947.

TREPANIER, Norman A.—b. Oct. 17, 1911, N. Bedford, MA; d. Feb. 15, 1995, Loma Linda, CA.

VELEZ DE TORRES, Lydia Esther—b. Sept. 22, 1929, Lajas, Puerto Rico; d. May 21, 1995, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. Survivors include her husband, Cecilio Torres; six daughters, Kelly Lee, Betty Torres, Damaris Vázquez, Sarah Ortiz, Millie Felt and Brunie Cruz; four sisters, Pérsida, Dorcas, Milca, Camila; four brothers, Josué, Caleb, Neptalí, and David Vélez; 16 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was a charter member of the Spanish South Brooklyn SDA church as well as the Rocha SDA church. Pastor Fred Hernández conducted the funeral service, where her youngest granddaughter, just two months old and also named Lydia, was dedicated to the Lord as a symbol of the legacy that Lydia has left to her family. She loved the Lord and will be remembered by her friendship, her faith, her hospitality, and her wonderful spirit. She died shortly after her daughter Betty read one of her favorite texts and one that all her daughters and grandchildren say every night, as she taught them, "En paz me acostaré, y así mismo me dormire. Porque solo Tú, Jehová, me harás de estar confiado." Psalm 4:8

WALKER, Robert K.—b. 1899, Pawtucket, RI; d. Dec. 26, 1994. Survivors include his wife Laura (Roberts) Walker; and two sons, James K. and John R. He served as church organist for 30 years. He was an active member of the Attleboro, MA, SDA Church.

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