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ABOUT THE COVER

Ektachrome by James Nash

Four servicemen, all participants in Project White Coat, enjoy the new servicemen's center, just opened. Left to right: Tom Forbes, Detroit, Mich.; Dennis Gaffar, West Covina, Calif.; Clifford Bartholomew, Yucaipa, Calif.; and Dennis Smith, Walla, Walla, Wash. Standing (center) is Elder Thomas Green, civilian chaplain.

REPORT FROM VIETNAM

Editor's Note: This first-hand report of conditions in Vietnam was sent to the VISITOR by Elder Don Roth, former Managing Editor of the VISITOR and former Public Relations Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference.

SINGAPORE—Saigon tension is still high, curfews still restrict movement of people and traffic, and refugee problems soar, an eyewitness to the War in Vietnam said in Singapore today.

Vernon Bretsch, Public Relations Director of the Southeast Asia Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, was sent to the battle-scarred city to personally check on denominational work. He returned to the city with a



Don Roth

report that five members of the church, including two Vietnamese national employees of the church, were killed during the recent Tet Viet Cong fighting throughout Vietnam.

More than 950 refugees have huddled together at the Adventist mission compound, near the Saigon airport, because their homes have all been destroyed. The official said that latest estimates in Saigon this weekend indicate that nearly 48,000 homes have been destroyed in Saigon alone. The refugee problem, Bretsch says, is easily the number one problem of the Vietnamese government at the present time.

Officials of the Seventh-day Adventists' Far Eastern Division announced that more than 150 bales of clothing are now being air-lifted to Vietnam by the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services (SAWS, Inc.) in addition to \$5,000 (US) in cash to help with the refugee problems.

Additional aid is forthcoming, according to officials, as soon as the appropriate committees and agencies meet to determine the amount of aid to be given. Says Paul Eldridge, President of the Far Eastern Division, "We view the recent events in Vietnam as serious and grave. It is unfortunate that so many are homeless and the Adventist denomination will do all it can to relieve the suffering of thousands of people in war-scarred Vietnam."

Another official of the church, G. O. Bruce, Treasurer of the Southeast Asia Union Mission of Adventists, flew to Saigon late last week to make arrangements for the evacuation of dependents of missionaries stationed in Vietnam. However, according to Bretsch, none of the missionaries wish to be evacuated, choosing rather to remain in Saigon and assist in the mounting refugee problems. In addition to making arrangements for housing and feeding more than 1,000 refugees on the Adventist compound, both Vietnamese and American Adventist workers are conducting health and sanitation classes, arranging a Bible-story time for children, and assisting the refugees in finding lost relatives.

A mile away from the Adventist compound, also close to the main Saigon military and commercial airport, the Adventist hospital bulges with civilian casualties of the war, according to Bretsch. In the first few hours of the fighting 44 victims were brought to the hospital, most of them bleeding and with severe wounds inflicted by mortar fire. "Patients filled every bed and bench," says Bretsch, "and then the overflow was placed on stretchers on the waiting room floor." Dr. Jess Holm, the American physician in charge of the hospital, worked night and day caring for the patients who streamed into the hospital. No charge was made for any of the war victims.

In a firsthand interview with Adventist missionaries in Saigon over the weekend, Bretsch described the fighting that raged within a few feet of the Adventist compound: "Tracer bullets streaked across the sky in all directions. M-16's cracked while M-60's coughed and stuttered. Grenades and mortars burst between the compound and the Adventist hospital a mile away. One of the most severe battles in Saigon took place in the alley way between the residence compound and the Adventist hospital. Homes were burned down, cars and buses were smashed, and human lives were snuffed out right and left. The fighting continued for nearly eight hours."

The local official reported that preparations are being made for an all-out second wave of assault by the Viet Cong sometime early this week. The curfews are strict, but Bretsch was able to move about the city because of special permission granted for those involved in caring for refugees.

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SERVICEMEN'S CENTER OPENS IN TAKOMA PARK

One of the main features of the new center is the spacious lounge area with a large fireplace.

MAJOR General Francis L. Sampson, Chief of Army Chaplains, officially opened a new Seventh-day Adventist servicemen's center in Takoma Park on February 28.

Built by the General Conference, the new facility will serve the 200 Adventist servicemen who are normally stationed in the Washington, D. C., area. Most of these servicemen are "human guinea pigs" and are voluntary participants in Project Whitecoat, an Army research unit aimed at expanding knowledge of infectious diseases.

This is the latest in a series of such centers under the direction of the National Service Organization. Other centers are located at San Antonio, Texas, and Frankfurt, Germany.

Features of the center, which is located in a scenic area overlooking Longbranch Park, include:

- Brick and stone, two-level construction.

- The upper level contains a lounge and meeting area with a massive stone fireplace opening on two sides, a kitchen-snack bar, li-

brary and prayer room, and an office and apartment for the civilian chaplain, Elder Thomas Green and family.

- The lower level has a barracks-type sleeping area for 60 men, a rec-

reation room, and a small apartment for a caretaker.

In describing the function of the center, Elder Green said: "We don't attempt to compete with area churches in their excellent program for servicemen. We try to give them a place to come and relax."

Four guest rooms are provided for married couples. Elder Green described the use of these rooms. "Quite often married servicemen are transferred to this area and they need a temporary place to stay until they can find an apartment. Wives or relatives of men who are sick and hospitalized at Walter Reed Hospital can stay with us."

Others participating in the opening services were the following from the General Conference: Elder Robert H. Pierson, President; Elder Theodore Carcich, Vice-President; Elder Theodore Lucas, MV Secretary; and Elder Clark Smith, N.S.O. Director.

The architect for the new structure was Richard G. Hart. The construction was done by Tattie and Levy, Inc., of Atholton, Md.



Elder Thomas Green, civilian chaplain, directs the activities of the center and ministers to the needs of the servicemen.



Above: new servicemen's center.

Right: three G.I.'s try out the dormitory section of the center. From top to bottom are Dennis Goffar, West Covina, Calif.; Clifford Bartholamew, Yucaipa, Calif.; and Dennis Smith, Walla Walla, Wash.



A brief tete-a-tete is enjoyed by Sarah Blackburn and Glenn Stimpson, who recently returned from Vietnam.



Dennis Goffar, a serviceman from West Covina, Calif., helps Mrs. Thomas Green set up accounting procedures for the servicemen's center.

Major General Francis L. Sampson, Chief Chaplain of the U. S. Army, autographs an ankle cast worn by Elder Thomas Green. Elder Green broke his ankle in a mishap just prior to the opening of the center.



KETTERING COLLEGE HOLDS FIRST CAPPING CEREMONY

KETTERING College of Medical Arts held its first department of nursing capping ceremony on February 4, 1968, with 74 students receiving their nurses' hats.

The challenge to the students was given by Mrs. Gladys Duran, director of nursing services at Kettering Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Duran told the students: "Upon you the heritage of this school will be founded. May it be a rich heritage, marked by your vigilance. The legacy you leave Kettering College of Medical Arts will be memorable if you are persistent in pursuing a record of successful achievement."



Left: Mrs. Gladys Duran, director of nursing services at Kettering Memorial Hospital, presented the challenge to the 74 nursing students. Right: Anna May Vaughan, Chairman of the Department of Nursing, led the students in the taking of the Nurse's Pledge of Service.

"I challenge you," continued Mrs. Duran, "to picture yourself triumphant at the end of your student days. May this capping exercise symbolize all that is yours at the end of your charted course and may it mark the beginning of the real fulfillment of your dream—a nurse, fashioned in the excellence of performance."

Dr. Harvey Hahn, Pastor of the Otterbein E.U.B. Church, offered the dedicatory prayer.

The taking of the nurse's pledge of service, led by Anna Vaughan, chairman of the department of nursing, concluded the program.

Mrs. Diane Calfee, Curt Carr, Jr., and a string ensemble provided music for the capping exercises.

Following the capping, relatives and friends attended a reception in the resident-hall lobby honoring the nursing students.

Mrs. Kathryn Gersonde Kempf proudly places the nurse's hat on the head of her niece, Janis Gersonde.



Student of Kettering College Comes From Family of Nurses

As Janis Gersonde repeated the "Nurse's Pledge of Service," she realized that the February 4 capping ceremony of the Kettering College of Medical Arts was a very important milestone in her life. She had never really considered any career other than nursing. From childhood she had known she would follow in the footsteps of an aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. There was a place for her in a "long white line" of family tradition and she must fill that place.

For more than a century nursing has been a way of life for the Gersonde family. Janis' eyes shine as she tells of her great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Barbara Elgas, who was a nurse during the Civil War

era. Mrs. Elgas delivered more than 500 babies during her nursing career. Mrs. Elgas' daughter, Katherine, served her community as a nurse for more than 25 years.

Janis' grandmother, Mrs. William Gersonde, Sr., holds the family record for nursing. She has been a nurse for more than half a century. Among her cherished memorabilia is one of the original Mercy Hospital (South Bend, Ind.) nursing pins which she helped design. Mrs. Gersonde still finds the time and energy to do private-duty nursing.

It was a proud moment for both Mrs. Gersonde's daughter, Kathryn Gersonde Kempf, and Janis when Mrs. Kempf placed the nurse's cap on her niece's head.

The nurse of tomorrow faces many challenges. Janis and her classmates look to that nursing career with longing eyes. Capping is past; graduation is next.



Right: Eliada Mann, Kettering Memorial Hospital OB supervisor, congratulates her niece, Marchita Horwath, on the completion of this first phase of her nurse's training.

Left: the students emerged from the capping exercises triumphant and are looking with longing eyes to the day when they will graduate and realize the dream of being a registered nurse. The students pictured are (left to right): Sue Carter and Sherry McWilliam.



COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE

CUC Concert Band to Feature Euphonium Artist



The C.U.C. Concert Band presents its annual spring home concert under the direction of Adell Haughey, March 23, at 8:00 P.M., in the College gymnasium. For the third consecutive year a noted guest soloist from one of the United States service bands will be featured.

Earle L. Louder, Navy Band brass department head, will perform the euphonium solo, "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms," a fantasy arrangement by Simone Mantia, and two movements of Rimsky-Korsakov's "Concerto for Trombone." Mr. Louder holds degrees in Music Education and Applied Brass Instruments from Michigan State University, having received a scholarship to study with the renowned Leonard Falcone at Michigan State University. He has acted as soloist, adjudicator, clinician, and instructor on various occasions at music camps and festivals throughout the United States and is considered one of the finest euphonium virtuosos in the United States today. "Nabucco" Overture by Verdi, "Chorale and Capriccio" by Giovanniini, "Star-Spangled Spectacular" by George M. Cohan, and the famous Sousa march, "Stars and Stripes Forever," will be performed by the band in an effort to play music appealing to the wide range of interests of the listening audience.

Tickets may be obtained from band members, the College Store, or at the door.

Former President of Columbia Union College Dies

Dr. Benjamin George Wilkinson, educator, author, evangelist, and former president of Columbia Union College, died January 25, 1968, midway through his 96th year. Born of deeply religious Methodist parents on June 20, 1872, in Hamilton, Ontario, he learned early that Christ was his personal Friend.

At the age of 19 he readily accepted

the new theology brought to his family by an unknown literature evangelist, and after reading the purchased book, *The Great Controversy*, by Mrs. E. G. White, the entire family were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. That autumn, 1891, he enrolled as a theology student at Battle Creek College in Michigan.

He spent the years 1893 to 1897 at the University of Michigan, graduating with his B.A. degree. Upon his graduation, he was called to become Dean of Theology at Battle Creek College. While there he taught Latin, Greek, and Hebrew in addition to his administrative duties.

He was President of the Canadian Conference for a year, until his educational interests drew him once again to serve on a college campus, this time at Union College, Lincoln, Neb., as Dean of Theology.

In 1901 he was called overseas as President of the Southern European Division, then known as the Latin Conference. For four years he led in the pioneering work in that field. During this assignment he met and married Maude Morrison in 1902.

He became President of Columbia Union Conference. During his administration the three major buildings now comprising the heart of Columbia Union College were built.

After serving in various capacities outside the Columbia Union Conference, he returned as Dean of Theology at Columbia Union College. In 1936 he was inaugurated as president of the College, a post he held for 10 years. During his presidency the College achieved its accreditation and the College library building was constructed. The name was changed later to Wilkinson Library in his honor.

Though busy, he found time to write, and two books, *Truth Triumphant* and *Our Authorized Bible Vindicated* are testimonies to his personal faith. As he remarked shortly before his death, "Do you know what keeps me going? It is the promise of the blessed hope!"

Dr. Wilkinson is survived by his second wife, Dorothy Harris Wilkinson, and their son, Dr. Rowland Wilkinson, Medical Secretary of the Potomac Conference.

Two Student Missionaries Leave for Overseas Posts

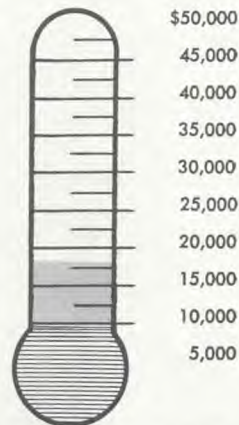
Two Columbia Union College youth will serve for three months as student missionaries in northeast Africa and the East Jamaica Conference.

Twenty-year-old Ellen Lorenz, a junior majoring in nursing, will leave in May for the Benghazi Adventist Hospital in Libya, Africa. Besides her work as a nurse, she will teach a class in English, participate in public meetings, and help provide social activities for the youth.

Concurrently, Vernon Thomas, a junior at C.U.C., majoring in biology with plans to do graduate study in the field of dentistry, will leave National Airport for the East Jamaica Conference. Associated with the MV Secretary, he will participate in Missionary Volunteer summer camps. One of his responsibilities will be to teach classes in swimming. He is well-qualified as he holds a Red Cross water-safety instructors' certificate. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas, Marietta, Ohio.

On their return to C.U.C. in September Ellen and Vernon will be prepared to show pictures and tell their story to academies, churches, and Missionary Volunteer societies within the Columbia Union Conference. Requests for their programs should be addressed to Elder George Digel, Sligo Church, 7700 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. 20012.

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Total to March 1—\$18,247.30

World War II Hero Visits Columbus Junior Academy



Desmond Doss speaking to a large audience at Columbus Junior Academy, Saturday, January 20.

THE recent visit of Desmond T. Doss to Columbus Junior Academy was a real spiritual tonic. From his quiet and unassuming manner, one would hardly suspect that he is the only noncombatant to win the Congressional Medal of Honor. The relating of some of his experiences as a medic during World War II was a source of much inspiration, not to mention the viewing of the film, "This Is Your Life—Desmond Doss," which was presented over national television in 1957.

Mr. Doss's visit to Columbus was sponsored by the Columbus Home and School Association. The offering that evening was presented to Mr. Doss. He plans to use it to help finish construction of a church and church school he and four other men are building in his home town of Rising Fawn, Ga., on top of Lookout Mountain.

The city editor of the *Columbus Dispatch*, upon learning of Doss's presence in Columbus, sent a photographer and a top reporter to interview him. A nine-inch, three-column story, including a two-column picture, were carried at the top, left hand corner of page 2A in Sunday's paper. The article was an outstanding tribute to the Adventist soldier who would not carry a gun, but served to save many lives, 75 lives in one battle alone.

Copies of the book based on Mr. Doss's life, *The Unlikeliest Hero*, written by Booton Herndon, were sold at the conclusion of the Saturday-night meeting.

Ohio Camp-Meeting Dates, Speakers Announced

A PROGRAM offering a wide variety of spiritual guidance, development of the Christian life, inspiration, and thought-provoking challenge has been scheduled for the Ohio Conference Camp Meeting, June 20-29, at Mount Vernon.

Meetings for all age groups are being planned. These will include workshops, sermons, discussion groups, and activities.

Speakers for the camp meeting include well-known preachers, teachers, and administrators. The morning devotional series will be given by Elder Andrew Fearing, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association. The daily Bible-study hour will be presented by Dr. Edward Heppenstall, Professor of Religion at Loma Linda University. Dr. Heppenstall will present lectures on thought-stimulating subjects and follow these lectures with time for questions and answers from the audience. Dr. Frank L. Marsh, biology professor at Andrews University and well-known writer, will present a later afternoon series of lectures on the scientific bases for creationism.

Both family tents and trailer parking spaces with utility connections will be available to accommodate camp-meeting attendants.

This year's camp meeting is being planned with special emphasis upon providing a spiritual challenge to the modern, thoughtful church member and helping him to explore the answers to questions relevant to our perplexing society. Evening lectures will center around the role of the Christian in modern society. Each week-day afternoon two workshops will be conducted. Subjects to be considered in the workshops are the Christian home, particularly for young parents, and improving soul-winning techniques, for persons of all age groups.

Plan your family vacation now to include attendance at the Ohio Conference Camp Meeting. Application forms will be available in your church soon.

PHILIP FOLLETT

President, Ohio Conference

THE new Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Conference is Elder Arthur E. Harms, who has held the same position in the Southern New England Conference for the past seven years. He was Assistant Auditor of



the Columbia Union Conference from 1959-1961. He is a graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College. Mrs. Harms was June Corder before her marriage, the daughter of Mrs. Emma

Corder of Mount Vernon, Ohio. They have three children: Leonard, a student at Walla Walla College; Linda, a student at South Lancaster Academy; and Larry, who is in church school. Elder Harms planned to move to Mount Vernon about March 15.

The R. L. Walden family left Mount Vernon, Ohio, March 1, 1968, after spending four years in the Ohio Conference. Mr. Walden has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference, and is now under appointment to the South American Division, where he will be Assistant Treasurer.

Toledo East Church Dedicated

A BUILDING purchased in 1954 and remodeled to serve as the sanctuary of the Toledo East Church was dedicated free of debt on February 17. Guest speakers for the occasion were Elder A. B. Butler, Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, and Elder Philip Follett, President of the Ohio Conference.

Elder L. F. Kagels is Pastor of the Toledo District, and Robert L. Dunham is the Assistant Pastor.



William E. Smith (left) and Elder L. F. Kagels burn a copy of the mortgage in the Toledo East Church dedication service.

Conference Evangelist To Have Busy Year



Robert Taylor

CHAMBERSBURG, Johnstown, Williamsport, New Brighton, Hatboro, Harrisburg, Carlisle, Erie. To a Pennsylvanian this may sound like an unrelated list of Keystone State cities, but to Elder Robert Taylor, Pennsylvania Conference evangelist, it is a list of cities in which he will hold evangelistic meetings in 1968.

A native of Maine, Elder Taylor was graduated from Atlantic Union College and began his ministry on Prince Edward Island in the Maritime Province of Canada. This was followed by service in Brazil as a Lay Activities Secretary and a pastorate in West Virginia. For the past two years he has been in Pennsylvania.

Elder Taylor has been Conference Evangelist for a year and enjoys his

work. "I think this is the best position a man could be in," he says.

Last year the evangelist held meetings in nine cities and conducted the Week of Prayer at Hatboro Junior Academy and Reading Junior Academy. Many of these meetings were in small churches, but, as Elder Taylor asserts, "Small churches need evangelistic meetings as well as the large ones. Mrs. White tells us that the message that brought us in will keep us in."

During the winter months churches are used for the meetings. When warmer weather comes, the conference "air-a-torium" is erected for the evangelistic crusades.

Elder Taylor makes his home in Carlisle, which is about in the center of the state. With two children in school and with meetings scheduled on a three-week basis, it is not possible for the family to accompany him on his travels.

However, since the evangelist is a skilled pilot with his own plane, he can get home once or twice during the three-week series. January and February are poor months for flying in Pennsylvania, but during the rest of the year the plane is a time saver. A trip on winding mountain roads that would take almost five hours can be mastered in an hour with the plane.

The past year was a good one for Elder Taylor, with 100 people having been baptized. No doubt, with the blessing of God, 1968 will be equally profitable.

Church Officers' Council Held at BMA

A CHURCH officers' council for several hundred newly appointed officers was held at Blue Mountain Academy, Sunday, January 7.

The keynote speaker for the morning session was Elder Cree Sandefur, President of the Columbia Union Conference, who issued a call for revival and reformation.

Elder J. E. Edwards, Secretary of the Lay Activities Department of the General Conference, spoke of the apparent success of the "Bible Speaks" program and encouraged

each officer and Conference worker to set his sights high for souls for 1968.

Elder T. H. Weiss, Lay Activities Secretary of the Pennsylvania Conference, congratulated the pastors and officers for their excellent cooperation in helping the Pennsylvania Conference reach its voluntary Ingathering objective of \$200,000.

Following the afternoon sectional meetings, Elder R. C. Barger, Associate Secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference, related a gripping and inspiring story, telling of God's mighty power to save. **LOUIS CANOSA**

Coudersport Pathfinders Go on Campout

A WINTER campout with the thermometer dropping below zero—this is nothing for the Pathfinders of Coudersport, Pa., who are working for a Polar Bear patch in camping. Five young people already have qualified for this honor: Philip, Phyllis, and Paul Kidney and Brenda and Charles Baker.

LILLIAN FOX
Press Secretary, Coudersport Church

Child Receives Ingathering Jasper Wayne Award



Elder G. W. Woodruff, Pastor of the Reading Kenhorst Boulevard Church, is presenting the Jasper Wayne ribbon to Kathy Jones, aged seven, who may be the Pennsylvania Conference's and the Union Conference's youngest recipient of this award. The presentation was made at the Ingathering victory supper, Sunday evening, January 21. She is the daughter of Drs. Irving and Marion Jones of Reading, Pa.

"Your Bible and You"

WITH over 100,000 motel rooms in Pennsylvania, think of the untold millions of people that will be staying in these rooms between now and the end of time. Statistics show us that half of these rooms are filled with an average of two people to a room, half of the time. In one year's time this would mean that 1,500,000 people will be staying in the motels in Pennsylvania. If these rooms had the soul-winning book, *Your Bible and You*, in them, think what could happen for God.

It has been my privilege in the past year to help start 10 churches in motel projects, and in doing this nearly 3,000 books have been placed.

Physical Education Clinic Held at BMA



William Otis, Manager of the Pennsylvania Conference Book and Bible House, and Charles Wiles, Assistant Manager.

On February 16-18 I was working with Elder E. Heslop in Sharon, New Castle, and New Brighton. As a result of being visited and being given an opportunity to support this plan, they are well on their way to covering all of their motels. Travelers in this area will find nearly 1,000 copies of *Your Bible and You* in motel rooms.

Are there motels near your church? Do they have our books? If not, why not? Your Book and Bible House staff is at your service. Give us a call.

CHARLES WILES

Assistant Manager, Book and Bible House

Member Draws Chalk Pictures to Illustrate Books

FIVE beautiful chalk pastel pictures were drawn by Mrs. R. Lenbert Cheney, illustrating some of the new reading-course books. Joy and Jerry Cheney took part in the MV program at Orvilla by introducing each book with comments on the pictures.

The following books were reviewed by members of the Orvilla Church: *Scamper, the Squirrel*, by Mrs. Danean Achenbach; *The Sorry Potato*, by Mrs. Shirley Wagner; *A Cow for Hansel*, by Dick Nash; *Dragon Teeth*, by Mrs. Cheney, and *The Bible Smuggler*, by Pastor Cheney.

MRS. ARCH CAMPBELL



Jim Epperson showing (left to right) Joyce Miller and Nellie Holtry, teachers at the York school, and T. E. Banks, Principal of the Stroudsburg school, how easy it is to construct homemade barbells out of plastic bottles filled with cement or sand and a broom handle.

Mr. Epperson (foreground), chairman of the Physical Education Department at Blue Mountain Academy, and Tom Rule, his associate, have an after-session chat with Mrs. C. Bee, Principal of Fair Oaks Junior Academy in Carlisle, Pa.



Four B.M.A. students who demonstrated certain gymnastic and other physical education techniques during the physical education clinic.

A PHYSICAL Education Clinic for the Pennsylvania Conference teaching staff was held at Blue Mountain Academy on Sunday, January 28, 1968.

Held in the spacious gymnasium-auditorium complex, the Physical Education Clinic was organized and developed in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Conference Educational Department and directed by Jim Epperson, chairman of the Physical Education Department at B.M.A., and his associate, Tom Rule.

Dividing the gymnasium into various activity stations, Mr. Epperson and Mr. Rule led the teachers into a number of interesting and constructive physical education developmental experiences.

The clinic, geared to the small

school with no gymnasium facility and a small or non-existent physical education budget, served to emphasize ways in which a physical education program could be developed in every school.

The do-it-yourself idea of constructing simple and inexpensive gymnasium equipment was stressed by Mr. Epperson and Mr. Rule, along with the new concept of circuit training, a teaching technique which effectively utilizes time, equipment, and facilities in conditioning programs. It is a program designed to help the busy teacher or physical education instructor who has an exceptionally heavy teaching load.

This informative and practical physical education presentation added a new dimension to the elementary-school physical education program.

Left to right: Jerry and Joy Cheney and Mrs. R. Lenbert Cheney illustrate some of the new reading-course books.

LOUIS CANOSA

new jersey

Fifteen Sabbath Schools Exceed \$6 Per Capita In Investment

NEW JERSEY raised a total of \$18,-126.60 for Investment during 1967, or a gain of \$1,802.28 over the previous year. It was encouraging to learn that many more Sabbath Schools participated in Investment during the year. The 15 churches raising six dollars per capita and more are as follows:

Salem	\$22.87
Burlington	14.69
Morristown	13.55
Swedesboro	12.15
Laurel Springs	11.65
Hightstown	11.17
Vineland	10.98
Pompton Lakes	9.44
Westwood	9.38
Phillipsburg	8.02
Bridgeton	7.62
Hoboken Spanish	7.00
Hackensack	6.95
Paterson German	6.66
Trenton	6.57

It is the duty and privilege of every Sabbath School member to join the Investment army and launch out in some project with the Lord as their partner. You will be blessed and those in need of the gospel truth will ever be grateful for what has been done for them. Let us all join hands to make 1968 the greatest year in the history of Investment.

Elder Fernon Retzer Visits New Jersey Churches



LEFT: Elder Fernon Retzer (second from right), Associate Secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, rejoices with the believers at the North Jersey Sabbath School workshop held in the Newark Church on February 10. CENTER: W. B. Engle (right), Sabbath School superintendent of the Woodbury Church, is shown receiving a copy of

the new book, *The Spirit of the Teacher*, by Flora Plummer and G. R. Nash, from Fernon Retzer. This presentation was made at the Sabbath School workshop held on February 11 in the new Cherry Hill Church near Camden. RIGHT: Elder Retzer congratulating five Spanish believers, each of whom has been instrumental in winning a person to Christ.

Tri-Conference Public Relations Meeting Held At Trenton

THE Public Relations Secretaries of the Pennsylvania, Allegheny East, and New Jersey Conferences met in joint counsel in the New Jersey Conference chapel in Trenton, February 4. It was evident from the large attendance that pastors and press secretaries will do more in creating a better image of the Seventh-day Adventist church in their communities.

W. B. Quigley, Conference President, in his devotional message challenged pastors and press secretaries alike to witness in a way that will represent the truth. He emphasized the fact that the life of the church is what builds the image. This image is many times blurred, but we as a people must bring this image of the church into focus by telling, living, and publishing the story.

William Newback, night city editor of the *Trenton Times*, gave a rare presentation on how to deal with the press. Too many place the blame on the editor when we have been the barrier. A newspaper is not judged by the friendship between you and the editor, but by its contents. Mr. Newback helped us to better understand the editor's problems and asked that we supply news that will be worthy of publication.

Bob Nixon, Associate Public Relations Secretary of the General Conference, gave excellent counsel and acquainted us with the tools for the task. Every member of the church



William Newback, night city editor of the *Trenton Times* (right), receives a copy of the book, *The Seventh Day*, from Robert D. Steinke, Public Relations Secretary of the New Jersey Conference.

has a responsibility to create good public relations. What about the appearance of our church and grounds? What about our church school? The academy? Our homes? Do these things speak well for Seventh-day Adventists?

Morten Juberg, Public Relations Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, led out in the meeting. His counsel was much appreciated. He urged that we build the right image of the church in our communities.

Two representatives from the 3M Company acquainted us with reflectorized church signs. Pastors will be counseling with their church boards in securing these excellent signs to identify the churches.

Louis Canosa, Public Relations Secretary of the Pennsylvania Conference, and R. D. Steinke, Public Relations Secretary of the New Jersey Conference, assisted in making the meeting a success.

Union Conference Considers Hospital Project Offer

THE Columbia Union Conference has received an invitation from a Hackettstown, N. J., citizens' group to build and operate a hospital in that city. The executive committee is giving careful consideration to this proposition. It is recognized that a medical institution in this area would mean much to the image of the work of the church in a heavily populated area.

Hackensack Exceeds Investment Goal

THE Hackensack, N. J., Sabbath School, with an investment goal of \$924, reached a total of \$1,125.10 by the end of December.

Every department of the Sabbath School from the Kindergarten to the Senior Division had a project with almost 100-per-cent participation. Food labels were saved, zip-code books were sold, and free printing was done but a voluntary fee was given for Investment, a project by Edwin Avila. With the help of interested friends, Mrs. Avila saved 2,000 pennies for the project. Lucy Retz filled the Investment heart dime bank seven times, making a total of \$35.

The young people gave an inspiring Investment program the third Sabbath in November, reminding all to finish well before the end of the year.

The Investment in the Hackensack Church moved forward under the enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. Lucille Avila, Investment secretary. We rejoice with our Sabbath School members in their success in this great cause of missions. Soon we shall be rewarded for our faithfulness.

Dedication Services for Woodbury, N. J., Church

Friday Evening, April 26

Sabbath (All Day), April 27
(Reception in Evening)

All Former Members, Pastors, and Friends Are Invited.

Church Address: Evergreen and Barber Avenue, Woodbury, N. J.

"I Was in Prison, and Ye Came Unto Me"



Fred Zimmerly (left) and John Hood followed up the interest developed some years ago and were rewarded for their faithfulness when they witnessed the baptism of six persons on November 11, 1967.

TWELVE years of self-sacrificing labor on the part of laymen in the Trenton area resulted in the baptism of six persons at the New Jersey State Prison in Trenton, November 11, 1967.

Gordon Barnes, one of New Jersey's dedicated colporteurs, started the work that has been carried on by various laymen. About six years ago Fred Zimmerly, assisted by John Hood, followed the instruction of the Master to visit the prison, and have faithfully met with these individuals who otherwise would have found it difficult to hear the great third angel's message. At the present time there are 14 attending the branch Sabbath School that is held every week.

The prison officials have greatly appreciated the work of our laymen in helping to rehabilitate these men. They were very cooperative in helping to erect a portable baptistry in the room where these men meet with their God.

The ministers officiating in the baptism were: Elder John Wright, Elder Robert K. Toms, and Elder William H. Barringham.

WILLIAM H. BARRINGHAM
Pastor, Trenton Church

Have you thanked your station



west virginia

ON THE MOVE

WE welcome John Love and his wife and baby son to the Beckley district as interim pastor. He comes to the West Virginia Conference from Columbia Union College where he has been studying for the ministry. The Loves are a musical family and his tenor voice has been heard in many of the churches. Mrs. Love is the daughter of Dr. W. E. Malin of Wytheville, Va.

"It Is Written"

Evangelistic Meetings

Scheduled

Elder George Vandeman

Beginning March 26

Every Tuesday and Thursday

7:30 P.M.

Schvetsen Park Hall

Thirty-second Street and

Kennedy Boulevard

North Bergen, N. J.

Beginning March 27

Every Wednesday and Friday

7:30 P.M.

Newark Seventh-day Adventist

Church

Corner of Norman Road

and Clinton Avenue

Newark, N. J.

Elder E. E. Cleveland Guest Speaker at Lectureship

Two hundred pastors from throughout the Columbia Union Conference attended the 12th annual H. M. S. Richards Lectureship on Preaching held in Takoma Park.

Elder Earl E. Cleveland, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Department, was the guest speaker.

The lectureship is jointly sponsored by the Department of Religion of Columbia Union College and the Columbia Union Conference. It was named for Elder H. M. S. Richards who was the first speaker for the annual series.



Elder Earl E. Cleveland

Following are excerpts from several of Elder Cleveland's sermons:

Preaching Is Necessary

- Preaching is a necessity because of what it is. For of necessity the world needs as often as possible a repetition of what happened at Bethlehem in a stable. Christ is in effect being born in a stable each Sabbath morning.

- Preaching is the exporting of an experience. A man has had an experience with God and he stands in the pulpit on Sabbath and communicates that experience to others.

Winning Souls

- The only purpose in the world for preaching is winning souls. Anything short of that is a lecture, an oration, or a plain old speech. It is just this that makes preaching different from all other forms of speech delivery—its objective is the conversion of a soul.

- There is no such thing as a sermon that is not evangelistic. There is no such thing as a preacher

who is not an evangelist. There is no such thing as a genuine Adventist layman who is not an evangelist. Isn't this the philosophy of our church?

Paganism in America

- The most pagan nation in the world is America. If you don't believe it, go out and preach the gospel. The hardest place to win a soul is in this country.

- Christianity says that man must shape up to God. Paganism says God must adjust to man. There is a period of adjustment going on all over the world where standards are being forsaken in the face of pressures that are essentially pagan in nature.

The Power of Preaching

- Great movements in the church normally have been initiated by preaching. Revival has invariably come by preaching. And it may be confidently anticipated that it will come again and preaching will be the incubator in which revival is born.

- When you go into your study to prepare a sermon, the question is not "What shall I talk about on Sabbath?" That should be the last thing to come to mind. The question ought to be "Can I fashion here under God a weapon that will win a soul?"

- Preaching is an assault on the gates of hell. This is not a time for "pabulum" preaching. Whenever it is engaged in, preaching should be forceful and against something. Obviously a man who is against something and for something in a Godlike manner will carry a crowd.

Ministry to Prisoners

(See story on page 11)



Herbert Spair with his saxophone played a very important part in the ministry to the prisoners in the New Jersey State Prison in Trenton. The prisoners greatly appreciated the many special musical numbers rendered by Mr. Spair from time to time. This had much to do with bringing them to the knowledge of the truth.

Books Donated to Ho



Seventy-five copies of *Your Bible and Memorial Hospital* by the Women's Society presentation was Mrs. Barbara Guent (left), treasurer. Mrs. Helen French, h

CUC Faculty and Board Ho



Successful Five-Day Plan Held



Dr. J. Wayne McFarland (left) and Dr. Horace Reading recently concluded another successful Five-Day Plan in Philadelphia.



Contributed to patient rooms at Leland Baltimore First Church. Making the president, and Mrs. Thelma Pryor hospital, is in the center.



Roger Greenley, Columbia Union College Service Director, gives personal attention to which was prepared for a buffet honoring the faculty and board members.

Guests enjoyed the attractive food display at the buffet.

A. H. Traum Named Medical Head



Dr. A. H. Traum, M.D., newly elected president of the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital medical staff for 1968, looks over a patient's chart with Ann Senseman, R.N., at the hospital.

Supreme Court Admits Adventist Lawyer



Ronald J. Wylie, an earnest Adventist and ambitious government lawyer, recently was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States in an impressive ceremony presided over by Chief Justice Earl Warren. He joins an elite handful of Seventh-day Adventists enjoying this distinction. Mr. Wylie is an active member of the Sligo Church, where he was a moving force in the starting of the popular Drinkers' Dial program. A versatile man of many interests, he currently lends his talents to the Sligo Church religious liberty committee, where he emphasizes lay participation in the struggle to preserve freedom. A Michigan native, he was educated in Adventist schools. After being graduated from Adelpian Academy and Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University), he studied law at the University of Michigan, where he received his LL.B. degree in 1963. Admitted the same year to the Michigan bar, he since has held progressively more responsible positions. He is now congressional liaison man for the National Institutes of Health. Mr. Wylie is shown with his mother (left) and Mrs. Elford Cederberg, herself a lawyer and the wife of Michigan's Representative Cederberg. Mrs. Cederberg moved Mr. Wylie's admission to the high court.—Elvin Benton, *Religious Liberty Secretary, Columbia Union Conference.*

Columbia Union Chaplains Attend Meeting



Representatives from hospitals in the Columbia Union Conference listen to Theodore Carcich, General Conference Vice-President (center), at the National Chaplain's Conference held at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital. Conferees studied new concepts and methods of medical evangelism. Seated with Elder Carcich are Russell Shawver, Albert Brendel, and Dieter Hain of Kettering Memorial Hospital; A. C. Marple of Washington Sanitarium and Hospital; Carl Guenther of the Reading Institute of Rehabilitation; Oliver Jacques of Hadley Hospital; and Darrell Nicola of Harding Hospital.



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New Venture in Potomac

At the constituency conclave held at the time of the 1967 Potomac Conference Camp Meeting it was voted to launch a Conference-wide, every-member canvass to raise, during the next five years, the sum of two million dollars to provide additional facilities, both buildings and equipment, to better serve the increasing number of students who seek a Christian education on the secondary level. It was stipulated in the action taken that a committee of 21 or more members be selected to study the needs of Takoma Academy and Shenandoah Valley Academy.

A committee of 31 educators, businessmen, builders, pastors, and professional men was chosen. The committee met at both of the schools and, after careful investigation, made a report to the Potomac Conference Executive Committee which was given power to carry out the recommendations.

Accordingly, all Potomac Conference pastors and at least one layman from each church met at Shenandoah Valley Academy for a Stewardship Workshop, February 4 and 5. God's plan of financing His church and its work as given in the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy was carefully studied.

As you read this brief report of plans being made and being executed according to the wishes of the delegated constituents at the May, 1967, meeting, pastors and lay church leaders already are preparing their membership to respond to the needs of our two academies.

It is thrilling to note the response of both leadership and laity to the call to rededicate ourselves and our material possessions to the God-given task of getting ready for the return of Jesus. The task of warning an unsuspecting world of this climactic event begins in our homes with ourselves and our children. Proper education in Christ-centered schools is a divine project which solicits our enthusiastic support. Chris-

tian schools are "cities of refuge" for the youth of the church.

When you are called upon to enter God's plan of systematic, sacrificial benevolence for the support of the church and its activities, be as were the believers in the churches of Macedonia of whom the Apostle Paul wrote. He said they first gave of themselves willingly and then gave of their means far beyond what was expected of them. He then concluded: "He that soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly."

The two-million-dollar Education Expansion Program is the first Conference-wide project to provide funds for the education of our youth. The needs to be met by this project are not illusions. State and regional accrediting authorities insist that we bring our facilities to the place where we can adequately educate the young people who attend, or show cause why we need to operate private institutions of learning. We are not fighting a paper tiger; we are confronted with a real challenge.

When we as individuals, and as a church, take God at His word He will bless our efforts and give us victory. If we refuse and rebel, the disfavor of heaven will be our just reward. Quit ye like men, be strong.


Elder William Fagal Greeted by Daughter



Photo by Lowell Litton

An after-church kiss for the visiting speaker was quite in order at the Takoma Park Church, February 10. Elder William Fagal's daughter, Kathy, was the vocal soloist for the special Faith for Today service. Smiling in approval are Mrs. Fagal and Kathy's husband, Leland Tetz, choir director for the church.

3 easy ways to get the Zip Codes of people you write to:



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- 2 Call your local Post Office or see their National Zip Directory.
- 3 Local Zips can be found on the Zip Map in the business pages of your phone book.

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South Richmond Church Celebrates Ingathering Victory

"WELL done" was the commendation from Elder R. H. Brodersen, Lay Activities Secretary of the Potomac Conference, at the Ingathering victory banquet of the South Richmond Church, held Sunday, February 18, at Richmond Junior Academy.

The highest amount in the history of the church was gathered in, \$5,096.50, a gain of \$368.99 over the previous year. Elder Brodersen thanked members for having part in Potomac's grand achievement of \$301,372.46.

Victory in South Richmond's crusade was assured because of the efficient organization and zeal of the lay activities leader, Lloyd Ramsey, and his associates, Ben Crouch and Monroe Garrison.

Speaking of the awards, Elder Eric Norman, church pastor, stated that they were but tokens of the greater rewards to be received in the Kingdom—souls saved through this Ingathering crusade.

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Make a CALL for

Faith for Today

POTOMAC (Continued)

"Rusty and the Falcon," a color film, was shown. The social committee, under the leadership of Betty Marcussen received a big hand of appreciation.

ERIC R. NORMAN

New Pastor Assigned to Appalachia District



Pastor and Mrs. Gregory Matthews are the newest members of the Potomac Conference ministerial family, now located in the Appalachia District, associated with Pastor John Estrada, serving the Appalachia, Horton's Summit, and Pennington Gap Churches. After receiving a B.A. degree from Pacific Union College in 1963, Mr. Matthews served two years in the Army. Returning from military service, he entered Andrews University where he was awarded the Bachelor of Divinity degree, December 14, 1967. Mrs. Matthews, nee Sharon Louise Skiles, holds a B.A. degree in religion from Pacific Union College. She has worked at the Voice of Prophecy and was assistant to the chaplain at Madison Hospital, Madison, Tenn.

Church Schools Raise More Than \$30,000 for Ingathering

MORE than \$30,000 has been raised for the Ingathering missions program by the students of the Potomac Conference church schools.

In announcing the amount, Wayne Foster, Educational Superintendent, noted that the per-capita total for the student group was nearly \$20.

An essential phase of the church school program is the implantation of missionary concepts in the minds of the students. The Ingathering program gives a practical opportunity for this to be implemented, he said.

Youth March for Christ

WHILE many youth around the world are occupied with taking trips on LSD, noisily marching to the chant of hate songs, or creating destruction in ghetto riots, youth of the Potomac Conference churches are preparing themselves for the happy and rewarding task of carrying the good news of the coming Christ to their part of the earth.

These Christian young men and women realize that, if "rightly trained" and fully dedicated, they can become co-partners with the King of kings to hasten His advent.

Recently more than 100 youth leaders from the churches of the Greater Washington area met in a nearby camp for an all-day MV workshop. The guest speaker for the occasion was Elder John Hancock, General Conference associate youth leader.

The Washington area MV societies have organized themselves into an active federation for the purpose of strengthening their own spirituality as well as doing their part in soul-winning endeavors.

The Central Virginia Federation was organized at the Richmond Youth Rally, held on Sabbath, February 10. Elder Hancock was the keynote speaker at the rally. One of the interesting activities of the afternoon was the taking of a religious census in a 10-block area surrounding the Richmond First Church. Music was furnished by the Music Department of Shenandoah Valley Academy.

In Roanoke a Voice of Youth team planned a series of evangelistic meetings which began Sunday night, February 25. Donald Eckenroth, associate pastor, is working with an enthusiastic group who are expecting great things of God as they devote their time and energies to this evangelistic thrust.

The Adventist youth of the Potomac Conference, under the leadership of Elder G. D. Bras and Elder Noel Shanko and pastors of the local churches, are on the move for Christ. They sense the meaning of the times in which we live and are determined that all in their localities will hear of the soon-coming Jesus. To this task they have dedicated their time and their talents.



Leaders of the Potomac Conference Youth Council display signs depicting avenues of Christian service promoted by Missionary Volunteers. They are (left to right): Sharon Reed, P.Y.C. secretary; Elder Noel Shanko, Associate MV Secretary of the Potomac Conference and chairman of the P.Y.C. religious activities committee; Clay Farwell, Associate Pastor of the Takoma Park Church and P.Y.C. president; Dave Bostrom, P.Y.C. vice-president; and Elder G. D. Bras, Potomac Conference MV Secretary.



Elder John Hancock, Associate MV Secretary of the General Conference, was the principal speaker for both the Washington-area Leadership Workshop and the Richmond Youth Rally. His accordion added a musical touch to the Richmond rally.



Kay Blinco captivated her audience as she told stories of mission advance in Japan where she lived with her missionary parents.

chesapeake

"Unto One of the Least Of These . . ."

THE morning was very cold as all the past few mornings have been during the month of January, 1968. Otherwise, it was just a normal Monday morning with all the usual chores to do. As I traveled homeward after taking my son to school, "Happy Johnny's" voice boomed at me over the radio. The tone of his voice was urgent!

My heart was touched and I shivered as he told a pathetic story concerning a young couple with two small children whose home had been completely burned out the night before. The firemen had broken down the door just in time to rescue the family, but they were unable to save any personal belongings.

I quickly set my mind to memorizing the important information as to sizes for clothing, ages of the children, and a name and telephone number to be used for more information.

Later in the day, on another errand, I stopped at the home of our Dorcas Society leader, Mrs. Gladys Bryant. Before leaving I gave her the name and number to be contacted for the family who were in desperate need.

Mrs. Bryant left no time for grass to grow under her feet. The next evening she told me she already had delivered to the needy family approximately 100 pieces of clothing plus a 10-dollar donation given by her husband. She now has plans to make more contacts in the immediate future.

What better way could we start a new year than by helping those in need? The Glade Valley Church, newly organized in May, 1967, is very anxious that the Dorcas Society function actively. Under the capable leadership of Mrs. Gladys Bryant, a modern-day "Tabitha Dorcas," we shall go forward in 1968 remembering the words of Jesus: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

JANICE ROBERTS

Press Secretary, Glade Valley Church

Chesapeake Conference-Wide YOUTH RALLY

MARCH 30
1968
9:30 A.M. to
9:30 P.M.

GREATER BALTIMORE ACADEMY GYMNASIUM

100 S. Rock Glen Road Baltimore, Md.



Morning

- Sabbath School by Senior class of Greater Baltimore Academy
- Church speaker—Elder Charles Martin, General Conference MV Department

Charles Martin

Afternoon

- Music concert by young people of Chesapeake
- Panel on "The Role of Youth Today"
- Mike Whited, Student Missionary to Argentina

Mike Whited



Evening

- Bands from Chesapeake Academies
- Highland View Academy; Tumbling Team



Tumbling Team

Greater Baltimore Academy Choir

- REVIEW AND HERALD MEN'S CHORUS IN A NEW SECULAR PROGRAM



Bring Two Lunches! Stay All Day!

Report From Vietnam

(Continued from page 2)

Only one dependent among the Filipino Adventist workers has chosen to leave Vietnam, according to Bretsch. The mother of a hospital employee who had been through the bloody days of Japanese invasion of the Philippines became unnerved by the events of the past two weeks in Saigon. She is expected to leave Monday for Manila on the first available commercial flight.

For five days the Adventist missionaries were completely cut off from the outside world. No mails were moving, no cables, no planes, no taxis. After the first five days the President of the Vietnam Mission, Ralph Neall, risked snipers' bullets and roadblocks to make trips to the city to make an attempt to send cables and mail. He was unsuccessful until the middle of last week when a cable finally arrived in Singapore giving the first word from Adventist missionaries in that city.



Pastor Pham Thien registers refugees at the Adventist training school. He is Lay Activities Secretary of the mission.

Killed in the Tet battles were two book and Bible salesmen for the Vietnam Mission of Adventists at Dalat. They were Pham Hong, about 40, and Ngyhen Van Niem, about 50, both members of the Dalat Adventist Church and long-time employees

of the church's publishing program. One of the wives and a three-year-old child also were killed in a hand-grenade incident at Dalat. One lay woman south of Saigon was struck by shrapnel and she died almost immediately.

Legal Notices

Potomac Conference of S.D.A.

The Twenty-third Biennial Session of the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 10:00 A.M., April 14, 1968, in the Silgo Seventh-day Adventist Church, corner of Flower and Carroll Avenues, Takoma Park, Md. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and committees, to receive reports of the organization, and to transact such other business as may come before the Conference at that time.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each 35 members or fraction thereof.

General Conference and Columbia Union Conference representatives and all Conference workers holding ministerial credentials and ministerial licenses shall be delegates-at-large.

C. H. Lauda, President
R. G. Burchfield, Secretary

Potomac Conference Corporation of S.D.A.

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-third Biennial Session of the Potomac Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Silgo Seventh-day Adventist Church, corner of Flower and Carroll Avenues, Takoma Park, Md., at 2:30 P.M., April 14, 1968. This meeting is for the purpose of electing trustees and the transaction of other business that may come before the Corporation at that time.

The delegates of the Twenty-third Biennial Session of the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates of this Corporation.

C. H. Lauda, President
R. G. Burchfield, Recording Secretary

District of Columbia Conference Corporation of S.D.A.

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-sixth Biennial Session of the District of Columbia Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Silgo Seventh-day Adventist Church, corner of Flower and Carroll Avenues, Takoma Park, Md., at 2:45 P.M., April 14, 1968. The purpose of this meeting is for the election of trustees and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Corporation at that time.

The delegates to the Twenty-third Biennial Session of the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates of this Corporation.

C. H. Lauda, President
R. G. Burchfield, Secretary

Virginia Conference Agency of S.D.A.

The Twenty-fourth Biennial Session of the Virginia Conference Agency of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc., will be held in the Silgo Seventh-day Adventist Church, corner of Flower and Carroll Avenues, Takoma Park, Md., at 3:00 P.M., April 14, 1968. The purpose of the meeting

will be to elect trustees and to transact such other business as may come before the Agency.

The delegates to the Twenty-third Biennial Session of the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates of this Agency.

C. H. Lauda, President
R. G. Burchfield, Secretary

Pennsylvania Conference of S.D.A.

The second biennial session of the Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 10:00 A.M., Sunday, March 31, 1968, at Blue Mountain Academy, Hamburg, Pa. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the ensuing term, to receive reports, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the full Conference in session at that time.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members or fraction thereof.

Delegates at large shall consist of General Conference and Columbia Union Conference representatives; all Pennsylvania Conference ordained or licensed ministers; and credentialed missionaries.

O. D. Wright, President
E. M. Hagele, Secretary

Pennsylvania Conference Association of S.D.A.

Notice is hereby given that the regular biennial session of the West Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, The East Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, and The Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the biennial session of The Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at Blue Mountain Academy, Hamburg, Pa., at 11:30 A.M., Sunday, March 31, 1968.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect trustees and officers for the East Pennsylvania Conference Association, the West Pennsylvania Conference Association, the Pennsylvania Conference Association, and the board of directors of the Reading Institute of Rehabilitation, and to transact any other business that may come before the association at that time. Delegates to the Pennsylvania Conference Session are recognized as delegates to the Association meeting.

O. D. Wright, President
E. M. Hagele, Treasurer

West Virginia Conference of S.D.A.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a legal meeting of the Trustees of and for the West Virginia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists which will be held in connection with the 55th Biennial Session of the West Virginia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at 2:00 P.M., March 24, 1968, in the Parkersburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 19th Street and Park Avenue, Parkersburg, W. Va. The purpose of this session is to elect trustees whose terms shall expire and to transact such other business as may come before the session at this time. Delegates to this

meeting shall be the delegates to the session of the West Virginia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

R. W. Moore, President
C. F. Brooks, Secretary

West Virginia Conference Association of S.D.A.

The 55th Biennial Session of the West Virginia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 10:00 A.M., March 24, 1968, in the Parkersburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 19th Street and Park Avenue, Parkersburg, W. Va. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Conference at that time.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each 15 members or major fraction thereof. All members of the executive committee, the ordained and licensed ministers and departmental secretaries in the employ of the Conference, and members of the Union Conference Committee and the General Conference Committee who may be in attendance at the session are delegates to this meeting.

R. W. Moore, President
C. F. Brooks, Secretary

Allegheny West Conference of S.D.A.

Notice is hereby given that the first Biennial Session of the Allegheny West Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 10:00 A.M., Sunday, April 7, 1968, in the gymnasium of Columbus Junior Academy, located at 270 Napoleon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. This meeting is called for the election of officers and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the Conference at that time. Each church shall be privileged to elect one delegate for the church organization and one additional delegate for every 20 members or fraction thereof. Delegates at large shall include the following: members of the General Conference and Union Conference executive committees who are present, members of the Allegheny West Conference Executive Committee, all employees of this conference who hold ministerial credentials or licenses or missionary credentials, and who are in good and regular standing.

D. B. Simons, President
A. N. Brogden, Secretary

Allegheny West Conference Association of S.D.A.

Notice is hereby given that the first Biennial Session of the Allegheny West Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a legal corporation, will convene at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, April 7, 1968, in the gymnasium of Columbus Junior Academy, located at 270 Napoleon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. This meeting is for the purpose of electing trustees and the transaction of other business that may come before the corporation at that time.

The delegates of the first Biennial Session of the Allegheny West Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a legal corporation, are delegates of this corporation.

D. B. Simons, President
A. N. Brogden, Secretary

Lay Activities Leader And Family Set Ingathering Example

EULISS BAILEY, lay activities leader of the Dale Wright Memorial Church in Germantown, Ohio, is a proven leader. Not only did Mr. Bailey lead the entire church to its Ingathering goal in one report prior to the official campaign opening, but he also inspired each member of his family

to raise \$30 goals for the cause.

His wife, Zelda; his daughters, Yvonne, Yvette, Wanda, and Pam; and his son, Deric, all raised \$30 each. Mr. Bailey added his \$30, making a grand total of \$210 solicited by this faithful family.

Pastor R. L. Willis was happy to note that over 25 members raised \$30 or more in finishing the Ingathering in record time in this rural community.



Euliss Bailey and his wife and children.

Berea Dorcas Society Helps Needy Families



Bertha Creech packs a box with food to be given to a needy family.



Ingathering Achievement And Challenge

ONLY eternity will mark the total accomplishments of the Ingathering work in the Columbia Union Conference for 1968. Thousands of doorbells were rung which led to person-to-person witness for this message; prayers were offered; heavy hearts were encouraged; God's love was shared; and more than a million dollars was gathered to sustain the work of God in the distant mission fields as well as at the home base. These dollars gathered represent

many, many homes and individuals who now know more about the work of God's remnant church.

This great missionary thrust of Ingathering also brings rewards to those participating. In this work one is literally driven into a living faith experience with his Lord. The atmosphere of prayer surrounds one, because he recognizes his total dependence on the power of God. It does something to our lives to see His spirit move individuals to support His work. Thus, our experience is revived and blessed. Possibly this is the larger reward of Ingathering. I trust you experienced it.

As the funds you have gathered reach out to the four corners of the earth, I invite you to join in praying that the Lord's special blessing will attend their use. By your personal witness may you also follow up the interested persons noted in your house-to-house labors.

You made the Columbia Union Conference a world leader in Ingathering. May this same spirit keep your great field in the forefront of person-to-person witness throughout this year. May God find you willing to win at least one soul for Him during 1968.

CREE SANDEFUR

COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE FINAL INGATHERING REPORT

As of January 31, 1968

Conference	Membership	1968 Campaign Goal	Reported to Date	Reported to Date Last Year	Gain or Loss	Per Capita
Allegheny East	7,272	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 84,096.37	\$ 156,830.16	\$13,543.31—	\$11.56
Allegheny West	4,474	50,000.00	59,190.48			13.23
Chesapeake	4,336	108,375.00	123,382.44	112,605.74	10,776.70+	28.46
New Jersey	3,343	84,000.00	107,744.63	100,000.00	7,744.63+	32.23
Ohio	8,485	180,000.00	200,570.31	210,091.63	9,521.32—	23.64
Pennsylvania	7,008	175,225.00	207,101.60	200,002.21	7,099.39+	29.55
Potomac	11,743	250,000.00	301,372.46	290,686.68	10,685.78+	25.66
West Virginia	1,743	43,000.00	43,890.15	42,647.15	1,243.00+	25.18
Overflow		169,000.00				
Union	48,404	1,140,000.00	1,127,348.44	1,112,863.57	14,484.87+	23.29

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Church Societies Busy Helping Less Fortunate



The Pottstown-Walnut Street Church distributes huge boxes of food to needy persons. Mrs. Minnie Sutton, welfare director, is standing by a portion of the boxes and is being assisted by Ellyne and Donna Walker (not visible in picture), and the pastor, Elder John E. Collins. The local church worked with the Salvation Army and the Pottstown Welfare Department to bring happiness to 12 needy families.

Bridgeton (N. J.) Church Helps Needy



Bridgeton, N. J., Dorcas Society with the beautiful baskets ready to be distributed to the needy. Pastor A. L. Banks is on the front row.

THE Dorcas Society of the Bethany S.D.A. Church of Bridgeton, N. J., contributed articles for six baskets to be given to the local needy. This society has been very active in the community under the leadership of Mrs. Rebecca Farrington, the current president.

Other members of the society are: Mrs. Mary Jackson, Mrs. Uzilia White, Mrs. Laura Brockenbrough, Mrs. Catherine Banks, Mrs. Evelyn Purnell, Mrs. Lilly White, George White, Paul Jones, Mrs. Lulu Cole, Emerson Hall, Mrs. Sarah Bryant,

Mrs. Dianne Trusty, Willie Baker, Mrs. Magnolia St. Bernard, Albert Cole, Alden McAllister, George Farrington, and Mrs. Henrietta Baker.

Elder A. L. Banks is Pastor of the Bethany Church.

MILTON I. BROWN

Press Secretary, Bridgeton, N. J., Church

Ex-Public-School Teacher Joins Denominational Staff

MRS. Katherine Fleeks, who taught for 10 years in the Maryland public-school system and in summer enrichment programs recently has joined the teaching staff of the Adventist church school in Bridgeton, N. J., and is doing an outstanding job. Mrs. Fleeks is a native of Baltimore, Md., and a graduate of Coppin College in Baltimore.

In addition to her regular teaching responsibilities, she serves the church as youth activities leader and pianist. She is a source of great inspiration both to the school and local community.

MILTON I. BROWN

Press Secretary, Bridgeton, N. J., Church

Coatesville First Church Active in Ingathering



Leroy Maddox, Sr., lay activities leader (right), presents Jasper Wayne awards to three members of the Coatesville, Pa., First Church. Left to right: Mrs. Mary Gray, John Washington, and Mrs. Nancy Washington. Mrs. Gray has been a Jasper Wayne Award winner for several consecutive years. Mr. Washington is the oldest member of the congregation. Elder J. J. Johnson led the church to an early Ingathering victory.

New Book Helpful In Lay Activities

A NEW volume, *The Spirit of the Teacher*, awakens the dormant talent and helps the reader to realize that the few talents one possesses can be developed.

If you have not read this book, you will find it a treasure chest for your library. You will have a desire to read it more than once and underscore many precious gems of thought.

Pastor Receives Ingathering Check From Landlord



Pastor Louis Preston of the Baltimore-Sharon Church receiving a check for \$100 for Ingathering from his landlord, John Quinn, General Manager of the Sheraton Chase Apartments of Baltimore.

a winner for dinner



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The Bulletin Board

Youth Rally

April 6, 1968
 Clarksburg, W. Va., Seventh-day
 Adventist Church
 714 Main Street
 Youth Participation
 Mission 70—Music—Surprises
 L. Litten, General Conference
 Richard Kelley, local pastor
 H. W. Bass, West Virginia Conference
 Bring Your Lunch. Stay All Day.

Alumni Homecoming

Walla Walla Valley Academy
 (Formerly Walla Walla College
 Academy)
 April 6, 1968
 Special Recognition
 Classes of 1936, 1937, 1938, 1948, 1958

Plan now to attend. If you cannot,
 please send a letter which will be read
 to alumni at the business meeting.
 Watch for additional announcements.

Lora Lee Long
 President, W.W.V.A. Alumni Association
 610 South College Avenue
 College Place, Wash. 99324

Evangelistic Meetings

in Grove City, Ohio
 April 5 to 27
 at 3150 Demorest Road
 in Reynoldsburg, Ohio
 May 3 to 25

on Route 40 East at Taylor Road

Names and addresses of interested
 persons and former Adventists in these
 areas may be sent to Pastor Sherman L.
 Jefferson, 1391 Hootman Road, Reyn-
 oldsburg, Ohio 43068.

ASDAN Meeting Called

The Association of S.D.A. Nurses will
 hold its annual meeting on May 12 at
 3:00 P.M. in the Marriott Hotel, Dallas,
 Texas. Reservations for the dinner and
 social hour (\$6.65) should be made
 before May 7 with Mrs. Marjorie Cor-
 nor, A.S.D.A.N. secretary, Washington
 Sanitarium and Hospital, Takoma Park,
 Md. 20012.

Spring Youth Rally

Fair Oaks S.D.A. School
 Carlisle, Pa.
 March 23, 1968

Elder George Digel, Youth Pastor of
 the Sligo Church, will speak at 3:00
 P.M.

A sacred concert at 5:00 o'clock by
 the Sylvan Singers and the Cantabile
 Wind Ensemble from Blue Mountain
 Academy will be followed by a sundown
 vesper service.

In the evening the musical groups
 will be joined by the Tumbling Team
 for a program that will be long re-
 membered.

Bring your lunch and spend the after-
 noon and evening with us. The school
 is two miles south of Carlisle on the
 Petersburg Road.

C. M. Bee
 Pastor, Carlisle Church

Attention

Auburn Academy Alumni
 Students and Teachers
 Class of 1948

Your name and address is needed for
 an accurate file immediately! Plans are
 being made for a class letter and the
 20-year class reunion at Auburn Acad-
 emy. We want you to be informed.
 Please send information regarding you
 and the address of any other classmates
 or teachers to:

Marjorie Mundy Moreno
 1650 Scenic View Drive
 Stayton, Oregon 97383

Sligo Church Spring Series—March 16-23

A. Graham Maxwell, Ph.D., Chairman
 of the Department of Religion at Loma
 Linda University, will present the follow-
 ing topics in the Sligo Church:



A. Graham Maxwell

FRIDAY

March 22, 7:30
 P.M. "Faith and
 the Sabbath"

SABBATH

March 23, 8:15
 and 10:50 A.M.
 "How Near Is
 the End?"

Potomac Outdoor Nature Club

1968 Schedule of Campouts

March 29-31—Williamsburg, Va.
 April 26-28—Seashore State Park (near
 Norfolk, Va.)
 May 10-12—Spruce Knob (about 40
 miles west of New Market, Va.)
 June 21-23—Blue Ridge Youth Camp
 (near Montebello, Va.)
 July 12-24—C.U.C. Biological Field Sta-
 tion (Head Waters, Va.)
 August 9-11—Wendell Dawn Heights
 (about 15 miles north of Winchester)
 August 23-25—Roanoke Mountain (Blue
 Ridge Parkway, milepost 120.4, just
 outside of Roanoke, Va.)
 September 6-8—Swallow Falls (near
 Oakland, Md., west of Winchester, Va.,
 almost to the West Virginia line)
 September 20-22—Gettysburg, Pa. (north
 of Washington, D. C., just over the
 line into Pennsylvania)
 October 4-6—Westmoreland State Park
 (near Wakefield, Va., George Wash-
 ington's birthplace)
 October 25-27—Skyline Drive (place to
 be chosen later—election of officers)
 November 15-17—Cape Hatteras, N. C.
 December 22-January 5—Trip to Florida

Notice

All former pupils and close friends of
 the late Florence Kidder are requested
 to send information regarding their
 careers, locations, and years with Miss
 Kidder to T. E. Miller, 11145 Gloria
 Avenue, Granada Hills, Calif. 91344.

All human-interest incidents involving
 Miss Kidder will be appreciated. The
 information you send may be included
 in a forthcoming book. Thank you.

Theodore E. Miller

Holley Team Meetings



Leighton Holley (left) and Roger Holley
 Camden, N. J.

7:15 P.M. Each Evening
 April 7-April 28

Cherry Hill Church
 700 Cooper Landing Road
 Cherry Hill, N. J.

Letter to Editor

Dear Mr. Juberg:

I READ with some surprise a brief note entitled "A question of age" *Columbia Union Visitor* vol. 72, no. 25, December 28, 1967, page 15. This note claimed that "an archaeologist at a leading scientific institution in Washington, D. C." had given the opinion that a piece of petrified wood, which could be no more than 100 years old, was "about 15 million years old."

The opinion which I offered was, in fact, quite different. As an anthropologist my professional training did not qualify me to evaluate the age of the specimen (which I thought was a piece from a stalactite or stalacmite [sic]). Because of this I consulted with other members of the scientific staff. The opinion which I received and passed on regarding the specimen was that the rate of formation depends on the immediate environment and that the specimen in question could be anywhere from 50 years to 2 million years old.

Petrification, as common sense would indicate, can also be a fairly rapid process. Under most climatic conditions the initial phase of petrification must occur quickly or plant material will decay. So, assuming the specimen is correctly identified as part of a gum tree, an age of less than 100 years is scientifically quite acceptable.

I would suggest that the most important element in the dialogue between the scientist and the theologian is complete honesty. Distortion of facts to make a good story benefits neither science nor religion.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Ortner

Research Assistant

Division of Physical Anthropology
Smithsonian Institution

Youth Leadership Conference Scheduled

FOR nearly two years, the Columbia and Southern Union Conferences have been working together in producing a Youth Leadership Conference for the purpose of bringing our youth leaders up to date in their thinking regarding modern problems of Seventh-day Adventist youth. The theme of the conference will be "The Changing S.D.A. Youth Society." It will be held at Southern Missionary College, June 3-8, 1968.

The delegation will be composed

of administration and staff members of our colleges and academies. Also conferences will send pastors connected with institutions, youth pastors, and their youth and educational leaders. There also will be a delegation of college and academy young people.

Participants and their assigned topics are as follows:

The Changing S.D.A. Youth Society
—Winton H. Beaven

Ex-S.D.A. Youth—Why and What to Do—William Loveless

S.D.A. Youth and the Family—Ruth Murdoch

S.D.A. Youth and the Church's Program—Wilbur Schneider

S.D.A. Youth and Leadership in Recreation—Wilbur Alexander

S.D.A. Youth and the New Morality
—Charles D. Brooks

S.D.A. Youth and S.D.A. Schools—
Frank Knittel

S.D.A. Youth—Understanding and Counseling—Paul Heubach

S.D.A. Youth—The Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy—Edward Heppenstall

S.D.A. Youth and Modern Science—
Lester Harris

Dedication to the Task of Leading
S.D.A. Youth—Theodore Lucas

The Campus Crusade for Christ and Youth for Christ International will make presentations.

If there are those not included in the regular delegations from the conferences interested in attending the conference, write to The Columbia Union Conference MV Department.

Faith for Today News

Dr. Alonzo L. Baker, Professor of History at La Sierra College, long-time



history professor at the University of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., will be interviewed by Pastor and Mrs. W. A. Fagal on religion in Russia today on a coming Faith for Today telecast. Dr. Baker, who has traveled extensively

in Russia, has made a careful survey of religious trends there and is an authority on his subject. Plan to view this interview feature. Check local listing for time and station.

ADVERTISEMENTS

RATES: Minimum charge, \$4 for 50 words or less; additional words, 5c a word. All ads must be approved by the local conference office. Consecutive insertions only when space permits. Payment must accompany ads (do not send cash). Make checks or money orders payable to the Washington College Press. We prefer not to accept telephoned ads.

FOR SALE: 4-unit brick apartment house, excellent condition, near shopping, so it is always rented. Two of the units have 2 bedrooms. Monthly income is \$470. We have contented, well-paying tenants. Extra lot. Reverting to another state. Assume present financing. Call (301) 589-5927 or write to: "Visitor Ad," Box 470, 7710 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, Md. 20012.

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R.N. NEEDED in Doctor's office in Beltsville area. Telephone 585-3343 for an interview.

MAN WANTED: to learn and supervise finishing picture frame moulding. Factory located at Highland View Academy. Twelve-grade educational advantages for your children. Write your qualifications to National Picture Framers, Route 1, Hagerstown, Md.

URGENTLY NEED nurses' aides. Need not have prior experience. We will train. Good living accommodations and pleasant country atmosphere just outside suburban Washington in Maryland. Write Carl Howe, Brooke Grove Foundation, Olney, Md., or call 301-924-4475.

WHEN YOU ARE BUYING OR SELLING real estate in Takoma Park or the Silver Spring area, call Harry Dickson, with Laird B. Scott, Realtor, Suite 604, 8720 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md. JUniper 9-0420.

WANTED: Good, used books suitable for junior academy library. Travel, Spirit of Prophecy, nature, history, arts and crafts, poetry, biography, science (no textbooks), recently copyrighted dictionaries and encyclopedias. Donations or reasonable price. Send list of titles. Postage will be paid. Lake Erie Junior Academy, 6679 Wattsburg Road, Erie, Pa. 16509. Fred Morgan, Principal.

"OPPORTUNITY": credit manager for 132-bed hospital. To handle all patient admissions, credit, and collections. Hospital experience preferred but not necessary. Write Paul J. Gerhardt, Personnel Director, Battle Creek Sanitarium, 197 N. Washington Ave., Battle Creek, Mich. 49917, or call Area Code 616, 964-7121, Ext. 586.

WANTED TO BUY any number or bound volume of "The Health Reformer." Old S.D.A. magazine published in Battle Creek, 1866 to 1878. H. J. Weber, M.D., 614 N. 44th St., Corvallis, Ore. 97330.

HELP WANTED: Secretary—to assume secretarial responsibilities for administrator. Switchboard operator and cashier—for evening hours. Excellent position for single and/or semiretired woman. Pleasant environment and working conditions with liberal salary and fringe benefits. Living accommodations available. Send resume to Leonard Myers, Office Manager, Fuller Memorial Sanitarium, South Attleboro, Mass. 02703.

AUTOMOBILES: Am resuming my old-time S.D.A. service on automobiles, pickups, vans, trucks, scooters, etc. Write for information on exact unit wanted, make, model, equipment, etc., enclosing a stamped envelope for reply. (Clip this ad for future reference.) Jeff Hickman, Automobiles, Stearns, Ky. 42647.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Mar. 22	Mar. 29	Apr. 5	Apr. 12
Baltimore, Md.	6:20	6:27	6:34	6:41
Cincinnati, Ohio	6:52	6:59	7:05	7:12
Cleveland, Ohio	6:40	6:48	6:56	7:03
Columbus, Ohio	6:46	6:53	7:00	7:07
Jersey City, N. J.	6:10	6:17	6:25	6:31
Norfolk, Va.	6:18	6:25	6:31	6:37
Parkersburg, W. Va.	6:40	6:47	6:54	7:01
Philadelphia, Pa.	6:15	6:22	6:29	6:36
Pittsburgh, Pa.	6:34	6:41	6:48	6:55
Reading, Pa.	6:18	6:25	6:32	6:39
Richmond, Va.	6:23	6:29	6:35	6:42
Roanoke, Va.	6:33	6:39	6:46	6:52
Scranton, Pa.	6:17	6:24	6:32	6:40
Toledo, Ohio	6:49	6:57	7:05	7:12
Trenton, N. J.	6:13	6:20	6:27	6:34
Washington, D. C.	6:22	6:28	6:35	6:42

He Helps

Those in Distress



WHEN the telephone rings at 2:00 A.M. in the home of Associate Pastor and Mrs. Lyle W. Cornforth of the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Pastor Cornforth assumes the call is for him. He knows it is probably one of his drinking "friends" or someone else who wants to be helped.

"We get most of our leads from Drinkers' Dial, the Codaphone service sponsored by Sligo Church in the nation's capital," he said. "After alcoholics are contacted by their helpers, they are invited to group-therapy sessions at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital."

Elder Cornforth described the sessions this way: "Like Alcoholics Anonymous, the discussions are not religiously centered, but they are oriented toward the Higher Power. Group members interrelate and, through discussion, encourage each other to face their alcoholism as well as their other problems."

Pastor Cornforth, who came to the Sligo Church two years ago after 15 years of pastoral and educational ministry in Oregon, says the 30 Drinkers' Service helpers currently are helping about 20 alcoholics in the community.

"Our alcoholic friends represent a cross-section of the population," he said. "We have Protestants and Catholics, whites and Negroes, men and women. Each has two things in common with the others. He's an alcoholic, and he knows he needs help. We try to assist without being busybodies."

The pastor also works with the deaf. "We've arranged for a deaf unit at the Silver Spring Church, and now a group of up to 16 meets each Sabbath to study the lesson in sign language and to have the sermon interpreted on the hands.

"An outgrowth of the class is that we conduct Bible studies at Gallaudet College, the world's only public college for the deaf, where from four to nine students meet each Sunday afternoon. I hope this is the foundation for Adventist work for the deaf on the East Coast. The nation's capital, with the Adventist world headquarters and the internationally famous Gallaudet College, is an ideal place to build such a work.

"In between times," continued Pastor Cornforth, "I teach sign language to my speech class at Takoma Academy and conduct a class for non-deaf members in the Silver Spring Church."

When Pastor Cornforth is not working at the Sligo Church with lay activities, leading discussion groups at the Washington Sanitarium, teaching speech at Takoma Academy, doing pastoral and marriage counseling, or participating in sign-language work for the deaf, he takes time to enjoy his four daughters and his wife, Ardyth.

On his own time he puts on his scholar's cap and dashes to the University of Maryland, where he sharpens his understanding of human development and rehabilitation counseling.

What motivates this busy young pastor? His words might give a clue: "The ministry of the Master was directed at a full cross-section of society, meeting the needs of the poor and the rich, the elite and the outcast, the soldier and the housewife. The third angel's message ought to meet the same needs in today's society."

By Bob Nixon

*Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Relations,
General Conference*