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"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). The *Lake Union Herald* staff's wish is for your Christmas to be filled with joy, peace and cherished memories. (photo by Richard Dower)



editorial

THE ONLY PERFECT SACRIFICE

by Robert H. Carter, president
Lake Union Conference

FOR MANY YEARS FOREIGN MISSIONARIES PUT FORTH AN effort to teach Christianity to the African pygmy people. But it was believed that they could not comprehend the gospel intricacies.

A young African who graduated from one of our colleges, however, felt that some way must be found to reach these people with the Three Angels' Message. So instead of seeking some choice position in a favored location, he took it upon himself to go and dwell among the pygmies. He did not know how to begin his ministry among a society that had no knowledge or understanding of Christianity. So he earnestly sought the help of heaven in finding an effective way to influence these people.

One day he noticed an unusual happening in the pygmy village where he had taken up residence. A young man sat on the ground, surrounded by a large circle of older men, who seemed to be speaking to him in some very firm tones. There was also a chicken in that circle and when the men finished their upbraiding of the younger pygmy, they took the chicken out of the village and tied it to a tree.

When the college graduate asked what the meaning of this was, he was told that the young man had been found guilty of adultery with another man's wife. But because it was his first offence and he seemed to be genuinely sorry for his offence, he would not be condemned to death. Instead, the chicken would be tied to a tree and left there to perish. Villagers were warned not to go near the chicken nor touch it lest a curse fall upon them which would result in certain death.

The people were horrified when our Adventist worker cut the chicken down. They expected him to drop dead. He then killed the chicken, cleaned and ate it, and retired for the night. The pygmies were convinced that he would not be alive in the morning. All were amazed when they saw him come out of his hut singing and praising God.

When the people asked him why he had not died, he took the opportunity to explain to them that the chicken could not atone for wrong deeds. Gradually he helped them to understand that there was a more effective sacrifice for the atoning of men's sins. He pointed them to the only perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ.

The pygmies are not the only ones who were ignorant regarding the only perfect sacrifice. We know that for many years God's chosen people, ancient Israel, offered animal sacrifices as atonement for their sins. However, they did so without fully understanding that the blood of animals could not free them from the stain of sin.

As a result of the college graduate's burden to minister to the pygmy people, a church has been organized that is made up of this long neglected group. Like you and me, they rejoice over the good news that their hope for eternal life does not depend on a dead chicken. They believe the words found in Hebrews 9:11 and 12, that declare: "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, ... Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."



WHO AM I TO CHOOSE WHO GETS MY TITHE?

by Judy A. Tanner, personal ministries director
La Crosse (WI) Church

IT WAS ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS first confronted with the tithe issue. At that time my friends and I were invited to attend some meetings. During these meetings we were told that the conference was not adhering to the standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as well as many issues concerning the misuse of tithe.

THEY WERE CONVINCING

The speakers were very convincing, especially when they told the attendees that to continue giving tithe to the Church would prove we were not up with the signs of the times and that we were Laodiceans.

To be in step with the times we were told to join the “awake” crowd and start pulling away from the Church. Those of us attending the meetings were convinced, and we each decided where we would send our tithe in the future. We did not want to be Laodiceans!

Before this time I had always been an avid reader of the Bible. I loved to study one-on-one with my God. I usually spent at least one hour with Him in the morning before going to work.

But when I pulled my tithe, I also began pulling away from the Church in other ways. I spent more and more of my time reading and listening to critical studies of the Church that I was receiving by mail. This consumed all my spare time, and eventually became a part of my one-hour morning devotion.

LISTEN TO GOD, NOT MAN

Finally, during this past year, I recognized that it was not the Lord who had impressed me to pull my tithe away from the Church.

I then realized that all my reading had come from other people’s studies — not

my own. I realized that I was listening to man, and not to God.

As I returned to God’s Word only, He impressed upon me to study the tithe issue for myself. I learned that I was not to pull my tithe from the Church, or to change it in any way.

God directed me to studies that I needed. I said to myself, “What have I been doing?”

I determined to follow His guidance in the future, as I had in the past, and not to listen to the many divisive voices around me. There are many ministries that I think are deserving of my tithe, but who am I to decide who gets how much and when?

From my study, I discovered that James and Ellen White accomplished much good in their travels to spread the good news. But I don’t recall that either were supported by tithe because they were preaching the Word — maybe offerings, but not tithe.

Mrs. White was concerned with things going on in the administration. Even then there were plenty of problems. But I never read that she pulled her tithe and took it upon herself to decide who was doing the things she thought ought to be done, and sent that person or organization her tithe. I don’t remember ever reading that Mrs. White told the church people to pull their tithe because the conference was not doing what she felt it should be doing.

The Lord did not impress me to pull my tithe — *man* did! There was also peer pressure placed upon me by some brothers and sisters who had done so, and wanted to see others do likewise. But why should I listen to another human being? I have no right to follow another man’s studies — I am to let God lead me.

It has come to the point that people approach me and insinuate that since I am now involved in the Church again that I’m probably paying my tithe; they tell me that is wrong. They argue that

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they were impressed by God not to pay their tithe. But I assure you it was man who impressed them, not God. We must draw close to God, not to man!

WE MUST UNITE

Right now there is such division in the Church that Satan is in ecstasy. This is just what he wanted — division among God’s people. But we must come together before it is too late. We must unite to care for the thousands who will be coming into the Church.

Please let God lead you as to what He would have you do. Do not let man lead you. Who am I to decide who is good enough to receive my tithe?

EDITOR’S NOTE: According to William Fagal, director of the White Estate branch office at Andrews University, James White was supported in the 1840s and 1850s by individual gifts and by a salary drawn from the publishing work. After the Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized in the mid 1860s, he was paid through regular Church channels.

The regular tithing plan, as we know it, began in 1879. At this time, James White’s salary as General Conference president presumably came from these funds. After his death in 1881, Ellen White was paid the salary of a General Conference officer, again, presumably from tithe.

REDEEM FOOD LABELS

LAKE UNION — Sabbath School specialists will want to know that Worthington Foods Inc. is continuing to redeem food labels for cash for world missions, as in past years.

The labels that are being redeemed include: La Loma (formerly Loma Linda), Natural Touch, Morningstar Farms and Worthington. The food products can be canned, boxed or even frozen.

Worthington corporation will give two cents to the world missions fund for each label turned in to local conference church ministries departments.

WITNESS IN THE PRISON

WISCONSIN — Jo Kutzner from the Racine Church has earned a certification for Prison Fellowship Volunteer Ministry with In Prison emphasis.

Jo is involved in a weekly Bible study conducted at the Racine Correctional Institute, and is also project director of "Angel Tree," an outreach to families of incarcerated parents.

ATTENTION CHURCHES: PRODUCE YOUR OWN TV MINISTRY PROGRAMS

MICHIGAN — Whether reaching across town or around the country, the work of the Lord is being heard.

TV Ministry programs are being produced at the local access channel in Kalamazoo — and the effect has been a positive one. TV Ministry has made a difference in the Kalamazoo area.

For over three years the producers have made four different programs, showing them 12.5 hours a week.

This well-trained and experienced staff of the Kalamazoo Church is now looking forward to helping others produce their own programs. If you are interested, call the Kalamazoo Church at 616-342-2279.

LIVING IS GIVING, AND GIVING IS LIVING

LAKE UNION — A rather old lady stood at the door of her church one morning many years ago. She was dressed in black and in a plain fashion. But her face was radiant with a smile that revealed the sunshine in her soul. In her hand she held a bouquet of flowers from her garden. As the members arrived for worship she handed each one a flower, and bubbled her motto, "Living is giving, and giving is living." That worship was made brighter by her effervescent joy in giving.



In reality it is true that we enjoy life just in proportion as we share it with others. Giving is not something we do to earn approval of God and others. Just as the sun shines because it is the sun and that is its nature. Likewise, when Jesus resides in our hearts He will express Himself through us day by day in unselfish giving.

It has been some time since we encouraged you to make that personal giving commitment to God. Hopefully, we have found our joy increasing

as our giving pattern has become an expression of our love for Him. His love gave so much for us. He gave it all, and yet continues to give still more.

Maybe we need to visualize once in a while what good is being accomplished by our financial gifts in support of God's cause. The dollars we earn represent the investment of time and talent and energy to produce something of value. We share those dollars, and they are translated into time, talent and energy once again in blessing others. So the work of God goes on and on in an endless cycle of blessing. We could break the cycle by diverting more of the dollars to personal pleasure, but that would be counter-productive and foreign to God's way. His way is always the best, for His love finds a way.

Maybe it's like perfume. We can't go around spilling it on other people without getting some of it on ourselves. Let's not "be weary in well doing ..." (Galatians 6:9) but keep on experiencing the joy of really living through faithful giving.

Like the lady at the door of the church, let's spread some joy around. "Living is giving." God Bless! Keep your courage high and help love to find a way.

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Roy Roberts, Lake Union Conference assistant treasurer

WHERE WE STAND: A GLOBAL MISSION REPORT

UPDATE — Church growth has exceeded all expectations during these first 24 months of Global Mission. Never before have we had an accession rate of one baptism every 52 seconds. Nor have we before established four congregations per day.

Estimated baptisms on World Baptism Day exceeded 75,000. In one China city alone, during a July day, 2,000 were baptized! Most of these new believers came primarily through the ministry of Adventist World Radio and our faithful laypeople. The former Soviet Union membership has grown 48 percent in 1992 due largely to evangelistic campaigns. Broadcast ministries are abounding there as well. At least six radio stations carry Adventist programming, and "It Is Written" is seen on national television.

It is now known that SDAs have a presence in 205 countries of the world — up four this year. However, due to world political changes, there are 14 more nations today.

OUR CHILDREN ARE TODAY'S CHURCH: SOME INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS TO FOSTER THIS

LAKE REGION — Children's church in the Ypsilanti (MI) Church is for youngsters ages five to 12. In this church, the children learn how to conduct a Sabbath service, and how elders, deacons, ushers and other officers perform in the church.

Since the beginning of 1992, Children's church occurs every month in Ypsilanti on the fourth Sabbath. The children experience a worship service designed especially for them. They serve as elders, deacons and ushers. They even assist the church treasurer in the handling of tithes and offerings with sponsor supervision. And, of course, the young people provide special music for this service.

Children's church begins during the main church service. The children file out to a small chapel during the children's story segment. Once in the chapel, the designated elders assemble in the hall for prayer while the congregation has a short song service. As the service begins, the elders enter, prayer is offered and a program sponsor helps to move things along. Only parents and guardians are allowed to accompany and help the smaller children read their own bulletins.



The coordinator for Children's church is Judy Jackson who is a member of the children's ministries council. She and three helpers (Pat Mills, Barb Wilson and David Moore) organize these programs each month. It was recognized that many of the children appreciate programs just for them, as the children have requested that these be continued.

Children's ministries sponsors a "children's nite" on Wednesday while parents attend prayer meeting. It is hoped that a prayer meeting of their own will encourage an appreciation for the importance of the midweek service. Phyllis Washington, children's ministries coordinator, says "it is important for children to experience a relationship with Christ on their level. Therefore, it is important to structure activities and programs to meet their needs. Children's church is only one of the programs designed especially for them."

In May, the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor (MI) churches combined efforts to better serve the youth in a Pathfinder program. Young people from both churches who are age 10-17, meet at the Ann Arbor Church for Pathfinder meetings. Children age 8 and under are prepared through the space cubs and honey bees pre-Pathfinder program at the Ypsilanti Church. This has worked well.

Children are no longer the church of tomorrow — they are the church of today! We, as adults, must take every opportunity and the responsibility to prepare our youth to work for the Lord, and most importantly, to have a relationship with Christ.

This cannot be done using an adult pattern for all programs. Creativity and variety are fundamental components for successful children's programs that must be integrated into the overall church program. They are our children, and they are today's church.

"THANK YOU LORD JESUS"

WISCONSIN — On Sept. 26, Pastor David Scofield of the



Racine (WI) Church baptized three young men in Quarry Lake. Pictured from left are: Robert Lee Hiles Jr., Pastor Scofield, Jay Tufford and Jeremy Scofield.

A MAJOR STRATEGY FOR RECLAIMING FORMER MEMBERS

*Make plans now
to participate
next month.*

NORTH AMERICA — A great challenge will be getting underway during the pastors' meetings in each local conference next month.

All 58 local conferences of the North American Division will begin collecting the names of former and inactive members. The intention is to collect at least 500,000 names of the 1.2 million former and inactive members in North America; then to see if at least 10 percent of this group (50,000) respond to a sensitively-written letter inviting them to a special Sabbath event planned for the fall of 1993. Our goal is to have 25,000 be reactivated in the Church.

An emphasis on warming the climate in all local churches and helping members learn how to be more accepting and open to returning dropouts will be presented in training events throughout the spring of 1993.

Next summer and early fall a new training package on how to visit former and inactive members will be presented, hopefully in every one of the 4,600 local churches in the division. In addition, a special approach to younger adults will be developed in a pilot church in each union conference with the help of the Baby Boomer Ministries Resource Center.



RETIRED IN NAME ONLY

MICHIGAN — Owosso Church member, Lloyd Nesbitt, hasn't let retirement slow him down.

This year, Lloyd turned 80 years old. He retired just three years ago, at the ripe age of 77, as coordinator of the Shiawassee Council on Aging's Durand Area Center — a position he had held for 12 years.

Not so long ago, the present coordinator asked Lloyd if he would like to begin a new job, delivering meals to shut-ins. So once again Lloyd is active for others, as his route includes the delivery of 12 to 15 meals a day.

In addition to his delivery, Lloyd plays the church organ for two Sabbaths each month and weekly bakes many loaves of bread for friends. Both he and his wife Micki are involved in volunteer work. (Photo courtesy of The Argus Press in Owosso, MI.)

*Carol J. Grossman, secretary,
conference communication department*

INVESTMENT PROJECTS FOR 1993

WORLD VIEW — You may begin giving to these projects on the first Sabbath in January.

The first is a Native American Service Center on Route 666 near Gallup, New Mexico. The proposal presents the possibility of generating income from deep-water wells and a gift store aimed at tourists to support a program that will include social services, a thrift store, showers, laundromat and a church. Funding is needed to drill the wells, hire a project director and construct facilities.

A second project will be building a church for a church-planting project in an unreached town in eastern Canada. The Madawaska-Victoria congregation is new and unable to get the use of rental facilities because of local attitudes toward the previously unheard-of SDAs.

WE MUST STOP CRITICIZING AND START WORKING TOGETHER: JOIN THE AARON & HUR CLUB

NORTH AMERICA — Recently I had the opportunity to talk at some length with the president of the North American Division, Alfred C. McClure, regarding some of the difficulties that lay people meet when attempting to work in their “own backyard.” The goal of these discussions was to urge our conference administrators, at all levels, to create an atmosphere where the laity can “work in peace.”

THEY ARE NOT RESPONSIVE

Simultaneous with these discussions, I took some berries to a very good friend of mine. We got to talking about the Church and I mentioned that “the time has come when we must support the Church at all levels.” His response was: “I don’t think so. I’ve stopped paying my tithe, at least to the Adventist Church.” I asked my friend why and he said, “Because they are not responsive.”

I continued to urge by asking, “Have you ever written or called Elder Broeckel? Elder Mostert? Elder McClure? Elder Folkenberg?” His answer was no to all four questions.

As I drove away, I analyzed what he was doing. He has fallen into the trap of the enemy and is doing that which is popular to do — criticize our leaders. He had no personal reason for his attitude. He has simply fallen into line with others who believe it’s “the in thing to do,” i.e., criticize the leadership. After all, isn’t that a good reason/excuse to withhold or redirect tithes and offerings.

A TWO-WAY STREET

Admittedly I was deeply troubled, but as I prayed and studied I became overwhelmed with a thought, “This is a two-way street.” If I want the administrators to create an atmosphere where the laity can “work in peace,” we laity must create an atmosphere where our leaders can “work in peace.”

During my morning devotions, out of nowhere, came the thought of Aaron and Hur holding up the hands of Moses. Duty called. I must start an “Aaron & Hur Club” with specific goals in mind.

Six of these goals are:

1. Each individual lay person must make a commitment before God to stop criticizing each other.
2. The laity must stop criticizing our leaders at all levels. We must create an atmosphere which allows them to “work in peace” so they will not need to take the time to dodge the “fiery darts” of the ones intent on dividing the Church.
3. Pray specifically for our leaders. Pray that they will not get so busy that they will cease praying for themselves; and, when we arise from our knees, we must hold high the hands of our “Moses” at every level. (I suggest a 5-minute prayer at 6:55 a.m. just for our leaders.)
4. We must let the purveyors of divisive “junk mail”

know that we no longer want their tapes, videos and sensational half-truths. Write them today requesting that they take your name off their mailing list.

If these groups who hold themselves up as the “last hope of Adventism” were intellectually honest, they would realize that they are not Seventh-day Adventists at all. But they are not honest enough to divorce themselves from that name, for therein remains the secret of their success in syphoning off God’s money. They are the fulfillment of Romans 16:18. “For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.”

5. We must let the members of God’s church know that enough is enough. We must stop criticizing and arguing as to “how many angels can dance on a pin head” and “press together, press together” to finish God’s work. We, as members of the Aaron & Hur Club, must make it unpopular to criticize our leaders.

6. For those of you who buy into the “Aaron & Hur” concept, I urge the following: (a) write articles for our publications with the message that enough is enough; (b) distribute “Aaron & Hur” cards, available from ASI-NAD, to your congregation and at other meetings; and (c) talk positively of God’s remnant church and of its leaders.

LEADERS AND LAITY MUST WORK TOGETHER

This concept is not meant to stifle good suggestions made in the proper spirit and sent through the proper channels. This process makes it incumbent upon our leaders to respond to the suggestions made.

We, the laity, must be aware of the fact that many times suggestions or requests are made of our leaders which they cannot fix. Sometimes such suggestions or requests must be handled on a local level. Once we realize this, maybe much of our criticism will stop.

And one final note — lest you think this applies to the laity alone, let me remind our leaders that Aaron was a minister. It is time that the ministers stop their criticizing of one another and we the laypeople, the Hur’s, must do likewise.

I plead with you. Let’s stop the criticism; finish the work, and go home.

*Dr. Willard D. Regester,
an ASI member in Mountain View, CA*

EDITOR’S NOTE: The Aaron & Hur Club was launched at this year’s ASI Convention, held Aug. 5-8 in Palm Springs, CA. By October 30,000 cards had already been ordered. We hope that the members of the Lake Union Conference may also catch this vision.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR "OPERATION AMIGO"

*What part
will you play
in our Global
Mission?*

LAKE UNION — Twelve volunteers are needed to assist with an evangelistic campaign in the Dominican Republic. The campaign will be held in Santiago from Feb. 5-13, 1993, and will feature Elder Herb Larsen, Lake Union secretary, and Elder Luis Leonor, Lake Union vice president.

People wanting to volunteer should: Love the Lord and His work. Be willing to demonstrate their love by means of a smile and cheerful participation in this campaign. Speak the Spanish language (this is not absolutely necessary). Be willing to help with the campaign by distributing materials, and giving or helping to give Bible studies. Be willing to work one day in a youth camp. Be able to pay his or her own expenses which will be about \$650 (this amount includes airfare, airport taxes, some meals and transportation). Lodging will be provided by the North Dominican Conference.

To volunteer for this special "Operation Amigo" project contact: Elder Luis Leonor, Lake Union Conference, P.O. Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103; 616-473-8200.

SDA REPRESENTATION IN THE 1993 PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

LAKE UNION — Our Pathfinder representative is Naomi Soto, age 11, from Rock Lake, WI. Naomi, of the Watertown (WI) Pathfinder club, will be one of nine North American Pathfinders riding on the Adventist float as we again participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The other Pathfinder riders are: Adam Lombard of Stoneham, MA; Shaine Stephenson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Heather Smith of Hempstead, MD; April Denise Wilham of Kansas City, MO; Manuel Perez of Grandview, WA; Jeni Lowe of Camarillo, CA; Sharon Wickham of Collegedale, TN; and Darryl Keyes Jr. of New Orleans.

Riders will gather on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the Pasadena Holiday Inn prior to this New Year's Day parade, to receive instructions and meet the parade queen and her court. After the float judging Thursday morning, these riders will join the float decorators in a dedication ceremony especially recognizing the Church's world-wide communication media. During this service, Mrs. H. M. S. Richards will place the final rose on the SDA float and receive a salute from the Pathfinders.

Because of the Pathfinders' past excellent workmanship, Floral Transworld Delivery (FTD) has asked them to decorate their float also. The income from decorating the FTD float will provide a meal to the workers during each eight-hour shift.

Pathfinders are continuing to raise funds to help cover the 1993 float cost, says Norm Middag, North American Division Pathfinder director. At the rate contributions are coming in, Elder Middag expected that \$40,000 would still be needed after December 1. Checks can be made payable to your local Pathfinder club, church or conference.

MEDICAL DONATION BENEFITS ADRA

MICHIGAN — For the last five years John Boothby, a Paw Paw Church member, has been collecting used medical equipment from area hospitals who have donated their equipment to Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).

A nurse anesthetist at Lakeview Community Hospital, John had prepared and stored for two years the donated equipment when recently ADRA sent a semi to his Paw Paw home to pick up these items for shipment overseas.

Contributing hospitals included: Lakeview Community Hospital in Paw Paw, St. Joseph Hospital in Lansing, and Lee Memorial Hospital in Dowagiac. Although the equipment is outdated in this country because of advanced technology, it is still a valuable and welcome addition to many medical facilities in third world countries.

Donated equipment included: two anesthesia machines, 20 chrome bedside chairs, 16 adjustable beds, 16 bedside tables, 16 bedside cabinets, anesthesia ventilators, and surgical and gynecological equipment.

In many countries patients are sleeping on hospital floors and being treated with the most basic and outdated equipment. Thanks to the efforts of caring people like John Boothby, patients in countries such as Africa and South America will be given a higher quality of medical care.



Vicki R. Shadow, Paw Paw correspondent

MICHIGAN PATHFINDERS ACTIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

MICHIGAN — Sharing their faith is a big part of Pathfinderism for Michigan clubs. Activities are as varied as the club names, but they have one thing in common: caring for and helping others.

Alpena Pathfinders sent a card and a book to a woman grieving over the loss of her husband. They also included an offer to rake her leaves. The **Berrien Springs Wolverine Juniors** did yard work for

an elderly woman and tended the flower beds of both their church and school. **Wilson Wolves** helped a widow with packing and moving preparations.

The **Battle Creek Pioneers**, **Berrien Springs Golden Eagles**, **Cedar Chips**, **Coloma Silver Foxes**, **Fenton Frogs**, **Holland Huskies**, **Holly**

Hérons, **Northview Guiding Arrows**, **Plymouth Wildcats**, **Pontiac Chiefs**, **SE Trailblazers** (of Warren and Troy churches), and **Vassar Cork Pines**, have all visited or sent cards to shut-ins, and/or visited hospitals, nursing homes or adult foster care homes. Some of the groups sang or presented other programs for the residents in adult foster care and nursing homes.

Many clubs are involved in various community services and outreach projects. The **Traverse City Cherrylanders** passed out literature door-to-door (pictured above), and worked with a sign language teacher (pictured right) for their "Share Our Faith Project." The **Eau Claire Critters** made sandwiches for distribution in connection with a van ministry. The **Wyoming Wranglers** also helped feed the homeless. They visited Mel Trotter Missions in Grand Rapids and assisted with the preparation and distribution of food. The **Escanaba Eagles** and **Pioneer Memorial Church Evergreens** (in Berrien Springs) began their work in the last of October for Thanksgiving food baskets.

Holland Huskies have worked in an adopt-a-park clean-up program. **Kalamazoo Kampers** held a free car wash and used it as an opportunity to pass out flyers and tell their customers about Pathfinderism. The **Petoskey Stones** assisted in the beach search for parts of a plane missing over Lake Michigan. And the **Prattville** teen Pathfinders helped man their church's booth at the county fair.

Pathfinders are active in many areas of church ministry. **Flint Arrows** received pledges for ingathering during a walk-a-thon/bike-a-thon. **Orion/Oxford Eagles** recently organized and conducted a children's program during a Sabbath afternoon Bible study. **SE Trailblazers** passed out literature for an evangelistic series. And the **Shelby Sonseekers** showed the video series "Keepers of the Flame" during vespers.

"Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison and came unto thee? Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:37-40).

Michigan Pathfinders are following the Master's example.

Carol J. Grossman, secretary, conference communication department



Family Traditions And the Holiday Season

“Christmas is coming, how joyful it will be, the family all gathered 'round the Christmas tree ...” And so the carol goes. But is this a true description of Christmas in your house? Or is it too hectic, too commercialized, without direction?

WHAT GOOD ARE TRADITIONS?

Developing your own holiday traditions may help put the meaning back into Christmas for you and your family. Traditions also teach both children and adults what is really important during the holiday season.

“Family rituals are a window through which shared identities of family members can be viewed,” says Phillip G. Holding, D.O., child and adolescent psychiatrist at Hinsdale Hospital. “If parents want to teach their children family values, the development of family traditions, or rituals, will help do this.”

Most researchers will agree that rituals are learning experiences which help people relate to the world around them. “Whether a child or adult participates or merely observes rituals, that individual will learn their place within their family; and how they relate to society as a whole,” explains Dr. Holding.

Family traditions can reduce stress — helping to slow activities down by offering a time to relax and reflect upon the real meaning of Christmas — and give an opportunity to schedule time for sharing special occasions with family and friends.

“It’s important to remember that children learn something about their world

through their participation in carefully planned family traditions,” Dr. Holding states. “If a parent wants to teach lessons of giving from the heart, they may want to incorporate some type of volunteer work into their holiday celebrations, such as adopting a needy family or donating gifts, clothing and food to a relief agency.”

Teaching their children the value of service to others is important to David and Judy Mayor, parents of 8-year-old David and 6-year-old Jacob.

“We wanted to teach our children about how they can make a difference in other people’s lives,” says Judy. Singing Christmas carols and sharing baked goods or small gifts with neighbors is a tradition the Mayors have enjoyed for the past few years.

“Holiday sharing is just the beginning of developing relationships throughout the year,” Judy explains. “As our boys get older and can participate in more activities, I foresee our family becoming more involved with serving others — in our neighborhood and beyond.”

SINGLE-PARENT HOUSEHOLDS

According to Dr. Holding, single parents tend to have a particularly rough time during the Christmas season, specifically divorced parents. Divorce destroys established family traditions, especially for parents with joint custody agreements who share visitation rights over the holidays.

“Society is bombarded with images of the perfect Christmas,” Dr. Holding explains. “Children can create unrealistic expectations of what the Christmas experience should be like. Single parents,

BY ELIZABETH LIVELY

Elizabeth Lively is director of media relations for the Hinsdale Hospital in Illinois.

SUMMARY: By carefully selecting and developing family traditions, especially during the holiday season, parents can teach their children valuable lessons, perhaps diverting their attention away from the often unrealistic "Norman Rockwell" version of Christmas. And, the commercialism of Christmas can be downplayed through the careful use of family traditions.



no matter how hard they try, cannot replace the Madison Avenue image of the ideal family at Christmas — mom and dad together with their children, opening presents on Christmas morning.”

Dr. Holding suggests that single parents focus on developing rituals which include the family’s support network — grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors, teachers and other care givers. “By extending the immediate family, children learn the importance of relationships and gain valuable insight from these potentially influential people,” Dr. Holding states.

“Single parents also need to develop

traditions that teach their children that their family unit is special, even though the other parent isn’t present,” he adds.

According to Melissa Long, during the four years since her divorce, she has been rebuilding Christmas traditions for her daughters, 13-year-old Angela and 8-year-old Rachel.

“When you’re divorced and holiday visitation rights are set by the courts, you’re forced to celebrate the holiday differently,” Melissa explains. Last year, Melissa’s children left at noon on Christmas Eve to be with their father, and returned to their mother at noon on Christmas Day. “Because Christmas Day was

broken up, I tried to place an emphasis on the entire holiday season, not just one day,” says Melissa.

Both Melissa and her former husband place an emphasis on the religious aspect of the season. “Baby Jesus is kept at the center of all our activities, and we play down the commercialism of the holiday. I also try to make Christmas morning a special time for Angela and Rachel. Last year, we opened gifts on Christmas Eve morning, and later enjoyed a special Christmas breakfast — just the three of us.”

The other aspect that has helped Melissa through the holidays is her extended family. “My two sisters and their families live in the area, and we always get together with them for a special celebration,” says Melissa.

“Last year was the first time that my girls and I hosted the family Christmas dinner at our house, it was held the afternoon of Christmas Day. Angela and Rachel are very close to their aunts, uncles and cousins, who, in turn, have been very supportive of our situation. My sisters really add a special touch to our holiday celebrations,” she adds.

BE SMART

Dr. Holding suggests that parents be creative, and keep in mind the ages of their children as they select family activities. “Don’t feel that you have to have everything perfect the first year. Holiday traditions build year after year, and as children get older, activities need to be changed to fit their age group.” But, he adds, “the rewards of your efforts will be worthwhile.”

A Holiday Thought

Going the Extra Mile

BY JOHN AND NANCY WALL

Both Nancy and I, John, know it is only by God's grace that she and her teenage children, Ken and Carrie, are in the best of health and spirits. We also acknowledge that it is by God's grace that a certain brave couple, who risked their own lives, have made it possible for Nancy and her children and myself to enjoy a strong future as a happy family. Let me explain.

On Wednesday, January 15, Nancy drove to the Logansport (IN) State Hospital to see me. As the day progressed, it began to snow.

The Lafayette-Pleasantview Church School in West Lafayette, IN, had closed early because of the bad weather. With a few phone calls Nancy discovered that her children were at Pastor Robert Forss' house, about a 15-minute drive from her home. We cut our visit short, due to the progressing dangerous roads, so Nancy could pick up her children. But she never made it home that night.

After safely picking up Ken and Carrie, Nancy began traveling home. By now, the strong wind was drifting the much accumulated snow. Driving carefully but with limited visibility, Nancy slid off the road and into a snow drift.

After trying to get out of the drift without any success, Nancy and the children decided it was best to stay in the car and pray for a passer-by to assist in their predicament. After hours passed, not even one car went by. As the winds continued to blow and the snow continued to fall and the temperatures continued to drop, they became more dependent upon God.

Before Nancy left the hospital, we had made arrangements for her to call me by 4:30 p.m. But she did not call. When the clock struck 5 p.m. on my new Braille

pocket watch that Nancy had given me, and still she didn't call, I began making phone calls on my own.

I called the Tippecanoe County sheriff's office numerous times to ask about the road conditions and if there had been any accidents reported, but received no positive results. I called the hospitals — still no sign of Nancy and the children, which was of some relief.

The temperatures continued to drop. The hours ticked by. I became more frantic. I turned to Pastor Ron Kelly, of the Logansport Church where I am a member, and asked him for assistance. He gave me the correct spelling of Pastor Forss' name but didn't have his phone number. At least with this information I was able to call information for Pastor Forss' phone number.

At 7:45 p.m. I expressed my concern over the telephone to Pastor Forss. He said he would give it consideration and make a few phone calls himself.

Waiting until 9 p.m. was a very long stretch of time for me, knowing that Nancy was out there in possible danger. Again I called Pastor Forss to convince him that something was wrong. He agreed that Nancy and the children could be in some danger.

The weather conditions were terrible, but Pastor Forss had decided to drive out to Nancy's house and find out what was wrong; and his wife Barbara insisted that she go along with him. By Pastor Forss' own account he proceeded to Nancy's house, led by his own determination and God's will. Persistently he drove through snow drifts that were three feet deep in the zero degree weather with a 30 below zero windchill factor. These were weather conditions that only a brave man would attempt.

Pastor Forss said that many times he had thought about turning around and going home; but with his strong determination, his mind was set on reaching Nancy's house. Thank God for this.

Nancy's recollection was that when she saw headlights coming down the road — the only ones during this six-hour ordeal — they were a sight to behold. She had no idea that the man who popped his head through her rolled down window would be that of a cheerful and smiling Pastor Forss. Nancy said that it was the most beautiful sight she had ever seen.

Invited to spend the night in the Forss home, Nancy and the kids got into Forss' car. As Pastor Forss proceeded to turn around, he got stuck. Barbara got out of the car, challenging the elements of that winter night, and pushed the car until it was free. In recalling this scene, Nancy said that with the snow falling and the headlights shining upon Barbara, she looked like a real-life angel.

With God's guidance, they returned to the Forss' home — but the story does not end here. The Forsses fed and entertained Nancy and her children that evening, and made them breakfast the next morning. Pastor Forss even went the extra mile by permitting Nancy to drive his car to work, only after he had warmed it up and wiped all the snow off.

This leaves me speechless! Bravo, Pastor Forss and Barbara! Nancy, I and the children thank you both. You are real heroes and Nancy and I believe this should not go untold. God bless you.

This story was submitted in March 1992, about one month after John Wall and Nancy Cooper were united in marriage on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1992.

About 250 women and men attended the Lake Union Women's Ministries Leadership Conference, held at the unique Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis. (photos by Richard Dower)



We Are One in the Lord

BY MARGE SLATER

Unity, harmony, and oneness were evident throughout this leadership conference of multi-cultured speakers, musicians, presenters and attendees, sponsored by the Lake Union Conference women's ministries.

SUMMARY: "Gettin' Ready" was the theme of a dynamic leadership conference for both women and men held in Indianapolis, October 30 to November 1, and sponsored by the Lake Union Conference women's ministries. This conference appropriately began and ended by the singing of the theme song "We Are One in the Lord."

FOR FELLOWSHIP

It was observed during meals and at the general session that most of the attendees sought an opportunity to fellowship with people they were not already acquainted with. Many tables were filled with cosmopolitan groups enjoying the opportunity to share how the Lord was leading in their lives.

It was evident throughout the conference that there was neither Jew nor Gentile, man nor woman, black nor white, rich nor poor, young nor old; simply, God's children fellowshiping together



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The Garth Gabriel Singers presented a concert at the Sabbath evening awards banquet.

on their way to the kingdom.

Attendance included local conference's women's ministries directors: Janice Pierson from Indiana, Marsha Frost Collins from Illinois, Myrna Earles from Michigan, and Judy Ziegele from Wisconsin. Marguerite Dixon, Judy Fisher and Juanita Martin, the Lake Region women's coordinators, worked tirelessly behind the scenes before the conference started but were unable to attend because of family illness and unforeseen obstacles.

Also attending were numerous conference officials, local women's coordinators and pastors, as well as other North American Division women's ministries directors, they were: Evelyn VandeVere from Southern Union, Jenell Vance from Atlantic Union, Nola Horne from Southwestern Union, and E. Joy Neely from North Pacific Union. In addition, there were 240 other women and men; some from as far away as California, Georgia, Texas and Bermuda.

FOR INSPIRATION

The opening session was held on Friday evening and set the tone for the entire conference with two dramatic presentations. The first was given by Catherine Haun of Indianapolis, who recounted how the Lord led her through the tragedies of losing her father when she was five, her mother when she was 16, and a near-fatal car crash when she was 19;



The conference women's ministries directors are, from left: Judy Ziegele, Wisconsin Conference; Janice Pierson, Indiana Conference; Cynthia Prime, Lake Union Conference; and Myrna Earles, Michigan Conference. Not pictured are Marsha Frost Collins, Illinois Conference; and Marguerite Dixon, Judy Fisher and Juanita Martin, Lake Region Conference.

which left her with a shattered face and crushed back. After a year of painful rehabilitation and many surgeries (made possible by the United Way), she was able to walk again.

For the past 20 years Catherine has been employed by the Eli Lilly Company and is currently a representative of the United Way. To see Catherine, a woman of grace and beauty, one would never suspect her early tragedies. She is a walking, talking testimony of God's power.

The second presentation, called "Three D Strategy," was given by Cynthia Prime, the Lake Union women's ministries director. She recounted a supposed conversation that took place one night (it is always night in the kingdom of darkness), between Lucifer and his demons. Its purpose was to develop a strategy to prevent God from sending the Latter Rain. The plan they devised was "Three D," meaning divide, distract and destroy the people of God so they would not prepare for the Latter Rain or be ready for the second coming of Christ.

"Good News for Women from Paul" was the Sabbath morning inspiration by Dr. Thesba Johnston of Andrews University. Dr. Johnston stated that often when she announces this topic, the reaction is, "I didn't know Paul had good news for women." Through the use of a handout sheet, she compared what Paul said with what Paul and Jesus did.

Dr. Johnston explained that quotation marks were not available to Paul, therefore, what we often think of as Paul's words are simply his quoting the Jewish traditions of the first century, which he himself did not practice. The good news from Paul is: Women may speak in church and not be silent. All believers are in mutual subjection to each other and the Lord. Paul's advice to Timothy was tem-

porary and for a perilous time.

Powerful preaching is perhaps the best description of the worship hour message from Dr. Deborah Harris, a professor in the department of special education at the University of South Florida. Dr. Harris' subject was "Behold a New Thing — Rivers in the Desert" taken from Isaiah 43:15-19.

Dr. Harris reminded the congregation that "sometimes we are so hung up on the former things that we get in the way of God creating rivers in the desert." Esther, Mary and Deborah were cited as examples of women in the Bible who were willing to be used of God as "rivers in the desert" of their time. She concluded by stating "we can survive the desert (this world) if we pull together."

Dr. Harris also spoke at the concluding general session on Sunday morning. She compared giving one's life to God as a banking experience: "No deposit, no return." She informed the listeners that "the best part of working for the Lord is His retirement plan, it's out of this world." The saints were asked to answer the question, "Where will you be when Jesus says, 'It is finished.' " She concluded by challenging every attendee to "let God be your Cornerstone."

FOR MELODY

Music was an integral part of this conference, as the multi-cultural backgrounds of many musicians added to it a richness. There were two vocal soloists: Tania Decooman and Chloe Logan. The Maligayan Singers (Esther and Annie Pacamalan and Daisy Blythe), were a mother-daughters' trio from the Philippines. The Indianapolis Chorus, a multi-ethnic group, sang under the direction of Philip Prime. Also the Garth



Dr. Deborah Harris was a featured speaker.

Gabriel Singers of Kansas City, Missouri, presented a concert Sabbath night.

Instrumentalists included harpist Beverly Wesner-Hoehn and her husband Ted on the cello. Eight-year-old violinist, Elizabeth Lang Harman captured the hearts of the audience.

FOR HONOR

The Lake Union chose to honor those who made significant contributions to the growth of women's ministries.

The "Crystal Award" for letting her light shine brilliantly in her local church was presented to Ofilio Madrigel from Illinois. Other nominees were Marilyn Babienco from Michigan and Jana Withrow from Indiana. The "Thesba Johnston Award" for outstanding leadership was presented to Janice Pierson from Indiana. Other nominees were Madlyn Hamblin of Michigan and Una Mae Litner of Illinois.

The "Trailblazer Award" was presented to Elder Warren S. Banfield, who was a voice speaking up on behalf of women long before women's ministries was an acknowledged part of the Church's program. While director of the North American Division office of human relations, he sought approval in 1983 to establish a women's commission. Lake Union women's ministries saluted Elder Banfield for helping to lay a solid foundation for women's ministries.

Also honored was Elder Charles Bradford, retired president of the North American Division. Due to a severe family illness, Elder Bradford was unable to attend in person, but sent a special message which was read by Pastor Ifeoma I. Kwesi of the All Nations Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

The "Trailblazer in Education Award" was presented to Dr. Leona Running, professor emeritus of Biblical languages at Andrews University.

Elizabeth Sterndale, North American Division women's ministries director, received the "Leadership Excellence Award." Although she has an arm long list of accomplishments, her best known contribution has been in women's ministries where she helped the organization to become the powerful resource it is today for women in the Adventist Church.

Dr. Thesba Johnston who has served at all levels of the Church, helping to establish programs, was honored with a "Lifetime Achievement Award." The awards presentation ended with a dramatic pantomime called "We Shall Behold Him," performed by Greater Vision, a youth group from Indiana.

FOR BLESSING

Seminars were another highlight of this weekend. A total of 16 topics were offered including: "Behavior Change Strategies," "Understanding Leadership



Sixteen break-away seminars were greatly enjoyed by the conference attendees.

Styles," "Spiritual & Moral Values," "Christian Women of the 90s," "Christian Men of the 90s," "Recapturing the Vision," "Strategies for Personal Growth," "Men & Women at the Communication Crossroad," "The Dysfunctional Family," "Adventist Youth," "Conflict You Can Management," "Singles in Leadership and Service," "Storytelling for Spiritual Growth," "Cross Cultural Communication," "Biblical Hospitality," and "Women's Ministries."

Elder David Wolkwitz, president of the Indiana Conference, and his wife Gaylene, provided an added spiritual blessing for the early risers at their 6 a.m. Holy Spirit workshop.

The attendees' temporal needs were met by the sumptuous vegetarian cuisine of: vegetable lasagna, country garden a la king, and an exquisite baked breakfast strata, to name a few dishes.

Marge Slater is a freelance writer and the women's coordinator for Holland (MI) Church. She lives in Holland with her husband, Jim.

Other Area Women's Retreats

WISCONSIN — That morning when Kay Rizzo left the West Coast on Oct. 17, bound for the fourth annual Seventh-Day Adventist Christian Women's Retreat in Wisconsin, she was not expecting a delay

and praying for an infusion of the Holy Spirit and a time of refreshing.

Rizzo's reputation had preceded her; a wife and mother, author of 13 books, experienced teacher, dean and public

speaker, she was well qualified to be the keynote speaker for this retreat. At last she arrived, minus notes and luggage which had flown elsewhere. But the Spirit of the Lord took over as she began a moving presentation.

Throughout the weekend, Rizzo developed the theme that we are all newborn children of the Heavenly Father. As such, we have no reason ever to be afraid, to hold grudges, or to become depressed for He is with us.

*The guest speaker was
Kay Rizzo.*

Instead we may live a life of praise.

In addition to hearing Rizzo speak, participants could attend any of 10 break-away sessions planned to meet a variety of women's needs such as: managing time, nurturing children's spiritual growth, and fostering one's own self-esteem. Singing and hikes through the autumn woods, as well as many spontaneous prayer sessions filled this weekend.

Finally the last talk was ended, the last song was sung, and the closing prayer was uttered. In the silence, God blessed His children. It had been a great time of refreshing.

Already, thoughts are turning to next year. God's leading has been shown markedly over the past four years, as attendance has swelled from 120 in 1989 to nearly 300 this year. As one woman

wrote in her evaluation, "I'm the person who needed what Kay had to say."

*Marjorie Anderson,
Marshfield Church
communication
secretary*



of several hours. Nor were the 297 women who gathered that evening at the Chula Vista Resort in beautiful Wisconsin Dells.

They had come for a blessing and would not be denied. For two hours the women waited, passing the time by singing, testifying to the goodness of God,



MICHIGAN — Fifty women from the northern districts of Michigan gathered in Grayling, at beautiful Camp Au Sable, October 9-11.

This weekend was planned by Nancy Johnson of Manton and Doris Eigenberg of Petoskey. Myrna Earles, director of the Michigan women's ministries, assisted in the planning along with a number of others who were also involved.

Betty Lou Hartlein of Berrien Springs presented studies on the importance of the Sanctuary service and what it means to women today.

Friendship circles formed the first evening of the weekend and continued intermittently until the end.

Laurie Snyman of Kalamazoo presented a workshop designed to encourage women to unload their excess baggage of stress and learn to depend upon the Lord.

*Marjorie Snyder,
conference communication director*



YOUTH



Obviously supporting the L.I.F.T. program, Principal Mike Plumb (left) sits with some of his students from the Tri-City Junior Academy of Saginaw, MI.

JUST A THOUGHT

Life

I stand here on its brink,
Is nothing but a continuum,
Always moving,
Standing for no man.

Life

I watch it pass me by,
Do I join the main flow?
Do I forge my own path?
Only I can choose.

Life

Is made up of experiences,
Blips mark the sharpest ones,
Some inexpressible joy!
Some abject sorrow.

Life

I'm surrounded by people,
Those with whom I find
companionship,
Those I'd rather not know,
No man is an island.

Life

Some people stop before it is
time,
Even so I must go on,
Strength only comes from
trial,
I continue without them.

Life

Too many questions,
So much pain,
Is help to be had?
Yes.

Life

Is easier with a friend,
A helper, the path is familiar
to,
He experienced it all,
Now He holds my hand.

Bethany Calkins is a junior studying literature and history at Andrews University.

LIFESTYLE IMPROVEMENT FOR TEENS

MICHIGAN — Gorgeous fall colors and beautiful sunny days thrilled the 151 seventh- to tenth-graders as well as 50 adult counselors and staff who attended the 1992 Lifestyle Improvement For Teens (L.I.F.T.) retreat held at Grayling's Camp AuSable, Oct. 4-7.

This annual retreat is a teen learning and sharing experience. It has been designed to inspire teens to make a commitment for a healthy and drug-free lifestyle, as well as develop their skills in sharing this type of lifestyle with others. The featured speaker was Elder Gary Burns, youth pastor at Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School in Berrien Springs. Elder Burns brought with him a student drama team from Andrews University and the academy. Their messages and dramatizations focused on peer pressure and self-worth. The impact was deep and undoubtedly lasting on the young people.

Pat Baggett, *Listen* representative from Kalamazoo, presented her K-3 public school temperance program as a model of what students might adapt for their community outreach.

The highlight of this fifth retreat was "Talent Airlift," occurring Tuesday night. Six schools, of the 23 that auditioned, made presentations. They were: Holland Elementary, Greater Lansing Adventist School, Alpena Elementary, Andrews Academy, Charlotte Elementary and Great Lakes Adventist Academy of Cedar Lake.

An additional feature this year was "Poster Airlift." The winners were: Michelle Lewis and Julie Reaves (pictured at right), along with Jeremy Annis, Andrea Lewis, Cherry Wilson and Jessica Manley as well as students representing Grand Rapids and Wilson Junior academies.

Students showed an obvious appreciation for the lifestyle retreat through their comments of: "Super," "It was fun," "Great camp," "Cool" and "Thank you!"



From left, Michelle Lewis and Julie Reaves display their winning posters.

Others used a few more words like: "This is my first time here. I thought it was marvelous and I learned a lot!" "Most worthwhile youth retreat I've ever seen." "L.I.F.T. was exactly what it says it is — lifestyle improvement for me. It greatly helped and 'lifted' me. I can't wait till next year." "I really enjoyed the retreat and meeting all the new people. Pastor Burns and his group were *GREAT!* I also enjoyed 'Talent Airlift' evening." "This was my first L.I.F.T. retreat; I loved it; I had the time of my life!"

The young people left with a deep conviction that they were valuable to God as well as the Church. They learned that by His grace and with proper attitudes, they could live in a happy and wholesome lifestyle.

Edward M. Norton, conference education associate

EDUCATION

GLAA OFF TO A GOOD START

GREAT LAKES ADVENTIST ACADEMY (GLAA) — This Cedar Lake, MI, school began their year with an increase in enrollment. Last year school opened with 270 students, and this year the total is 293.

One reason for this increase, according to Principal Ray Davis, is the strong witnessing program the school conducts. This year 180 students are enrolled in the witnessing class. In this class, students learn to give Bible studies and actually go to the surrounding community to study with interested people and help bring them to a decision for the Adventist Church. A number of students have seen baptisms as a result of their work.

New faculty members have been added to replace those who

have transferred out. These new faces are: John and Monique Caskey, Terry and Dana Pottle, and Debra Dis.

Newlyweds John and Monique Caskey (pictured) are both graduates of Southern College. John is teaching photography and overseeing publication of the Yearbook. Monique teaches Bible and English.



Terry (pictured) and Dana Pottle came from Andrews

University, where Terry acquired a degree in physical plant management and industrial management. He is now the new director of plant services. Terry is originally from Alpena, MI; and Dana feels right at home in Cedar Lake since she lived there for five years while her mother taught school and her father worked at the mill.



Debra Dis (pictured below) is teaching the witnessing class and

senior Bible classes. She has a background of evangelism



throughout the United States, and she has worked as a missionary to Quebec. She also writes music and has had experience in producing a video series. She has one daughter, Monique, who is bilingual, speaking both French and English.

Marjorie Snyder, conference communication director



A BETTER PLACE

WISCONSIN ACADEMY — The Sept. 7-12 Fall Week of Prayer theme was "Dare to Dream."

This week was a mixture of inspirational meetings, moonlight song services, sharing around a campfire, and witnessing to others. Speaker Stanley Dobias told many of his adventures as a youth in Tanzania, East Africa (where his parents were missionaries), and a student missionary in Haiti. Dobias is currently attending Andrews University where he is working on a Master of Divinity degree with a youth emphasis.

Staff and students left the academy campus on Thursday to spend the remainder of the week at Camp Wakonda in Chetek, WI. The group spent Friday helping in nearby Wautoma, which had been struck by a tornado the week before. Students sorted donated clothing and food, delivered freshly baked bread to families, and repaired a foot bridge.

Townpeople responded by writing letters of appreciation to the school. "If your students are a sign of our next generation," wrote one citizen who had received a visit and a loaf of bread, "the world will be a better place."

Sue Rappette, academy administrative secretary

THE FOUR SEASONS

The flowers come out and bloom in the Spring
it looks very nice, and you hear the birds sing.

In the Winter it snows a lot,
and when it is Summer, it is very hot.

In the Fall the leaves fall on the ground, the leaves are so light,
you don't hear a sound.

Derrick Williams was a sixth-grade student at Peterson-Warren Academy in Inkster, MI, when he wrote this poem for his teacher, Mrs. Rose Rose, during a class assignment.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS WEEKEND PLANNED

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY — A two-day retreat for high school honor students is being planned for Jan. 17-18, 1993, at the Indian Oak Inn of Chesterton, IN.

Seniors in academy and high school in the Lake Union territory who have an accumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above are invited to be Andrews University's guests for two days of activities, information and fun. Since the dates fall during the Martin Luther King holiday, students won't have to miss school.

This retreat will give students a chance to meet Andrews faculty as well as current students in the Honors Program at Andrews. All lodging and meal accommodations will be provided, courtesy of Andrews University.

For more information and reservations, call the enrollment management department at 800-253-2874.

Raelene Brower, newswriter

TWO ACADEMIES MEET AAA CHALLENGE

LAKE UNION — Two of our academies were among 25 throughout North America who reached their donor and dollar goals for 1991-1992 in the Academy Alumni Advancement (AAA) Challenge.

AAA is an incentive program to encourage academy alumni giving, with grants going to schools reaching their dollar and donor goals. Qualifying for challenge grants were the: Indiana Academy in Cicero and Battle Creek (MI) Academy.

Indiana Academy alumni raised \$23,998 with 36 percent of the alumni giving an average donation of \$44. Raising \$27,558, Battle Creek Academy alumni gave an average gift of \$52 with participation from 42 percent of its alumni.

Battle Creek Academy was one of the 12 schools participating in the AAA Challenge when it began six years ago. Since that time, giving at the schools participating in the AAA Challenge has increased by 300 percent.



A DREAM CAME TRUE

PETERSON-WARREN ACADEMY — Elder Rothacker Smith Jr., pastor of the Lake Region Sharon Church in Inkster, MI, had a dream. He envisioned a Christian academy, grades K-12, serving the Metropolitan Detroit SDA churches and related communities. Its purpose would be to prepare students academically, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Elder Smith also dreamed that such a place would prepare students for citizenship in today's world and God's kingdom. He shared this dream with Elder J. P. Winston, pastor of the City Temple Church in Detroit. And soon, because of their dedication and labor, this dream became reality.

The stately Lake Region Peterson-Warren Academy is located in Inkster (15 miles southwest of Detroit) and sits on seven acres of land. It serves nine Seventh-day Adventist churches and the related communities of Metropolitan Detroit.

The Peterson building was consolidated from two separate schools: the School of Detroit and the Sharon Junior Academy of Inkster. These two schools, operated by Sharon and City Temple churches, opened their doors in September 1964.

The Warren building was on two and one-fourth acres of land located on Detroit's east side, and established in 1961 as

the Davison Junior Academy (an elementary and junior high). This school later added a kindergarten program in 1973, and in May 1974 the school was named the Clinton Warren Academy in memory of its founder, Clinton F. Warren.

In July 1978, the Frank L. Peterson and the Clinton F. Warren schools were consolidated, thus forming the current Peterson-Warren Academy. This academy is accredited by the General Conference

Board of Regents, and its teachers are certified both denominationally and by the State of Michigan.

The academy has a "uniform" dress policy (navy blue and white), which upholds modesty in dress while discouraging expensive fashion display and minimizes the financial burden of school clothing. Tennis shoes are worn in the physical education classes only.

The school offers a pre-school through twelfth-grade curriculum that includes: college preparatory and computer literacy classes, gymnastics, band and choir and music classes, as well as a lunch program.

For more information on the Peterson-Warren Academy, call Principal Alvin Barnes at 313-565-5808.

Helen C. Bryant, City Temple communication secretary



LOCAL CHURCH

FOCUS ON CHILDREN

MICHIGAN — A weekend seminar at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Oct. 23-25, focused on the importance of child evangelism and how to lead a child to Christ.

Donna Williams, children's ministries director of the Florida Conference, presented a new outreach program for reaching very young children with the message that Christ died for them. He arose, and they can give their hearts to Jesus no matter what their age.

Williams also presented the Sabbath church service. Her topic, "The War on Childhood," stressed the importance of



teaching our children that Satan has many snares which seem innocent, but these snares will set them up for the last great deceptions prior to Christ's coming. One example is how some

of the toys and television programs have concepts of the New Age Movement woven throughout them, Williams stated.

Other weekend presenters were: Fred Earles, conference secretary; Terry Dodge, Pathfinder director; Craig Harris of Charlotte; Pat Edsell, principal of Greater Lansing School; Sally Dillon, writer of the General Conference Primary Program Helps; and Vera Groomer of Lansing.

Marjorie Snyder, conference communication and children's ministries director

A HEALTHY CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY

MICHIGAN — Troy Church members recently offered their community an opportunity to learn about a healthier lifestyle.

They opened the Adventist Health Network screening van and sponsored a health booth at the annual "Troy Daze Festival" in the end of September. The public was also invited to a series of health lectures in October.

At these lectures, Dr. Neil Nedley, internal medicine specialist, presented topics that showed the effects of lifestyle changes on the prevention and treatment of various diseases.

Pictured entering the screening van is Rose King, communication secretary of the Troy Church.



APPRECIATING PASTOR AND MRS. TOLSON

LAKE REGION — On Saturday, Oct. 17, the Chicago Beacon of Joy congregation held an appreciation dinner for Pastor Robert F. Tolson and his wife Ellen.

In October 1986 the Tolsons arrived at Beacon of Joy, and immediately became active and faithful workers for the Lord. Upon their arrival, the congregation had been renting a facility for several years and were in the process of searching for a church they could call their own.

The congregation's search for a home ended in 1992, under the direction of Pastor Tolson, with a newly acquired church (see "Answered Prayers," Page 21).

Pastor Tolson who is a carpenter by trade has been busy building shelves and leveling floors in the new church home, and he has made podiums and felt boards that are used each Sabbath. Pastor Tolson also teaches Sabbath School.

Mrs. Tolson loves working with children and is currently the lower division Sabbath School superintendent. She initiated Beacon's first Vacation Bible School last summer and now directs the Neighborhood Bible Club. She is musically inclined and plays the piano whenever needed.

Both Tolsons — active in community service — make an unequivocal winning team.

The couple have three grown children: Gregory, who lives in Chicago Heights, IL; Melvin who lives in Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and Jo Ann Fuller who resides in Detroit; and a grandson Ricky Jr. Over the years they have opened their hearts and home to 10 foster children as well. Last month the Tolsons celebrated 40 years of marriage.

Mrs. Tolson was presented with 12 roses, and a bouquet of sunflowers from the children in the lower division. Pastor Tolson was presented with a pocket watch bearing the inscription "Beacon of Joy — October 17, 1992."

Tanya Williams, Beacon of Joy communication secretary

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS NOTES

- **TRUST OFFICER RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:** The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants recently awarded the 1992 "Distinguished Service Award" to Floyd Costerisan; reports Carol J. Grossman, secretary, Michigan Conference communication department. The award was given in recognition of his contributions to the profession. Costerisan is a retired partner of the accounting firm Maner, Costerisan & Ellis. Since May of 1991, he has served as associate trust services director of the Michigan Conference.



- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT LAKE REGION'S YPSILANTI (MI) CHURCH:** "Winning with Jesus" was the theme for this year's VBS program that had 30 children attending the nightly sessions during the first two weeks of August; reports R. Young, Ypsilanti communication secretary. In addition to learning new songs, making crafts and hearing the Word of God, a special feature captured the children's attention. To emphasize success through partnership with Christ, Ypsilanti member Karen Waller drew portraits of African-Americans who credited their success to God. Among those pictured in the "Winning with Jesus" hall of fame was George Washington Carver, Mary McLeod Bethune and Sojourner Truth. Coordinating this VBS program was Marie Dabney along with 10 volunteers.

- **INTERNATIONAL DAY AT YPSILANTI (MI) CHURCH** was held July 11; reports R. Young, Ypsilanti communication secretary. The guest speaker was Pastor Wendell Phipps (pictured) from the Broadview Academy in LaFox, IL. Phipps was a student missionary to Japan



during 1979-1981 which underscored the enthusiasm in his sermon, "Go Ye Therefore." Afternoon guests, Wajura and Sandra Kamuyu, shared their experiences of living abroad in the culture of Kenya, Africa. The fellowship meal was prepared in keeping with the day's theme. Items on the menu were Mexican tamales, Philippine egg rolls, Greek lentil soup, Indian roti, Caribbean ginger beer, strawberry shortcake from England and American lemonade. Maydis Skeete planned and coordinated the day's program.



Standing in front of a yellow ribbon that reads, "With God All Things Are Possible," during the new church dedication ceremony, are from left: First Elder Douglas Taylor, Pastor Robert F. Tolson, Deacon Nathaniel Williams and Elder Jimmie Strong.

ANSWERED PRAYERS

LAKE REGION — After years of continuous prayer and faith, the Chicago Beacon of Joy Church members have been abundantly blessed with a new church home.

Recently, a dedication of this new facility was held and many visitors, members and friends were on hand to join in celebrating this very special day. After the ribbon was cut by Pastor Robert F. Tolson, a special prayer was given by First Elder Douglas Taylor. Then the congregation sang, "God Is Already Here," as they entered into the first sacred service in their new home.

The new and improved Beacon of Joy Church is now located at 101 W. 108th Street in Chicago, and can comfortably accommodate a congregation of over 500.

Tanya Williams, Beacon of Joy communication secretary



ONE YEAR IN NEW HOME

WISCONSIN — Next month, the Fox Valley (WI) Church will celebrate its first anniversary as a new church in a new home.

In late 1991 the Oshkosh, Fond du Lac and Appleton churches combined to form the Fox Valley Church. Members purchased the Calvary Bible Church in Neenah, WI, in November 1991, and soon began remodeling the sanctuary, which was completed in January 1992.

Pat Johnson, Fox Valley communication secretary

LOCAL CHURCH

NEW U.S. PRESIDENT, NEW ISSUES
THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

LAKE UNION — The presidential campaign and the elections are history. While the "moral majority" type groups sent out so-called "neutral" voter information publications and promoted activities that compromise the separation of church and state, they were not as visible in this presidential campaign as in the recent past.

Consequently, religious issues did not have the high profile that they had in the last two or three presidential elections. However, the church/state separation tensions are still there. While the politico-religious right was not enthusiastic about George Bush because he did not zealously pursue their agenda (i.e., state-sponsored prayer in public schools, prohibition of abortion, governmental aid for church schools, etc.), he at least gave supportive lip-service to them.

Governor Clinton's stated positions in the church-state affairs have been more separationist. Thus, George Bush was the candidate closest to the religious right's beliefs and received their lukewarm support. Even though Governor Clinton won the presidential election, the religious right is planning to benefit by characterizing the upcoming administration as a persecution of the religious right, hoping to send out a clarion call to action.

Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, said, "Instead of Bush being there to energize the pro-abortion forces, you've got Clinton there to energize us." He went on to say that, "For Christians, without a crucifixion, there's no resurrection." *The Washington Post* said that, "Underlying the siren calls to a new wave of activism is a nexus of political and theological concerns."

Some of the leaders of the religious right were anti-Clinton and perceive a moral issue in supporting him. D. James Kennedy, televangelist and pastor of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, FL, said, "I think a nation

that would put a man like that in a position of leadership is just asking for the judgment of God." He believes that many Americans have sold their principles because of economic issues. Pastor Jerry Falwell says many people are asking that he again become politically involved, and predicts that by the middle of 1993 there will be a resurgence of the religious-right forces.

Supporters of the separation of church and state, while being grateful for an occupant of the White House who appreciates the benefit to both religion and government by such separation, must watch for a backlash from the religious right — even to the point of sabotaging the Clinton programs. Actions and programs may be portrayed by evangelicals as immoral and anti-Christian, when in reality they merely permit the exercise of the individual freedom that God has given us. As Thomas Jefferson observed, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." It is as true and as challenging now as it was 200 years ago.

President-elect Clinton in a speech on Sept. 9 stated his support for the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. This act, if passed by the Congress and signed by the President, would substantially reverse the effect of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Employment Division v. Smith*, which held that an individual must follow the law and ignore religious beliefs that would be violated by compliance, if the law is generally applicable and not directed specifically at religious conduct. Senators Kennedy (Democrat) and Hatch (Republican) have promised early action on this legislation during the next session of Congress.

We must take this opportunity to advance the cause of religious freedom by supporting the passage of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Information on this matter will be provided in the *Lake Union Herald* as soon as the bill is introduced in the Congress. Your Lake Union public affairs and religious liberty department will continue to monitor this indispensable legislation.

Vernon Alger, *Lake Union*
public affairs and religious liberty director

WORLD CHURCH

SDA CHURCH-APPROVED GUIDELINES ON ABORTION

ANNUAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHT — The Christian View of Human Life Committee, appointed four years ago, concluded its work by submitting its "Guidelines on Abortion" for approval.

This statement, which was approved, supports the sanctity of human life. While it recognizes that the Church does not condone abortion for reasons of birth control, gender selection or convenience, the statement also acknowledges that:

(a) The Church does not serve as conscience for individu-

als but provides moral guidance.

(b) Women may face exceptional circumstances which present serious moral or medical dilemmas, such as significant threats to the pregnant woman's life, serious jeopardy to her health, severe congenital defects carefully diagnosed in the fetus, and pregnancy resulting from rape or incest.

(c) The pregnant woman, aided by Biblical principles and the Holy Spirit's guidance, must make the final decision.

WORLD CHURCH NEWS NOTES

- **EVANGELISM EXPLODES IN ROMANIA:** Of the 110,000 people attending recent meetings conducted by 9,500 trained Romanian lay members, 35,000 have already completed the Revelation seminar lessons. Baptisms, which reached 5,000 in the first six months of this year, are expected to exceed 10,000 by the end of the year!
- **BANTUMA CHURCH IN KUMASI, GHANA:** Thirty-nine of the 100 visitors who came to Sabbath School on Visitors Day were baptized because 158 of the church's Sabbath School Action Units went door to door, every day for two weeks prior, giving Bible studies. Those who responded attended daily instruction before baptism. Similarly, about 600 were baptized through like methods in the city of Kumasi within four months of introduction to the Sabbath School Action Unit plan.
- **TANZANIA YOUTH PLAN 73,500 BAPTISMS DURING 1993:** Due to the Sabbath School Action Units and plans for youth evangelism, Tanzania increased its 1993 baptismal goal 367 percent (from 20,000 to 73,500), reports Elder J. Kasika, Tanzania Union youth director.
- **MOZAMBIQUE FOOD SCARE:** An ADRA shipment of corn arrived on the same barge as a shipment of sugar from another organization. Police and soldiers unsuccessfully tried to protect the load as the population of the town stormed the barge,

crossed over the corn to reach and raid the sugar shipment. ADRA project director, Guinther Wallauer, fearing the load of corn may be lost, went to see what the problem was. He was informed he need not worry for "we know that your food goes to those who need it. None will be touched." It wasn't.

- **GLOBAL MISSION IN SOUTH AMERICA:** How exciting to hear that 211,706 precious souls were baptized and 671 new churches were organized at the close of the second year of Global Mission in South America.
- **SMALL BEGINNINGS IN NORTH WEST AFRICA:** Niger is a nation with a population of more than eight million people, of which nearly 90 percent is Muslim. With only 18 Adventists and one worker in the whole country, this means there is only one Adventist for every 450,000 people. The Sahel Union (in which Niger is located) has developed a two-year plan to establish churches in three unentered cities: Dosso, Tahoua and Niamey. "Voice of Prophecy" radio programs with Bible and health correspondence courses, will be followed by: health expos, a video tape ministry, distribution of Spirit of Prophecy books, and finally the plan culminates with an evangelist series. Please remember this venture in your prayers.
- **EGYPT'S MOST DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE IN HISTORY** struck densely populated (12 million) Cairo but left no damage to the SDA institutions. This 5.5-6 point quake, with aftershocks measuring 4.3 and 3.7, was felt 265 miles away in Jerusalem.

PEOPLE IN TRANSITION

MICHIGAN

Myrna Earles has been appointed director of women's ministries for the conference. She replaces **Gaylene Wolkwitz** who moved to Indiana when her husband accepted the presidency of the Indiana Conference.

Melvin Santos is now pastor for the Brighton (Livingston) and Fenton district.

Hans Killius is now pastor for the Edmore and Lakeview churches.

Mike Davis is the new pastor for Detroit Oakwood Church in Melvindale, replacing **Herman Ottschowski**, who has taken a call to the Texico Conference.

Don Williams Sr. has transferred from Detroit Northwest and Monroe churches to the Troy Church.

Mike Conley is now pastor for the Detroit Northwest and Farmington churches.

Dan Rachor is now pastor for the Monroe Church along with the Belleville Church and the Dearborn Company.

James Micheff has returned to the Michigan Conference and is now pastor for the Grand Haven and Wright churches.

Mitchell Jonakin has transferred from the Orion-Oxford in Lake Orion and Lapeer churches to the Waterford Church.

Bradley Galambos accepted a call to Anchorage, AK. He was pastor for the Lansing Church.

Gary and Dianne Thurber, along with Justin (18 months) and Ryan (5 years), accepted the call to pastor the Lansing Church and began Sept. 26. They came from the University Church in Orlando, FL. Gary will also be the superintendent for District 7.

Peter and Jenny Neri accepted the call to pastor the Cedar Lake Church and began Oct. 3. They came from the Minnetonka Church in Wayzata, MN.

New interns are: **Marcel and Kim Pichot** to assist at Niles and Buchanan churches, replacing David and Elizabeth Yeagley; **Quentin and Kim Purvis** to assist at Detroit Oakwood Church, replacing Melvin and Julie Santos; and **Troy and Julie Fitzgerald** to assist at First Flint Church, replacing Kyle and Jennifer Robinson who returned to Theological Seminary.

LAKE REGION

Donald Morris, former assistant pastor at the City Temple Church in Detroit, is now pastor at Niles (MI) Philadelphia Church, replacing **Ralph Shelton** who is now pastor at the Ypsilanti (MI) Church.

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FIRST ANNUAL
CHRISTIAN TALENT SEARCH

Chapel / Bridge Records and **Turning Point Studios** have joined together to sponsor the First Annual Christian Talent Search for amateur Adventist musicians.

The idea for the talent search was conceived by Max Mace, founder and director of The Heritage Singers. "Touring the country over the past 22 years, I've discovered many talented but frustrated musicians within the Adventist Church. They all had the same question, 'How do you start your own music ministry and record an album?' So I want to help," Mace said. Chapel / Bridge Records is always looking for new talent and so the idea has become a reality.

This Talent Search aims to provide a platform for serious amateur musicians in the Adventist Church who feel led by the Lord to start a ministry. It is also to share information on how to begin and give needed exposure and encouragement from fellow musicians who have been in the music field for many years.

Three categories: 1. Solo; 2. Duo/group; 3. Instrumental. In addition to a winner being chosen for each of these categories, a Grand Prize winner will be chosen who will receive a **free recording contract**.

Judging the entries will be Shirley Sayers of Chapel / Bridge Records, Ted Wick of the General Conference along with recording artists, Wintley Phipps, Max Mace, Steve Darmody, and Sam O'Campo. Winners will be announced March 1, 1993 in all the Adventist Union publications.

Each participant must be at least 16 years of age and an amateur (never before recorded an album). **Entry deadline is January 31, 1993** and the fee is \$39. Applicants may submit one song on a cassette tape, per category entry. No videos will be accepted. Entry forms and further details may be obtained at your local **Adventist Book Center** or by contacting: **Turning Point Studios, (916) 622-9369, or P.O. Box 1358, Placerville, CA 95667.**

For those of you who are under the age of 16, plans for a Junior Talent Search are on the drawing board.

A LOOK BACK

72 YEARS AGO

Dec. 22, 1920: "Next station Cedar Lake" shouted the conductor, and in a few moments we [attendees of the teachers' institute] were pouring out of the crowded coaches and being heartily welcomed by faculty and students of Cedar Lake Academy, who had come to the train to meet us and escort us to our places of abode.

67 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1925: Books for Christmas [from the] Review and Herald Publishing Association, South Bend, Indiana. *Life Sketches of Ellen G. White:* \$1.25 cloth, \$2.25 leather.

Dec. 16, 1925: On Sunday afternoon at 2 P.M. the Indiana Academy at Cicero was formally dedicated. After looking over the farm at Cicero, every one of the fifteen committee men was favorable to the location. This was considered an evidence from the Lord that Cicero was the proper place.

Immediately steps were taken to build. During the six years of building \$87,000 was raised, and \$110,000 expended. At the time of the dedication all but \$1,100 had been raised.

Elder W. A. Spicer, president of the General Conference, in delivering the dedicatory address, stated that this is the one hundred twenty-first college and academy dedicated in all parts of the world since the Seventh-day Adventist people began their work. It stands as a monument of earnest cooperation of the people of Indiana.

Just before the dedicatory prayer, opportunity was given to raise the shortage of \$1,100. In about fifteen minutes the whole amount was raised. The present enrollment of the higher grades of the academy is nearly one hundred fifty.

52 YEARS AGO

Dec. 3, 1940: The Illinois Conference has reached \$35,000 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. The Illinois Conference, whose membership forms only 21% of the Lake Union, has raised 33% of the Ingathering funds collected in the Union.

Dec. 3, 1940: On September 14, W. C. Hankins had the privilege of or-

ganizing the Sault Ste. Marie [MI] church with twenty charter members. Looking back over the work in the Upper Peninsula field for the past six years, we see that there are five new church organizations and six permanent church homes where before we had no buildings.

Dec. 3, 1940: The Wisconsin Conference Ingathering report up to November 30 shows that \$19,453 has come in. The total tithe for the month was \$9,094.89

47 YEARS AGO

Dec. 11, 1945: Lake Region — Under the leadership of our district leader, Elder R. F. Warnick, the Lord has greatly blessed our efforts in Detroit before the upwards of 150,000 colored people in this metropolitan city. As a result of a series of Sunday evening lectures in the church at Hartford Avenue, thirty-four precious souls have cast in their lot with the commandment-keeping people of God, and have already gone forward with their Lord in baptism.

Dec. 25, 1945: Lake Region — The membership in the Capitol Avenue church in Indianapolis at this time stands between 300 and 400 believers. Our believers in central Indiana stand with, and are fully supporting, our new-born conference and our fine president, Elder J. G. Dasent. [Editor's Note: In 1992, the now named Capitol City Church has a about 957 believers!]

37 YEARS AGO

Dec. 6, 1955: Sixteen believers united to form the Indiana Shelbyville SDA Church, October 29. The Shelbyville group was organized in 1953 as a branch Sabbath school of the nearby Boggstown church by Elder O. F. Locke.

Dec. 6, 1955: Ninety-four [spelled as printed] years ago, the Michigan Conference was organized with some 400 members, the first official organization in the then embryonic Adventist denomination. On Sunday, November 6, state, city and church officials together with Adventist lay members witnessed another forward step—the dedication of the new half-million dollar conference headquarters in Lansing,

[with] individual heating and cooling units in each office. The structure has been called by many, one of the finest buildings of modern design in Michigan.

Dec. 20, 1955: Indiana Conference open house, Sunday, December 4. Our new office building [at] 1405 Broad Ripple Avenue, was erected for \$125,000. The Union gave \$15,000 and the Indiana Book and Bible House gave \$3,000. This, plus what we sold the old house for, meant that we had to take less than \$15,000 out of our operating fund. Had we remained on Meridian Street and added on, we would have spent \$40,000 to \$50,000. In erecting this new building, the conference saved approximately \$30,000.

17 YEARS AGO

Dec. 2, 1975: Greg Martin, a freshman at Andrews University, drove a Norton 850 motorcycle to Andrews from his hometown, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dec. 16, 1975: A major change in

the format of prenatal classes at the Hinsdale San for next year, is the establishment of a first trimester class for women in their first three months of pregnancy and their husbands. This is the ideal time to discuss such aspects of nutrition, warning signs, and the effect of drugs and smoking on the unborn infant.

Dec. 16, 1975: Andrews University has begun construction of a \$700,000 apartment complex for married students attending A.U. The complex will have 46 units, bringing the total number of married student housing units to almost 350. Completion date is set for August 1976.

SEVEN YEARS AGO

Dec. 3, 1985: Students at the Adventist elementary school in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, recently constructed a ramp for their church to assist handicapped people in entering the church. Completion of the project fulfilled the [students'] Adventist Youth wood handicraft honor requirements.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LAKE UNION

World Health & Temperance Day Offering, Dec. 12: This offering is the lifeline of the health and temperance department of your conference, union and division. Fifty percent of the offering will be retained by your conference and 15 percent by your union. These funds are needed to spearhead a new anti-drug program, "Adventist Youth to Youth."

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, Dec. 19: To benefit the Euro-Asia Division and former Communist countries who have been without our support for 65 years. Since the currency in this area stretches very far, your offerings will provide a school, four evangelistic and medical centers, and greenhouses for the seminary's vegetable gardens.

"Amazing Facts" is now being aired nationwide on the Black Entertainment Television (BET) cable network. This program is a special ministry of the Chesapeake Conference in Columbia, MD, and will be aired every Wednesday on BET at 8 a.m., EST.

Correction: In the October *Lake Union Herald*, a news note under "Local Church" incorrectly named Dr. Alfonso Valenzuela as the gentleman playing the mandolin instrument, when in fact this gentleman was Jimmy Delgado from Grand Rapids, MI, who played for special music at the Michigan Conference Spanish retreat, May 8-10.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Department of Music schedule: Dec. 5, "Choral Concert," university choirs, 4 p.m.; Dec. 6, "Faculty Recital," Carla Trynchuk and Eileen Hutchins, 8 p.m.; and Dec. 11, "Friday Festival of Faith/Masterworks Series Concert II," Julia Lindsay, Bruce Rasmussen, Stephen Zork, Berrien Springs Elementary Schools Chorus, Andrews University Festival Chorus, and the Michiana Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. For details call 616-471-3600.

Lake Union Band and Keyboard Festival, Feb. 24-27, 1993: Call 616-471-6340 for information

about how high school age youth can participate.

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Academy Homecoming for the Class of 1953. In preparation for our 40-year reunion to be held in April, we are searching for the following individuals: Fern Adair, Juanita Carey, Gloria Kerns, Milton Lee, Katherine Myers, Pat Smith, Elizabeth Bennett, Lillian DeMelt, Lois Kopitzke, Nila Lemon, Shirley Olson, Raymond Banfe, Doris Kennedy, Don Labrenz, Ruby Mende and Betty Reinhardt. Please contact the coordinators with any information: Shirley Jaeschke, S46 W22470 Tansdale Road, Waukesha, WI 53186, 414-544-5438; or Don Nelson, 9615 Wallers Road, Partlow, VA 22534, 703-582-6564.

WORLD CHURCH

National Single Adult New Year's retreat, Dec. 30-Jan. 3: To be held at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, FL. For information contact: Adventist Singles Ministries, 4467 King Springs Road, Smyrna, GA 30082; 404-434-5111.

Adventist Singles Ministries New Year's retreat: Celebrate the New Year with hundreds of singles while cruising the moonlit waters of the beautiful San Diego Harbor on the yacht *Entertainer*. This is just a

part of the four-day New Year's National Single Adult retreat at Grosvenor Inn in San Diego. For details contact: Adventist Singles Ministries, 4467 King Springs Road, Smyrna, GA 30082; 404-434-5111.

Lay Evangelism Seminar, Jan. 3-9, 1993: This seminar, to be held in Hagerstown, MD, will be an intensive, hands-on program providing laypeople with everything needed to hold an actual crusade. Contact: Amazing Facts, P.O. Box 680, Frederick, MD 21701; 301-694-6200.

"Lifestyle Magazine" schedule: This month's topics include Dec. 6, maintaining a happy marriage; Dec. 13, arthritis; Dec. 20, alcohol and advertising; Dec. 27, stop smoking; and Jan. 3, 1993, forgiving parents/forgiving ourselves. Call 804-373-7684 for area viewing information.

"Voice of Prophecy" schedule: Dec. 6-11, "Dress for Success" (Sunday), followed by "How to Pray for Keeps." Dec. 13-18, "A Man They Couldn't Keep Down" (Sunday), followed by "The Light Maker." Dec. 20-25, "The Best Gift Ever Given" (Sunday), followed by "A King's Ransom." Dec. 27-Jan. 1, 1993, "Heaven at Last" (Sunday), followed by "Passing the Torch." Call 805-373-7611 for area listening information.

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ANNIVERSARY

Ray and Rose Witzel recently



celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family gathering in both Wisconsin and Michigan. The couple were married on Aug. 1, 1942, by Pastor E. E. Clements in Clinton, IA.

Mr. Witzel served as a medic in the U.S. Army and worked for the Veterans Administration in Tomah, WI, for 30 years before retiring in 1979. Mrs. Witzel worked as a nurse in Tomah.

The Witzels are members of the Berrien Springs Village Church. They have four children: Judith Lim

of Fraser, MI; Geraldine Buttler of Alberta, Canada; Thomas Witzel of Berrien Springs; and Nancy Brannock of Reno, NV. They have 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

WEDDINGS

Jodi Linn Baker and Keith Allan Reymore were married Oct. 4, 1992, in Flushing, MI. The ceremony was by Pastor Don Baker.

Jodi is the daughter of Gerald and Juanita Baker of Clio, MI, and Keith is the son of Lavon and Barbara Reymore of Bay City, MI.

The Reymores are making their home in Clio.

Cindy Brown and Jeff Burns were married Sept. 6, 1992, in Holland, MI. The ceremony was performed by Elder Eugene Amey.

Cindy is the daughter of Ronald and Arlene Winters of Marshall, MI, and Raymond and Deborah Green of Battle Creek, MI. Jeff is the son of Robert and Audrey Burns of St. Charles, MI.

The Burns are making their home in Holland.

Vicki Crossland and Jean B. Pichot were married Sept. 13, 1992, in Buchanan, MI. The ceremony was performed by Paul Pichot.

Vicki is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crossland of Nashville, TN, and Jean is the son of Paul and Diane Pichot of Lake City, MI.

The Pichots are making their home in Berrien Springs, MI.

Patricia Krause and Jon Travis were married June 21, 1992, in Wittenberg, WI. The ceremony was performed by Elder Robert D. Stauffer.

Patty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Krause of Wittenberg, and Jon is the son of Elder and Mrs. Gordon Travis.

The Traveses are making their home in Richmond, CA.

DeAnne Faye Mlodzik and Llewellyn Rhys Fellowes were married Sept. 19, 1992, in Wisconsin Rapids, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Donovan Davis.

DeAnne is the daughter of Lynell Mlodzik of Port Edwards, WI, and Llew is the son of George and Arleva

Fellowes of Wisconsin Rapids.

The Fellowes' are making their home in Nekoosa, WI.

Janice Ann Reed and David Arthur Rau were married Oct. 11, 1992, in Lapeer, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor R. Mitchell Jonakin.

Jan is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Montroy of Cadillac, MI, and David is the son of Cleon and Dorothy Rau of Flushing, MI.

The Raus are making their home in Lapeer, MI.

OBITUARIES

BARNES, A. Lucille, age 93; born June 6, 1899, in Coal Township, OH; died Sept. 17, 1992, in Houghton Lake, MI. She was a member of the Houghton Lake Church.

Survivors include: 2 sons, Lloyd and Russell Nolin; 2 daughters, Joan Sudlow and Joyce Beattie; a sister, Lillian Beatty; 18 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

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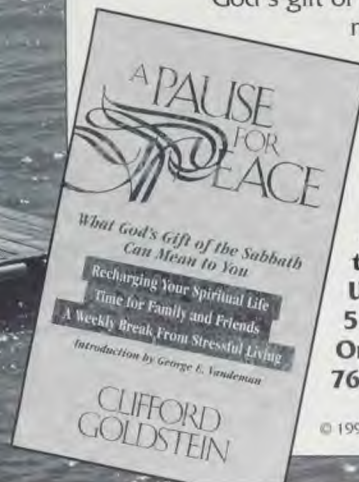
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Services were conducted by Pastor David Stramel, and interment was in Roscommon Township Cemetery, Houghton Lake.

BROOKS, Anita H., age 88; born July 6, 1904, died Sept. 21, 1992, in Richland Center, WI. She was a member of the Wisconsin Conference Church in Madison.

Services were conducted by Pastor Wendell Springer, and interment was in Star Cemetery, LaFarge, WI.

BRUSH, Ruby I., age 74; born Dec. 22, 1917, in Westby, WI; died Sept. 23, 1992, in LaCrosse, WI. She was a member of the LaCrosse Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Gerald; 2 daughters, Renee Copeland and Sophie Meyers; 2 brothers, Carl and Leland Simonson; and 3 sisters, Stella Matthews, Nina Patton and Ona Liebenow.

Services were conducted by Pastor William Cowin, and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, LaCrosse.

CLARK, Georgie S., age 86; born June 17, 1906, in Chattanooga, TN; died Aug. 31, 1992, in Rockford, IL. She was a member of the Rockford Church.

She is survived by her son, Ernest E. Clark Jr.

Services were conducted by Pastor Leonard J. Marsa, and interment was in the Cedar Bluff Cemetery, Rockford.

DU CHATEAU, Elmer J., age 80; born Oct. 15, 1911, in Green Bay, WI; died Sept. 19, 1992, in Green Bay. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include: a daughter, Betty-Lou Funk; 2 brothers, Raymond and Ervin; a sister, Lillian Wilson; a brother-in-law, Robert Funk; and 3 sisters-in-law, Marion, Violet and Margaret.

Services were conducted by Pastor Marvin Clark, and interment was in Mill Center Cemetery, Green Bay.

ECKART, Agnes D., age 90; born Aug. 23, 1902, in Bates Township, MI; died Oct. 9, 1992, in Crystal Falls, MI. She was a member of the Iron River (MI) Church.

Survivors are: a son, Kenneth; a daughter-in-law, Alice; and 2 grandchildren, Susan Kirk and Ronald.

Services were conducted by Elder Jim Risk, and interment was in Resthaven Cemetery, Iron River.

HILT, Arthur J., age 94; born Aug. 16, 1898; died Oct. 15, 1992, in Muskego, WI. He was a member of the Waukesha (WI) Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Adella; 2 sons, Dale and Daniel; a daughter, Dorothy Holder; a sister, Rose Behling; 8 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor D. Duane Brown at the Becker-Ritter Funeral Home in Muskego.

MASCHKE, Byron P. Sr., age 70; born Sept. 15, 1922, in Rockford, IL; died Sept. 20, 1992, in Rockford. He was a member of the Freeport (IL) Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Leila; 2 sons, Byron Jr. and William; and 2 grandchildren.

Services were by Pastor Leonard J. Marsa, and interment was in Willwood Burial Park, Rockford.

McMASTER, Arlene "Betty" E., age 72; born Oct. 7, 1920, in Mars Hill, ME; died Oct. 17, 1992, in St. Johns, MI. She was a member of the St. Johns Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Raymond; 2 sons, Richard Bedlek and Benjamin Peterson; a daughter, Karen Cierlik; and 5 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Paul Yeoman, and interment was in the Eureka (MI) Cemetery.

MIDDAUGH, Grace L., was stillborn on March 17, 1992, in Berrien Center, MI.

Survivors are: her parents, Glen and Sylvia, who are members of the Glenwood Church in Dowagiac, MI; and a brother, Benjamin.

Services were conducted by Pastor Gary Russell, and interment was in the South Wayne Cemetery, Dowagiac, MI.

MYERS, Lois E., age 72; born July 5, 1920; died Oct. 8, 1992, in Ionia, MI. She was a member of the Ionia Church.

Survivors include: 2 brothers, Charles and William Pearce; and a sister, Virginia Scribner.

Services were conducted by Pastor Bob Joseph, and interment was in Tuttle Cemetery, Ionia.

OWEN, Zelma L. (Sevy), age 88; born Jan. 11, 1904, in Battle Creek, MI; died Oct. 6, 1992, in Battle Creek. She was a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

Survivors include: a son, Guy M. Woodward; 3 daughters, Patricia Ashley, Marilyn McCluskey and

Valerie Hartson; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor LaRue Cook, and interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek.

PAGE, Laurice T., age 80; born Dec. 3, 1911, in Hart, MI; died July 18, 1992, in Traverse City, MI. He was a member of the Traverse City Church.

Survivors are: his wife, Donna; 2 sons, Larry E. and Lyle T.; a brother, Paul L.; and 4 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Arthur Covell, and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Manistee, MI.

PETERSON, James S., age 76; born Sept. 15, 1916, in Coopersville, MI; died Oct. 12, 1992, in Ionia, MI. He was a member of the Ionia Church.

Survivors are: his wife, LaVina; a daughter, Sandra; a brother, Alfred; a sister, Francis Christensen; a grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

Services were by Pastor Bob Joseph, and interment was in River Ridge Cemetery, Belding, MI.

PIKE, Charles L., age 77; born Nov. 3, 1914, in Bangor, MI; died Oct. 8, 1992, in Bangor. He was a member of the Bangor Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Dorothy; a son, Francis; and a daughter, Jean Kenyon.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Robert C. Quillin of the Bangor Church and James Hodge of the United Methodist Church, as Mr. Pike sang in both church choirs.

PURDY, Cora A. (Losey, Scarborough), age 90; born in 1902 in Tompkins, MI; died May 5, 1992, in Los Olivos, CA. She was a member of the Jackson (MI) Church.

Survivors include: a stepdaughter, Ruth Sahm; 4 stepgrandchildren; and 3 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Rex Bean, and interment was in the Horton (MI) Cemetery.

RIEDEL, Christinia A., age 86; born Sept. 7, 1905, in Saginaw, MI; died Aug. 28, 1992, in Roscommon, MI. She was a member of the Houghton Lake (MI) Church.

Survivors include: 5 daughters, Rosaline Whipple, Pauline Burns, Blanch Fekaris, Connie Westdorp and Cora Theisen; 2 stepsons, Herman and Don; and a stepdaughter, Helen Verlinde.

Services were conducted by Pastors David Stramel and James Wykoff, and interment was in the Lake City (MI) Cemetery.

RIUTTA, Irene L., age 87; born Feb. 9, 1905, in Finland; died Oct. 2, 1992, in Hancock, MI. She was a member of the Houghton (MI) Church.

Survivors include: 2 sons, David and Edwin; 2 daughters, Betty Vitton and Miriam Kipina; a sister, Ingrid Paalijarvi; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were by Pastor Gordon E. Stecker, and interment was in Lakeside Cemetery, Hancock.

SCHLITZER, Robert Carl, age 48; born June 8, 1944, in St. Joseph, MI; died Sept. 24, 1992, in St. Joseph, MI. He was a member of the Fairplain Church in Benton Harbor, MI.

Survivors include: his father, Robert N.; two brothers, James and Richard; and a sister, Joan Page.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Raymond Holmes.

SMITH, Bartlett M., age 66; born Feb. 16, 1926, in Kalamazoo, MI; died Sept. 16, 1992, in Kalamazoo. He was a member of the Kalamazoo Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Ardell Derhammer McClain; a son, Brian; 2 daughters, Sheila and Ann; 3 stepdaughters; Sharon Brown, Patricia McClain and Mary Wallace; a sister, Helen Braley; 10 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor A. Royce Snyman, and interment was in the Hope Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

WHITEZEL, Esther, age 92; born June 4, 1899, in St. Paul, MN; died May 13, 1992, in Chicago. She was a member of the North Shore Church in Chicago.

She is survived by her son, Jim; and a sister, Ruth Chavez.

Services were conducted by Pastors Jerry Coyle and Ron Peyton, and interment was in Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago.

WILKINSON, Helen M., age 92; born April 4, 1900, in Chesaning, MI; died Oct. 5, 1992, in Chesaning. She was a member of the Chesaning Church.

She is survived by 2 brothers, William and Lester.

Services were by Pastor Wilbur F. Woodhams, and interment was in Wildwood Cemetery, Chesaning.

THE WAY I SEE IT

SERVANTS FOR JESUS

Sir Wilfred Grenfell wrote: "The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on earth. It is obvious that man is himself a traveler and that the purpose of this world is not to 'have and to hold' but to 'give and to serve.' "

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Gwendolyn Weaver
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OUR PAPER

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Illinois	4,872,370.44	4,629,914.16	242,456.28 G	5.2%
Indiana	2,783,081.58	2,652,210.19	130,871.39 G	4.9%
Lake Region	4,048,594.99	3,535,630.81	512,964.18 G	14.5%
Michigan	11,656,147.30	10,920,283.67	735,863.63 G	6.7%
Wisconsin	<u>2,500,457.52</u>	<u>2,410,997.95</u>	<u>89,459.57 G</u>	<u>3.7%</u>
TOTAL	25,860,651.83	24,149,036.78	1,711,615.05 G	7.1%

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	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 25	January 1
Berrien Springs, MI	5:14	5:14	5:16	5:19	5:25
Chicago	4:20	4:20	4:22	4:25	4:31
Detroit	5:02	5:01	5:03	5:06	5:12
Indianapolis	5:21	5:21	5:22	5:26	5:31
La Crosse, WI	4:28	4:27	4:29	4:32	4:38
Lansing, MI	5:05	5:04	5:06	5:09	5:15
Madison, WI	4:23	4:22	4:24	4:27	4:33
Springfield, IL	4:34	4:34	4:36	4:39	4:45

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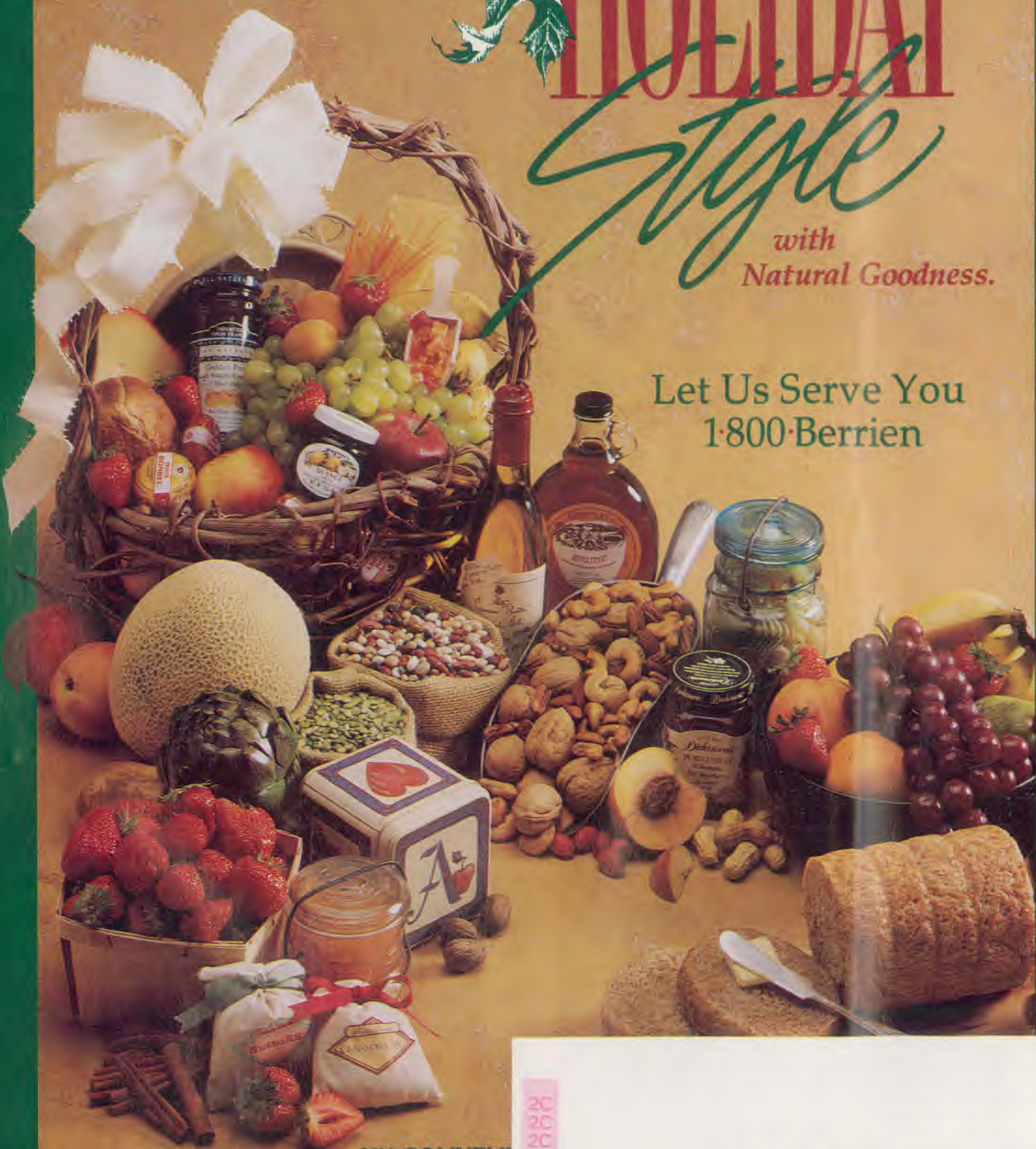
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