

# STEWARDSHIP MORE THAN JUST MONEY

"Those who are truly converted are called to do a work which requires money and consecration. The obligations which bind us to place our names on the church roll hold us responsible to work to the utmost of our ability for God. He calls for undivided service, for the entire devotion of heart, soul, mind, and strength. Christ has brought us into church capacity, that He may engage and engross all our capabilities in devoted service for the salvation of others. Anything short of this is opposition to the work. There are only two places in the universe where we can deposit our treasures—in God's storehouse or in Satan's. And all that is not devoted to God's service is counted on Satan's side, and goes to strengthen his cause . . . He whose life consists in ever receiving and never giving soon loses the blessing. If truth does not flow

forth from him to others, he loses his capacity to receive. We must impart the goods of heaven if we would have fresh blessings ... If men will become channels through which God's blessing can flow to others, the Lord will keep the channel supplied." —E. G. White, Manuscript 139, reprinted in **This Day With God**, page 303.



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# THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE\_

#### Dear Friends,

During the last year and a half we have been in the process of mergers throughout the Northern and Central Union territories. These mergers have affected the operation of every conference. As you know we have merged the two union conferences, Colorado and Wyoming (Rocky Mountain), Iowa and Missouri (Iowa-Missouri), Kansas and Nebraska (Kansas-Nebraska) and North Dakota and South Dakota (Dakota Conference). The Central States Conference, which directs the work of the black churches in our union, gained more territory with the union mergers. Only the Minnesota Conference remains unchanged at this time.

Our Mid-America Union president, Elder Reile, asked me to give you some figures on the savings of funds that are the result of the mergers. No doubt there have been some traumatic experiences for many of the personnel involved; however, when we look at the savings that have resulted, the processes become much more palatable.

The mergers have allowed us to close down the operation of five offices. Counting the expense for utilities, rent and maintenance, the savings will be over \$125,000 annually.

We are carrying on the work of the church with 24 fewer departmental directors than before and also with 23 fewer office secretaries. The total savings for salary and expense of personnel is well over \$900,000.00. Now, when this is all added up, the grand total savings per year amounts to more than one million dollars. Surely, when we can realize a million dollars per year in savings, we can understand more fully the need for the mergers.

These funds are currently being saved and are being used in each of the existing conferences to assist in the total operation of the church. The savings within the union operation will be used to strengthen the outreach program for our area.

Should you ever have questions concerning the operation of your church, conference or union, please ask one of your conference or union officers to clear up any question you might have. We are here to serve you.

We appreciate your faithfulness to the cause of God in the many ways that you support the church. God bless you!

Sincerely,

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# Sharing the Wealth

#### By C. Lee Huff

One day Peter and John were on their way to the temple. A man, 40 years of age, lame from birth, was sitting at the gate called Beautiful begging for alms. The apostles' hearts went out in loving sympathy to this poor sufferer. Their sympathetic looks aroused great expectation. The lame man hoped that a coin might be tossed to him.

He asked for alms, but his need was far greater—he needed legs. Looking upon him, Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God." Acts 3:6-8.

Peter was poor, yet how rich! It is ever so of the Christian. Not in silver and gold is he richer, perhaps, but he is richer in something that money cannot buy. It is a fact that very little real wealth consists of money. By far the greater part consists of the things that money cannot buy. The best things in life are not marked with a dollar sign. Good parents, true companions, friends, a sound mind, a healthy body, an education, a Christian experience, and many other things too numerous to mention cannot be acquired by money.

The wealth that Peter had was vastly more than the lame man imagined. That is true of every Christian. What should we do with what we have? Exactly what Peter did—share it with others. "Such as I have give I thee." We are to be sharers of Life. What the world needs most today is what we as Christians have to give. Never in all history did men have so much to *live for*. Never did they have so much to *live with*. Yet never did they seem to have so *little to live by*.

As needy as the millions of earth are, the wealth that man needs most is not silver and gold, but the spiritual wealth that true Christians share.

We can better appreciate our wealth by a glance at the statement:

A man is poor-

If he is without friends.

- If he has no ideals.
- If he has a guilty conscience.
- If he has lost his self-respect.
- If his morals are questionable.
- If he is selfish, uncharitable or cruel.
- If his mind and soul have been neglected.
- If his wife and family do not love and respect him.
- If he has a disagreeable disposition that makes enemies and repels his friends.
- If making money has crowded out the cultivation of his spiritual life.
- If all his investments and possessions are laid upon earth and he has no treasures in heaven.

-from the poem, "The Poor Man"

How can a true Christian dare say that he is poor? "Such as I have . . ." You can give only what you possess. Peter knew he had *something*. He knew he was a new man. He knew that this poor helpless cripple needed what he had. Instead of alms, he received legs; instead of sitting, he started leaping; instead of begging, he started praising. He was a new man. He was made wealthy because Peter had shared his riches with him. In God's plan (a share-the-wealth plan) the more we share with others the more we have left for ourselves. "Give and it shall be given unto you," the Scriptures declare.

The giving of money is not necessarily the sharing of your wealth, since true riches do not consist of silver and gold. Sharing your wealth is sharing your life.

"Not what we give, but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare."

The temptation has ever been with men to substitute the sacrament of the temple for the sacrament of life. This is why God has warned the church of the last days to beware of "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." Some are very exact about church attendance. They may cast in a few coins when convenient, offer prayers, go through certain set forms—careful indeed to meet every requirement of church ritual—and yet fail to share their lives with humanity. The prophet Hosea warns us, "I desired mercies, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings."

The Pharisees were very exact about the sacrament of the temple. They were a very religious people. Their's was not a sin of indifference, but a sin of forms and ceremonies where there should have been godlike living. They were concerned with appearances. They spent their time doing things of secondary importance. "Ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Matthew 23:23. What was wrong with their conduct? It was not the fact that they were tithers. Jesus approves of their conduct in this matter. Where they were wrong was in thinking that paying tithe was more important than being just and merciful and sharing their lives. They tried to make a certain form of giving—a sacrament of the temple—substitute for right living, a sharing of life. This can never be. We become wealthy as we share.

C. Lee Huff is Secretary and Director of Stewardship for the Minnesota Conference.

## \_KANSAS-NEBRASKA

#### New Company Formed

#### By Philip Marino

Spanish believers in Lincoln, Nebraska, officially became a company September 26, at the Sabbath worship service at the Capitol View Seventh-day Adventist Church. Fortysix persons have chosen to be members of the new company which was organized by Joel Tompkins, president of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.



Anita Escobar, Tony Herrera, Joel Tompkins, Pastor Arthur Andreas

Tony Herrera was selected to serve as local elder, and Anita Escobar will serve as treasurer. Arthur Andreas will pastor both Capitol View and the new Spanish Congregation.

Prior to the organizing of the new company, the Spanish believers were members of the Capitol View Church; however, separate services have been conducted for some time.

The New Spanish company is currently meeting at the College View Academy Chapel. Elder Tompkins stated, "We have great hope that this group can grow into a church."

Philip Marino is communication secretary for the Capitol View Church.

#### News From Golden Hills

#### By Pauline Long NEW SCHOOL STARTED

A new school opened in Golden Hills, August 24, 1981 with nine happy and excited children. The school utilizes one of the classrooms in the new Golden Hills Church.



Jamie Whitehill and Debbie Wyraz typing at the Golden Hills new church school.

The teacher, Mrs. Ruby Higby, met each pupil at the door and escorted each one to his new desk. Only one of the nine children had been able to attend a church school the year before, so it was a new experience for most of them. During the summer, some of the children, who were anxious to have their new school, worked with their fathers in refinishing the desks, which had been purchased from the public school system. Students also helped their teacher sort books and assisted with other duties.

It is a new experience for most of the children to study Bible in school. Other subjects which are new to most students are baking bread and sewing. Mrs. Higby believes that pupils learn faster at an early age; therefore, typing was introduced at the elementary level. Typewriters were donated by parents and church members. Other items donated include two sets of encyclopedias, a teacher's desk and chair, two globes, stereo, television, playground equipment, duplicating machine, flag and books.

The members of Golden Hills Church believe in Christian Education and are looking forward to the erection of a new physical plant.

#### INGATHERING COMPLETED

The members of the Golden Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church set September 25 as a mystery day to launch the 1982 Ingathering campaign. On this day all business solicitation would be finished. Gifts solicited from friends, and personal gifts would be brought to the Lord. At the close of the church service nearly \$900.00 had been donated for Ingathering. Six nights of door-to-door soliciting resulted in a total of \$2101.00. However, a super goal of \$2500.00 had been



Leo Gallegos, Personal Ministries Leader and Pastor Murray Long looking at the Ingathering goal device which shows the Golden Hills Church exceeding their super goal.

set by the church. Ingathering continued four more nights and at the close of the tenth night, \$2520.00 had been brought in for the finishing of God's work. Several members still have territory to be finished and plan to work until it is completed.

One man who was contacted, was so enthused about the Five-day Plan which was explained in the Ingathering brochure, that he not only gave a donation, but also gave the solicitor his name, address, and telephone number so he could attend the next plan.

Pauline Long is communication secretary for the Golden Hills Church.

#### Enterprise Academy

#### By Jancie Clark

Enterprise Academy is well into its 63rd school year. Nearly one hundred students are attending.

Most of the students come from Kansas, but the states of California, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma are also represented. Two students come from the South American country of Venezuela where their parents are missionaries.



Several Enterprise Academy students getting acquainted during the traditional beginning-of-the-year Handshake in front of the Ad Building.

Already many important events have taken place. The first Sunday of the school year students and staff went to Milford Lake for the school picnic. Water skiing, swimming and other activities filled the day. Week of Prayer was held the third week of school by Elder Bobby Potter, pastor of the Pittsburg, Kansas Church. Boy's Club and Girl's Club have each had their respective campouts. All four classes ran their own booths at the town's annual Kountry Klatter. The EA AYBL team sponsored well-attended fair booths in Abilene and Hutchinson.

Coming up soon is a gymnastic tour to Garden City, and an AYBL tour to Larned. Many other activities are planned for the near future.

"Enterprise Academy has been here for 62 years, and we have no intention of closing now," said Howard Barron, principal.

Recent developments on campus have included the addition of the Mid-Kansas Industries, Inc., a welding operation which employs student labor. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Matthis own and operate the business.

The bakery has been selling bread since the last part of the previous school year. It, too, has plans for growth, according to Mrs. Lula Masters, food service director.

Enterprise Academy's greenhouses are to be running soon, according to

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the Long Range Planning Committee. Several new faculty and staff members and Task Force Volunteers are working at EA this year. Dan Barr, from California, is teaching computer science, and Kevin Grussling, also from California, is the assistant boy's dean. The new home economics and business education instructor, Cheryl Hewes, is from California, while the assistant girl's dean Edie Holton, is from Oklahoma. Mark Komula, campus chaplain, and his wife, Jenny, assistant food service director, come from Michigan.

Bruce Kuist, from California, is head of the music department. His wife, Irene, is the keyboard instructor. Leonard Radcliff from North Dakota is the new farm manager. LaDonna Reynolds, the registrar, is from Kansas, and Allan Wolfson, from California, is the Bible teacher.

"I really like the good attitudes of both the students and staff this year." said one faculty member. "I feel that this is going to be a great year."



Jeffry Lyn Watts is being baptized by Elder Harry E. Curl at Hutchinson, Kansas SDA Church, September 12, 1981. Christa Mae Stafford and Robert Allen Peters were baptized the same day.

#### Baptism

#### By Jancie Clark

Robin Rogers and her nine-year-old daughter Sarah, were baptized in the lake at Broken Arrow Ranch. Lee Thompson, Personal Ministries Director of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference performed the baptism.

Robin, who is presently an assistant food service director at Enterprise Academy, had been baptized previously. "Back then, it was mostly for the sake of bringing up my daughter in the church," she explained. "I chose to be re-baptized because now I have experienced what God is really like and I know what baptism really means."

Robin and Sarah are members of the Enterprise Church. Sarah is attending the third grade at the Enterprise SDA Elementary School.

Jancie Clark is communication secretary for Enterprise Academy.

#### AN URGENT NEED

The Kansas-Nebraska Adventist Association has an urgent need for a used pick-up. Anyone having such a vehicle that could be donated, please write or call: Teddric Mohr 3440 Urish Road Topeka, Kan. 66604 (913) 478-9745 Since the vehicle will be used exclu-

sively for religious and/or charitable work, a tax-deductible receipt can be given for the full appraised value.

# **JOWA-MISSOURL**

**New Conference President** 



W. D. Wampler was elected president of the Iowa-Missouri Conference by the Executive Committee October 1, and accepted the call officially following a visit to the Des Moines, Iowa headquarters office a week later.

Wampler replaces R. S. Watts, Jr. who was elected president of the Southern California Conference in September.

Wampler, a 1951 graduate of Southern Missionary College, has the unique distinction of having spent thirty years of his ministry in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, the last sixteen years as its president.

Under his leadership, the Alabama-Mississippi Conference has grown in membership by 60% and a well balanced program of outreach has been conducted. A new conference office, a new youth camp and nursing home facility are among the major institutions completed under Wampler's administration.

Elder Wampler and his wife, Betty, have three children: Jim, who is Bible teacher and guidance counselor at Ozark Academy; Debbie, who is a physical therapist at Shawnee Mission Medical Center; and Gary, who is a junior at Alabama-Mississippi's Bass Memorial Academy.

Many challenges and opportunities face the new president who will arrive in the Iowa-Missouri Conference in mid to late November.

#### Watts Goes to Southern California

Ralph S. Watts. Jr., the first president of the Iowa-Missouri Conference, was elected president of the Southern California Conference by their Executive Committee on September 14.



Watts has guided the Iowa-Missouri Conference through its first formative year following the merger of the Iowa and Missouri Conferences, and has made significant progress in establishing the new conference and uniting the two constituencies.

Under his leadership the Executive Committee has formed the current office staff, set policies, and established programs for the new conference. Watts has faced numerous challenges and has established a reputation for fairness and openess in dealing with the many issues facing the conference and has encouraged a strong program of evangelistic outreach.

In his new position Watts will lead the denomination's second largest conference and face the challenges of a multi-ethnic constituency and a highly institutionalized church.

#### Student Missionary Speaks At Nevada, Missouri

#### By Laesel Haines

Jean Meeker was the guest speaker recently at the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Nevada, Missouri.

A junior at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, Miss Meeker told of spending nine months as a missionary on Palau Island, which is one of the Canary Islands. She taught kindergarten there and found that she and the children spoke different languages. By drawing pictures and pointing they learned to understand each other.

She also found that the people on that island enjoy singing; music seemed to bring them together. She told the congregation that after finishing college she would like to return to Palau Island.

Laesel Haines is a member of the Nevada, Missouri Church.

### IOWA-MISSOURI

Notes From Guthrie Center

By Lynn I. Ahrens



Fair Booth

FAIR BOOTH PRODUCES RESULTS The Guthrie Center Seventh-day Adventist Church sponsored a booth at the Guthrie County Fair for the first time. The theme, "For Your Abundant Health" was used as a kickoff for a Five Day Plan To Stop Smoking. A drawing for a vegetarian cookbook, *It's Your World*, generated considerable interest for a vegetarian cooking school to be held later this year.

Along with the health brochures, Steps to Christ, Project Sunlight, These Times and Signs of the Times were distributed. Continued follow-up with

#### Social Occasion Honors Elder and Mrs. Chaviano

#### By LaVerne Zumbaum

"The Adventist family is a wonderful family to belong to", summarized Ignacio Chaviano at the recent surprise shower for himself and Mrs. Chaviano. The Chavianos have recently



Elder and Mrs. Chaviano

joined the ministerial staff of the Kansas City Central Church to lead in outreach activities and administer to the spiritual needs of approximately 35,000 Hispanic people in the Kansas City area. Anticipation and delight charged the membership as they showered their gifts and wished the newcomers God's blessing and a fruitful ministry as they begin their work in Kansas City. each new contact will be made by the church members.

#### ORDINATION OF OFFICERS

Sabbath, October 3, Pastor Dan Neergaard, assisted by Floyd Sherburne, first elder, offered the ordination service for the placement of Carl Holland as an elder and Carl Williams as a deacon. They join the other church officers who began their year of service October 1.

Lynn I. Ahrens is communication secretary for the Guthrie Center Church.

About a year ago the Chavianos came to this country as Cuban refugees. He studied English at Andrews University for a few months. Already he has assisted as interpreter for the Spanish people during an English evangelistic crusade. Two groups of people, one with an attendance of 25, and one with 20 people, have requested that he study the Bible with them. Sabbath school and church services are held weekly in the Blue Chapel of the Central Church. Classes for both adults and children are in the Spanish language.

Randall Murphy, pastor of the Kansas City Central Church, stated, "We look forward with great expectancy to the development of this part of our church ministry in this area."

LaVerne Zumbaum is the communication secretary for the Kansas City Central Church.

#### School Opens With New Program

The Rolla, Missouri Seventh-day Adventist School opened August 20 with 12 students in grades one through eight under the tutelage of teacher, Mike Lowe. The school is being conducted this year under a "work-study" program following the principles outlined by Dr. and Mrs. Raymond S. Moore, who have written several books and conducted several similar work-study programs. The students are being taught many new skills. One of the projects is a six-acre strawberry patch planted last spring on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Risbeck. An apple orchard has also been planted.

The school was redecorated and received a new roof with the donated help of church members under the direction of Elbert Guill. With a new coat of paint inside and out, the school opened its doors not only to children of church members, but also to some from the community.

#### Sunnydale Academy Graduates Now Professionals In Kansas City

Two alumni of Sunnydale Academy have joined the ranks of Seventh-day Adventist medical personnel in the lowa-Missouri Conference.



Dr. and Mrs. Harlan L. Hassen

Harlan L. Hassen and Marcie Waggoner both graduated from Sunnydale Acadmy in 1971. They were subseguently married and are now Dr. Harlan L. Hassen, D.D.S. and Nurse Marcie Waggoner-Hassen. Both attended Loma Linda University where Marcie graduated with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Dr. Hassen returned to graduate from the University of Missouri at Kansas City as a Doctor of Dentistry. He also has a degree in sociology from the Western State College at St. Joseph. He practices general dentistry in the Chouteau Dental Building in North Kansas City, and she is a surgical nurse in the North Kansas City Memorial Hospital. Both are active members in the Gladstone Seventh-day Adventist Church.

# **ROCKY MOUNTAIN**

#### Report from Rawlins

The beautiful city of Rawlins, Wyoming has become known to many persons for two things. The first and best known is the great transcontinental highway, Interstate 80. To some persons it is a beautiful road traversing the great expanse of Wyoming. To others it links together the great areas of desolation; but to those who have traveled over I-80 in the winter, it is known for its blizzards and ice.

The second item for which Rawlins is famous to some is the newest and most modern penitentiary in the country. To some it is merely a prison, but to others it provides an opportunity to witness of the love of the Saviour.

There is a third thing for which Rawlins is becoming well known—a thriving and loving Adventist church family. It isn't very large, but it is growing, and according to Pastor Gerry Dunn, the congregation is determined to continue to grow. "Even though I live more than 100 miles away," states the pastor, "the members, from Mrs. Cooper, who is well into her 80s, to the youngest child, are determined to keep the light of the Gospel burning brightly."

The year 1981 began with the baptism of Richard and Ruby McCannon, who had been searching for years for a church they could call home.

In April the church was represented at the Carbon County Health Fair by a nutrition booth that was coordinated by Evelyn Robidoux. On the two days of the Fair the ladies of the church provided a vegetarian lunch for all the volunteers who manned the other booths.

The nutrition booth featured a vegetarian diet and the relationship of these foods to the U. S. Dietary goals.

Marilyn L. Delinger, a registered dietitian in the church, and her husband John designed and manned the booth. A follow-up nutrition cooking school was held in May and June by Mrs. Delinger. Interested people who had signed up at the Fair were notified of the dates and invited to come.

The church participated in the Chamber of Commerce city cleanup the last week of May. For the last five years, the church has been assigned the West Interchange, which is a prominent place, and has received many compliments on a job well done. This is the tenth year in which the church has participated in this community project.

A beautiful dedication of children was held in June. Four lovely girls, Candace McCannon, daughter of Richard and Ruby McCannon; and Dana, Hollie and Susan Davis, daughters of Clifford and Sandy Davis, were



The whole Rawlins, Wyoming church family turns out for the annual Chamber of Commerce I-80 Cleanup. Pictured are Jeane Davis, Jennifer Moore, Desiree Moore, and Ruby McCannon.

Even the little folks do what they can in the annual cleanup. Candace McCannon and Desiree Moore are "busy".





Richard and Ruby McCannon and Pastor Gerry Dunn dedicate Candace McCannon.

The Davises dedicate their three girls, Dana, Holly and Susan.



dedicated to the Lord by Pastor Gerald Dunn.

Pastor Dunn also baptized six people June 20, 1981, in Rawlins. Everyone was so happy to see Marlena Gore and her son Michael join our little group. There wasn't a dry eye in the church when Christine Hughes and son Ronnie stepped into the water, because the church has been praying for her for more than five years. The church family is also praising the Lord for the baptism of Jeannie Davis and granddaughter Athena Moore.

Sometime, winter or summer, when you are traveling Interstate 80, stop at the beautiful energy-rich city of Rawlins, Wyoming. You will find friendly people, and if it is time for prayer meeting or church services, you'll find a church family full of love and warmth, ready and willing to share!!!

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN

#### Sterling Anniversary

Sixty years ago a blessed event happened in the community of Sterling, Colorado. Two struggling churches of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination that were meeting in the farming area of northeastern Colorado joined to form one church in this small, but growing community.



Mayor Earl Franklin signs guest register at 60th anniversary celebration of Sterling, Colorado Church.

On August 14 and 15, 1981, the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Sterling celebrated its 60th anniversary in recognition of the historical event. These special services were held in the larger facilities of the local Nazarene congregation. This came about as the

UNION COLLEGE

#### Union College Singers Win Awards at State Competition

Several Union College students participated in the Nebraska state college voice competition sponsored by the Nebraska chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. Held at Union College in October, 78 contestants attended from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Concordia College, Wayne State, Nebraska Wesleyan, Union College, and private studios.

Of the 24 prizes given, 14 went to Union College singers. All are students of Lynn Wickham, professor of voice and choral activities. Following is a list of the Union students who won awards.

Curt Anderson Lori Anderson Blake Collingsworth Lincoln, Nebraska **Greg Cross** Tami Field **Kevin Hilbert** Kathleen Kraulik Darcy Jo Pearcy Lisa Peterson Lynn Reynolds Pam Rudolph Laird Solomon Alan Thompson David Wendelman

Hutchinson, Minnesota Hurley, South Dakota Grand Junction, Colorado Lincoln, Nebraska Hutchinson, Minnesota Donaldson, Minnesota Lincoln, Nebraska Minneapolis, Minnesota Pleasant Hill, Missouri New York Mills, Minnesota Oshawa, Ontario Lakewood, Colorado Lees Summit, Missouri

result of the kindness of the Seventhday Adventist congregation when the Nazarene church burned several years ago.



Sena Seer is the oldest charter member of the Sterling, Colorado Church.

Friday night a singspiration and testimonial service led by Robert Kropp proved to be a blessing to all those attending. On Sabbath morning the congregation was led in the study of God's Word by Gordon Retzer, secretary of the Rocky Mountain Conference. At the worship hour all were brought to the foot of God's throne by Ellsworth Reile, President of the Mid-America Union. After a fellowship dinner a service of reminiscing and music was presented. Peggy Lowry gave the first thirty years of the

church's history, and Ellen Resler the last thirty years. Finally, Saturday night there was a banquet at the Ramada Inn, with music and skits.



At sometime in the past all these people have been, or are presently, members of the Sterling Church.

There were former members in attendance from all over the United States. It was a tremendous time of getting re-acquainted with people not seen in many years. Some of the previous pastors attending were: Ellsworth Reile, John Westerberg, Elwin Hewitt, Fred Schultz and the present pastor, Jim Harvard. The heartfelt appreciation of the church family must be expressed to the Reslers and the Hefts for their many hours of hard work to make this special event possible.

#### KUCV Holds 'Beethoven Bash'

#### By Doug Morgan

KUCV-FM, the fine arts radio station operated by Union College, held its second annual "Beethoven Bash" October 13-18. According to Eric Graham, general manager, the purpose of the event was to acquire new KUCV members who will support the station with an annual donation.



KUCV General Manager Eric Graham (left) and "Beethoven Bash" coordinator John Cutler.

Graham states that about 200 new members pledged at least the basic membership amount of \$30 during the "Bash." The total amount pledged was over \$8,000, which includes a \$1,000 memorial gift from a Lincoln businessman.

Music of Beethoven, the favorite classical composer among Lincolnites according to recent surveys, was featured throughout the new-member drive.

Several local celebrities came to the KUCV/studios to join in the appeal for new members. Nebraska's first lady, Ruth Thone, spoke of the way in which KUCV benefits her as a Christian, and the positive spiritual impact the station has on the community.

Other guests included Lincoln Mayor Helen Boosalis, Phil Heckman, president of Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, and former State Treasurer Frank Marsh.

John Cutler, KUCV's special events director and host of "Daybreak," the station's early morning program, coordinated the bash.

Doug Morgan is Union College Public Information Officer.

#### UNION COLLEGE EASTERN IOWA EMPHASIS WEEKEND November 13-14

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# \_CENTRAL STATES

#### Palace of Peace Has Grand Opening



Sabbath School participants, Sharon Howard, Louise Williams, Joan Slocumb, Matthew Williams and Pastor Williams.



Those who donated their labor to erect the new church.

September 19 was the day of the grand opening of the Palace of Peace Church in Colorado Springs, with the beautiful Rocky Mountains shedding their splendor and majestic peaks for all to view.

The services were highlighted with guests from Claremont Church, Pueblo; Parkhill Church, Denver; Calvary Church, Davenport, Iowa; and the First Seventh-day Adventist Church, Colorado Springs. The divine worship sermon was given by S. Haywood Cox, president of the Central States Conference.

The Palace of Peace Church is truly a miracle from God. The church building, super-structure and foundation were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rupright of Lafayette, Indiana. The labor for completion of the church was donated by laymen of the Pueblo and Palace of Peace congregations. David Gadlin was responsible for the beautiful tile on the walls and floors of the rest rooms and vestibule. David Wilson of the Claremont Church was general superintendent of the project.

The founding pastor, Gil F. Webb now of Davenport, Iowa, closed the day's service with a vesper thought and an appeal to the members to be ever grateful to God for giving them the beautiful house of worship.

I. J. Lewis is the communication secretary for the Palace of Peace Church.

#### Cox Visits Park Hill Church

S. Haywood Cox, president of Central States Conference, recently spoke at the Park Hill Church in Denver.



Elder Cox's sermon, "A Cry in the Night", was a soul-stirring message. He alerted all parents in the congregation to take a good look at their family ties, and asked the question, "How are you raising your children?" He admonished parents to "know where your children are." Elder Cox went on to say, "Fathers, talk to your children; they need to get instruction and backing from the head of the house."

"You are blessed," Elder Cox told the congregation, "you are Christians; you can go to God in prayer and keep the family together." The sermon highlighted keeping the Christian home together, and the church was told to pray for one another.

It is always a joy to have Elder Cox speak at Park Hill. He is concerned about the youth and the families in general. His sermons always leave the church with a working formula that strengthens the Christian's life.

Margaret Hayes is the communication secretary for the Park Hill Church.

#### Youth Day at Allon Chapel

Youth Day was celebrated for the first time on September 26 at the new Allon Chapel Church. The day's events began with Giovania Johnson leading the Youth Sabbath School, and ended with the youth choir singing the closing benediction at the worship hour.

Highlights of the day included beautiful music by duets, trios, quartets, and a dynamic youth choir under the direction of Joseph Anderson, Jr.

The speaker for the worship hour was Albert Dyson, Sr. His message, "Don't Turn Back", highlighted the work that modern day youth can and must do for the Lord.

More than 50 young people, representing the Seventh-day Adventist schools as well as the community schools in Lincoln, participated in this very successful event.

### DAKOTA The Church Doesn't Meet—

#### The Church Doesn't Meet– But the Children Do

#### By Mrs. Terri Tachenko

For several years now the Killdeer Church has not met regularly for Sabbath services, due to lack of attendance. However, each year a Vacation Bible School is held at the church. This year the Grassy Butte Church held VBS from August 10-15 at Killdeer. Twentythree children attended. Looking directly at the camera is Angi Tachenko, daughter of Cody and Janelle Tachenko from Grassy Butte.



Virginia Tachenko was school director, with a lot of help from some of the other church ladies and Pastor Joe Gresham.

Graduation exercises were conducted in the church and a display of the beautiful crafts was enjoyed by all who came.

The good seed is sown in the hearts of the children. Others in the church will water it along life's way. God gives the increase.

Mrs. Terri Tachenko is the communication secretary of the Grassy Butte Church.

#### Attache Speaks in Home Church

#### By Ruth Horob

Larry Panasuk is agricultural attache for the United States government in Bucharest, Rumania. On September 5, he and his wife, Shirley, were hometown guests in the Williston Seventhday Adventist Church. Larry grew up in rural Bainville, Montana, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Panasuk, and his twin brother, LeRoy, still reside. Williston is the home church of several Adventist families who live in that area.

Larry is a technical expert on the diplomatic staff to aid in the area of agricultural trade and development with Rumania. He reports good attendance in our churches in that country; they are often filled to capacity on Sabbath. The church in Rumania is strong and growing. Last year they had the pleasure of having General Conference President Neal Wilson with them for a special celebration. It is difficult for evangelical Christians, such as the Adventists and Baptists, to promulgate their faith in a Communist country, yet the church is strong, and the people are of good courage. Young people there usually are not baptized until they are 18 years of age or older. They become very staunch believers in the word of God. America, to the people in Rumania, is still a land of great freedom and opportunity. They would like to live here if they could.

Larry affirms that his faith has remained strong from his youth because of members in the church who helped him gain a Christian experience. Sabbath school and Pathfinders were a big influence, but most of all, it was a praying mother and a supportive father who helped him to take his stand and continue to affirm his faith in God and in the church during those early years of his life. These have also been a great encouragement to him in his present responsibilities.



Larry and Shirley Panasuk

Larry and Shirley will return to Rumania soon and continue on the tenure of his work in the United States Embassy. The Adventist Church is proud to have dedicated young couples who share their faith and will not compromise with wrong.

Ruth Horob is the communication secretary for the Williston Church.



Tanya Kelly of the Rapid City Seventhday Adventist Church won second place in the private school division of third graders of the southern Black Hills area in an essay contest, "What My Home Means To Me." It was sponsored by the Black Hills Board of Realtors. At the award banquet held at the Alex Johnson Hotel, with her teacher, Mrs. Earl Black, Tanya received a \$50 savings bond.

#### **Bismarck VBS**

Bismarck Vacation Bible School had a high enrollment of 99 this year with 41 non-Seventh-day Adventists attending, according to Jan Diede, VBS Director. Primary children had handed out door-knocker invitations prior to VBS, and Junior Sabbath School members handed out balloon invitations.



Jan Diede with the Juniors.

Besides the regular Bible Stories, crafts, etc., VBS sported a "Trading Post" operated by Marlene Bischoff, where students could trade points for spiritual book markers, games, etc.



The Juniors handing out VBS invitations on balloons.

The VBS was conducted July 26-31. Director Diede stated Thursday evening was very exciting being interrupted by a tornado warning.

"We had the children lie down in the sanctuary by the wall. Several non-SDA's driving by stopped in looking for shelter stating this is where they would want to be during a tornado—in the church, a safe place." Jan said. Several children are continuing the Bible interest by attending Sabbath School.



# MINNESOTA.

#### Fall Camporee

One hundred fifty-two energetic Pathfinders and counselors met at St. Croix State Park on September 11-13 for a state-wide Camporee. The clubs participating included: Blackberry, Brainerd, Minneapolis Northbrook, Minnetonka, Rochester-Dodge Center, and St. Paul. The guest speaker for Friday evening and Sabbath was D. E. Holland, Mid-America Union Executive Secretary.



All set for the 60-yard dash.

Sabbath afternoon was filled with stories, nature walks and quizzes, Bible quizzes, songs, and role playing. A film, "Follow Me, Boys", was shown to the group Saturday night.

Sunday morning was beautiful and fun as all participated in sporting events.



Tug-of-war at Pathfinder Camporee.

Every church family should provide some type of Pathfinder-type activity. If you need information on how to do this, please contact the Youth Department of the Minnesota Conference.

Larry Kromann is director of the Youth Department, Minnesota Conference.

#### Vacation Bible School In Bemidji

By Edna Andersen

The Bemidji Vacation Bible School had an attendance of 55 children, the majority non-members. As a result four families have sent their children to our Sabbath School each week because their churches had no Sunday School program during the summer months.

Each day started in the sanctuary with songs led by the church school teacher, Clinton Anderson, who played the guitar and encouraged all to learn the words and sing. Pastor Lighthall told stories about people of the Bible and used a large felt board to make these Bible characters more real. Peggy Johnson and Theresa Wohlfeil were the leaders.

The children were divided into groups by age and went either to play period, lesson study, or craft time. Everyone enjoyed the crafts, and even the youngest were able to finish and take home several items which would be keepsakes to bring back happy memories of Bible School.

Before going home, everyone met in the fellowship hall for a nature study. The children were shown live bunnies drinking from a nursing bottle, stuffed birds, edible wild vegetation or poison ivy, which they were encouraged to look at but not touch. They were shown a good selection of slide pictures of animals and nature scenes.

During the week slide pictures were taken of the various activities and then were shown to the children and their parents and friends at the Friday evening program.

Thirty of the church members gave their time and talents to make this program a success.

Edna Andersen is the communication secretary of the Bemidji Church.

#### Northbrook Pathfinder Campout

#### By Debra Oman

What a beautiful weekend the Northbook Pathfinders had on August 7-9. The Pathfinders were the guests of the Omans at Pathfinder Village in Hinckley. The kids and their counselors had a lot of fun, even though the sky looked like rain. But they kept saying their prayers and the Lord kept it a beautiful weekend.

On Sabbath the young people went on a nature walk and collected items for their Edible Plant honor, lead by Mrs. Dora Nallick (naturalist).

Eight of the children witnessed to two others under the age of 15 about smoking and its effect on their lives.

The weekend was a good time to share ideas as to the direction the club will be taking in the 1981-1982 year. The outing was a great asset to all who went.

Debra Oman is the Pathfinder Leader for the Minneapolis Northbrook Church.

#### Pathfinder Days In St. Paul

#### By Louise Bartholomew

On October 3 the St. Paul Trailblazers Pathfinder Club completed a series of Pathfinder Day programs at three churches in the St. Paul area. A highlight of the program was the presentation of the 1981 Pathfinder of the Year award to Shelley Peck, 13, a seventh-grade student at Capitol City Adventist School.



The Trailblazers have experienced a rewarding season of recreational and community service activities, and have now launched into a class in making candles. Current club membership stands at 25.

Louise Bartholomew is the director of the St. Paul Trailblazer Pathfinder Club.

#### MWA Senior Receives Scholarship

A Maplewood Academy senior, Andy Cole, recently qualified as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program. Andy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Cole of Pipestone, Minnesota.

To be considered for merit scholarships, semi-finalists must qualify as finalists by meeting these requirements: being fully endorsed and recommended by their principals, submitting records that demonstrate high academic standing, substantiating test scores with equivalent scores on another examination, and supplying a description of activities and extracurricular accomplishments.

Semi-finalists named in each state represent the top half of one percent of the state's high school senior classes. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to advance to finalist standing.

Maplewood is proud of Andy's accomplishments and wish him continued success.

## HIGHLIGHTS

#### Annual Council, 1981

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegates to the 1981 Annual Council of Seventhday Adventists, October 6-14 were told opening night, "This is the time for Adventist leaders to express confidence and faith in the message God has given this church." Neal C. Wilson, world president of the 3.8 millionmember denomination, went on to say, "It is no time for uncertainty or hesitation, nor for giving way to Satan's subtle sophistry and cunningness."

In referring to church events during the past 12 months, President Wilson said the devil has tried to discourage the members by sowing seeds of discord and suspicion, but that membership in the church here in America and overseas is definitely on the increase. He referred to firsthand information received recently from Europe, South America, Australia, and Africa as unmistakable proof of this.

More than 300 Adventist officials from the U.S. and other countries around the world spent seven days discussing and approving numerous agenda items that will affect the church's immediate and long-range goals. Among the many topics up for approval or amendment were the expansion of the church's prison chaplaincy program, the future investment of church funds, the printing of a new church hymnal, clarification and interpretation of divorce and remarriage, the placing of information concerning the church on radio and TV, and legal use of the church's name.

Prior to this Annual Council some 200 educators, pastors, and administrators spent three days discussing two basic concepts-the inspiration of the Bible and academic freedom. According to Dr. Richard Lesher, director of the denomination's Biblical Research Department, "Seventh-day Adventists view the Bible as the Word of God. written by men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to reveal the character and purposes of God for this world. Because the Holy Spirit spoke through each individual author, there is a unity in the Bible. This unity makes the Bible its own interpreter." Lesher pressed his point by concluding. "These two facts permit the student to compare passages throughout the Bible, on the same subject, and in so doing arrive at an accurate interpretation of Scripture.'

Dr. Charles B. Hirsch, who heads the church's worldwide education program, summarized the concepts involving academic freedom when he said, "It is generally conceded in both secular and religious educational circles that absolute academic freedom is not possible. Therefore, Adventists believe that academic freedom must be balanced by academic responsibility." Hirsch went on to say, "Since a church-related educational institution also has an academic right to maintain its own distinctive 'personality' and objectives, an Adventist teacher



acknowledges his responsibility to conform to his church's basic beliefs as well as the aims for its educational program when he accepts employment in such an institution.

#### For Your Health

"The light which God has given upon health reform cannot be trifled with without injury to those who attempt it; and no man can hope to succeed in the work of God while, by precept and example, he acts in opposition to the light which God has sent." (CD:38)

"Those who have received instruction regarding the evils of the use of flesh foods, tea and coffee, and rich and unhealthful food preparations, and who are determined to make a convenant with God by sacrifice, will not continue to indulge their appetite for food that they know to be unhealthful. God demands that the appetites be cleansed, and that self-denial be practiced in regard to those things which are not good. This is a work that will have to be done before His people can stand before Him a perfected people." (CD:36)

"There are some professed believers who accept certain portions of the Testimonies as the message of God, while they reject those portions that condemn their favorite indulgences. Such persons are working contrary to their own welfare, and the welfare of the church. It is essential that we walk in the light while we have the light. Those who claim to believe in health reform, and yet work counter to its principles in the daily life practice, are hurting their own souls and are leaving wrong impressions upon the minds of believers and unbelievers." (CD:37)

#### Time, Talent and Means

#### By Howard H. Voss

Perhaps the greatest satisfaction a member of God's family on earth can enjoy is making a significant contribution in support of the church he loves. This is often done by monetary gifts for specific projects; but also very often by services of physical skills, time and talents which are given by the faithful stewards in the Adventist church today. Such support is absolutely essential to build the kingdom of God on earth in the remnant church.

Mrs. Voss and I were blessed on

### HIGHLIGHTS

October 17, by spending the Sabbath with the faithful believers in Marceline, Missouri. While this Sabbath was not very different from other Sabbath visits, it seems particularly appropriate to note the extraordinary degree of satisfaction that has come to one of our dear members in that church, Mr. L. L. Cupp. He is 91 years old, and he has made a large contribution of time, talent, and means to his home church in Marceline. He is now alone, his wife having passed away a few years ago. The past week he spent in repairing the roof on his home. At age 91 this is guite a feat to accomplish. Twelve years ago he spent 18 months giving his time to help build the very lovely and well-kept sanctuary at Marceline where the members worship today. A couple of years ago he also lead the building of a Community Services Center on the church grounds. Now at 91 he is still active, alert, and interested in his church and its outreach.

His life experience is not very different from others in the Marceline Church. The pastor and his wife, Elder and Mrs. R. W. Gepford, are still serving full time even though they are both nearly 80 years old. Elder Gepford is a genuine, positive Christian leader who is loved by everyone. His leadership has had much to do with the developing of the quality of life and experience enjoyed by members of his flock wherever he goes to labor.

There was an added inspiration the Sabbath we were there. Another dear member, now living in a nursing home, gave an inspiring appeal for Sabbath School Investment by revealing that he had tried to learn the art of knitting. He was unsuccessful until he prayed about the matter and devoted his project to Sabbath School Investment. Then he found success!

Such stories of devotion in doing anything at all to advance the work of God brought my wife and me nearer to our God. We drove away from the Marceline Church on Sabbath evening after a day of Bible study and sweet fellowship saying, "This is the real hope and strength for the future of the Adventist church: people who may not be able to leave a large financial inheritance are giving of their time, talents and means while they live.'

I urge you to give your best everyday, and to support your church and its goals. Why not let your pastor or trust officer know if you would like help in planning your estate with a distribution of at least a portion of your means to the cause of God. Thus we will soon be welcomed home as God's children.

Howard H. Voss is the director of the Trust Services Department, Mid-America Union.



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- Nov. 21-Literature Evangelism Rally,
- Arkansas Valley Church, Swink, CO. Dec. 30-Jan. 1—Literature Evangelism Institute.

#### UNION COLLEGE

- Family Entertainment Series Nov. 14—Peanut Players, College
  - Auditorium, 8:00 p.m. Nov. 21-Silver Cornet Band, Pershing
- Auditorium, 8:00 p.m. Dec. 12—Mel Blanc, College Auditorium,
- 8:00 p.m.
- Sacred Artist Concert Series
- Nov. 20—Candlelight Concert, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 4-Messiah, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 5-Messiah, Church, 4:00 p.m.

### **OBITUARIES**

GRICE, Miss Ina, was born Jan. 21, 1919 in Belgrade Township, MN, and passed away Sept. 10, 1981. Ina is survived by her brother Earl.

HADISUTANTO, Julius, was born May 14, 1903 in Indonesia, and passed away Sept. 27, 1981 at St. Louis, MO. Survivors are his wife, Karina; a son, Kenneth Tan; a daughter, Margaret Lee; and 3 grandchildren.

LAWSON, Eulah Norene Angle, was born Jan. 31, 1896 in Springfield, MO, and passed away Sept. 25, 1981 in Kaiulua, HA. She and Robert Lawson were united in marriage in 1915. Survivors are her sons, William Lawson, Treasurer of the Christian Record Braille Foundation in Lincoln, NE and Dr. Harold Lawson of Kailua, HA; 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

MAMINTA, Rosario, was born Feb. 17, 1946 in Manila, Phillipine Islands, and passed away April 14, 1981 at St. Louis, MO. Survivors are her husband, Jimmie, and a daughter, Ammie Maminta.

NORLIE, Ruth Montgomery, was born May 26, 1899 at Yates Center, KS., and passed away Sept. 6, 1981 at Creston, OH. Survivors are a daughter, Louise Wellman; a brother, Max Apt; 6 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

SMITH, Mary Iona Luke, was born March 22, 1906 at Lawton, OK. She was a very active member of the Ankeny Seventh-day Adventist Church in Iowa. Survivors are six children: Jerrel, Donald, Joan, Dennis, Denise and Terry; 22 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

STINSON, Melvin Ira, was born Jan. 29, 1900, and passed away July 19, 1981 at Lusk, WY. He was a member of the Lusk SDA Church. Survivors are his wife, Alice, and 2 grandchildren.

STONE, Josephine Steinkraus, was born Jan. 6, 1911 and died Sept. 27, 1981 at Lincoln, NE. She was a member of the College View Seventhday Adventist Church. In 1935 she married George Preston Stone, and together they served the denomination as teachers. Survivors are her son, Allan Preston Stone; a daughter, Suzanne Willhite; and two grandchilren.

THOMPSON, Sally Maureen Nelson, was born July 29, 1933 in Minnesota, and passed away March 21, 1981 at Denver, CO, as the result of an automobile accident. Survivors are her husband, Vern Thompson; a son, Mike; 2 daughters, Janet Simpson and Michelle Dewey; her mother, Dorothy M. Nelson; a sister, Diane Dietel; a brother, Pastor Grant Nelson; and 2 grandchildren.

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27	Dec 4
Denver, CO	4:46	4:41	4:37	4:36
Grand Junc. CO	5:02	4:57	4:53	4:51
Cedar Rapids, IA	4:48	4:42	4:38	4:36
Des Moines, IA	4:57	4:51	4:47	4:45
Dubuque, IA	4:43	4:37	4:33	4:30
Sioux City, IA	5:06	5:00	4:56	4:53
Topeka, KS	5:10	5:05	5:02	5:00
Duluth, MN	4:37	4:30	4:25	4:21
Interni, Falls, MN	4:37	4:29	4:23	4:19
Minneapolis, MN	4:47	4:40	4:35	4:32
Rochester, MN	4:46	4:40	4:35	4:32
Kansas City, MO	5:06	5:01	4:57	4:56
St. Louis, MO	4:49	4:44	4:41	4:39
Lincoln, NE	5:11	5:05	5:01	4:59
Scottsbluff, NE	4:36	4:30	4:26	4:24
Bismarck, ND	5:12	5:04	4:59	4:56
Fargo, ND	4:56	4:48	4:43	4:39
Williston, ND	5:19	5:11	5:06	5:02
Pierre, SD	5:16	5:10	5:05	5:03
Rapid City, SD	4:28	4:22	4:17	4:15
Sioux Falls, SD	5:04	4:58	4:53	4:51
Casper, WY	4:45	4:39	4:34	4:32

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