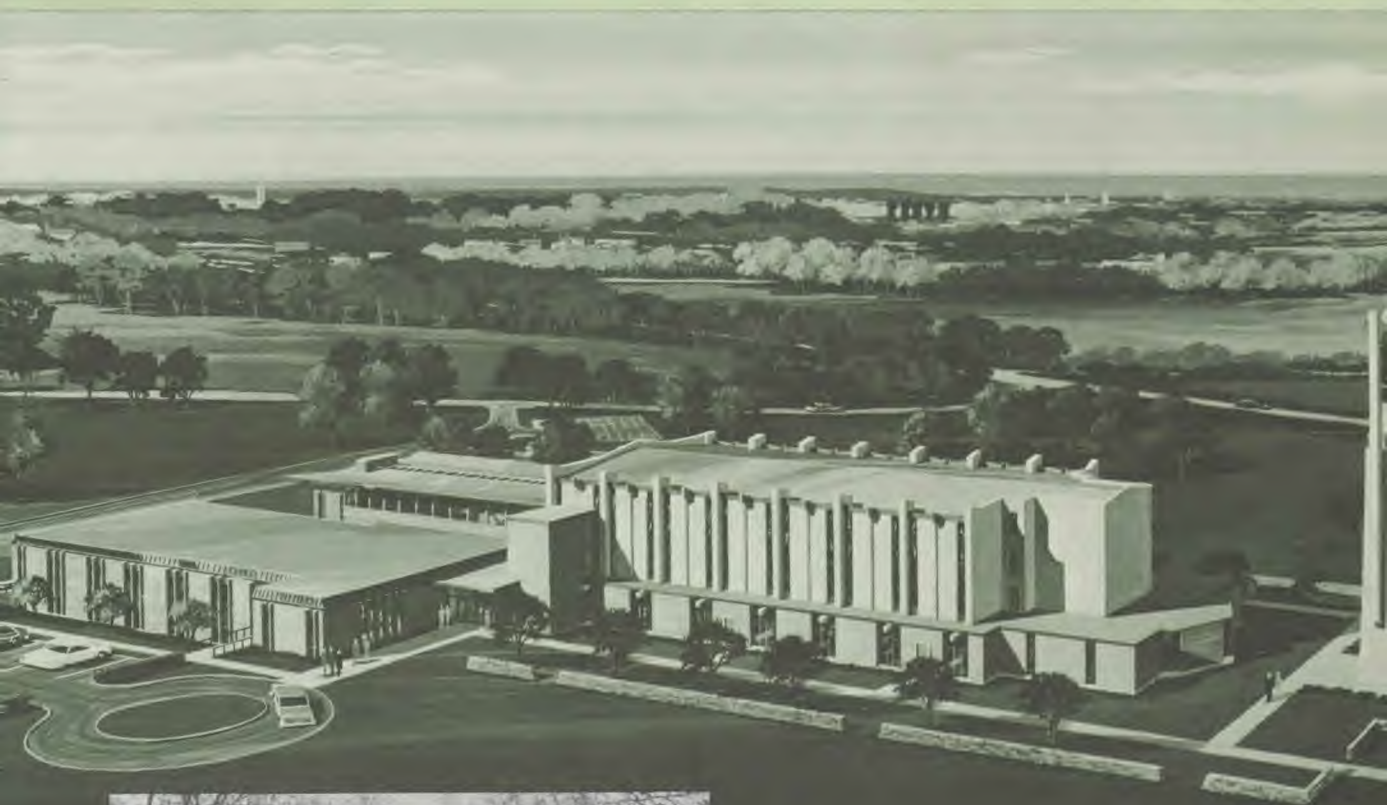




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THE MORNING THE FIFES WAILED

by LYNDON DE WITT

Coordinator of Evangelism
West Virginia Conference

We were awakened early the morning of January 2, 1968, to the shrill moaning of the fifes and the intermittent roll of the drums. We hurried to the balcony of our hotel, which overlooked the main street of the city of Tela, Honduras, to witness a tragic spectacle of sadness. The army drum and fife corps were slowly preceding a car that carried a casket draped in the beautiful blue-and-white flag of Honduras.

The procession passed on till it reached the church, where mass was said for the young man, an army lieutenant, slain by one of his own men the preceding New Year's Eve.

As we stood looking down on the sad procession we couldn't help realizing that things are not right in this world, and that the only hope of man lies on the other side of death, in the glorious resurrection. And yet, how often, at such a moment of sorrow, have loved ones asked the same question Job once asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?"¹

Without scriptural assurances men have little hope in a future beyond the tomb. The Sadducees reflected the thinking of much of the world in the days of Christ, saying "that there is no resurrection."² This doctrine had so leavened the thinking of the disciples that when Jesus spoke to them of his own death and resurrection they questioned "one with another what the rising from the dead should mean."³ And when they saw that Jesus was actually dead, they, more fully than the Sadducees, disbelieved in any hope beyond death. For all the Sadducees needed to do to utterly disprove the resurrection was to produce the body of the Lord. But they so thoroughly believed in the testimony of the 100 soldiers who were keeping watch at Joseph's new tomb that they didn't even go to look in it.

But before that Sunday had passed, the disciples had such abundant proof of the resurrection of the dead that their once-despairing hearts burned within them. They had touched the glorified body of their risen Lord. And what a change this touch brought into their lives. Now they knew that Jesus was all He claimed to be—the Son of God. Such He had repeatedly claimed to be, and they knew God would not raise a liar. Heretofore they had called Him Lord, but now they could cry out as Thomas did shortly thereafter when he thrust his hand in Christ's wounded side, "My Lord and my God."⁴

This knowledge of the resurrection renovated their preaching and made them fearless. They could talk of little else. No less than 21 times is the subject of the resurrection introduced in the book of Acts. Of the 12 great sermons around which this book is built, all deal directly or indirectly with the hope of the resurrection. "With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."⁵

But there was Saul of Tarsus, who refused to believe. He dedicated all his energy to the destroying of those who did believe. Breathing vengeance, he was nearing the Damascus gate. But suddenly he was stricken down by the glory of the risen Christ. Falling to the earth, he cried out, "Lord." He could doubt no longer. He too had seen the Lord. And this vision changed him from the most bitter enemy of the resurrection to its greatest champion.

Hear him as he stands before King Agrippa. "Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?"⁶ And even though he was persecuted, imprisoned, beaten, stoned, he never stopped preaching it.

Follow his logic in 1 Corinthians 15. "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain."⁷ Revel in his prophecy of triumph—"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven . . . and the dead in Christ shall rise first. . . . So shall we ever be with the Lord."⁸

Visit, in your thinking, a spot where I stood not long ago—the Mamertine Prison in the heart of the city of Rome. Think of his facing the death sentence at the hands of wicked Nero, as he languished in that dark, damp, cold cell. Then read his final shout of victory written to Timothy. "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day."⁹

What gave him such buoyant faith at such an hour of crisis? He had seen the risen Lord, "declared to be the Son of God with power, . . . by the resurrection from the dead."¹⁰ The resurrection proved Jesus God, and proved Him able to raise all who believe in Him in the last day. This is the glory that dazzled even the prison cell, and cast its light throughout all ages. Indeed this is the great doctrine of all times. It not only proved Jesus God but offered proof of salvation to all who believe Him.

Will you not let this great light illumine your future? A crown of life awaits you as surely as it did the great apostle Paul. Lift your voice now in his song of praise—"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory" over death!¹¹

¹ Job 14:14; ² Acts 23:8; ³ Mark 9:10; ⁴ John 20:28; ⁵ Acts 4:33; ⁶ Acts 26:8; ⁷ 1 Cor. 15:17; ⁸ 1 Thess. 4:16, 17; ⁹ 2 Tim. 4:6-8; ¹⁰ Rom. 1:4; ¹¹ 1 Cor. 15:57.

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Speakers' platform for the groundbreaking services for the new Kettering, Ohio, church, Elder W. R. Beach, speaking. The Kettering College of Medical Arts (left) and the Kettering Memorial Hospital are in the background.

Ground Broken for New Kettering Church

AFTER eight years of functioning in quarters lent by the Kettering Medical Center, the Kettering, Ohio, church officially broke ground on March 19 for a church building.

The site of the new church is near the Kettering Memorial Hospital, across the street from the Kettering College of Medical Arts. The first stage of the building, to begin immediately, will cost \$985,500, and will include the sanctuary, seven classrooms, and other facilities. The sanctuary will seat 836 persons. The present membership of the church is 600. Elder Murray W. Deming is the pastor.

George Nelson, recently retired president of the Kettering Medical Center, gave a brief history of the Kettering church, which was developed as a result of the establishment of the large Adventist institution there. It was scarcely ten years ago that the work was first started to bring the hospital into existence. The church was organized in December, 1963, with 141 members. For a few months the hospital auditorium was

used for the church services. It soon became necessary to seek larger quarters, and since then the college gymnasium has been the church home.

Eight years ago, Nelson reported, he had asked Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Kettering if they would be willing to sell a piece of land for a church site. After consideration they responded with an offer to donate the land that will now be used. (It was through the generosity of the Ketterings that the Medical Center was launched as a memorial to Mr. Kettering's father, Charles F. Kettering.)

"Today we are deeply indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Kettering," Nelson said. "This gift of such a valuable property has been born of their matchless generosity and their magnanimous attitude."

Mr. Kettering delivered the deed to Elder Cree Sandefur, president of the Columbia Union Conference, who again expressed the gratitude of the church.

Elder W. R. Beach, secretary of the General Conference, was the guest speaker for the occasion. He paid

tribute to the Ketterings, stating that around the world the Kettering Medical Center has added prestige to Adventist medical work. He spoke of divine worship as a collective social experience in which we say together "Our Father"; and he spoke of the



Elder W. R. Beach speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony at Kettering.

day when this new sanctuary would be a place where this worship experience will take place.

Greetings were presented by the Honorable Robert Haverstick, mayor of the city of Kettering, and by Pastor James Falconer, president of the ministerium of South Dayton. Elder Philip Follett offered prayer, and Elder M. W. Deming led the congregation in an act of commitment.

Using chrome-plated shovels, nine selected persons ceremonially broke the ground for the construction soon to begin. Dr. Kenneth Meyers participated as the first Seventh-day Adventist physician to take up practice in the Dayton area. Dr. Glenn Bylsma represented the hospital staff. Curt Carr, Sr., participated on behalf of the laity of the church; Ruth Dunham, a second-year nursing student, as a representative of the college; Kelly Eytcheson, representing the youth; Elder Follett, on behalf of the Ohio Conference; and Mayor Haverstick, representing the city. Also participating were George Roth, of Cincinnati, the architect, and Tom Danis of the B. G. Danis Construction Company, of Dayton, with whom the building contract has been signed. Dr. Marlowe Schaffner, president of the Kettering Medical Center offered the benediction.

by CHARLES R. BEELER
Public Relations
Ohio Conference



Miss Ruth Dunham uses the ceremonial shovel on behalf of the students of Kettering College of Medical Arts. Dr. Kenneth Meyers looks on.



George Nelson giving a historical sketch of the Kettering church and a tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Kettering.

George Roth, the architect, who designed the building, turns a shovelful of earth. Behind him is Dr. Glenn Bylsma. To the right are other participants, Curt Carr, Sr., and Miss Ruth Dunham.



Elder Cree Sandefur (left) expresses appreciation to Eugene W. Kettering for the deed to the land for the new Kettering church just presented by the latter.



chesapeake

American Legion Chaplain and Wife Baptized

TELEVISION viewers and radio listeners were impressed with the sincere prayer of American Legion Chaplain Walter Schulz.

The occasion was the installation of two unknown soldiers in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Memorial Day, May 30, 1958.

As a personal friend of Senator John F. Kennedy, chaplain of the American Legion, member of the Ritual Team, manager of an excellently located 9-pump service station, member of 14 service clubs and social organizations, life was good to Walter Schulz.

Because of his many social contacts, much drinking was required of the prosperous businessman. Daily tensions accelerated his smoking until $3\frac{1}{2}$ packs daily were consumed.

As the drinking and smoking heightened, troubles multiplied. His family occupied less and less of his time; the station began losing money; finally Mr. Schulz' home, wife, children, business, and social position were gone. Only two so-called friends were left—whisky and cigarettes.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schulz. Chaplain Schulz is wearing the uniform he wore at the installation of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. Recently baptized, the Schulzes look forward to a completely different life.



One day the local Adventist pastor happened to meet Mr. Schulz. Having once lived close to Southern Missionary College, the former socialite immediately indicated an interest in Seventh-day Adventists.

Although he didn't know it, he was surrounded by Adventists. The apart-

ment house in which he lived was owned by an Adventist, Charles Wilson. A young Adventist service couple, Larry and Lucretia Hanson, lived in the next apartment.

They shared their faith by faithfully filling a literature rack with Amazing Facts folders. Mr. Schulz' son had recently been killed in an automobile accident. The sorrowing father eagerly read the folder entitled "Are the Dead Really Dead?" and then enrolled in the complete Bible course.

A layman desiring to give Bible studies joined the pastor. Working with the pastor, Mr. Aleshire gave studies when the pastor couldn't be present.

Men on the job teased Mr. Schulz unmercifully, offering him beer, whisky, and cigarettes. They knocked on his door at midnight, crying out, "But Walter, you used to drink with us!"

The Five-Day Plan canceled the cigarette habit, and Leviticus 11 omitted unclean foods. The new Bible student, upon being questioned, urged one of his co-workers to read Leviticus 11. The next day he said, "Walter, you're right. We shouldn't eat unclean foods."

Today life is looking up for Walter and Lavenia Schulz. The happy couple were baptized March 1, leaving behind a totally different life.

Christianity has proved once again that it is the only power capable of bringing true values into the lives of men and women. Concerned laymen, eager to win souls, working with available tools and the Lord's blessing, will surely have stars in their crowns.

Academy Gets State Approval



Dean Holmes, left, principal of Highland View Academy, and Elder William R. May, Chesapeake Conference president, are all smiles as they look at a certificate of State approval recently given to Highland View Academy.

Many new schools have to wait several years for State approval. Official approval for Highland View Academy came just $1\frac{1}{2}$ years after it opened.

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Portrait of a Preacher

by MORTEN JUBERG
Editor, VISITOR

EVANGELISTS are a tough, hardy breed of men. Theirs is a special work—a direct warfare with Satan for the souls of men. This constant battling for souls is not easy. Though every pastor engages in evangelism, only a small handful devote full time to the holding of evangelistic campaigns.

One of these full-time evangelists is Elder Lyndon DeWitt, who has recently moved to the West Virginia Conference as coordinator of evangelism. He has just completed the first series of meetings in Charleston, the State capital, and has moved on to Morgantown.

The fires of dedication burn brightly in the hearts of evangelists. And the same dedication is found in their wives. It is no easy task to live in a trailer and change locations every month or so. There is no opportunity to put down roots or develop friendships, because four weeks is a short time. Life, then, is an unending series of sermons, visits, prayers, plans, and

finally baptisms and then another move.

Elder DeWitt has high goals for West Virginia. He is aiming for 200 baptisms with God's help in 1969. He will be holding at least nine campaigns in the Mountain State during the year, and his goal is no idle conjecture.

Last year in the Chesapeake Conference, God blessed Elder DeWitt's work and dedication with 166 people who were baptized. "It could be a few more or it could be a few less," the evangelist relates. "I don't know how the Lord counts them."

It has been Elder DeWitt's ambition for many years to engage in full-time evangelism. The dream finally came true in 1967 in the Chesapeake Conference.

Just before coming to Charleston, Elder and Mrs. DeWitt were in Port of Cortez, Honduras, for a series of meetings. This is the third series he has held in the Central American

country. Port of Cortez, as the name implies, is a seaport city and a wicked one, according to Elder DeWitt.

But sin is no hindrance to the gospel. The preaching resulted in 150 decisions for Christ. Most of these will be baptized in weeks to come. Fourteen joined the church at the first baptism, another nine were baptized a week later.

Elder DeWitt believes in prayer. In Charleston he told members of the congregation, "There is nothing that will accomplish more than prayer." Then he called for volunteers to pray an hour sometime during Friday night. Each hour through the night was taken by a person who offered to pray. It was interesting to see dedicated members indicate their willingness to pray for the success of the meetings even during the middle of the night.

One of the evangelist's goals in the Mountain State is to raise up two new churches in Oakland and Franklin. These are dark areas of the State. Evangelistic meetings are listed for both areas after camp meeting.

Evangelists are a hardy breed, as has been indicated. But they cannot accomplish much without the help of church members. No form of advertising is as effective as the personal invitation given by a member. As Elder DeWitt puts it, "God will bless the work of evangelism in proportion to the dedication, work, and prayer given to it."

1. Elder DeWitt counsels with several who came forward in a call to follow Jesus.

2. Elder DeWitt preaches through an interpreter in a series of evangelistic meetings recently conducted in Honduras.

3. Elder Obed Klein, right, Charleston pastor, baptizes a candidate as a result of the meetings held in the State capital.



west virginia

Layman Purchases Paul Harvey-Bible Story Film



Several laymen in the Parkersburg church, West Virginia, were contacted and shown the new series of Paul Harvey and the Bible Story. One of the laymen was Paul Snider. The picture above shows Mr. Snider and his wife presenting Elder George Rogers, Publishing Department Secretary of the conference, a check for \$1,500.00 for the purchase of the films. Others contributing to this special project are: Mrs. Margaret Meredith, Mrs. Grace Howell, and Mr. Bill Hubbard. We thank God for these dedicated laymen.

GEORGE ROGERS

Pastor, Parkersburg Church

News Notes From the Cumberland Church

THE Cumberland church has recently had several opportunities for publicizing its doctrines to the public. Elder Russell Burrill accepted an invitation to speak to the psychology class at the Allegany High School in the city. A question-and-answer period with student and faculty participation followed his remarks. At the request of WUOK, one of the city's radio stations, Elder Burrill will have the morning devotional services on the station each morning for a week.

The church has accepted the invitation of the Ministerial Association of Cumberland to broadcast the Sabbath services during the month of May. The services will be taped on Sabbath and then broadcast on Sunday mornings.

The city Board of Education granted the use of the auditorium in one of its high schools for a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking clinic. The

area's radio stations and newspapers have given publicity to the clinic.

The church recently started sponsoring the Amazing Facts program over radio WUOK.

Approximately 50 persons in the area are currently studying Adventist truths under the Bible Speaks program. These studies were requested through the fliers given out in the In-gathering folders. Even at this date there are still some requests being received through the mail.

RUSSELL EVERSOLE

Press Secretary

Cumberland SDA Church, Maryland

Successful Five-Day Plan Ended at Cumberland

A SUCCESSFUL Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking in Cumberland has just concluded. The director of the program was Elder Russell Burrill, pastor of the Cumberland church.

Interest among the participants continued high during the entire series and the number of persons successfully giving up smoking was about 90 per cent. The participants in the program were enthusiastic and asked that another clinic be held so they can tell others about it and bring their friends.

On February 25, Cumberland radio station WCUM named Elder Burrill as the outstanding citizen of the day, stating, "Congratulations. You are going places and doing things. So we salute you, Pastor Russell Burrill, for bringing the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking to Cumberland."

The Cumberland church received much radio and newspaper publicity, as well as support of the health agencies for sponsoring the stop-smoking program. This church has never before had the publicity it is now receiving and the members are planning and working to keep the Adventist name before the people in this area. Programs now underway or planned for are the Amazing Facts broadcasts currently on the air, Bible Speaks evangelism, Sunday broadcasts of the Sabbath worship services, and an area-wide evangelistic series.

RUSSELL EVERSOLE

Press Secretary

Cumberland, Maryland

As We Leave West Virginia

It is difficult to say good-by to those we love and cherish. We came as strangers but we leave as friends. Such is the glorious bond that binds our hearts in love. Your warmth and co-operative spirit have become a part of us. We love you.



R. W. Moore

God has abundantly blessed, especially health-wise, during our 40 years of service in His vineyard. Seventeen years were spent in pastoral - evangelistic work, and 23 in executive responsibilities—all in pleasant places, including our

three and one-half years in the delightful Mountain State. Since we have reached the time in life when it is wise to begin a less vigorous program, we do so with confidence in God's leadership through devoted younger generations.

We will ever be grateful that God permitted us to labor among you. Not only have we shared your friendship in the churches but also in many of your homes as we have counseled and prayed together. Heaven will be sweeter for having known you.

At times there have been serious problems and difficulties in West Virginia, but joys and pleasant memories outweigh them all. Right now the future looks bright—as bright as the promises of God.

The world is dark and growing darker. We as Seventh-day Adventist Christians have been placed here by God as its light. If faithful, we soon shall share in that glorious dawn that ushers in the appearing of our Saviour. What a wonderful morning that will be! May not one soul whom we have labored for be absent.

Our lives are in God's hands. He still reigns and we can safely put our trust in Him. His promises are unailing and as sure as God Himself.

If your travels ever bring you in the direction of the Blue Ridge Mountains, drop in to see us. Our address is 119 Rugby Forest Lane, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739.

Our paths now must diverge for a little while. May they again meet on that last triumphant trip from earth to heaven at the culmination of the blessed hope that has inspired us through life. God bless you.

ELDER AND MRS. ROSCOE W. MOORE

Searchers and Commuters of God's Truth

ONE day in the spring of 1965 Literature Evangelist Granville Richards knocked at the door of a home in the little town of Stephens City, Virginia. In a few moments the door opened and there stood a tiny little lady not more than five feet tall, who Mr. Richards soon discovered was Mrs. Doris Brown.

After a brief introduction, he was invited into her home to explain more about the beautiful books he was selling. It was obvious that Mrs. Brown was very much interested in spiritual things and was highly impressed with the ten-volume set of *The Bible Story*, along with those two marvelous journals, *Life and Health* and *These Times*. She was also very pleased to discover that she was going to receive the wonderful book, *The Triumph of God's Love*.

A few minutes later, after enrolling Mrs. Brown in the Bible correspondence course and having prayer, Mr. Richards was leaving the home of another happy customer of a Potomac literature evangelist. As he made his way toward his car, not only his heart was light with joy, but his briefcase was also very light, since he had deposited its contents of over \$100 worth of our beautiful publications with another sincere soul searching for truth. Three years quickly passed as Mr. Richards continued his literature evangelism.

"Would Granville Richards please come forward?" It was mid-June, 1968. Mr. Richards, standing at the back of the main auditorium at the Potomac camp meeting, was suddenly jolted with the realization that his name was being announced over the PA system as the winner of a full set of *The SDA Bible Commentary* being given away by the Book and Bible House. Naturally, every eye was upon him as he made his way down the center aisle to receive his wonderful gift. A little lady sitting in the audience was also happily surprised when she recognized Mr. Richards as the same man who had visited her home over three years before and sold her the truth-filled books and magazines she had learned to love so well.

After Mr. Richards left her home,



Literature evangelist, Granville Richards, recreates a scene that led to the eventual baptism of his customer, Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Brown immediately began to read her newly purchased *Bible Story* books and enjoy the two good monthly magazines, *Life and Health* and *These Times*.

She was also especially faithful in studying her Bible correspondence lessons, but most of all she seemed to appreciate the challenging message in *Triumph of God's Love*, which seemed to be directed to her personally.

As Mrs. Brown progressed with her Bible lessons, the Seventh-day Adventist pastor from the nearby Winchester church was notified of her faithfulness with her Bible course and stopped by to pay her a visit. Arrangements were made for personal Bible studies and before long she was immersed in the baptismal waters to come forth to a new life as a full-fledged member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

What a joy it was for Mrs. Brown to attend her first SDA camp meeting and fellowship with all of her newfound spiritual family!

Naturally, she and Mr. Richards were happy to meet once again at the campground, and especially under such favorable circumstances. Without a doubt, a similar experience will be the reward of many who go from door to door today, carrying the light of God's present truth in this troubled world filled with lawlessness and spiritual darkness.

Could it be that God is calling *you* to have a part in the literature ministry?

KENNETH O'GUIN
Publishing Secretary
Potomac Conference



A proposed-type church that the Orange, Virginia, congregation hopes to erect soon.

Orange, Virginia, Members Make Plans for New Church

MEMBERS of the Potomac Conference are being asked to help a sister church in Orange, Virginia, with an offering on Sabbath, May 3. For a number of years the church has been hoping for the day when they would have their own church building. The work began in Orange in 1949 with a branch Sabbath school. Later the group was organized into a company.

In 1951 an old ice-cream parlor was purchased and was used for services until it was torn down in 1967. The lot awaits a new church building.

For the past year the Orange members, 19 in number, have been meeting with the Culpeper church. This means a journey of 20 to 35 miles for the members each week. The Culpeper church and the Orange church alternate the services monthly.

The pastor of both churches is Elder L. S. Crawford. He and his wife have been leading out in a strong fund-raising program. The church has on hand \$19,000—they need \$35,000. And the cost may go even higher as the cost of materials is rising monthly. A church building that will be similar to the Culpeper structure is planned.

It is not often that we have the opportunity as a conference family to help one of our sister churches. Let us plan now to give a good offering on May 3. We need a church building in Orange, and we want to see our members return to their own city to witness for the Lord and His message.

Pastor and Mrs. L. S. Crawford of the Orange, Virginia, church.



Soul-Winning Rally at Hyattsville

A CHURCH organized and dedicated to service—this is the goal of the Review and Herald Memorial church in Hyattsville, Maryland.

Many weeks ago the lay activities committee of the church met to lay plans for 1969. Among other things, a Soul-winning Rally Day was scheduled for the first Sabbath of February. Invited as a special guest for both the morning worship hour and afternoon instruction and inspiration period was Pastor V. W. Schoen, associate lay activities secretary of the General Conference.

We are glad to report that the rally day was a great success, with many in attendance throughout the day. As a result of the morning service our members determined that they would be among the group spoken of by the prophet Joel, "And my people shall *never be ashamed*" (Joel 2:26).

At the afternoon meeting they were reminded again and again that *every individual* is a candidate for heaven. These two motivating concepts will not soon be forgotten. One of the immediate results of the service was that scores of people left with gift Bibles and study guides under their arms to be given to neighbors and friends.

Several factors contributed to the excellent attendance and participation on the part of our members and their enthusiastic response to the appeal to witness:

1. An enthusiastic, dedicated lay activities leader, William Twombly. He has souls on his heart and is always looking for ways in which the soul-winning work of the church can be enlarged.

2. Long-range planning and organization through the lay activities com-

Coordinated evangelism in action under the leadership of (left to right) Wm. Twombly, lay activities leader; Jim Parker, MV leader; Elder V. W. Schoen, General Conference; Charles Dwyer, Sabbath school superintendent; Sabina Goddard, Health and Welfare director; and Pastor Melvin Sickler.



A view of the unusual sanctuary of the recently completed Rockville church with its seating arrangement on three sides of the low rostrum.

mittee. This committee meets regularly and together with the pastor, Melvin Sickler, discusses the program and outlines the avenues of missionary and soul-winning efforts to be pursued.

3. The involvement of every department of the church. This is very important. The program is one of coordinated evangelism. The heads of every department, the Sabbath school, Missionary Volunteers, and Health and Welfare are on the committee. Also are the head elder, deacon, and deaconess. Not only were the various phases of church life represented in the planning stages, but each had a part in the success of the program on Rally Day. It was especially gratifying to see the number of youth who were not only present but involved. Several musical numbers by young people were particularly enjoyed.

4. The fellowship dinner planned and executed by the church social committee. This not only afforded excellent fellowship, but made it possible to begin the afternoon program earlier than would otherwise have been the case.

Pastor Sickler is giving strong leadership to the Hyattsville church. This, together with a very active lay activities committee, and leaders in every department dedicated to soul winning, is sure to contribute much toward making 1969 an outstanding year for souls won.

ORLEY M. BERG

Public Relations Secretary
R and H Memorial Church

New Church Officially Opened at Rockville

A NEW concept in church design has been translated into mortar and stone with the completion of the Rockville, Maryland, church, which officially opened Sabbath, February 8. Guest speaker for the day was Elder R. R. Bietz, a vice-president of the General Conference.

Different from the usual sanctuary design, the Rockville church offers the congregation seating space on three sides of the low rostrum. There is also an ample balcony to accommodate overflow attendance. Another unusual feature is the large lobby, which will serve to keep after-service visiting in the sanctuary at a minimum.

Large Sabbath school classrooms and department rooms care for the church at study. An ample social room provides for Saturday night socials and the other-than-spiritual activities of the church.

The warning message of Revelation 14 with its invitation to worship God as Creator is depicted in wrought iron on the front wall of the church by the three angels. Atop the low-pitched roof are three Christological symbols forming a design that may be regarded as an open steeple.

The Rockville congregation embraces the former Rockville and Garrett Park churches. Public services and person-to-person evangelism are the watchword of this merged congregation under the leadership of Elder Hans G. Fischbacher.

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Harold F. Otis, Jr. (front left), publishing secretary of the Pennsylvania Conference, and the group of colporteurs and assistants who joined hands with a district pastor to help establish some good interests for the spring evangelistic campaign in the Clearfield district.

Evangelistic Teamwork Reaps Fruitful Contacts

TOTAL evangelism with cooperation of all departments is the evangelistic objective for the Pennsylvania Conference for 1969. A recent display of this cooperative spirit by the publishing department and a district pastor demonstrated how fruitful such teamwork can be.

Pastor Merle Whitney of the Clearfield district decided to hold a spring evangelistic effort. He made contact with Harold Otis, Pennsylvania Conference publishing secretary, who organized a team of colporteurs and went into the district with the idea of establishing between 20-25 good Bible Speaks contacts as well as selling some Adventist literature. At the end of the four-day period, the group's efforts resulted in 30 Bible Speaks contacts and sales totaling \$3,300.

The experience recounted by the colporteurs indicated that the people were very responsive and obviously looking for truth and a solution to the ills and woes of our present generation.

It appears that this joint venture will continue in other areas of Pennsylvania to help plant seed for a good harvest.

LOUIS CANOSA

Public Relations Secretary
Pennsylvania Conference

Evangelism Rally Held at Irwin School

ON SABBATH, February 22, the members of the Blossburg, Mansfield, and Wellsboro churches met in the auditorium of the new Irwin Comstock Memorial School for a district meeting and evangelism rally. Elder Robert Taylor, the conference evangelist, was the speaker for the morning and afternoon meetings.

The weekend program was rounded out by a visit from the Country Gospel Singers from the Rochester area of New York State. They presented a Saturday night and a Sunday afternoon program that was well attended by members and friends alike, with visitors coming from districts on three sides. The Bible Says study program was offered at these meetings and 12 persons indicated their desire to study God's Word.

Evangelistic meetings, under the direction of Elder Robert Taylor, are to begin on April 12. As preparation for this, the approximately 100 members of this district have enrolled about 300 people in The Bible Says program. Participation in this evangelism rally left each member with a renewed dedication to hasten Christ's coming.

R. E. SCHERMERHORN

District Pastor



Standing in front of the goal device for Ingathering at the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, church are individuals who raised a Jasper Wayne Award.



Ehrman Deimler, the leading Ingatherer in the Harrisburg church, is standing in front of the chart of lights indicating the \$7,000 Ingathering accomplishment of the church.



Jack Schleenbaker, administrator of the Reading Institute of Rehabilitation, is viewing a report with Mrs. Clayton Breakie, newly appointed director of nurses.

New Director of Nurses at Rehabilitation Center

THE appointment of Mrs. Clayton Breakie, of Hamburg, Pennsylvania, as director of nurses in the Reading Institute of Rehabilitation, Morgantown Road, Reading, was announced recently by Jack P. Schleenbaker, administrator.

The new director was born in Flint, Michigan, and completed her Bachelor's degree in science in 1955 from Columbia Union College, remaining there as a staff nurse for the following year.

Mrs. Breakie also served as a charge nurse in Saint Mary's Hospital, Columbus, Wisconsin. In her new position she will assume responsibility as director of the 45-member nursing staff.

Her husband is a science instructor at Blue Mountain Academy. They have three children.

Let Your Light Shine!

It is amazing what God can do through a group of consecrated people. The accompanying pictures represent the story of 275 little lights reflecting the experience of the members of the Harrisburg church during the recent Ingathering crusade.

The objective was to cause all of the lights to shine in different colors according to the ability of each member. A blue light represented activity, a white light \$25 or more, an orange light \$50 or more, a red light \$100 or more, and the Jasper Wayne goal a blinking light putting life into the blending of colors.

Ehrman Deimler, who is not a member of the church but loves to go Ingathering, raised \$500 and took the lead.

H. R. KEHNEY

Pastor, Harrisburg Church



Karl Halye (left) and Lyndon Ernst (right) are making their sleeping quarters more comfortable by filling it with straw.

Polar Bear Camping Done by Danville Pathfinders

POLAR BEAR camping is fun! Sleeping in primitive shelters with only a campfire for heat requires determination and warm clothing. This was realized by the Danville Pathfinder Club, February 14-16.

They started their weekend camp out with a "star study" session Friday evening. Sabbath afternoon activities included a scavenger hunt of woods lore and a nature walk to see how many animal tracks they could identify.

Their weekend campout concluded on Sunday by everyone participating in replenishing their wood supply for future campouts.

MERVIN ERNST

*Pathfinder Director
Danville Pathfinder Club*

Mervin Ernst and James Halye are building up the campfire.



Weston Babbitt, principal of the Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy, is congratulating the three student speakers who participated in the eleven o'clock service at the Norristown church, Sabbath, February 15, 1969. Left to right: Nancy Nash, Orville church; Weston Babbitt, Wilson Parcels, Philadelphia Boulevard church; and Joan Bozzelli, Norristown church.

Academy Choir to Make Tour to Six Churches

THE Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy choir, under the direction of Mrs. Marie Hertz, is making a tour of six churches involved in the Greater Philadelphia area school consolidation. Providing student speakers and small-unit musical groups, the touring group takes the entire eleven o'clock service.

Mr. Weston Babbitt, principal, directs a staff of five teachers in this nine-grade junior academy situated in Hatboro, Pennsylvania.

LOUIS CANOSA

*Public Relations Secretary
Pennsylvania Conference*



Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy choir under the direction of Mrs. Marie Hertz.



Hiram Mowrer, a teacher at the Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy; Elder Winton Anderson, pastor of the Norristown church; and Ardyce Sween, instructor in English at the Junior Academy.

Forty Students Receive Honors First Semester

GUIDANCE Counselor Elder Nicholas Leftrook reports that 40 Blue Mountain Academy students, 10 per cent of the student body, received honor certificates for the first semester. They were awarded to students who achieved a 3.50 grade-point average, which is an average grade of about A-.

Principal M. W. Shultz reported recently to the board that since 1965, when academic achievement received more emphasis, the average GPA rose from 2.26 to 2.65. This means that the average for all students in the school is a B- grade.

Elder Leftrook said that when a student registers he immediately counsels with his parents to line up tentatively his program for high school graduation. Each year he counsels with the guidance director about possible changes to correspond with his interests and goals.

Four years ago Blue Mountain Academy adopted a track curriculum to better meet the needs of college-bound as well as noncollege-bound students.

We have three basic tracks, Elder Leftrook reports, for students to choose from: the college preparatory, the commercial, and the general.

Elder Shultz contributes increased academic achievement to incentives such as honor certificates, National Honor Society membership, principal's list, and most of all to a scholastic program that can be geared to meet individual needs and goals. He told the board that Christian education must be quality education in all areas. This is the divine blueprint that exhorts everyone to get all the education he can to develop God-given gifts for service.

DARWIN HEISEY

*PR Secretary
Blue Mountain Academy*

Elder Nicholas Leftrook, Blue Mountain Academy registrar, reviews with freshman Mike Mills his program for graduation.





YOUNG people from Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Maryland received a weekend of spiritual refreshing at the Richmond Youth Congress, March 7 and 8. Fenton E. Froom, president of the Potomac Conference, and Matthew A. Dopp, recently elected Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Potomac Conference, welcomed the Friday night crowd to the Mosque Theater.

The Shenandoah Valley Academy band and the Shenandoah Valley Academy chorale opened the evening with musical selections. Paul DeBooy, associate secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, challenged the youth "to have yearning to please God as did David of Bible times."

At 9:30 Sabbath morning, as worshipers from far and near assembled, Dave Bostrum, from Columbia Union College, was superintendent of the Sabbath school. Lloyd Logan brought the challenge of student missionary work. A panel of four young people discussed the Sabbath school lesson.

Willis J. Hackett, a vice-president of the General Conference, brought a down-to-earth challenge for the youth of today. His appeal for dedication brought a heart-warming response from the 2,000 in attendance.

The Takoma Academy choir opened the afternoon program. A special youth team from Greater Boston Academy presented a temperance

Potomac Youth Meet

Sabbath school superintendent was David Bostrum, center, a Columbia Union College senior. With him on the program were, left to right, Elder R. H. Brodersen, Sabbath school secretary, Potomac Conference; David Tensley, Don Wetmore, and Susan Botkin.



Thoughts on the Sabbath school lesson were provided by a panel.





Potomac MV secretary, Elder M. A. Dopp, center, checks last-minute details with conference president, Elder Fenton Froom, left, and the pastor of the Richmond First church, Elder R. E. Delafield.



Elder Paul DeBooy, associate secretary of the General Conference MV Department, participates in the Sabbath afternoon Investiture program.

Two temperance workers were featured on the youth congress program. Left is Dan Ipes, 1968 Temperance Man of the Year. With him is Pauline Goddard, New York City, who works with *Listen* and other journals on Times Square.

demonstration entitled "Tell It Like It Is." The youth congress was introduced to the "Temperance Man of the Year," Danny Ipes, from Columbia Union College. Danny told of the temperance programs presented in the high schools of the Nashville, Tennessee, area.

A feature of the afternoon program was Pauline Goddard, from New York City. Walter Winchell has called her "the Angel of Forty-second Street." She told of her many experiences in selling literature in New York. She showed pictures of the celebrities she had met in her work. It was thrilling to hear of numerous persons won to the church through her contacts.

The Shenandoah Valley Academy chorale presented a number of musical selections, and Elder Edmund Peterson, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Columbia Union, closed the service with vespers.

After a secular band concert by the Shenandoah Valley Academy band and a special number by the Takoma Academy choir, the featured speaker for the evening was introduced. Emilio Knechtle, educator and layman, told of becoming a Seventh-day Adventist. He told of the many avenues God has used to help him witness for Him as a member of the church. The message brought the youth congress to a solemn close.



Special music was provided by Takoma Academy.

Singers from Shenandoah Valley Academy.



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Evangelism Is the Heart of the Ephesus Church

Twenty-two precious souls were added to the Ephesus church in Richmond, Virginia, during the months of January and February.

"Evangelism is the heart of the church," stated Elder W. C. Scales, Jr., pastor of the church. He has scheduled a baptism for each month.

Last year under the direction of the Holy Spirit, Elder Scales baptized more than 100 persons into the true church of God.

W. C. Scales, Sr., who is a Bible instructor for the Ephesus church and father of the pastor, is presently conducting Bible studies for more than a hundred persons each week.

Mrs. Althea Henderson, the lay activities leader, has endeavored to involve the entire church in giving Bible studies and in other forms of lay evangelism.

Truly, God is doing the same for the Ephesus church as was recorded in Acts 2:47, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."



Elder Scales baptizes a young candidate with the assistance of Fenton Bell, local church elder.

Teen-age Piano Virtuoso Concert Heard at Lyceum

J. PHILIP WILLIAMS, JR., a 13-year-old piano virtuoso from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, presented a concert in Boyertown as a part of the Pine Forge Academy lyceum program.

The six-foot teen-ager entertained students with a rendition of difficult piano selections. The young man is also an expert on the bass violin, clarinet, and tuba, having started his musical career at the age of four years.



Elder D. L. Davis, conference youth director, presents a trophy to Linda McCleary as Merwyn Arms looks on.

Philadelphia Honors Pathfinder of the Year

At a recent Pathfinder Investiture service at the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Linda McCleary was honored as the Pathfinder of the Year—1968-1969.

She has been a faithful worker in the Pathfinder Club for the past five years and has attained Guide status and serves as a counselor. Because of her young age, she cannot serve as a Master Guide.

For the Pathfinder fair held at Pine Forge last summer, she made 40 pot-holders. During the Ebenezer Pathfinder drive to raise money for much-needed equipment, Linda sold more than 110 cases of peanuts, making her the leader in sales.

Linda has exemplified the true spirit of being a good Pathfinder, including bringing three souls into the church—a mother and two daughters.

Because of the untiring efforts of Merwyn Arms, leader, the Ebenezer Pathfinders are the 1968-1969 champions of the Allegheny East Conference.

Members of the Health and Welfare Service of the Ebenezer church, Philadelphia, are shown here presenting Elder J. Milton Thomas, pastor, a complete Health and Welfare uniform. Elder Thomas wholeheartedly supports this program. From left to right: Elder J. Milton Thomas, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. White, Mr. Matthews, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Evans, and Elder Street.



These two sisters were won to Christ by Linda McCleary's efforts. Left to right: Deborah Simmons, Linda McCleary, Mary Simmons, Pastor J. M. Thomas.

First Church Adds Another "First" in Its Activities

THE FIRST SDA church in Washington added another "first" to its list of pioneering achievements recently with an Investment fair at the Salvation Army Center. Bernice Buchanan, Investment secretary, and Mrs. Pauline Best, superintendent, were well supported in this project by a large number of area members who turned out for the occasion.

Several gaily decorated booths represented countries of the world. Others offered novel recipes of food and drink. Three main booths represented Seventh-day Adventist world divisions—Inter-America with Bernice Buchanan, the Far East with Mrs. Louise Golden and Mrs. Betty Wharton, and Northern Europe with Vera and Ruby Jones. The persons who were in charge of these booths were dressed in costumes peculiar to the locality. Background music and souvenirs of the countries were also featured.

The fair was actually the climax, or crowning event, of the church's Investment activities for the year. Each second Sabbath the Sabbath school superintendent provided a few moments that the Investment secretary used to promote this offering. The Investment song, "We Sing About Investment," added a musical touch to these monthly presentations.

The book *Investment—The Miracle Offering* was circulated among the members who paid a small fee of 25 cents a member to keep the book for a week. This project alone netted \$15. Dimes were collected from the Sabbath school classes each second Sabbath. Numerous church members conducted personal Investment projects. The junior division, directed by Mrs. Esther Ottley, used the Tom Wat project, as well as individual projects, to raise \$553. The primary and kindergarten divisions "built" a small church from the \$150 they raised.

The final figure released by the church treasurer indicated a grand total of \$3,200.32.



Mrs. Helen G. Smith, wife of Elder J. C. Smith of the North Philadelphia church, smiles in appreciation of the beautifully decorated cake presented to her in honor of her birthday.

Birthday Celebration Held for Pastor's Wife

On March 2, 1969, at 3:00 P.M., members of the North Philadelphia church turned out en masse to honor Mrs. Helen G. Smith, wife of Elder J. C. Smith. They braved a cold day to help her celebrate her birthday.

It was a surprise for Mrs. Smith, and a signal honor. The members felt the minister's wife was often a forgotten figure, and they wanted to let their pastor's wife know they loved and appreciated her even though they might not always express it.

The newly remodeled Fellowship Hall was decorated with pink-and-white streamers and multicolored balloons. A large cake with pink-and-white letters reading "Happy Birthday, Helen" served as the centerpiece.

A program was given, and many participants geared their renditions toward the theme "The Pastor's Wife." Many gifts and tokens of love were presented to Mrs. Smith.

As the crowd dispersed, a warm feeling remained, as well as the thought that here was a church that went that extra mile to prove their love and appreciation for a woman behind the scenes and definitely behind her husband.

CHARLES WILLIAMS

Public Relations
N. Phila. Church

Church School Children Work for Scholarships

A small group of students from the Dupont Park church school have banded themselves together to earn scholarships by selling *Message* and *Life and Health* magazines. This is

The Dupont Park School Chorale, directed by George Murphy, teacher, and other students.



Meeting to determine to maintain the high standard of Christian education at Dupont Park school are, left to right: Elder Wm. L. DeShay, pastor; Elder J. Paul Mann, speaker; Elder Luther R. Palmer, Jr.; and Edward Mattox, principal.

the first time that any of them have sold magazines.

The prayers of each individual student and their leader, Ephraim Gavers, were not lost, because God is cooperating with human effort. The Dupont Park school is proud of its students for going forward to achieve a Christian education.

Participating in the selling program are: Paul Bullock, Tiajuana Griffin, Ephraim Gavers, Terence Morgan, and Charles Chandler.

Salvation of Children Is Christian Education Goal

"SABBATH, February 8, 1969, is a day that will long be remembered by the members and friends of the Dupont Park community." These were the words of Professor Edward Mattox, principal of Fort Dupont Park school, as he sat at his desk.

In an interview Mr. Mattox stated that this was a day observed annually to point out the need for and the importance of Christian education.

The students and teachers led out during Sabbath school and the lay activities period. Elder J. Paul Mann, pastor of the Fort Lauderdale, Florida, district, spoke during the hour of divine worship. His topic was "How to Survive the Twentieth Century."

At the end of the sermon a large number of youth and adults stood to

signify their determination to maintain the high standard of Christian education.

"The Evolution of Always Doing Wrong" was the name of the skit given during the MV hour, which portrayed the influence of Christian youth over one young woman who did not profess to be a Christian.

Mr. Mattox was concerned when asked "Why Dupont Park School Day?" He answered, "Because we believe that the salvation of our children is the primary goal of Christian education, that the entire church is responsible for sponsoring a sound program of Christian education and that the church will in turn be served by the youth who have received a Christian education."

MARIE A. MORGAN

Press Secretary
Dupont Park Church

Edward Mattox, principal of Fort Dupont Park school, makes note of an important day's business.





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Temple Emmanuel Ushers Dedicate New Uniforms

THE Adventist Temple Emmanuel of Youngstown, Ohio, was the place to be at 11 o'clock Sabbath morning, March 1. At least 300 members and friends of the congregation thought so.

It was the day the ushers were to dedicate their handsome new uniforms. Lee Darnell, head usher, spared no efforts to make the day a memorable one.

Ushers from sister churches in the community were contacted; the Akron Bethel SDA Gospel Ensemble, a well-known group, was scheduled for the service; and the guest speaker was advertised in the press a week in advance.

It was the picture and biographical sketch of Elder C. D. Brooks in the *Vindicator* that caught the eye of a public official. The official got in touch with the pastor of the church, Elder L. H. Grant, and another ceremony was added to the already impressive program.

That Sabbath morning dozens of visitors and friends saw the city building commissioner, Raymond W. Jenkins, introduce Attorney William J. Higgins, first assistant law director of Youngstown, who in turn presented Elder C. D. Brooks the key to the city on behalf of Mayor Flask, who could not be present because of previous commitments.

L. H. GRANT

Pastor



Elder C. D. Brooks of the ministerial department of the Columbia Union Conference accepts the key to Youngstown from Attorney William J. Higgins, first assistant law director of Youngstown.

Missionary Volunteers Pay Tribute to American Negro

ON A recent Sabbath afternoon the Tekoa Missionary Volunteer department paid tribute to the American Negro. Wilbur Latson ably spun the theme with vivid narration. He depicted the life of the Negro from the traumatic slavery era, the Lincoln emancipation, to the current agitated pattern.

Help Us Change the World— Be a Literature Evangelist.

Emphasis was given to the inborn skills and creative abilities of the black man. Leadership ability was designated by the life of Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune, and Martin Luther King.

The narration was interspersed with appropriate music, including suffering-wrought spirituals, and poetry rendered by guest and church groups.

The congregation of local and out-of-town affiliated churches was inspired as the afternoon was climaxed with the singing of the Negro anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," followed by the benediction.

O thou of dusky hue,
Integral part of earth's residue,
Seek within thyself for quest
Of the outer strain and stress.
Tap thy rich and vivid resources again;
Let not the outer tumult distress thee.
Look well to the divine power within,
For it will sustain thy urge to win
The freedom sought, the desire to be free.

ANNE C. VALLES

Press Secretary, Tekoa Church

PINPOINT LIBERTY

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HANDS ACROSS THE GULF

Even ecumenical hopefuls have been startled by a Texas-style marriage of Protestant and Catholic churches solemnized recently when the Texas Council of Churches and the ten-diocese Catholic Conference of that Gulf State were joined together to form the Texas Conference of Churches.

While asserting that they will continue to retain their own doctrines and identities, the churches have committed themselves to the conference's constitution, which requires "doing together all things save those which we must in conscience and obedience do separately, cultivating interchurch fellowships throughout the State and fostering dialog in the realm of faith and order."

San Antonio's Roman Catholic archbishop, Robert E. Lucy, believes that eventually the new organization's influence will pervade "the whole field of the church and society."

PRAYERS IN, PRAYERS OUT

In a dramatic U-turn of legislation direction, Maryland's House of Delegates has reversed itself on a highly controversial religious issue.

Less than 24 hours after it had approved by an 87-to-34 margin a constitutional amendment to allow the offering of prayers in Maryland's public schools, the house reversed itself by an 88-to-17 vote to reconsider its option and then sent the measure back to committee and probable oblivion.

The abrupt reversal came following a confession by Delegate John Arnick, of Baltimore County, that he had spent a sleepless night worrying about his original vote in favor of the prayer amendment, which Maryland Attorney General Francis Burch had declared was unconstitutional.

Delegate Xavier Aragana, of Prince Georges County, had switched his vote from Yes to No on the original consideration. In a fiery attempt to persuade others to switch their votes also, Aragana explained his turnabout. "I decided we would only bring shame upon the State by passing this and allowing some cross-eyed liberal kook to go up to the Supreme Court and have it struck down."

Jewish members of the house had opposed the amendment's passage, remembering childhood experiences of seeming to be "odd ducks" when Christian prayers were offered in their schools. "As a child I was forced to participate in prayers and pageants repugnant to my own religion," recalled Delegate Allen Spector, of Baltimore City.

Blooming Grove Holds 90th Year Celebration

THE Blooming Grove, Ohio, church celebrated the 90th anniversary of its organization on March 15, 1969. Although not the oldest church in Ohio, it was among those established in the early history of the conference.

The anniversary program, under the direction of the pastor, Elder E. A. Trumper, was a part of the launching of the MV Week of Prayer. Elder Trumper spoke at the morning worship service on the subject "The Time Was Ripe."

A musical program in the afternoon stressed some of the early advent hymns that might have been sung by the church members at the time of the organization of the church in 1879. Mrs. Betty Stockwell gave a history of the Blooming Grove church. Special musical numbers were provided by visitors from the nearby churches in Galion, Marion, and Mansfield.

The Blooming Grove church is only a few hundred yards from the birthplace of Warren G. Harding, 29th President of the United States.

Kathleen Mangru Wins Prize in Art Contest

WITH her award-winning poster "Keep Them Together," Kathleen Mangru brought honor to the Mount Vernon church school. The poster, showing a girl seated with a Bible and some schoolbooks in front of her, won second prize in an art contest conducted recently by the Southern Publishing Association.

Kathleen is ten years old and in the fourth grade. Her teacher is Georgene Minesinger. Kathleen has attended the Mount Vernon church school from the first grade. She is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bala Mangru, and has two sisters and a brother who also attend the school. She is giving her \$15 prize money to the school for the purchase of some needed equipment. Benton Taylor is principal of the school.

Church school children throughout the North American Division participated in the contest. The posters will be used as ideas for Southern Publishing Association artists who prepare the church bulletins promoting Christian education.

Trophy Given to Ohio Boy for His Ingathering Work

A TROPHY was awarded by the East Toledo, Ohio, church to 14-year-old Larry Meyers at their recent Ingathering victory celebration for his outstanding work during the campaign.

Larry collected \$212.50, working day after day in door-to-door visitation, and night after night at the entrance to a large discount store. The trophy presentation was made by Pastor Robert Dunham and missionary leader Robert Ice.

Asked for the secret of his success, Larry replied, "Before I went out each day I would ask God to bless me in my work and watch over me." His winning smile and quiet, mannerly approach helped him to be the top Ingatherer of the East Toledo church. On one occasion a man gave him a five-dollar bill.

The church's attainment in the recent campaign was a record-breaking \$1,840.27—\$39.15 per member. The goal was \$1,010.50. The members responded well to the leadership of Pastor Dunham, Robert Ice, and William Smith, the local elder. Ice attributes the success to 100 per cent participation. He says, "It was mainly through the help of the youth, who raised approximately 80 per cent of the total, that we were able to do so well."

JIM WILSON

*Press Secretary
East Toledo Church*



Larry Meyers (center) receives a trophy for his Ingathering achievements from Robert Ice, lay activities leader of the East Toledo, Ohio, church, as Pastor Robert Dunham smiles his approval.

KAREN OPDYKE, of Zanesville, has been selected as representative of the Ohio Conference to the World Youth Congress in Switzerland this summer. She is a junior at Mount Vernon Academy.



Among the student nurses from Kettering College of Medical Arts using the facilities of Harding Hospital for their extended study in psychiatric nursing are Carol Johnson and Sue Barker.

Kettering Nurses Study Psychiatric at Harding

FIFTEEN student nurses from the Associate of Arts Degree program at the Kettering College of Medical Arts, Kettering, Ohio, have been using the facilities of Harding Hospital, Worthington, Ohio, as an extended campus in their study of psychiatric nursing. The affiliation for an eight-week period has been under the direction of Mrs. Rachel Pierce, R.N., M.S., assistant professor of nursing at the Kettering College. Among the student nurses were Sue Ann Barker, Holland, Ohio, and Carol Marie Johnson of Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

Nurses "Keep Up" by Joining Journal Club

AN IMPORTANT community service is performed by the Harding Hospital Journal Club for nurses. This club, a part of the in-service training department of the Harding Hospital nursing service, offers the opportunity to keep abreast of the latest literature and newest trends in psychiatric nursing, and opens its membership to all nurses in the Columbus area. As with every metropolitan area, there are many hundreds of nurses who are not actively working in the profession while they are raising their families. They will want to return to nursing when their children are older. Keeping up with literature and trends is often a problem. The Harding Hospital Journal Club offers a regular opportunity for this kind of "keeping up" to all nurses who are interested in psychiatric nursing.



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R. H. Pierson

Human vice and wickedness is becoming bolder. Murder and theft are multiplying at giant pace. Disasters in the sea, on the land, and in the air happen one after the other, as foretold. How often storms, fire, and earthquake cause

great suffering and loss. Do these things concern God's children? They should.

As we see such tragedies intensifying all around us, men and women should be aroused to sense their condition and need before it is too late. One day soon God will wipe wickedness from the earth. Yet these present troublous conditions still seem to cry out for man's quick awakening to duty and responsibility. God would yet give man his final opportunity. But one day soon the day of grace will be over.

Are we, the children of God, responding to the opportunities and needs that these conditions indicate? The love that God placed in the heart of man has almost been extinguished. The church must rekindle this love and cooperate with God in vanquishing lust, greed, and selfishness from the human heart. It must do all it can to relieve suffering and want. It must lift the struggling and the fallen. It must nourish hope and stimulate faith. It must turn men's eyes to heaven, from whence the Saviour of mankind will come.

A magnificent opportunity to show our compassion for those who are cast down and who are groping for hope will be given to us on May 10 through the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering. Let us joyfully do that which our hearts tell us we should do.

President R. H. PIERSON
General Conference

MT. PISGAH ACADEMY ALUMNI!

Plan to Attend Alumni Weekend
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Details Concerning the Weekend
Activities Will Be Announced Later

Voice of Prophecy Offers New Capsule Program

THE VOICE OF PROPHECY has recently completed production of a new series of five-minute broadcasts to be used as public-service radio programs. Entitled *The Living Word—Five Minutes with H. M. S. Richards and His Bible*, the program begins with the reading of a text, after which Pastor Richards draws on his experience as a student of the Scriptures and world traveler to amplify and shed light upon what he has just read. Listeners are thereupon invited to send for more information on the study of the Bible, thus leading to an introduction to the Bible correspondence school.



H. M. S. Richards, Sr., reads from the Bible during *The Living Word* broadcast.

Described by Wayne Hooper, Voice of Prophecy programming director, as "a dynamic capsule of inspiration," the program is being made available on a loan basis free of charge to anyone who might have access to sustaining or sponsored radio time. The 52 completed broadcasts, a year's supply, come in magnetic-tape form, with six programs on each seven-inch reel, which should be returned to The Voice of Prophecy when they are no longer needed. They may be purchased for personal use at a cost of \$2.25 per six-program reel, also.

Requests for further information regarding *The Living Word* broadcast should be addressed to The Voice of Prophecy Recording Company, Box 1511, Glendale, California 91209.

GARY B. SWANSON

Associate
Public Relations

● The Voice of Prophecy Nite Owl broadcast by H. M. S. Richards is booming across the air waves from station WWVA 1170 on your dial, 12 midnight.

Camp Meeting to Feature Dorothea Van Gundy Jones

FENTON E. FROOM, president of the Potomac Conference, has announced a special feature for camp meeting, June 12-21. Dorothea Van Gundy Jones, nutritionist from Loma Linda Foods in Riverside, California, will be conducting a cooking class Monday through Friday of camp meeting week. The time for the class will be 1:45-3:15 P.M. Elder Froom is encouraging men, as well as women, to take advantage of this opportunity to learn how to plan more healthful meals.



Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones is a graduate of Loma Linda University's School of Dietetics and has served as head of the home economics department of a number of colleges.

The cholesterol problem and up-to-the-minute nutrition information as it relates to daily life and its importance in the health of today's American will be presented by Mrs. Jones.

The first class begins Monday, June 16. Make your plans now to come.



E. W. Howse, who has been appointed World Food Service secretary, a new department within the General Conference, recently visited the denominationally owned Loma Linda Foods headquarters in Riverside, California.

Elder Howse comes to his new position with a rich background of food experience. He was associated for many years in a number of capacities with the extensive denominationally owned and operated food enterprises in Australia. Prior to his appointment as Australasian Division treasurer at the 1966 General Conference, he served as manager of the New South Wales manufacturing facility and distribution center, with headquarters in Sydney.

In his new assignment he will coordinate the activities of the denomination's food enterprises around the world. His initial visit with the administrative staff at Loma Linda Foods recently has been most interesting and informative.

He is shown here, left, with Loma Linda Foods General Manager C. P. Miles.

Werner E. Carlson
Public Relations Director
Loma Linda Foods



COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE

Local Team Wins at Andrews College Bowl

WINNER of the Inter-Seventh-day Adventist College Bowl competition held at Andrews University, Thursday, March 6, is the team from Columbia Union College, Washington, D.C. They defeated the team from Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts, in the final round of the tournament.

Columbia Union College is the re-



Greg Schneider, captain of the Columbia Union College (CUC) team, accepts the Worthington Cup from Kenneth Case, sales manager for Worthington Foods, Worthington, Ohio. In the Inter-Seventh-day Adventist College Bowl played at Andrews University, Thursday, CUC defeated the Atlantic Union College team from South Lancaster, Massachusetts, for the title. Other team members are, from left: Roger Tatum, Malcolm Russell, and Tim Derigo. Dr. Richard Hammill (second from right), president of Andrews University, and Deane Wolcott (right), Student Association president, observe.

cipient of the Worthington Bowl, a silver, ten-inch-high trophy, awarded for the first time this year by Worthington Foods, Worthington, Ohio. The trophy will circulate among the annual College Bowl winners in the future.

This year Andrews University was beaten in the semifinal round. Last year Andrews won over two other colleges for the championship.

The College Bowl is played by two opposing teams whose four members answer questions of point value in areas of history, science, fine arts, and religion. For example, one historical question asked was "What Vice-President of the United States presided over the Senate while under indictment for murder?" The person who responded first, "Aaron Burr," got for his team the opportunity to answer the bonus questions for additional points.

Colleges participating in this year's game were: Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts; Columbia Union College, Washington, D.C.; Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama; Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee; and Andrews University.

The four winning team members from Columbia Union College were

Greg Schneider, captain and sophomore history and religion major; Roger Tatum, senior; Malcolm Russell, junior history major and editor of the school's paper; and Tim Derigo, sophomore history major.

ELEVEN STUDENTS SPEAK AT RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS SERIES



Eleven CUC students were the speakers at the Spring Week of Religious Emphasis. They were selected by the Student Association, administration, and chairman of the Department of Theology. Coming from various countries and cultures and representing several majors, they were able to reach the needs of the students. Left to Right: Gail Hevener, Bob Comisky, Tom Juarros, Colleen Malbica, Dan Roberts, Darrell Griffin, Valerie Halliwell, Jerome Davis, Wendell Cheatham, and Tom Ipes. Rick Trott not in picture.

R. A. ANDERSON HONORED



Elder R. Allan Anderson, left, receives a gift Bible from Elder Charles D. Brooks, ministerial secretary of the Columbia Union Conference.

The occasion was the inauguration of the R. Allan Anderson Lectureship on Theology, which was held on the campus of Columbia Union College.

The establishment of the biennial lectureship came from the generosity of Dr. Walter Ost, who had a deep conviction that such a lectureship should be established.

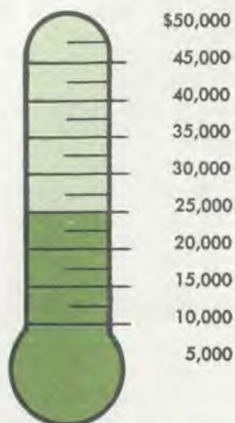
The new lectureship is held on alternate years with the previously established H. M. S. Richards Lectureship on Preaching.

Elder Anderson was a resident of Takoma Park for 25 years, where he served the General Conference in the Ministerial Department. Since his retirement at the last General Conference session he has continued to teach in the Division of Religion at Loma Linda University.

More than 125 pastors and CUC theology students attended the lectureship series.

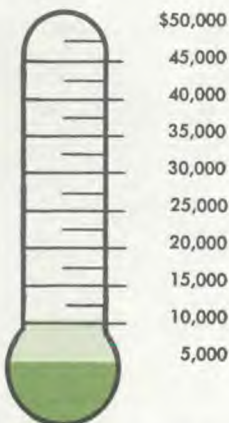
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The Bulletin Board

JOIN THE YOUTH OF ALLEGHENY WEST CONFERENCE FOR A YOUTH FEDERATION

Friday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.

Ephesus SDA Church
2271 East Fifth Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

Sabbath, April 19, 8:00 a.m.

Youth Center
Ohio State Fairgrounds
Columbus, Ohio

Guests:

Elder H. S. Walters
President, West Indies Union
Elder Edmund Peterson
MV Department, Columbia Union Conference
Elder Morten Juberg
Public Relations Secretary
Columbia Union Conference
Pine Forge Academy MCC Drill Team

OHIO CHAPTER ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING

for
Atlantic Union College
New England Memorial
Hospital
and Friends

Thursday, May 1, 1969
7:30 p.m.

Private Dining Room
Kettering Medical Center
3535 Southern Boulevard
Kettering, Ohio

Light Refreshments
Mrs. Rochelle Kilgore Will Be
Our Guest

For Information Write
Mrs. Mary Woods
3816 Robertann Drive
Kettering, Ohio 45420

Mount Vernon Academy Homecoming Weekend

Friday Evening and Sabbath
April 25 and 26

Covered-Dish Potluck
Sabbath Noon

Saturday Evening: Business
Meeting and
PANORAMA
Student Talent Program

SEE THE FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING

on Television

WASHINGTON, D.C.,
WRC-TV, CHANNEL 4

April 14-18, 21-25

CLEVELAND, WKYC-TV

May 12-16, 19-23

NEW YORK CITY
WNBC-TV

June 9-13, 16-20

Most showings will probably be
between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m.

Check your local listings for
exact time.

The programs were videotaped at
the Hinsdale Sanitarium
Hinsdale, Illinois

BLUE MOUNTAIN ACADEMY HOMECOMING

April 25-27

Honored Classes 1949 and 1959

Alumni Speakers; Alumni Good-
Time Hour

Roger Collins, M.C.

Alumni Varsity Basketball Game

Alumni Dinner

For Reservations

Single Alumni Write

Dean of Men or Dean of Women

Married Write

Larry Kiesz, Asst. Treasurer

Blue Mountain Academy

Hamburg, Pennsylvania 19526

NAMES NEEDED!

Evangelistic work is being con-
ducted in Union County, Ohio. If
you know of interest in Marysville,
Magnetic Springs, or Plain City,
send the names to Elder James
Hoffer, 109 Vaughn Road, Dela-
ware, Ohio 43015.

FRIENDS OF PHILADELPHIA ACADEMY

Will Meet Sunday, April 27

1:00 P.M.

Blue Mountain Academy
Auditorium

Friends and former students
are invited

For more information contact:

DeWitt Young, Chairman

3061 Southdale Drive

Apt. 119

Kettering, Ohio 45429

Phone 513-299-2478

or

Frank DiMemmo

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6980 Maple Street, NW.

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Washington, D.C. 20012

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COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE LITERATURE EVANGELISTS' REPORT

HIGHEST DELIVERY TOTALS FOR FEBRUARY, 1969

Allegheny East
Winfred Jackson \$1,498.90
Mrs. J. Sanders 1,080.50

Allegheny West
E. McCottry 543.15
L. Jackson 481.50

Chesapeake
Clell Mull 1,773.00
Barbara Dietrich 1,015.75

New Jersey
L. Blumenberg 1,339.80
J. McCain 1,328.35

Ohio
Robert Gift 1,759.25
William Schnoeblen 1,600.10

Pennsylvania
Frank Huntsman 2,896.95
Paul Ward 2,732.00

Potomac
N. K. Samuel 2,000.65
Robert Sterner 1,946.25

West Virginia
E. Rollyson 2,188.25
May Todd 1,004.95

FEBRUARY, 1969
Allegheny East \$ 8,956.97
Allegheny West 5,387.73
Chesapeake 5,313.00
New Jersey 7,462.30
Ohio 17,917.99
Pennsylvania 25,592.51
Potomac 29,936.09
West Virginia 5,698.55
Union \$106,265.14
Cumulative \$209,243.68

MISSIONARY REPORT
Literature Distributed 11,917
Bible School Enrollments 3,411
New Persons Attend. Church 139
Former SDA's Contacted 62
Prayers Offered 3,135
Bible Studies Given 452
Baptisms 12

Off THE CUFF

How much kindness is there in the world today?

Unfortunately, the answer is—very little. It is almost dangerous to be kind or become involved with the needs of others. But does this mean that kindness should be completely eliminated?

During the past few weeks I have asked many people how they came to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and how they became members of the Adventist Church.

In many, many instances, I have found, a person's eternal destiny may depend on a small, almost insignificant act of kindness.

Many visitors come to Adventist churches. They come because they are seeking answers to personal needs. The Spirit of God motivates many to find spiritual help.

What do they find in your church?

Is it possible for a visitor to slip into your church and never meet a member?

Impossible? It happens every Sabbath. The larger the church, the more difficult are the problems of contacting those who are visitors.

But this is not entirely a problem delegated to the pastor or the church board. It is your responsibility, too.

To a visitor unacquainted with the mysterious happenings inside a church, a warm smile, a handclasp, and a genuine welcome mean much. Stop to think; it takes a great deal of courage to visit a church where every experience is new and possibly confusing.

The next time you see a visitor in your congregation give him a warm welcome. Invite him to sit with you in your Sabbath school class. Share your quarterly.

For those who come seeking, such an insignificant act of kindness may be the weight that tips the scale in favor of Christ.

MJ

Homecoming!

For all former members of the
Perth Amboy SDA Church
Sabbath, April 26, 1969
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Lunch will be served to guests following services at the Lake Nelson School

1969 Camp Desmond T. Doss

Just what the future holds for young men facing military service remains a question. There are many ideas being circulated. We hear of an all-volunteer Army, a random-type or "lottery" selection of draftees, 19-year-olds being taken before 25- and 26-year-olds, draft deferments to allow for college education, employment being greatly restricted, and other possible changes. This is a time of uncertainty.

One thing is sure, however—our young men need preparation for whatever is ahead. Vietnam is still with us. Draft quotas are still being met. The pressures are still on for our youth as they reach military age. We must care for our men now, before they are inducted.

This is where the Medical Cadet Corps is needed. Camp Desmond T. Doss will be held again this year at Grand Ledge, Michigan. The date is June 3-15, 1969. This annual National Medical Cadet Corps Training Camp, with its military setting and fast-moving program of classroom work and outdoor activities, is a real opportunity for all young men 16 years old and above.

For further information about Camp Doss, write to Elder Edmund M. Peterson, Columbia Union Conference, 7710 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20012.

NOTICE To All Families of Servicemen in Vietnam

The church in Australia is most eager to assist your sons when they go to Australia from Vietnam for rest and recreation leave. Many of our young men are profiting by this during their term of service in Vietnam. It is much more enjoyable to see Australia with friends than it is to arrive in a country foreign to them with no one they know. Our Australian brethren want to extend the hospitality of their land and the fellowship of the church to those arriving in Australia from Vietnam. Therefore we suggest that you cut out the paragraph below and send it to your serviceman so that he might have this information.

If you are coming to Australia on R and R leave and want accommodations with Seventh-day Adventist members, please ring any of the following phone numbers on arrival in Sydney:

48-1061, 49-1138, 747-5655,
48-5693

CLARK SMITH, Director
National Service Organization

ADVERTISEMENTS

RATES: Minimum charge, \$4.00 for 50 words, or less; additional words, 5c a word. All ads must be approved by the local conference office. Payment must accompany ads (do not send cash). There is a \$1.00 service charge per insertion for "blind" advertisements where the replies are sent to the VISITOR office. Boxed advertisements come under display advertising, write for rates. Make checks or money orders payable to the Columbia Union Conference. We prefer not to accept telephoned ads.

IF YOU ARE MOVING to or from the Takoma Park area, be sure to call your real estate broker for all your real estate needs. You will be happy you did. Sales, rentals, property management, Dorothy Renninger, telephone 469-9576 or 469-9653. 3-24-69-1Ceo

WANTED: Factory-direct representatives, jobbers, and distributors for new invention. Portable booster-charger combinations and portable vacuum cleaners serving automotive, aviation, industrial, and marina trades. Booster Bill Mfg. Co., P.O. Box 16404, Portland, Oregon 97230. Phone 663-5070. 3-18-69-1P

HIKE THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL. Visit places like Cade's Cove, Siler's Bald, Mount LeConte, and Charlie's Bunion in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Sixty-nine dollars includes meals and equipment for five days' outdoor fun and Christian fellowship, June 16-21. For details and information write Leon Smith, 3222 Healey Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37207. 3-24-69 2P

IDENTIFY YOURSELF as a friendly Seventh-day Adventist. Use the new Worldwide Fellowship SDA emblem on your car or camping equipment. Printed in black on bright red-orange self-adhesive material. Send \$1.00 for four emblems to Leon Smith, 3222 Healey Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37207. Watch for them as you travel. 3-24-69-4P

EDITOR-WRITER WANTED. Good position in denominational organization for right young woman. Will be working on both weekly and monthly publications. Must be able to write sharp news releases and demonstrate original thinking, yet give careful attention to details. Job will include proof-reading and page makeup as well as writing and editing. Experience preferred. Office environment and association pleasant. East Coast location. Send résumé to Columbia Union VISITOR, Box 337, 7710 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20012. 3-24-69-1C

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE: Property located five miles east of Elkton, Virginia, bordering the Shenandoah National Park. It consists of eighty acres more or less of land improved by a six-room frame house; spring water in house. Two creeks running through property. For information call or see Executor M. W. Meadows, Shenandoah, Virginia, 652-4433, or B. L. Meadows, Elkton, Virginia, 298-5546. Or write to Bernard L. Meadows, 203 West Washington Avenue, Elkton, Virginia. 3-24-69-2PC

FOR SALE: Two-story brick home. Two bedrooms, separate dining room, lovely table-space kitchen, living room with fireplace, plus den. Large rooms, full basement, and garage. Well-shrubbed lot. Good neighborhood, excellent condition, close to CUC, Sligo church, and Sanitarium. Dorothy Renninger, Real Estate, 469-9576 or 469-9653. 3-24-69-1P

SUNSET CALENDAR

TOWN	Apr. 18	Apr. 25	May 2	May 9
Baltimore, Md.	6:47	6:54	7:00	7:07
Cincinnati, Ohio	7:18	7:25	7:32	7:38
Cleveland, Ohio	7:10	7:17	7:25	7:32
Columbus, Ohio	7:13	7:20	7:27	7:34
Jersey City, N.J.	6:38	6:45	6:53	7:00
Norfolk, Va.	6:42	6:48	6:55	7:01
Parkersburg, W. Va.	7:06	7:13	7:20	7:27
Philadelphia, Pa.	6:42	6:49	6:56	7:03
Pittsburgh, Pa.	7:02	7:09	7:16	7:23
Reading, Pa.	6:45	6:53	7:00	7:07
Richmond, Va.	6:47	6:53	7:00	7:06
Roanoke, Va.	6:58	7:04	7:10	7:17
Scranton, Pa.	6:46	6:54	7:01	7:08
Toledo, Ohio	7:19	7:26	7:34	7:41
Trenton, N.J.	6:41	6:48	6:55	7:02
Washington, D.C.	6:48	6:55	7:01	7:08

Add one hour for Daylight Saving Time.



She Has a Secret!

MRS. LOUISE CHRISTOPH, Erie, Pennsylvania, believes in the Investment program of the Sabbath school. She demonstrates her belief by raising \$150 to \$200 each year.

Her Investment projects are varied. She saves pennies, crochets doilies, makes rugs and aprons, sells homemade bread, knits afghans, and sells garden produce. The list is almost endless, but for 75-year-old Mrs. Christoph the Investment project is a daily demonstration of God's power.

One year she needed \$30 more for her goal of \$140 and it seemed she couldn't raise the last few dollars. Produce from her garden was dwindling and no one was buying her handiwork. Mrs. Christoph prayed that God would help her as He had in previous years.

The thought came to her that she might be able to sell organic soil by the bushel. In the fall, city trucks dump leaves on her land by her request and this builds up the soil. She placed an ad on a local radio program Swap Shop. That same day a person telephoned and purchased 60 bushels of soil at sixty cents a bushel. Another person purchased 20 bushels more. The goal was reached again!

Another time she needed \$40 to fulfill her Investment pledge, but she couldn't see where the money could be acquired. For some months she had a display of handwork in a

Golden Age shop, where the owner sells the work of elderly people.

Mrs. Christoph hadn't heard from the owner for six months, but just when she needed Investment funds the lady telephoned to say she knew someone who wished to purchase a quilt and another wanted a hand-crocheted afghan. This made up the needed \$40.

Mrs. Christoph's husband died in 1965 and she now lives alone. Scattered around the country are her seven children and her 23 grandchildren. She is a faithful attendant at church each Sabbath and is also a Sabbath school teacher. Bouquets of flowers from her garden grace the Erie sanctuary from early spring to frost.

Neighbors with a bent to gardening find Mrs. Christoph's successful plantings a mystery. She raises a fine stand of asparagus every year. A neighbor, seeing her success, planted asparagus from the same seed company. All of his roots died. The next year he tried again, using the organic soil and leaf-mold formula that Mrs. Christoph found so successful. The roots died again. The same thing happened the third year.

Finally, the neighbor in desperation remarked to her, "You must have some secret that you haven't told me!"

"Yes, I have a secret," she replied. "These plants are all dedicated to God."