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54th World
Session Report*



W.O. COE
President
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MOVING FORWARD

I have been attending General Conference Sessions since 1958, and each one has been a momentous occasion as far as I am personally concerned.

At the General Conference Session held in Vienna, Austria, I was asked to become the president of Central Union (now Mid-America Union). Then on May 1, 1978, I accepted the opportunity to serve as your president here in the Columbia Union.

As many of you know by now, I have been invited to serve as a general vice president of the General Conference. It is with a great deal of emotion that I take my leave from the work here in this great territory. The employees of the Church and the members of the Church in this Union are the very best.

Ron M. Wisbey, president of the Potomac Conference, has been asked to succeed me and I know that you will give him the same support that you have given me. He is a capable leader and will be appreciated by all, just as he has been in Potomac.

God has blessed our combined efforts in the growth of this Union. Since the beginning of 1978 our Union has grown from 65,409 to 78,611 at the close of the first quarter of this year. We will probably close the second quarter with more than 79,000 members. This represents the addition of another conference the size of Ohio to our membership.

After many years of searching and planning, the new office building became a reality the summer of 1981, when we moved from 7712 Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park to Columbia.

One of the greatest challenges in this Union has been our college. Under the leadership of President William Loveless and those associated with him, Columbia Union College is in a stronger position than it was seven years ago. It is fully accredited for six years—with no exceptions. CUC offers to our youth the best opportunities scholastically and spiritually.

The organization of the health corporation, Eastern and Middle America, has brought real strength to our hospitals. The financial condition of our system is excellent. Our hospital leadership is very alert not only in the health care area, but in outreach and public relations. The Church today has better control of its hospitals than it had 15 or 20 years ago.

We can all be proud of the progress Seventh-day Adventists have made. We were told at the General Conference Session that 1,692,105 were received into the Church by baptism and profession of faith from 1980-1984. This number exceeds the entire membership of the Church at the close of 1966 and exceeds accessions during the previous quinquennium by 461,902.

Surely, we can praise the Lord and expect even greater blessings from Him as we continue to move toward a finished work.

COVER AND CREDITS: The people of many lands show some of the joy and color that made the General Conference Parade of Nations through the streets of New Orleans such a happy event. Review and Herald photographers Dave Sherwin and Meylan Thoresen, working for the "Adventist Review," took the cover pictures as well as most of the others in our General Conference report. Use of the photographs is courtesy of the "Adventist Review." GC Session news, pages 3-15, is reported by Ron Graybill, "Visitor" editor.

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W.O. Coe takes vice presidential post at GC

Wallace O. Coe, president of the Columbia Union, was elected a general vice president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church during the recent General Conference Session. Coe is one of three new vice presidents chosen to replace retirees. Calvin Rock, president of Oakwood College, and R.J. Kloosterhuis, president of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division, were also tapped for vice presidential spots. Kenneth J. Mittleider and Enoch Oliveira were re-elected, and the total number of vice presidents reduced from six to five.

Coe, 62, was reared in Rochester, New York, and graduated from Atlantic Union College. He began his denominational work as a pastor in the Southern Union, then served as a departmental director in the Alabama-Mississippi and the Carolina conferences. His career as a church executive began as president of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference. He served as president of the Florida Conference, then as union president in several areas. He headed the Northern and then the Central Union. (The two unions were later combined into the Mid-America Union.) In 1978, he was chosen president of the Columbia Union.

Coe's wife, Hazel, is registrar for the Columbia Union education department. The couple, who will continue to reside in Columbia, Maryland, have two children, Michael of London/Columbia, and Mrs. Jerry Page (Janet) of Denver, Colorado.

During the time Coe gave leadership to the church in the midwest, the Mid-American Health Service Corporation was organized, a new union office was built in Lincoln, Nebraska, and the enrollment and financial problems at Union College (Nebraska) were turned around. Coe also presided over construction of the new office building for the Columbia Union.

In his capacity as president of the Columbia Union, Coe has served on the Board of Trustees of Columbia Union

College, Washington Adventist Hospital, Hadley Memorial Hospital, Hacketts-town Community Hospital, and Kettering Medical Center in Ohio.

All division presidents are, technically, vice presidents of the General Conference. However, the general vice presidents have the privilege of meeting weekly with President N.C. Wilson and

the top officers of the church. Thus, they are on hand when some of the most important decisions regarding the church's operation are made.

Soon the chairmanships of GC institutions will be allocated to general vice presidents. Both the Loma Linda University and Andrews University Boards are in line for new chairmen.

Wilson re-elected GC president, son named division secretary

For the Wilson family, Seventh-day Adventist church work is a way of life. As expected, Neal C. Wilson was re-elected president of the General Conference at the recent world session in New Orleans.

N.C. Wilson Sr., a veteran church worker who served for a time as a General Conference vice president, offered the closing prayer following his son's keynote address.

Also in New Orleans, Wilson's son, Ted, advanced from ministerial director to secretary of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division.

The General Conference president's sister, Ruth Murrill, is the wife of General Conference Undertreasurer William L. Murrill. Some observers believe that had it not been for this family connection, Murrill would have been a likely candidate for General Conference treasurer, a post to which Donald F. Gilbert was elected.

The women in the Wilson family are also talented. Neal Wilson met his wife, Elinor Neumann, at St. Helena Sanitarium in the early 1940s. Elinor admired the tall, thin, college boy who served salads in the Sanitarium dining room, and was pleased when he began stopping by the San store where she worked. She is now retired after many years as an elementary teacher.

Mrs. Wilson is proud not only of her son, Ted, but of her daughter, Shirley, wife of pediatric heart surgeon John

Anderson. The couple recently moved from Atlanta to Syracuse, New York, where Shirley immediately began to teach an adult Sabbath school class. "I'm happy she's a good speaker, just like her Daddy," says Mrs. Wilson.

Wilson's son, Ted, is married to Nancy Vollmer, a physical therapist. The young couple are rearing their three children, Emilie, Elizabeth and Catherine, in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, where the Africa-Indian Ocean Division is headquartered.



Neal C. Wilson and his wife, Elinor, enjoy the General Conference Parade of Nations with granddaughter Catherine.

Union committee names Wisbey president in marathon session

In a four and one half hour meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee held Thursday night, July 4, 1985, Ronald M. Wisbey, 49, was chosen to replace Wallace O. Coe as president of the Columbia Union. The meeting, which took place in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans, was chaired by C.E. Bradford, president of the North American Division.

The first hour was spent discussing whether to proceed with the selection of a union president in light of the fact that 5 of the 47 members of the committee were not present. Some also favored delaying the meeting to allow time for church members and workers to express themselves on potential candidates.

All attempts to find a suitable later date failed because even fewer members of the committee could attend. It was also noted that although the remaining officers of the union could operate it smoothly, the Pennsylvania Conference needed a new president and faced critical problems which could not be delayed. The committee thought it best to elect a union president so that he could have a role in choosing the local conference president with whom he must work. After it was pointed out that



Ron M. Wisbey

all the absent members of the committee had, in fact, been invited to be present for the General Conference Session, the committee voted by a substantial margin to go ahead with the selection.

Bradford asked the committee to spell out the qualifications they felt the union needed at this time. Nearly 20 items were listed, ranging from sensitivity to the needs and aspirations of minorities and women to ability to handle educational problems, attention to improvement of leadership skills, good public presence, and, of course, spirituality and interest in evangelism.

Next, each committee member wrote the names of three potential candidates on a slip of paper. This yielded about 25 different names. The majority of these were names of local conference

presidents—including almost all the conference presidents on the West Coast and in the Columbia Union. About 10 of the names were union conference officers or departmental directors, and the remainder were pastors or educators.

In a succession of ballots the list was narrowed to six; and finally, to two: Potomac Conference President Ron Wisbey and Columbia Union Executive Secretary Luther R. Palmer. Most members of the committee had anticipated such a choice and resumes showing their excellent educational and professional backgrounds were ready for presentation at this time. There followed a long, earnest discussion of the factors involved in choosing between the two candidates.

As the time approached to vote, the request of several absent members to vote by telephone was considered. The majority of the committee felt, however, that the discussion had been so important and complex that only those who had participated in it should vote. Finally, the committee members knelt for prayer before they balloted. Wisbey was then elected.

Wisbey hails from North Pacific

The Columbia Union's new president, Ron Wisbey, got his start in the Pacific Northwest. He graduated from Laurelwood Academy in 1953 and from Walla Walla College in 1957. The next year, Potomac University, as the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary was then called, granted him his master's degree in 1958.

Wisbey spent five years as a pastor/evangelist in the Idaho Conference, then pastored and taught at Gem State Academy. He moved to the Southeastern California Conference where he spent three years as youth pastor in the Loma Linda area, then conference associate youth director.

Colorado Conference called him, next, to be their youth director. After two years in that post he became youth director of the Oregon Conference, where he served for the next five years. From Oregon he moved to the North Pacific Union as youth director, and two years later, in 1977, was called to the Montana Conference as president. Wisbey became Potomac Conference president in 1980.



On the floor of the arena sat delegates and their families, as well as technical staff members. Other guests sat in "the stands," but except for a few people in the very front, nearly everyone watched the speakers on one of two huge television screens on either side of the platform.

Lively business sessions mark 54th world congress

It took six hours of lively debate, but the 54th General Conference Session finally passed the proposals on the role and function of denominational organizations. The most significant—and controversial—feature of the plan was the merging of the Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, Stewardship and Youth Departments into one Church Ministries Department.

Later, Delmer Holbrook, president of Home Study International, was chosen to head the new department. Delegates were told that their action to approve the merger applied to all levels of church administration beyond the local church, but that the merger would be implemented first at the General Conference level.

In other significant actions, the session agreed to take no definitive action at this time regarding the ordination of women to the gospel ministry, and to prepare further Biblical and other studies on the question.

The session also voted to urge that affirmative action for the involvement of women in the work of the church be a priority plan with church leadership. Leaders were requested to use their executive influence to open to women all aspects of ministry in the church which

do not require ordination. It is understood that the only post which requires ordination is that of conference president.

At the same time, a reform in the church's ordination practices was instituted with the purpose of limiting ministerial ordination only to those who perform direct pastoral, evangelistic, ecclesiastical or other clearly ministerial-type duties.

In a related development, a proposal to place the ordination of deaconess in the *Church Manual* was delayed five years after the use of a particular Ellen White quotation in its support was questioned. However, an Annual Council action approving ordination for deaconesses is still in force and the practice

will continue.

Considerable time was spent discussing the General Conference constitution, and some refinements were made. The session also requested the General Conference Committee to compile and publish rules of order to be followed in conducting the business meetings at a General Conference session. The GC committee was instructed to consider the possibility and practicability of appointing a parliamentarian for such meetings.

The section of the *Church Manual* on Social Relationships was expanded to take into account certain sins which seem to have become more widespread and problematic in recent years. Now sexual misconduct for which church members may be disciplined includes sexual abuse of spouses and children, incest, and homosexual and lesbian practices.

Because of the lengthy discussion of the merger of departments which took place early in the final week of the session, time ran out before the delegates could discuss the proposal to adopt mandatory constitutions for union and local conferences.

Instead, Neal C. Wilson moved that "the matter be studied by divisions, unions and conferences after which it will be referred to an Annual Council with adequate representation and sufficient information, and then to the 55th General Conference Session" scheduled to convene in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1990. The motion was seconded and voted.



Mary Haloviak and Jeanette Calbi were among the group of secretaries who recorded and transcribed every word spoken during business sessions. Associate Manager Nancy Krein, who recently joined the Columbia Union's data-processing department, supervised the transcription operation.



African delegates make themselves heard at General Conference Session

The articulate, forceful voices of African delegates to the 1985 General Conference Session filled the New Orleans Superdome again and again as they asked the church to answer why, after 100 years of mission work in Africa, not a single indigenous Black African serves at General Conference headquarters. The nominating committee rectified the situation by choosing Matthew A. Bediako, president of the West African Union Mission, to be a General Field Secretary of the General Conference.

Clearly, Africa came of age as a force in the SDA Church at the 54th world conference. The rapidly growing African segment of the church now has 1,189,385 members, more than a quarter of the total world membership. Meanwhile, talented indigenous African leadership is making its mark upon the world body.

Not only will a native African serve in Washington, but another African, London-trained accountant and church administrator, J.J. Nortey, was selected president of African-Indian Ocean Division to replace R.J. Kloosterhuis, who was selected a general vice-president.

Nortey is the second African division president. Bekele Heye was re-elected president of the Eastern Africa Division. Division presidents are technically General Conference officials since the divisions are expressions of the General Conference in the various world fields.

The African call for indigenous leadership grows out of conditions in Africa. "Our problem," said delegate David K. Amponsah, "is that many of our school classmates are now leading government officials in the countries where we serve. They cannot understand why other churches have had African leaders



The two African division presidents, J.J. Nortey (left) of Africa-Indian Ocean and Bekele Heye of East Africa, share a moment of joy at a pan-African reception held at the General Conference Session.

for years and we have not sent representatives to Washington."

Amponsah is currently finishing a Ph.D. in business marketing and management at Michigan State University. He, along with 30 other African SDAs at MSU and 100 from Andrews University, met with African delegates to organize African professional people to fight poverty, famine and illiteracy in Africa.

Several African professionals helped make up the delegations at the session. Delegate E.R.K. Dwemoh of Ghana is a member of the secretariat and regional representative of the International Organization of Civil Aviation. He is in charge of air traffic control, air transport economics, airport security and air routes for all of West and Central Africa.

M.J. Ntekop of Nigeria is an accountant for the Cross River State of Nigeria. Herbert W. Armstrong's World Wide Church of God had introduced him to the Sabbath. Then, with the precise mind of an accountant, he spent two and a half years analyzing Adventist doctrine to be sure he had found the truth. He was baptized in 1976. Ntekop is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators of

London and holder of a post-graduate diploma in Public Finance from the University of Ife, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.


Noel Idiodi, another Africa-Indian Ocean delegate, is a senior petroleum engineer for an oil company in Warri, Nigeria. Idiodi said he enjoyed the session, but felt the business meeting chairpersons were "too protective." "We appreciate the work they have done in preparing the documents," he said, "but the documents are not infallible."


Virtually all these professionals are fluent in English, French and several local languages. Church workers from Africa often possess similar qualifications. The subtle decorative scars on the cheeks of Adekunle A. Alalade, president of the Seminary of West Africa, may deceive Western observers into concluding that the man is somehow "primitive" by their standards. But his dignified bearing not only reflects a proud and ancient culture; he holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Vanderbilt University as well as his Master of Divinity from Andrews University.


Ruhaya Ntwali, field secretary of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division, does not have as much formal education as some of his fellow Africans; during his 36 years of service he has acquired a command of English, French, Swahili and local languages. One of the six women on the nominating committee was Mary A. Ang'awa, a civil court judge from Nairobi, Kenya.


"The strength of Africa is not simply in numbers," one delegate said. "They have earned their leadership credentials with hard work, hard study and dedication to the cause of God."


Did you know?

 The General Conference's "chief counsel," Warren L. Johns, reports that four attorneys serve full time in his office handling cases related to property, taxation; labor relations, religious liberty, trademark and copyright and the rights and obligations of the church's educational, publishing and health-care institutions. The General Conference Insurance Service, as well as the departments of communication and religious liberty, also employ members of the bar. There are nearly 400 Adventist attorneys in North America, with 150 in other countries.

 Between the beginning of 1980 and the end of 1984, 1,692,105 members were added to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, an increase of nearly half a million over the previous five-year total, according to G. Ralph Thompson, General Conference secretary. World membership stood at 4,424,612 at the end of 1984, and has now passed well beyond 4.5 million. The six percent growth rate for the five-year period was exceeded only by the 6.3 percent rate the church achieved in the early 1950s.

 The Superdome regularly employs a staff of 130 people. Don Robinson, who was manager of the 1985 General Conference session, led an additional Adventist staff of 150 volunteers and a technical staff of 450 networking by telephones and walkie-talkies.

 From its beginnings down to the end of 1983, the Seventh-day Adventist Church received about \$5.5 billion in tithe. More than \$2 billion of that amount was received in the last five years. However, the unusually long upward trend of the United States dollar against other world currencies has adversely effected the church's budget.

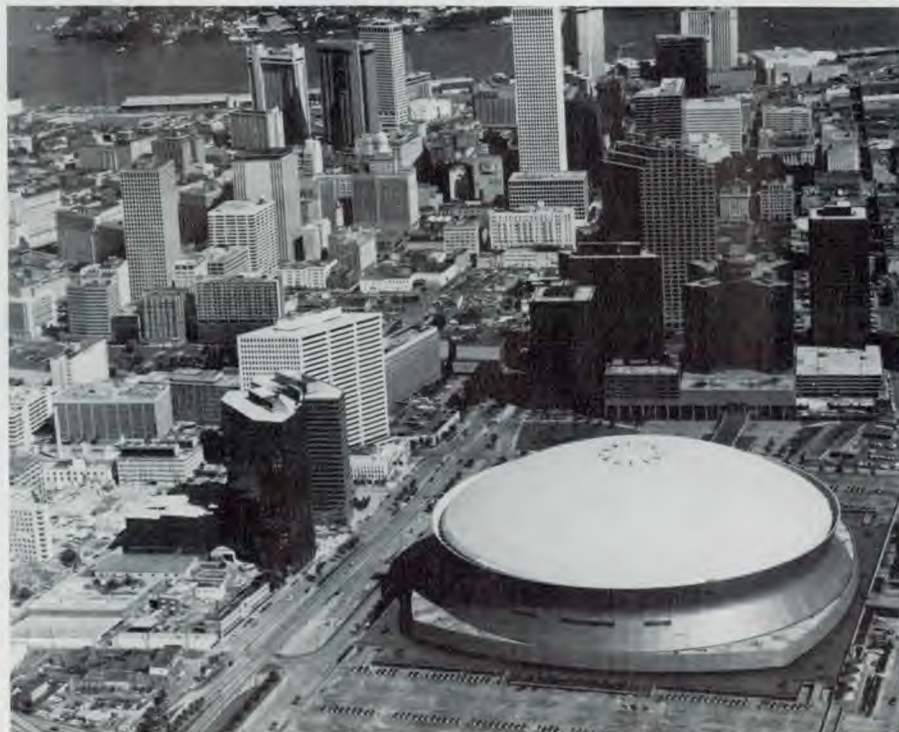
 Seventh-day Adventist membership in North America stood at 676,204 at the end of 1984.



The Rainbow Choir, made up of 10- to 14-year-olds from Seoul, Korea, brightened the session with their smiles and songs. The group appeared after GC at the Korean churches in Washington, D.C. and Silver Spring, and at Columbia Union College.



C.B. Mensah, secretary of the West African Union Mission, enjoyed the mile-and-a-half-long Parade of Nations with other delegates on the first Monday of the General Conference Session.



The Louisiana Superdome, usually the home of the New Orleans Saints football team, heard the singing of a different kind of "saint" during the General Conference Session. Most delegates stayed in the x-shaped towers of the Hyatt Regency Hotel directly behind the Superdome in this photo. At the top of the picture is the Mississippi River.

54th World Session Report



Each evening at the General Conference, various divisions presented colorful and inspiring reports. Clockwise from top right are Angelos Chamber Choir from Finland, Paradise Singers from Papua New Guinea (who sang at Sligo and Takoma Park churches the Sabbath after General Conference), Far Eastern Division delegates playing bamboo angklungs, a South American representative in costume, and participants in the Southern Asia report.



The South American Division was founded in 1916 with less than 5,000 members. The division had 656,529 believers at the end of 1984, and is about to move past North America into second place in membership among the various divisions. Inter-America is the largest division with 832,908 members.

The church's mission plan for the period 1985-1990 is called "Harvest 90." It calls for revival and reformation through Bible study, prayer, fellowship and worship; revitalized family religion; recognition of the local church as the center of evangelism, nurture and training of members for ministry; proclamation of the church's Biblical-prophetic message; reclamation of inactive members, reaffirmation of church standards, a doubling of the number of accessions achieved during the 1000 Days of Reaping and a doubling of the number of members equipped for soul-winning.

Loma Linda University is the largest SDA educational institution with approximately 5,000 students enrolled on its two campuses and seven professional schools. Andrews University has an enrollment of just over 3,000.

A.G. Daniells served 21 years as president of the General Conference (1901-1922), longest of any president. John Byington, our first president, and J.N. Andrews, our first official missionary, served the shortest terms, two years.

Legacy and Promise, the first international exhibit of Adventist art, attracted many delegates to its more than 100 pieces of art created for or by Adventists. Included were historic woodcuts by Uriah Smith, old favorites from Harry Anderson's work and modern abstract painting and sculpture.

Morris Venden, in his Friday evening devotional message, June 28, said, "Obedience is just as much a gift as is pardon. Victory is just as much a gift as is forgiveness. Sanctification is just as much a gift as is justification."



Harris Pine Mills, which originated in the Pacific Northwest, now operates 26 plants in the United States. The company was donated to the denomination in 1951. It has donated nearly \$1.4 million to the General Conference and nearly \$2 million to other church entities in the past five years.

During the discussion of the role and function of church organizations, an attempt was made to amend the line which gave the General Conference the responsibility of "preparing the various Sabbath school lessons." The suggested change was to read "preparing the outlines of the various Sabbath school lessons," so as to give various language groups more autonomy in developing lessons to fit cultural needs. The amendment was defeated because many delegates felt it would undermine the unity of the church.

The Advent message is taking strong root in socialist countries, according to Edwin Ludescher, president of the Euro-Africa Division, and Jan Paulson, president of Northern Europe. In Romania, present membership is over 50,000; in Bulgaria, more than 3,000; in Poland, 100,000 copies of *The Great Controversy* and an equal number of *The Desire of Ages* were printed and sold in 1983.



For parade day, members of the Korean Rainbow Choir (top) donned even more colorful costumes and presented a fan dance at Jackson Square. Melinda Jacobs (bottom), a student at Highland View Academy, volunteered to carry one of the state flags of the Columbia Union during the Parade of Nations. "Visitor" Art Director Meredith Herzel designed the t-shirts for the flag bearers.

According to Jan Paulson, president of the Northern European Division, the four-year physical therapy school at Skodsborg in Denmark, is the oldest in Scandinavia. It enjoys a higher rating and recognition internationally than any of the similar state-run schools in Denmark. Apart from Loma Linda University, it is the only such fully accredited program operated by our church anywhere. Nutana food company, also in Denmark, is the largest in the Northern European Division, with sales approaching \$15 million U.S. annually.



The General Conference Parade of Nations ended at New Orleans' Jackson Square where the historic St. Louis Cathedral, a Catholic church, provided the backdrop for the marchers' thanksgiving service in gratitude for deliverance of the hostages from TWA Flight 847, who were released the day before.

George Vandeman's It is Written program is nearly 30 years old, having begun in 1956. The program is seen coast to coast in the United States and Canada and is carried by satellite on Ted Turner's "superstation," WTBS of Atlanta.

The General Conference employs 49 auditors, about half are certified public accountants, to keep the financial records of all church organizations in good order, according to David D. Dennis, director of the Auditing Service. Each formal audit opinion is supplemented by a "management letter" addressed to the governing committee or board which considers departures from denominational policy, weaknesses in internal control and favorable trends.

Charles R. Taylor, outgoing director of the General Conference Education Department, reports that as of January 1, 1985, total enrollment in Adventist schools stood at an all-time high of 658,407.

The Ellen G. White Estate reports that they are developing a concordance to all the unpublished letters and manuscripts of Ellen White. Every unpublished document is being copied into a computer. When the project is completed, researchers will be able to locate any word or combination of words and retrieve it with three lines of context.

The last five years saw religious liberty victories such as the passing of a "conscience clause" protecting those who have religious objections to joining labor unions. There were also defeats such as Ronald Reagan's establishment of full diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

The Far Eastern Division reports 11,220 members in Japan, 65,000 in Korea and a phenomenal 300,000 in the Philippines. Indonesia has 90,000.

John M. Stephenson, director of Adventist World Purchasing Services, says AWPS handled \$1.2 million in direct sales during 1984, in addition to \$4.3 million in national contract sales handled directly between the vendor and the denominational purchasing entity.



Aduoga Booker, a Kenyan living in Uganda, bolted from the line of march during the General Conference parade when he spotted Lloyd Logan, pastor of the Thunderbird Academy church in Scottsdale, Arizona. With shouts of joy Booker swept Logan off his feet several times. The two men had become friends when Logan was a student missionary in Tanzania in 1966. After Logan returned home, he sent money to further Booker's education. Booker is a commercial photographer in Kampala, Uganda, and a lay leader of his local church. A UPI photographer also captured the exuberant meeting and the picture appeared in the New York Times and other newspapers across the country.



The stage for the General Conference Session and the Ministerial Council which preceded it was designed by Harry Knox, a member of the Wheaton, Maryland, church. Gilbert Bertochini, associate director of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, has been in charge of the stage for the last three sessions: Vienna, Dallas, New Orleans. This time, the backdrop was created in panels so the stage could be entered from the center as well as the sides. The logo featured three figures—a female, Christ and a male. Knox was asked to design the male figure to appear "international." Across the back of the stage, the flags of 190 countries were arrayed. Superdome officials were so impressed that they brought clients from around the city to inspect Knox's design. "This is the best design and layout the Superdome has ever had," the manager said. "We want others to see it."

GC takes Thomas from Pennsylvania; Martell from Columbia Union

Not only did the General Conference call the Columbia Union Conference's president, Wallace O. Coe, the session called Pennsylvania President Fred Thomas to be secretary of the North American Division and J. Lynn Martell, Columbia Union's ministerial director, to be church ministries director for the North American Division. Both men will also be associate directors of the General Conference departments in which they will serve.

Fred G. Thomas

Thomas, 58, was born and reared by missionary parents in Kenya, then educated at Helderberg College and Andrews University. Between 1949 and 1971 he served as mission director and president in Zambia, Kenya, Tanzania and Zambesi. He pastored in the Southern New England Conference in the early 1970s, then became general manager of Christian Record Braille Foundation in Lincoln, Nebraska.

He was secretary of the Afro-Mideast Division until 1981 when he became association treasurer in the Ohio Conference. He was first elected Pennsylvania Conference president in 1982.

Thomas' wife, Jean, is a teacher and writer who served as division correspondent for the *Adventist Review* and editor of the division's edition of that paper. The couple's four boys are Fred, a press operator at Christian Record; David, a pastor in the Southern New England Conference; John, vice principle of Union Springs Academy; and Peter, a building contractor in Arlington, Texas.

J. Lynn Martell

Lynn Martell, 44, has been ministerial director of the Columbia Union since 1978. He attended high school in Kellogg, Idaho, where he was a Golden Gloves boxing champion and went to Sacramento State College in California to study dentistry on a boxing scholarship. There he joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church and transferred to Pacific Union College to study theology.

Patterson elected

Gary Patterson has been elected the new president of the Pennsylvania Conference. At presstime, the Potomac Conference had called a new president, but he had not yet made a decision. A full report of these two elections will appear in the next *Visitor*.



Fred Thomas

He later received a master's degree in religion, a master of divinity degree from Andrews University and is currently completing a doctorate in church administration at the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Martell's wife, Karen, is a critical-care nurse. Their son, Todd, is a senior pre-med student at Columbia Union College. Son Scott is a college freshman and daughter Kabrina is a fifth-grader.

Martell began his denominational service as a pastor/teacher in Alaska, then went to the Wisconsin Conference as evangelist in 1970. His work as evangelist continued in Oregon until 1977 when he became director of the



Ron Graybill

Lynn Martell (left), ministerial director of the Columbia Union, joins David Newman, managing editor of "Ministry" magazine, for an early morning run around the outside of the Superdome.

ministerial association for Mid-America Union. The next year he came to the Columbia Union.

Martell has taken advantage of a number of training seminars in leadership, church growth, consulting, conflict management, and listening skills, and teaches seminars in a number of these fields. He has served on several North American Division committees, including Faith-Action Advance, pastoral motivation and ministries coordinating. He is a member of the NAD evangelism institute board and has coordinated the "ninth quarter" training program for ministers completing their seminary training.



Sculptor Alan Collins of Loma Linda University amazed and inspired delegates with his "Ages of Man" performance. To a background of dramatic readings and music of the New England Youth Ensemble, he took a bust of a baby in soft clay, and in one hour aged it until it was an old man.

Nominating committee reflects church's emerging trends



General Vice Presidents for the next five years include R.J. Kloosterhuis, Wallace O. Coe, Enoch Oliveira, Calvin B. Rock and Kenneth Mittleider.

GC Nominating Committee Members from North America

REPRESENTING	NAME	OFFICE	FIELD	GENDER
Atlantic	Amundson, E.W.	President	Union	Male
Atlantic	Kretchmar, Merlin	President	Gr. NY	Male
Atlantic	Griffiths, Helen	Layperson	Northeastern	Female
Canadian	Wilson, J.W.	President	Union	Male
Canadian	Maxson, G.E.	Secretary	Union	Male
Columbia	Coe, W.O.	President	Union	Male
Columbia	Wisbey, Ronald	President	Potomac	Male
Columbia	Ahnberg, Betty	Layperson	Ohio	Female
Educational	Loveless, William	President	College	Male
Health Care	Blair, Mardian	President	Hospital	Male
Lake	Carter, Robert H.	President	Union	Male
Lake	Hayward, James	President	Wisc	Male
Lake	Snowden, Jerry	Layperson	Mich	Male
Mid-America	Tompkins, Joel	President	Union	Male
Mid-America	Wampler, William	President	Iowa/MO	Male
Mid-America	Robberson, Paul	Layperson	Iowa/MO	Male
North Pacific	Fearing, Richard D.	President	Union	Male
North Pacific	Johnston, Bruce	President	Wash	Male
North Pacific	Coy, Donald E.	Layperson	Oregon	Male
Pacific	Blehm, Walt D.	President	Union	Male
Pacific	Vasquez, Manual	Vice-Pres	Union	Male
Pacific	Mostert, Thomas J.	President	SE Cal.	Male
Pacific	Yamashiro, Naomi	Layperson	Hawaii	Female
Regional	Edgecombe, J.A.	President	So. Eastern	Male
Regional	Dudley, C.E.	President	So. Central	Male
Regional	Monk, Paul	President	Central States	Male
Regional	Ward, E.C.	Pastor	Oakwood	Male
Regional	Ward, Esther	Layperson	Alleg. East	Female
Southern	McClure, A.C.	President	Union	Male
Southern	Gordon, Malcolm	President	Florida	Male
Southern	Cameron, Walter	Assoc. Sec	Florida	Male
Southern	Socol, Helen	Layperson	KY/Tenn	Female
Southwestern	Leach, B.E.	President	Union	Male
Southwestern	Miller, Cyril	President	Texas	Male

For many years the General Conference nominating committee has been chaired by one of the North American Division presidents, usually the president of the Pacific Union, the division's largest. At the recent session in New Orleans, however, W.R. Lescher, president of Andrews University, was chosen chairman.

Vice-chairmen included Dennis K. Bazzarra, executive director of the East Africa Union Mission and C.D. Judd, president of the Trans-Australian Union Conference. Calvin B. Rock, president of Oakwood College was tapped to be secretary of the committee. Associate secretaries included Noel S. Fraser, president of the West Indies Union Conference, Norman J. Woods, president of Loma Linda University and Samuel C.S. Young, president of the South China Island Union Mission.

The makeup of the committee reflected North America's dwindling proportionate size. About 85 percent of the church's membership hails from outside North America. In the nominating committee of 238 members, North America had only 34. More than one North American delegate wondered aloud if Neal C. Wilson might be the last native North American to be president of the General Conference.

Reports filtering out of the nominating



Presidents of world divisions for the next five years include (back row) W.R.L. Scragg, South Pacific; Jan Paulson, Northern Europe; Ottis C. Edwards, Far East; (back center) George W. Brown, Inter-America; Edwin Ludescher, Euro-Africa; (middle row) Mikhail P. Kulakov, U.S.S.R. representative; Charles E. Bradford, North America; J.J. Nortey, Africa-Indian Ocean; (front row) Joao Wolff, South America; Bekele Heye, Eastern Africa; and Gerald J. Christo, Southern Asia.

committee indicated that the democratic process may be just as safe in hands that are not North American. The African members of the committee were, apparently, just as active in the nominating committee as they were on the floor of the convention. Nominating committee members are said to have insisted on their responsibility to nominate those they felt best fitted for various posts. They resisted any suggestion that they were obligated to merely endorse names suggested by the General Conference president.

Some committee members, however, felt it was perfectly proper for Wilson to submit the names of those with whom he wished to work. Paul Robberson, a consultant from St. Louis who has studied the management of both the Ohio and Columbia Union conferences, said Wilson's approach was sensible because it let the committee know clearly what Wilson wanted yet left them free to vote his requests up or down.

Another change in the nominating committee procedure was technological. Ed Bahr, from the General Conference computer services, was operating a computer-based "voting machine." Each committee member had a button connected to Bahr's computer. When the committee chairman called for a vote,

members voting affirmatively held their buttons down for five seconds while a chime sounded. After the negative votes were taken in the same manner, the results flashed on a scoreboard at the front of the room. Voting was swift, accurate and confidential.

In a related development, new ground was also broken when the North

American Division representatives on the nominating committee invited all the NAD delegates to join them for the first part of their caucus. During such caucuses, nominating committee members decide who they would like to recommend to represent their divisions in the various General Conference departments.

Superdome hears "every tongue and nation"

The Bible speaks of preaching "to every tongue and nation" and from the sounds heard in the Superdome during the General Conference Session, Seventh-day Adventists seem to be doing a good job of fulfilling the commission.

The opening prayer was in Fijian. A Zulu song followed. The closing prayer was spoken in Polish. The Heralds quartet of Newbury Park, California, sang one song in seven languages, including Tagalog and Swahili. During his opening address, President Wilson inserted a five-minute section in Spanish.

With churches in more than 190 countries, Adventists use almost 1,000 languages and dialects to spread the gospel. More than 180 countries were represented in the Superdome. To help solve the language problem, delegates registered by geographic divisions so they could find someone who spoke their language.

Simultaneous translation of the business sessions were provided in five languages with a number of additional translations for two to fifteen delegates provided informally.

Monte Jacobs of Hagerstown, Maryland, who worked in one of the Superdome cafeterias, had a difficult time explaining food prices to some delegates. "We had to point to the display on the cash register," he said.

Jacobs said many delegates were unfamiliar with American money. "Customers handed in \$10 bills and trusted us to give the right change. Many just held out a handful of coins so we could pick out the correct amount."

Other perplexities were cultural, Jacobs said. Many delegates had no idea what a "haystack" or a "burrito" was.



Monte Jacobs, a college sophomore from Hagerstown, Maryland, was one of the checkers for the food service at the General Conference.



Evangelists' days numbered, Vandeman says

Television evangelist George Vandeman told the ministerial council of more than 2,000 Seventh-day Adventist clergymen that the days of the evangelist are over. "We are seeing the end of the evangelistic specialist," said the founder-speaker of the *It Is Written* telecast.

"Today instead of massive evangelistic campaigns to win converts to Christ, we are seeing hundreds of thousands of people being instructed in Bible truth through the formation of small groups using video programs.

"Video seminars on the Bible are a convincing way of teaching the Bible to members of today's television-oriented society," Vandeman said.

The strength of Christianity in America today lies not in tradition and religion as usual, but in its response to the needs



On behalf of current church leaders, Edwin Ludescher, Euro-Africa Division president, passed the torch of evangelism to the next generation, symbolized by child preacher Luis Bon.

that modern men and women are feeling. Those needs call for a reasoned, deep-felt faith, based on an understanding of the Bible," he said.

Wilson calls racism heresy, odious evil

On the eve of the opening of the General Conference, the church, through President N.C. Wilson, issued a statement calling racism "a heresy," "a form of idolatry" and an "odious evil."

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church deplores all forms of racism, including the policy of apartheid with its enforced segregation and legalized discrimination," said Wilson.

The statement said racism is heresy and idolatry "for it limits the fatherhood of God by denying the brotherhood of all mankind and by exalting the superiority of one's own race.

"While the sin of racism is an age-old phenomenon based on ignorance, fear, estrangement and false pride, some of its ugliest manifestations have taken place in our time," the statement says.

"Seventh-day Adventists want to be faithful to the reconciling ministry assigned to the Christian Church" and wish "to witness to and exhibit in her own ranks the unity and love that transcend racial differences and overcome past alienation between races."

The standard for Seventh-day Adventist Christians is acknowledged in the Church's Fundamental Belief No. 13,

which says: "In Christ we are a new creation; distinctions of race, culture, learning and nationality, and differences between high and low, rich and poor, male and female, must not be divisive among us. We are all equal in Christ, who by one Spirit has bonded us into one fellowship with Him and with one another; we are to serve without partiality or reservation."

Literature sales top \$805 million

Although television is taking the place of reading for millions, sales of Seventh-day Adventist literature in the last five years have topped the \$805 million mark, according to a report to the General Conference Session.

Louis A. Ramirez, Washington, D.C., world director of literature sales, told delegates the church operates 50 publishing houses around the world, including two in the United States.

Ramirez reported that 11,951 full-time "literature evangelists" are engaged in selling Adventist literature in scores of countries. These people gave away 36 million pieces of literature in the last five years in addition to their sales of books and magazines, he stated.

Religious freedom absent in many parts of world

Despite gains in religious freedom in some parts of the world, a number of religious groups face severe restrictions in the practice of their beliefs, according to Bert B. Beach, head of the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In his report to the General Conference, Beach said, "We are living in a world increasingly given to unbridled nationalism, totalitarianism, and religious or ideological fanaticism which is denying religious freedom.

"Arbitrary arrest at night, abductions and torture are brutalities experienced by those persecuted for conscience sake."

The church official said a "disquieting trend is the awakening and militancy of certain non-Christian religions.

"Organized Christianity appears to be in danger of extinction in the Middle East," said Beach. "Buddhism is stirring in the Far East. Thailand has indicated its intention to recognize no other Christian churches than the five already recognized."

Citing other problem areas, Beach pointed to the African nation of Burundi, where the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been closed as a recognized church organization.

"Pastors (in Burundi) no longer are allowed to function; some have been imprisoned for their faith. While the problems are varied and complicated by other issues, officially the cause for the present situation is the government's requirement that all citizens give Saturday labor to the state in community development projects.

"Sabbath problems abound in many areas, from the military in the United States to Sabbath examinations to government secondary schools and universities in Nigeria," said Beach.

"In many countries such as French-speaking Africa, Korea and Singapore, government schools require attendance on Saturday, and this continues to create difficulties for Seventh-day Adventist children, young people and parents."

Sabbath rights secure despite court ruling

The impact of the United States Supreme Court's June 26 decision declaring a Connecticut religious accommodation law unconstitutional may have a serious impact on employees of all denominations who conscientiously cannot work on their day of worship, warns Gordon Engen, North American director of Religious Liberty for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"Sabbatarians have reason to be encouraged by the decision itself," Engen said, "but inaccurate headlines and news stories stating or implying the Supreme Court struck down all state laws protecting Sabbath observers are inaccurate and may cause some employers to fire religiously observant workers."

"Most state accommodation statutes are not like the Connecticut statute," Engen explained. "Most are patterned after provisions of the federal Civil Rights Acts of 1964, which requires 'reasonable accommodation' of religious

practices unless they create 'undue hardships' on the employer."

Engen, who for 25 years has helped Seventh-day Adventists solve employment problems growing out of their religious beliefs, pointed out that in yesterday's decision the Court's majority held that the Connecticut law failed in part because it placed "substantial economic burdens" on employers and "significant burdens on other employees required to work in place of the Sabbath observers. Finally, the statute allows for no consideration as to whether the employer has made reasonable accommodation proposals."

"The language paraphrases the Court's interpretation of the federal Civil Rights Act in its decision in 1977 in *Trans World Airlines vs. Hardison*," Engen added. "Religious accommodation is alive and well in the form of federal, state and even some local anti-discrimination laws. Employers who fire workers still risk federal and state lawsuits if they fail to reasonably accommodate religious practices of their employees."

Engen said that in her opinion Justice O'Connor, who was joined by Justice Marshall, wrote, "I do not read the

Court's opinion as suggesting that the religious accommodation provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act are similarly invalid."

Engen said the Seventh-day Adventist Church filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the Connecticut case with the Supreme Court urging it to uphold the religious accommodation provisions of the Civil Rights Act.



In New Orleans, as in any large city, the church's message had to compete with the messages of the world. One local bar offered free beer to Adventists, but when thirsty parade participants did enter a tavern on the corner of Jackson Square after two hours in the hot sun, it was only to buy huge cups of lemonade.

Ed Peterson heads hams atop Hyatt



Ed Peterson, former Columbia Union youth director and an active member of Sligo church, directed amateur radio operations at the General Conference from his perch atop the headquarters hotel, the Hyatt Regency.

By means of an antenna perched atop the Hyatt Regency hotel next to the Superdome, a group of Seventh-day Adventist amateur radio operators made contact with hundreds of persons in countries throughout the world during the General Conference Session.

More than 500 amateur operators called the station on the 27th floor of the hotel. Most sent greetings to the conference or messages to delegates.

Directed by Ed Peterson of Sligo church, president of the Adventist Amateur Radio Association, the center allowed hobbyists a chance to "have a link between the overseas delegates and their families back home."

"As part of our work at the conference, we collected ham radio equipment to donate to overseas charitable endeavors," said Peterson. Even the antenna the group used was donated. It will also serve the North American Camporee at Camp Hale in Colorado, then go to an Adventist overseas mission.

Peterson said there are some 2,100 Adventist hams in his group, 1,800 in the United States and 300 overseas. The 100 who attended the GC Session used portable units to help coordinate the parade through the streets of New Orleans.

Wright presents GC devotional "Born to Triumph"

ALLEGHENY WEST—On the final Friday of the General Conference Session, after a long week of business meetings, caucuses and reports, and after a union committee meeting that lasted til midnight the night before, Henry M. Wright, president of Allegheny West Conference, stepped to the pulpit to present the morning devotional message. Wright, himself, had been an active participant in floor discussions and committee work. He had sometimes been pleased with the outcome, sometimes disappointed. Now, however, he lifted the vast congregation above the victories and defeats of a business meeting with the stirring Biblical message, "Born to Triumph."

He began with Adam, asking listeners, "Can you picture him who, shaped by the very hand of the Creator, rises to focus his unblurring optics upon the face of Him who is ever lovely?" Then he proceeded to trace the origin and



Henry M. Wright, president of Allegheny West Conference, presented the morning devotional, "Born to Triumph," on the final Friday of the General Conference Session.

development of sin as it must have appeared to Adam and the other Biblical heroes down through the years.

In one inspiring passage he said:

"Genesis 3:15 is the John 3:16 of the Old Testament. Both promise that what is not yet, already is; that the future has swallowed the present; that home for what will be can

become peace because of what has happened. The Lamb is slain from the foundation of the world. The handkerchief of Calvary's grace wipes the tears of Eden's shame."

Later, commenting on the struggle of the church against "the disarming effects of many cultures and varying social mores," Wright said:

"We must not despair if in all the world this remnant gospel is not practiced in every place in exactly the same way. That galling enmity—that hostility against evil—when prodded develops a sense that something is not right. God will bring us together, but woe unto us, whether in South America or Korea, when we twist the gospel to meet our own weakness. Adam was born to triumph, but Adam's descendants are born in sin. Through the Seed of Adam, the Word made flesh, we are now again able to be called the sons of God, *reborn to triumph*."

He concluded by telling the story of his own first reading of the whole Bible as a teenager. The early books made him

wonder if there was, in the end, triumph.

"I went to the back of the Book. There were dragons, beasts, scorpions, falling stars and symbols of all kinds; and then I saw them—obviously descendants of the original pair. They were dressed in white with palms in their hands. I could see golden crowns bedecking their heads, and yes, hear the singing—oh, what singing! As I beheld more closely in my imagination, as I read those precious chapters, I could see yellow, black, reddish and white skin! I could see that they came from many places. The Book said they came from every nation, kindred, tongue and people. And what a place they were in! Light was everywhere. Everyone looked well and whole. The Book said no pain, no tears, no sorrow, no death. The Book showed a big tree, the same one in the beginning of this saga. A tree called Life. They sang a song. The Book said they had washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb! I could, in my imagination, feel the triumph!"—R.G.

LEs tell of success at Camden rally

ALLEGHENY EAST—At a Camden, New Jersey, rally, more than 50 literature evangelists reported their sales of over \$854,000 and rejoiced that they had been influential in baptizing 251 people.

C.M. Willis, former associate director of the General Conference Publishing Department, preached the morning sermon and Mrs. Lee Davis sang an inspirational appeal song which asked, "Who will come and work today?" The question was answered positively by 12 people who will soon begin training as literature evangelists.

NICCETA DAVIS
Communication Secretary



Allegheny East Conference literature evangelists display trophies at the recent Camden rally. Seated in the foreground are Noah Beasley, conference publishing director, and his associate Elijah Watson.

68 graduate from Revelation Seminar

ALLEGHENY EAST—Graduation exercises concluded the Revelation Seminar conducted by E.L. Richardson, pastor of Berea Temple church in Baltimore.

Family members and friends watched as 68 participants marched down the center aisle to receive their certificates. Richardson highlighted the important issues addressed during the seminar.

After the ceremony, students and their guests celebrated at a banquet in the church's multipurpose room.

BETTYE BROCK
Communication Secretary

Baker chosen editor of "Message"

ALLEGHENY WEST—Delbert Wayne Baker, pastor of Allegheny West's second-largest congregation, Ethan Temple in Dayton, Ohio, has accepted a call to become the new editor of *Message* magazine. He replaces J. Paul Monk, who edited *Message* for five years but was recently elected president of the Central States Conference.

Baker, a 1975 Oakwood College graduate, was a 1985 Alumnus of the Year at that institution. He completed a Master of Divinity Degree at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1978.

Baker's wife, Susan Marie Lee Baker, is a practicing physical therapist. The couple have three children, David, 8, Benjamin, 6, and Jonathan, 3.

Baker has used his writing skills throughout his 10 years of productive pastoral ministry, to prepare lessons, seminars and articles for



Delbert W. Baker

Adventist publications. His efforts have been blessed with more than 500 baptisms. Recently he completed a book manuscript on the life and times of William Ellis Foy, the Black man who received and delivered visions during the early days of Adventism. Baker assumed his new responsibilities June 17 at the Review and Herald Publishing Association offices.

Greg Rimmer—Photo Sound International



The Pine Forge Academy Choir under the direction of Gwen Foster, provided one of the musical highlights of the General Conference with their powerful renditions of "Lift Up the Trumpet," arranged by Reger Smith, a member of the Breath of Life church in Fort Washington, Maryland, and "We Shall Behold Him." Soloist Kim Palmer of Ashtabula, Ohio, stands at the right with soloist Nichelle Stuart (blue headband) of Cincinnati just below her.

Teaneck church helps smokers "kick the habit"

ALLEGHENY EAST—Robert Rozefort, a physician from Wayne, New Jersey, recently directed a Stop Smoking Clinic for the personal ministries department of Teaneck church. Strong support to the program was given by personal ministries leader, Oswald Goulding, and Pastor H.T. Weatherford.

Nine people from the community felt the need to "kick the habit" and were faithful in attendance for the entire five day period. Geraldine Rhyon, a smoker for over 40 years, stopped permanently on the second day of the clinic. Her neighbor, Quacie Bailey, head deacon at Teaneck church, had been encouraging her to stop. After seeing the film and hearing Rozefort's presentations, she quit smoking.

Since then, Rhyon, a Catholic Christian, has been consistently attending Teaneck church. She says, "I feel much better and am looking forward to a new life in Christ."

DOLORES K. ETTER
Communication Secretary

Berea Temple hosts Baltimore's LEs

ALLEGHENY EAST—When the literature evangelists of the Baltimore district met in their annual rally at Berea Temple, they discovered they had already sold \$40,000 worth of literature and contributed to 10 baptisms, according to Betty Brock, communication secretary.

Literature evangelists from neighboring areas joined the rally, illustrating the strong comradery which exists among LEs. Robert Moses, district leader, coordinated the rally. Among those present were Noah Beasley, Allegheny East publishing director; Geneva Washington, associate publishing director for Delaware and the Eastern Shore and Leola Allen, new student coordinator for the conference. Each gave a brief report.

In the morning sermon, Sandy Robinson, marketing representative for the Review and Herald Publishing Association, gave the audience thorough understanding of the literature work. At the close of his sermon, several responded with a commitment to literature evangelism.

Courtroom to classroom spotlighted

ALLEGHENY EAST—Two special Sabbath-day programs emphasized religious freedom and education in the Sharon Temple church of Wilmington, Delaware, reports Charles D. Battles, communication secretary.

Rosa Banks detailed a courtroom scene in her message to worshipers on Education Sabbath. Banks, vice president for administration and development at Oakwood College, suggested an Adventist parent was being tried for his commitment to Christian education. Sharon Temple Junior Academy provided music, and students performed platform duties and were ushers and deacons.

STJA Home and School Association directed by Carolyn Cephas served dinner before the afternoon program. A film, "Oakwood College: Winning the Race," focused on the role and mission of the Huntsville, Alabama, school, and visiting collegians displayed the excellent talents of their music department.

On Religious Liberty Sabbath Clarence E. Hodges, an Adventist who is an assistant secretary of state in Delaware, outlined the objectives of the church's religious liberty department. Music by Brenda Cooper and the New Jerusalem Quartet emphasized the Psalm 55:1-5 scripture.

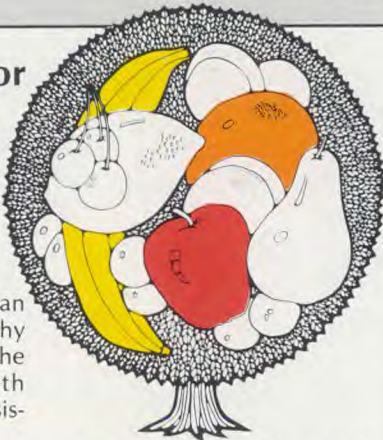
During the afternoon program, panelists discussed historical events effecting present liberties. Allen R. Washington, Delaware State Department of Labor, outlined the steps to be taken in filing charges of discrimination based on religious issues. The event closed with a crossfire of questions and answers between speakers and congregation.

Cincinnati Junior Academy hosts vegetarian food fair

OHIO—Supporters of Cincinnati Junior Academy recently put on a vegetarian food fair to promote healthy choices and raise funds for the school, reports Elizabeth Dawson, communication assistant for the school.

Guests were attracted by extensive advertising and by an attractive sign designed by Bill Leen. Eighth grade students Barbara Leen, Robin Jenkins and Talitha Torres greeted visitors at the door and accepted their entrance fee. Once inside, people could partake of sample servings from many meals.

Many of the meat substitutes



which guests could sample were offered for sale at a check-out station operated by Bonnie and Thomas Brougham, their son Robert, and Elizabeth Dawson.

The occasion presented an opportunity for Pastor Louis Torres and his wife Carol to get acquainted with visitors while they answered questions about the Adventist health

message and other beliefs.

Those who set up the fair display—Bill Leen, Todd Owens, Thresa Ziglar and her

two daughters, Sherrie and Stacy, along with Paul Cannon Jr.—stayed by to clean up as well.



Eighth-graders Barbara Leen, Robin Jenkins and Talitha Torres welcome guests to the Cincinnati Junior Academy Food Fair.

Stoia saluted for contributions to Dayton's health

OHIO—Rose M. Stoia, a charter member of the Centerville Seventh-day Adventist Church and director of Community Health Education at Kettering Medical Center, was one of five finalists in Dayton's Career Lifestyle Salute to Women in Health Care. Stoia, who holds a doctorate in education and is a registered dietician, competed with other women who had made outstanding contributions to the health of citizens in the Dayton and Springfield communities.

Stoia began her work at Kettering in 1968 and is best known nationally for her writings on nutrition education. She also lectures widely on the vegetarian diet. She is remembered in Dayton for her three and a half years as nutrition commentator on local television, her Slim Chance weight control classes, nutrition lectures, newspaper articles and radio and television

interviews.

Surprised by the honor, Stoia said, "It's funny to be awarded for doing something I enjoy so much. I've always said I have the best job in the hospital."

LESLIE HARRISON

Communication Secretary



Rose Stoia is the director of Health Education at Kettering Medical Center.

Delaware members gain CPR skills

OHIO—When Pastor Dave Hutman called the children to the front of the church recently, it wasn't for the usual story hour. Instead, they helped Mark Dennis, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation instructor, distribute certificates to those who had completed his class in the life-saving technique.

Those who passed the

examination included Betty Hornsby, Jeanette Morris, Carlos and Amy Dennis, Marcella Morrison, Scott Dozier, Amy Hornsby, Vicki Barger, Karen Saylor, Rick Hall, Linda Berry and Paula Lapinski. After the ceremony the youth sang "In My Heart There Rings a Melody," accompanied by Amy Dennis, organist.

Loren Nelson, assistant to the president for evangelism in the Ohio Conference, presented the sermon, "Who is My Neighbor," and closed his message with a call to commitment. After a potluck dinner, Nelson taught a seminar on "How to Give Bible Studies."

BETTY TAYLOR
Communication Secretary



Hamilton helps unemployed families

OHIO—When you're down and out in Hamilton in southwestern Ohio, the place to go is the Hamilton Community Service Center. It's the only place in town where you can get free clothing, according to Wayne and Elsie Robins who operate the center. It may also be the only place where you get a piece of literature each time you walk in the door.

On Halloween, Pathfinders collect canned food to restock the center's supplies, and throughout the year church members make regular donations of foods. Last year the center distributed 100 bedding items to meet the needs of burned out families.

The Hamilton church, under the direction of Raj Atiken, carries on a full slate of other community outreach programs as well. In various seminars townsfolk can learn to stop smoking, control stress, cook vegetarian meals, enrich parent-child relationships, manage family finances.

The pastor speaks weekly on the radio and the station recently gave the church 15 extra minutes to air a "Health-Wise" program. For those who show further interest, weekly Bible studies are offered.

Volunteers help Joseph get back on his feet

POTOMAC—Joseph, a young man who used to be a competent carpenter, felt his life had fallen apart when stricken by a serious illness. He spent a long time in the hospital before being stabilized on medication and discharged. He moved in with a friend of the family who had plenty of room. She is a widow and her children have grown and moved away. This caring lady brought Joseph to the Community Services Center because he wanted to get back

Students raise money for African relief

PENNSYLVANIA—Students, staff and friends of the Harrisburg Adventist School chose African famine relief as their mission project for the school year.

Donations were solicited at school programs and pupils brought offerings to their weekly AJY meetings. A portion of the profits from school fund-raising projects was pledged and friends supported the school's mission project with their gifts.

Three checks totaling \$800 were sent as funds accrued during the term. "We are looking forward to Heaven when we can sit at the great banquet table with some who were blessed by our small efforts," stated Principal Melva Perry on behalf of the 42 students and fellow teachers, Doris Daugherty and Kenneth Kelly.

into construction work, but she had no money to buy him work clothes or food. Her own place of employment recently lost a contract and had to lay people off. She was among those "let go," but had marketable skills and expected to be employed again soon.

Center Director Bonnie Johnson inquired, "How is it that you only ask for food for Joseph when it sounds like you are both in need?"

"I can go without food a little longer," she replied, "but Joseph has to eat and stay strong, because construction work will be very strenuous." This polite and gentle woman had been raised in a family that taught her never to ask for help no matter what might happen. The dilemma was resolved by giving Joseph enough food for two people. He was also outfitted in clothes suitable for outdoor work.

Joseph discussed his plan with Director Johnson. He just needed a few dollars to pay for bus and subway fare to Washington, D.C. to apply for a job. "Maybe you should look for a construction job here in the suburbs, she suggested. "Out where I live lots of houses are being built."

"In the suburbs it's too difficult to get around by bus to job hunt," he reasoned, "and to get to the job on time for the early morning starting hour once I'm hired." After reflecting on this logic, they figured

the cost to go to Washington by public transit. He received tokens for the bus and cash for the subway.

"I had no idea that Community Services was such a large operation!" This exclamation is frequently heard by volunteers who receive donations church members bring to the Community Services Center in Washington, D.C. They see long aisles of clothing hung on racks according to size, shoes piled high in plastic bins, canned goods lined up on shelves and a room stocked with housewares. They are noticeably impressed and pleased that their church supports such a place.

A week later Joseph stopped by the Center on his way home from work. He was sunburned, dirty and bruised, but

happy. His plan worked out better than expected. When he got to Washington to apply for work he was told him to go to the company's job site in Bethesda, a shorter distance for him to commute. Joseph said God seemed to be helping him over every obstacle.

Each volunteer who has contact with people coming into the Center for help can tell stories like Joseph's, reports Johnson. The racks of clothing and other material goods are just the start in seeing the love of Christ shared with others.

Cancer patients help others fight disease

CHESAPEAKE—When Edwin Hammerly and three other Grasonville members contracted cancer in the summer of 1983, they didn't turn inward in self-pity—they started a fund to help other cancer patients.

Hammerly started a cancer-research fund and asked other church members to help. He rolled a five-gallon water jar down the center aisle of the church each day to receive the offering. Hammerly died before the jar was full, but when the treasurer recently sat down with three members to count the money, they discovered they had \$614 to send to Loma Linda University's Cancer Research Center.



POTOMAC—The Norfolk, Virginia, church recently honored the military men and women of the congregation. Participants in the program included Sharon Klatt, pastor's wife and director of the children's choir; Duncan Campbell, Navy; Jerry Pownall, Army; Pastor Charles Klatt; and Chaplain Merelle Wilson, Navy.

Hamlet active with baptisms, children's Sabbath school

OHIO—The Hamlet church, just east of Cincinnati in southwestern Ohio, has been a beehive of activity lately. Twelve people were baptized during a recent series of meetings conducted by Evangelist Ted Struntz. The evening of the baptism Pastor Steve Shipowick presented each new member with a red rose symbolizing the beauty of Christ's character while the thorns represented the trials and obstacles Satan throws in the Christian's path.

The primary division of the Hamlet Sabbath school, under the leadership of Alice Bennett, has responded to goal devices designed to reward attendance, daily lesson study and learning memory verses.

The class made three trips to a nearby nursing home where they sang for residents. Each child chose one resident to whom he or she wrote a letter of cheer. The children have also participated in the adult Sabbath school and enjoyed several nature-study outings.

Three members who recently completed Master Guide training were invested by Steve Lewis, regional Pathfinder director. These included Stacey Kelso, Sam Speaks and James Conley.

FLORENCE SHIPOWICK
Communication Secretary



New members of Hamlet church received red roses symbolizing the beauty of Christ's character and the thorny problems Satan places in the Christian's path.

VOP expands D.C. coverage

MEDIA CENTER—Morning, noon and night describes the Voice of Prophecy's daily broadcast coverage of the Washington, D.C., area, now that a new full-time religious radio station has begun transmitting from Fairfax, Virginia.

The new outlet, WDCT, features respected, nationally known programs. With 5,000 watts of power at 1310 on the AM dial, it covers a population of 1,300,000 in northern Virginia, and reaches into Washington and many of the Maryland suburbs. The VOP will air at 12:25 p.m., Monday through Friday.

WDCT will also carry "Let's Talk," the VOP's live interview and call-in show, on Saturday nights at 10 p.m. Because the station reduces its power at night, this program will be heard only in northern Virginia, but a 1 p.m. Sunday rebroadcast will reach the entire metro area.

The Voice of Prophecy's daily programs, featuring H.M.S. Richards Jr., are also heard at the following times in the Washington area: WFAX, Falls Church, 1220 on the dial, at 6 and 6:45 a.m.; and WGTS-FM, the Columbia Union College station, at 11 a.m. WGTS also plays tapes of daily programs at 7:30 p.m. Sunday broadcasts include WGTS-FM at 8:30 a.m. and WFAX at 9:30 a.m.

Membership grows at Coshocton

OHIO—When South-African born minister Pieter Barkhuizen accepted the Coshocton congregation in east-central Ohio two years ago, he found weekly attendance ranged from seven to 12 and a membership of 21. Now, thanks to vigorous evangelism, a new church building, and transfers from other churches, membership has grown to 60.



Building contractor Don Gerhart, a Seventh-day Adventist, hands the key of the new Coshocton church to Pastor Pieter Barkhuizen while first elder Robert Russell looks on.

New Jersey moves into high gear with Revelation Seminars

NEW JERSEY—Twelve Revelation Seminars have already been conducted in New Jersey this year and at least 60 more are slated for this summer and fall according to Robert Boggess, conference president.

Jim Stevens, conference ministerial director, assisted by Otis Graves, youth director and Chris Kober, personal ministries leader, has led out in a series of training sessions for both English and Spanish-speaking church members.

The Spanish Revelation Seminar materials, just revised by the Texas Conference,

On May 11, Ohio Conference President John Fowler officially opened the new church building and Barkhuizen baptized 15 of the original 32 who attended his recent Revelation Seminar. Among those baptized was a minister of another denomination and his wife.

Inspired laypeople have assisted in a recent 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking and are planning a cooking school and evangelism campaign for the fall.

feature four-color pamphlets. New Jersey will be among the first conferences to use the new materials.

Pastor Les Bryan, his wife Ginny, and pastors Gerry Chapman, Bill Davis and Dwight Davis, have conducted successful Revelation Seminars. Joe DePasquale, a layman in the LaFayette church led out in another well-attended session.

"New Jersey Adventists are excited by the prospects of hundreds of Revelation Seminars being conducted in the future," says Boggess. "Our goal is to reach every neighborhood with the gospel of Jesus Christ."

JAMES L. STEVENS
Ministerial Director

Children's choir organizes in Forest Hill church

POTOMAC—The Forest Hill Children's Choir in Richmond, Virginia, presented the worship service in song and spoken word at their own church, and again at Meadowbridge the following Sabbath.

The 21 children, ranging from little Vanessa Harvey, age 3, to 14-year-old David Couch had each memorized parts

taken from *Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy*. Chip Everts, a 5-year-old member of the choir, played "Jesus Loves Me" on his violin.

The choir, under the leadership of Myrtle Pohle, plans to sing once a month for church services. Pohle feels that participation in the worship service is an important part of Adventist children's preparation for future leadership.

KEN TRUIT

Communication Secretary



The newly-organized Forest Hill Children's Choir is dressed in off-white robes with red stoles to match those of the adult choir. The robes were made by church seamstresses.

Baptisms far ahead of last year's pace

MOUNTAIN VIEW—The fruits of 25 separate Revelation Seminars in the Mountain View Conference include 87 baptisms during the first five months of 1985, only 40 less than the total for all of 1984.

Personal Ministries Director Tom Whitsett expects still more baptisms as interested individuals continue to attend church and mid-week follow-up services such as Spiritual Gifts Seminars.

The 25 simultaneous Revelation Seminars conducted across West Virginia and western Maryland was the most ambitious evangelistic effort ever conducted in the Mountain View Conference. The meetings were advertised by direct mail and television ads, and during the first several weeks, non-Adventist attendance at the seminars was about 1,250, which is equal to

half the number of members in the conference.

Among the 13 laypeople who assisted in seminars were physicians, women and at least three individuals who had held church membership for less than two years.

Local elders adopt parish families

CHESAPEAKE—The sixteen elders recently chosen to assist Pastor Les Fowler in caring for the Baltimore First congregation have each committed two hours a week to the task of caring for the eight to 12 families in their "parish."

Their goal is to visit each family each month and report to the pastor on the special needs of the members. During a full-scale evangelistic campaign slated for September, the elders will also be assigned to visit non-members who attend.

CUC students join in Takoma Park festival

CUC—Several Columbia Union College students participated in the Takoma Old Town Street Festival this summer. The college relations department sold baked potatoes with vegetarian toppings, and bread prepared by the college bakery.

"We sold over 700 loaves of bread in one afternoon," says Marlene Grove, a student working in the food service department. "A lot of people who stopped by our booth had good things to say about the bread—and about the college. I'm glad people are becoming more aware that we're a part of their town."

Students Jackie Stefan and Phil Dabney joined in the festivities by volunteering to help with children's activities for the event. They organized a watermelon-eating contest, a water balloon toss, and bean bag and tug-of-war games.

A total of 15,000 people attended the festival, designed to celebrate the diverse flavors and history of the town.

BARBARA H. SUDDARTH

Public Relations Assistant

Lancaster lay people conduct crusade

PENNSYLVANIA—The first lay evangelism team crusade in Lancaster chose "Meet My Friend Jesus" as a theme and featured R. T. Evans, head deacon, as crusade speaker. Meetings continued three nights a week for four weeks at the church school.

The Lancaster Pathfinder club, known as the Mustangs, and church school students distributed 2,500 fliers announcing the meetings. Lancaster members Ann and Steve Trout along with other members brought special music and provided children's stories. Those who attended most of the meetings were awarded a copy of *Bible*

Readings for the Home. The crusade resulted in a baptism as well as several ongoing Bible studies.

TAMYRA HORST

Communication Secretary

Co-workers become fellow members

POTOMAC—Mary Simpson has worked in the Leland Hospital for 19 years. All through those years she has let her Christian light shine to patients as well as those she worked with. She became close friends with a number of Seventh-day Adventist co-workers and enjoyed their company.

Simpson heard about Ron Halvorsen's prayer meeting series on the Ten Commandments at Takoma Park church. She began attending and later came to an early morning church service.

George Harsha, associate pastor of Takoma Park church, was shaking hands at the door and met Mary Simpson. He recognized a beautiful Christian interested in the Three Angels' Messages. He asked if he could come and visit her. Soon after, they started Bible studies.

Harsha reports on Mother's Day he had the privilege of baptizing Simpson. She has already become an active member of the Takoma Park church.



Mary Simpson, a 19-year employee at Leland Hospital, was baptized in Takoma Park church by George Harsha.

Rocky Mount organized as Adventist company

POTOMAC—A new group of believers joined the Potomac Conference when the congregation of Rocky Mount in south-central Virginia was organized into a company March 9. Jere Wallack, who has since been elected conference secretary, gave the keynote message and Herb Broeckel, who has since been chosen Mountain View Conference president, officiated at the organization. Among the guest speakers were Girardus Forry, a Franklin County Supervisor, and Presbyterian Pastor Denny Williams.

Pastor Marlyn Kurtz, who cares for the Roanoke and Salem congregations, will also direct the Rocky Mount district. Twenty members signed the charter document.

The company got its start in 1976 when the families of Alan Dean and Jim Seeley began a branch Sabbath school in the Dean home in Franklin County. The families followed up their written interests by telephone. As the branch Sabbath school grew, the group could see they would outgrow the facilities generously provided by the Deans. The search began for a church home.

Seeley, who lives in Rocky Mount, contacted the Presbyterian pastor, Denny Williams. A former United States Army chaplain, Williams had a high regard for the Seventh-day Adventist message he had known in the service. He used the opportunity Seeley afforded him to repay the loyal Adventists he had observed. He allowed the branch Sabbath school to meet in his church for the mere cost of sharing utility bills. In September, 1984, Seeley drew Rocky Mount believers closer together with a Revelation Seminar, then in October they began worshipping in the local Presbyterian church.



Herb Broeckel interviews Girardus Forry, Franklin County Supervisor, at the organization of the Rocky Mount company for WGTS "Potomac Magazine" program.



Shaun Dean, the youngest member, signs the charter document at the organization of the Rocky Mount company. Looking on is Pastor Marlyn Kurtz.

Schaepper ordained at Ohio campmeeting

OHIO—Hans Schaepper, pastor of the Swanton and Napoleon churches in northwestern Ohio, was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Ohio campmeeting June 8. H.M.S. Richards Jr., director of the Voice of Prophecy, spoke at the event which was presided over by conference officers John W. Fowler, Skip Bell and Russ Lucht.

Schaepper was born and reared in Switzerland. He graduated from the Adventist college in Collonges, France, and pastored for two years in

the Swiss French Conference before coming to the United States to complete his Master of Divinity Degree at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1983. Since that time he has labored in the Ohio Conference.

Mary Ann (Harding) Schaepper, his wife, is a native of Worthington and a graduate of Mount Vernon Academy. She met Schaepper while doing graduate work and teaching in Europe. She is currently enrolled in a master's program in secondary education at Toledo University. The couple are the parents of two girls, 5-year-old Heidi and Julie, age 3.

Freedman ordained moves to Rockaway, Morristown

NEW JERSEY—John Charles Freedman was ordained to the gospel ministry on May 25 in a service at the Parkway South Seventh-day Adventist Church in Marmora near the southern tip of New Jersey.

Freedman, 29, is a Philadelphia native who grew up in New Jersey. He graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in Accounting and Business Administration. While in college, he decided to become a Methodist minister. When he announced his decision to his father, who had grown up an Adventist, the elder Freedman encouraged his son to consider the Adventist message. After a visit with an aunt and uncle in Colorado, and a deep personal struggle, John was baptized in 1977. Through his influence, his brothers David and Dan were also baptized and are now serving as Adventist ministers.



Melinda and John Freedman

Freedman has studied at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He married Melinda Baer in 1980 and in 1981 began his internship in Trenton under Walter

Marshall. For the past three and a half years he has served the churches at Cape May Court House, Parkway South and Atlantic County, but in June he assumed the responsibility for the Rockaway and Morristown, New Jersey, churches in the northern part of the state.

John and Melinda have two children, Jonathan, 3, and an infant, Jessie, 20 months.

ROBERT W. BOGESS
President



POTOMAC—The Tazewell church in southwestern Virginia, was filled to capacity as friends, relatives and former members came from as far as Florida and California to join in a "homecoming" celebration. Adding to the joy of the day were many letters of greeting from former members and pastors who were unable to attend. —KURT STAUDENRAUS

Hermann gets Ph.D. in social work

CUC—John Hermann, associate professor of social behavior and coordinator of CUC's sociology department, recently completed the work for a doctoral degree. Hermann received his Ph.D. in social work from the University of Maryland on May 28. The degree is the result of nine years of study into welfare policies and problems associated with aging in America.

A graduate of CUC, Hermann went on to earn a master's degree in sociology at Loma Linda University. He has taught at CUC for the past dozen years. He hopes his doctoral dissertation on the effects of Medicaid "spend-down" on nursing home patients will help him publish his findings in several professional journals.

Although he is interested in research, Herman says, "I enjoy teaching immensely. It allows for constant study and gives me freedom to pursue additional interests in my field."

"Dr. Hermann is the third faculty member at CUC to complete a doctoral degree in the last two months," comments Joseph Gurubatham, vice president for academic affairs. "We are pleased with the commitment that these teachers have shown in enriching their classroom skills and continuing their education."

Spanish church doors open on "street of churches"

POTOMAC—Twenty-one flag bearers, representing the countries-of-origin of the 160 members, filed into the inaugural service of Capitol Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church in the nation's capitol. Preceded by the call of the trumpet and song, members and guests marveled at the beauty of the temple.

In an evangelistic effort held almost 20 years ago, Salim Japas from South America, assisted by Manuel Rosado, Eduardo Zurita and Bible instructor Mary May, helped 28 people accept the Lord and become Seventh-day Adventists. Later, Ismael Rojas was invited to be their pastor.

The Zaire Embassy building was purchased for their meeting place; however, the members rapidly outgrew these facilities. Under the leadership of Pastor Roger Weiss, the old building was leveled and construction of the new church was begun. Denominational Building Services provided architectural leadership, and the Potomac Conference and Columbia Union provided strong support.

Soon plans and projects became walls, roof, floors and furniture. Finally, one of the most outstanding and attractive churches along 16th Street, the "street of churches" in the heart of Washington, D.C., was ready to receive its congregation.

It is estimated that in free labor the members have donated close to \$200,000 to build the church. From the very beginning, devotion and sacrifice have marked every effort and every achievement. But something that no one expected or would have believed

is that members, church leaders and visitors raised almost \$20,000 during the opening services to pay for a new piano, a new organ and other expenses. Most in the congregation earn little more than the minimum wage, but they emptied their pockets again and again and offered it to the Lord.

Ron M. Wisbey, Potomac Conference president, preached the inaugural sermon. Jose Espinosa from the General Conference, offered the dedicatory prayer. Local District of Columbia representatives, ministers of other faiths, friends, neighbors and members occupied every seat and filled the foyer and side aisles to overflowing. And the people said, "Amen."

EDA VISSER
Communication Secretary



Potomac Conference President Ron Wisbey and Pastor Roger Weiss greeted worshippers at the inaugural services of Washington, D.C.'s Spanish church.



There is standing room only during worship services at the opening of Capitol Spanish congregation's new church.

Linthicum will give 100 percent to Mizpah

ALLEGHENY EAST—William Linthicum has been appointed full-time pastor of Philadelphia-Mizpah church. He had previously served Philadelphia-Southwest as well.

Linthicum, a graduate of Oakwood College, began his ministry as a lay pastor of Liberty Heights church in Baltimore, Maryland. Later, after pastoring in Washington, New Jersey, for 15 months, he attended the



Lael and William Linthicum, with daughter Candace, will continue their ministry in the Mizpah church in a full-time capacity.

Adventist Theological Seminary in Michigan. He spent the next three years in the Newtonville-Mantua, New Jersey, churches, then came to Philadelphia.

Linthicum is married to the former Lael A. Bowman. They have a 15-month-old daughter, Candace Leigh. Mizpah church members are very excited about having a full-time minister and welcome the Linthicum family again in this capacity.

RUTH WILKERSON
Communication Secretary

Pastor Seeley moves across state line to Altoona district

PENNSYLVANIA—Ronald M. Seeley and wife Eileen have come to the New Enterprise area from Findlay, Ohio, where they served for seven years. Seeley is pastoring the Altoona/Everett/Six Mile Run district in the central part of western Pennsylvania.

Both Seeleys grew up on farms near Bellefontaine, Ohio. Pastor Seeley served in the medical department of the United States Army during World War II. After the war, he went to Columbia Union College and then attended Andrews University, where he received a Master of Arts Degree. He has been a gospel minister in Maine, Vermont, Florida and Ohio.

Seeley succeeds George Wennerberg, who accepted the responsibilities of two churches on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Their home is in Rock Hall.

JOYCE DEIKE
Communication Secretary

Maehre comes to Ohio churches

OHIO—Robert Maehre is the new pastor of Willoughby and Chardon churches. He and his wife, Susan, moved into their new home in June.

After serving over three years as pastor of Hillsdale and Prattsville churches in Michigan, he was ordained in May. Maehre received his Master of Divinity Degree from the Adventist Theological Seminary in 1980 and did his first-year internship at the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

Adventist heritage means much to Maehre since he grew up in Battle Creek in an Adventist family. He is a graduate of Battle Creek Academy.

Maehre has artistic gifts. He is the developer of a number of

5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking visuals used in hundreds of exhibits sponsored by Adventist churches at county fairs and health fairs. He taught church school for two years prior to entering the seminary, and has also completed two quarters of training at the North American Division Evangelism Institute in Chicago.

Mrs. Maehre has a music ministry of her own, in addition to working with her husband in church activities. She is a well-known singer.

Brown retires from church plant services

ALLEGHENY EAST—Zimri Brown was recently honored by Berea Temple church in Baltimore, Maryland. At the reception, E.L. Richardson, church pastor, presented Brown with a plaque inscribed, "In recognition and deep appreciation for 18 years of faithful and valuable service."

Brown served as caretaker of the church from 1967 until his retirement in February. Testimonials given on his behalf cited his "eager support and assistance whenever and wherever needed, his quiet, pleasant manner and his dedication to God."

BETTYE BROCK
Communication Secretary



Zimri Brown was caretaker of Baltimore's Berea Temple church for 18 years before retiring. Pastor E.L. Richardson (left) congratulated Brown during a reception honoring him.

Kenaston takes charge of three churches

OHIO—Henry Kenaston has arrived from New York state to pastor the Elyria, Lorain and La Grange churches, located just west of Cleveland. He previously pastored in and around Utica, New York, where he organized two new churches.

Kenaston hails from New England, while his wife, Hannelore, was born in East Germany. The couple recently visited her birthplace. They have four children. Their oldest, John Kevin, lives in northeast Maryland. A daughter, Clarine, just graduated from Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania.



Henry Kenaston

Six Mile Run pastor goes to Rock Hall

PENNSYLVANIA—When George and Brenda Wennerberg left Pennsylvania for duties in the Chesapeake Conference, their church at Six Mile Run offered a farewell dinner and gave the Wennerbergs a wall clock and honored them for their "dedicated and sincere work." With their children, Joy, George Jr. and Heide, they take up new duties on Maryland's Eastern Shore at the historic Rock Hall church, which recently mourned the death of its pastor Don Scheitzelt.

Vatican diplomat case will be appealed

WASHINGTON—Americans United for Separation of Church and State is appealing a federal court decision dismissing the organization's challenge to United States-Vatican diplomatic ties.

Americans United, which counts most Adventist religious liberty directors among its members, was joined by 20 Protestant, Catholic and other religious groups in a legal challenge to President Reagan's appointment of an ambassador to the Holy See, the institutional arm of the Roman Catholic Church.

In early May, a United States District Court dismissed the complaint, saying that the constitution gives Reagan and Congress virtually exclusive authority in foreign policy and federal courts have no right to intervene. The court also claimed Americans United lacked "standing" to sue since they could not clearly demonstrate that they had been harmed.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church, as an organization having fought hard against the Vatican appointment during congressional hearings, chose not to join in the legal challenge lest it appear anti-government and selfishly anti-Catholic. However, an Adventist attorney is counsel for Americans United in the suit, five individual plaintiffs are Adventist ministers, and the General Conference makes an annual financial contribution to Americans United.—R.G.

Adventist ad agency saves church's money

MEDIA CENTER—A Seventh-day Adventist time-buying agency, TRANSDA, can help local churches create and place advertisements, do market research and estimate costs, according to Connie LaJoie, who directs the service.

The ad agency was originally established to negotiate

favorable scheduling and pricing for Adventist TV programs, but now its clients include pastors and evangelists throughout North America, who use it when they are planning an evangelistic campaign or other community outreach. TRANSDA offers a 10 percent discount on placement of time and space advertising.

For information write TRANSDA Advertising, Box 307, Newbury Park, CA 91320.

Resource catalog aids church leaders

R&H—When local church officers need films, magazines, cassettes, or other products for their programs, they can learn what's available from a new North American Division Resource Catalog, according to Rose Otis, spokesperson for the Review and Herald.

The NAD developed the catalog to aid churches in

carrying out the Caring Church strategy in their communities. Each product is described in the catalog. Information for the book was collected from the General Conference, union and local conferences, publishing houses and independent organizations.

Study compares SDA, Mormon growth rates

COLUMBIA UNION—A study of statistical reports has laid to rest the commonly-held belief that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) is growing much faster than the Adventist Church, according to a recent *Adventist Review* report.

One hundred and twenty years after incorporation (1863), Seventh-day Adventist membership was 4,140,206. The same number of years after incorporation (1830), Mormon membership was 1,111,314. Simply put, the Adventists had gained 3,028,892 more members than had the Mormons during the same amount of time; they had grown 373 percent faster.

The yearly rate of growth for Mormons during a recent three years was: 1981, six percent; 1982, five percent; and 1983, five percent. The growth rate for the Adventists was: 1981, five percent; 1982, six percent; and 1983, six percent.

While the current growth rates of the two denominations are actually quite similar, their distribution is very different. Mormons have 5,650,000 members worldwide with 3,874,000, or 68 percent, in North America. Adventists have a world membership of 4,424,612, with 676,204, or 15 percent, in North America. The Adventist growth rate for North America was: 1981, three percent; 1982, 3.1 percent; 1983, 2.7 percent; and 1984, 2.4 percent. Mormon growth in North America was 1981, 2.6 percent; 1982, 3.2 percent; 1983, 2.6 percent; and 1984, 4.6 percent.—R.G.

Millions returned to local conferences

COLUMBIA UNION—In SDA Church organization, strong conferences and churches help weak ones, wealthy institutions help struggling ones. This is the genius of our church structure.

This exchange of resources is one of the vital functions of the union conferences. It is illustrated in the appropriations local conferences receive. Many active lay people know that the local conference sends 10 percent of its tithe to the union and 20 percent to the General Conference. But how many realize that in the Columbia Union, more than a third of this money comes back to the local conferences?

Conferences of the Columbia Union sent more than \$7 million in tithe to the General Conference last year. The General Conference uses this money to pay its staff, run institutions which serve the world field (like Loma Linda University), and support the work of the church in needy fields. Nevertheless, the General Conference returned more than \$2.5 million in tithe and non-tithe funds to the local conferences of the Columbia Union for

evangelism, education, church building, inner-city work, ministerial internships and other projects.

The conferences of the mid-Atlantic region sent 10 percent of their tithe to the Columbia Union—about \$3.5 million. The Columbia Union returned 38 percent of this amount to the local conferences—nearly \$1.4 million.

These funds, however, are distributed according to the needs of the conferences. Because patterns of discrimination, current and past, have resulted in lower per capita income among black families, and because our black churches are often located in high-cost, high-need urban areas, the Columbia Union gives additional help to the regional conferences. For instance, although the Allegheny West Conference has only about 1,000 members more than the Chesapeake Conference, the former received over \$664,000 in appropriations from the General Conference and union during 1984, while the Chesapeake Conference—which has ample financial resources—got only \$182,000.—R.G.



Fairfax collegians lead worship service

POTOMAC—Although he was in the hospital undergoing chemotherapy treatments, Glennis Tronic still helped his Collegiate Youth Sabbath School Class conduct a recent Sabbath morning worship service for the Fairfax, Virginia, church. A prayer Tronic had written was used.

Todd Barker, an IBM employee, presented a sermon which Pastor Marsha Frost had helped him prepare. Michele Jefferson and Anne Pago offered special music. Jill Shaw, Laura Riley and Richard Gayle also assisted.

DORIS D. JOHNSON
Communication Secretary



Collegiate Sabbath school members Jill Shaw, Todd Barker, Richard Gayle and Laura Riley led out in the worship service at Fairfax church.

Students are patrons of the arts

CHESAPEAKE—Students in the Frederick church school can get acquainted with the National Symphony Orchestra and guest artists through a special music program. On selected Fridays, students attend a concert at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Before the concert, teacher Barbara Core,

who supervises the music field trip, helps students learn about the music, composers and artists whose work they will be hearing.

The beautiful music of the symphony, the grandeur of the Kennedy Center, and a fun stop at the Pavillion for ice cream provide learning experiences and a highlight of the week for the students.

ANN DAMAZO
Communication Secretary



Frederick school students (left to right), Matthew Madden, Guy Orser, John Kershner and Suzie Belser, listened to Violinist Itzhak Perlman perform with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Worship hour gives way to study time

CHESAPEAKE—Linthicum church in suburban Baltimore has changed the format and time of their worship hour on Sabbath mornings to 9:30 with Sabbath school following. They share the services of Pastor David Huber with the Brooklyn congregation, where the worship hour is at the traditional 11 o'clock hour. Huber is now able to worship with both congregations each Sabbath.

A new, more informal format, introduced in the spring by Bill Liversidge, director of the Columbia Union Church Growth Institute, is much like a Bible study, the in-depth study of God's Holy Word.

Bible students participate in discussions, ask questions and express their opinions during the study. The informal atmosphere of the service makes the congregation more receptive to a deeper understanding of the subject.

JAMES T. NOCK
Communication Secretary

SVA graduates 3,000th student

POTOMAC—Richard Stevenson, registrar, briefly stopped the presentation of diplomas at Shenandoah Valley Academy's commencement to announce that an important milestone had been reached—SVA had just graduated its 3,000th senior.

Appropriately, the senior was Tad Schutte, a third generation student whose grandfather graduated in 1942 and his father in 1962. Tad says, "I was so excited. It made me feel really special to be the 3,000th graduate."

Although the buildings and faces have changed, all Schutte's agree the quality of education and special mission of SVA have not changed through the years.

According to Tad's grand-

father, Thomas Samuel Schutte Sr., "The moral upright standards are still here. SVA still develops strong desires to be a good worker for men and God." Tom Schutte looks back with fondness as he remembers "the kind and loving teachers that would listen" and "the life-long friends made in academy." In fact, he says, "It gives me a sense of going home when I visit SVA. When I attended the school I became a part of it and it became a part of me."

Although Sam Schutte (Thomas Samuel Schutte Jr.) is sad to see some of the changes that have taken place since 1962 when he graduated, particularly the loss of the dairy where he worked all four years, he too observes the "fantastic school spirit from year to year. According to Sam, the greatest advantage comes from "the lasting associates and steady influence that come at a time when life can be the most unpredictable." Summing up his feelings, he says, "I love SVA, and I feel that love back through the friends I met while here, a preview of the love we will all share in heaven when Jesus takes us home."

Of course, with this heritage, Tad (Thomas Samuel Schutte III) chose to attend SVA. He remembers his dad telling him how much he would enjoy SVA when he was only nine or 10. As soon as he knew what an academy was, he knew where he was going to school.

Sometimes it is all too easy to pick out the negatives of Christian boarding schools—the cost, the distance from home, the students who make wrong choices while attending academy—but as the Schutte family illustrates, the benefits of academy can be priceless. Shenandoah Valley Academy is proud of all of its graduates who exemplify the true spirit and purpose of Christian education.

BRUCE YINGLING
English Teacher

Flower sale nets \$750 for typewriters

OHIO—The ninth annual plant and flower sale at Lakewood Adventist School in suburban Cleveland netted more than \$750 to help buy typewriters for ninth grade students according to Elaine Greene, school treasurer, who helped coordinate the event.

To advertise the sale, Greene, assisted by church treasurer Sharon Drake, recruited the school's 60 students to distribute 1,000 advertising flyers in the neighborhood around the school. Posters designed by John Opincer, a Lakewood

member and free-lance artist, were placed in area businesses. The three-day sale, which is always held just before Mother's Day, also attracted attention by its location on the school parking lot next to a busy suburban street.

Each morning, while students brought flats of flowers and vegetable seedlings from the gym, Greene and Drake visited a nursery to buy new plants at wholesale prices for the day's sale. Baskets of ivy geraniums, ferns and fuschias hung on racks to attract passing motorists.

Women of the neighborhood flocked to the sale to buy plants, and some paused

to ask questions about the school. One mother, dissatisfied with the public kindergarten, placed her daughter in Lakewood's first grade as a result of a flower-

sale contact.

School Principal John Smith credits good weather and the Lord's blessing for the sale's \$200 increase in profits over its best previous showing.



Sharon Drake, Elaine Greene and Lucille Hoffer purchase plants for the Lakewood flower sale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requests for placing announcements and/or advertisements in the *Visitor* should be in your local conference office five (5) weeks before the date of issue.

Sligo-by-the-sea announces summer schedule

Sligo-by-the-sea, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland, Sabbath school will be at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. The following speakers will be featured: Aug. 3, Jan Daffern; Aug. 10, William Loveless; Aug. 17, Ron Graybill; Aug. 24, Les Pitton; Aug. 31, Ron Wisbey; Sept. 7, James Londis; Sept. 14, Raymond Woolsey; Sept. 21, Jon Gilbertson; Sept. 28, Neil Tilkens; Oct. 12, Dennis Noonan; Oct. 19, George Babcock; Oct. 26, Dennis Noonan.

Revised Five-day Training Course Planned

The first national training course of the Breath-Free Plan to Stop Smoking is designed to provide orientation for those experienced in conducting the Five-day Plan. Sponsored by the Adventist Health Network of Washington, D.C., and co-sponsored by the Sligo SDA Church and the General Conference Health and Temperance Department, the course will equip participants to train others to use the new resource material. Instructors for the course are Stoy Proctor, M.P.H., the developer; Elvin Adams, M.D., M.P.H.; Rudy Klimes, Ph.D., M.P.H.; and Bryce Pascoe, M.P.H. Contact Bryce Pascoe, Health/Temperance Director, Columbia Union Conference, (301) 997-3414 for further information. The course begins 7 p.m. Sunday, September 15, and concludes by noon, Thursday.

WEDDINGS

ADAMS-BANGE. Jonelet Adams and Michael Bange were united in marriage on May 19, 1985, at the Catocin View church in Thurmont, MD. The

ceremony was conducted by Pastor James Terzo. Jonelet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Adams of New Oxford, PA, works at a mail-order house. Michael, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bange, of Spring Grove, PA, is employed in construction. The couple reside in the Spring Grove area.

ARENTZ-REDDING. Kimberly Ann Arentz and Timothy Leo Redding were married on July 7, 1985, in the Gettysburg, PA, church. The ceremony was performed by James Terzo. Kimberly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Arentz and Timothy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Redding. The couple is making their home in Orttanna, PA.

RAMOS-ADAMS. Cindy Ramos and Eric Adams were married on April 28, 1985, in the Newark, NJ, church. The brides father, Pastor Abner Ramos, performed the ceremony. Cindy is the daughter of Elder and Mrs. Abner Ramos of Newark, NJ, and Eric is the son of Mrs. Mary Matthews of Washing-

ton, D.C. The couple will make their home in Takoma Park, MD, where both are students at Columbia Union College.

SINES-WOODS. On Sunday, April 21, 1985, Terri J. Sines and Maurice I. Woods Jr., were united in holy matrimony at the Woodside United Methodist church, Silver Spring, MD. The couple will reside in Redlands, CA, where Terri is a dental hygienist and Maurice helps to operate a family business.

OBITUARIES

BENNETT, Walter T., born June 24, 1914, Wilkes Barre, PA; died April 27, 1985, Wilkes Barre, PA. He was a member of the Kingston church, having been baptized by Elder Lindsey. Survivors: wife, Mattie; step-son, Carl Straley; six step-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

BOROVIC, Velimir, died March 21, 1985, Cleveland, OH. He was a member of the Cleveland Yugoslavian church. Survivors: daughters, Zagotka, Slavka, Desanka.

DAUGHARTY, Alton E., born September 17, 1910, Randolph, NY; died May 25, 1985, Warren, PA. He was a long-time member of the Warren church and served as a deacon. Survivors: wife, Ruth; daughters, Joan Wetmore, Donna Daugharty and Kay Newcombe; sons, Grant, Norris, James and Darrell; ten grandchildren, one great-grandchild, four brothers and one sister.

FLOWERS, Josephine J., born December 2, 1914, Wilmington, DE; died May 27, 1985, Christiana, DE. She was a member of the Sharon Temple church. After graduating from Oakwood College in 1948, she worked as a school teacher in the South Central Conference. She later served as Bible worker for many ministers. Mrs. Flowers was instrumental in bringing over 2,000 souls to Christ. Her strong influence helped in the establishment of Sharon Temple Junior Academy. She not only served as a Bible instructor but also as a spiritual counselor to others. She gave a total of 19 years of service to the Bible work for the General Conference of SDAs. Survivors: brother, Richard Johnson and a nephew, both of Wilmington, DE; three great nieces, two great-nephews and one great-great-niece.

HISER, Jessie V., born March 16, 1902, Piqua, OH; died April 20, 1985, Piqua, OH. She was a member of the Piqua church. Survivors: daughters, Alice Idle and Mary Evans; sons, William and Daniel Toomey; sisters, Blanche Stone and Martha Clark; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

HLACA, Anna, born September 1, 1892, Yugoslavia; died June 7, 1985, Cleveland, OH. She was a member of the Cleveland Yugoslavian church. Survivors: daughters, Emilio, Nearoey and Steba.

JAMES, Wanda E., born August 30, 1909, Clark County, OH; died May 4, 1985, Springfield, OH. She was a member of the Springfield church. Survivors: daughters, Alice Modlin and Delores Ford.

ELDER AND MRS. CLYDE FRANZ celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 2 at their home in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. Elder Franz retired as secretary of the General Conference in 1980, where his wife, Lois, had worked on the public relations staff. The Franzes have two children, a son, Charles, of Upland, California, and a daughter, Sue Smith, of Jefferson, Maryland, and five grandchildren. The Franzes are loved the world around by their many friends. The photo shows Clyde and Lois Mae as they were joined in marriage at the Collegedale, Tennessee, Seventh-day Adventist Church on June 2, 1935.



JOHNSON, Beulah F., born June 25, 1913, New Winchester, OH; died June 14, 1985 Bucyrus, OH; She was a member of the Bucyrus church. Survivors: husband, Roy; daughters, Beverly Clark, Joan Burky and Connie Fahl; sons, Ray and Roy; sister, Evelyn Coulter; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

KELLI, Mary A., born March 8, 1926, Barberton, OH; died January 24, 1985, Barberton, OH. She was a member of the Akron Yugoslavian church. Survivors: husband, Dallas; son, John; mother, Zorica.

LINDSAY, Lillian K., born August 17, 1903; died May 31, 1985. She was a graduate of Peabody Conservatory of Music. Survivors: husband, John (Jack); grandsons, William, Barry, Bradely and Bryan White.

MC KEE, Myrtle A., born November 30, 1911, Boston, MA; died April 27, 1985, Worthington, OH. She was a member of the Worthington church. She served as Bible instructor for two years in Toronto, Canada. Her husband, Harold, was an employee of Loma Linda Foods in Oshawa, Ontario, and Riverside, CA, for 17 years. Survivors: husband, Harold; son, Dale and two grandchildren.

WELLS, Nellie V., born September 9, 1901, Harlem Township, OH; died June 18, 1985, Delaware, OH. She was a member of the Delaware church. Survivors: one niece and two nephews.

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POTOMAC CONFERENCE

Aug. 4: New Market, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Harrisonburg, 3 p.m.-4 p.m.; Waynesboro, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. **Aug. 5:** Staunton, school, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Elkton, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. **Aug. 6:** Stanley, school, 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.; Luray, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Leesburg, church, 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. **Aug. 18:** Fredericksburg, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Kilmarnock, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. **Aug. 19:** Tappahannock, Medical Group parking lot, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. **Aug. 20:** Tappahannock, Medical Group parking lot, 7 a.m.-10 a.m.; Manassas, 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

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	Daylight Saving Time		
	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.
	2	9	16
Baltimore	8:18	8:10	8:01
Cincinnati	8:49	8:41	8:32
Cleveland	8:43	8:34	8:25
Columbus	8:44	8:36	8:27
Jersey City	8:11	8:02	7:53
Norfolk	8:11	8:04	7:55
Parkersburg	8:38	8:30	8:21
Philadelphia	8:14	8:06	7:56
Pittsburgh	8:34	8:26	8:16
Reading	8:18	8:09	8:00
Richmond	8:17	8:13	8:01
Roanoke	8:27	8:19	8:11
Scranton	8:19	8:11	8:01
Toledo	8:52	8:43	8:34
Trenton	8:12	8:04	7:55
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