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A DAY WITH TOM

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You've never really spent a day West Virginia style, until you have spent a day with Tom Van Asperen, pastor at Rainelle, Lewisburg, Richwood, and Webster Springs. Circuit Rider Tom accepted a call to the West Virginia hills just a few months ago, fresh out of college.



Circuit Rider Tom Van Asperen and his wife, Linda.

Tom's assignment was a district whose combined active membership could probably be seated comfortably around your dining table. One of his churches, Lewisburg, had six very active members. All six were at church last Sabbath, plus half a hundred visitors, most of whom lived more than an hour's drive from the church.

Tom's day often begins at five-thirty. After a two-hour drive, he begins to pick up prospective members in his Volkswagen microbus. No one knows how many he may pick up, but it is seldom less than 15. I rode one evening in the back of a pickup with 20 people aboard. If more people need to be picked up, he returns for them.

Often Tom's day is 48 hours long. In taking a family home last week, he knocked the gas tank loose on his car, then hung up on high center. He dug for a couple hours, till about 2:00 a.m., then rolled up in his sleeping bag in the car. He called about 11:00 the next morning, saying he was in great shape, but needed some fresh clothes brought to him so he could get on with the work.

You will never find Tom without a sleeping bag, a full set of mechanical tools, and a couple of gas cans. If someone doesn't have the money to come

to the meeting, but has a car that will run, Tom cheerfully dumps a can of gas into his tank. His gas bill runs double his total budget.

Tom knows no defeat. We were spinning and sliding up a narrow mountain lane that even its owner said was impassable. We were making good progress until a pile of pulpwood that was being loaded blocked our rut. I was somewhat annoyed that our road was completely cut off, particularly since we were having such a difficult time getting up the mountain. Not Tom. He jumped from the vehicle with a smile on his face, saying, "Here is someone else we can invite to the meeting." And we did.

We abandoned the car at this point and slogged through mud for half a mile to the house. But we baptized one young woman, and saw wonderful victories on the part of other members of this family.

One of Tom's church members told me, "This is just the man we need in this district. He would drive 100 miles just to bring one person to church!"

I saw the pay-off last Sabbath, as I spent the weekend with Tom and his attractive Scottish wife, Linda. Ten were baptized at the close of our four-meeting series, and at least ten others registered decisions to be baptized in the near future. Tom hopes to report that 30 have been baptized by camp meeting time. Great, I'd say, for the five months Tom has been in West Virginia. This is the spirit that is going to help West Virginia lead the way.

"Truth" by Phone to Be Sponsored by College

THE CUC religion department is sponsoring "Truth," a telephone-dial program, in cooperation with Pastor Harold Lindsay, of Adelphi.

Dialers listen to a five-minute tape that includes an inspirational message, music, a prayer, and an invitation to request Bible correspondence courses.

Elder Lindsay's daily messages are recorded by senior theology student Francis Norcott.

According to Elder Eckenroth, chairman of the department of theology, more than 5,000 calls were received the first two weeks. To date more than 10,000 calls have been received. Auto-

matic answering and recording devices are set up in Richards Hall. An average of 100 people write for the correspondence course each week.

"Why not offer Bible studies by phone?" someone suggested. Twelve laymen from the Adelphi church made themselves available for the experiment. The offer was discontinued after one week when there were more requests than could be handled.

However, college students are laying plans to continue the project. As requests come in, printed Bible study lessons will be mailed to the person making the request.

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People Count More Than Figures



These happy members of the Salisbury, Maryland, church all have one thing in common, their interest in the Adventist Church came from the radio program *Amazing Facts*. At the extreme left is the pastor, Elder Robert Everett, on the right is the speaker on the daily radio program, Elder Joe Crews.

SALES Executive Bob Brittingham punched the button on his car radio as he drove to the Salisbury, Maryland, post office in the winter darkness. He heard a voice he had heard before, "This is Joe Crews with *Amazing Facts*."

Idly, Mr. Brittingham listened to the fast-paced presentation. A frown knitted his brow and he turned up the volume. What was all this about unclean foods?

In the eastern shore of Maryland where Mr. Brittingham lives, crabs, shrimp, oysters are part of the daily diet. Who was this fellow to talk against this and even to include pork?

Later that evening, Mr. Brittingham voiced his thoughts to his wife, "What kind of a person is this fellow Crews? Does he know what he is talking about?"

Mrs. Brittingham knew where to get the answer. She telephoned a friend who worked in the hospital with her, Mrs. Naomi Townsend, a Seventh-day Adventist. Early the next morning, Mrs. Townsend stopped at the Brittingham home with an *Amazing Facts* folder dealing with the topic of unclean foods.

The results were dramatic. Mr. Brittingham relates, "I quit smoking that same morning." In short order the Brittinghams got rid of the unclean foods in their home and before too long were members of the church. The reason? Mr. Brittingham put it this way, "What Pastor Crews was preaching came straight from the Bible, and we believed it."

It was this story that led me to Salisbury, Maryland, on a recent weekend. I had heard a great deal about the radio program, *Amazing Facts*, and the dramatic results from it and from its companion Bible course.

First I went to the Chesapeake office to get further facts. As usual, Elder Joe Crews, the program speaker, was enthusiastic as he cited figures: 800 graduates, 440 baptisms. This was fine, but I wanted to meet some of these people. He told me he would be holding evangelistic meetings in Salisbury. I was welcome to come.

I accepted the invitation. I wanted to see some of the people. I wanted to shake their hands. I wanted to ask them how they became members of the church.

In Salisbury I found them. Even in

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Editor, VISITOR

this relatively small congregation there were a dozen members whose initial contact had been through the radio program Amazing Facts.

One of the first persons I met was Mrs. Sylvia Forbes, organist for the evangelistic meetings. "How did you become an Adventist?" I asked her.

"When I first heard Joe Crews speaking on the radio, it was on the topic of the Sabbath," Mrs. Forbes replied. "I knew he was wrong and I began to study my Bible. It was a terrible shock to me to find I was wrong and that Saturday was the day to keep."

Mrs. Forbes knew nothing about Seventh-day Adventists. Finally, she wrote to Elder Crews to find out if there is a "true church," a church that is doctrinal according to the Bible. Before too long, Elder Robert Everett, the Salisbury pastor, came knocking on her door. She was baptized during the next series of evangelistic meetings.

Also in Salisbury, I met another family, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Dix and children. Mr. Dix is a project leader for the National Space Administration at the rocket launching site of Wollops Island, Virginia.

His introduction to Amazing Facts came from his brother-in-law. "You ought to listen," he told the Dix family. They became regular listeners and sent for the Amazing Facts folders.

Their first introduction to Adventists came as a result of a visit by Mrs. Jeanette Worth, a Bible instructor. She was visiting house to house, leaving copies of the Amazing Facts folders. At the Dix home, Mrs. Dix took the

folder and began to read. Then she ran to her husband, who was painting in the back yard. "A woman just gave me this," she said, shoving the leaflet into her husband's hand.

Mr. Dix dropped his paintbrush and sprinted down the street to intercept Mrs. Worth. Stopping her on a corner he asked, "You have these Amazing Facts folders. Are you acquainted with Joe Crews?"

Mrs. Worth told him she is personally acquainted with Elder Crews and that he would be in the area soon to speak for the first night of a series of meetings to be held by Elder Lyndon DeWitt. This marked the beginning of a complete change in the lives of the Dix family.

There were many others in the Salisbury church with interesting ex-

periences, but space does not allow a recounting of their stories. On Sabbath afternoon, in nearby Pokomoke City, I met another Amazing Facts convert, Adalene Shay.

Following a serious operation, she promised God she would listen to more religious radio programs and do more serious reading. Since she did not attend church, this seemed to her an adequate substitute.

Amazing Facts became one of the radio programs classified as a listening must on her schedule. When Elder Crews broadcast a series of programs on the Sabbath, the results were spectacular.

"It hit me like a bolt of lightning," Miss Shay recalls. "I had often heard the word *Sabbath*, but assumed it was Sunday."

As Miss Shay's convictions deepened from Bible study, she faced another problem, almost insurmountable in its scope. Her parents operated a country bar and she was their only employee. They were aged. This was their business. She was torn between her responsibility to her parents and to the new truth she had found.

"I had many sleepless nights over the problem," she remembers. "I knew my parents needed my help. But I knew what I had to do."

Elder Everett and Mrs. Worth had visited Miss Shay and encouraged her to make a decision. The pastor had suggested January 1, some weeks in the future, as a cutoff date. "Why don't you plan to start the new year with a new life in Christ?" he told Miss Shay.

The more Miss Shay thought about her relationship to Christ, the more



"It hit me like a bolt of lightning," said Adalene Shay, whose life was transformed by the program Amazing Facts.

"I knew he was wrong," said Mrs. Sylvia Forbes. "It was a terrible shock to me to find that I was wrong, that Saturday was the day to keep." The result: She and her two children, Lee and Rocinda, were baptized.



"What kind of person is this fellow Crews? Does he know what he's talking about?" These are the questions Bob Brittingham asked his wife.



new jersey

Trenton Church Plans Vacation Bible School

A GROUP of members of the Trenton Sabbath school met recently to lay plans for two Vacation Bible Schools during 1969. One of the schools will be held in the local church at Trenton. The other one will be held by the young people of the church in the university town of Princeton.

For some time now, the youth, encouraged by their pastor, Elder A. J. Stewart, have been working hard preparing the town of Princeton, not only for a Vacation Bible School but for evangelistic meetings. A university town is not the easiest place to work, but already a successful Five-Day Plan has been held and literature is being distributed in abundance.



The Sabbath school superintendent of the Trenton church demonstrates a visual aid that will be used in their Vacation Bible School this year. His co-workers enthusiastically approve this avenue of soul winning. Left to right: Mrs. Dorothy DeCharleroy, Harry Walker, David Voorhees, Suzan Martz, Walter Zollins, Mrs. Mary Lou Zollins, and Mrs. Margaret Spair.

Adventist Pastor Given Daily TV Program

RECENTLY the chairman of the Salem Ministerial Union invited the local Seventh-day Adventist pastor, Jess Dixon, to take a daily TV program for the ministerium.

The thirty-minute program ran for a week and was given the title "Reach of Faith." The programs consisted of interviews with ministers, religious readings, Bible stories from filmstrips, and other religious items.

Lt. Col. (Chaplain) John Keplinger, who is stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, was invited by Pastor Dixon for an interview. This gave opportunity for an SDA chaplain to present the work being done for the servicemen.

The noncombatant views taken by Seventh-day Adventists were discussed.

heaven or hell, an appropriate folder is sent.

At the present time the program is carried regularly on seven stations in the Chesapeake Conference. This fairly well covers the conference, and in addition, local churches often sponsor the program for six months or a year in preparation for intensive evangelism.

But this is only part of the story of Amazing Facts. It has jumped the borders of the Chesapeake Conference. About 15 other conferences are using the program in their concept of total evangelism.

More statistics could be cited about the program and more information could be printed. But figures are only figures. I am more interested in people—flesh and blood like Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brittingham, Mrs. Sylvia Forbes and her children, and Adalene Shay. This, to me, is tangible evidence.

A relative told the Orville Dix family, "You ought to listen to Joe Crews and the program Amazing Facts." The family now occupies a full pew in the Salisbury church.



Lester Rayne, left, welder and steam fitter, was greatly interested in the Amazing Facts folder on the state of the dead. After he attended evangelistic meetings he was baptized by the pastor, Elder Robert Everett.

convinced she became that a decision was necessary—soon. She telephoned Mrs. Worth, "I don't want to wait until January 1, because something might happen to me. I want to start now."

Her apparent insurmountable problems were solved. Her parents retired. Miss Shay was baptized and is now one of the mainstays of the small Pokomoke City church.

These are some of the people I met in the eastern shore area of Maryland. I found what I had come for—men and women who had a new-found faith from radio evangelism. I thought back about the history of this amazing program.

The concept of the Amazing Facts Bible Course came from the fertile mind of Elder William R. May, now president of the Chesapeake Conference. Based on his experience as an evangelist and a preacher, he devised a ten-lesson open-end course. There is no sequence in the course.

If a person wants more information about the Sabbath, he sends for that folder. If his questions are about

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West Virginia YOUTH Convene



The Echoliars from Mount Vernon Academy, directed by Roger McNeily, were featured in two television appearances. Both programs were taped for later release.



Charlotte Warwick, Miss West Virginia, signs autographs for two members of the Echoliars singing group from Mount Vernon Academy.

Some of the special music was furnished by the Stairwell Trio from Mount Vernon Academy. They are John Phelps, David Slauch, and Jhan Mutchler.



Tom Bailey, left, chairman of the arrangements committee, with two of the congress participants, Elder Robert H. Pierson, General Conference president, and Elder E. M. Peterson, Columbia Union MV secretary.



Peterson, MV secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, was the master of ceremonies for the Friday night program when a panel of youth questioned the General Conference president, Elder Robert H. Pierson.

Also in attendance at the youth congress and making his first official visit to the conference, was Elder Richard Fearing, newly elected president of the conference.

In addition to his appearance on the program Friday night, Elder Pierson was the guest speaker for the Sabbath morning worship services. Following are brief excerpts from some of his comments during the congress:

Second Coming

There is no question in my mind that we are living on the borders of the eternal world. I do not believe we have centuries in which to do the work God has given us. What we have to do must be done quickly. Everything we read and hear tells us one thing, that the Saviour is coming and His coming is very near.

Time

It takes time to serve God. It takes time to pray. It takes time to study your Bible. It takes time to work for a soul. It takes time to be a missionary. The fact is that many of us don't want to give up our time. We say we want to win souls, but we don't want it to interfere with our regular program. Unless we are willing to give time and spend time on our knees and with our Bibles, we are not going to succeed in the work to which God is calling us.

Frontiers

There is still an Adventist frontier. There are still sickness, suffering, poverty, and superstition right here in America. There are still the inner cities where innocent children need help. There are still dark counties in America and here in West Virginia. There are millions more who need to hear the call of Christ.

Our Responsibility

It doesn't matter how badly the older generation may have let you down. When you stand before the judgment bar of God, there will be no hope in saying, "Look what they were." We weren't born collectively and we don't die collectively. Neither do we accept Jesus Christ collectively. It is an individual, personal experience. You dare not, you must not, you cannot hide behind the faults of your predecessors.

Columbia Union MV secretary, Elder Edmund Peterson, left, discusses plans with Elder Richard D. Fearing, right, newly elected president of the West Virginia Conference. In the center is Elder Kermit Foss, secretary-treasurer.



Guest speaker Elder Robert H. Pierson found an unusual welcome waiting him in Charleston, West Virginia.



west virginia



Weighing in for the start of their Investment are, from left to right, Rosalie McCroskey, Carol Owen, Nancy Edmundson, and Jean Ferrell.

Investment Program "Weight Watchers"

WHEELING church members launched their Investment program with Ann Marie Owen, the church's Investment baby for this year. Ann Marie is five weeks old and at birth she weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces. The members will give so much a pound for each pound that Ann Marie gains within the next year. Ann Marie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Owen.

"Investment spells 'Miracle Offering' to the Sabbath school members of the Wheeling church as they enthusiastically launch their individual projects again this year to reach the goal of \$500," stated Ernest Lundin.

On another scale are the weight watchers. This weight-watching Investment device will have two results: the ladies can hardly wait to lose weight, and the more they lose the bigger the gain for Investment.

Another project is found in the children's department, where even dimes can grow pretty fast when each one does his share. The children are encouraged to "Grow Up for Jesus" by putting dimes on a chart made for the purpose. This will be their contribution to Investment for missions as they fill up the chart to their height.

Branch Sabbath School Started in Dark County

ABOUT two years ago a woman from Chloe, West Virginia, filled out a blank from the Voice of Prophecy requesting more information about the books *Treasures of Life* (the Conflict of the Ages Series). When Bill Dull visited her with the books she noticed the name of the author and stated that she had read the book *Steps to Christ*, sent to her by the Voice of Prophecy, and she believed that if anyone was a Christian, that woman (Ellen White) surely was. Later in the conversation she told Bill that she had taken the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course and agreed with everything in the series except the importance of keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath. He asked for her Bible and shared with her a few texts to help her see how important it is to God. He left his address, as he usually does, in case those he visits are interested or desire more information.

Two weeks later a letter came telling how much she was enjoying the books, also that she had found the true Sabbath. She wanted to know if he would be willing to come up on Saturday to help open up a community church for Bible classes, singing, and prayer. The doors had been closed for two years. Afternoon services were begun in August of 1967. Attendance was small at first but gradually built

Baby Ann Marie Owen, Mrs. Carol Owen, Jean Ferrell. Ann Marie is the Wheeling, West Virginia, Seventh-day Adventist church Investment baby.



Branch Sabbath school members of the Chloe Community church, West Virginia.

up to an average of 20-30. The woman is not yet baptized because she hasn't gained the victory over smoking. Others have been baptized, and one family of nine has already begun another branch Sabbath school. The attendance at Chloe now stands at an average of 12 to 25 and shows promise of further growth when warmer weather arrives.

This is an example of the rewarding experiences that may come to those who work for the souls Christ died to save.

The admonition in the following statement from the Spirit of Prophecy is being put into practice in Chloe, and it presents a vision for others to emulate:

"The lay members of our churches can accomplish a work which, as yet, they have scarcely begun. None should move into new places merely for the sake of worldly advantage; but where there is an opening to obtain a livelihood, let families that are well grounded in the truth enter, one or two families in a place, to work as missionaries. They should feel a love for souls, a burden of labor for them, and should make it a study how to bring them into the truth. They can distribute our publications, hold meetings in their homes, become acquainted with their neighbors, and invite them to come to these meetings. Thus they can let their light shine in good works."—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 245.

Another branch Sabbath school was conducted in Spencer, until the building was torn down for town development. Recently a half-acre lot has been purchased for a new church building. Construction on the new edifice will begin this summer.

At present Bill Dull also is teaching a Sunday school class in one of the local churches, and considerable interest in what Seventh-day Adventists believe and stand for is being aroused.



The Parkersburg Health and Welfare Center is housed in this well-located structure.

Parkersburg Church Opens Health-Welfare Center

MEMBERS of the Parkersburg church recently opened a new welfare center with Mayor Glen B. Gainer, Jr., cutting the ribbon.

Among those present at the ceremony was Mrs. James Gray, representative of the Wood County chapter of the American Red Cross.

Elder W. F. Hawkes, pastor of the Parkersburg church, was in charge of the program. In his opening remarks he pointed out the need for such a service in the Parkersburg area, emphasizing that the church has a personal responsibility to "feed the hungry and clothe the naked."

The new center will be open every Tuesday and Thursday. Also on display at the time the center opened was a new emergency-service van purchased by the West Virginia Conference. The new vehicle will be ready on a stand-by basis for disaster anywhere in the State. Elder Douglas Logan, lay activities secretary of the conference, said, "Movable shelving and bins are being installed in the new van."

Mayor Glen B. Gainer, Jr. (center), cuts the ribbon opening the new Parkersburg Health and Welfare Center. On the left is Mrs. W. F. Hawkes, State Federation president. Others in the pictures include: Mrs. James Gray, representing the American Red Cross, and Elder W. F. Hawkes, pastor of the Parkersburg church.



Raison d'Être

In French *raison d'être* means "reason for being." There are many people figuratively stumbling through life with no reason for being alive. In fact, most humans develop this way. They are taking up valuable space on this earth.

Each summer most Seventh-day Adventists focus their attention on spiritual dimensions by attending the camp meeting nearest them. After sifting through the salient points made by each speaker, matching these thoughts with their own and with

Scripture, a new *raison d'être* strangely emerges. The prospect of life here and for eternity takes on new and varied colors. The man Jesus Christ returns as the central point of Christian vigor and activity.

You are cordially invited to the West Virginia camp meeting June 13-21. A host of able speakers will endeavor to "sharpen up" your reason for being. We extend to all this Christian welcome!

R. D. FEARING

President

West Virginia Conference

PINPOINT LIBERTY

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PERSISTENT PENNSYLVANIANS

A right-to-work bill has been introduced in the Pennsylvania Senate to match a similar one proposed earlier in the House of Representatives. While not appearing optimistic about chances of the bill's passage in that strongly unionized State, James R. Scott II, president of Pennsylvanians for Right to Work, has hopes for the future. "The introduction has enhanced the long-range Right to Work movement in the state and encouraged many individual workers to stand up and be counted," Scott said.

Right-to-work laws, common in agricultural areas but almost unknown in highly industrialized States, require that membership or nonmembership in a labor organization may not disqualify a worker for employment.

GIVE ME THE PAPERBACK BIBLE

Is the sale of one kind of Bible more dangerous to the "sanctity" of Sunday than the sale of another kind? According to a story in a recent issue of *Church and State*, one New Jersey town thinks it is.

A paperback bookstore operator in Ocean City, New Jersey, challenged a State law allowing the sale of newspapers and magazines on Sunday, but prohibiting the selling of books. To point up his frustration, the bookseller put a sign in his window revealing that it was unlawful to sell a Bible on Sunday, but perfectly all right to sell *Playboy*.

A municipal judge, hoping to ease tension, ruled that a "flexible-back" book, or paperback, could pass as a "quasi-magazine" and thus legitimately be sold on Sunday.

Church and State's comment: It is now legal to sell a paperback Bible in New Jersey on Sunday, but illegal to sell a hard-cover one.

Our comment (with apologies to Sir Walter Scott):

O how we show the shortness of our vision
When first we dare to legislate religion!

COLEMAN'S LANTERN GOES OUT

Two years ago the Coleman Company, well-known maker of lanterns and camp stoves, opened a new factory in Somerset, Pennsylvania. Now Coleman officials have announced that they are closing the plant permanently.

Coleman's refusal to impose compulsory union membership on its employees apparently figured strongly in the shutdown. Strikes, with their attendant violence against nonstriking workers, beset the new plant, with its 400 employees. Finally, according to Reed Larson of the National Right to Work Committee, George Meany called for a nationwide boycott of Coleman products to enforce union demands.

Coleman is not trying to cover up its reason for closing. Larry Keller, corporate counsel for the respected lantern-making leader, conceded defeat. "They [the union] told us a long time ago that we'd have compulsory union membership or they'd drive us out of business," Keller admitted. "We believe nobody should be forced to join a union to work."

We agree.

Ohio Churches Carry On Evangelistic Efforts

DURING the first quarter of 1969, the Ohio Conference churches added 73 new members by baptism and profession of faith. This is 11 more than for the same period of 1968.

Elder Donald G. Reynolds, evangelism coordinator of the conference, reports that at least 17 public series of evangelistic meetings are scheduled for the current year, with several others under consideration.

A field school of evangelism sponsored by the Theological Seminary of Andrews University will be held in Columbus, in connection with a public evangelistic crusade, July 25 to August 23, with Elder D. D. Doleman as evangelist.

Another major effort will be held in Newark, July 26 to August 16, with Elder Joe Crews, radio-TV secretary of the Chesapeake Conference, and speaker and director of the Amazing Facts daily radio broadcast. The Amazing Facts program has been carried on WCLT in Newark for several months. This broadcast, coupled with another by the Newark pastor, Elder Kenneth Berry, and augmented by a twice-weekly release of the Faith for Today telecast and a telephone evangelism program in Newark, has resulted in requests from about 800 people for literature or the gift-Bible study plan. A ministerial intern, Bill Coffman, is assisting Elder Berry in further developing this interest in anticipation of the public meetings.

The Ohio Conference evangelism team was reduced to one member when Elder William Bornstein accepted a call to the Colorado Conference several months ago. Elder Roy E. Lemon, the singing evangelist, has assisted in pastoral work in some churches that were temporarily without a pastor. Now he is joining various pastors in local evangelistic campaigns. A four-week series was completed in the Sandusky church on April 5, with the pastor, Elder Clifford Black. He has now teamed up with Elder Stig Anderson for a series in the Barberton church. On May 17 he will begin a series of evangelistic meetings with Elder Donald Madison in the East Liverpool church.

Elder R. G. Lucht, pastor of the Akron church, held a series of meetings there during the month of March, assisted during the closing week by Elder G. D. O'Brien, evangelist of the Minnesota Conference. More than 10 have been baptized there, and there will be other baptisms as a result.

Elder G. A. Gerdts, pastor of the Bucyrus and Galion churches, concluded a three-week series of meetings in the Bucyrus church on April 12. These meetings were preceded by a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking clinic and a series of cooking classes conducted by Mrs. Gerdts. There are a number of interests to follow up. (A notice of the tragic death of Elder Gerdts appears elsewhere in this issue.)

Elders Ronald Atkinson, Marlo Fralick, and Wayne Waterhouse are conducting meetings in the Chillicothe, Lakewood, and Geneva churches, respectively. Beginning May 18, Pastor Richard Jewett will hold an effort in Ironton, where for several months he has had a column published in the newspaper entitled "Pastor, I Have a Problem." In July he will hold another series in Portsmouth with the help of Pastor Wayne Judd, a Mount Vernon Academy Bible teacher, and an academy musical group. Pastor Jewett has had a weekly radio and television program in Portsmouth for several weeks, also under the title "Pastor, I Have a Problem."

Most of the Ohio Conference churches are active with the gift-Bible program, with growing results in soul winning. Efforts are being made in at least two places to establish branch Sabbath schools in cities where we have no church—Lorain and Marysville.

A committee on evangelism in the Ohio Conference meets every few weeks to study ways of utilizing all the potential forces of the church in soul winning, and of coordinating the many evangelistic activities into a strong interrelated program. Several pastors and one layman work on this committee with the conference administrators and certain departmental secretaries.

CHARLES R. BEELER
Public Relations Secretary
Ohio Conference

Eugene W. Kettering Dies Following Surgery

EUGENE WILLIAMS KETTERING, whose engineering achievements helped to revolutionize rail transportation and whose friendship for the Seventh-day Adventist Church is represented in two of its foremost medical institutions, died in a New York hospital April 19.

Mr. Kettering was stricken by heart failure following emergency surgery. He would have been sixty-one years of age on April 20.

The acquaintance of Mr. Kettering and his wife, Virginia, with Seventh-day Adventists began at LaGrange, Illinois, where he was director of research for the Electromotive Division of the General Motors Corporation. Impressed with the operation of the church's Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, they gave more than \$4 million to the construction of new hospital facilities.

After the death of Mr. Kettering's father in 1958, the couple moved to Dayton, Ohio, taking up the family institutional and philanthropic commitments. Soon afterward they announced plans to build there, in memory of his father, the Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital. The 403-bed hospital today is part of the Kettering Medical Center, owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, with continuing generous support from Mr. Kettering and other members of the founding family.

In all, more than \$10 million of Kettering family philanthropy now is represented by the Medical Center with its modern hospital and college. Mr. Kettering's personal interest in the institution was demonstrated by his leadership of the civic advisory council, of which he was chairman.

Among Mr. Kettering's last acts of philanthropy was the gift on March 19 of six acres of valuable property near the Medical Center to be the site of a new Kettering church.

Official representatives of the General Conference and the Columbia Union Conference attended services for Mr. Kettering in New York on April 21 and in Dayton on April 22.

Survivors, in addition to Mrs. Kettering, are one son, Charles F. Kettering II, of Denver, Colorado, and two daughters, Mrs. Richard Lombard and Mrs. Peter Williamson, both of New York.

CREE SANDEFUR
President
Columbia Union Conference



Pastor Richard Jewett presents his counsel to his listeners at the Youth Week of Prayer meetings in the Toledo First church in a relaxed manner while seated upon a red stool.

Youth Week of Prayer Held in Toledo

How can Seventh-day Adventist families close the generation gap? How can adults and youth establish a communication for understanding one another?

This was the theme of the Youth Week of Prayer meetings held in the Toledo First church March 24-29 by Pastor Richard Jewett. Pastor Jewett, from the Portsmouth and Ironton churches, spent the week counseling students individually during school hours in addition to a meeting each morning at the school for grades 1 through 4, another for grades 5 through 8, plus an evening meeting for the entire church.

Pastor Jewett's relaxed presentations were easily accepted by his listeners, and many students were helped to make decisions for Christ. Jewelry, cigarettes, and other "hidden cherished sins" were given up and replaced with determination to follow Jesus.

He urged his students to write down in letter form their problems, and he told parents that "the key to success with your children is to listen to them." All of today's discussion of a "generation gap" (a lack of understanding between youth and adults) is a real thing and found in Seventh-day Adventist homes, as well as others. Taking time to listen to young people—talking with them, as well as praying with them—will greatly bridge this gap and result in happier, better-adjusted youth and loving, cooperative families, he states.

Pastor Jewett's Friday night and Sabbath morning programs were on the fifth commandment: "Honour thy father and thy mother."

Pastor Jewett, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jewett, former missionaries to the Philippines, has a weekly TV program over the Portsmouth TV station WPAY. He also writes a daily newspaper column in the Ironton *Tribune* entitled "Pastor, I Have a Problem."

The Toledo First church youth and adults greatly appreciate the spiritual help and counseling given them by Pastor Jewett and pray for God's blessing on his future work.

MRS. MARION THOMAS
Toledo First Church

Ohio Pastor Victim of Auto Accident

ELDER Gene A. Gerdts, pastor of the Bucyrus and Galion, Ohio, churches was killed on April 17, when the car he was driving struck the pier of an overpass near La Salle, Illinois. Mrs. Gerdts and their daughter Lori, 5, were severely injured.

They had driven from Ohio to Davenport, Iowa, to take his parents home after a visit, and were returning to their home in Galion. A son, Ty, 8, had remained with friends in Galion.

He had served the Bucyrus-Galion pastorate since January, 1968. He was a graduate of Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, and held the M.A. degree in applied theology from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. He began his ministry in the Kansas Conference, and then served as associate chaplain of the Porter Memorial Hospital in Denver, Colorado, from 1963 to 1968.

Mrs. Gerdts's home also is Davenport, Iowa. The Davenport pastor

took her mother to be with her in the hospital in La Salle, until she could be moved to a Davenport hospital. Lori was taken to a Peoria, Illinois, hospital with head injuries.

The burial was in Davenport. Elders Philip Follett and Arthur E. Harms, president and treasurer, respectively, of the Ohio Conference, attended the funeral.

Rogers Directs Ohio Colporteur Big Week

OHIO literature evangelists, under the direction of George Rogers, reported deliveries of \$11,289.15 worth of literature during the annual Big Week in the early part of April. Rogers and his assistants, Russell Spicer and John Neikirk, joined the regular colporteurs in full-time canvassing for the week.

Leroy Byrd, with 50 hours of work in Akron during the week, topped the regulars with deliveries amounting to \$1,002. He enrolled 68 persons in a Bible correspondence course, too.

Lima Church Plays Host to Medical Cadet Corps

THE Lima, Ohio, Seventh-day Adventist church played host to the Medical Cadet Corps from Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio, recently. Lt. Roger McNeily led the young men in the program. Capt. Robert Collins is the instructor who trains them prior to military service.

Each cadet gave his name, rank, and home State. Everyone enjoyed the program and the fellowship of the MCC.

MRS. BETTY ROWLANDS
Public Relations Secretary
Lima, Ohio



The Mount Vernon Academy Medical Cadet Corps.



COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE

College North Hall Falls to Modernization

THE speeches had been made, the trumpets had blown, and the ceremonies were about over. Takoma Park's Mayor Miller climbed onto the bulldozer and put it in gear. The cables tightened, the nails and boards pulled apart, and in a few minutes both porches had been ripped from old North Hall.

In the large crowd gathered for the occasion were those with mixed emotions. Old-timers, who occupied rooms during yesteryear, swallowed hard and blinked. Present students eagerly waited to see it fall.

Since 1904, North Hall has housed the men's dormitory, academy woodworking and science laboratories, the bookstore, headquarters for speech and radio departments, outlet and office for campus radio station WGTS-FM, and home-health education study and observation areas.

Construction of the Campus Center is progressing almost on schedule. September will find students in new classrooms, browsing in the modern bookstore, and enjoying food in the carpeted cafeteria.

Moving into the new Campus Center will be the behavioral science, nursing, mathematics, and physics departments, and the dean of students' offices. The Student Association health service, alumni offices, guest rooms, barbershop and beauty parlor will also be housed within the center. Parents and students will be proud as they enjoy the convenience and

comfort of the necessities the Campus Center will provide.

CUC is celebrating its sixty-fifth anniversary. For 65 years, SDA youth have been trained for service to God and mankind. To date 431 graduates and their families are serving, or have served, in the foreign mission field; after graduation this year, six others will join them; 704 graduates are in denominational employ in the U.S.

New Course Offered at College This Summer

THIS summer Columbia Union College will be offering for the first time a course in early childhood education to meet the increasing demands in the denomination for such a course. With the trend in different States to lower the compulsory school age, Seventh-day Adventists must be prepared to take care of their own children in a manner that will be in harmony with the principles of education given in the Spirit of Prophecy. When it becomes compulsory for these younger children to be in school, the church must be ready with a program.

In the *AASA Convention Reporter*, Blanche A. Persky, professor of education at New York University, is quoted as predicting that one third of all three-to-five-year-olds will be in school by 1970; and that by 1975, when compulsory public kindergartens will have become almost universal, the national pre-first-grade enrollment may reach 5 million—about 40 per cent of that population.

The problem is real and can be

come critical at any time in any area. The course in early childhood education is designed primarily for kindergarten teachers or persons who wish to become qualified kindergarten teachers, but it will also be most helpful for those teaching first and second grades. The course will be offered as part of the regular Columbia Union College summer school program, with registration on June 15 and classes running from June 16 to August 18.

The course will be taught by Dr. Marian Hartlein and will meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:00-11:00. Such questions as the philosophy of kindergarten education, the preschool child and his needs, the physical set-up and equipment needed for a kindergarten, the curriculum for kindergarten, and guidance for the preschool child will be studied. On two other mornings of the week from 8:00 to 12:00 the members of the class will have laboratory experience in a kindergarten that will be taught by Mrs. Betty Lundsford at the Sligo Elementary School. The course carries four semester hours' credit.

If your church has a kindergarten now or is interested in starting one in the next year or two, you should counsel with your superintendent. This course will probably be offered on alternate years, so those interested in taking it should consider doing so this summer if they meet the prerequisites. Qualification for teaching kindergarten is as high as for teaching in elementary grades, and special courses dealing with the younger children are among the requirements.

If you have been thinking you would like to prepare to teach in a kindergarten and wish more information, contact the department of education at Columbia Union College.



Boards, steel, glass, and nails lying in a rubble heap waiting to be cleared away are the last evidence of the once-serviceable North Hall at Columbia Union College.

Left: The porch on North Hall collapses as bulldozer pulls on cables attached to it. Since its construction in 1904 North Hall has housed the men's dormitory, academy woodworking and science laboratories, the bookstore, speech and radio departments, Home Health Education Service, study and observation areas.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and daughters, Donna, left, and Ellyne.

Walker Accepts Post As Assistant Auditor

It is a pleasure to introduce to the constituency of the Columbia Union Conference Donald A. Walker, newly elected assistant auditor of the union. Recently, Elder K. W. Whitney, former associate auditor, accepted a call to the Auditing Department of the General Conference. We are pleased that Elder Walker has accepted the invitation of the executive committee to fill this vacancy.

The work of the auditors is most important to the progress of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is a demanding and important assignment. These dedicated leaders are detailed in their knowledge of denominational policies, fund accounting, and general accounting procedures. Under their guidance the work of the church in business areas of endeavor is kept unified and progressive. We are pleased to have responsible men to fill these major assignments.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and their family are a valuable addition to the Columbia Union staff. We welcome them into our midst. They come to us from their recent assignment with the Allegheny East Conference.

CREE SANDEFUR

President
Columbia Union Conference

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following manuscript, prepared by Donald A. Walker, reveals the interesting background of how he became a member of the church.

THE year 1957 was a decisive one for me. It was the beginning of what I call my metamorphosis. I was stationed at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, with the rank of first lieutenant, an Army career man.

My wife and I were delighted one day by the visit of my mother and sister. Rose Marie, my sister, had been confined to a hospital for two years. During that time in the quiet of her room, she had made some very definite promises to the Lord.

My mother, Matilda, a devout Christian and Baptist, had taken a course from the Voice of Prophecy, and had encouraged Rose Marie to enroll.

Rose Marie began at once in sharing her faith. She insisted that I enroll in the Bible course from the Voice of Prophecy that she was taking.

I listened to Rose Marie unfold the joys of her new-found love in what she called the message, or occasionally referred to as the truth. She forgot all about mealtime, preferring to talk to me about health reform, dress reform, and the Sabbath truth. There was little for one to say, she was so full, and the joy of it all seemed to completely engulf her.

I enrolled in the course and began to see where it was taking me. I was transferred from Fort Chaffee to Fort Benning in Georgia. Rose Marie must have sensed that I was not progressing as rapidly as she had expected. A request made by her to the General Conference was relayed to the South Atlantic Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. One Sabbath morning Elder C. C. Cunningham, War Commission secretary of the conference, came to visit me. I was completely floored upon discovering that he had made such a long trip just to see me.

We prayed and talked at the camp and at his suggestion we drove to Columbus, where I met many of the Adventist people. I suppose this was my first course in indoctrination and fellowship.

I continued to work in the Baptist Church and discovered that the Bible information I was acquiring from the Voice of Prophecy course made me quite a talking piece in the Sunday school and in the young people's society.

I had joined the armed forces to make soldiering my lifework. I was now at Fort Benning having been selected with others on a basis of merit and outstanding alignment to duty for the advanced officers' training. I could feel that the instruction from the

Voice of Prophecy was leading me to a decision which was going to be difficult, extremely so with my Army career. However, I finished the course and tried to hold everything at bay.

I received the rank of captain upon completion of the advanced officers' training course and was recommended for the U.S. Airborne School. Here I learned to parachute from a regulation troop carrier 1,250 feet in the air. Five successful jumps are required and I received a Qualification Badge.

Tucked in one of the frequent letters from Rose Marie was a paragraph which made my eyes literally bulge. It read, "Mother has accepted the Adventist faith and was baptized in the E. E. Cleveland effort held in Washington, D.C."

Shortly after, I was transferred to Fort Dix, New Jersey, and assigned as officer in charge of the receiving section for overseas replacements.

Rose Marie, ever concerned with my growing knowledge of Adventism sent me a book, *The Great Controversy*, which I read through. I knew then that it would only be a matter of time before I would publicly take my stand in the Adventist Church.

I looked for the nearest church and found one in Trenton, New Jersey, the Mount Sinai church, with Elder Daniel Davis as its pastor. At Mount Sinai the pastor and members made me feel very much at home.

My future with the Army, the welfare of my family, and obedience to the will of God crisscrossed in my mind like the switch tracks in a railroad yard. At the invitation of the pastor, one Sabbath in April, 1959, I took my stand. A new peace flooded my soul. All anxiety about the maintenance of the family, my position with the Army, suddenly left me. An awareness that I had left all my problems in His hands lifted the burden from me.

On Monday morning, supported by the prayers of the church and long personal prayers, I approached my commanding officer and requested Sabbath privileges. In answer to prayer they were given.

Six months later my wife, Maureen, joined me and together we worshiped on the Sabbath. For two full years, the Lord made it possible for me to attend church on Sabbath. Nevertheless, there were tests, and each one seemed more difficult than the previous. However, the Lord in His wisdom and love performed what appeared the impossible in Army cir-

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FENTON FROOM



W. R. BEACH



DOROTHEA JONES



CREE SANDEFUR

Don't Miss the Opening Program

7:15 P.M., Thursday, June 12

ELDER FENTON FROOM, Conference President, Speaker

DAILY PROGRAM INCLUDES:

HOUR OF POWER

Conference Pastors
7:00 to 8:00 A.M.

HOUR OF WORSHIP

R. Allan Anderson Series
11:00 A.M. to 12:00

COOKING SCHOOL

M-F 1:45 to 3:00 P.M.
Dorothea Van Gundy Jones

BIBLE CONFERENCE

3:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Panel With
Audience Participation

HOUR OF EVANGELISM

7:15 to 9:00 P.M.
Music Program
Outstanding Speakers

Sabbath School

WORKSHOP

S-F 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.

Guest Speakers Include:

ELDER W. R. BEACH, Secretary, General Conference
ELDER D. A. DELAFIELD, White Estate, General Conference

ELDER CREE SANDEFUR, President, Columbia Union Conference

ELDER C. D. BROOKS, Secretary, Ministerial Department, Columbia Union Conference

ELDER R. ALLAN ANDERSON, Former Head, Ministerial Department, General Conference

ELDER W. A. FAGAL, Speaker, Faith for Today Telecast

ELDER EARLE HILGERT, Andrews University

ELDER GERALD HARDY, Coordinator of Evangelism, Potomac Conference

ELDER E. F. KOCH, Potomac Conference Evangelist
MRS. DOROTHEA VAN GUNDY JONES, Nutritionist, Loma Linda

YOUTH PROGRAM

Elder Matthew Dopp
in Charge

Special Meetings for ALL AGE GROUPS

FIRST SABBATH AFTERNOON:

"7,000 Miles of Land, Water, and Miracles"—W. R. Beach
Publishing and Educational
Departments Featured

SECOND SABBATH AFTERNOON:

"Your Schools" and GO TELL RALLY

Potomac Camp Meeting

Shenandoah Valley Academy Campus

JUNE 12-21

New Market, Virginia



W. A. FAGAL, Speaker
Friday and Saturday Nights
June 13 and 14—7:15



R. ALLAN ANDERSON
Worship Hour Series
Daily—11:00 A.M.

"Making Ready a People Prepared"



D. A. DELAFIELD

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Special Book Sale
9:00 to 10:45 A.M.

Pathfinder Fair
12:30 to 3:45 P.M.

Beating the Drum for the Best in Youth Camping

at the

Blue Ridge Recreation Center
Montebello, Virginia



A NEW AND EXCITING PROGRAM IS BEING PLANNED
FOR ALL 1969 SUMMER CAMPS

Junior Camp No. 1	(Age 10-12)	June 29-July 6
Junior Camp No. 2	(Age 10-12)	July 6-July 13
Junior Camp No. 3	(Age 10-12)	July 13-July 20
Adventure Camp	(Age 8-9)	July 20-July 27
Good Neighbor Camp	(Age 9-16)	July 27-July 31
Junior Camp No. 4	(Age 10-16)	Aug. 3-Aug. 10
Teen Camp	(Age 13-16)	Aug. 10-Aug. 17
Music Camp	(Age 15-30)	Aug. 17-Aug. 24

BLUE RIDGE CAMP APPLICATION

I, the undersigned, agree to abide by the camp regulations and desire to be enrolled at the designated camp at the Blue Ridge Recreation Center.

Please check one () Boy () Girl

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Church _____ Home Telephone _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Baptized _____

() I plan to ride the bus. The fee is \$4.

We are in favor of the above applicant's attending a camp at the Blue Ridge Recreation Center, Montebello, Virginia. We will assist him/her in upholding the policies of the camp.

Parent or Guardian _____

Signature



Recently baptized members of the Richmond First church join Elder R. E. Delafield (left) in praise of the Go Tell Bible studies. Standing in front is Eunice Harris, Irma Ryman, Mrs. Roy Schneider, Roy Schneider, Laurene Harris, and young Wayne Ryman.

Family Baptized After Studying Go Tell Series

THE Go Tell gift-Bible plan has captured the imagination of the Richmond First church and motivated new activity in person-to-person evangelism. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schneider and their two daughters, Laverne and Eunice, are now attending services because Mrs. Gertrude Bengel and her daughter, Joyce, helped them through the 24-lesson study guide.

The Schneiders were baptized recently. Eunice Harris and several others were baptized March 1, after completing the Go Tell plan.

More than ten other families are now studying the Go Tell lessons with the assistance of the Schneiders.

Each Sunday evening Pastors Delafield and Lay offer the Go Tell Bible-study guides over radio station WTRV (1380 kc.) at 7:30. Requests for the free Bible and study guide come in after each broadcast. Under the direction of Lee Hardy, a layman, church members are processing and following up more than 1,200 Dial Truth Bible-study interests.

The goal for baptisms in the First church is "69 in '69."

R. E. DELAFIELD

Pastor

CORRECTION

In a previous issue of the VISITOR, mention was made of the work of Literature Evangelist Sterling Bloss. The article mentioned that 7 people had been baptized during the past few years from the work of Mr. Bloss. The correct figure should have been 77.

Public Relations Department
Pennsylvania Conference

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Erie Church Holds Ingathering Banquet

MEMBERS of the Erie church enjoyed an Ingathering victory banquet at the Lake Erie Junior Academy recently. Planned by the social committee under the direction of Mrs. Burl Stricker, the dinner was well attended. Roy Christoph, lay activities director, commended the group for their second-mile endeavors and presented 27 Silver and Gold Vanguard ribbons and 26 Jasper Wayne awards to those in attendance.

Those receiving special commendation were Mrs. Gerrie Bish, who turned in more than \$300, and Howard and Ralph Bish who solicited almost two Jasper Wayne goals. David Schnell, an eleven-year-old, turned in two Jasper Wayne goals again this year as he has been doing in recent years. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor, newly baptized members, were out on the streets almost every night of the campaign.

Debra, Diane, and Dana Moyer, three young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moyer, each received a Jasper Wayne award. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fairchild, with their children, David and Betty Jean, were named the Jasper Wayne family since each received a Jasper Wayne award. Roy Christoph, who directed the solicitation and divided the city territory, managed to earn a Jasper Wayne award himself by going out into the territory after the other solicitors had left the church.

The Erie church is always proud of its children and the part they take in the Ingathering work. Thirteen boys and girls will receive a free week at camp next summer because of the work they did to merit the Jasper Wayne award. These include, besides those already mentioned, Gary Bish, Gary Robinson, Carol and Kerry Neall, Kim Boring, Debra Johnson, and Gordon Murdock.

MRS. DALE FAIRCHILD
Public Relations Secretary
Erie Church



Elder Robert Spangler, associate secretary of the Ministerial Department, General Conference, is pictured with a group of women in costume who participated in the missions pageant.

The afternoon and evening programs included items by the Blue Mountain Academy choir, band, Bel Canto singers, and tumbling team.

Others participating in the program were O. D. Wright, president of the Pennsylvania Conference, and E. M. Peterson, MV secretary of the Columbia Union Conference.

Dale M. Ingersoll, MV secretary of the Pennsylvania Conference, coordinated the weekend rally activities.

LOUIS CANOSA

Public Relations Secretary
Pennsylvania Conference



Pauline Goddard, "the angel of Forty-second Street," is sharing some of her enthusiasm from the literature work with Dale Ingersoll, MV secretary of the Pennsylvania Conference, and Joanne Engel, a student at Blue Mountain Academy, the site of the State-wide youth rally.

Emilio Knechtle (center), featured speaker at the Statewide youth rally, is pictured with E. M. Peterson, MV secretary of the Columbia Union Conference (left), and Dale M. Ingersoll, Pennsylvania Conference MV secretary.

Pennsylvania Youth Rally Held at Blue Mountain

FEATURED speakers at the conference-wide youth rally, April 11 and 12, at Blue Mountain Academy were Elder Robert Spangler, Ministerial Department of the General Conference; Emilio Knechtle, Adventist layman and president of a private school in New Canaan, Connecticut; and Pauline Goddard, a literature evangelist.

Pauline Goddard's Friday evening presentation, "Soul Winning on the Sidewalks of New York," depicted the marvelous way in which the Lord has blessed her literature ministry. Constantly exposed to danger, Miss Goddard, known as "the angel of Forty-second Street"—an expression coined by a New York City columnist—indicated how much she relied on the promise found in Acts 18:10. Her ministry has taken her to 26 countries and 44 States and has brought her and our literature in contact with the wealthy, the prominent, drug addicts, hippies, and derelicts. She has sold and distributed literature at the Vatican, the Eiffel Tower, behind the Berlin Wall, and in a submarine.

Knechtle's sermons again directed the audience to the love of God and the miraculous way in which Christ has directed his life.

Having recently returned from a three-month itinerary of Africa, Elder Spangler brought a fresh, firsthand inside story of the miracle working of the gospel in the hearts and lives of men and women in Africa.

Child and Youth Survey by Pennsylvania Conference

THE results of a Child and Youth Survey conducted in all the churches in the Pennsylvania Conference reveal some interesting facts:

Number of children in the Pennsylvania Conference, 1967-68	2,775
Number of children in SDA schools, 1967-68:	
a. Elementary	720
b. Secondary	242
c. College	91
Number of children in SDA schools, 1968-69:	1,053
a. Elementary	746
b. Secondary	233
c. College	82
Number of children attending public schools, 1967-68:	
a. Elementary	754
b. Secondary	360
c. College	20
d. Training School	17
e. Handicapped	9
Number of preschool children, 1967-68:	1,160
	759

It is evident from the figures presented that all of our children aren't in SDA schools. The survey reveals that a substantial percentage of our Pennsylvania youth are attending either a church school, an academy, or an SDA college, but what about the remaining equally large percentage of youth? Are they not also entitled to a Christian education?

Christ says, "My sheep hear my voice, and . . . they follow me." How will our youth know His voice if they are not exposed to Christian teachers who are dedicated to pointing young people to Jesus Christ? Our teachers must endeavor to aid our youth in developing a system of values and priorities that transcends a mere accumulation of facts.

Our plea, then, is for each parent to assist the conference education department, the academy principal, the college staff, and the local pastors in helping to make Christian education attractive.

Juniors Take Nature Walks

JUNIOR Sabbath school members, under the direction of Roy Christoph, are enjoying nature walks twice monthly on Sabbath afternoons. They have learned about animal tracks, followed the course of rivers, enjoyed walking along Lake Erie, and have learned much about trees. They have also enjoyed singspirations together.

MRS. DALE FAIRCHILD

Public Relations Secretary
Erie Church

Pastor Ipes Interviewed by Religious Press Editor

ELDER THOMAS P. IPES, pastor of the Shadyside church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, recently had the opportunity to share the basic beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists.

Elder Ipes was interviewed by Robert Schwartz, Pittsburgh *Press* religious editor, who is doing a series on Pittsburgh religious leaders.

The result of the interview was a lengthy, well-written article stating in clear, concise language the basic tenets of the Seventh-day Adventist faith.



Enos Wolfinger (right), a skilled carpenter, was the construction superintendent for the erection of the Telford church in 1929. Now 40 years later his son, Mark, also a carpenter, gave unselfishly of his time and talents to help renovate the newly purchased church.



The Delaware Valley SDA Ministerium, with 20 members, was organized during the winter of 1968. Elders Earl Snow, Philadelphia Boulevard church, is treasurer; J. C. Smith, North Philadelphia church, is vice-president; Horace Reading, Chestnut Hill church, is president; and Milton Thomas, Philadelphia Ebenezer church, is secretary.

The purpose of the organization, which meets monthly, is to coordinate evangelistic activities in the Greater Philadelphia area and immediate vicinity and to help create an environment conducive to better understanding between the races.

In addition to exchanging pulpits, the Ministerium's other activities have included participation in the inner-city Wings of Health program and various health and welfare activities.

References made to the organization have indicated that "it has meant a lot to the members" and "has done much to break down certain feelings" as well as provide "wonderful fellowship."

LOUIS CANOSA

Public Relations Secretary
Pennsylvania Conference



O. D. Wright, president of the Pennsylvania Conference, is congratulating Harry Detwiler, the oldest living member of the Telford church. Mr. Detwiler presented the history of the Telford church which he prepared for this special occasion. Looking on are, left to right: Mr. Enos Wolfinger, the next oldest charter member, and district pastor Richard Meier.

Elder Wright Speaks at New Indian Valley Church

O. D. WRIGHT, president of the Pennsylvania Conference, was the featured speaker on Sabbath, March 29, 1969, at the ceremonies marking the first church service in the newly purchased and renovated Indian Valley SDA church.

Situated in Souderton, Pennsylvania, the church group met formerly in Telford, Pennsylvania.

The new church has a large sanctuary and numerous smaller rooms for Sabbath school and other activities.

Many people gave unselfishly of their time and talents to help renovate the church in preparation for the first official service on March 29, 1969.

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Dupont Park Church Initiates Jail Ministry

THE Dupont Park SDA church of Washington, D.C., recently began its ministry for those in prison by visiting the D.C. jail. At this initial service Elder J. J. Justiss addressed fifty inmates with the hope of eternal salvation.

The church lay activities department plans to make this a monthly feature. Says James Clements, department leader, "Our aim is to bring the Word of God to the inmates, that we who are co-workers with Christ may be instrumental in bringing souls to Him and may see them saved."

Music for this first program was provided by the Dupont Park Youth Chorale under the direction of Ester Wroten.

MARIE A. MORGAN

*Press Secretary
Dupont Park Church*

Newtonville First Hits Record Investment High

THE Newtonville First church reached an all-time high in their Investment offering November 30, 1968. The goal was set for \$250. Reginald Thomas, Investment secretary, was ably assisted by Kathryn Hall and Mrs. Tenola Cockfield. The Sabbath school was kept alert and informed, and personal contacts were made to encourage participation.

For her project, Mrs. Cockfield dedicated the money received for service rendered with her car, and pin money for various services including serving at dinner parties. The returns on her Investment amounted to \$65.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Mills turned in \$50 from their project. The youth class worked on ceramics with their instructor, Mrs. Hall, and turned in \$31.33. "Seed Time and Harvest" was the theme of the beautiful display set up in the main auditorium illustrating the gospel in all the world. When the offerings were counted we gave thanks to God for a total of \$257.69.

MRS. SELENA CHANDLER

*Press Secretary
Newtonville First Church
New Jersey*



George Murray, nonagenarian, expresses his thanks to the Ebenezer church members who feted him with a party. Seated, left to right, are Elder Thomas, pastor of the Ebenezer church; Mrs. Murray; and Elder A. S. Wagner, pastor of the West Philadelphia church.

Nonagenarian Feted at Ebenezer Church

CONGRATULATIONS to George Murray, a faithful member of the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who celebrated his ninetieth birthday on Friday, February 28.

His family feted him with a birthday party on Sunday, March 2, at the YMCA located at Fifty-second and Sansom streets. Despite the inclement weather, a number of relatives and friends were present for the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray, who have been married for 62 years, have 10 children, 20 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Murray has served as a deacon for 32 years, and his wife has served as deaconess for the same period of time.

Fifty-three Graduate From Go Tell Course

RECENTLY graduation services were held at the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia for 53 persons who successfully completed the Go Tell course. Certificates and Bibles were presented to the graduates after a message by the pastor, Elder J. M. Thomas. Mr. James Street, Sr., is the lay activities leader, and Mrs. Roberta Davis is the Bible instructor.

CHARLES D. ARRINGTON

*Press Secretary
Ebenezer Church
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

James Street, Sr. (right), makes a Bible presentation to Frank O'Neal, who accepts on behalf of his students who were not present. Robert Evans (left) looks on.



Shown above are the members of the lay activities group of the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia mailing out more than 2,000 pieces of literature to persons who had telephoned asking for answers to their questions in response to Elder J. Milton Thomas' Dial for Truth program. Standing from left to right: Mr. Evans, Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Walker, and Elder Street. Seated from left to right: Mrs. Street and Mrs. White.

Richmond Lay Member Sees Result of Labor

MANY times we feel that our labors are in vain. But God has promised that if we faithfully sow our seeds, He will give the increase.

I was sitting at prayer meeting one Wednesday night when a newly converted woman stood to give her first testimony since joining the true church of God. She said, "I would love more than anything to know who was responsible for my coming to a knowledge of the truth."

Elder W. C. Scales, the pastor of our church, stood and replied, "Sister Jones, the woman seated next to you is responsible for enrolling you in the Voice of Prophecy Course." At this, Mrs. Cornelia Wright and Mrs. Carry Jones embraced and shed tears of joy.

Mrs. Jones, who taught school before her retirement, is now a faithful member of our local church school board.

Oh, what a wonderful day it is going to be in heaven when individuals will come to us and say, "Twas you who invited me here!"

MILTON BROWN

*Press Secretary
Richmond, Virginia*

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Commissioner Kavanzo Hyde, left, inspects the storage facilities of the newly opened welfare center. Others present included Elder C. E. Guenther, associate secretary, General Conference Lay Activities Department; Elder D. L. Davis, lay activities secretary, Allegheny East Conference; and Elder W. A. Thompson, president, Allegheny East Conference.

A four-story building adjacent to the Philadelphia North church was purchased, and the first floor and basement were remodeled to provide space for a health and welfare center.

Elder J. C. Smith, Philadelphia North pastor, joined other men of his congregation in wearing the official welfare-worker uniform.



Youth Week of Prayer Held in Philadelphia

AULDWIN T. HUMPHREY, pastor of Newtonville and Jericho, New Jersey, churches, was the speaker for the North Philadelphia Youth Week of Prayer.

Pastor Humphrey, a recent graduate of the Seminary, is an excellent example of youthful consecration. A product of the church school system and the son of retired Elder A. B. Humphrey, Pastor Humphrey spoke with power his nightly messages for God. The series, presented in Fellowship Hall, was sponsored by the MV Society of the North Philadelphia church. The nightly meetings were well attended by adults as well as by youths. The speaker enjoined all to "pray for the youth of today." His effective sermons will long live in the hearts of those who attended.

Appreciation for Pastor Humphrey's ministry was presented on the last evening of the series in the form of a small token. He was accompanied by his wife, Adele.

CHARLES WILLIAMS

Press Secretary
North Philadelphia Church

Philadelphia North Opens Community Welfare Center

MEMBERS of the Philadelphia North church have taken a large step forward in their ministry to the inner city in opening a new health and welfare center.

A four-story building, adjacent to the church, was purchased. The basement and first floor were remodeled by the men of the congregation. In addition to ample space for storage, room is provided for the reception and work areas, as well as for offices.

Special guest for the opening services was Kavanzo Hyde, deputy welfare commissioner for the city of Philadelphia. He told the group as he cut the ribbon officially opening the center, "I am tremendously impressed by this operation. What a dynamic and progressive program you have."

Commissioner Hyde promised the complete support of his office to the church in the operation of the center. He concluded by saying, "We need to plan for disaster, and this center is important."

It was apparent to those in attendance that the welfare work of the Philadelphia North church was not confined to the Dorcas women. They made favorable impressions with their uniforms. But they were very nearly overshadowed by the men of the

church in their new welfare uniforms.

Others present for the opening services included Elder C. E. Guenther, associate lay activities secretary of the General Conference; Elder D. L. Davis, Allegheny East lay activities secretary; and Elder W. A. Thompson, Allegheny East president.

Member Raises \$500 for Ingathering

MRS. GEORGIA YOUNG, of the North Philadelphia church, raised the highest individual Ingathering goal of any member in her church during the recent campaign. With the help of God, she brought in \$500 of the total \$10,000 goal.



Georgia Young

Two other members, John Glenn and Mrs. R. Holmes, raised \$200 each.

All of the members of the North Philadelphia church cooperated in reaching this goal. They were especially appreciative of Mrs. Young's extra efforts, for they consider the Ingathering a soul-winning, as well as a financial, venture.

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FOODS



Youth Rally Held at the Greater Baltimore Academy

THE weekend of March 28 and 29 was a spiritual high point in Missionary Volunteering in the Chesapeake Conference. It was the time of the conference-wide youth rally held in the auditorium of Greater Baltimore Academy. Young people from all over the conference participated in and enjoyed the weekend events.

Friday night events included a talk by Danny Ipes, Columbia Union College freshman and the winner of the 1969 Temperance Man of the Year Award for North America. Also featured were the temperance youth action team members of Highland View Academy, and Elder E. M. Peterson, temperance and youth leader for the Columbia Union Conference.

On Sabbath morning, Sabbath school was conducted by the senior class of Greater Baltimore Academy, and Elder Paul DeBooy, associate Missionary Volunteer secretary of the General Conference, gave a stirring consecration appeal.

The afternoon service featured music from various youth organizations in the conference; a special feature on the new "One to One Witnessing Plan," by Elders DeBooy and Peterson; a story of God's leading in the National Guard, by Gary Rust; and a special salute to our servicemen who have given their lives for their country, by Chaplain Tom Green.

The evening program featured secular concerts by choirs and bands from Highland View Academy and Greater Baltimore Academy. The outstanding film on the Christian approach to rock 'n' roll music, *I Hear a New Song*, was shown. The high light of the program came with the naming of Deborah Shull as the Chesapeake Conference delegate to the World Youth Congress in Zurich.

The Spencerville Junior Academy band under the direction of Mrs. Betty Martin.



Highland View Academy choir under the direction of Mr. Leslie Ferguson.



Danny Ipes, Temperance Man of the Year for 1969.



Chaplain Tom Green congratulates Sergeant Mims, winner of the Silver Star and other decorations for valor.

The Highland View Academy Temperance Youth Action Team. Gordon Blandford demonstrates Smoking Sam while other team members—Karen Van Sant, Rachel Cameron, and Carol Adams—look on.



The Bulletin Board

WALKER

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cles, and again Sabbath privileges were granted.

My last test provided the greatest reward. In January, 1961, I was scheduled for Sabbath duty for two weeks in succession. Requests, even pleas, to my superior officers were to no avail. In fact, I was told that a showdown was bound to come, and it looked as if an impasse had now been reached.

I had the premonition that something was going to happen, for I had visited the Pentagon and talked with several officers there about my case.

My last request for Sabbath privileges was met with a polite but unswerving No! I submitted my resignation from the U.S. Army, which I had written weeks before as I saw the storm gathering.

The local conference War Commission secretary, Elder A. V. Pinkney, the union conference Religious Liberty secretary, Elder Neal C. Wilson, and the General Conference War Commission secretary, Elder Clark Smith, worked untiringly to assist me.

The superior commander accepted the resignation with consternation and said, "Do you mean that you are giving up your regular Army career with all it offers to keep one day?" My reply was, "Yes, sir."

I was now left without employment, days allowed in the Army housing were limited, and my future was unpredictable. The family had increased and we had two girls. Yet for some unexplained reason I was not afraid,

NEW HOURS FOR THE POTOMAC BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE

Sunday

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Monday

8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday

8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

UP—UP—and AWAY!

With fashions, skits, food, and music. Presented by the

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

SPENCERVILLE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Place: SJA

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Date: May 27, 1969

Admission: Ticket or purchase at door.

GRADUATE EDUCATION IN NURSING

Columbia Union College is offering the Master of Science degree with a major in psychiatric nursing. The program will be four trimesters (approximately 16 months) in length. Dr. Frances Pride, professor of nursing and education, will direct the program. For application or further information please write to:

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC DEAN
Columbia Union College
Takoma Park, Maryland 20012

VOICE OF PROPHECY

NEW TIME

WMPO 1390

Middleport-Pomeroy
Ohio

9:00 a.m. Sunday

WORLD LITERATURE FUND APPRECIATED

As we start a new year, it's so nice to start with the first article going to the union papers from my desk, a letter of Thank you and appreciation. There has recently come from Nairobi a wonderful letter—from one of our Seventh-day Adventist doctors and his wife. They express such deep appreciation for the MESSAGE and THESE TIMES that we are sending. They tell of another missionary from another denomination coming over regularly to get papers for their hospitals, for they have nothing of equal character for their patients. Space will not permit the entire letter being copied in the union paper, but if any of you should care to have more details, I have the letter here on file.

Just now the World Literature Fund can use more money, but I wanted to share this Thank you with you. If you can give an offering, please send it made out to the Southern Publishing Association, Box 59, Nashville, Tennessee 37202, World Literature Fund.

Thank you on behalf of the world field.

R. J. Christian, Manager
Periodical Department

DON'T BOTHER READING THIS--

Unless you have your Master's or your Doctorate in Remedial Reading.

Are you tired of the treadmill that leads from one little box (your apartment) to another little box (your office or classroom) and back again? Then read on—this may be for you.

If you are 30-40 years of age and have your Master's or your Doctorate in remedial reading, and your wife is a certified schoolteacher, you can get off the treadmill and out into the country.

Lariat Boys Ranch, Stapleton, Nebraska, has an opening for a husband-and-wife team that offers a real challenge and an opportunity for you to experiment and work out your methods in helping school dropouts and other boys referred to the Ranch from the courts.

You may have a modern home, a place to raise garden, horses to ride, all out in the free, open country away from the smog, traffic noise, and all the frustrations of the city. A qualified man and wife can have all this and \$12,000 a year.

The school is now an eight-grade school, but likely will expand to nine grades in the 1970-1971 year.

Only those qualified will be considered. This is a specialized project, but the challenge and the rewards are special too.

Write Don Lair, Lariat Boys Ranch, Stapleton, Nebraska—you won't need a Zip code.

for I knew that the God whose voice I was trying to obey was able to take care of me.

I took a Government examination and passed for a machine program operator at the Pentagon. This did not appeal to me, for I knew I would be working with non-Adventists. Their language and habits would be so different from mine.

My constant prayer was based on four things—work for the Lord, church school for the children, my wife to remain at home with the children, and the privilege of attending camp meeting regularly.

The God who sees the sparrow fall and knows our needs even before we express them opened a way where there was no way. I was called to a position as accountant and dean at the Pine Forge Institute, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania.

The Lord not only gave me a job working for Him, but He answered each of the other requests I had humbly made in my prayer to Him.

DONALD A. WALKER

I Liked This Book

"HERE'S a book. Can you read it this week?"

"Well, I don't know if I can, but I'll try," stammered Mrs. Church Member in response to the urgent offer of Mrs. Helen Miller. They had exchanged greetings in the entryway of the Hamlet, Ohio, church when Mrs. Miller offered her a new Adventist paperback. Mrs. Miller confided to me, "Our people don't read enough. They don't know about all these fine books, so I buy them and choose one I feel will interest a certain person and lend it to him. My fee is 25 cents a week. This is my special Sabbath school Investment project."

Eager readers, even reluctant ones, will enjoy Dr. Paul T. Gibbs's new book, *Men Come Alive*. Have you wondered what happened between the lines in the narratives of Abraham, Lot, Nehemiah, and Esther? Suppose you read headlines like these in your morning newspaper:

"Abraham's Good Neighbor Policy Works"

"Will Caleb Quit the Organized Work?"

"Hated Sect to Be Rooted Out of Persia"

"Uncle Abraham Rescues Delinquent Lot"

"Beauty Queen Seized by Pharaoh for His Harem"

"Trembling Prophet Rebukes Marriage Scandals"

"Volunteers Reduce Draft by Lottery"

"Country Laymen Invite Evangelist Ezra to Conduct Revival"

You will find the stories behind the headlines in *Men Come Alive*. These stories read like current events. Research into the social, political, and religious lives of Samson, Sarah, Ezra, Nehemiah, and others make them seem like neighbors and brethren of modern times. Many of their problems parallel ours. Their solutions may be examples for us to follow.

Men Come Alive has 128 pages and sells for \$1.95 at your Book and Bible House.

LA VERNE BEELER

DEATHS

BROECKEL, Richard Daniel, b. July 15, 1929; d. Feb. 23, 1969. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; two daughters, Diane and Mary Ellen; and his parents. Services were conducted by Elder H. R. Thurber, New Market, Virginia, pastor; Elder Herbert Broeckel, Bordeaux, Tennessee; and Elder Lyle W. Cornforth, associate pastor of Sligo church in Takoma Park, Maryland. He was buried in New Market, Virginia.

WOLFE, George W., b. Nov. 15, 1914, Perry County, Ohio; d. April 1, 1969, Mount Vernon, Ohio. He was a member of the Mount Vernon, Ohio, church. Survivors are his wife, Ellen Loveridge; a son, George W.; and a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Harsany. Services were conducted by Pastor Richard F. Farley.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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WILDERNESS LIVING SEMINAR. Learn orienteering, mountaineering, edible plants, medical rescue, primitive shelters, traps, and utensils. Become a wilderness leader, June 22-29, 1969, near Mammoth Cave, Kentucky. Contact: WSS International Wilderness Club, Route 3, Portland, Tennessee 37148. 4-17-69-2C

IF YOU ARE MOVING to or from the Takoma Park area be sure to call your lady 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.

PRINTER NEEDED: Seventh-day Adventist publisher of weekly newspaper and expanding job shop needs experienced pressman on Multi 1250, Heidelberg 10 x 15, and Little Giant. Work clean, fast, and responsible and earn \$140. If you're the best, earn \$160 week. Scenic city of Wellsville, Ohio. Call or write Lester Fowler, Wellsville Publishing Company, Drawer 48, Wellsville, Ohio 43968; (216) 532-1130. 4-17-69-1P

AFRAID OF ATTACK? Get SAFEGUARD!

Small chemical weapon stops man or beast immediately. Not permanently harmful. Not tear gas. \$1.50 each; 3 for \$4.00; dozen \$14.00. Dorcas leaders: Send stamped envelope for sample copy of welfare workers' thrilling theme song. T. Hammond, 1870 Loch Lomond Trail SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30331. 4-17-69-1P

A COMFORTABLE HOME for refined, retired, ambulatory women. Good food; close to churches, town, and shopping center; transportation provided. Write in detail, regarding your physical condition, references, etc., to P.O. Box 2, Mt. Vernon, Ohio 43050. 4-21-69-1P

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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. 3-24-69-3P

ADVENTIST MAN desires room and board in exchange for services. Willing to work over amount of time needed to pay for same. Handy man for indoor and outdoor jobs. References supplied. Write Columbia Union VISITOR, Box E, 7710 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20012.

FOR SALE: 2-bedroom co-op apartment. Price \$11,000. Cash required \$1,000; monthly payment of \$105.00 includes principal, interest, insurance, taxes, and management fees. Recently decorated and in fresh, clean condition. Near SDA church. Call or write Mrs. Davis, Shannon & Luchs Co., 5000 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20009. Phone 244-6900. Evenings—363-0326. 4-24-69-1P

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WANTED: Men and women ages 30 to 55 interested in full-time employment for Christian Record Braille Foundation; providing free services to blind people, contacting business firms, willing to travel. Contact: G. C. Wilson, 4444 S. 52d Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506. 1-27-69

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SUNSET CALENDAR

Daylight Saving Time

CITY	May 16	May 23	May 30	June 6
Baltimore, Md.	8:14	8:20	8:25	8:30
Cincinnati, Ohio	8:45	8:51	8:56	9:01
Cleveland, Ohio	8:39	8:46	8:52	8:57
Columbus, Ohio	8:41	8:47	8:53	8:58
Jersey City, N.J.	8:07	8:13	8:19	8:23
Norfolk, Va.	8:33	8:40	8:45	8:50
Parkersburg, W. Va.	8:33	8:40	8:45	8:50
Philadelphia, Pa.	8:10	8:16	8:22	8:27
Pittsburgh, Pa.	8:30	8:36	8:42	8:47
Reading, Pa.	8:14	8:20	8:26	8:31
Richmond, Va.	8:12	8:18	8:23	8:28
Roanoke, Va.	8:23	8:28	8:34	8:38
Scranton, Pa.	8:15	8:22	8:28	8:33
Toledo, Ohio	8:48	8:55	9:01	9:06
Trenton, N.J.	8:09	8:15	8:21	8:26
Washington, D.C.	8:14	8:20	8:26	8:31

NURSE RELATES BIAFRA EXPERIENCE

By **LESLIE PITTON**, *Public Relations Director*
Washington Sanitarium and Hospital



Margaret Roelke, R.N.

DR. MAGDALA, an Israeli lady physician, came bursting into the room of Margaret Roelke, R.N., at about 4:45 Sunday morning, December 1, 1968. The place was Santa Isabel, on the island of Fernando Poo, just off the West Coast of Africa and one hour by air from Biafra.

"Am I glad to be here!" she said as she flopped down on the edge of a bed. "I've spent most of the night in the trenches trying to get out of Biafra, waiting for the bombing to stop. The bombing, strafing, and rocket firing were terrible! It was a horrible night at the airport."

Margaret was on her way to Northern Ngwa County Hospital in Biafra for three months of service there. She knew there were dangers, but Dr. Magdala's next statement brought the seriousness of the danger closer home.

"Our hospital was bombed, you know. Four African nurses and 40 patients were killed. It was terrible."

Margaret had left the United States and her work in the coronary care unit of Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, November 24, for Geneva, Switzerland, where the Red Cross took her in charge, briefing her for her work in Ngwa. She was then flown to the Red Cross base on the island of Fernando Poo to await her visa.

The hospital to which she was assigned was operated by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination until the war. Since then, it has been under the direction of the National Red Cross organization. Miss Roelke had been asked by the General Conference to go to

Biafra for the Red Cross to help in caring for the starving, sick, and injured people in that area.

Three days after Dr. Magdala's nerve-shattering visit, Margaret boarded the plane at night for the Biafran airport. The secrecy of the flight over enemy territory necessitated the plane to fly in complete darkness. No lights were allowed inside or out of the cabin.

Margaret and two companions were stowed in a rear compartment of the plane, which was loaded with 20,000 pounds of dried codfish.

About one hour after take-off, the plane arrived in the area of the Biafran airport and began circling the area, which was in complete darkness. Because of the bombing, the plane circled for one hour, then two, and suddenly made a hasty descent to the rough runway as the runway lights came on. The three passengers were quickly rushed off the field to an area of greater safety.

Margaret was welcomed to the Ngwa Hospital by the sight of hundreds of sick and starving people. "I had to turn around and go outside to collect myself before I could tackle my work," she said. Some patients were lying on opened corrugated cardboard boxes on the floor. Some single hospital beds had two patients in them. There were 115 patients crowded into the 30-bed hospital.

The outpatient clinic was set up to handle 50 patients a day but was now seeing on some days as many as 770 patients, most of whom were ill because of malnutrition. It was estimated that 90 per cent of the patients would not be at the hospital if it were not for the food problem.

Food was supplied by the International Red Cross, the World Council of Churches, and Caritas, a Catholic organization. But there was not enough. It was necessary to limit the food to those whom it would do the most good.

Margaret worked in the outpatient clinic and held bush clinics in the outlying areas for the sick and wounded. She has just returned to the United States and to the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, but not without shedding tears at her departure from Biafra.

"It was not so much from the pain of separation from the people that I had come to love and wanted to help that brought the tears," she said, but rather "the realization these people have that they are trapped and do not know what the future holds for them."