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Keeping Your Funds While Investing for God

QUESTION: Is there any way by which I can have my savings work for God, and at the same time have this money available and safe in case I need it?

Would you like to combine these two important and desirable objectives in the care of your money, that is:



1. Have your money in a safe place where it will always be available for your use in time of need, and
2. Have your money deposited

where it will be earning dividends that will be used to advance the progress of the Lord's work?

This seems almost like "eating your cake, and keeping it, too!"

Your conference has just such a planned program to help you.

Many of our earnest believers manage their finances carefully so that they have on hand emergency funds, savings set aside for possible needs such as sickness, accidents, financial reverses, unemployment, and so on. Normally, these believers have sufficient regular income to take care of all their needs, and at the same time they maintain a growing savings account at the bank. They really do not need the additional income from an interest-paying investment, but they do want an emergency fund that is always available.

These Adventists are interested in the advancement of God's work, and they sincerely want to see that work finished. So they pay their tithe faithfully and in addition they make regular generous contributions through their Sabbath schools and churches for local and foreign work.

By Richard F. Farley
Financial Counselor, Ohio Conference

Many welcome a plan whereby they can (1) have their savings-emergency fund work for God; and (2) safeguard their savings for possible emergencies.

Your conference officers will be happy to work with you and negotiate a contract that will meet your needs and desires quite fully. It will have these features:

1. You may make an initial deposit with the Conference treasury of any amount at any time.
2. You may increase your credit at the Conference office by additional deposits of any amount at any time.
3. You may draw out any part of the deposit, or all of it, at any time.
4. You may leave the money on deposit all your lifetime.
5. As provided in the contract, any interest or dividend your deposit may earn will be used by the Conference to advance the Lord's work.
6. Whatever money may be in your account at the Conference in

case of your death (or that part which you specify in the contract) then goes directly into the Conference treasury without the necessity of any provision in the will.

If you are interested in making such an arrangement, write your Conference office about your interest and desire. A Conference officer or representative will be glad to visit you and explain the plan more fully.

Think again of the seeming paradox of being able to keep your money and at the same time letting it work for God.

New ASI Secretary Named

ELDER M. E. Loewen has been named new secretary of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions of the General Conference for the Columbia Union Conference.

He takes the place of C. H. Kelly who is now in the Atlantic Union Conference.

Appointment was made at the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Union Conference. In his post he will look after the interests of this department and the institutions within the Union Conference which belong to the Association.

All correspondence relative to this phase of our work should be directed to Elder Loewen. He also carries the Religious Liberty and Industrial Relations.

L. E. LENHEIM
President, Columbia Union
Conference



M. E. Loewen

Camp Meetings in Columbia Union Conference

| Conference | Place | Dates |
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| Potomac | New Market, Va. | June 18-28 |
| New Jersey | Kingston | June 26-July 5 |
| East Pa. | Wescosville | July 2-11 |
| Allegheny | Pine Forge, Pa. | July 2-12 |
| Ohio | Mount Vernon | July 2-11 |
| West Pa. | Somerset | August 6-16 |

Attend the Camp Meeting nearest you and enjoy the blessings that the annual encampments can bring.

Beware of False Prophets

By Edwin R. Thiele

TIMELY messages have repeatedly been given by the Lord to guard His people against deceptions which might lead them astray. Jesus in His sermon outlining the events that would take place in the last days gave the warning, "Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:11).

How might such prophets be recognized? "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:15, 16). "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20).

During the past few years a group having their center in Waco, Texas, and calling themselves "Davidian Seventh-day Adventists," or "The Shepherd's Rod," has been engaged in a work of deception and disruption which has just now come to a testing period, and against which every true child of God should be on his guard. The errors of this group have repeatedly been pointed out by our leaders, and it has been made altogether clear that their teachings are not in accord with the Bible nor with this denomination. Regardless of their claims, they are not Seventh-day Adventists, and they are not with us in their labors but against us.

Just now they are issuing specific messages which they themselves declare to constitute decisive tests whereby their true nature may be ascertained. In the recent "Special Edition" of *The Symbolic Code*, Vol. 14, No. 6, pages 8, 9, they say: "The Shepherd's Rod message is now on the altar. . . . This is a serious matter. We sincerely feel that if the Rod message . . . is not His work, the sooner we know it the better it will be for the church and the world."

With this statement we find ourselves in complete agreement. Unfortunately many who are honest in heart but who have not made a careful study of the basic nature of the messages of the Rod, have permitted themselves to be deceived. We shall here put certain of their messages as set forth in the current issues of their official publication, to the test that their true nature may be clear. Just now they are expecting certain events to come to pass based on prophetic interpretations which are ab-

This article, written early in the spring, was published in the Lake Union "Herald," April 28. However, owing to its length and the backlog of conference material awaiting publication, it was necessary to delay its appearance in the "Visitor."

solutely contrary to those given by the Lord. The Rod professes complete confidence in the Spirit of prophecy, but we shall show that its teachings concerning prophecies which they believe are at this time in process of fulfillment, differ widely from those given by Ellen G. White.

Concerning the time period of 1,260 days or 42 months of Revelation 11: 2, 3, the Rod declares, "In the November 1955 *Symbolic Code* we published our stand that we were then living in this time period. Today we believe we are approaching the end of it, in fact, we believe it will end sometime this Spring" (*Ibid.*, p. 6). And again, "If the message and the work of *The Shepherd's Rod* is God's Truth . . . the 1,260 days of Revelation 11 as *The Symbolic Codes* have explained, will end sometime this Spring." "We are now leaving this entire matter with the Lord to demonstrate whether He is leading in the work at Mt. Carmel" (*Ibid.*, pp. 8, 9).

Seventh-day Adventists gladly accept the challenge of such a test. We do not need to wait for the future, however, because the message concerning this time prophecy as interpreted by the Rod is utterly at variance with the interpretation given by the Lord's messenger, Ellen G. White. Concerning the time periods

of Revelation 11 she declares, "The periods here mentioned—'forty and two months,' and 'a thousand two hundred and threescore days'—are the same, alike representing the time in which the church of Christ was to suffer oppression from Rome. The 1,260 years of papal supremacy began in A.D. 538, and would therefore terminate in 1798. At that time a French army entered Rome, and made the pope a prisoner, and he died in exile" (*The Great Controversy*, p. 266).

Seventh-day Adventists, it will be noticed, begin the 42 months or 1,260 days of Revelation 11 in 538 A.D. But the Rod begins them fourteen hundred years later, in November, 1955. Seventh-day Adventists regard them as symbolic time based on the year-day principle, and end them in 1798. The Rod regards them as literal time, and closes the period with the spring of 1959. Seventh-day Adventists regard this prophecy as "representing the time in which the church of Christ was to suffer oppression from Rome" (*Ibid.*).

Our position regarding the two witnesses is as follows: "The two witnesses represent the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament. . . . During the greater part of this period, God's witnesses remained in a state of obscurity. The papal power sought to hide from the people the Word of truth. . . . Yet they continued their testimony throughout the entire period of 1,260 years. . . . The period when the two witnesses were to prophesy clothed in sackcloth, ended in 1798" (*Ibid.*, pp. 267, 268).

The Rod, on the other hand, makes the following declaration concerning

Medical Group Foundation Holds Annual Meeting



Photo by Lind

The Medical Group Foundation held its yearly membership meeting and board meeting on May 12, 1959. A portion of those in attendance are pictured above. Denominational representatives were present from the General Conference, Columbia Union Conference, and Potomac Conference. Others present represented institutions operated by the Medical Group Foundation, Wytheville Hospital, Wytheville, Va., and Eugene Leland Memorial Hospital, Riverdale, Md., are the institutions operated by the non-profit foundation. President and Administrator of the Medical Group Foundation is Dr. W. E. Malin of Wytheville, Va. The meetings were held in the newly completed Medical Building in Riverdale, Md.

this period which they hold extends from "November, 1955" to April, 1959: "Within these 1,260 days of this prophecy the Two Witnesses (the Truth and the church) have truly smitten with seven plagues. Specifically, they are:

"1. The vast amount of Davidian literature that was printed and sent out to a large mailing list of Seventh-day Adventists. . . .

"2. The door-to-door contacting of Seventh-day Adventists by the Davidian 'hunters.' . . .

"3. The distribution of *The Symbolic Codes* and other literature by Davidians at almost all the Seventh-day Adventist churches. . . .

"4. The signs . . . displayed by Davidians before almost all the Seventh-day Adventist churches. . . .

"5. The display of signs and distribution of Davidian literature at all the camp meetings. . . .

"6. The Davidian effort in Cleveland, Ohio, at the General Conference Session of Seventh-day Adventists in June, 1958. . . .

"7. The radio program, 'The Eleventh-Hour Call,' sponsored by the Davidians. . . . These efforts actually were to the Denomination just what the word plague means" (*The Symbolic Code*, Vol. 14, No. 6, pp. 17-20). It will be noticed that while Mrs. White declared that "the two witnesses represent the Scriptures," the Rod puts its own "Davidian literature" and its disruptive efforts in their place.

In this statement the Rod has truly unmasked itself. Not only has it given its own almost blasphemous interpretation of this prophecy, so utterly contrary to that presented in *The Great Controversy*, but it has revealed its true nature and its basic antagonism to Seventh-day Adventists and the work in which they are engaged. While we have been faithfully endeavoring to give God's last message to a world lost in sin, they have admittedly been most zealous in their efforts against us, acting toward us as a series of plagues, "causing misery, a nuisance; to trouble or annoy greatly, harass, torment, vex, disturb" (*Ibid.*, p. 18. Such a spirit is certainly not from the Lord and clearly reveals the nature of this group of opposers and deceivers.

Concerning this prophetic period the Rod further declares that it "believes that the forty-two months will end sometime this Spring" and that it "now leaves the prophecy of Revelation 11 as the Code has explained it, as the test by which the Lord will demonstrate whom He is leading" (*Ibid.*, pp. 27, 29). Again Seventh-day Adventists welcome such a test,

for the Lord has clearly revealed the nature of all such present tests of time.

Through His spokesman the Lord many years ago declared: "Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test" (*Early Writings*, p. 75). "Again and again have I been warned, in regard to time-setters. There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time" (*The Review and Herald*, March 22, 1892). "The repeated efforts to find new dates for the beginning and close of the prophetic periods, and the unsound reasoning necessary to sustain these positions, not only lead minds away from the present truth, but throw contempt upon all efforts to explain the prophecies" (*The Great Controversy*, p. 457). "Let all our brethren and sisters beware of anyone who would set a time. . . . False teachers may appear to be very zealous for the work of God, and may expend means to bring their theories before the world and the church; but as they mingle error with truth, their message is one of deception, and will lead souls into false paths" (*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 55).

Every true child of God should give earnest heed to this clear-cut instruction from the Lord, for it clearly reveals the deceptive nature of these messages of the Rod. They can have their origin only with him who is the great deceiver.

In the prophecy of Revelation 11:7-12 the war is described that will be waged against the witnesses by "the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit," resulting in the death of the witnesses for a period of three and a half days, after which they will be raised to life and exalted to heaven. The Seventh-day Adventist interpretation of this prophecy is as follows: "This prophecy has received a most exact and striking fulfillment in the history of France. . . . The atheistical power that ruled in France during the Revolution and the Reign of Terror, did wage such a war against God and His Holy Word. . . . It was in 1793 that the decrees which abolished the Christian religion and set aside the Bible, passed the French Assembly. Three years and a half later a resolution rescinding these decrees, thus granting toleration to the Scriptures, was adopted by the same body. . . . Since France made war upon God's two witnesses, they have been honored as never before" (*The Great Controversy*, pp. 269, 273, 287).

Notice the vastly different interpretation given to this prophecy by The Shepherd's Rod: "At the conclu-

Official Named at Leland Memorial Hospital

The Board of Trustees of Eugene Leland Memorial Hospital met on May 11, 1959 in Riverdale, Maryland. A new post of Assistant Administrator was awarded to W. V. Rudisaile. A native of Florida, Mr. Rudisaile has been in the



W. V. Rudisaile

hospital field for more than 20 years. He has been associated with the hospital in Riverdale, Md., for the past two years as Credit Manager of the outpatient facilities.

Eugene Leland Memorial Hospital is operated by the Medical Group Foundation, and is a member of the ASI, Association of Self-supporting Institutions. The Administrator of the Hospital is Dr. L. W. Malin of Beltsville, Md. Mr. Rudisaile, 41, is married and has two daughters and one son. The daughters are attending Shenandoah Valley Academy.

sion sometime this spring of the 1,260 days' prophesying by the Two Witnesses, war is to be brought against Them. . . . As a result of the warfare They are to be killed. Their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city for three and a half literal days. . . . At the end of the three and a half days the Witnesses will be raised and 'ascend into heaven in a cloud'" (*The Symbolic Code*, Vol. 14, No. 8, p. 4). The Rod here applies the symbol of the two witnesses to itself.

According to Seventh-day Adventists the three and a half days of Revelation 11:11 are symbolic, signifying the three and a half years beginning in 1793 and terminating in 1797 when, during the French Revolution, France made war on the Bible and religion, following which came the great period of Bible translation and circulation and world-wide missionary activity. According to the Rod the fulfillment of this prophecy is still in the future, and it refers to three and a half literal days to come some time after April, 1959, in which the Rod movement is to be specifically involved.

Still another prophecy concerned in the present discussion is that of the leopard beast and the 42 months of Revelation 13:1-5. According to

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Ellen G. White, this beast "represents the papacy. . . . The forty and two months are the same as the 'time and times and the dividing of time,' three years and a half, or 1,260 days, of Daniel 7—the time during which the papal power was to oppress God's people. This period . . . began with the supremacy of the papacy, A.D. 538, and terminated in 1798. At that time, the pope was made captive by the French army, the papal power received its deadly wound, and the prediction was fulfilled" (*The Great Controversy*, p. 439).

It should be particularly noticed that the Seventh-day Adventist position is that the 42 months of Revelation 13 are identical with the 42 months or 1,260 days of Revelation 11: "The periods here mentioned—'forty and two months,' and 'a thousand two hundred and threescore days' are the same, alike representing the time in which the church of Christ was to suffer oppression from Rome. The 1,260 years of papal supremacy began in A.D. 538, and would therefore terminate in 1798" (*Ibid.*, p. 266).

But according to the Rod these two periods are not the same, and do not refer to the same events. Seventh-day Adventists hold that the leopard beast of Revelation 13 "represents the papacy." But according to the Rod, "The leopard-like beast represents Christendom in western Europe" or "the protestant Christian period" (*The Symbolic Code*, Vol. 14, No. 8, pp. 7, 10). Seventh-day Adventists teach that the 42 months of Revelation 13 together with the 42 months or 1,260 days of Revelation 11 began in 538 and terminated in 1798. But according to the Rod the 42 months of Revelation 11 began in November, 1955, and terminated in April, 1959, to be followed by the 42 months of Revelation 13.

Notice the following: "At the end of the 1,260 days of Revelation 11 when the 42 months of Revelation 13 begin, western Europe is to organize herself under a system sponsored by the Great Adversary. . . . With the end of the 1,260 days of Revelation 11 coming this Spring and the 42 months of Revelation 13 then beginning, students of prophecy should expect this event to develop in western Europe and be adopted by the United States this Spring" (*Ibid.*, p. 9).

In accord with their deluded notion that some significant event is just now to transpire "in western Europe" and to be "adopted by the United States this Spring," the Rod is issuing a call to all its adherents to repair to "Waco by the six-

teenth of April" this spring of 1959, for the holding of a solemn assembly. (*Ibid.*, Vol. 14, No. 9, p. 2).

The Rod is at this moment looking forward to some transcendent events to take place in the United States as well as Europe, after which they believe there will be a great slaughter "in which will be slain all the hypocrites in God's part of Christendom—the Adventist church" (*Ibid.*, Vol. 15, No. 6, p. 9). The Rod is expecting the imminent destruction of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, after which they look forward to the early expulsion from Palestine of the powers there in control, of their own inheritance of the Holy Land, and then to the time when at length they will give the gospel to the world. "At long last has come the hour for Zion's deliverance from Gentile bondage, and for her children to return to the land of their fathers. . . . So let her stand ready and eager, awaiting the Lord's order to start marching thitherward." (*Ibid.*, Vol. 41, No. 8, pp. 14, 15).

No true Seventh-day Adventist, and no alert child of God will allow himself to be misled by such deceptions. These messages are not from God and they are not in accord with truth. They will lead only to disappointment, bitterness, confusion, and spiritual as well as material loss and ruin. Tested by all the criteria that the Lord Himself has given, the Rod when weighed in the balances is found wanting. Its fruitage is evil and not good. It results in criticism, accusing of the brethren, deception, falsehood, unrest, and such "works of the flesh" as "hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies," concerning which God's word has told us "that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith" (Galatians 5:20-22).

The greatest condemnation of the Rod is to be found in the activities in which they have been avowedly engaged—that of harassing Seventh-day Adventists in their work. Our work is God's work. Our commission came from Him. Anything that would tend to "hinder," "harass," or "embarrass" that work is not from the Lord. But that is precisely what the Rod admits that it has been doing.

Ever since the third angel's message began, our heaven-appointed task has been the giving of God's last message of mercy to a dying world. Notice the following instructions given us more than half a century ago by the messenger of the Lord

in the chapter, "The Work for This Time" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, pp. 14-22): "Now is the time for the last warning to be given. There is a special power in the presentation of the truth at the present time. If any stand in the way, to hinder the advancement of the work in the lines that God has appointed, they will displease God. . . . Now, just now, is our time to work in foreign countries. . . . The message presented at this time is the last message of mercy for a fallen world. . . . While the angels hold the four winds, we are to work with all our capabilities. We must bear our message without any delay. . . . We must now by the Holy Spirit's power proclaim the great truths for these last days. It will not be long before every one will have heard the warning and made his decision. Then will the end come."

In harmony with the Lord's command, Seventh-day Adventists have been engaged in this sacred task. But while they have been carrying the burden in the heat of the day, the Rod has taken upon itself to annoy, harass, and vex. What Seventh-day Adventists have been endeavoring to build up they have been striving to tear down. Instead of bringing in unity and strength their efforts have been at weakness, disunity, and confusion. True, they have not been able to stop this work, that is not possible, because the work is of God. But they have made the task more difficult, and they have turned some from the way of truth into ways of darkness and error. At the time when God's call was for a burden for souls, to give this message to the lost throughout the world, they have felt no such burden but have done their utmost against the workers of the Lord. That is just as the enemy wanted it. They have been putting off till tomorrow a task which God said should be performed today. At the time when probation is closed and the work is finished, is the time when they are looking forward to saving those in darkness. Certainly the hand of some other power than God is in this.

Both the words and the works of the Rod condemn them. In this study we have shown how their teachings are totally contrary to that of the Spirit of prophecy which they profess to believe. In this they are neither honest, truthful, nor consistent. If they do believe the Spirit of prophecy, why do they give messages so utterly contrary to it? If they do not believe it, as we have given abundant evidence is the case, why do they quote it and profess to follow

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CONFERENCE NEWS

Chesapeake

Amateur Hour Held in Baltimore

ON the evening of May 16 the annual Amateur Hour of Greater Baltimore Academy was presented in the auditorium of the Edmondson High School with Earl Adams and the freshman class as sponsors. Elder R. E. Hamilton, Principal of the school, acted as Master of Ceremonies. The entries were classified according to the type of material presented: junior, serious music, light music, and novelty variety.

Each contestant made his appearance upon the stage through a star-studded backdrop. The junior music included piano solos by Eugene Burgess and Carol Johnson, cornet solos by Rodney Groves and Ronnie Karolyi, and a reading by Carol Ashbaugh. Ronnie Karolyi's solo, "Military Escort," took the prize in this category.

Included in the serious music was a beautiful vocal duet by Lois Metcalf and Sharon Rose Daugharthy, a piano solo by Phyllis Shade, a vocal solo by Tor Dahlberg, and a piano duet, "Poet and Peasant," by Ingrid and Keila Schwantes, which took the prize in that section.

Under light music was the Schubert ladies' trio, a clarinet solo by Betty Burke, a vocal solo by Eileen Parker, a piano solo by Harriet Becker, and the prize-winning duet, "Indian Love Call," sung by Joyce Dull and LeRoy Kawich.

An accordion solo by Lois Waxter, readings by Mrs. Tor Dahlberg and Lindy Davis, and a vocal solo by

Mrs. Bette Enochs made up the novelty-variety section. Lindy Davis won first prize for his impersonation in "Mia Carlotta."

At the completion of each category, the audience indicated its choice of a winner by writing the number of the entry in the space provided on the program. This section was then torn out and collected by the ushers for counting. At the close of the program the winners were announced and each presented with five silver dollars.

The high quality of the talent presented made the choice of winners difficult and the evening one not soon to be forgotten. The contestants represented not only the students of the school, but all the churches of the Greater Baltimore area.

ANNA HILL

Teacher, Grades One and Two,
Greater Baltimore Academy

Allegheny

Literature Evangelists Set Record

THE Allegheny Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has achieved another "first," made possible by the literature evangelists who set a new record for Big Week deliveries, with over \$18,000, Conference President W. L. Cheatham announced.

Elder C. M. Willis, Conference Publishing Secretary, said, "The literature workers also took top honors with the highest number of hours and volume of enrollments during the same period."

Taking this performance by our workers as an indication of their zeal and achievement under God, there is no question concerning the Department's reaching their goal of \$300,000 in deliveries before the close of 1959.

Secretary Willis was proud of the 97 regular workers on his staff and added, "The part-time and auxiliary workers are also doing a creditable job."

Souls baptized through the efforts and contacts made by the literature evangelists total 56. The literature evangelists have set their sights on 100 souls for the year, Elder Willis declared.

A. V. PINKNEY

Public Relations Secretary

Educator to Tour Europe



Photo by Pinkney

Mrs. Elaine Norman Greenwood

MRS. Elaine Norman Greenwood of Long Branch, N. J., teacher of special education will sail on the Queen Elizabeth early this summer for a look at education for the handicapped in 10 European countries.

Mrs. Greenwood has been with the Long Branch Board of Education for 18 years, of which the past seven have been in the field of special education.

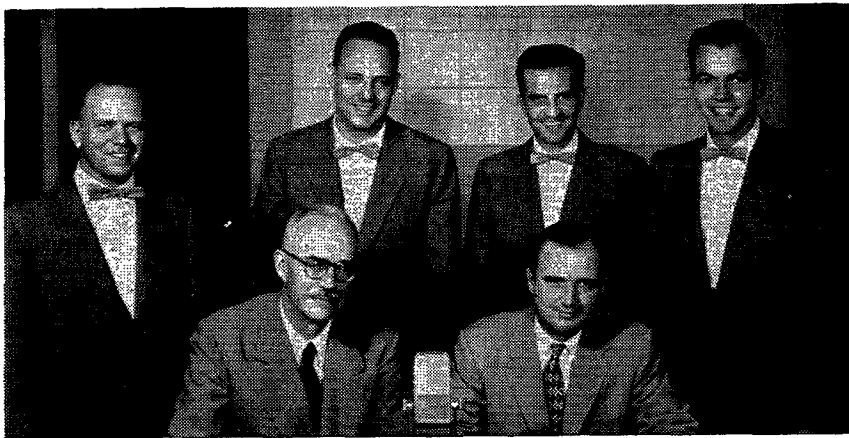
She was "selected from a group of seven educators to become the pilot of an experimental group, the first in the county."

The 35-day tour will take her to France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Monaco, the Netherlands, and England.

She is one of a number of teachers
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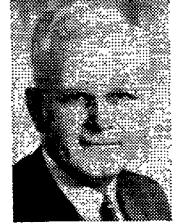
WINNERS OF AMATEUR HOUR AT GREATER BALTIMORE ACADEMY. Left to right: LeRoy Kawich, Joyce Dull, Ingrid Schwantes, Ronnie Karolyi, Keila Schwantes, and Lindy Davis.



Elder H. M. S. Richards and the King's Heralds Quartet will be at camp meeting July 2, 3, 4.

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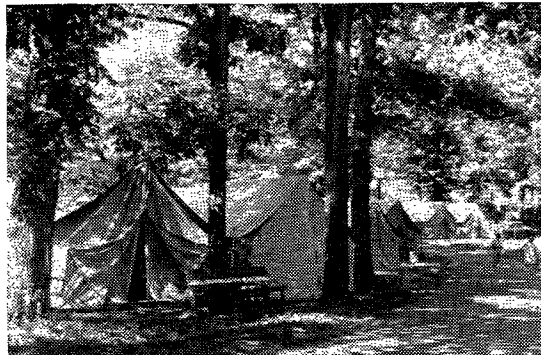
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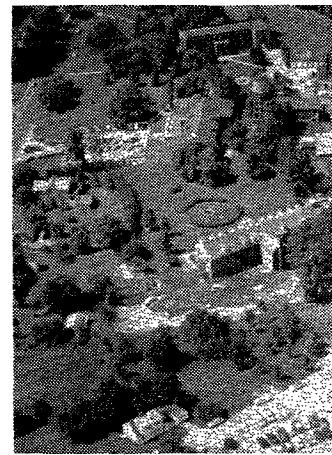
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Elder W. A. Fagal and the Faith for Today Quartet will be at camp meeting July 5, 6, 7, 8.



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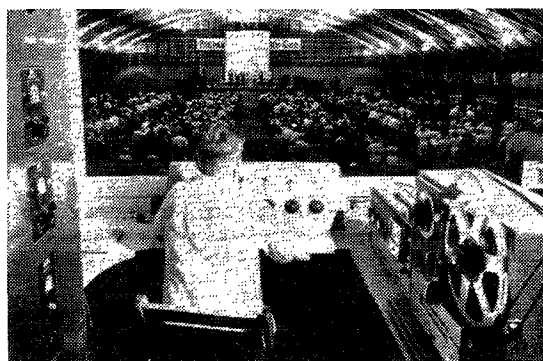
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Allegheny

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in the Norman family, Mrs. Greenwood's sister, Gloria Norman Garrett, is principal of the Brooklyn Academy in New York, an Adventist school, while another sister, Helen Norman Martin, is clinical teacher at the Student Nurses' Queens General Hospital, Long Island, N. Y. Her brother, Charles Norman, recently became supervisor of nurses at the Marlboro State Hospital in New Jersey.

Said to be a natural leader among young people, Mrs. Greenwood was graduated from Oakwood College where she took an active part in the Young People's Society. She has also taken postgraduate work at Rutgers University.

Although busily engaged in brushing up on her French and German and carrying a full teaching load, Mrs. Greenwood is the Missionary Volunteer Leader at the Asbury Park Church.

She will be prepared to give illustrated lectures upon her return.

A. V. PINKNEY

News From Washington First Church

THE pastor, Elder Paul Cantrell, and members of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church were privileged to have as their guest speaker recently Elder William DeShay, pastor of the Roanoke and Danville Churches in Virginia.

Elder DeShay's sermon centered primarily around stewardship, for it was Sabbath School Rally Day. Mrs. Odell D. Oliver, superintendent of the Sabbath school, has been constantly encouraging Sabbath school members to bring visitors.

Consequently, Rally Day netted many visitors. William Crowder received a Bible for bringing the largest number of visitors.

The Sabbath school is the soul-winning agent of the church and Elder DeShay made us realize more fully our responsibilities as stewards. His sermon made clear our obligations and responsibilities to God.

DAVID WRICE, JR.

Press Secretary, First Church
Washington, D. C.

"Light Bearers" Graduate at North Philadelphia Church

ELDER J. E. Cox, Sr., Pastor of the Kilmarnock, Va., Church, spoke at the graduation exercises of 25 Light Bearers, held in the auditorium of the North Philadelphia Church.

The 10-week course was lengthened by the instructor, Elder C. Lee Brooks, to allow the class two weeks of actual participation in giving Bible readings.

Instructor Brooks said that 97 per cent of the beginning group received their certificates, and the enthusiasm was high throughout the entire course.

Elder G. E. Peters conferred the certificates and commissioned the class to faithfully "Share Their Faith."

Highlighting the exercises was the featured activity of passing the torch light on. The church lights were darkened, the pastor and instructor sang "This Little Light of Mine" as the class marched out bearing their lights.

Members of the church declared that "the inspiration of this occasion spurs us all to do more in personal soul winning."

Ada Hampton, the Home Missionary Leader, is currently organizing the church for an extended lay soul-winning campaign.

Since the congregation moved into

their new church building at the corner of Susquehanna and Park a few months ago, the pastor reports that more than 30 persons have been added to the church membership roll.

The admonition of Elder Cox not to be satisfied with small things but to strive untiringly for true greatness, which comes from above, challenged the entire audience.

A. V. PINKNEY



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Investiture at Norfolk

ON the evening of May 11, 1959, the Pathfinder Club and their counselors met with Elder Zytkoskee for an investiture service. There were Busy Bees, Builders, a Helping Hand, Companions, and one Guide invested.

An outstanding feature of the occasion was an exhibit of handicrafts including knitting, crochet, embroidery, woodcraft, sheet metal work, nature exhibits, and a window garden, which showed what was being done in the club. Among the outstanding items was a pair of socks that the director of the Pathfinders, a young man, was making for himself. We are proud of the work of our club.

We are expanding further our work for our youth. A Master Guide Club is being formed so we can better train leaders to help in this all-important work.

To illustrate what the Pathfinder work can do, here is an example. The lad who was invested as a Guide is a neighbor of the church. When we organized our club five years ago he was attending a Catholic parochial school and his ambition was to become a Catholic priest. But he became interested in our Pathfinder activities and asked to join. He has been an outstanding member ever since and has participated in youth rallies, a camporee at camp meeting, and other activities.

Last fall he expressed a desire to attend our church school, so several of the church members joined together to pay his tuition. He is hoping to attend Shenandoah Valley Academy next fall. As a result of the Pathfinder influence and the year in our church school, he was baptized and became a member of the Norfolk Church on May 9, 1959.

Does the Pathfinder work, and the time the counselors put in it, pay? We think it does.

MRS. MARTIN SIEVERS

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR



Photo by Pinkney

Left to right: seated, George Hampton, Sr., local elder; Elder G. E. Peters, member of the General Conference Advisory Committee; Elder J. E. Cox, Sr.; and Elder Charles Lee Brooks, pastor. Graduating Light Bearers are standing.

POTOMAC



Leaders' Camp, July 2-5; Kub Kamp, ages 8-11, July 5(2:00 P.M.)-12; Junior Camp No. 1, ages 10-13, July 12-19; Junior Camp No. 2, ages 10-13, July 19-26; Teen-Age Camp, ages 13 and up, July 26-August 2; Family Camp, August 6-9.

Enclose \$3 and mail to MV Department, Potomac Conference, Gaymont, Staunton, Va. I hereby apply for enrollment at the following summer camps, and if my application is accepted I agree to abide by all camp regulations.

..... "Kub Kamp" Jr. Camp No. 1
..... Jr. Camp No. 2 Teen-age Camp
..... Family Retreat

Name
Address
City State
Age Church

Beltsville Pathfinders' Presence At Meeting Leads to Purchase Of Land for Community Park

THE Beltsville Pathfinders were asked to join the other organizations of the community in a march to the Hyattsville Armory to appeal for a city park before the commissioners.

On the night of February 16 the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist school bus, led by a police patrol car, with red light flashing and siren wailing and followed by a convoy of automobiles, made its way to the armory. The Pathfinders, in uniform and carrying large placards, pleading for a park, were the only youth organization present. The meeting was set up to accommodate 300 people; however, approximately 1,300 were there.

On the following Wednesday we were informed that, owing to our Pathfinders' being present and stating their cause, the community was granted \$35,000 to build a community

park. All prejudice against Adventists in Beltsville was erased. Good public relations pays.

CHARLES GRIFFIN



Evangelism Offering, August 8

EVERY family in the West Pennsylvania Conference should by now have a dime bank for evangelism. It will bring a real blessing to each family to place in that bank the dimes that otherwise would be used for ice cream, candy, and other summertime pleasures. Such self-denial will be blessed of God.

If each family will place a dime in the bank once a day, \$5,000 would easily come into the treasury for public evangelism. Sabbath, August 8, is the first Sabbath of camp meeting and an offering will be taken that

afternoon during a service devoted to evangelism.

We must do more to bring the message of truth to our cities and villages. Soul winners are needed to work with God for the salvation of men. We hope you will be present at this important meeting and that you will bring your filled dime bank with you on Sabbath, August 8, at camp meeting.

F. W. WERNICK

President

Spot News

• ELDER F. W. Wernick attended the services at Everett on Sabbath, May 30. The church was full and an earnest, enthusiastic spirit was manifest by the members.

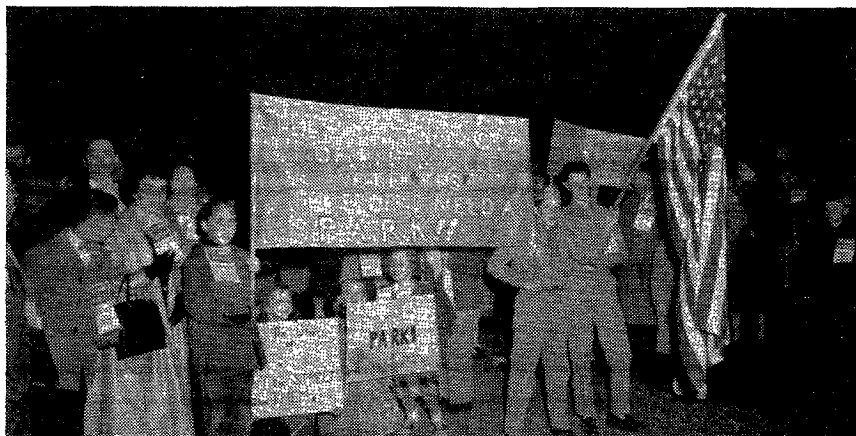
• Mrs. Lenore Totten, mother of Elder L. E. Reed, Conference Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary, died June 1. Funeral services and burial were held in Michigan. Elder Reed and his family appreciate the prayers and thoughtfulness of their many friends during Mrs. Totten's illness.

• Thirty-four members were added to the churches during the month of May and the prospects are

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it? As they disregard God's messenger for these last days so do they also disregard His spokesmen of former times. Weighed by every test that the Lord has given, the Rod and its message are found wanting and should be shunned by every individual who desires to walk in the true light of God. Our prayer is that those who have allowed themselves to give ear to its teachings may by recent developments be led to seriously consider their course and return to the pathway of light and truth.



Beltsville Pathfinders at the Hyattsville Armory where they appeared at a meeting of Prince George's County Commissioners to plead for a community park.

SUNSET CALENDAR

| | June 26 | July 3 |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|
| Baltimore, Md. | 7:35 | 7:36 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio | 8:06 | 8:07 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 8:03 | 8:04 |
| Columbus, Ohio | 8:04 | 8:04 |
| Jersey City, N. J. | 7:30 | 7:31 |
| Norfolk, Va. | 7:27 | 7:28 |
| Parkersburg, W. Va. | 7:55 | 7:56 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. | 7:33 | 7:33 |
| Pittsburgh, Pa. | 7:53 | 7:54 |
| Reading, Pa. | 7:37 | 7:37 |
| Richmond, Va. | 7:35 | 7:35 |
| Scranton, Pa. | 7:39 | 7:40 |
| Toledo, Ohio | 8:11 | 8:12 |
| Trenton, N. J. | 7:32 | 7:32 |
| Washington, D. C. | 7:36 | 7:37 |

NOTE: Time given is Eastern Standard Time.

First Group Baptized as Result of Bradford Meetings



Our meetings opened in Bradford on the evening of April 19 and continued through May 3 every night. The Lord blessed the meetings from the beginning and many responded to the message. On the afternoon of May 23 most of the members in the Bradford district gathered at the edge of the lake in Allegheny State Park. It was a day long to be remembered as a result of seeing those in the picture buried with their Lord in baptism. We indeed hope this is just the beginning of a good work and solicit the prayers of our brethren and sisters everywhere that we may return to this scene many times.—H. Ned Bresee.

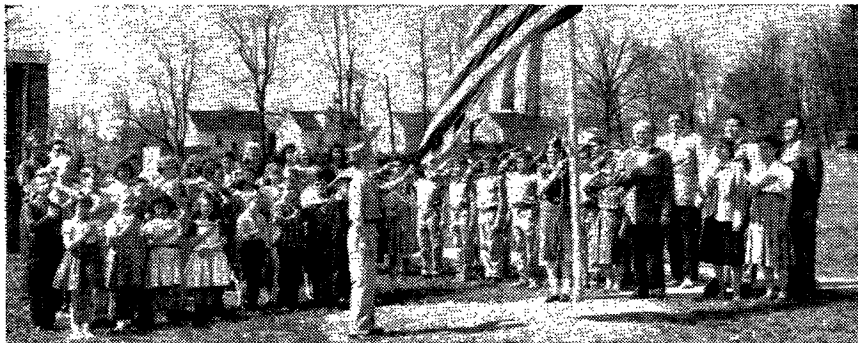
for many more additions in June. Pray for the evangelistic efforts in progress now.

• Elder H. Ned Bresee began a public effort in the church at Eldred on Sunday evening, June 14.

"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate."—Proverbs 8:13.

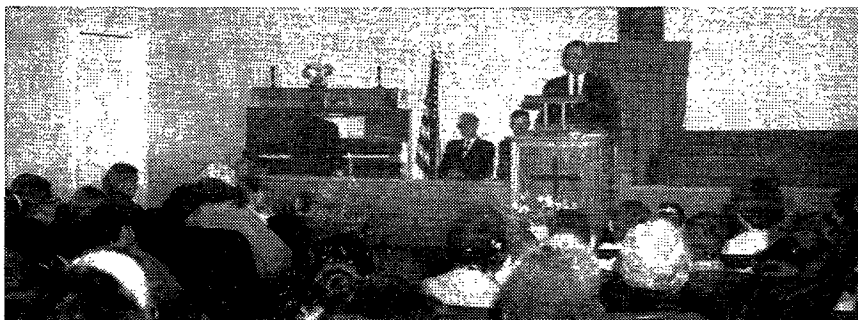
West Virginia

Flag-Raising Ceremony Honors State Legislator



Parkersburg Junior Academy recently held a special flag-raising ceremony to honor Spencer Creel (by flag pole), a Parkersburg businessman and member of the West Virginia House of Delegates. Mr. Creel donated the flag pole to the school.

Office Staff Holds Evangelistic Meetings



Elder A. J. Patzer, Conference President, speaking to a full church at the evangelistic meetings held by the office staff at Point Pleasant. The pastor from whom the church is rented for the series of meetings is seated on the platform with E. M. Hagele, Conference Secretary-Treasurer. The pastor and his members have attended faithfully every night. Dr. J. S. Lloyd, Point Pleasant physician and surgeon, has been giving a nightly health lecture.

Progress Noted in Development Of Modern Language Study

"THE time is coming when all Americans will speak with more than one tongue." This statement made recently by Lawrence Derthick, U. S. Commissioner of Education, may seem quite optimistic. However, the prediction is not without foundation. Only during the past year educators of such stature as Dr. James Bryant Conant have been recommending that American secondary schools strengthen their curricula by offering four years, instead of only two, of the same language. On the elementary level also the pupil is being introduced to a second language. This upsurge in language-study interest is challenging.

There is no disposition to boast of our language instruction program at Washington Missionary College; however, through the years there has been an earnest endeavor to give students a reasonably good start in learning their second language, both through classroom instruction and the aid of a native assistant in conversation groups.

With the development of laboratory facilities language teachers have become more fully aware that a student's progress in learning is increased to a great extent by more emphasis on listening and speaking practice. To make such practice available an electrically equipped laboratory is essential. Washington Missionary College is installing a 16-booth laboratory with the most modern equipment available for aural and oral drill. This will be ready for service with the opening of the 1959 academic year.

The new laboratory will not in any way take the place of the classroom instructor. The faculty of the Department is a well-qualified group, each member speaking fluently the language taught. They work as a team toward the goal of developing among their students a keen interest in understanding the peoples of other lands through their languages. In fact, Dr. Wall, chairman of the department, says: "We are looking forward to the day when all graduates of W.M.C. will be able not only to read and write a second language but to understand and speak it with reasonable fluency."

Attend camp meeting!

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Staff Member Receives Degree

L. W. BOTIMER, Associate Professor of Chemistry, received a Ph.D. degree from the University of Maryland, June 6. A 1942 graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College, he has been on the W.M.C. staff since 1947. His doctoral research concerned the establishment of the mechanism for a reaction of indole and in the process synthesized several new compounds.

Sunday Laws Un-American

UNDER the American system of government, liberty of conscience and belief is preserved for the Christian, Jew, Moslem, Buddhist, etc., and to all who think that their tenets and holy days are illuminated by the light of divine truth. By the same token it is equally preserved for the skeptic, agnostic, atheist, and infidel who says in his heart, "There Is No God." The Constitution guarantees not only the right to believe, but also the right not to believe.

Our way of life provides for every citizen, regardless of belief, as much liberty as may exist without the impairment of the equal rights of others. One can believe what he wishes as long as he does not try to force it upon others against their will. It would be just as wrong for Jews, Seventh-day Baptists, and Adventists to seek civil legislation enforcing the observance of the seventh day of the week as it is for the first-day advocates to seek civil legislation for their day.

Americans further look with disfavor upon religious legislation because it destroys a man's right to enjoy and use his time for his own advantage and profit. There are property rights in time and labor as much as there is real estate and other personal property. Therefore, the government has no more right to deprive a citizen of time and labor than it does of the free use of his money and clothes, unless it be for the commission of crime, and then only after due conviction by law.

It is a curious law for the protection of the working man which punishes the worker for working. Yet this is precisely what Sunday legislation does. The barber, grocer, clothing merchant, et al, all engaged in respectable and useful occupations, are singled out. If they labor on Sunday, they are criminals. Such protection for these poor working men leads them eventually into jail, if not into bankruptcy.

On the other hand, the law winks

at the Sunday labor of railroad men, firemen, policemen, bus drivers, newspapermen, and scores of others who must of necessity work on Sunday. Surely, they need the advantages of Sunday rest and repose made obligatory by civil religious legislation as does any other group! The bare suggestion of the carrying out of these considerations reveals the injustice and hypocrisy of Sunday legislation.

To argue that a religion cannot exist without such laws is to admit the weakness of that particular religion. Since religion is purely a matter of conscience and rests on voluntary action and freedom of choice, it should be clear to all that the objectives of religion can never be realized by civil legislation.

The Sabbath was divinely ordained for spiritual rest, devotion, and ministry. It can only be observed by a spiritually minded people. It can never be enforced by civil magistrates, nor its violation punished as an offense against God under civil penal codes. Such a course of action is just as reprehensible to God as was the casting of the three Hebrew worthies into the fiery furnace by Nebuchadnezzar.

There is no more justification for the imposition by civil law of the true religion than there is for the false. To the extent that any religion—Protestant, Catholic, Jewish—defends and upholds civil religious legislation, to that extent it confesses its spiritual weakness.

As American citizens and Seventh-day Adventists let us vigorously and intelligently protest Sunday legislation. Each church, officer, and member should obtain the following two tracts from the Book and Bible House: Tract No. 59-1, "Sunday Laws and Your Freedom" and Tract No. 58-6, "Sunday Laws: What to Do About Them."

Use the material in these tracts as a basis for your letters to federal, state, county, and city officials. As soon as any Sunday legislation rears its unconstitutional head in your community, expose its un-American and unchristian nature immediately. Eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty.

THEODORE CARCICH
Central Union Reaper, April 14, 1959.

OBITUARIES

GREEN, Mrs. Jennie A., was born at Block House, Pa., November 14, 1878, and died in the Olean, N. Y., General Hospital, April 9, 1959. She had been a resident of Little Genesee, Pa., for the past 23 years, previously residing in Richburg, N. Y., for 40 years. She is survived by her husband, Gorton G. Green; two

daughters, Mrs. Harry Cooley and Mrs. Harry Townsend; one son, John A. Green; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Michael Landon, Sr.; a sister, Mrs. Carrie Gibbs; and several nieces and nephews. She was a faithful member of the Shinglehouse, Pa., Seventh-day Adventist Church.

PEREZ, Ida Hiles, was born October 16, 1872, in New Jersey and died February 22, 1959. In 1901 she became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Surviving are her husband, relatives, and friends in the Norristown Church. She awaits the resurrection.

H. E. Hass

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