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Frank Ottati
Ministerial Director

When I was a child, my father used to bring what he called "La Bola" - "The Ball." It was the weekly cash for my mother to spend on food or other household necessities.

Before she purchased anything, she separated her tithe. My mother, a strong believer in faith, didn't just separate the normal tithe, but gave a double amount. Many times I heard her say, "God comes first. There are nine mouths to feed with very little money, but as the text says, 'The Lord will supply all your needs.'" She was right. We always had food.

Later on, I became a pastor and followed the Bible principle to return what belongs to God until this one day. My wife and I were studying at Andrews University. Our finances were very tight. I said to my wife, "Pastors are paid from tithe. Instead of giving our tithe and offerings to the church, why don't we keep it to pay ourselves?" She didn't take long to answer. "If we are not faithful in this little thing," she said, "how can we expect others to be faithful in returning their tithes and offerings? Where is your faith?"

That remark hit me very hard. I was only 25 years old at the time and right then we decided, no matter what circumstances we were in, that the Lord would come first. And the Lord has blessed!

After we finished at Andrews University, we moved to the Oregon Conference. The president of the conference, Pastor Walt Blehn, said to us, "It isn't fair that we've financially helped our young people studying at Andrews and we didn't help you. So, if you like us and we like you, we'll return a portion of what you paid in your tuition."

We were sent to start a new church in Woodburn, Oregon where the Lord blessed us with three new churches, two Spanish and one English.

One Sabbath as I was returning home from church, I found a letter from the president underneath my front door. Inside was a check for three-fourths of the tuition we had paid at Andrews University!!!

Was it worthwhile to be faithful at Andrews? Even if we had not received this money, I have learned from my mother's example that no matter what, God comes first.

The Lord said, 'Prove me...' But even if the windows of heaven are closed, my wife and I have decided to put God first and return to the Lord what belongs to Him, not because we have to or because we need to be an example to others, but because it is a little token of appreciation for what Jesus did for us on the cross at Calvary!

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- Church fellowship will be so vibrant that retention of members will improve and conflicts over lifestyle issues will decrease.

Donnie Buckland, Staunton,
Potomac.



Donnie was baptized in February of this year following an Amazing Facts evangelistic series.

Sharon Buckland,
Staunton, Potomac.



Sharon was baptized in February of this year with her husband, Donnie.

Face 2 Face

Baptism Profiles

Laura Mae Fitzgerald,
Staunton,
Potomac.



Laura Mae was baptized in February of this year by Pastor Bob Clarke following an Amazing Facts prophecy seminar.

Edith Dreher, Staunton,
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tized in February of this year following an evangelistic crusade led by John Earnhardt.

Reminding us to walk the narrow way

My life has been richly blessed by the influence and caring love of a very wonderful pastor and his wife.

When my family moved to West Virginia, my husband and I were concerned about some issues in our church that caused us to have critical attitudes. Our pastor showed us how our attitudes were affecting our relationship with God and our fellow church members.

That same pastor helped us when we needed it financially, as well as emotionally and spiritually.

My son commented on how "we were always welcome in their home!"

There have been several times during the years that I've needed encouragement. Our pastor was always out in front calling me on to walk the "narrow way." He had traveled the path I was stumbling over and cared enough to help me focus on what is at the end of the road, not the stumbling block.

Family Life

Linda Elliott
Atholton Manor, Maryland

Nothing easy about saying goodbye

"Goodbye." One word that can elicit so many emotions. As a young woman, I remember the day I said goodbye to my mother and father as they drove away from my college dorm. My first adventure away from home. That goodbye was full of tension, fear and a feeling of separation. Four years later a happy, excited kiss goodbye to Mom and Dad just before I walked up the steps to the spot where I said "I do."

The next goodbye was the day Grandma and Grandpa left after spending two weeks getting to know my first son. Many hugs, kisses, a tin full of Grandma's cookies and a tape of Grandpa singing lullabies on the front porch swing lingered as we waved and they slowly drove away.

During the next 10 years numerous goodbyes were said. Most after many hugs, kisses, butterfly kisses, dollar bills secretly tucked away in pock-

ets for a milk shake on the way home - and some with Grandma mysteriously finding something to do in the basement (so we wouldn't see her cry). All these goodbyes are common family occurrences that hold fond memories for my four boys, my husband and me.

However, three years ago, our family began saying a different kind of goodbye. Grandma and Grandpa had come for a visit to spend some time with their grandsons. The last day of their stay arrived, and Grandpa wasn't feeling well. Twelve days later we said a goodbye that had a feeling of finality and sadness to it as we laid his remains to rest.

One year ago, Grandma was diagnosed with leukemia. Her last two weeks were spent living with us. Every morning my three older sons would go in and say goodbye before leaving for school. Grandma

usually said "Study well and learn something new," a goodbye of counsel and encouragement. Then the day came as I stood alone by her bed, holding her hand and saying goodbye for the last time as she peacefully fell asleep. A family says goodbye many times and in many ways.

My youngest son (just 5 at the time) had a very unique way of saying goodbye to his grandma and reminding me that goodbyes are just one step away from saying hello. After I told him Grandma had died, he ran into her room saying, "Mommy, where is your stetho-thing?" A few moments later he came back and said "Mommy, yup, she is dead. There are no more beats inside her." He paused a few seconds, and then his face lit up when he said "But that's OK, because the next thing she knows, Jesus will be saying hello!"

We'd like to hear your family life stories. Send them to:

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Debbie Kinzer
Minnora, West Virginia
Mountain View Conference

He made sure I understood how wonderful heaven will be with the Good Shepherd and how the trials of today are preparing me for that wonderful day.

If you live in the Mountain View Conference, you know my pastor and his wife, Earl and Louise Clough. May God richly bless them as they have blessed all those around them.

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Their porchlight was on



Although it's a great pleasure to make others happy by being kind and caring to them, such care and kindness almost always returns to you in triple measure.

ANON.

My wife handed me the phone as I came through the door. "The girls' dean is on the line. We've got a lost girl." Academy principals learn to be ready for anything, but this was more than I wanted at 11:30 p.m. on a snowy Colorado night.

The dean detailed the story. She had noticed Cindy's discouragement, but Cindy had not responded to her questions and encouragement. "Cindy just didn't want to talk," the dean told me. "Please come over and join us. We've got a real prayer session going."

I learned the rest of the story in the dean's office. Cindy had received an emotional phone call a little after 10 p.m. and then run sobbing out the dormitory door into the raging snowstorm. The dean and the vice principal had tried to follow, but the wind had

erased all tracks. The police were looking, too, but there wasn't much they could do except watch and hope.

"I tried to stop her and talk with her, but she was crying hard and didn't seem to trust anyone here." The dean sat on the office couch, her head propped up by two tear-stained hands. Only the snow-filled wind broke the office silence.

The phone rang shrilly just before midnight.

his hat as he shared from deep in his soul.

"We went to bed after the prayer but left the porchlight on. Crazy thing to do in this blizzard, but we did it anyway. I guess we thought God might need to find our house in the storm. About an hour later the doorbell rang, and there was Cindy, covered with snow and shaking from the cold. Poor thing didn't even have a coat on! Said she had seen our light and wondered if she could use the phone to call the dean."

Through my own tears, I watched the dean's eyes flood. Again.

"I headed for the phone, but my wife saw Cindy was cold and sent me for blankets and a pail of hot water instead. We decided the warmth was more important than the call." He almost crushed his hat as he looked apologetically at each of us. I smiled, "You were right."

"Once she got warm, Cindy talked to us a lot. She told me I could tell you all about it. In fact, she wants to talk to you in the morning. Says she was afraid to tell anyone today but was glad she found our light on."

For the next 30 minutes he gave us a full picture of Cindy's hurts and hopes. We listened with broken hearts.

"Look, I've got to go."

Cindy's friend stood and pulled the crumpled hat down almost to his ears. "My wife's gonna be terribly worried about me. Could I speak a prayer before I go?"

We gathered in a small circle in the dean's office as our new friend prayed. I only remember one thing he said: "God, thanks for not letting our porchlight go out."

The snowy wind almost blew out his last question: "By the way, is it OK if Cindy comes over and visits again this week? She's the best thing that's happened in our home for a long time!"

Dick Duerksen, Columbia Union's Vice President for Creative Ministries, was an academy principal at the time of this story.

He absentmindedly played with

**Eastern U.S. youth
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So you've been wondering what to do with the youth group next Sabbath but your idea bank is empty?

And you've been dreaming of reaching students who are attending public schools but don't know where to find them or what to do with them once you've got them?

And you've been imagining what a ministry could accomplish on the campus of your local university, but...?

And what can be done for the singles and the kids away at boarding school and "does anybody around here know how to run a small group for young adult women?"

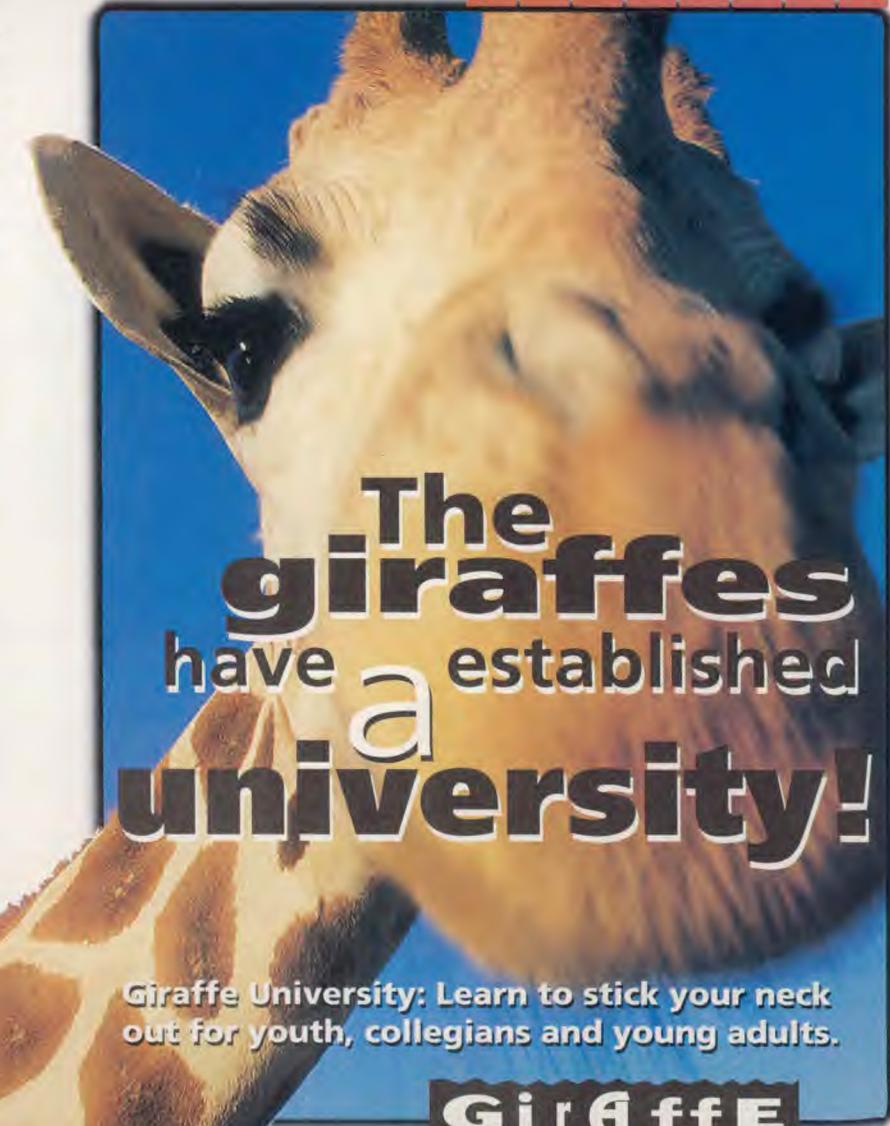
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"Shut up when I'm talking to you!"

LEN McMILLAN

Communication is really not a simple task. If you assume that your children understand your instructions completely, remember the man who went to a local lumber yard and asked, "Do you have four-by-twos?"

The clerk responded, "You mean two-by-fours, don't you?"

A puzzled look came over the man's face, and he said: "Just a moment; I'll check." He ran out to the car for a brief conversation and returned. "Yes, I mean two-by-fours."

"How long do you want them?" inquired the clerk.

Again a puzzled look came over the man's face and he ran back to the car. Returning a few minutes later, he replied: "A long time, 'cause we're building a house."

According to students of the *Oxford English Dictionary*, the 500 most commonly used words in the English language have an average of 23 different meanings each. The word "round" is especially dense with meaning and has 70 distinctly different denotations.

Yet parents appear certain that their children understand precisely what they mean.

It is possible for parents to win an argument with their children and

still lose the war. If we win an argument with the child but create hostility, what have we gained? Only an enemy.

One of the purposes of communication is to clarify feelings, misunderstandings, word definitions and whatever else is not clearly understood.

As parents, we need to spend less time manipulating and more time communicating. That doesn't necessarily mean more talking. It may indicate a need to listen more. "Don't talk so much. You keep putting your foot in your mouth. Be sensible and turn off the flow,"—*Proverbs 10:19 TLB*.

Perhaps the bottom line for family communication is *sensitivity* and *tact*. It may be more important to understand what children are feeling than what they are saying. Communication is the single most important factor in good parent-child relationships. And we need to remember that we are always communicating, even when we may not be speaking words.

According to some statisticians, the average parent spends at least one-fifth of his or her life talking. In a single day, each parent uses enough words to fill a 54-page book. In one year's time, a parent

will use between 25,000 and 30,000 words. Is it any wonder we are often misunderstood—and sometimes misunderstand others?

"Everyone enjoys giving good advice, and how wonderful it is to be able to say the right thing at the right time,"—*Proverbs 15:23 TLB*.

Len McMillan, well-known author, lecturer and family life expert, is the church ministries director for the Potomac Conference, headquartered in Staunton, Virginia. The Visitor asked him to write a series of articles dealing with family issues. Some parts of the stories are excerpts from *ParentWise* by McMillan. For further information about the family circle, you may write the author in care of the Visitor or call (800) 438-9600.



Arlington church celebrates 100 years as a church family

TAMARA MICHALENKO

It all began 100 years ago in a little white chapel measuring 18 x 24 feet with kerosene lamps lining the walls. Today, a new church has been built with all the modern conveniences, including a new carpet, a new sign and a portico, but the enthusiasm of the members hasn't changed a bit.

The first "church" was built by William Addison Lewis and his son-in-law, Frank Whitehead. They had previously attended the First church in Washington, D.C., but lived in Arlington County. After the church's organization, Lewis became the first elder.

There were only 10 members when the church began, but they were serious about their work. Shortly after the church organized, a church school was started in the home of Josie Whitehead. It disbanded a few years later due to the lack of elementary-aged children.

Then disaster struck. The Lewis family moved away, and an attempt was made to sell the church and property. In order to save the church, Virginia Alice Lewis Holland and another member lit the kerosene lamps and conducted services so it could not be said that the

church was no longer being used.

The chapel was eventually moved, with a wagon and a team of horses, to the east side of Glebe Road. Through the years, additions were made, giving the church Sabbath school rooms.

By this time, the church had grown to 30 members. Since the Arlington church was often without a pastor, the church became a training opportunity for Washington Missionary College (currently Columbia Union College) ministerial students.

One of those students, H.M.S. Richards, worked with the congre-



Arlington Adventist Church, 1894

church was held on May 13, 1950. Due to the church costing more than originally anticipated, it took a few years to complete, but on December 19, 1953, the church was dedicated.

Now, more than 40 years later, more than 175 members, former members and friends gathered to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Arlington church. The bulletin boards displayed photographs of church members taken throughout the years, and four albums consisting of articles, photographs and letters were shared during the fellowship dinner.

"The memories brought not only tears, but also laughter at certain events in which they were a part," said Evelyn (Shanko) Robinson, Arlington church communication secretary. "There was a realization that they, too, share in the history of a church that has existed in Arlington for 100 years."

Information for this article was gathered by Evelyn (Shanko) Robinson, who has been the Arlington church communication secretary since 1966.

Tamara Michalenko is assistant director of communication for the Columbia Union.



Arlington Adventist Church, 1950

gation for two years. He helped conduct a tent effort that increased the church's membership.

In the early 1940s, the congregation started its first building fund. Five years later, with the help of the Potomac Conference, they were able to make definite plans. A church member donated a piece of land, and on Labor Day in 1949 the first shovel of dirt was turned by Josie Whitehead, the only remaining charter member.

The first service in the new



The big day! Pastor Keith McNabb stands ready to greet the guests.

Right: A group of students working the towns of central and western Maryland.

Below, right: Kevin Walkowiak (student leader) from Martinsburg, West Virginia, attending CUC; Margot Duroe Petersburg, West Virginia, a graduate of SVA; and Amanda Ambrose, Capitol Heights, Maryland, attending SVA.

Bottom: Nick Karim from Vienna, Virginia, attending CUC; and Amanda Rogers from Thurmont, Maryland, attending SVA.

KIM PECKHAM



ASI and Review and Herald assist young literature evangelists

"I have never—in all the time I've worked in publishing—seen a generation of young people as eager to canvass as this generation," says Harold Otis, who directs literature evangelism in the Columbia Union. "We might have 20 openings in a conference, and 40 to 50 kids will apply."

This growth in student literature evangelism is being encouraged by the largest single offering taken at

an ASI (Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries) convention and low-cost books printed by the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

ASI members enthusiastically gave \$750,000 at their 1993 annual convention in Toronto "when they saw the potential for soul winning and for young people to earn the funds to provide for themselves a Christian education," reports ASI Secretary/Treasurer Dwight Hilderbrandt.

The Review and Herald developed the "magabook"—a colorful, softcover book with the page size of a magazine—especially for student door-to-door sales. The ASI money will buy a large inventory of magabooks to supply the students.

"We're giving them to the students as inexpensively as we can, and large, up-front orders make it easier," says Review President Bob Kinney. "Every dime we can save on cost is a dime that can go toward the students' school bills."

Otis can't think of a better investment than supporting his student program. "We went into Baltimore ahead of an evangelistic

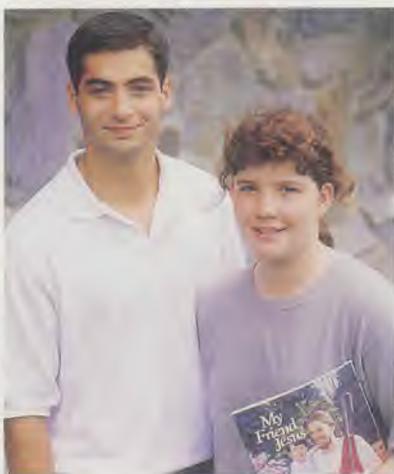
meeting," he remembers. "Our team of students spent two weeks in that city. They went to 40,000 homes in that period of time and brought 350 names to the pastors for follow-up. People were baptized. This is the most practical, inexpensive form of evangelism that the church has."

And teens are waiting in line to do it. Otis says that he has already turned away 200 students who wanted to canvass this year because they didn't have any cars or vans to transport them.

The most popular magabooks feature vegetarian cooking, the *Bedtime Stories* and a condensed version of *Bible Readings*. Students have also sold hundreds of thousands of magabooks adapted from the *Spirit of Prophecy*.

"I feel that this is a great opportunity for our youth to be vitally involved in soul winning," says ASI's Hilderbrandt.

Otis says that anyone wanting more information about the student literature evangelism in the Columbia Union may call him at (800) 926-4437.



Photos by Joel D. Springer

Education at KMC: From kids to grads

JAN COMBS

Two events held at Kettering Medical Center in Ohio during late April highlighted the center's dedication to providing educational opportunities for people of all ages.

First, the KMC staff looked a little younger than usual on April 28, when several employees brought their children to "Take Our Daugh-

row to the graduates of today.

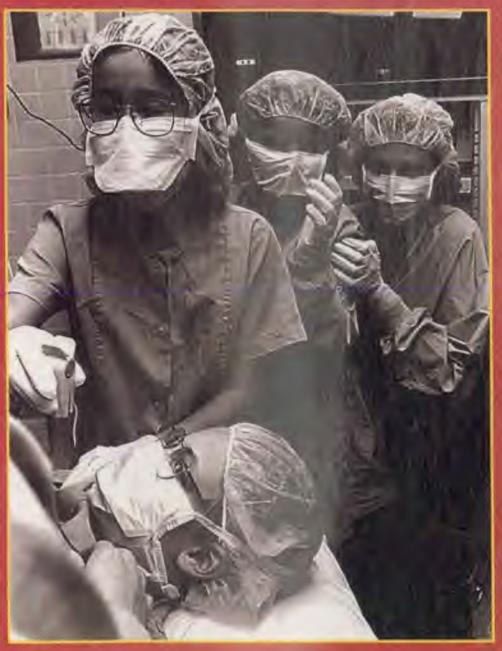
During the Kettering College of Medical Arts graduation on April 30, 192 students received associate degrees in either biomedical electronics technology, registered nursing, physical assistant training, radiological sciences and imaging, pre-professional training or respiratory care.

Among the graduates, 27 earned cum laude honors (3.5 to 3.74 grade-point average), 11 received magna cum laude distinctions (3.75 to 3.89 GPA), and four graduated with summa cum laude honors (3.9 to 4.0). Thirty-two graduates were also nominated for inclusion in *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*.

The baccalaureate address, held Saturday morning at the Kettering church, was presented by George Akers, a professor at the Andrews University School of Education in Berrien Springs, Michigan. In his sermon entitled "I Dare You . . .," Akers challenged the graduates to make a difference in the world.

Herman G. Brant, dean of allied health at Sinclair Community College in nearby Dayton, presented the commencement address Saturday night at the Far Hills Baptist Church. In his message, "Start with a Vision," Brant shared the elements needed to achieve success and stressed the importance of setting goals.

The George B. Nelson Society Award was presented to Sheila Bright, a nursing student who graduated with cum laude honors and was nominated for *Who's Who*.



Among the workers of tomorrow who received on-the-job experience with a parent were: Rebecca Swenson (on the table), daughter of Rick Swenson; and, standing left to right: Stephanie Smith, daughter of Peggy Smith; Christy Rhoden, daughter of Pam Rhoden; and Heidi Stont, daughter of Cindy Siefferlen.

ters to Work Day." This special event was devised by the Ms. Foundation as a way of encouraging girls to seek careers. The young people got a chance to examine the kind of work done in several areas, ranging from respiratory services to clinical quality management.

Two days later, the emphasis shifted from the workers of tomor-

This award, which was created in honor of KMC's founding president, is given to one student who exemplifies a commitment to life-long learning, a dedication to excellence and a devotion to community service.

Jan Combs is a media specialist at Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio.



Two of the students receiving associate degrees during the graduation service at Kettering College of Medical Arts were David Haubert (nursing) and his wife, Debbie (physician assistant).

Peter Bath, the provost at KCMA, presents the George B. Nelson Society Award to Sheila Bath, a nursing graduate.



OHIO

Couples recommit during candlelight ceremonies

The Hamlet and Hillsboro congregations celebrated 1994 as the "Year of the Family" with special services for married couples at each church. A total of 10 couples participated, recommitting themselves to their marriage partners.

The candlelight ceremony in each church began with a procession of the couples down the aisle, accompanied by an organ rendition of *Trumpet Voluntary in D Major*. Each bride held a bouquet of fresh-cut carnations. The sanctuary was decorated with wedding themes.

The couples stood in a semi-circle on the platform of the sanctuary as Pastor Loren Fenton and his wife, Ruth, led out in the service. Fenton sang "Bless This House" and made a few remarks about the commitment of marriage and family. Each couple then joined hands and repeated vows of commitment. The husbands repeated their

vows first, following Pastor Fenton's lead, then the ladies repeated their vows to their husbands, following Ruth Fenton's lead.

Taking part in the ceremonies with the Fentons were Oliver and Rose Macy, Cliff and Anita Redden, Tom and Debbie White, Phil and Glad Lewis, Lou and Mary Fayard, Doug and Diane Rutherford, Neal and Linda Stout, Larry and Jean Siegel, John and Lora May Wilson and Paul and Emma Jean Siegel.

The service was followed by a fellowship dinner reception and a sharing of wedding memories and pictures.

tarian efforts as quickly as possible. We want to move staff back in and move relief efforts forward in terms of medical care and food distribution."

Relief operations in Rwanda are coordinated at ADRA's local base in the safe haven of Nairobi, Kenya. From Nairobi, Regional Director David Syme reports that five of the agency's seven medical clinics are again operational. Rwandan staff members have returned to maintain the clinics; however, all clinics are running low on medicine and supplies. ADRA is arranging for shipments of more medicines and supplies with the United Nations and other organizations.

The agency's Rwanda director remained in the country during the ethnic violence to maintain ADRA's presence and to help with emergency efforts. The agency's offices were looted, and all vehicles were stolen. In five days, the U.N. provided ADRA with a truck, which is used to deliver milk, flour, sugar and grain to orphanages in the war-torn capital of Kigali. The organization currently feeds more than 800 orphans daily.

ADRA established an office in Rwanda in 1979 and had worked in 143 of the 144 communes (counties) in the war-ravaged country. Operations were officially suspended on April 7, when ethnic violence broke out. The agency has helped provide needy people with basic medical care and health education, as well as food, clothing and other necessities.

TAMARA BOEHMKE
Correspondent

COLUMBIA UNION CHURCH MINISTRIES

Focus on Sabbath school slated for mid-September

The Columbia Union Church Ministries Department's brand new emphasis on Sabbath school seminars will provide leaders and teachers of all age levels with up-to-the-minute ideas, help, demonstrations, participation and discussion.

In answer to your requests, we are giving you more time to listen and participate in the area of your interest or need. Our new design will allow a leader/teacher to attend the same divisional track for the entire afternoon for in-depth training, then spend time browsing and buying supplies direct from the Adventist Book Center.

Each track will include the following essentials:

Presentation: Materials, programs, lessons and strategic planning.

Demonstration: With the help of seminar participants, the presenter will demonstrate what is taught.

Participation: All participants will practice using what they have just learned.

Discussion: The group will discuss what has been done and offer alternatives that have worked for them or problems they have encountered.

This is the year to complete your basic adult teacher's training. Those who attend this year and have attended at least three previous years will qualify to receive the Columbia Union Adult Teacher's Training Certificate. More information will be available on the children's ministries certification and upcoming events.

You won't want to miss a minute of these continuing education afternoons: September 10 at the Meadow View school in Trenton, New Jersey; or September 17 at the Sligo elementary school in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Pre-registration is required for a box supper. For more information or a registration blank, call (800) 438-9600.

BARBARA MANSPEAKER
Church Ministries Director

ALLEGHENY EAST

Youth offered practical hints on money, fire

In March, mother-daughter bank officers Beverlin and Andrea Berry challenged the youth of the Mount Sinai congregation in Trenton, New Jersey, to be good stewards at an early age.

The young people were shown that a savings of \$0.25 per week would yield \$65 by year's end. The youth being bombarded with offers of plastic credit cards were shown the pitfalls of unwise use.

Due to a rash of fires in the community, the program concluded with fire prevention hints from Sam Mendenhall. The use of baking soda to put out grease fires, "stop, drop and roll" to the nearest exit in the event of fire and the importance of touching a door rather than rushing out into a corridor were stressed.

BARBARA BASS-FINDLEY
Correspondent

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Lewisburg youth gives commencement address at MSA

Jonathan Michael, a member of the Lewisburg, West Virginia, church, was the guest speaker for the commencement exercise at Mountain State Academy held on May 29 at the Doddridge County Park pavilion near West Union, West Virginia.

The graduating students—Sari Clark and Merri Putman—expressed a desire to hear from someone who had recently made the important decisions they now must face.

Michael explained from his own experiences and from Scripture references exactly how to know what is God's will and assured the graduates that a person cannot find true happiness unless he or she is fulfilling God's purpose for his or her life.

A third-year religion major at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists in Collegedale, Tennessee, Michael hopes to include ministry to youth in his future plans.

YVONNE MICHAEL
Communication Leader



Jonathan Michael

OHIO/ALLEGHENY WEST

Seminar promotes unity in diversity

Creating a historic moment in the Dayton Adventist community, church members of all cultures met in May for a diversity seminar presented by Dr. Delbert Baker from Loma Linda University in California.

The Good Neighbor House sponsored the seminar, which was held at the Ethan Temple church. Each of the eight congregations involved in the GNH project was represented.

Baker presented information on communicating with people of various cultures that is the natural result of an urban setting. Members learned the importance of combining diversity with Christian principles to create a unified, successful organization. They also learned effective interpersonal skills and methods of conflict resolution.

"In unity, we are able to do more," said Frederick Russell, pastor of the Ethan Temple church. Russell commented that Baker

expressed excitement about the commitment of the pastors involved with the GNH and the sense of community this project portrayed.

"Baker had a clear, positive approach. The seminar emphasized how to address people of any culture. This was not a lecture. We were interacting with him," said Alta Novy of the Kettering church.

Cutting-edge material was used, including two short videos and small-group interaction, according to Russell. The small groups were challenged to create effective solutions to case studies that portrayed potential problems in a multi-cultural setting.

"The seminar showed the necessity for an awareness of difference in cultures. It also showed you can get along with people and show interest no matter who they are or which culture they come from," Novy said.

Baker, a former Ethan Temple pastor, is currently vice president for diversity at Loma Linda University. He served 10 years in the Allegheny West Conference, has been the editor of Message magazine and is the author of two books.

CAROLYN PERRINE ROGERS
Correspondent

POTOMAC

Sabbath school teachers receive training at Takoma Park church

Three teacher-training seminars were held recently for the Sabbath school staff of the Takoma Park, Maryland, church.

The seminars were conducted over a three-month period to prepare the teachers and leaders for certification. Three separate tracks were conducted: leaders and teachers of children, leaders and teachers of youth and teachers of adult classes.

All seminars were conducted by professional educators and Sabbath school workers who have been trained in the teaching of children and youth.

The outlined curriculum from the North American Division was used to develop the course, which will be held again in the fall. Audio-learning modules are being used for training throughout the summer.

Most of the teachers from the adult division attended at least one of the sessions, and 13 of them are ready for evaluation and certification. In the children's and youth divisions, seven of the leaders are ready for certification.

DARLENE GRIFFIN
Senior Sabbath School Superintendent

Dr. Kay's Q&A

Bad examples

Question: I have three older children from a previous marriage who are making life miserable for me. My husband and I want to raise our two little boys 3 and 6 years of age in a positive way, but I'm afraid of the negative influence in our home. My 16-year-old boy has a terrible temper, throws things, yells curses and is cruel to the younger boys. And my daughters 19 and 17 are disrespectful to me and openly defy house rules like helping with housework, curfew or smoking. How can I protect my younger children from the negative influences in our home?

Answer: I wish I had a formula to neutralize negative influence, but I don't. You're right to be concerned. The younger ones will model the older. The answer is to remove as much negative influence as possible, either by changing the behavior of your teens or asking them to leave.

You can try to tell your little ones that certain behavior they see is not appropriate, but actions speak louder than words. If your teens get by with inappropriate behavior, the younger ones will lose respect for you as an authority and try the same. You can impose a consequence, but the more emotionally aggressive the behavior of the older, the more influence it will have on the younger. Aggressive behavior is the most easily modeled of all behaviors.

Read my book, *A Hug and a Kiss and a Kick in the Pants*, and start setting limits and meaningful consequences for the little ones. But balance the limits; however, with love. Spend time with them and listen. The rapport you establish with them will to a great extent determine whether they too will become defiant.

But your emphasis needs to be on changing the teenagers' behavior—for their own good as well as the younger siblings. You don't have to put up with their inappropriate behavior. I suggest you and your husband join a "Tough Love" support group. Look in your telephone book or call counseling centers until you find a group of parents who have hard-to-handle teens. You need to set boundaries so your older ones don't destroy the value systems of the younger. And you're going to have to be strong enough to enforce the consequences. That's why you need a professional leader and a support group of parents who've gone through this before to coach you through tough times and encourage you.

Finally, could the behavior of your older ones be a bid for your attention? It's never easy for older children to have younger ones "take their place," especially if they think the little ones are "favorites." Counseling with the entire family would be helpful. But the rebellion you are experiencing with your older ones is serious enough that you and your husband should get help, even if your teens refuse.

[Read more from Dr. Kay Kuzma in the *Family Times* newspaper. For a free year's subscription, just write to: Family Matters, P.O. Box 7000, Cleveland, TN 37320; or call (615) 339-1144.]



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BARGER, R. Chester, born October 25, 1902, Pitkin, CO; died March 28, 1994, Loveland, CO. A graduate of Union College in Lincoln, NE, he was an academy teacher and principal. Survivors: wife Bethel, daughter Anne Marie Campbell, son David, daughter-in-law Elly, brother Lowell and two grandchildren.

BURKS, Terman L., born January 5, 1941, Takoma Park, MD; died December 17, 1993, Cumberland, MD. He was a member of the Takoma Park church. Survivors: wife Beverly, son Gregory, daughters Suzanne Burks-Bermendez and granddaughter Tamara.

CHAPPELL, Derwood L., born November 12, 1918, Dallas, TX; died June 16, 1994, Takoma Park, MD. He was a local elder in the Sligo congregation in Takoma Park for 22 years

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KISSELL, Arlene E., born September 21, 1910, Bradford Co., PA; died May 29, 1994, Wyalusing, PA. She was a member of the Tunkhannock, PA, church. Survivors: daughter Ruth deGraaff, sisters Zadie Ross and Donna Arnold, brothers Elwin Ross, Ward Ross and Jean Ross and two grandchildren.

LONG, Alan M., born December 1, 1940, Takoma Park, MD; died December 2, 1993, Boston, MA. He served for several years in the Risk Management Services of the General Conference headquarters. Survivors: wife Estella, daughters Teresa and Michelle, son Kevin, mother Leona Leister, sister Beverly Burks and brother Richard E.

NORRIS, Dorothy E., born in Chattanooga, TN; died April 19, 1994, Hampton, VA. She was a member of the Hampton Roads church. Survivors: husband Andrew, daughters Nancy Holland, Annette Gagnon and Karen Shannon, sons V. Kenneth and Fred, brothers Thomas Divver and Robert Divver, aunt Dorothy Rogers, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

OJALA, Larry C., born September 30, 1945; died January 9, 1994, Silver Spring, MD. He was a member of the Sligo church in Takoma Park, MD, and a graduate of Sligo Elementary School, Takoma Academy and Columbia Union College. Survivors: parents Charles and Irene and sister Sandra Sue.

RICHARDSON, Jacqueline H., born July 3, 1927, Fix Ridge, ID; died October 10, 1993, Lewiston, ID. Survivors: husband Estel, mother Nora Clark, daughter Jacquelyn Ziegler, son Estel, foster daughter Maureen Stanciu, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

ROBBINS, Guss C., born March 9, 1904, Catoosa, OK; died May 26, 1994, Oreland, PA. He was a member of the Atlanta Belvedere church in Decatur, GA. Survivors: daughters Esther Wideman and June Davis, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

RODGERS, Helen M., born November 24, 1950, Coshocton, OH; died March 18, 1994, Coshocton, OH. She was a member of the

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RUTHERFORD, Beatrice, born March 22, 1902, Kane, PA; died May 22, 1994. She was a member of the Hamlet, OH, church. Survivors: son Douglas and sisters Esther Goldman and Virginia Hendrixson.

XANDER, Margaret, born July 3, 1912, Ludlow, KY; died August 12, 1993, Hendersonville, NC. Margaret graduated from Mount Vernon Academy in 1933 and was employed as a secretary in the Ohio Conference until she moved to Takoma Park, MD, where she was treasurer at the J.N. Andrews Elementary School. Survivors: husband Karl, son K. Robert, sister Jean Larsen, brother Bob Burdette and three grandchildren.

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Veterans' reunion set for Baltimore

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Lincoln, NE, church holds centennial celebration

The College View church in Lincoln, NE, will celebrate its centennial the weekend of September 23-24. The special guest speakers will be former pastors Murray Deming, Wilbur Chapman and Floyd Bresee. All former members and pastors are invited to join in the fellowship and memories. Special services will include a "Reminiscence" program on Friday evening and a "Reconsecration" that Sabbath. A potluck dinner will be provided on Sabbath afternoon, and a display of artifacts from the old church will be available. For more information, call (402) 486-2880.



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	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Sept. 2
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Cincinnati	8:28	8:18	8:08
Cleveland	8:20	8:10	7:58
Columbus	8:23	8:13	8:02
Jersey City	7:49	7:38	7:27
Norfolk	7:52	7:42	7:32
Parkersburg	8:17	8:07	7:56
Philadelphia	7:52	7:42	7:31
Pittsburgh	8:12	8:02	7:51
Reading	7:56	7:46	7:35
Richmond	7:57	7:47	7:37
Roanoke	8:07	7:58	7:48
Toledo	8:29	8:19	8:07
Trenton	7:51	7:41	7:30
Washington, DC	7:58	7:48	7:37

Have a field day!

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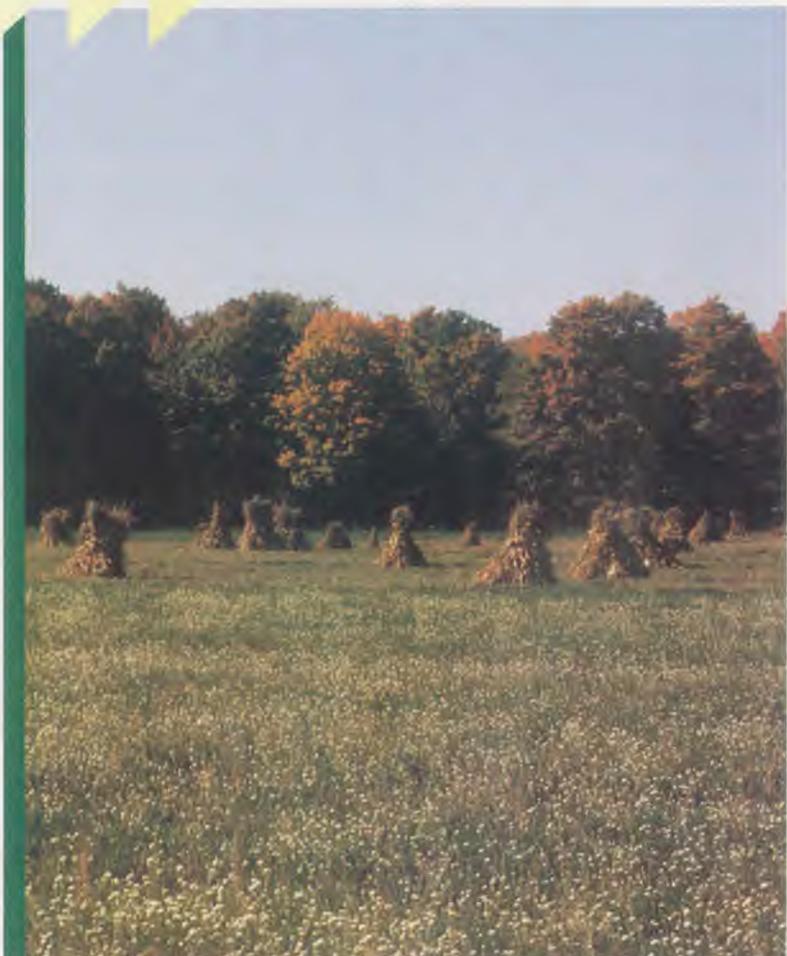
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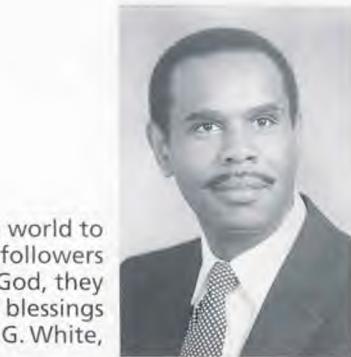
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Groundbreaking for new
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August 26-28

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August 30

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September 30 - October 2

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October 8

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Summertime, a special time

When the temperatures begin to stretch toward the 100s, we know summer has arrived. Yet in spite of the almost unbearable heat, it's during this special time that major events take place.

Highland View Academy

If you were to ask the students, school being over would probably be the most major event in their lives. We graduated 45 seniors at HVA for the 1993-94 school term. We are proud of these graduates and congratulate them on successfully completing the first 12 years of their education. Many of them will continue as they enter college (alas, freshmen again)! Others will be taking their place in the adult communities where they live. We want to extend a special welcome to these graduates as young members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and invite them to join us in making the church what God wants it to be.

A reminder to all academy-age students—summer will be over soon, and we look forward to seeing you at HVA.

Camp Meeting

Ask the adults, and I'm sure many of them would tell you CAMP MEETING is a major event they look forward to each summer. Our 1994 camp meeting is now a part of our history, but the memories still linger. We've always had great camp meetings, and this year was no exception. The heat deterred some, but for the most part the weather was cooperative. We still use the BIG TENT and will continue to do so, but we used our new academy church for many of the meetings, as well. On Sabbath we had more than 2,000 attending in the big tent. We want to continue the theme of reviewing our Adventist heritage throughout the year with special services on Sabbath, October 22, in celebration of 150 years since 1844.

Mt. Aetna Camp Dedication

After five years of planning and three years of construction, we dedicated our new Mt. Aetna Camp and Adventist Retreat Cen-

ter DEBT FREE! I wish all of you could have been present. The day's activities began with a parade from the school to the camp where the dedication services were held. We were all inspired as our new union president, Ralph Martin, led out in a litany involving a dedication of ourselves, service to our youth, as well as the use of the camp, to God's glory.

Moldova

Another major event was when 44 of our youth and adults boarded a plane for Russia at the close of the school year at Highland View Academy. They would spend the next three weeks ministering to our people and communities in Moldova. This was a wonderful experience for our young people as they not only led out in musical programs and speaking engagements in Adventist and non-Adventist settings, but also raised \$75,000 for the project, providing transportation, materials and labor. This trip was an eye-opener to our youth. As they returned stateside, they came back with a new vision and appreciation for missions.

Net '95

This summer 20 churches purchased the satellite and video equipment to become a part of the Adventist Communication Network. While there will be many programs available through this network, a major event will be a nationwide evangelistic crusade conducted by Mark Finley via satellite starting February 18. This is a major soul-winning endeavor. Thousands will be viewing these programs nightly, resulting in many souls added to God's kingdom. It's an exciting technological age in which we live.

These are just a few of the many events happening in our conference this summer. Please take the time to read the related articles in this issue. Let us pray continually for the successful completion of God's work so Jesus can come soon.

Mount Aetna Camp dedication



Mike Stevenson helps James and Ellen White (portrayed by Tom Benton and Angie Dennison) to disembark from the horse-drawn buggy.

Dick Thomas and Kent Thomas rode their horses during the parade.



Stanley Haines



Elder Robert and Mrs. Elsie Tyson



The Parkville-Essex Pathfinder float



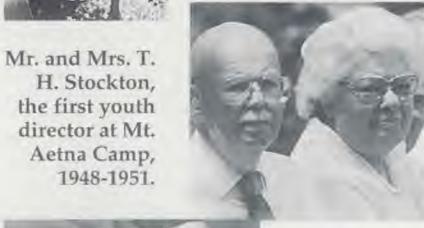
The Frederick Pathfinder float



Heather Smith, a Pathfinder from Westminster, rides on one of the floats.



Ralph Martin, Columbia Union president, congratulates Wayne Coulter for his vision and direction in the camp development program.



Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Stockton, the first youth director at Mt. Aetna Camp, 1948-1951.



Elder and Mrs. T.V. Zytkoskee



Jack Nail reflects over the years of camp activities when he was youth director.



Frank DeHaan, Len Hendrickson, Robert Tyson, Norman Middag and John Latimer participate in the Listen anti-drug program.

The first Sunday of the 1994 Chesapeake Camp Meeting, June 19, was an ideal day for an outdoor camp dedication. After years of planning and searching, the conference was able to dedicate a brand new camp facility debt free.

Richard Parker, the youth director, together with his planning committee members, Cheryl Smith, Mike Jefferson, Angie Dennison and Alex Alonso, was able to prepare a delightful program. The theme, "God's Brushes of Color," highlighted the events of the day.

A full-fledged parade began the day's activities with Congressman Roscoe Bart-

lett and Jack Nail as parade co-grand marshalls. A band directed by Ray Doyle preceded the beautiful floats made by various Pathfinder clubs. The Parkville Braves sponsored a "Noah's Ark." The Reisterstown club had a nature and camping scene. Frederick Pathfinders had a large speed boat with supersoakers. The Westminster Pathfinders had a beautiful nature scene. The newly formed Baltimore Spanish club marched with the Park school, Brooklyn, Glen Burnie, Williamsport and Wilna Pathfinder clubs. The parade, which began at the cafeteria building of Highland View Academy and

ended at the ball field of the new camp, also included several horse riders, a horse and buggy depicting James and Ellen G. White and classic convertible cars.

Seated in a special reserved guest section were several past youth directors of the Chesapeake Conference. They were: Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Stockton (1948-1951), Elder and Mrs. T.V. Zytkoskee (1951-1956), Elder and Mrs. Robert Tyson (1956-1961), Elder and Mrs. Roger Dudley (1967-1972) and Elder and Mrs. Jack Nail (1977-1989). Also, the Columbia Union president, Ralph Martin, led the people in a special prayer and dedicatory responsive reading. Con-



Congressman
Roscoe
Bartlett



CeCe Henri,
a soloist from
Tennessee.



Champion motorcyclist Jeff Freeze jumps over
three cars and Bob Sparenberg during the anti-
drug program.



Wayne Coulter, Ralph and Alberta Reed, and
Richard Parker.



Dr. Floyd Murdoch
receives a plaque
for his contribution
to the building of
the nature center.



Ken Carbaugh is
congratulated for
his supervision of
the horsemanship
program.



Alvin Sterndale, who gave up his vacations to
supervise the waterfront program for 28 years.



John and Clara Meyer receive their plaque
from Richard Parker.



Deryl and Linda Knutson are
pleased that the camp is debt
free.



A small part of the crowd that participated in
the ceremonies.



Hundreds of balloons were released at the
conclusion of the program.

gressman Roscoe Bartlett thanked the conference for placing our young people in top priority.

Pastor Wayne Coulter then paid tribute to several people who played a major role in developing the camp through special gifts. Frank and Dolly DeHaan and Dr. Frank and Ann Damazo were on hand to receive their specially prepared plaques. CeCe Henri, a vocalist from Tennessee, led the audience in singing the theme song, "We Are His Colors."

Tribute was also given to the founders of the camp grounds. Elder Coulter reminded us that faith was the key to the

purchase of the property. Stanley Haines, a colporteur, was given \$500 by the conference treasurer, Elder A. B. Butler, to put a down payment on the property in the late 1940s. It was Elder David G. Fleagle who first had a dream of building a school and a camp on the property.

At the conclusion of the program, Bob Sparenberg, director of the Listen Drug Mobile, gave a thrilling display of motorcycle antics, which then drew one's attention to his anti-drug program.

1994 Camp Meeting

The 1994 Chesapeake camp meeting began during a heat wave. In spite of the record heat and humidity, more than 2,000 people attended church services on Sabbath to hear Jim Cress preach. The second weekend proved to be a blessing weatherwise, as a cool front made the activities most enjoyable.

The theme, "Our Adventist Heritage, 1844-1994," focused attention on the rich tapestry of our Adventist fundamental beliefs. Jim Cress began the camp meeting series during the first weekend, followed by Wayne Coulter, Willmore Eva and Athal Tolhurst, who all spoke during the evening meetings. Paul Gordon from the White Estate had a week-long series at the 11 o'clock hour. The morning the early devotionals were given by three different pastors: Frank Bondurant, David Huber and Bill Peeke.



The Earliteen Division



Welcome to camp meeting!



Theme: "Our Adventist Heritage"



The Primary Division



Willis Dagenais, in charge of Locating



The Kindergarten Division

**Photos by
Barbara-Lee Boyd**

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First weekend ...



Second weekend ...





Chesapeake church ministries Director, Bill McVay personally invites church leaders to attend.



Chesapeake plans largest-ever leadership training event

Chesapeake church ministries staffers invite you to "Leadership '94." From left: Carole Smith, Richard Parker, Willis Dagenais, Bill McVay, Jim Snell and Ron Smith.

Attention, Chesapeake Church Leaders! "Leadership '94," the most comprehensive training convention ever held in the Chesapeake Conference, will be held at Sandy Cove Lodge, North East, Maryland, December 2-4, 1994.

Plans for the convention include a strong spiritual emphasis with outstanding speakers, wonderful fellowship and delicious food at one of America's premier convention centers, Sandy Cove Lodge.

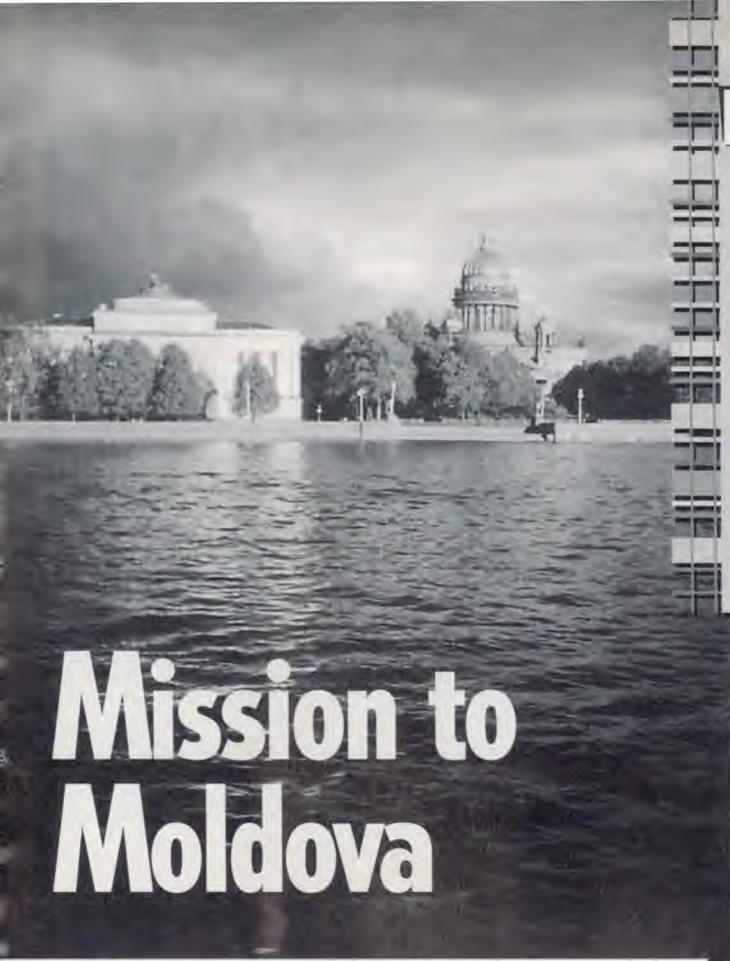
"The main thrust of the convention,"

according to Church Ministries Director Bill McVay, "is seven hours of intensive training through the weekend for leaders, associates and persons interested in developing expertise in each of the following subject areas:

- Senior Youth
- Children's Ministries
- Young Adult Ministries
- Adult Sabbath School Superintendents
- Adult Sabbath School Teachers
- Communication Directors
- Pathfinder Leaders



Sandy Cove Lodge on the Chesapeake Bay, site of the upcoming "Leadership '94."



HIGHLAND VIEWS

Mission to Moldova

BY BILL BROMME
MUSIC DIRECTOR

"How are we going to raise the money? Are visa and passport expenses extra? I've heard Aeroflot flights are unsafe." Such were the concerns of some of the 25 HVA students who gathered in the music hall on Tuesday evenings from October through May of the 1993-1994 school year to listen and give input to an adventure that usually comes only once in a lifetime.

Back in April of 1993, some students who were members of the select sing-

ing group on campus approached their director and suggested a tour to Russia for the following school year. Realizing that Pastor Richard Parker, the youth director of the Chesapeake Conference, was also planning a similar trip, it was decided to join forces. The result of this col-

laboration was an unforgettable journey to the country of Moldova, the second smallest of the 13 republics.

Moldova is located in the southwest corner of the former Soviet Union and is bordered on three sides by the Ukraine and on the west by Romania, in area about one-half the size of the state of West Virginia. Its population is over four million, and its largest city and capital is Kishinev (or Chisinau). As a result of frequent political conflicts through the past five centuries, Moldova is

currently a country of considerable ethnic diversity, with a Russian predominance in the north, a Slavic influence in the east and a distinctly Romanian and Turkish (Gagauz) union in the south and west.

The purpose of the trip was fourfold: (1) to help with concrete work and painting of three churches; (2) to conduct meetings of a spiritual and social nature in the evenings and on Sabbath; (3) to present drug addiction (smoking) clinics where possible and—most important



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Moldovan SCRAPBOOK

The church in Butsceni, Moldova, where we painted and spackled.



Kids in the Butsceni church in Moldova



The Adventist seminary (church)



(as it turned out)—to affirm the faith of the believers. Our group of 30 students (25 from HVA, three from the Baltimore/Washington area and two who joined us in Moscow) and 14 sponsors were divided into two groups;

one remained in the Kishinev area to work in the nearby village of Butsceni and the other to travel northward to the city of Beltsy and the village of Zarojani. Students provided the music, preached the sermons (some

Lunchtime in the Butsceni church during a work day.



Ladies of the Butsceni church in Moldova



translated into both Russian and Romanian), performed the skits, conducted the clinics and helped with the children's meetings.

The most memorable experiences, however, resulted from meeting the people, both old and young, in the many churches visited during the nearly two weeks we were there. Without exception we

were greeted by one church company after the other with flowers, bread and music. They had never seen so many young American Adventists and were overjoyed at being able to share in that occasion! We came away sincerely believing that we had received as much or more than we had given.

St. Basils Cathedral,
Red Square, Moscow



A cathedral inside the Kremlin, Moscow



The square outside the Hermitage in St. Petersburg



The square outside of St. Isaacs Cathedral in St. Petersburg



We will never forget the many Moldovan young people who translated for us and joined us in our music: Arkadi, Elee, Sveta, Andre, Octavio and Vyackeslav (Slava), to name only a few. Our hearts are warmed with the assurance that we will see them again when Jesus returns.

Space does not permit us to

print by name everyone who helped in this enormous undertaking, but special mention should be made of Richard Parker, our conference youth director and primary organizer of the trip; Linda Knutson, his secretary, who worked untiringly with the literally thousands of details; Pastor Robert Boggess, president of the New Jersey Conference,

who, because of his extensive knowledge of the country and its people, was an invaluable aid in planning the work sites and helping us understand the culture and environment of the area; and Herb Dennis, who was our on-site construction supervisor.

Finally, our wonderful young people who worked uncomplain-

ingly with little sleep day after day and infected all of us with their never-ending enthusiasm were: Monty, Lonny, Herbie, Janell, Lauren, Kartini, Esther, Todd, Randy, Alita, Karen, Matt, Erin, Jen, Greg, Tommy, Angie, Mark, Emily, Sasha, Abi, Jenny, Peter, Jennifer, Erin G., David, Joey, Veronica, David O., Andrew and Emily W.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

After 15 students have come to Highland View Academy from the River Plate University campus in Argentina, HVA finally has a representative on their campus. Larisa Hellgren went this past March as the first to take advantage of studying Spanish on the scene while finishing her sophomore class-work through HVA.



Larisa Hellgren visits Iguazu Falls, located on the border between Argentina and Brazil, which is made up of 275 cataracts that fall 200 to 280 feet over the edge of a two-and-a-half mile escarpment.



Larisa (second from right) poses with new friends from River Plate University and Marcelo Finuchi (right), who was part of the first group of exchange students from Argentina.

Dates, Times & Places

August 15, Monday
School Starts

August 31, Wednesday
Home Leave

September 6, 7, Tuesday, Wednesday
Senior Portraits

September 12-16
Week of Spiritual Emphasis
Speaker: Dunbar Henri

MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE

If you saw the back cover of the July 1 issue of the *Columbia Union Visitor*, you know that HVA is offering a money-back guarantee on this new school year. The ad read, "If after 45 days you are not completely satisfied with HVA, we will refund \$25 for every school day you attended." Give it a try. School has just begun, but you can probably still make arrangements to try it out. Call (301) 739-8480 or send a fax to (301) 733-4770.

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What's happening around Mountain View

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Valley Vista

August 19 - 2:00 p.m.
Finance Committee
Valley Vista

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MOUNTAIN VIEW CHALLENGE

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Kingsley Whitsett
Education Director

T.V., radio, videos, computer games, advertisements, magazines, immodest dress, boombox ballistics, books, comics, peer pressure, etc., to compromise with the worldly amusements and philosophy so prevalent about us.

So what are parents and the church to do to help protect our young people from these evil influences so they won't fall into enemy hands? Satan would have us give up and say it's too late to try to do anything, but our Saviour has a plan.

During the early, formative years, it is heaven's plan for children to be instructed by their parents. Thus, God's plan from the very beginning in the Garden of Eden was for the family school with parents as the teachers. (Ed. 33) Later, God established church schools, called "schools of the prophets" as "an aid to parents in the work of education." (Ed. 46) In God's wisdom and providence, church schools were established early in this Advent movement, since 1872, to counteract the worldly influences that young people face so they will grow in knowledge, skills and character.

"But Adventist education costs too much," we often hear. And it is true that to place your child in the Adventist elementary school, academy and college does call for sacrifice on the part of parents and the church. But can we afford not to? Let's consider the cost of our youth not attending our schools. Do we want education for our young people that...

1. Is based on worldly philosophy?
2. Teaches evolution?

"But it costs too much..."

- It is an awesome responsibility to endeavor to bring up our children in the admonition of the Lord in these challenging times. Our young people are bombarded by one salvo after another of Satan's alluring temptations, and his attacks are coming from all directions. Daily our youth are tempted through
3. Has liberal dress standards?
 4. Educates mainly for material gain in life?
 5. Cannot include a love for Christ and His truth?
 6. Cannot teach Christian moral values?
 7. May encourage strong peer pressure from worldly companions?
 8. Is among fellow students who often use alcohol, tobacco and drugs?
 9. Has a stronger occurrence of competition and strife?
 10. Has less-personalized instruction with more students per teacher?
 11. Includes social activities contrary to biblical principles, such as dancing, proms, sports events during Sabbath hours, etc.?
 12. Does not emphasize biblical health principles in instruction or the lunch program?
 13. May encourage close friendships that lead to marriage with unbelievers?

In this context, the Lord tells us through His messenger:

"It would be impossible to avoid these things, and yet send them to the public schools, where they would daily be brought in contact with that which would contaminate their morals." (FE 286)

Dear young person, dear parent, consider carefully the cost of not being a part of God's plan for the education of young people in these momentous times.

"Those who seek the education that the world esteems so highly are gradually led further and further from the principles of truth until they become educated worldlings. At what price have they gained their education? They have parted with the Holy Spirit of God. They have chosen to accept what the world calls knowledge in the place of truths which God has committed to men..." (FE 536)

Adventist Christian education does not guarantee eternal life for its students, but shouldn't we do everything we can to provide the most favorable influence to strengthen our young people for God's service and eternal life? Is there anything more important? During these last days when "youth are the objects of Satan's special attacks," (GW 207) let's realize that it costs too much NOT to have our young people in our Adventist schools. Thank God for the positive influence of the Adventist school system!

Student's view regarding Christian education

The following is an interview done by Brian Jones, pastor of the Braxton/Glenville district, with Lisa Clark, a student at Southern College, in Collegedale, Tennessee with regard to her feelings on Christian education.

Q: What Christian schools have you attended?

A: I attended a little Adventist elementary school, and Mountain State Academy, both in West Virginia, and I am currently a student at Southern College in Collegedale, Tennessee.

Q: What would you say about the value of Christian education for young people today? What benefit have you received from it?

A: Usually the schools tend to be smaller than public schools, and there is a smaller student/teacher ratio—more teach-

ers per student. The one-to-one communication that this makes possible between students and teachers was a real help to me. I had many teachers who were really persons of God. It was inspiring to me to see God working in their lives. I wanted to pattern my devotional life after theirs. They would inspire us and be an example worthy of our emulation.

Q: Did the teachers sometimes invite you into their homes?

A: Oh yes! That is one of the biggest blessings. Even at Southern College, where the classes are larger and the teachers could easily just give lectures, they make themselves available to us. They give out their home phone numbers to the students and encourage us to call them any time we might feel the need. They often stay much later than their duty requires so they can be with the students. That's a big plus!

Q: What advice would you give to students who are struggling between the

choice of attending a secular school versus a Christian school?

A: Education is much more than academics. They need to look beyond the lower cost of going to, say a community college, or the benefit of free tuition at a public high school where many of the classes offer about the same information you can learn in an Adventist school.

Young people need to realize that Christian education is much more than what you can learn in the classroom. It involves connecting with a spiritual support system for the rest of your life. At our schools you will find friends whom you will know, work with and worship with the rest of your life. A Christian college is also often the best place to find your future spouse. In Christian education you have to look beyond the classes that you're taking, but to the whole direction your life is going.

Mountain View outdoor school

"Fantastic! Educational! Awesome! Tiring!" These were some of the comments made by the students who participated in the "Outdoor School and American Heritage Tour" in May. Usually this event is designed only for upper grades and is held at Valley View Adventist Camp. But, at the end of last school year, Mountain View schools combined their spring school trips with the outdoor school and opened the event up to all levels through the 10th grade. (Kindergarten through third graders were accompanied by a parent.)

The group enjoyed staying at Mt. Aetna Camp near Hagerstown, Maryland, which served as the base camp for many interesting side trips. On Monday, students explored the trails and facilities of Mt. Aetna Camp and were given a tour of Highland View Academy. During the rest of the week, the group had many exciting trips to the Antietam



Battlefield, Review and Herald Publishing Company, Cunningham Falls, lunch at the Cozy Inn, Harpers Ferry and Gettysburg Battlefield. As a special treat, they rode the train to Union Station and visited many sites in Washington, D.C., including a tour of the U.S. Capitol, Smithsonian Institute, etc.

Coming from many smaller schools throughout western Maryland and West Virginia, the students look forward to getting together with friends from other schools at this annual conference-wide event. The challenge now is to figure out what to do this next school year to top this last week-long adventure!

KINGSLEY WHITSETT
Superintendent of Schools

Music festival

"Have you heard the good news? Have you heard the good news?" continues to ring through everyone's minds after listening to the children's choir combine their voices at the Mountain View Conference's "Elementary Music Festival VII." Feryl Harris, conference children's ministries Director, directed the program, which was held April 16 at the Charleston church with more than 300 in attendance. Theresa Doering, a pianist from the Toll Gate church, accompanied the 125 children who participated in the morning choral presentation.

The main focus of the program was the presentation, "Have You Heard the Good News," which included David Ripley, Toll Gate school; Julie Byard, Morgantown school and Cindy Collett, Elkins school, as narrators telling the resurrection of Jesus interspersed with group singing. The program also included solo parts sung by students from the participating schools.

Following a potluck lunch, there was an afternoon program that included individual schools presenting special instrumental and vocal selections.

Schools throughout the conference, including Mountain State Academy and the Miracle Meadows school, participated in the festival.



MOUNTAIN VIEWS

Small numbers and small hands sometimes add up to big numbers. This year the Morgantown church kindergarten/primary class of eight members decided to bring quarters to Sabbath school for ADRA. In



January they turned in \$15. By June the total amounted to \$45. The children enjoy knowing their little part helps people all over the world. Concern for and helping others is a special emphasis in this class.—Jane Murphy, Communication Secretary

Jonathan Michael, a member of the Lewisburg church, was the guest speaker for the commencement exercise of Mountain State Academy held on May 29 at the Doddridge County Park pavilion near West Union. Members of the graduating class expressed a desire to hear from someone who had recently had to make the important decision they now must face. Jonathan explained from his own experience and from Scripture references exactly how to know what is God's will and assured them a person cannot find true happiness unless he or she is fulfilling God's purpose for his or her life.

Jonathan is a third-year religion major at Southern College in Collegedale, Tennessee. He hopes to include ministry to youth in his future plans.

MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOLS

On August 29, 12 schools will open their doors here in the Mountain View Conference, according to Kingsley Whitsett, education superintendent. The following teachers have been selected to teach for the 1993-94 school year:

<u>Bluefield/Princeton (Valley View)</u>	Grades 1-8
Joel Stecker	
<u>Calhoun Christian*</u>	
To be filled	
<u>Charleston</u>	
Deanna Fine	Grades 1-8
<u>Clarksburg (Central Hills)</u>	
Marie Bartusek	Grades 1-8
<u>Cumberland (Willowbrook)</u>	
Cheryl Martin	Grades K-2
Patricia Hall	Grades 3-6
Harry Janetzko, Principal	Grades 7-10
<u>Elkins</u>	
Cheryl Jacko	Grades K-8
<u>Lewisburg**</u>	
Jim Sampson	Grades K-8
<u>Morgantown</u>	
Don Byard	Grades K-8
<u>Oakland (Mountain Top)</u>	
Ken Timmerman	Grades 1-8
<u>Parkersburg</u>	
Linda Lawinsky	Grades K-8
<u>Summersville</u>	
Jo'an Boggess	Grades K-2
Donna Nicholas	Grades 3-8
<u>Toll Gate</u>	
Debbie Smith	Grades 1-8

*Mission School

**Satellite School

In addition to the schools listed above, there are also a number of home schools that operate throughout the conference where there is no church school.

If you have any questions regarding your child's education or would like to enroll your child in a church school this fall, please contact the teacher or pastor in your area or the education department at the Mountain View Conference, phone (304) 422-4581.

Coming up! Men's and Women's Retreat

Be sure to put the following dates on your calendar:

**September 9-11 - First Annual Men's Retreat
October 6-8 - Women's Retreat
Valley Vista Adventist Center**

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Robert Bogges

The challenge of camp meeting

The real challenge of camp meeting is not the planning and scheduling, not the packing and traveling. Nor is it the inconveniences of storms, mud, crowded bathrooms and intolerable heat and humidity.

The real challenge of camp meeting is that of maintaining, after we go home, that high level of motivation and deep degree of spiritual devotion that we experienced at camp meeting, and that we live out in our continuing lifestyle the commitment to live the Christ-like life made at camp meeting and share it with others around us.

"Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."—*Hebrews 2:1*.

The cross-currents of life are strong! And they are usually flowing against the Christ-like life. Pressures from without, pushing us to earn a living, compromise on issues, be like our peers; pressures from within, pushing us to continue the same old patterns, love the same old ways, hold on to the same old opinions; these are some of the currents that try to draw us away from the commitment and total surrender to Jesus' way that we made at camp meeting.

What can we do about it? Here are a couple of suggestions that might help us all to extend the blessings of camp meeting throughout the following year.

First, let us remember and renew at the beginning and ending of each new day the specific commitment and surrender we made at camp meeting.

Second, let us purposefully form the habit of daily devotional and prayer time in which we reflect upon God's grace, power and expectations in our lives. Around the world, thousands of Adventists are joining with thousands of other unseen Adventists for this personal prayer time at 6:15 a.m. (or any quarter after the hour time). Won't you join them in praying for the out-pouring of God's Enabling Spirit on the church?

Third, let us make a conscious decision to believe that, in Christ, the Father has accepted us and let us demonstrate to others the same supporting, forgiving attitude. Of all the problems now being experienced in the church, nothing is paralyzing the church more than personal anger and unforgiving attitudes among church members. But God's grace not only forgives, it also enables us to be truly forgiving.

Finally, we can become involved with sharing this joy of Jesus with others by volunteering to help others in church, community and personal acts of kindness and caring. The joy of Jesus is one of the few things in life that grows richer and fuller as we give more and more of it away.

Dear friends, let's make this camp meeting in 1994, the 150th anniversary of the new beginning with our pioneers in 1844, a new beginning with God's church today that will extend the blessings of camp meeting continuously in our lives until we are united with these same pioneers in God's great heavenly camp meeting.

What's happening around New Jersey

August 15-18

Teachers/Pastors Retreat

August 22

First Day of School

August 26-28

Adventurer Training Course – Norm Middag

September 5

Holiday – ABC and Conference Office Closed

September 10

NAD Men's Day of Prayer

September 10

SS 101 (multi-conference)

September 11

ABC Open (10-3)

September 11-16

ABC Open House Sale

September 16-18

Marriage Seminar (Van Pelt)
Jersey City Heights English Church

September 17

Church Leadership Seminar

September 18

Pathfinder & Youth Olympic Day

September 23-25

Adventurers' Camporee

September 29

New Jersey Executive Committee

October 1

Spanish Youth Rally

October 2

Pastoral Family Picnic

October 3-10

General Conference Annual Council

October 11-12

NAD Year End Meetings

October 9

ABC Open (10-3)

October 9

Church Treasurers' Workshop

October 21

Spanish Churches' Convocation



See page NJ-2 for more camp meeting photos!

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Committee notes

- Elder Chow, conference treasurer, reports a 115 percent gain in tithe over this past year and an expense reduction of eight percent under the budget, giving a healthy financial picture for the first half of 1994. We praise God for His bountiful blessings and express appreciation to the entire New Jersey membership for their faithful support of God's work.
- Pastor Brian Laird's request to be sponsored in the seminary at Andrews University this fall as arranged at the beginning of his ministerial service in New Jersey was approved.
- The major roof replacement project for the Lake Nelson school, estimated to cost \$65,000, was approved. The Lake Nelson and New Brunswick churches are sharing this expense for the school.
- Elder Don Baker, ministerial and youth director, was elected to serve as conference executive secretary and ministerial director.
- Frank Kean, pastor of the Collingwood Park, Hightstown and Perth Amboy Pioneer Community churches, was elected to the position of youth leader and church ministries associate for the New Jersey Conference.
- New church building plans for the Phillipsburg church were approved. The project cost is estimated at \$300,000.
- Pastor Joeng Im of the New Jersey Korean church was approved to be ordained this summer.
- A conference policy was approved requiring proof of insurance to be filed with the conference treasurer for all local, church-owned vehicles, or the vehicle must be impounded in order to limit liability.
- A committee was appointed to study the needs and plans of Garden State Academy and to aid in the development of a debt-reduction, campus improvement capital, fund-raising program.

Garden State Academy — graduation 1994

The 31st commencement ceremonies at Garden State Academy recently concluded on the 28th of May at Osleider Hall Auditorium on the academy grounds. With their motto, "The loss of our dreams is the only loss from which we never recover," the 12 members of the Class of '94 marched into the area of "most recent alumni." Pastor Jose Cortes Jr. charged the seniors to remain focused on the cross and to never, ever give up on their dreams. The small but exceptionally talented Class of '94 reaped huge dividends in scholarship awards from several colleges. We at the academy wish the Class of '94 much success in a Christ-led life.



Top: Abdiel Custodio and Dannyte Godsden proudly hold their diplomas.
Above: Ron Patterson, New Jersey Conference education superintendent. **Left:** Garden State Academy graduation 1994.

Collingwood Park school expands!

In 1992, the Collingwood Park Adventist Elementary School was reopened. Fifteen students were enrolled in grades one through four as a "one teacher school program," with a single teacher's aide. As the first year of the new school program progressed, it proved to be a successful one for the students enrolled, the staff and the Collingwood Park church as a whole. More significantly, all was done to uplift the name of the Lord, and He was truly praised.

Throughout the 1993-94 academic year, the school was blessed with an increased enrollment to 20 students. During this academic year, the school

was able to offer an additional grade; now also providing fifth grade. Consequently, based upon a new stable student enrollment and the potential for an increased number of students, the Collingwood Park church elementary school board, stepping out on faith and seeking to expand God's program, is augmenting a "two teachers school program," with a teacher's aide. Additionally, the board has proposed to establish an increased number of grades from one through eight, with the anticipation of enrolling at least 30 students for the coming school year.

The Collingwood Park church has been truly blessed. For these blessings, we give all praises and honor to our Lord and Saviour for directing our paths towards the fulfillment of His program in the educating of our children.

Education at its best

The students at the Lillian Whitfield Adventist School have had the unique opportunity to experience the wonders of nature first-hand. Most of the students worked in pairs, planning what vegetables or flowers to plant and where they should plant them in their own little gardens. Even the teachers were given a space to develop.

Plants are intriguing, and everyone was excited and eager to plant the first seed. However, seeds aren't just planted without first having the soil prepared, and thus the lessons of life began to be internalized and the spiritual applications forever imprinted on the minds of the students.

Our next great anticipation was the mystical work of the Creator. The wait was almost unbearable. Every recess the students would make a mad rush to the garden to detect the first signs of life. Their patience paid off, and in a few



days little green shoots appeared. The excitement was too much to be contained, and every unsuspecting bystander was escorted to the garden to see our handiwork.

Weeds began to appear and were painstakingly removed from some gardens and allowed to survive in others. The weeds choked some of the plants,

making it hard for them to grow.

We learned many things from our garden to be applied to life, and they will be remembered instantly whenever we see a flower, tree or garden.

Jesus also, from his earliest years, spent time out in nature learning of God. He later used the simplicity of nature to teach His followers the great lessons of heaven. What better example than Jesus do we have and what a great way to learn!

Lake Nelson temperance essays win third successive year

When students from the Lake Nelson Adventist School in Piscataway win state-wide essay competitions three successive years, you have to believe that some good learning and teaching is happening there.

On May 19, Louis Lee Tenorio, a ninth-grade student of John Falconbridge, was awarded first-place recognition by the Middlesex County chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union for his essay titled "The Dangers of Smoking."

Florence Liddell, county chapter president, also noted that Louis' essay was forwarded to the New Jersey state organization, where it again placed first in competition against numerous other essays from junior high schools. Tenorio's essay has now been forwarded to the Chicago meeting of the national conference of the WCTU in July, where it will face comparison with essays from the rest of the 50 states.

Two previous winners from the Lake Nelson school, Anna Maria Grasso and Nixalys Ortiz, who are both currently students at Garden State Academy, won in the previous years. In 1993 Ortiz's essay received honorable mention at the national contest level.

When asked how it was that his students have done so well in their writing, Mr. Falconbridge stated, "I give the students a very solid course in research and the term paper. They are required to investigate sources, make the bibliography and note cards, the outline, the whole nine yards. When they have drafted the paper, I review their paper

with them, helping them with stating their ideas most effectively. But the paper is theirs. It is their production."

Louis is a 15-year-old ninth-grade student and the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tenorio of Plainfield, New Jersey. He has been a student at the Lake Nelson Adventist School in Piscataway for two years. This year he captained the school's soccer and basketball teams, leading them to an undefeated season. His plans for the future include college, with an eye towards a degree in business. He would eventually like to go into business for himself. We wish him the best as he goes on to complete his secondary school education.

Weekend seminar

Recently the Three Angels' Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hope, New Jersey, hosted a six-part weekend series on the character of Christ and on the laws of health. Speakers for the program were John Bradshaw and Ruben Faz. Both gentlemen colported this past summer through the Family Enrichment Resources program directed by Larry Carter, Bradshaw in Pennsylvania and Faz in New Jersey at Garden State Academy in Tranquility.

Topics for this program included the character of Christ in the Sanctuary, in the Most Holy Place, the Eight Laws of Health and many, many more.

Seventh-day Adventists from Tranquility, Lafayette and Hackensack attended, as well as some non-Seventh-day Adventists from the local community. On Sabbath, the church was overflowing. The following day, more than 30 people attended the series. The program was a great blessing to all.

Speakers John Bradshaw (left) and Ruben Faz.



LORI NIENSTEDT
Personal Ministries Leader

The C.O.P.S. ministry in the Waldwick Adventist School

The whole idea of special social programs for the seventh- through 10th-grade students of the Waldwick Adventist School started five years ago with a creative idea from our principal, Mrs. Ledesma. The whole seventh through 10th grade appreciated the efforts of Mrs. Ledesma, the teachers and the dedicated parents and friends who helped with this new project.

The program had two goals, the first being to have the students, as well as everyone else involved, grow closer in Christ and to be a positive influence to others. We witnessed to the non-Christians around us, and we hope that we helped at least one person to give his heart to Jesus. The second goal was to let the students have an opportunity to have a lot of fun outside school as they grew in their friendships with one another.

The students decided on the name C.O.P.S., which stands for Christ, Our Personal Saviour. For the first two years, Mrs. Ledesma and the seventh- through 10th-grade teachers planned the activities. But for the past three years, the students have voted for two directors of C.O.P.S., a social director to plan the activities and a religious director to plan the opening and closing worships we always have and the other religious aspects.

This year the students voted Alyz Diaz to be the social director and Kristia Calavero to be the religious director. When Alyz left Waldwick in the middle of the year, the students combined the two offices for the remainder of the year.

Some of the social activities that the Waldwick students have planned and enjoyed this year have been swimming, roller skating, bowling, a New York Mets baseball game and fall and spring camping trips.

I personally think that C.O.P.S. has achieved all its goals. Our whole school is like one big family, and we have a lot of fun at the programs. The events have given each of us a lot of memories that we will never forget. But most of all, we have grown closer to God and His Son, Christ, Our Personal Saviour.

KRISTIA CALAVERO
*Social and Religious Director of COPS
1993-94*



School year closes with baptisms

The 1993-94 school year at Tranquility Adventist School closed on a very positive note with the baptism of several students. On Sabbath, June 11, four students were baptized in the Tranquili-

ty Adventist Church. These included Andy Adams and David Gawron, who were eighth-grade graduates, seventh-grader Scott Fogg and sixth-grader Cindy Saracco.

Before the summer closes, four other students will join their classmates in making their commitment to the Lord. Kristi Cook, a fourth-grader, awaits an opportunity to be baptized by her uncle in July. Jeremy Lock and Brian James also plan to be baptized during the summer months. Both Jeremy and Brian were eighth-grade graduates this year from TAS as well. Jeremy has opted for an outdoor baptism, and Brian plans to be baptized during the course of the summer months by conference President Robert Boggess. Finally, a fifth-grade student, Giuseppa Mammana, who was also part of the baptismal class, will be baptized in her own church.

All eight baptisms came about as a result of the completion of a baptismal class conducted by Elder Steve Snow from the Hackettstown church and Pastor Brian Laird from the Lafayette/Rockaway church district.

"We're pleased to have the school year end this way," stated Mark Walker, school principal. The baptismal class was started as a result of interest that was voiced by the students. It's always a pleasure to see students interested in spiritual matters. It was a joy for all of us to watch the students learn and grow and make their choices for the Lord."

The baptism of the first four students involved four different baptizing ministers, each at the request of individual students. Andy Adams requested that Elder Don Baker, the New Jersey Conference ministerial director, do his baptism. Andy had gone with Baker to Santo Domingo on a mission trip earlier this year. Cindy Saracco was baptized by Hackettstown Pastor Steve Snow, and Scott Fogg was baptized by the second pastor involved in the baptismal class, Brian Laird. David Gawron requested that his uncle, school Principal Mark Walker, baptize him. Walker is also an ordained minister.

"Baptisms are always special," stated Walker, "and this baptism was just a very fine way to end our school year. As we look to the future, we wish the very best for our young people who have dedicated their hearts to God and for those who will be coming along and studying in the future years."

GAIL COOK
Tranquility School Secretary

Ottati conducts evangelistic campaign

Jersey City Heights was aflame with excitement when Pastor Frank Ottati, Columbia Union ministerial director, opened the spring evangelism program with a packed audience.

Just one year ago, the congregation was struggling against major discouragements to continue the work in Jersey City Heights. Their number was small. Their resources were limited. The remaining work to remodel their newly purchased but badly deteriorated church building seemed enormous.

The evangelistic crusade with Pastor Ottati was the culmination of these renewed efforts. Under the faithful leadership of Pastor Ramon Canals, the church prepared for the effort. By the close of the crusade, 32 precious believers were baptized, and a dozen more were receiving studies. God has wonderfully blessed the efforts of these trusting members and brought to fruition their dreams and their labors.

Below, left: Pastor Frank Ottati greets new members at the close of the crusade.

Below: Debbie Angelo does a health-screening program to prepare for the meetings.

Bottom: Pastor Canals prays with two of the new members as they are baptized.



At camp meeting in 1993, a special Macedonian call for workers to come to the Heights and lend a hand was given. Several new volunteers either moved their membership or joined their efforts and their resources to bring the project to completion.

Career Day a highlight at Lake Nelson

"Mrs. Gray, I think I'm going to become an FBI agent when I grow up." "They sure gave me a new view into things." "I got to share with all three of my interest areas." "We got to ask the questions on our minds." Remarks such as these came from the lips of students in grades five to nine as 10 different counselors shared the ins and outs and the whats and whys of getting ready to make it in the great big world of business.

Louis Ivins, an independent businessman from Spotswood, spoke to the

students in a short 12-minute keynote address. He pointed out that there are three major decisions everyone must make in life: first, to choose one's God and faith; second, to choose a career in harmony with one's spiritual commitment; and third, to choose a life partner who will be willing to share in the first two choices.

A social worker from the county division of child services, an electronics engineer, a computer analyst, a special investigator from the prosecuting attorney's office and a law student gave the children experiences that helped them think about preparing for a career. Other presenters featured careers in nursing science, medicine, Christian teaching, business and secretarial work, and especially gospel ministry.

Weeks before Friday, May 20, students had indicated areas of occupational interest. John Falconbridge, junior high teacher, contacted church members active in those areas. Each student had the opportunity to spend 20 minutes in a small group with the counsellors.

"It was a real good program." The program was a success. Students look forward to another Career Day next year.

Math is fun at the fair

Students at the Waldwick Adventist School participated in a math fair during this school year. On April 14 they counted, measured, weighed, graphed and computed their way into and through many mathematical activities. Teacher and parent volunteers provided Waldwick students with a chance to become involved with numbers.

This activity was planned by the Waldwick Adventist School Curriculum Committee. Members hoped to provide the students with opportunities to help them see numbers as useful tools, but most importantly, that numbers are fun.

This year's math fair theme was "The Olympics." Students were grouped by countries that competed. After the points were counted and the medals awarded, students and teachers alike felt that this year's math fair was really a winner.

Jewels for Jesus

Nearly five years ago, the Elizabeth Filipino and English Adventist Church had just about a handful of toddlers sparsely scattered among the adults seated in the pews during hours of worship. Through sunshine, showers and snow, their sparkling eyes, roaming feet and shrill cries echoed their presence in the sanctuary from week to week.

At times, through those unique but familiar languages, they might have annoyed the patience of the more mature minds by unintentionally capturing their attention from some precious moments of the spoken words! And imagine, too, how some who are par-

ents might have suppressed their private pains under whispers of frustrations mingled with compassion and love during those moments.

This might have been a similar scenario to which Jesus referred when He said, "Suffer the children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven..." It is good to know that godly parents understood that with faith, patience and prayer, their pain of the hour would be the gain for tomorrow.

Today, part of the pride and joy shared by congregants of the Elizabeth Filipino and English Adventist Church can be found in their Adventurers' Club, which was formed as a result of those

now-grown toddlers. They are called the "Precious Jewels."

Since the club's formation about two years ago, they've been sparkling for Jesus both in the church and the community under the leadership of Evangeline Durana. In the church they are the formal junior choir and are very active in every facet of the worship program. A few months ago, they started a fund-raising drive in aid of the church building project. Presently, they have raised more than \$3,000.

In the community, they have been active in distributing Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and presents. Visitation of the sick and shut-in has been a part of their schedule, too. This past year they visited the Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, and this past February they visited the Plaza Nursing Home in Elizabeth. They also have on their agenda other institutions to be visited before the year ends. Besides the cheerful smiles and beautifully rendered songs they shared with staff and residents of those facilities, they were twinkling little witnesses for their Creator.

How pleasant are the results when parents and church family pave the path with seeds of righteousness in due season! Our youths are more likely to become sparkling stars from distance far and remembering the way mark, never to depart. These "Precious Jewels" solicit your prayerful support that God may always be "... a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path."

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Musical presentation at Waldwick school

Grades one and two of the Waldwick school were inspired by their teacher, Mrs. Baptiste, to become actively involved in witnessing for the Lord. As a group, they shared their musical production, entitled "Come on over to My Own Backyard," with all of the supporting churches represented by the school.

A "Love Offering" was collected to further Christian education at the Waldwick school.

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Ed Motschiedler

My dream...

I would like to share with you some deeply held wishes for my church. I love our Adventist teachings and doctrines and also my brothers and sisters in the church. But I have a dream for a stronger church.

I dream of members having the assurance of salvation and victorious living that comes with a clear understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I dream of this gospel being shared by every member in every way possible.

I dream of members dedicated to study and prayer. Every church member, and especially leaders, must model a commitment to these spiritual disciplines.

I dream of members focusing on mission rather than theological differences. I dream of congregations that study and pray together to determine the way in which God would have them be a witness in the community. I dream of members contributing their gifts, skills and abilities to this purpose in a way that will bring glory to God.

I dream of congregations boldly addressing the problem of our missing young people. I would like to see talented and committed church leaders, teachers and parents developing strategies that would ensure that youth and young adults have greater opportunities to develop spiritually while experiencing the love of Christ through loving and caring church members.

I dream of pastors and church members working together in a bold program of proclaiming the three angels' messages. I dream of churches holding meetings in their towns and the small surrounding towns, directed by lay people who were trained by the pastor.

I dream that the "circle of blame" in the Adventist church might be broken. It seems that everyone is blaming someone else for the church's problems. Members blame the pastors and the conference. Pastors blame the members and the conference. Conferences blame the pastors and the high cost of the organization above them. In the "circle of blame," no one assumes responsibilities for the problems, so the problems can't be solved.

I dream of church members, pastors and conference leaders asking the simple questions, "How might I have contributed to the problem?" and "What can I do to help bring change?" In the words of the old Negro spiritual, we all need to say, "It's me, It's me, It's me, It's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer."

Dreams can come true. My dreams for the church are also my prayers. Won't you join me in praying for a revival experience that could be the turning point for individuals and churches. With this experience will come a burning desire to fulfill the purpose of God in our own lives and then in our churches. This is my prayer for every member in every church in the Ohio Conference.

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Camp Mohaven is making heaven's heroes

Nearly 400 of Ohio's boys, girls and teens made their way to Camp Mohaven this summer for a week of fun-filled activities, including swimming, horseback riding, biking, canoeing, wilderness survival, nature and much more.

"I liked the Walk through the Bible," said Elizabeth Klepfel, 10, from Loveland. Each Sabbath, campers visited several locations where Bible characters enacted stories they represented. This activity in addition to the charades, music, and nature activities filled Sabbath with adventure and fun.

"I like the stories the pastor told," Elizabeth continued. Each week a guest assumed the role of camp pastor. During the week that Elizabeth was there, the pastor role was assumed by Barry Seals. Another camper said about his ministry, "He was more like a friend than like a regular pastor." "One thing that I liked on Friday night," said Samantha Shafer, 12, of Mount Vernon, "was that the pastor asked kids to come up front if they wanted to show their love for Jesus. A lot of kids went up. He gave them the book *Steps to Christ*. I was real happy about that."

We had really nice counselors this year," shared Charity Bargar, 10, of Columbus. Directors Rick and Helen Faber recruited seven young adults to serve on a leadership team. These young people assisted in the overall operation of the camp. Many other staff members served as counselors, class instructors, kitchen and nursing staff and many other positions of trust that make camp a safe and happy place for children and youth to be. The entire staff numbered nearly 50.

"Probably I liked horsemanship and swimming best," stated Samantha. "I liked canoeing; I flipped in the mud and fell into the canoe. Christ Swartz, 11, from Toledo, liked riding on the trails with the BMX bikes, while Jacob Carney, 11, of Powell, said he liked riding the horses. "He (Reni Dupertuis, horsemanship director) went over the rules that we had to follow, and then we went out on the trails," said Jacob.

Samantha added, "I liked the nature nuggets each morning. We



Rick Faber, summer camp director, dismisses campers from the Camp Council Bowl.



Richa Stevens, nature director, plays the part of Herodius during the "Walk through the Bible."



Junior campers listen and watch carefully while the story of Easter is presented.



The boys from the "Gazelle" cabin win the canoe-sinking contest at the pool party.

had different people talking about different animals and stuff like that." Summing it all up, she said at the close of her interview, "I liked it all, but that would take you a couple of thousand pages to write it all down!"

JEANIE HALDEMAN
Mission: Ohio Editor

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Ohio welcomes new teachers

In an attempt to maintain the finest quality of teaching for our children and youth, the following teachers will be added to our superb teaching team for the 1994-95 school term. We welcome them to Ohio!

Alicia Walton, who holds a bachelor of science degree from Columbia Union College, will be the teacher at Zanesville for the coming school year. Alicia has been a teacher in the Mountain View Conference since 1992. Besides her expertise as a teacher, Alicia has a minor in business administration and has been successful in designing and implementing a computer curriculum into the classroom.

Mary Ann Buckles will be teaching grades one and two at Griswold Christian Academy in Worthington. With a four-year background in medical social work, Mary Ann felt called to teach and returned to school and received her B.S. in elementary education from Eastern Oregon State College in 1984. Three years in Idaho public schools and three additional years as a missionary in Saipan prepared her for the next four years as a successful primary teacher in the Oregon Conference.

Vivian Colvin will be filling the position of the second teacher in the Mansfield school. A teacher with more than 10 years' experience, Vivian attended Andrews University and Southern College and graduated from the University of Louisville with a B.S. in 1977. She has taught in the Kentucky-Tennessee, northern Idaho

and Michigan conferences prior to coming to Ohio. She is married to Dr. Gerry Colvin who is affiliated with the school of education at Ashland University.

Joe Fralick, a 1985 graduate of Mount Vernon Academy, has been working in the Guam-Micronesia mission as teacher/chaplain. Joe will assume the teaching position at Lima for the 1994-95 school year. He is a graduate of Union College with a B.S. in elementary education and has also been involved with

Harcourt Brace International conducting in-service workshops for teachers. Many young people in Ohio will remember Joe from his association at Camp Mohaven.

Shannon Bramblett will teach art part time at Mount Vernon Academy this year. Shannon previously served as music and art teacher at Sandia View Academy in Corrales, New Mexico. Shannon and her husband, Mark, have a 6 month-old son, Stefan.

Andreanna Flores is the new music teacher at Mount Vernon Academy. She completed a B.S. in music at Union College in 1992. Andreanna previously served as task force girl's dean at Sunnydale Academy in Centralia, Missouri. With little more than 24-hour notice, Andreanna successfully conducted a music festival during this past school year in the absence of the director.

Luis R. Parra is the new recruiter at Mount Vernon Academy. Luis received a B.S. in behavioral science at Southern College in 1982. Most recently, Luis worked as a teacher/guidance counselor at Greater Boston Academy. Luis is married to Nancy. The Parra family has a son, Jeremy, 11, and a daughter, Nicole, 9.

Jhan D. (J. D.) Mutchler is the new principal at Spring Valley Academy. J. D. holds M.A. in educational psychology and counseling from Andrews University. Raised in Ohio, he worked in various capacities at Battle Creek Academy for 14 years before serving as principal at Boulder Academy in Colorado for the past six years. J. D. and his wife, Lynn, have two children: a son, Chad, 19; and a daughter, Amanda, 16.

Neil Richmund wants to "make Christianity and Adventism appealing to youth" while serving as the new chaplain at Spring Valley Academy. Native of Australia, Neil holds a B.A. in theology and an M.A. in religious education. Neil and his wife, Heather, are moving to Ohio from Wisconsin, where he served as chaplain and Bible teacher at Wisconsin Academy.



Luis Parra



Neil Richmund

Speakers challenge camp meeting attendees to live in God's love

Dynamic preaching and biblical study and reflection were the opportunities presented to members attending the 1994 Ohio Conference Camp Meeting June 17-19 at the Mount Vernon Academy campus.

Guest speaker Hans LaRondelle presented messages including: "The End Time Focus on Prophecy," "Restoring the People of God" and "The Jesus Generation."

Bill Richardson, professor of religion and chairman of the undergraduate religion department at Andrews University, presented a series in the early morning and closing meetings entitled, "Is the Glorious Appearing a Fading Hope?"

Columbia Union Vice President Dick Duerksen challenged attendees with "Seeing God's Face."

Ohio members were fed "spiritual food for the mind and the soul," according to Raj Attiken, camp meeting coordinator.

Sabbath afternoon seminars presented a new opportunity to those attending Sabbath only. Three options existed: "Archeology, the Ancient World and the Bible," "How Not to Get Lost in the Biblical Forest" and "Principles of Prophetic Interpretation."

The Maker's Dozen, a children's vocal group directed by David Bargar, presented a concert following the Friday evening meeting.

Guest song writer and vocalist Jennifer Jill sang for adults and young adults throughout the Sabbath hours.

Dick Duerksen also challenged young adults in a dramatic presentation and worship hour message.

Praise music was a special highlight at the Saturday evening program led by Patricia White, songwriter and vocalist.

Quality programming was planned so that every attendee, young and old alike, had the opportunity to experience the joy of fellowship and receive encouragement from the word of God.

The weekend theme, "His Heart, My Home," was good news to all in attendance.

Thank you to all who supported the 1994 Ohio Camp Meeting.

Myers accepts position in education

The Ohio Conference Office of Education is pleased to welcome Carol Myers as associate superintendent of schools. She began her tenure on July 1 and is off and running in her new position.



Carol Myers

Since 1991, Myers has been serving in the same capacity in the Michigan Conference. Prior to that, she was principal for eight years of the Western Reserve School near Painesville, Ohio, and has a total of 22 years teaching experience in the Ohio Conference. She has also served as part-time instructor in the education department at Lake Erie College teaching undergraduate methods courses and conducting workshops.

A native of Ohio, Carol attended Ohio Conference schools and graduated from Mount Vernon Academy. She continued her education at Kent State University and graduated with a B.S. in education and then from Lake Erie College with a master of science in education. She holds a State of Ohio Professional Teaching & Supervisors Certificate K-12 and a Denominational Professional as well as Administrator's Certificate. She is a current member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and has served as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for Teacher Education as well as an adjunct professor at Andrews University.

Carol's emphasis for Ohio will be to provide special help for small schools. She will be conducting a workshop for small schools with the cooperation of Andrews University on August 16-18 at the Ohio Conference office. All teachers of Ohio's one- and two-teacher schools will attend.

Carol and her husband, Gary, live in Mount Vernon and have a son, Jim, who will be a junior at Mount Vernon Academy. The Ohio Conference is thrilled to welcome the Myers family back to Ohio and is looking forward to Carol's contribution to enhancing education in Ohio!

BOB SKEGGS
Superintendent of Education

First-hand look at Dayton's Good Neighbor House

When I first stepped inside the building that will soon open its doors as the Good Neighbor House (GNH), I didn't know what to expect. I had enjoyed swinging a sledge hammer against the drywall during Demolition Sunday in February. This led me to volunteer for general construction labor. No sledge hammers here—new walls were being built.

About 12 volunteers were creating a metal stud framework to support the drywall. They were using a detailed architectural plan as a layout, measurement and materials guide. A thick layer of spongy foam insulation had been sprayed on the outside walls.

I joined a work crew with Pastor David Hutman of the Stillwater church and Al Brendel of the Kettering church. We attached the 12-foot metal studs together, ensuring each one was aligned straight. Pastor Dave, on a scaffold, used a nail gun to attach the top of the frame to the concrete ceiling. Al, a retired minister and former overseas missionary, showed me how to use an electric drill to set screws in the studs. Some of the studs needed an extension to account for the uneven ceiling. We cut tracking to the needed length and crimped it onto the ends of those studs.

Arthur Clark, construction supervisor, explained that after the stud frame is constructed, the electricity, plumbing, heating and air conditioning are installed, and drywall is attached to the metal frame. Heating and air conditioning units are being installed by Anderson Associates, a business owned by Forrest Anderson of the Centerville church. "People ask, 'How do you know what's happening?' With my 50 years of building experience, when the time comes, I'll know. With everyone asking questions, you have to have a ready answer now. You need to be accurate about the current project, or you won't be accurate about anything." Arthur is from Akron, Ohio, and has worked on several Habitat for Humanity International projects. This organization, founded in 1976, builds homes for low-income families. Lou Turner, a retired physician from the Kettering church, said he had also gained some construction experience working for Habitat for Humanity.

A construction permit posted on the front door lists five required inspections. For example, to meet city fire codes, the architect's plans specify use of metal studs and the location of firewalls. Paul Reiss, on vacation from his job in the machine shop at Kettering



Renovation continues on the Good Neighbor House 844 Patterson Boulevard in downtown Dayton. A tinted glass front window has been installed, and concrete and asphalt have been removed for front landscaping. Photo by Carolyn Rogers.

Medical Center, explained that a firewall ensures containment of a fire inside the building, helping to prevent its spread to surrounding buildings. I asked Paul where he got his construction experience.

"It's a matter of using available materials to make it work," said Paul. "Some are born musicians, some are born artists. If it's a machine, I was predisposed to work on it."

"Don't let Paul fool you. This does take some expertise," said his working partner, Gene Cowling of the Kettering church.

After experiencing construction work firsthand, I had a deeper appreciation for the time and energy given by these GNH volunteers.

Paul Reiss agreed: "These guys really have been giving everything. They work until they're tired and then keep working."

CAROLYN PERRINE ROGERS
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A son's perspective



I am glad that you, our parents, could share this moment with us. I would like to share my thoughts with you about responsibilities—the responsibilities of parents and the responsibilities of sons.

I feel the first responsibility of parents is to teach us the do's and don'ts of life: don't jump over the couch, don't run in the house, put the toilet seat down when you're done, don't play in the kitchen when I'm cooking, and more seriously, don't cheat, don't steal, don't lie.

The do's outweigh the don'ts: to raise your hand, share your toys, brush your teeth, have prayer before you eat, praise us when we do good—and the list goes on and on.

The second responsibility is to give us an education. We can all be thankful for that. We are all presently enrolled in a private Christian academy. It is obvious that our parents are willing to go that extra mile to put us here. I know my coming here has helped me a lot. As I look out, I see all my friends, friends I'll never forget, best of friends, young Christian men who had their roots

begin from their very homes. Our parents are our keys to the past and our guidelines to our future.

The third responsibility of our parents is to give us unconditional love—love that only a parent can understand. What kind of love is it when you lose the ball game for your team and your mom or dad takes you out for ice cream, or you talk back to your parents and the next day you're forgiven, or you cut your hair in a wild style and your mom and dad still claim you as their son!

Their fourth responsibility is to teach us about God. God has been a very dominant figure in our lives. Ever since we were knee-high to a grasshopper, He's been the topic of many conversations. This responsibility placed upon our parents is the most important of all. Once they've taught us that God is our Maker and heavenly Father, the other responsibilities fall right into line.

A son's responsibility toward mom and dad is number one and only one: "Honor your father and mother." We may think lightly about this responsibility, but everything we do falls under this responsibility.

- Don't talk back to them.
 - Take out the trash when they ask you.
 - Don't go to that party they told you not to.
 - Don't trip your sister.
 - Bend over and take your lashes like a man.
 - Do the dishes.
 - Don't be afraid to kiss me goodbye in front of your friends (mother).
 - Turn off the tube.
 - Wear your seat belt.
- And the list goes on and on. God tells us to honor mom and dad simply because they know what's best for us. We shouldn't only think of it as a responsibility, but as a duty as a son.

Albert Bailey, Senior Parent-Son Brunch May 8, 1994

Mount Vernon Academy

Top: Albert Bailey

Below: A family enjoys the activities of the Parent-Son Brunch. Renan Sandoval with his parents, Juan and Norma, his sister, Karly, and grandparents Carlo and Bilgahi.



Calendar

- August 21 Registration
- August 27 Hide-Away Day
- September 11 Father/Son Banquet
- September 11-17 Week of Prayer
- September 22-25 Homeleave
- October 21-23 NAD Giraffe University

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The students and staff of MVA extend our gratitude to the constituents for their vote at the June 12 special constituency meeting to begin the rebuilding of our campus.



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

When you talk about the future, what do you think of? In the global sense, you probably think of the way our world is going and ask, "How soon will it fall apart?" You probably wonder how far God will let things go before He comes to end this saga. In the more immediate sense, if you are a teen you may be thinking of college or getting out on your own. If you're 55 you are probably thinking of retirement plans. If you have teens, you are likely thinking of how to pay for the rest of academy and then college.

For schools like MVA, the future deals with both immediate and long-term futures. As we look to the immediate future of the physical plant, we are excited to have the challenge of remodeling the administration building. I am reminded of Nehemiah's dream of rebuilding Jerusalem. He wanted to fix the walls; and when told of the plan, the people said, "Let us start rebuilding." As the formal plans are being completed, we can contribute to the funds so that when the plans are complete, we can begin to remodel the administration building. We are privileged to have the challenge of providing for the school's physical structure for the future students of MVA just as past generations did for the current students.

Our youth are as special to us as Jerusalem was to Nehemiah. We need to use every avenue possible to preserve them. Christian education is one avenue we use to save our youth. MVA stands as a monument, in a sense, to those who have had a vision of what can happen when youth catch a vision of Christian service.

MVA graduates have entered nearly every line of work and helped to spread the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. As we rebuild a physical plant, it is only to enhance the building of lives for service. Let's never lose the focus on the long-range goal of education—redemption—as we work toward the short-term goals of the physical plant needs.

Steven A. Davis, Ed.S.
Principal



Technical trivia

Five students, Edward Dinerger, Chris Neigel, Dawn Shafer, Jim Smith and Dave Szewczuk, who placed first in their categories in the Ohio State Competition, left on June 30 to compete in the National FBLA Competition in Anaheim, California. They received the Golden Key Award for their chapter activities for the year.

New students: We have an offer for you! If you are hesitant to try a boarding school experience, we have a deal for you! Come get involved in the program for nine weeks. If you are not satisfied, we'll refund your tuition.

Saga of the MVA eagle

In its aerie at 31 East Mound Street, the giant eagle commanded a sweeping view of downtown Columbus. Where it "hatched" and how it came to be perched up there atop the Mason Monumental Works are mysteries that may never be solved.

Although its provenance is murky, we can descry, as we turn the calendar back to 1923, that the big bird was in trouble. The roof beams at 31 East Mound Street had waged a losing battle with the formidable weight of the eagle and its globular perch.

"It (eagle and globe) weighs about 500 pounds" declared the *Columbus Dispatch* of December 17, 1923, under the headline "Iron Eagle Got Too Heavy and Almost Wrecked Roof." The article further recounted that "The ball on which the eagle rests is made of concrete while the eagle is of cast iron."

To the rescue of roof and bird came Albert G. Moore, a local contractor. It was he who meticulously arranged the

eagle's "flight" from its increasingly insecure nest to a more substantial habitat in the Moore's side yard at 792 East Main Street in Columbus. For 12 years, the eagle patiently waited with wings spread for the flight to its final destination: the MVA campus.

Now in its 55th [beginning its 60th!] year on campus, the eagle stands proudly with wings spread and eyes alert, silently contemplating succeeding generations of MVA students.

Excerpts from an article written by the daughter of Mr. Albert Moore.

Mrs. C. D. Thompson
(nee Hortense "Peg" Moore)

1. A joyful moment shared together. (L-R) Megan Shoemaker, Nilsa Thompson and Bonnie Goodfellow.
2. Bill Briese with Pastor Scott Christen.
3. At a special fellowship dinner prepared Hill church members, Sebastian Lee, D'Ang Dotson, Bonnie Goodfellow, Nilsa Thompson and Hector Quinones gather around the congratulations cake.
4. Hector Quinones and Pastor Steve Rud

Hard work is making a difference

Glossy floors and bright walls are only part of the significant changes that the summer workers have accomplished in the past few weeks. Every day brings a visible change to some area on campus.

At the beginning of the summer, the workers were divided into special crews: floor care, painters, grounds workers. Each group took a training course in their particular area. A local paint contractor, Rick Monahan ('65), demonstrated proper painting techniques. He taught how to spackle holes and cracks, cut in corners with a brush, fill the roller with paint and how to roll the walls. He also taught correct clean-up procedures.

Patty Hahn, a representative from Sanitary Products, and Greg Coe, from Johnson Wax Company, instructed the floor crew in correct procedures for stripping, sealing and waxing tile floors as well as long-term

care procedures.

A former MVA greenhouse manager, Dale Glass, spent several hours teaching the grounds crew how to properly prune shrubs, fertilize and mulch trees and care for mower damage on tree trunks.

"The training," commented Mr. Ed Linsley, maintenance director, "has been very beneficial. Not only have the students learned skills that they can use to assist them later with their college tuition, but their workmanship has also freed me to accomplish other priorities."

Yes, other priorities like replacing the rotted pillars at the girls' dorm entrance with aluminum columns and repairing the steps.

Others are also making a significant difference. Russell Behner ('40), Bob Burdette ('43) and Eber Opdyke ('42) are replacing damaged electrical switches and receptacles in both dorms.

"If anyone has a skill and can share some time," states Mr. Linsley, "I'd be delighted to have them contact me. I could especially use electricians and plumbers."

Time, hard work and a lot of sweat are making a difference. As Kevin Feltman, paint crew supervisor, put it: "Our job sure looks better than when we started! It's a good feeling."



The floor crew gets a demonstration.

Baptisms - something to celebrate!

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Recruiting is a personal pleasure

Hola! (that's "Hi!" in Spanish.) My name is Luis (Louie) Parra. I'm the new recruiter for MVA, and it truly will be my pleasure to be involved with students and their families, especially in regards to Christian

education at MVA.

I come to MVA from the Boston area with my wife, Nancy, and our two children, Jeremy (age 11) and Nicole (age 9).

I have been involved with

Christian education since my own childhood, when my parents made "church school" a priority.

My 15 years of denominational service have been in a variety of occupations, but always with young people at the core of involvement. Most recently, for the past three years, I have been employed by Greater Boston Academy primarily as the Bible and Spanish teacher, but I also have served as pre-algebra, photography and woodshop teacher, as well as registrar, community service coordinator and house parent for the school mini-dorms.

If I had to select one title to wear on a baseball cap, it would be "Youth Leader" with the goal of leading young people to a living experience with Jesus Christ.

For me and my family, youth ministry has not been a task or a duty. Instead, it has been a daily part of our lives, even in vacations and hobbies. Several summers have been a special time for youth leadership at four different summer camps. For Nancy and me, it has been a thrill to watch our own two children develop from learning to walk to learning to swim to giving their hearts to Jesus at camp.

As I continue to work with young people, your young people (and soon to



LUIS PARRA

be included as my young people) here in the Ohio Conference, my hope and prayer is that each of us as parents and constituent members can also share in this experience of watching our little ones develop into Christian young adults. They will take the leadership roles in our churches and communities. They will actively be involved, and more so if they receive the challenge now in their youth.

I love the text in Ecclesiastes 12:1 as it reads in the Pathfinder Bible (TEV), "So remember your Creator while you are still young, before those dismal days and years come when you will say, 'I don't enjoy life.'"

The years of our youth are but once! What a blessing to spend them with Jesus on the edge of adventure.

If I can offer you but one opportunity, let it be the opportunity of helping you and your young person discover the advantage of an Adventist Christian education.

Luis Parra
Recruiter



After an action-packed weekend, the 1994 graduates marched into their futures with the aim "Excellence without Compromise." Congratulations, Seniors!

Below: Shannon Bramblett and her husband, Mark, and son, Stefan, are moving to Ohio from Texas. Shannon says, "I am looking forward to a fun and exciting art class at MVA. We are very excited about living in Ohio and feel that God has led us here for a very special purpose."



Andreanna Flores has accepted the position of music director. Andreanna is a 1992 graduate of Pacific Union College with a B.S. degree in music education. She did her student teaching at Rio Linda Academy and spent one year as assistant girls' dean

at Sunnydale Academy where, in the absence of the music director because of illness, she conducted the spring music festival.

The last Friday of every month has been designated as a DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER for education in the Ohio Conference. Thank you for joining us in this commitment and anticipating what the Lord will do.



Whether around a bonfire or in a circle singing "Side by Side," many students said that Friday evening vespers and afterglow were their most treasured moments.

Come make memories with us. It all begins on Registration Day, August 21.

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Jerry Page

In Grants Pass, Oregon, there was a young couple who were in love. They planned to get married soon, but then the recession hit. He worked in the lumber industry, and no houses were being built, so he lost his job. He was old-fashioned enough to believe he could not get married until he had a job. So he began to look every day for a job.

One day he came back and told her he had an idea. He'd go up to the Gildersleeve logging camp in Alaska where there was always work and good money. Even in recession, they sent ships to Japan and kept going full steam. He said, "I can go up there and in four months save enough to come home, and we can get married."

She said, "Oh no! I don't want us to be apart. There must be some other way." But there didn't seem to be any other way, so finally, after much discussion, he headed north to Alaska. They promised they would write every day, and they felt that would keep their love alive!

His first day on the job he came home to camp dead tired. But he stayed up by the flickering lamp and wrote his love a letter. She was very good at writing. Every evening and morning she would write. Each day as the mailman came, she had a letter ready and eagerly awaited the letters from her love in Alaska. Some days the plane couldn't land because of fog, and he'd get several letters at once.

It came to the point that she would wait by the mailbox each day for the mailman. During the summer the mailman's muffler broke, and the people in the valley said, "Don't fix it! We like to hear you coming way off in the distance."

To make a long story short, at the end of the four months as the summer ended, she married the mailman!

True love relationships must have three things: talk, listening and doing things together! The first two without the third will not work! We must be involved with Christ, doing things together with Him to stay in love with Him! They had the talking and listening, but not the doing things together.

"God could have reached His object in saving sinners without our aid; but in order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work. In order to enter into His joy—the joy of seeing souls redeemed by His sacrifice—we must participate in His labors for their redemption,"—*The Desire of Ages*, page 142.

I encourage you to discover the spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit has given you and participate fully in His joyful ministry through you. Some of you will be led to attend the Lay Minister Certification training program beginning October 22, 1994. (See next page.) Others will continue to be involved with Jesus in other ways. Thanks, Lord, for wanting us!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND

PENNSYLVANIA

- ▲ AUGUST 21
BMA Registration Day
- ▲ AUGUST 26
Prayer P.A.T.C.H. Friday (Prayer for Educators and Youth)
- ▲ SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 10
Men's Day of Prayer
North American Division
- ▲ SEPTEMBER 16-17
Western PA Camp Meeting
Pittsburgh
- ▲ SEPTEMBER 23-25
PA Conference Women's Retreat
Laurelville
- ▲ SEPTEMBER 25
ABC Open House
- ▲ SEPTEMBER 30
Prayer P.A.T.C.H. Friday

- ▲ OCTOBER 21-23
Pennsylvania Lay Minister Certification Program
Blue Mountain Academy

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Lay Minister Certification

The Pennsylvania Conference is entering into a relationship with the North American Division Evangelism Institute to begin a major certification training program for various lay ministries. The NAD Extension Program will involve two classes taught by the NADEI staff over a total of four weekends each year on the campus of BMA. There will usually be one class in the fall and one class in the spring. Most classes extend over two weekends. Laymen can complete the course and become a certified lay minister by the North American Division in approximately three years. The extension program will allow for a wide range of spiritual gift ministries.

QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE...

When does it start?

The first class will be taught over two weekends; October 21-23 and November 18-20, 1994.

Who is eligible?

Members of the Pennsylvania Conference who receive a recommendation from their pastor.

Are pastors welcome?

Absolutely! In fact, the greatest benefit comes to the churches when pastors and laymen go through the course as a team.

How much does it cost?

The cost per student is \$130 per class and is the same whether it is a two-, four- or seven-credit course. The tuition covers the cost of all material, including syllabi. It does not include books that students may want to purchase. However, the Pennsylvania Conference will subsidize one-half of the cost of tuition for each member who has been accepted into the program. The cost to the individual will be \$65 plus books, etc.

Transportation will be the responsibility of the student. The conference will provide lodging and meals while at BMA free of charge to those enrolled in the program.

See your pastor for an application to the Lay Minister Certification program or contact Pastor Barry Tryon, Pennsylvania Conference coordinator, at (610) 374-8331.



EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS— FALL '94

AUGUST 6-SEPTEMBER 10
Evangelist Chuck Bursma
Bethlehem Church
(Church Pastor Fred Hyde)
(610) 691-0291

AUGUST 27-OCTOBER 8
Evangelist Mark Fox
Fairview Village Church
(Church Pastor Charlie Seitz)
(610) 489-4569

**SEPTEMBER 11-
OCTOBER 15**
Evangelists Yves & Samuel Monnier
Harrisburg Church (Camp Hill
Crusade Project)
(Church Pastor Yves Monnier)
(717) 652-6000

**SEPTEMBER 10-
OCTOBER 15**
Mike Cauley, Ministerial
Director, Pennsylvania
Conference
Reading Kenhorst Blvd. Church
(Church Pastor Frank Gonzalez)
(610) 777-5502

OCTOBER 7-NOVEMBER 19
Evangelist Mark Fox
Bucks County Church
(Church Pastor Dan Francisco)
(215) 672-3011

**OCTOBER 14-
NOVEMBER 19**
Pastor Dean Negri
East Suburban Church
(Pittsburgh)
(Church Pastor Dean Negri)
(412) 829-7757

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
Pastor Alex DuBee
Hamburg Church
(Church Pastor Alex DuBee)
(610) 562-7200

ADVENTISTS IN ACTION

Robert J. Wieland, a veteran pastor and administrator, presented a series of messages July 5-9 as a week of spiritual emphasis for the Hershey and Lebanon churches. Dale Martin, pastor of the State College, Mifflintown and Lewistown district, also participated. Dale and Kathy are scheduled to conduct a cooking school

in Lebanon from September 29 to October 1, states Mike McCabe, district pastor.

Oil City—Amazing Facts Evangelist Ron Patterson's series brought at least 15 into full commitment to the Advent message. "This increased the Seneca church membership by 25 percent and has brought a new vitality to

the congregation," reports Pastor Les Osborn.

Leechburg—Pastor Richard Haas officiated at a baptism this past spring for two at the Greensburg church. Small group meetings are being held in the Distant and Kittanning areas.

Erie—Small study and prayer groups were developed this spring in Erie

Clockwise from top left: Superintendent of Education James Stephan conducted the tour, and David Ferguson, youth director, talked with the students regarding camp. "It's nice to have the president talk to us." Conference President Jerry Page also enjoyed the experience. Diane Pelley, Judy Eckenroth and Evelyn Gonzales blow up balloons for the children. "So this is the man who looks after the money!" Treasurer Mo Pelley smiles in greeting.



and Lowville. These were designed especially for new members of the district, according to Pastor Harley Bresee.

Lock Haven—A father and his two children and another adult woman were baptized in April. Pastor Bob Hoyt now has concluded his years of service for this congregation, and the family has moved to the Southern Union.

Reading Junior Academy kindergarten students came this spring to tour the conference office. As student Becky Ann Taraglia put it, "It was awesome." Other comments included "The rooms were big," and "they have prayer every morning for people in the churches."

Joelle Miller was pleased to see Dr. James Stephan, superintendent of education, conduct the tour of the offices. Jerry Page, conference president, and Rudolph Pelley, conference treasurer, both were engulfed with smiles, laughter and questions from the students. Elder Page spoke to the children of God's plan for their lives. Judy Eckenroth, Evelyn Gonzales, Diane Pelley and Annie Seltzer gave out treats and balloons to the little visitors.

ADVENTISTS IN ACTION

Sylvia Garcia, age 14, won second place in a Mother's Day feature sponsored by the *Reading Eagle* newspaper. Sylvia received a \$50 check, and she and her mother, Naomi, were pictured in a special section of the Sunday, May 1, edition. Her award-winning entry was as follows: "My Mom is special because she's my very best friend; she's someone I can really talk to. I can always tell her my problems, no matter how big or how small they may be." More than 20 other Reading Junior Academy students received honorable mention in the newspaper.

The Reading Kenhorst church participated in a community clean-up program in the Oakbrook housing project behind the church property on Sunday, May 1. The activities supervisor of the Reading Housing Authority described the work as a "beautiful job." "It was great meeting our neighbors and working together," the housing supervisor affirmed in her letter to Pastor Frank Gonzalez. Vernon Newman, head deacon, coordinated the project.

Bethlehem Sabbath vesper services coordinated by Shirley Tegyi carried the "Rejoice with Us" theme. One week Joe and Nancy Pinter presented their earliteen group in a unique spiritual skit. The following week, conference Youth Director David Ferguson and wife Caryl Lynn presented a special program on "Couples and Love Relationship." Vespers on March 19 centered around Dianne Miller, an Allentown member, and Bill Leibensperger in serving and witnessing to "street people" and literature evangelists' activities, respectively. The following week the AYS Sunshine Band organized an inactive member visitation program with the leadership of Becky Parkison.

Pastor Bernyl Mohr, conference prison ministries coordinator, reports from 10 to 12 attending weekly services at the Lehigh County Prison. "We started with two, and the Lord has blessed the dedication of the volunteers," Mohr affirmed. "Permission was granted for open communion services for Protestant inmates."

Jethro Program—Life has been breathed into the Reading Kenhorst church's Jethro Program. The individuals responsible for implementing the program were instructed recently by Pastor Frank Gonzalez on how to perform their duties. The Jethro Program is based on the biblical principles given to Moses by his father-in-law Jethro, which have modern-day applications. Fundamentally, the church is a fabric of relationships. Jesus gives a clear command to love each other (John 13:34, 35) with His love for us being the standard.

Pastor Dean Negri of Charleroi reports four baptisms and three more good interests from his evangelistic meetings this spring.

Philadelphia Boulevard—Conference Evangelist Mark Fox and Pastor Barry Tryon challenged the Lord to bring the honest in heart to decision. Twenty stepped forward in requesting baptism and membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The next evangelistic series with Mark Fox is now in progress at the Fairview Village church.

Evangelism update

Pittsburgh South Hills' pastors Tony Cortes and Tony Moore joined together for an evangelistic outreach at the Fort Couch Middle School in Upper St. Clair. Tony Moore opened with a biblical archeology series, and Tony Cortes continued with a series on Revelation entitled "Amazing Discoveries in the World of the Apocalypse." Two hundred guests attended on opening night, and 75 active interests were developed by the Holy Spirit and the preaching of the Adventist message. Special children's meetings encouraged attendance.

A 7-year-old boy was brought by his mother to the first meeting. His interest was intense, and he came with his mother each night, even forgoing having his eighth birthday party to attend. Both are now attending small group study meetings. A young Jewish husband and wife also began attending follow-up small group meetings.

Summer ministry events include Seeker Worship Services, four home small group meetings, a nutritional cooking class, VBS and bulk mailing of Bible study cards, according to Pittsburgh Project Coordinator Tony Cortes.

Superintendent of education accepts call

After 10 years as superintendent of education for the Pennsylvania Conference, Dr. James Stephan is leaving. He has accepted a call to the Southern California Conference as director of the trust and planned giving department.



Dr. Jim Stephan enjoys reminiscing with Charles and Barbara Rutt.

His career in education began as a teacher of a one-room school with eight grades and 36 students and afterwards he held the position of principal in both junior and senior academies. He was chairman of the music department at Middle East College in Lebanon, worked at Pacific Union College in recruitment and financial aid and was director of the student teaching program at Loma Linda University La Sierra Campus where he

taught on both the undergraduate and graduate level.

Dr. Stephan, who has spent one quarter of his 40-year career in the Keystone State, says he found living in Pennsylvania very enjoyable. "I'm Dutch and have enjoyed the German people."

When asked what he had accomplished, he was quick to answer:

"Rebuilding the Dream"

The "Rebuilding the Dream" volunteer project continues through the summer at Blue Mountain Academy. Volunteers from Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Florida, Michigan and Canada have continued to work on several projects.

Electricians and electrical helpers have updated the wiring in both the boys' dorm and the gymnasium. Ralph Hallman from North Carolina, Everette Anderson from British Columbia, Don Clapper from Pennsylvania and Dennis Heintz from Ontario began rewiring individual dormitory rooms while Floridian Bob Bowman helped update the electrical system in the gymnasium.

Hazel Hallman and Marlene Heintz stripped and refinished cabinets in the girls' dormitory. Marlene, a Canadian who spent her family vacation with her husband and three children at BMA, says it

1) Developed a well-certified and qualified teaching staff.

2) Developed a lending library for teachers that includes 300 videos. The materials include classroom aids, home and school support and professional curriculum.

3) Established a stabilized teaching staff with 60 percent of the teacher base from Pennsylvania.

was a wonderful experience. "We wanted our children to begin to work for their church. BMA's project

was a good opportunity."

Russ and Olive Lawton plan to volunteer all summer. Arriving from Florida on May 22, Russ has concentrated on plumbing repairs and masonry work while Olive has helped in the cafeteria and the administrative offices.

Pennsylvanian Glen Beamer spent a week patching and painting rooms in the boys' dorm. The week Glen painted, the temperature was over 95 degrees each day. His wife, Beulah, helped with the cleanup.

And two days a week, Ben Stone comes down from Waverly, Pennsylvania, to mow the grass. With 72 acres needing to be cut each week, Ben's experience on the large tractor mowers is very helpful.

Glen Beamer donated a week to paint dormitory rooms.



Ordination service at camp meeting '94

Alex DuBee was ordained to the gospel ministry at camp meeting on June 18. Pastor Mark Finley of *It Is Written* telecast; Mike Cauley, ministerial director, and Jerry Page, conference president, were the ordination speakers.

Alex grew up in Archbald, Pennsylvania. He learned of the Seventh-day Adventist message through the *It Is Written* telecast. The local pastor began Bible studies with his wife, Rozanne, and Alex started listening in and recognized it as similar to his Seventh-day Adventist grandmother's religion.

Shortly after this, he and Rozanne were baptized and entered the literature evangelism work. Alex has since pastored the Derrick City and Mt. Jewett churches and is presently pastoring the Hamburg, Pottsville and

Wade churches. Alex and Rozanne have three children: Kimberly, Alex IV and Joshua.

Four retiring pastors were recognized during the ordination service at camp meeting on June 18, 1994. They were Pastor Darrow Foster and his wife, Yvonne; Pastor Don Lund and his wife, Joyce; Pastor Hubert Morgan and his wife, Dorothy; and Pastor Ron Seeley and his wife, Eileen. They were presented clocks with plaques showing their years of service.



Top: Retiring pastors and their wives, left to right: Ron Seeley, Eileen Seeley, Dorothy Morgan, Hubert Morgan, Joyce Lund, Don Lund, Yvonne Foster and Darrow Foster.

Above, left to right: Jerry Page, conference president; Janet Page; Rozanne DuBee and Alex DuBee.

Left, left to right: Dottie Cauley; Mike Cauley, ministerial director; Alex DuBee and Rozanne DuBee.



Camp meeting

"Christ and His Remnant" was the theme for Pennsylvania's 1994 camp meeting held June 10-19 on the Blue Mountain Academy campus.

The dormitories were full, the tent city was packed, Kamp Keystone had 50 RVs, and those who lived near enough drove in for the day. Beginning with the early morning meeting at 6:30 a.m. and ending around 9 o'clock each evening, the days were spirit-filled with the call to be "Full of Jesus" and to "Mobilize for a Finished Work."

The first Sabbath featured pastor and soloist Wintley Phipps. Mark Finley, speaker/director of *It Is Written*, was the featured speaker for the second Sabbath. The last Sabbath also included a baptism and an ordination service.

During the week, there

Camp meeting views



Clockwise from top left: Pennsylvania camp meeting attendees relax and share experiences. Camp meeting is for children, too! Come to camp meeting to learn and share newfound joy with friends. Camp meeting is a great place to practice sharing Bible truths.

was something for everyone. For the adults, there were three main meetings and nine seminars throughout the day. For the children, there were two meetings each day, afternoons of swimming at the pool, crafts and games. The youth spent a day cleaning a

camp for underprivileged children.

This was the second year the Randalls have vacationed at camp meeting. Coming all the way from Erie, Art says, "I can't think of a better way to spend my vacation. It's the recharging of my spiri-

tual battery in a great place. The campus is a secure place for the kids and there's room to walk and space to get away by ourselves."

For conference President Jerry Page, camp meeting is especially meaningful. "It's the culmination of a hope

and a dream. I see people being touched. I don't let business come between me and the meetings."

June 16-24 is the date for next year's camp meeting. Mark your calendars and plan to come. It will make a difference in your life.

U.N. honors family-life emphasis

The Seventh-day Adventist Church was one of four organizations recognized by the United Nations on May 26 for its efforts to make a significant contribution to the building and preservation of healthy families. A. H. Tolhurst, General Conference undersecretary, accepted the award on behalf of the church during a special ceremony at the U.N. headquarters in New York. The presentation was made in the Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium.

Young at Heart retreat

We would like to invite you to join us August 14-22 at Laurel Lake Camp for this fun and relaxing week. Many who have attended in the past

register at the end of the week to return for the next year. The cost is \$145 per person or \$210 per couple. This price includes three meals a day, great programming, insurance, recreation, a banquet and much more. If you wish to ride the bus, the cost is \$20. The bus leaves from Blue Mountain Academy and the Harrisburg church. Contact the youth department for registration information and applications, at (610) 374-8331.

Pennsylvania's women's retreat

This year's women's retreat, scheduled for September 23-25, will feature Annette Stanwick, director of women's ministries for the Alberta Conference. Under the theme "Seeker of Your Heart," she will develop four presentations: (1) "His Wondrous Love," (2) "His Tender Touch," (3) "His Lavish Life Preserver" and (4) "His Victorious Freedom." The retreat will be held at the Laurelvile Mennonite Church Center and will be highlighted by seminars with Kathy Martin—"Let Go and Let God;" Linda McCabe—"Beauty for Ashes," Sally Streib—"You Can Know God;" and Annette Stanwick, "You're Special, You're a Woman." Application forms and costs have been sent to your church. Information can be secured through Gail Kapusta at the conference office by calling (610) 374-8331.

Prayer P.A.T.C.H. Fridays invites all Pennsylvania members to join in setting aside the last Friday of each month for special prayer for our teachers, schools and our young people throughout the Commonwealth. Dates for the remainder of the year include August 26, September 30, October 28, November 25 and December 30. Please mark these dates on your calendar and join in seeking God for His will to be done.



Top: Dr. Agnes Eroh, associate superintendent of education for the Pennsylvania Conference, retires.

Above, left to right: Dr. Reo Ganson, associate director of education for NAD; Dr. James Stephan, superintendent of education for the Pennsylvania Conference, Dr. Agnes Eroh and Frieda Hoffer, associate director of education for the Columbia Union, as Dr. Eroh receives the Award of Excellence.

Presented during the first Sabbath of Pennsylvania camp meeting, the award included a medal and a certificate.

In the past seven years, only two have been awarded in the Columbia Union. A recipient of the Award of Excellence must have made a positive impact in two unions or fields of education, earned the admiration of students and colleagues, be professionally and broadly recognized as a model educator and have integrated professional excellence with a dynamic Christian faith.

Dr. Eroh began her 47-year career in 1936 as an elementary teacher in the Pennsylvania Conference. Retiring now at 80 years of age, Dr. Eroh says she thoroughly enjoyed teaching. "If I could do it over, I'd do it again—I'd give my life to the education work."

**What's
happening
around
Potomac**

**First day of
school**
Maryland K-12
August 22

SVA registration
New students August 19
Returning August 21

Classes begin
*Shenandoah Valley
Academy*
August 22

**First day of
school**
Virginia K-10
August 25

**Hispanic Youth
Congress**
Camp Blue Ridge
September 2-4

**Pathfinder Bike-A-
Thon**
September 18

**Pathfinder
Leadership
Convention**
Camp Blue Ridge
September 23, 24

Grand Opening
*Waynesboro, VA,
Church*
September 30-October
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**Romantic
Couples Retreat**
Camp Blue Ridge
October 14-16

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EXTRA!

A new president!

STAUNTON, VA, JULY 10, 1994—Herb Broeckel is coming home to Potomac! The Central California Conference president has accepted the invitation of the Potomac Conference Executive Committee to serve as conference president for Potomac, where he began his ministry in 1960. A full-length interview will be featured in the October *Potomac People*.

EDITORIAL

Potomac schools aim to fulfill the gospel commission to make Christians

This issue of *Potomac People*, and the September issue, address, from a different perspective, what happens in church schools in Potomac. You'll notice our use of the term Christ-centered curriculum and how it relates to what we teach. The articles used in this issue have been written by teachers or students in Potomac schools.

The driving force for schools is their curriculum. The dictionary defines curriculum as the courses offered by an educational institution. In actuality, curriculum is more than that. A school's curriculum is everything that happens within the school's program. It includes classes, recess, field trips and attitudes. It includes the formal and casual contacts students, parents and teachers have with each other.

We show concern in this issue for schools to design what happens on their campuses from the perspective of a curriculum that helps students to become friends with Jesus Christ. We focus on having that friendship leave an eternal impact upon their lives if they will accept His gift of grace.

It is easier to integrate concepts of Christianity into some courses than others. Obviously, one expects Bible classes and worships to help students become friends with Jesus. But what about physical education classes? How can we integrate spirituality with the concepts of mathematics? One article shows how Terry Hrychuk tied a fresh look at Bible stories with her curricular task of teaching the writing technique of using repetitive consonant sounds. She includes examples her student prepared.

A multi-grade teacher tells how she helps primary -grade students to sort out what is true and what is false when she teaches them to read and think about what they've read.

Many schools in the Potomac Conference's geographic territory are debating the virtues of outcome-based education. Ellen G. White encourages Adventist schools to design their courses of study based on outcomes. Look at what she says: "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children:



godliness, godlikeness is the goal to be reached."

The ideals the teachers in the Potomac Conference aspire to fulfill include the following:

- The students will learn and live the concepts of righteousness by faith that comes through God's grace.
- The students will excel in the core skills areas that include mastery of mathematics, communication skills including the ability to read, think clearly and convincingly and write persuasively.
- The students will develop positive character traits, including an aptitude for service to others through various outreach activities.
- The students will learn how to evaluate and make wise decisions that benefit mankind.
- The students will learn leadership skills that will make it possible for them to become leaders in their church and the communities.

A new school year begins soon. Our dream is that every child who can benefit from a Christian education will have the opportunity to enroll in a Potomac Conference school. If you have school-age children, please give serious consideration to fulfilling your responsibility to help them become all they can be in our Lord Jesus' army.

If your children are beyond school age, give serious consideration to helping other parents fulfill their dream for their children. You can encourage with your words and with your financial gifts. Your investment will pay great dividends to a child.

VIOLET WEISS
Superintendent of Schools



Adventist education offers a Christ-centered curriculum

The New Testament overflows with examples of how Jesus, the Master Teacher, taught the multitudes about life and its relationships. In doing this, he used parables and teachings from nature. His heavenly Father was the Source and Strength of Jesus' life.

Christian teachers have the same Source of strength Jesus had. We don't carry out the objectives of the curriculum alone. We work together with Jesus because a Christ-centered curriculum is based on biblical principles.

When I hear my students complaining, "I don't understand! This is hard! I just don't get it!" I claim His promise, "If any of you lack wisdom, ask God. He gives generously to all." I also share the promise with my class. "Boys and girls, let's ask God to open our minds and our eyes so we can understand this."

Later, those complaints change to: "This is easy! It's fun! It's not hard at all." And I breathe a prayer:

Teaching art in a Christian school

Christ is the Center; God, the Creator

"The heavens declare the glory of God."

"Without Him was not anything made that was made."

Nature's rhythms, balance, color, texture and lines point to the all-wise Creator. Conversely, in antipathy to the natural world, distortions and discordance point to a perfect plan gone awry.

led him to a meticulous study of the natural world, so, through keen observation, our children understand, in part, the workings of the mighty laws governing the universe.

Sharing and caring

An artist communicates ideas. Christ-centered art education heals and builds broken relationships. Students share their thankfulness with their church



"Thank you, Lord, for granting your promise."

I overheard the following conversation: "We have a five-minute math drill every day," said a student who had been a TJA student since kindergarten.

"Why do you do that? I don't need to drill and practice as long as I have my 10 fingers," asked a newly enrolled student.

"What happens when you run out of fingers?" countered the veteran.

We have the drill in my classroom to see how many problems students can answer correctly in a given amount of time. Each student competes against himself and tries to better previous scores.

In a Christ-centered curriculum, we have students drill and practice so they, as children of a King, can "study to show themselves approved by God, someone who doesn't have to be ashamed." (2 Timothy 3:15)

"Two heads are better than one," is the old saying that could be based on bib-

lical principles. In the Christian school, students who master a concept can become a tutor for those who haven't learned it yet. When we do this, the tutor benefits socially and spiritually from helping others. The student who is helped gains reinforcement and develops confidence because he or she has mastered the concept.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the other one will lift up the one who fell." (Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10)

Someone shared these quotations with me:

- "To teach is to touch someone's life forever."
- "A teacher touches the future."
- "Preparing students for eternity is our most important lesson."

These are the motivators in a Christ-centered curriculum.

CECELIA A. REID

Teacher,
Tidewater Junior Academy



Sligo art students learn how to design stained glass windows for churches. Their designs then become part of the decor at the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church. (see also "Art" on PP-6)

Joy and personal fulfillment

At Creation's close, God said that what He made was good. On the Sabbath day, He celebrated His creative act. The God-given desire to create is a thrilling energy. Our children thrive on the satisfaction of making the world anew and shaping

their own pictures of their world.

Understanding and knowledge

We see and we know, but do we understand? As Leonardo's native sketches

through displays in the sanctuary.

The community learns about childish concerns for safety, environment, unity and brotherhood through the many poster competitions Sligo students and others enter. Through these avenues, we tell our community we care. We also tell them of our love for God through the talents He gives us each day.

ROSEMARY PETERSON
Art teacher

Sligo Adventist School



Is the kindergarten curriculum Christ-centered?

The blocks knock other blocks down as a kindergartner pulls out the key-stone block. Other evidences of an active kindergarten are: paint-splattered floors, sticky hands, unsteady scissors trying to cut a straight line. Kindergarten is sometimes the harmony of childish voices and at other times the voices create a dissonance that creates tensions for students and teacher alike.

By and large, Adventist Christian kindergartens are centers where Jesus is the center of all activities. Throughout a typical day, children come to me to tell me of their love for Jesus and His love for them. The curriculum is designed to help children learn how to become like Jesus in their everyday activities.

That love may be shown when children report they have shared a toy with another child. It can be shown when they pray for Bible class and ask Jesus to remember their moms and

dads, grandparents, friends, pets and family.

Our Beltsville kindergarten followed a learning theme during the 1993-94 school year that featured the rain forests. Throughout the year, the children gained a sense of God's creative power as they crawled among the brown-paper tubes that had become gigantic vines in the forest. The forests were more than vines. The children cut out and painted large leaves and Toucans, parrots, frogs and toads to put on their classroom vines. To bring real flowers into their room, the children planted marigold seeds and maple tree "helicopters" and then prayed for God to bless them in their growth.

The blessing of a Christ-centered curriculum is felt best when a child interrupts what he is doing to say, "Teacher, know what? I love Jesus." A face lit up with joy and love is hard to ignore. Jesus had become a part of his daily life, and he wanted me to know about it.

BRENDA FLEMMER

Music in the Christ-centered curriculum

Music can be used as a powerful instrument to lead children closer to Jesus. Although the gospels make no specific reference to Jesus singing, we can find many places that show He sang with others. One of the specific times He sang was during the Last Supper:

"When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives." (Matthew 26:30)

Ellen White observes: "Often He expressed the gladness of His heart by singing psalms and heavenly songs. ... He held communion with heaven in song; and as His companions complained of weariness from labor, they were cheered by the sweet melody from His lips. His praise seemed to banish the evil angels, and, like incense, fill the place with fragrance." (*The Desire of Ages*, page 73)

It is a fact that most children enjoy singing. As we get older, we become self-conscious and perhaps a bit dull while children burst with rhythm, melody and rhyme. Since children are more comfortable expressing themselves through motion, it is important for us to add some choreography when the song allows for it. For instance, "Deep and Wide" invites children to demonstrate several parts of

its message—deep, wide, fountain and flowing.

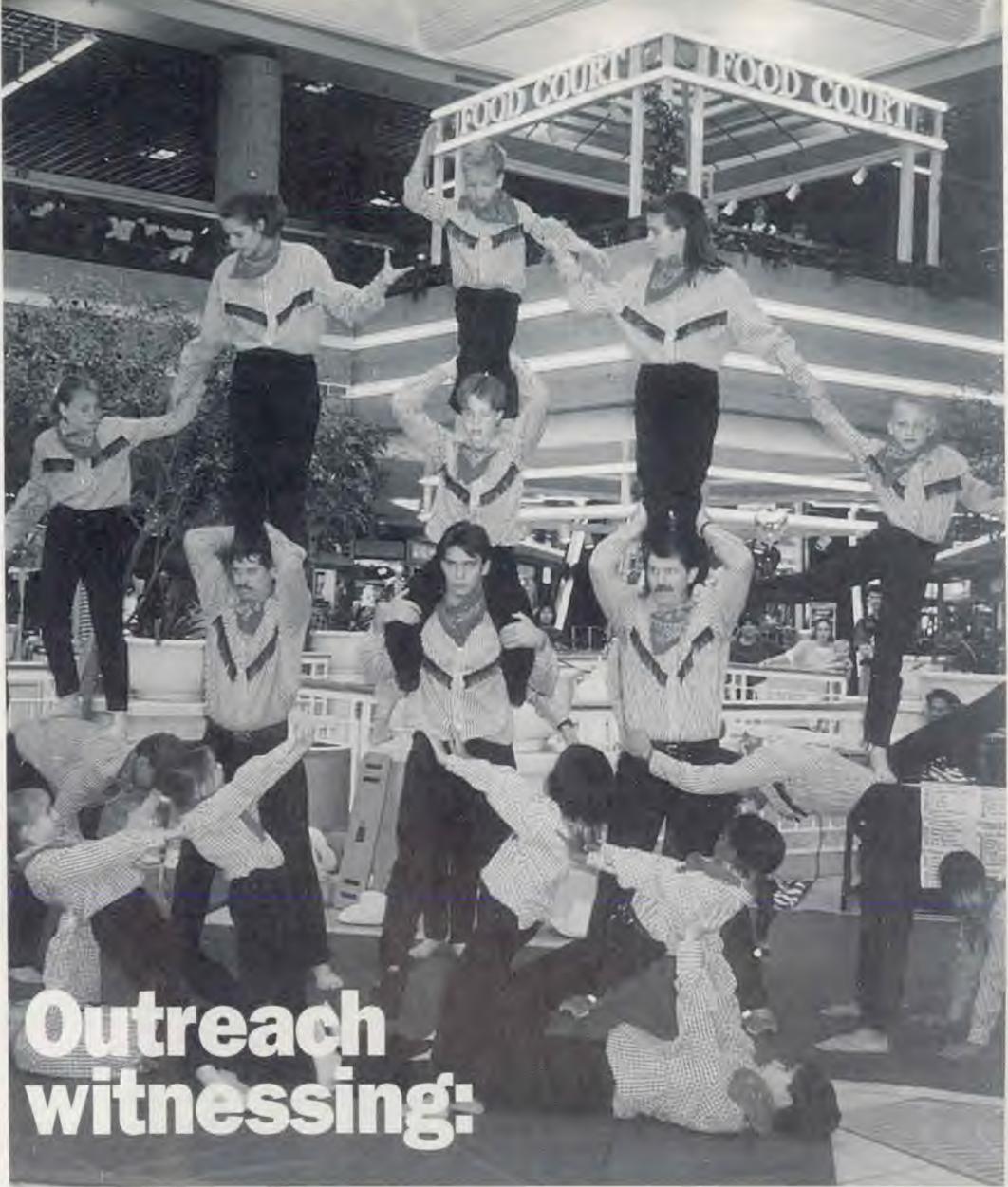
Many times we require our students to memorize Scripture or certain biblical facts. This task is much easier when we present it to children in the form of a song. "Memory becomes easier and Christian truth is taught." "Music can ingrain truth in the mind for a lifetime," says Garth Bolinder and others. (*Music, Youth and Education*, pages 62 and 61.)

Children are helped to integrate biblical truth through songs, and spiritual seeds are planted that will spring into life later. Some songs were written to fulfill this goal. For instance, "Beloved, let us love one another." (John 4:7,8). Another example is "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever." (Psalm 89:1)

The combination of music and children can become a powerful witnessing tool for the non-Adventist children who may be enrolled. It works as a witness to those who have the opportunity to listen to the church-school children in their homes or in hospitals or nursing homes.

The value of music as an effective educational, witnessing tool should never be underestimated. When others ask my students what they will always remember about my classroom, many answer that it will be the time we spent singing together.

PAMELA CONSUEGRA
Teacher, Roanoke Adventist Preparatory School



Outreach witnessing:

**an
important
part of a
Christ-
centered
curriculum**

Restoring the image of God in our children and youth is our goal. God's children have limitless possibilities when they link up with Him. This truth makes it necessary for Christian educators to urge their students to strive for excellence because we don't want them to miss any good thing God wants them to have.

Christian education must go one step further, however. Church school and academy years are times for students to learn how to use their talents in sharing activities. Adventist Christian

schools in the Potomac Conference provide a wide variety of opportunities for Christian witness. At Tidewater Junior Academy, students in grades seven through 10 share their knowledge and talents through gospel mime, puppet ministry, a mission trip to Welch, West Virginia, a drug education emphasis, gymnastic program and community services.

Eleven ninth- and 10th-graders produced a 35-minute gospel mime entitled "A Tale of Two Kingdoms." The program

tells the story of God from creation to the cross. The students are fully costumed and perform to a soundtrack. Several hundreds of students across Virginia and in West Virginia have seen the production.

Tidewater Junior Academy has a complete, professional puppet stage that students in grades three to 10 use for a puppet ministry. The ministry covers a wide-range of topics that help other children and youth learn about God's love and care.

In addition to these activities, students have been active in helping others through community service. In West Virginia, they built a porch for a wonderful lady who is confined to a wheelchair. They also cleaned the yard of a man who couldn't do the work himself.

Excellence without outreach only produces stagnation.

Sharing the excellence God has produced in us makes us alive. A Christ-centered curriculum produces the fruits of the Spirit.

DON WATSON

Principal,
Tidewater Junior Academy

Outreach and service activities are an essential part of the Potomac curriculum. The Tidewater Junior Academy Gymnaires perform in mall areas while presenting an anti-alcohol and drug program. Pastor Rex Frost (with the mustache) helps Tidewater Principal Don Watson direct the program. (see also "Outreach," PP-7)



ART

Designing posters give Rosemary Peterson's art students an opportunity to witness to their community. She teaches art at the Sligo Adventist School. (see related story on PP-3)

Science education: Is it part of the Christ- centered curriculum?

Christian education must take advantage of learning from God's revelation of Himself through nature. Nature reveals God's creative power and redemptive love. It shows the results of sin and disobedience to His laws. We also learn practical lessons about life from science study.

The first lines of *Steps to Christ* set the scene for science and the Christ-centered curriculum. "Nature and the Bible both show us God's love. Our Father in heaven gives us life, learning and joy. Look at the wonderful and beautiful things of nature."

We can easily demonstrate Christ's wonderful love by having plants and animals in our classrooms for students to touch, observe and give care. Even in the death of an animal, Christian teachers have multiplied opportunities to teach about love and salvation.

When we studied about water pollution, we used it as an opportunity to clean up a small stream near the school. The stream was overgrown with weeds and other debris. I had the students pull out weeds and clear away the trash. They then built rock dams to create the rippling music of a running stream.

During the clean-up project, the students found and caught a bullfrog and

several small animals. They took them to the classroom to identify and then released them where they found them. In doing this, they learned to care for God's creation and to work cooperatively.

When we study the fossils we collect along the James River, it is easy for us to talk about the devastation of the Flood and the lessons it teaches them. They are sometimes surprised to go to the top of nearby mountains and discover seashells embedded in the rocks that once were part of a river bed.

Our regular trip to the James River and the Oregon Inlet gives us opportunities to learn from nature the realities of the Flood as we look at Chesapeake scallops (the Commonwealth of Virginia's state fossil) and learn of bivalves that died with the shells closed because of the suddenness of the Flood.

The interest level Christian teachers raise in their students' minds encourage them to explore for natural phenomena and then come with their discovery. "What's this, Mr. Litten?" I don't answer their questions immediately. Rather, I hand them a nature guide or other reference and teach them how to learn by their own efforts.

"... It is the Christian who enjoys nature most. He sees his Father's work and love in every flower and tree. He looks on the hills and rivers and seas as God's way of showing His love for man." (*Steps to Christ*, page 86.) When that happens, then we know Christ can be and should be in the science curriculum.

LOWELL SIDNEY RUSSELL LITTEN

Teacher, Shenandoah Valley Adventist Elementary School

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How reading classes lead to Christian service

Christian teachers in a Christian classroom speak of Jesus and His character as naturally as they breathe in the air He created. Every subject focuses itself on a Christ-centered presentation. Without such a focus, the Christian school and its curriculum will be no better than other schools.

Imagine yourself in my classroom with a group of third-graders. The story we're working with is "Mija, the Plan." You'll find it in our textbook, *Seedtime and Harvest*. It's one of several stories about children in a neighborhood who meet together at a special tree. Here they share their feelings, fears and problems.

In this story, the children decide on a plan that will help them become better acquainted with each other and their families. They and

their families will present something at the meeting tree for all to enjoy.

In a "let's pretend situation," one story character leads the others to a point where they become aware of how so many of the world's population shares in so little of the world's resources. All the students agree that if we are a part of God's family, we who have plenty should share with those who don't have much.

My students became so keenly aware of their responsibilities that they decided we should share in our town with those who don't have much. They decided to have anyone who wanted to take part bring in food for someone in our own neighborhood. When we got our collection of food, we turned it over to the Danville Community Services Center director to be given to a family that needed it.

The context of this lesson was learning what Jesus

Outreach



The Tidewater Junior Academy Gospel Mime Team presents programs to schools and church groups. Here is a scene from "A Tale of Two Kingdoms," a program depicting the Great Controversy. (see "Outreach" story, PP-5)

would have us do for Him. His example of service became our example, and our students copied His model.

When we read the stories from our Christian reading

series, our student learn about ideals our church believes in. They learn about the fruit of the Spirit and how to live as Jesus lived.

PENCIE YOUNG

Takoma Academy students sign the pledge

The Nationwide Insurance Company recently recognized Takoma Academy for its involvement in the company's Prom Promise program. The program focused on abstaining from alcohol and drugs, especially during the annual senior banquet.

Student response to the program was outstanding, said Larry Blackmer, academy principal. Nearly 100 percent of the students signed the Prom Promise pledge card.

"With all the alcohol-related problems our society faces, it's gratifying to see students involved and helping to provide solutions to

the problem," said Peggy Harris, Nationwide agent. She continued, "Nationwide recognizes the students at Takoma Academy for their participation with this program and commends Takoma Academy for making their senior banquet evening safe." Harris presented the academy with a certificate of merit.

Prom Promise began in 1990. It is a positive peer pressure program for high school students. Nearly three million students in 3,000 high schools took part in the 1994 Prom Promise program. Student who took part in the program signed pledge cards not to use alcohol or drugs.

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Can a small school have foreign language classes?

Yes, small church schools can have them and Konnarock is one that does. "Teaching Spanish in a one-teacher, K-8 classroom isn't easy," admits Shannon Luikham. She adds, "Especially if you don't speak the language yourself!" The story that follows is how she does it.

When my third year of teaching began at Konnarock, I wanted to add something new and exciting to our curriculum—something to keep us from sliding into a rut of everyday routines. I heard reports of elementary school students learning foreign languages, and I de-

cided that I didn't want my students to miss out, so we forged ahead.

We began by learning songs in Spanish and studying picture cards. While the younger children colored pictures of Spanish children and homes in Spanish countries, the older students and I worked our way through a workbook that taught us how to put sentences together.

Sometimes we role-played the exercises, and the students tried out the words and phrases they learned in the workbook. Fortunately for us, my mother is an elementary school teacher who teaches Spanish and helped us with pronunciations and resource materials. I got excited when I heard my students, and myself, reading sentences in Spanish and being able to translate them.

Our Spanish class was more than just learning to interpret and speak words. We opened our minds to helpful discussions about cultural differences and language barriers our missionaries face when they go to a

foreign country. Over and over, I heard the students talking about words and customs that seemed strange to them and then realize that their customs and their words would seem different to other people.

We developed a strong sense of comradeship as we studied Spanish. The students have been enthusiastic about what their class has done for them.

SHANNON LUIKHAM

Teacher, Konnarock School

Por todo el mundo: Christ-centered Spanish classes

Ninth- and 10th-graders at Richmond Junior Academy (now Richmond Academy) were willing to be guinea pigs for a new foreign-language program this year. The school reinstated Spanish I for the 1993-94 school year and will add Spanish II for 1994-95.

The school recently won approval by the Potomac Conference and the Columbia Union to operate as a pilot school for local day academies. The initial approval is for a one-year trial period with an on-site visit by the North American Division in 1995.

The results of the Span-

ish program have been gratifying. We've constantly exposed students to spoken Spanish, and it can be said that the students are already speaking Spanish. Our textbook is Christ-centered and contains reading in Spanish on Christian doctrine. The emphasis throughout is on salvation through Christ.

The first-year textbook is *Por todo el mundo (Into All the World)*. The title comes from the Great Commission described in Mark 16: 15, and is written by Dr. Steven A. Guemann, a Christian writer who lives in Richmond. Each chapter begins with a Bible verse in Spanish with an English translation. Students memorize a new verse weekly, and we often use the verse as a basis for exploring grammatical features of the lesson.

The best part of the Spanish I class is the conversations we have in Spanish as we ask each other questions and discuss answers. Without exception, the students have learned strong Spanish intonation in their speaking. In our Spanish class, we always keep the Lord in the hearts and minds of the students.

JOHN C.

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Spanish Teacher,
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