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A Typical Birthday Party scene at Overland Park Place, a retirement center in Kansas City.



**Adventist
Health System**

*A Way of Caring.
A Way of Life.*

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Fellow Believers,

With this issue of *Outlook* we are featuring the Adventist Health System. I just really appreciate this great outreach of our church. What would we do without our medical work and workers?

Did you know that our medical work was begun to help take care of our ailing people and workers? It is amazing to me that a century ago people with such ailments as lung fever, consumption, scrofula, diphtheria, typhoid, cholera, rheumatism, etc. were treated with such questionable remedies as calomel, strychnine, mercury, opium, alcohol and tobacco.

In the providence of God, this church received a vision of what could be done for treatment of various ailments and that there is a relationship between how we live and our health. As a result of following God's counsel Seventh-day Adventist sanitariums sprang up coast to coast. In the spring of 1866 the project of a health institution was sparked by J. P. Kellogg, and with cash and pledges amounting to \$2,625, raised from our people, the Western Health Reform Institute was launched. Later named the Battle Creek Sanitarium, this became the mother institution for dozens across the country. Through these institutions, thousands learned about healthful living as well as receiving treatment for their ills.

Then came the Great Depression, a world war, another depression and another world war. As a result of these great shocks to our nation, many of our institutions were forced to close their doors. Sanitariums that suffered this fate were located in several states, including: Nevada and Tri-City, Iowa, Wichita, Kansas, College View and Hastings, Nebraska.

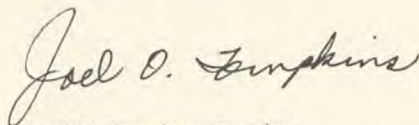
Those that survived were now faced with a tremendous explosion in technology, and another monumental decision. They, too, must close their doors or convert to modern acute care hospitals. The 1950's and '60's became known as the "boot strap" era, according to hospital officials. Finally, with the Blue Cross, commercial insurance plans and Medicare, the 1970's was a period of prosperity, expansion and modernization. Our people discovered that "an Adventist hospital" can be built from scratch or converted from an acquired one, and make a go of it.

Now, from another small beginning, our hospital system was on the grow again. The Adventist Health System was approved in 1972 by the General Conference, and has grown to be the largest non-profit health care system in the United States.

Shortly thereafter the Central Union Health Care Federation was formed with Boulder Hospital, Porter Hospital and the newly acquired Shawnee Mission Hospital as members. In November of 1977, the Mid-America Health Services was formed as a health care corporation with Russ Shawver as president. In 1980 the Columbia Union and Mid-America Union merged health care corporations as Adventist Health System/Eastern and Middle America. In the twenty-three medical facilities in AHS/EMA, eleven of which are in the Mid-America Union territory, there are 2,888 hospital beds which admitted 109,000 patients last year. That figure represents a lot of contact with dedicated, Christian people through our medical facilities.

Now that you have waded through all this historical and statistical report, let me tell you what excites me about the Adventist Health System. Our hospitals are soul winning in their operation. So many exciting stories have come from experiences with our hospitals. I just want to say a great big "thank you" to all of our hospital personnel. It doesn't matter whether you are a medical-surgical nurse, a physician, custodial care worker, cook, maintenance man, switchboard operator or hospital president, you are doing God's business and we salute you and thank you for it. Let's continue to pray for our Adventist Health System people that they may continue in their tremendous outreach, witness and soul winning work.

Yours in the Master's service,



Joel O. Tompkins, President
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Behind the impressive growth of Adventist Health System you will find hundreds of stories — stories about people, places, programs, and progress.

If you were to travel around the country, you would be able to visit a Maryland hospital that is making a dramatic community contribution. A national network of units where those with eating disorders are helped. A university medical center holding its own on the technology front and much, much more.

There is a genuine concern for the whole person — physical, emotional, and spiritual. It is this concern that motivates the Seventh-day Adventist Church to operate the Adventist Health System with its 75 hospitals nationally, in addition to 75 hospitals plus 250 more clinics and medical outposts in other parts of the world.

Ours is a system that fosters innovation, encourages productivity, and rewards excellence. The dedication of our people — people who believe their job is more than an 8-5 job. Teamwork. Hospital presidents who



operate their facilities efficiently; housekeepers who keep the area clean and germ-free; food service workers who make sure that food is tasty, nutritious and delivered piping hot; nurses who minister to patients in a loving, caring way; engineers who make the most efficient use of energy systems; and physicians who take the time to know patients by name.

This results in quality care — something that gives us our real competitive advantage. With a system-wide team of employees who really care about their work. AHS has become the largest system of not-for-profit health care facilities doing 1.8 billion dollars worth of business annually.

Operating a church health care system in a fiercely competitive environment is not easy. Nothing short of a carefully planned, astutely managed and properly monitored system will survive. That's how we plan to continue to operate, but this plan is not an end in itself — No, it's only a means to our mission: to foster health, to cure disease, to sustain life . . . and to care deeply in the Spirit of Christ.

J. Russell Shawver, President



CENTRAL STATES

We Need Your Help

Dear Fellow Member:

God expressed His love by giving first His only Son, and then the promise of His continuing presence with us. There is no place on earth we can go to get away from His love, but we can lose sight of it if we aren't careful. Each of us must respond to God's love by giving our best even though it can't measure up to His love. That means being faithful to His church. It means regular attendance. It means accepting additional responsibilities.

Responding to God's love means being faithful stewards of all God has given you. It involves giving tithe and offerings regularly and systematically.

As we come to the end of 1984, would you please examine your giving record this year and bring it up to date. If you have fallen behind on what you believe God would have you give, you will certainly want to catch up. That will enable your church and conference to move forward confidently to end this year in the black.

Let us make the remaining weeks of this year a time to bring giving up to date in the church family.

We need your help!!!

Your brother in Christ,
S. Haywood Cox, President

News Notes

By Willie L. Harper

Pastor Stephen F. Gibson has arrived at Bethesda. He and his wife were presented by L. B. Hampton, secretary-treasurer of the Central States Conference. Elder Hampton brought greetings from President S. Haywood Cox and the conference staff.

On Sunday, September 23, the deaconesses sponsored a program that featured the Sounds of Joy, the Bethesda Senior Choir, and Mrs. Peggy Hunter, guest soloist. The pastor's wife, Mrs. Gibson, also appeared on the program.

As part of the "1000 Days of Reaping", nine precious souls have taken their stand for Christ.

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Have you ever tasted finger jello, honey cracker jacks, orange froth, and peanut butter in celery? On Sabbath, September 15, the Bethesda Church family and many outside guests were richly blessed by the ministry of Mrs. Londa Dennis of the Helen Hyatt Elementary School of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mrs. Dennis has developed an instructional program on children's

nutrition. The program is based on the idea of a vegetarian diet. Many of the guests were greatly amazed at how various nutritious sack lunches for school, snacks and complete meals for an entire family could be prepared without flesh foods.

Each young person that successfully answered a question asked by Sister Joann Herrington, temperance leader, was presented with a small gift. Truly many lives were touched by this dynamic form of out-reach.

Willie L. Harper is the communication secretary for the Bethesda Temple.

Linwood Temple Welcomes New Pastor

By Willa M. Mosley

On September 5, the members of the Linwood Temple welcomed Elder James White, Jr. and his lovely wife Barbara along with their two fine children, Jamelle and James, III. Truly we have been blessed to have Elder White as our leader, for in the few weeks he has been our pastor, he has already purchased a new church organ. He not only is a good speaker but has such a profound insight into spiritual matters. We are so grateful to God that He has heard our prayers for a pastor.

On Sabbath, October 6, our new pastor, Elder James E. White, Jr. brought us such a beautiful sermon entitled "Giving Thanks to God". He told how David always gave thanks unto God for all of his goodness. Anytime is appropriate to give thanks. And when we look back over our life and see how God has brought us through the many heartaches of a broken home, broken marriages, sickness, death, and many other obstacles, we all should give thanks unto God for all His goodness to us.

In our modern Sodom and Gomorrah, he said many are eating, drinking, and are caught up in the pleasures of this old world, but we as Adventists should be thankful that He has shown us a better way of life; thankful that we woke up this morning clothed in our right minds; thankful that we can see, walk, and talk. Many things we often take for granted, he said, but thank God for the change He has made in so many of our lives. And in the days
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Successful Evangelism

By Nathaniel Miller

Metro St. Louis

God's word invaded the metropolitan St. Louis area during the summer of 1984. It was a time for joy and spiritual renewal. Three successful tent efforts were conducted at three strategic locations in the city by Elder B. T. Rice of Northside church; Elder O. A. Jackson of the Park Avenue/Kirkwood churches and Elder Nathaniel Miller, youth director of Central States Conference along with Elder R. F. Warnick. The meetings featured songs, slides, health lectures and screening, three Vacation Bible Schools, gifts and Bible quizzes. The Real Truth Lessons helped prepare many souls for the baptism. The city-wide meeting brought many precious souls to the Lord. Once again, God's people were victorious in sharing His word with mankind.

Joy In Springfield, Missouri

Pastor Jay Winston conducted a successful meeting in Springfield, Missouri. There were several individuals brought to the Lord as a result of the songs, messages, quizzes and Bible studies.



B. T. Rice of Northside church held meetings in this tent.



Michael Horton, Andrews University student, taught the Sabbath School.

Linwood Temple Welcomes New Pastor

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ahead, let us all just pause a few moments and give thanks to God for all His bountiful blessings.

We wish to thank God for speaking to us through our Pastor White. And let us all remember to give thanks unto God for all He has done for us.

We are looking forward to a tremendous growth spiritually at Linwood. With the heritage of the past, and the opportunity of the future, we are looking forward to many spirit filled sermons to lead us to higher spiritual heights. Now that we have seen, heard, and felt the power of God in his dynamic sermons already, we are positive God will go with us and give us strength to complete our work for Him, and give us hearts of stability in this day of turmoil and conflict. So hats off to the past, and coats off to the future. We thank God for our new pastor.

Willa M. Mosley is the communication secretary for the Linwood Temple.

Communication Day

By Ivory Chalmers

Communication Day was a day to be remembered this year. Several churches were invited to Park Hill to participate in a musical program and to receive recognition for their services to the community. The awards were given to Pastor J. Harris of the Pentecostal Church of Denver and to Rhonda Williams for organizing singing bands that visit the aged at nursing homes. Rhonda is a member of the Park Hill Church. Members of the bands were encouraged to adopt patients as uncles and aunts so



Left to right, Rhonda Williams, Janet Christmas and Shirley Sutherland.



Thelma Butler and son received their award.

personal attention could be given to them. This approach was very successful.

Other awards were given to Mrs. Ruby McElroy for being an outstanding citizen in the community; the Massey twins for their contribution in the music field; to Daddy Bruce for his yearly free food distribution to the poor and needy during Christmas and Thanksgiving; and to Thelma Butler and her son for their clothing distribution to the needy which amounted to literally hundreds of items.



Left to right, Ron accepts the award for his uncle, Daddy Bruce, from Pastor G. H. Taylor.

The guest speaker for the day was Elder W. C. Scales, Jr., Associate Secretary, Ministerial Association, NAD Representative, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Pastor Scales gave an inspiring sermon and sang a solo to end the service.

Ivory Chalmers is the communication secretary for the Park Hill church.

Pilot Program Continues At Philadelphia Church

By Sharon Tate

Philadelphia Church of Des Moines has been utilizing the Pilot Program to the fullest in its efforts to win souls. During the past few months, a number of baptisms have resulted from the work and dedication of Pastor E. A. Hyatt and his struggle to encourage the church, and in motivating them to fulfill each aspect of the program. Even though the persons baptized were small in number, Pastor Hyatt's dedication to the "1000 Days of Reaping" project has been very strong. His number one purpose in the church has been to win souls. Even when the going got tough, Pastor Hyatt kept right on working very hard as if he had just won a thousand souls. Most of his sermons centered around witnessing for the Lord, soul winning, and methods thereof. He has kept Bible studies going constantly. These were training classes for perspective individual Bible studies which he encouraged the members of the church to conduct in their homes or out in the community. Many guest speakers have honored Philadelphia with their presence. Their messages have also surrounded the winning of souls.



Pastor Hyatt is shown reading the baptismal vows to candidates.

Farewell To The Hyatts

Pastor Hyatt has now left Philadelphia church and has gone on to Wichita, Kansas. That congregation will be blessed to receive such a dedicated missionary and his devoted wife, Mavis. The Hyatts came to the Philadelphia church in 1981 from Jamaica, a warm climate. It was very cold in Iowa that winter, and Mavis saw her first snow. She loved it!

A dinner given in honor of Pastor and Sister Hyatt was held at Duff's Restaurant here in Des Moines, and a social gathering was held at the church to let them know that they were loved and would truly be missed.

Sharon Tate is the communication secretary for the Philadelphia church.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

New Pastors

Over the past few months the Executive Committee of the Rocky Mountain Conference has called and established a number of new pastoral families in our territory.

We are happy to welcome the Paul Gibson family to the Loveland and Eden Valley district of churches in Colorado. Paul is a native son whose parents live at Canon City. He received his education at Canon City, Campion Academy, Union College and Andrews University where he earned the Master of Divinity degree in 1968. In 1965 he married Donna Adams from Lincoln, Nebraska, who has a degree in English from Union College. The Gibsons have four children, Tammy 17, Stephen 15, Lori 12 and Brian 9. This fine family came to us from Tucson, Arizona. They have also served in the Missouri Conference where Pastor Gibson was ordained in 1972.



The Paul Gibson Family.

The Stephen Bohr family came to us from Medellia, Columbia, where Pastor Bohr had been serving as a theology teacher. Pastor Bohr, the son of missionary parents received his elementary education in Caracas, Venezuela. He attended academy in Wisconsin and received his Masters of Arts and Divinity from Andrews University. In 1971 he married Aurora Becerra of Columbia. The Bohrs are presently serving the Torrington and Lusk Churches in Wyoming. They have two children, Stephen 9 and Jennifer 5. Pastor Bohr was ordained in 1980 in Columbia.



Pastor and Mrs. John Kurlinski.

was in 1982, while attending Andrews University that they were married. Barbara Jean earned a B.S. degree in dietetics while John completed his work for a Master of Divinity. The Kurlinski's have been warmly accepted by both the Colorado Springs church family and the newly organized Colorado Springs South church.

To the southernmost county in our conference territory, and the beautiful city of Farmington, New Mexico we welcome Pastor and Mrs. Don Eckenroth. They have three grown children, Donald III, Susan and Peggy. Pastor Ecken-



Pastor and Mrs. Don Eckenroth.

roth received his Masters degree from Andrews University and was ordained in 1971. Mrs. Eckenroth has been an executive secretary most recently to a bank president in South Bend, Indiana. They have served in the Potomac, Michigan and Indiana Conferences, and are giving strong leadership to the Farmington, LaVida Mission and Waterflow, New Mexico churches.

Our believers in the Julesburg, Sterling and Holyoke district have welcomed Pastor and Mrs. Denis Segebartt and their children Jenifer 14, and Matthew 10. The Segebartts have come to us from Hong Kong where he has been serving as assistant pastor. He received his education in the Scottsbluff Nebraska Church School, Enterprise Academy, and earned a Bachelors degree from Pacific Union College. Mrs. Segebartt is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Gildersleeve of Cortez, Colorado.



Pastor and Mrs. Denis Segebartt, Jenifer and Matthew.

Pastor Ronel Ray is the new youth pastor of the Denver South church. The Ray's have come to us from the



Pastor and Mrs. Ronel Ray, Joshua and Keri.

Chesapeake Conference where he was ordained at the 1983 camp meeting. Ron, a native Texan, received his education in the Tyler Church School, Valley Grande Academy, Columbia Union College and Andrews University where he earned the Master of Divinity degree. Mrs. Ray, who's home state is Louisiana, received her education at Southwestern Adventist College and Andrews University. The

Ray's have a son Joshua 4 and a new daughter Keri.

We thank God for these new pastoral families. We feel that God has blessed us with these new pastors who are giving aggressive leadership in soul winning programs. Let us rally around these new pastors and their wonderful families and finish the work that God has given us to do in this beautiful part of God's vineyard.

Keele Chosen For Committee

Elder Don Keele, principal of Campion Academy, has been chosen to represent secondary education on the Joint Commission on the Future of Adventist Education, Board of Education, General Conference.

The committee consists of one academy principal, one university president, one union education director, one conference education director, one college president and two representatives from the General Conference. They are being asked to study the future of Seventh-day Adventist education, K-12, the relationship of enrollment, commitment, and the entire education situation and give appropriate recommendations, according to R. L. Reynolds, Executive Secretary, Board of Higher Education, General Conference.

Fair Booth Uses Computer Advantage

By George Holtz

The Brighton, Colorado church has operated a booth at the Adams County Fair for many years.

In years past a lot of money has been spent on the project with small increases in the public response. Last year about \$700.00 was expended with about 150 responses from fairgoers.

This year the fair committee made a determined effort to increase the response for every dollar expended. They contacted the Conference Department of Communication and discovered that for \$25.00 they could have the use of a Health Analysis program adapted for the Commodore 64 computer.

From Brighton Adventist Academy they were able to obtain a Commodore 64 Computer and through the cooperation of Jess Cone, principal, they were also able to get the help of five young people who knew all about the operation and care of the computer.

The fair booth was manned by volunteer church members. The adults assisted the fairgoers in filling out the survey sheet. The young people entered the information into the computer and provided a printed personal health analysis and the name, address, and phone number of the church should they want further help with stop smoking programs or cooking and nutrition classes.

The church school students were excited and pleased to have a part in this public outreach program. They were faithful to be at the booth every day at their appointed times and took complete charge of the operation and maintenance of the computer.

Everyone was pleased with the tripled response provided by this type of fair booth outreach. The total cost of the fair booth program including a \$75.00 booth rental fee was \$170.00. The response was nearly 500 persons, and about 700 pieces of literature were given to the public.

George Holtz is the Personal Ministries leader for the Brighton church.



These five young people are the "computer experts" that made it possible for the Brighton, Colorado Church to triple its fair goer response.

Christian Teaching

By Bob Rice

The Rocky Mountain Conference has some of the finest Adventist church schools in the country. We don't often thank our teachers, operating boards, parents and students for all the effort put forth to make our schools successful. It would be well for us to take a thoughtful look at our schools and give heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

I recently received a letter from one of our members in the Rocky Mountain Conference. A quote from her letter so vividly portrays a Christian Teacher in action.

"I was watching Mr. Blank teach the children how to serve a volleyball. When it came time for a little boy to serve, the boy did not do a good job of serving, and some of the children laughed at him causing him to cry. Mr. Blank stopped the game and firmly but very kindly asked each of the children who had laughed at the boy to apologize and said, 'that's not at all how we should act at this school.' I was proud, for you see my four year old heard that teacher and she asked, 'why is the little boy crying?' I was able to show her first hand, a kind, firm and Jesus-like man teaching the children a very important lesson in life."

Mr. Blank is a burley man's man with a heart of gold. Every student needs to be exposed to this kind of teacher.

Bob Rice, Superintendent of Schools, Rocky Mountain Conference.

Longmont Fair Booth



The Longmont Church fair booth wasn't very large but was considered by most commercial exhibitors to be most successful. More than 1000 persons came to the booth at the Boulder County Fair and discovered that their friends, the Seventh-day Adventists, are a caring people.



This efficient lady was one of the computer operators that cared for more than 1000 fair goers.

Nurse Of The Year

South Big Horn County Hospital has received an unusual honor by having had, the second year in a row, one of its nurses chosen as the outstanding nurse of the year in Wyoming.

The Wyoming Hospital Association annually chooses an RN or LPN to receive the Norman S. Holt Award of Excellence for outstanding leadership and professionalism in service to her hospital and community. The 1984 recipient is Charlene Case of Basin, Wyoming who is the hospital Infection Control Director and Operating Room Supervisor. The 1983 choice was Susan Wiley of Manderson, Wyoming.

The nomitary award and plaque are given in honor of Norman S. Holt, long time executive director of the Wyoming Hospital Association in Cheyenne. He was continually involved in efforts to improve the profession of nursing in Wyoming and sought to raise the standards and efficiency of nursing care throughout the state.

South Big Horn County Hospital is operated under a lease-management contract that was recently extended for 10 years to Adventist Health System/Eastern and Middle America.

Hospital Has New Equipment

A Cybermedic CM-V Pulmonary Function Computer and a Coulter S 550 Automated Hematology Counter are two of the latest equipment acquisitions at South Big Horn County Hospital.

The new machines can provide almost immediate information for physicians and therapists to use in determining how to treat patients. In the past much time was consumed by computing information manually with less accuracy. Total costs are about \$33,000.

The South Big Horn County Hospital is operated by The Adventist Health System of Eastern and Middle America.

Bill Simpson recently released the following statement. "The Hospital District uses no tax money for operational expenses and is thus free to use funds for capital improvements. Careful usage of patient income by the management corporation has freed us to direct much of the taxpayers' funds to providing modern and up-to-date equipment for the physicians and hospital personnel to utilize in making the patients well as soon as possible and as comfortable as possible while in the hospital."

Eden Valley Health Fair



The Eden Valley Church, Loveland, Colorado joined recently with 80 other Community service organizations in a "Health Fair". More than 200 persons visited the attractive booth and sampled the foods. Pat LaVanture made the posters that advertised the soon coming Five-day Plan and vegetarian cooking classes.

DAKOTA

DAA Hosts Alumni

Dakota Adventist Academy was host to nearly 1200 alumni, former students, and friends of the school October 5 and 6. Since the academy has been at its present location and known as Dakota Adventist Academy for only the last seven years, many of those in attendance had been students at Sheyenne River Academy near Harvey, North Dakota.

It was exciting to see the cars come from every direction. There were some who had graduated as recently as last spring and others like Alma Krueger, a 1925 graduate who has finished her 45th year in Africa in charge of a 100-bed nursing home. They came from near and far—Bismarck, North Dakota, Nebraska, Washington, California. The classes of

1925, 1935, 1945, 1960, 1965, and 1979 were Honor Classes.

Joe Hieb, '60, who usually teaches a Sabbath School class of about 40 in the Bismarck church taught his largest class ever. Dorothy Weisz, '45, spoke about a vision of God during the worship hour. "God is the most awesome idea that has ever entered the mind of man," Weisz quoted. "Too seldom are we aware of His presence near us. Perhaps we will allow His train to sweep through our soul temple as it did in Isaiah's vision." Dorothy Weisz is a senior civil engineer now living in California.

In the afternoon a praise meeting was held during which tribute was paid to deceased classmates. The youngest honor class, 1979, had suffered the greatest loss through death, while the oldest class, 1925, had none deceased. Don Schroeder, alumni president, thanked God for the privilege of brushing shoulders even for a short moment with missing members.

The weekend of activities climaxed Saturday night with the Dakota Adventist Academy band and choral groups, directed by Chris and Melia Williams, presenting an outstanding concert. At intermission, Don Schroeder presented the new alumni president, Betty Lehmann, class of 1965. Lehmann then disclosed that the fund-raising project selected by the

Alumni Association is to raise money toward the completion and furnishing of the dormitory worship rooms. More than \$1000 was given that evening.

From the first to the last it was a weekend to be remembered for a long time.



Dorothy Weisz with her mother, Lydia Weisz of Hurdsfield.



Shirley Roland, class of '55, from Auburn, Washington.



One class assembled themselves on a table like birds perched on a wire. Left to right: Eldon Devnich, Gary Reinke, Larry and Grace Juhl, and Linda Devnich from the class of '62.

Two Decide For Christ At Lemmon

By Larre Kostenko



Stephanie Sauer is baptized by Pastor Larre Kostenko.

On July 21, 1984, Stephanie Sauer joined her parents as members of God's remnant church by taking a step of baptism. Factors in her decision were a Revelation class held in Lemmon earlier this year and also her experience at Junior camp at Northern Lights camp.

Mrs. Frances Atkinson also united with God's commandment-keeping church through baptism on July 21. Long ago Frances had purchased a set of Bible stories. She had also been receiving the *Signs*. In the spring of '83 something drew Frances back to the church again one Sabbath. Pastor Larre Kostenko initiated Bible studies and she continued to attend church and Sabbath School regularly. So she was ready to follow Jesus all the way in spite of some opposition and ridicule.

Larre Kostenko is the pastor of the Bowman church.

50th Wedding Anniversary

By Gail Szana



More than 100 friends and family members met together in Pierre, SD, to honor Helbert and Bea Warricks' 50th wedding anniversary. The Warricks' two children and grandchildren were present. Mr. and Mrs. Warrick have lived in South Dakota for 37 of their 50 married years and have contributed their time and efforts to the Pierre Seventh-day Adventist church for 36 years.

Gail Szana is the communication secretary for the Pierre church.

"I Was A Stranger . . ."

By Berniece Lunday

Bob Alexander is the first of the seven recently baptized inmates of the North Dakota State Penitentiary to attend the Seventh-day Adventist church at Bismarck. Bob has been attending every Sabbath since his release in August.

Al Zeeb, who gave Bob Bible studies at the penitentiary, offered him a place to stay upon his release, sharing his own mobile home with the inmate. Bob can say, "I was a stranger and you took me in."

Zeeb is a member at the Bismarck Adventist church and was formerly employed by the North Dakota State Penitentiary.

Knoefler Apiaries, operated and owned by Harold Knoefler, also a Bismarck church member, offered Alexander his first job upon release. Bob is living independently now, but he says he has never had anyone treat him with such consideration before.



Bob Alexander at Knoefler's Apiaries.

Berniece Lunday is the communication secretary for the Bismarck church.

DAA Ingathering Field Day

By Marvin Lowman

The entire student body of Dakota Adventist Academy participated in an Ingathering Field Day October 24. It was the first field day held by the school in a number of years and proved very successful.

In a rally held just before leaving the school, Bob LeBard, the principal, urged students, "Take time to listen to people and be sensitive to their needs. Opportunities may present themselves to pray with some who are distressed." As the reports came in, it was apparent that some students had found opportunities to share their faith and to pray with several contacts. Pastor Mike Weakley, driver of one of the cars, reported that at the last house students were asked a number of questions about our beliefs. He said, "These students did a fine job explaining the Sabbath truth. There was very little I could add."

Probably the most refreshing thing about the day was the beautiful spirit and the enthusiasm with which everyone participated. Students were divided into 19 groups and went to many of the small towns in central North Dakota. "I'm sure its been years since we've Ingathered in most of those towns," commented Marvin Lowman, Conference Personal Ministries Director. "It may take a few years to develop more responsiveness but it was a start. I think the nearly 5000 pieces of literature distributed and the experience our students gained was of greater value than the money collected." More than \$570.00 was received for the day.

Students returned to the school in the evening and shared experiences over refreshments served in the school cafeteria. There seems to be little question that the Ingathering Field Day will become a regular part of the school calendar in future years.



The students were happy with the amount they raised.

Marvin G. Lowman, Communication Director, Dakota Conference.

Anna Brown Is 103

Anna Brown was 103 years old September 25, 1984. The St. Louis Southside Church celebrated her birthday on Sunday, 2 p.m. September 24, 1984 at the church with a very nice spiritual program and a delicious meal in the fellowship hall. There was an excellent turnout of members and non-members who have known Sister Brown for almost half a century. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Link and Mr. Link's mother who have known Sister Brown for about 45 years. However, they had not seen her during the past 35 years until they met at the birthday party. Sister Brown was happily surprised to see them and asked where they had been all these years.

Among those in high places to send greetings to her was Mayor Shoemel of St. Louis, President Ronald Reagan, and Willart Scott of the Today Show of NBC.



Left to right: Mrs. Gene Link, Pastor N. K. Shepherd, Gene Link's mother, Anna Brown, and Gene Link.

Mrs. Brown was born on September 25, 1881 in McKenzie, Tennessee. She and her husband moved from Paducah, Kentucky to St. Louis, Missouri during 1936. She accepted the Seventh-day Adventist message and was baptized by Elder Riston into the Chippawa Seventh-day Adventist church during 1945. Sister Brown is a vegetarian and has never smoked or drank alcoholic beverages.

Baptisms In Davenport

Two precious souls were added to the Davenport church family during September. At the close of the worship service on September 8, Cher Mallen was buried with her Lord in baptism—the first fruits of Pastor Patsel's ministry in Davenport.

Cher received a diploma from Palmer College in 1980. She has worked as a physical therapist, chiropractic technician, nutritionist and as a secondary teacher's assistant in special education. Among the honors that she

has received are "Most Outstanding Young American Woman Award" in 1983 and "Quad-Citizen of the Day Award" in 1984. Mazella Greene studied with Cher and brought her to church. Cher's ambition is to become a foreign missionary.

On Sabbath afternoon, September 15, Karen Hesselning sealed her commitment to follow her Lord all the way by baptism. A former Catholic, although she hadn't attended for years, Karen attended the Davenport church for quite some time, was convinced this was truth, and finally yielded to the Spirit's pleading. It was through her fiancé, Tom Goyings, that Karen learned of the Three Angels Message. Pastor LeMert studied with Karen, followed by Pastors Wandersleben and Patsel. Pastor Walter Wandersleben officiated at Karen's baptism.

On the evening of September 22 Karen and Tom Goyins were united in marriage by Elder W. H. Patsel and thus another Christian home has been established.

Constitution Week

By Jean Pollard



Constitution Week was recognized at Branch Memorial Church on September 15.

David Burns told why he was proud to be an American. He said that he had the freedom to speak as he liked, that he felt free to go to church to worship, and to do the things he wished to do. David lead the congregation in saying The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

David is a member of Pathfinders and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Burns.

Jean Pollard is the communication secretary for the Branch Memorial church.

Child Evangelism In Grandview

By Lyle Davis

The Grandview church is actively pursuing soul winning efforts among the young people of the church and community.

In May, Margaret Olcott was eagerly planning for summer Vacation Bible School. Although she is a busy housewife with a full-time job outside the home, her goal was to have two weeks of VBS, two hours each evening. The VBS fever took hold of Joan Bragaw, Gary Burgess, Gloria Thomas, Beverly Steger, Jackie Bragaw, Kari Montague, Jane Hackaday, Marianne Mounce, Dorothy Pritchett, Lyle Davis, Amy Taylor and others who helped provide refreshments. VBS was held from June 18 to 29, and 42 youngsters came to make beautiful crafts, learn new songs, and gain spiritual insights. On June 30, graduation day was conducted for the school, with George Blumenschein, Cedarvale Junior Academy principal, presenting the keynote message at the special church service. Several youngsters and parents have shown an interest in further attendance at Sabbath School.

The Trailblazers, local Pathfinder club, have nine members currently enrolled with plans going strong for the North American Pathfinder Camporee in 1985. Leaders Ray and Joann Bragaw report three non-Adventist members currently in the club. Last year Ted Cason and Jason Mounce, two club members from non-Adventist homes, were both baptized into the church.

Nicki Ryan and Kari Montague are currently involved in a city park story hour on Sabbath afternoons. They simply set up their visual aids in a Harrisonville city park, and the kids come from all directions. The popularity of this outreach has been steadily growing. A number of parents have joined their children in the songs, nature stories and Bible stories. With the onset of colder weather, plans are being made to continue this outreach indoors in the Harrisonville area.

One of the recent converts to the church, Ted Cason, had indicated a strong desire to attend church school this year. Although his parents are not Adventists, they were willing for him to attend. The church family rallied to his support and provided the financial means for his school year at Cedarvale Junior Academy. Ted says this is the best school year he has ever had.

The spirit of child evangelism burns brightly in Grandview. This church is convinced that if we train up a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not depart from it.



Vacation Bible School students display the crafts they made.

Lyle Davis is the pastor of the Grandview church.

Seventieth Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Turner of the Goldsberry, Missouri, church celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 2. Over a hundred friends and relatives attended the afternoon reception hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. William (Margaret) Astner of Oak Grove, Missouri, and Mrs. LaVerne Zumbaum of Brookfield, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner are the oldest members of their church and have lived in the community many years. Mr. Turner was the first farm manager for the Sunnydale Academy having arrived there prior to construction of any school facilities. He served for over five years and resigned for health reasons. He was a member of the conference committee at the inception of plans for the academy. Mrs. Turner was manager of the academy laundry for thirteen years and also helped in the cafeteria.

They are thankful for the privilege of attending church regularly and praise the heavenly Father for multiplied blessings.

Fall Tornado In Ozarks

On October 16, a tornado dropped down in Christian and Webster counties, where it destroyed houses and mobile homes.

Two people were hospitalized with broken bones and serious injuries. One woman was carried into the woods where four hours passed before she was rescued. The Oak Grove Heights Community Service went into action immediately, but darkness came too soon and the area was sealed off until daylight.

The next day was spent helping those whose homes and hopes were fractured by the vicious storm. Telephone lines were out of order and it was impossible to phone even the Pastor. However, word was passed from member to member and three men came from the Oak Grove Heights Church, LeRoy Olds, David Davis and Bob Cooper. Glen Evans of the Springfield church and our two faithful

pastors, Wendell Stover and Dave Penno also came. These six men formed a good crew and helped the storm victims.

Dorrie Umlauf, Community Service director at Marshfield, volunteered herself, her daughter Beth, and Laurie Swenson to help with a pickup truck. Magnetic signs on their pickup and name pins on their jackets identified them as Seventh-day Adventist Community Service disaster workers. They distributed clothing and bedding, and joined the clean up crew, helping victims salvage useable articles.

The media recognized the church group on news reports. Pastor Penno could be seen busy with the clean up work—one official announced that the victims could appeal to the Red Cross and the Seventh-day Adventist Church for immediate assistance. News reporters interviewed Mr. Evans and Pastor Stover and Pastor Stover's picture appeared in the Springfield daily newspaper. We are happy to report that our efforts to help were successful.

Three of the church family members live in mobile homes in the disaster area. Mrs. Cooper told of jumping into the smallest room in the house, closing the door, and looking up she pleaded for God to spare her home and the homes of other members. And He did! Let us praise God for His ever loving protection and care!

This disaster truly has been an awakening to the need of organization in disaster work in our conference. Let each federation organize so they can all be ready to work together as one efficient unit when the need arises as perilous, destructive disasters sweep our country.

Fall Camporee

The Conference-wide Fall Camporee was a real splash! Friday night it rained and rained (it would not be a campout with rain), but the weather was beautiful on Sabbath and Sunday. As the 200 plus staff and Pathfinders were drying out on Sabbath, Jim Brauer conducted the worship. He gave us an insight into Christ's last few days on this earth through the eyes of the centurion soldier who helped crucify Christ.

Everyone got involved in the witnessing activity; messages were written and attached to helium balloons. Ray Kelch prayed that the Lord would take the balloons to someone who might need encouragement, then the balloons were released. We hope those who find the balloons will respond and write the Pathfinder who released it.



Two boys are working on their progressive classwork.

Sunday activities were related to the progressive classwork which each Pathfinder must complete in order to be invested. The weekend was complete when the young people came forward to receive the awards for their participation. It was an exciting weekend and the Lord blessed our association.

Bible Emphasis

The Kansas City Central church celebrated "Bible Emphasis Day" September 15 with a display of Bibles. A 2-inch Bible, complete with the concordance, was printed in Scotland and purchased in 1918. The type is so small that a magnifying glass must be used to be able to read it. Two copies of the Bible printed on microfilm were also displayed; one was shown in a frame and the other was framed with a magnet and attached to a hand held micro-fiche viewer in order to read it. The largest Bibles, weighing ten pounds each, were family Bibles printed in 1886 and 1887. A Book of Psalms and Hymns printed in 1816 (the year William Miller was converted) was brought by Pastor and Mrs. Murphy. Bibles in languages other than English were Cambodian, French, German (printed in 1883), Hungarian, Jewish, Norwegian, Spanish and Swedish. The Jewish Bible was displayed with the Book of Prayers and Hymns and the yarmulke (the skullcap worn by many observant Jews). The New Testament in large print also was displayed. Other Bibles in different translations were The New English, The Douay, The New American Standard, The New Testament Octapla (eight versions of the New Testament), The New World, Nove's Topical Bible, Modern English, Moffatt's Translation, The Amplified Bible and The Revised Standard Version.

In keeping with the "Bible Emphasis Day", Pastor Murphy's sermon was entitled "The Way to Truth and Life".



A sign above the display of Bibles read: "To those who suffer in loneliness I am a friend. Use me!"

Project BRUSH

The annual Union College community improvement event, Project BRUSH, was on Thursday, September 6, 1984. Beginning at 8:00 a.m., Union College students scraped, primed, and painted ten homes in the College View area.

BRUSH, which stands for Beautifying Residences Using Student Help, began in 1981 with the goal of 100 homes to be painted by 1991. "We have already painted 33 homes," said Rich Carlson, Project BRUSH coordinator.

The Lincoln Action Program makes the selection of homes to be painted from a list submitted by the College View Community Association, a group of businessmen and community leaders. Carlson said that home owners could also fill out an application at the Lincoln Action Program headquarters in downtown Lincoln.

"We usually do just homes in the College View area," Carlson stated. "Transportation is one of our difficulties in painting homes further away. Though we hope that in the future we will be able to paint homes in other parts of the city."

The homes chosen by the Lincoln Action Program meet three criteria:

1. The home must be 30 years old or older.
2. The owner must be living in the home.
3. It must be in a low income bracket.

Union College was looking for a community outreach program when the painting project was suggested by the city four years ago. "The government provides the paint and the students provide the power," Carlson said.



Alcohol Workshop

Otto Schultz, a counselor at the Lincoln Independence Center, conducted an alcohol awareness workshop Wednesday, July 18, 1984, for faculty and staff at Union College.

The workshop discussed successful, Christian methods for working with students who misuse drugs and alcohol.

"The workshop is part of the college's continuing effort to help its students with drugs or alcohol problems," said Gary Wisbey, director of student affairs. Union College is the only Adventist College with an on going program to help students who have problems with alcohol.

Otto Schultz is a Lutheran minister and a Certified Senior Professional Addiction Counselor who worked in the field of chemical dependency for over ten years. He became Substance Abuse Consultant for Union in 1982.

Handicap Awareness Week October 7-13

The Christian Record Braille Foundation and Union College co-sponsored Handicapped Awareness Week October 7-13, on the college's campus.

Lincoln Mayor Roland Leudtke and Dr. Harold Wilke from White Plains, New York, were the featured speakers. Wilke, an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, taught himself to be totally independent, even though he doesn't have any arms. He spoke Friday, October 12, for the evening vespers service in the College View Church.

"The purpose of the week is to help the students to be more aware of the handicapped," said Frank Peterson, Field and Camp Director for the Christian Record Braille Foundation.

Throughout the week items were on display from the Christian Record Braille Foundation and the Regional Library for the Blind in the lobby of the Dick Administration Building. There was also an introduction to sign language class each day.

United Way Pledges Go Up

Union College's participation in the 1984 United Way campaign increased five percent from last year. This year's pledges by faculty and staff total \$5,272, according to Dr. Ken Kennedy, coordinator of the fund drive at Union.

Union was one of 14 organizations chosen to be "pacesetters" this year. A pacesetter is an organization which conducts its fund drive early in the year, or before the regular fund drive is started. Union held its campaign in August with 76% of the faculty and staff taking part.

"We give because we want to be a part of Lincoln," said Dr. Kennedy. "Also, our participation helps to benefit our own Social Work and Nursing majors who use several United Way facilities as practicum centers in their professional training."

Adventist Health System Eastern & Middle America 1984 Update

by Lamar W. Young

By looking at specifics, the entire Adventist Health System picture comes into focus. We can see why it has earned a solid reputation for high-quality patient care, progressive business practices, and community service.

Our own division, Adventist Health System/Eastern and Middle America, provides health care in the Columbia and Mid-America Unions, comprising 16 states and the district of Columbia. AHS/EMA earned 17 million dollars over expenses in 1983. This was due to the strong management of our hospitals, expansion into alternative delivery systems, and cooperation on a division-wide purchasing and insurance program.

As Americans Grow Older

On the average, a person who reached age 65 in 1980 could expect to live another 16.4 years of life. Unfortunately, length of life doesn't necessarily translate into quality of life.

The aging face dilemma. They want independence, yet they need help. They want companionship, yet they value privacy. They want security, yet they don't want to feel confined.

Understanding these needs, Heritage Centers of America, Inc., an affiliate of Adventist Health System/Eastern and Middle America, is developing retirement centers where residents live in an attractive apartment cluster.

Lamar W. Young is Vice President, Adventist Health System/Eastern and Middle America. Parts of this article have been adapted from the 1983 Annual Report of the Adventist Health System.



Maintaining the family home is too much work for a growing number of persons today. We think the Heritage Centers of America plan will meet the needs of many of these productive individuals.

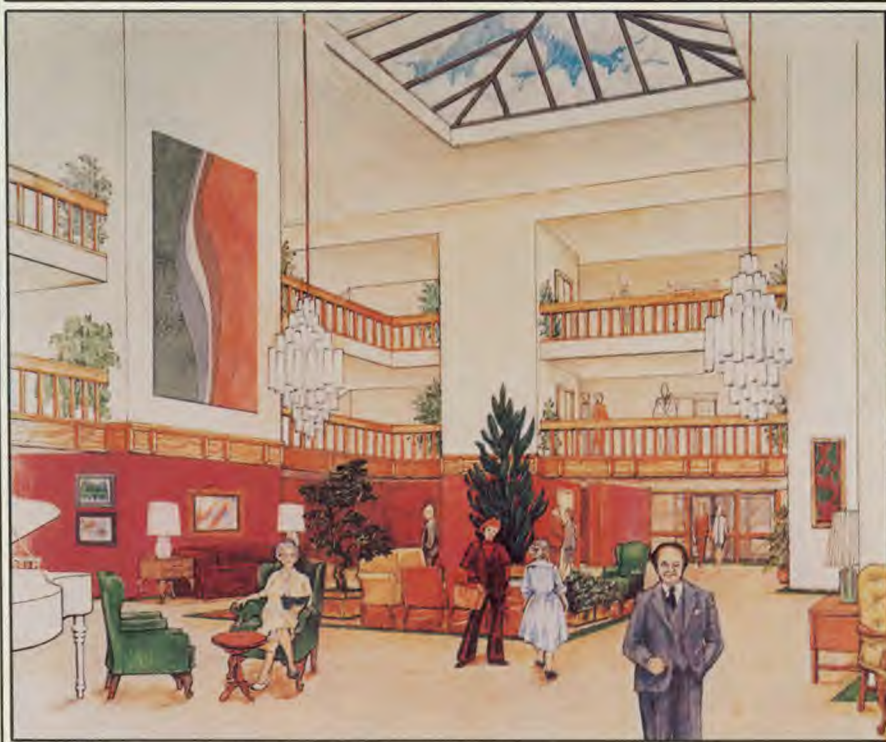


Ellsworth S. Reile, Executive Vice President,
Heritage Centers of America, Inc.

Three meals are served daily in a spacious community dining room. Once a week, a maid stops by to help with the cleaning job, a linen service delivers right to the door, and there is a free laundry for personal items.

To keep the mind active and the bones limber, there are daily planned activities; and unlike some retirement centers, no up-front payment is required. Occupancy is on a month-by-month basis, ideal for those on a fixed income.

Several locations are now being developed — Denver, Colorado; Omaha, Nebraska; and Wichita, Kansas. Overland Park Place, Kansas City, opened October, 1984. Plans are being made for facilities in Columbia, Maryland and Richmond, Virginia, as well as an addition to Sycamore Glen in Kettering, Ohio. Future locations are being considered in the New England, Great Lakes, and Sunbelt sections of the United States.



Teamwork

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital was built at the request of Montgomery County, Maryland, officials in 1979 in a rapidly expanding suburban area of Washington D.C. Because it was an entirely new hospital, it had no patients and had to build a completely new patient base.



Few things are as challenging as starting a new hospital, especially in today's competitive, heavily-regulated health care environment; but thanks to teamwork, we did it!



Bryan Breckenridge, President,
Shady Grove Adventist Hospital

Hospital officials knew that attracting patients would depend on first attracting physicians, a job which, according to research, means providing quality care.

With that in mind, only registered nurses were hired, the most up-to-date equipment and technology was purchased, and a strong management philosophy of teamwork was developed.

Doctors, nurses, and administration worked together. Nurses who had no more than five patients helped plan treatment from admission to discharge. The result was high morale, a waiting list of nurses

wanting to work at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, and a nursing model which has attracted interest from Germany, South America, and Africa.

Today, after just four years, the 224-bed hospital census is competitive with long-established area hospitals, and the hospital is financially healthy.

Fiscally Healthy



Adventist Health System is financially healthy. Figures for 1983 show financial growth in all major categories — 1.6 billion in assets and net income of 59 million being two key indicators.



Leonard Marsh, Vice President Finance,
Adventist Health System/EMA

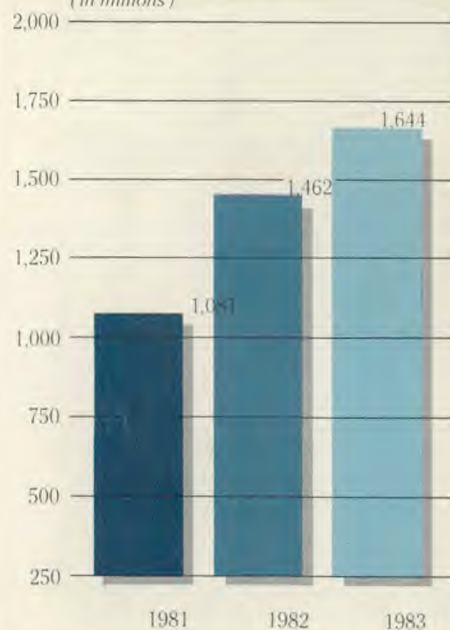
The 1983 Annual Report for Adventist Health System reveals a very good year of operations. There was 1.8 billion dollars in revenue with 59 million dollars net income. The 75 hospitals (10,500 beds) provided 2,600,308 days of patient care. In addition, there are over 2,700 nursing home beds in the Adventist System. Many other diverse kinds of operations ranging from retirement residencies, visiting nurse programs, Health Maintenance Organizations, to nuclear imaging companies are all a part of the medical ministry of the Church. Adventist Health System/EMA is a part of this total program providing about 1/3 of the financial resources and strength listed above.





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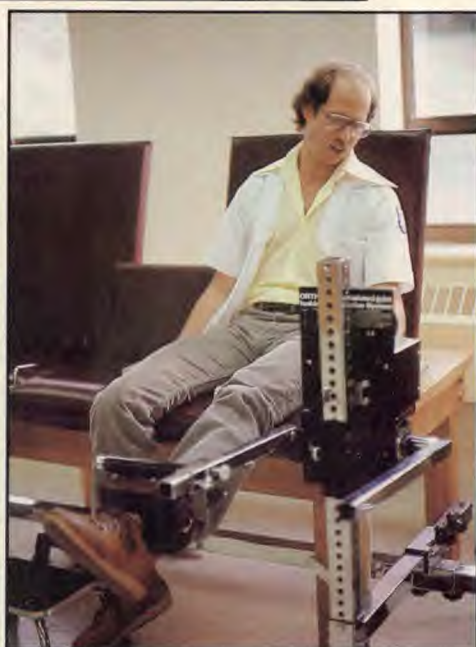
(in millions)



God created His children in His image with radiant health. The evil one brought sin, disease, pain, suffering and death. Early in the organization of the SDA Church, the

relationship of restoration of health to mental and Christian vigor was recognized and the quest for helping people fight disease and maximize health became a primary goal. That

commitment has never been forgotten. The employees of the Adventist Health System continue to be dedicated to these principles in 1984 with the fervor of the early pioneers.



KANSAS-NEBRASKA

Shawnee Mission Medical Center Hosts P.R.E.A.C.H. Seminar For 150 Ministers

Chaplain Larry Yeagley, of Huguley Hospital, makes a point to some 150 ministers during the P.R.E.A.C.H. Seminar held in the Shawnee Mission Medical Center on October 24.



Chaplain Yeagley uses classroom teaching methods in his seminar, sponsored by *Ministry Magazine* for clergy not of our faith.



Conference President Steve Gifford, left, and Chaplain Wayne Anderson, right, discuss Chaplain Yeagley's book on grief recovery.

Conference President Steve Gifford, center, takes a break to evaluate seminar points with Darien Campbell, Kansas City, left, and Charles Dye, Chanute, Kansas, right.



Booth At Cheyenne County Fair



The Sidney, Nebraska church operated a booth at the 1984 Cheyenne County Fair. The Christian Record Braille Foundation was featured, presenting information about the services offered to the blind and deaf. Also available were registration forms for CPR classes, Five-day Stop Smoking clinics, and other programs making the community aware of the services offered by the Adventist church.

Eugene Schussler, a local high school teacher (right), won a set of Bible Story books. Little Kyle Schussler approved the prize presented by John Shultz.

Health Seminar

Health educator Kim Lee conducted a seminar in the Capitol View church recently entitled, "Eight Rules for Abundant Living". Using the latest medical research, Lee discussed such topics as the benefits of fresh air, sunlight, and exercise, and the effects sugar, sodium, and caffeine have on the body. The thirty-five participants were invited to sample many foods made without any animal products. Lee was assisted



by Patty Houghtelling and Jackie Clagge.

Golden Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Heinrich, of Bazine were honored with a reception celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Hosts for the occasion were their children and grandchildren: Kenneth and Carol Heinrich, Judy Heinrich, and Daron and Nikole, all of Bazine; and Harold and Sylvia Mohr, Carl, Beth, and David, of Enterprise. Wesley Heinrich and Amelia Wagner were married December 5, 1933, at Alamota, Kansas. They have lived in the Bazine community since 1948, and have been very active in their church there. Wesley has served as a delegate to the conference Laymen's Advisory Committee for his church since its beginning.

Baptism At Norfolk



Colleen Haiar was baptized on October 13 in the Norfolk, Nebraska church climaxing a year and a half of Bible study with Pastor Kissner and Helen Gowler. When Colleen attended a Revelation seminar in June, 1983, the only person she knew was Helen. Helen had befriended her when Colleen was working as a grocery store clerk. During the seminar and for many months after, Helen continued the friendship and encouraged Colleen to attend church with her. Three months after she began attending church, she made the decision to be baptized. Although she is presently unemployed, Colleen is a high school English teacher, and looks forward to active service in God's cause.

Lakeside Baptism

By Roger Baker



Jim Burch, a student at Union College, was baptized in Holmes Lake in Lincoln by Frank Tochtermann, pastor of the Piedmont Park church.

Until age 17 Jim says he was associated with the Mormon church "on an inconsistent basis" having a concept of God but no true relationship with Him. "I prayed occasionally," he admits, "but didn't seem to receive any real answers."

In and out of detention centers from age 13, he began experimenting with drugs and alcohol and became addicted. At the age of 17 he was paroled from a state industrial school with no place to go.

Through an unusual chain of circumstances he feels God had a hand in, Jim was placed in a Christian foster home and was told that when he was 18 the state would no longer pay for his foster placement and he would be on his own.

"The experience in this home was different," Jim explains, "because now I had to be responsible for myself doing such

things as dishes, cleaning my own room, and other chores around the house. Although my foster parents attended church regularly, on Saturday, they never insisted that I go with them. The peace of mind they seemed to enjoy appealed to me and before long I was studying the Bible in earnest and began to attend church.

"The church folk made me feel wanted and I liked the young people. When I was nearly 18 I knew there would be no more help from the state and wondered where I would go. I prayed to the God I had learned to love for guidance, and one day my foster parents said they wanted me to stay on.

"With that settled I began to think about furthering my education. Before long the way was cleared for me to attend Union College. There I found some people who could relate to me and understand my problems. My prayers began to be answered and before long I was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

The names of the people involved have been withheld, by request. Jim says, "I hope that in telling a bit of my experience others will know that Jesus is always available and is a true and caring friend who accepts us as we are and intercedes in our behalf."

Roger Baker is the communication secretary for the Piedmont Park church.

Fall Harvest Of Souls

By Jon K. Anderson

September 22, 1984, was a special Sabbath for the Iola congregation. Not only did that Sabbath mark the first anniversary of services held in the newly erected and recently dedicated sanctuary, it also saw the baptism of Lillian Huff and Robert Fulhage, the first fruits of the Revelation Seminar held in Yates Center by laymen.

Under the able leadership of former pastor Lyndon McDowell, three seminars were run simultaneously in Yates Center, Moran, and Iola.

When Elder McDowell took a call to Washington, D.C., in April, the seminars continued. Elder Charles Dye assumed the district pastorate in July, and he found Lillian and Bob attending Sabbath School regularly. A decision was made by them, and after examination as baptismal candidates, they gave public testimony of their willingness to follow their Saviour. May God grant a greater harvest in days to come.



Lillian Huff and Robert Fulhage.

John K. Anderson is the communication secretary for the Iola church.

CONFERENCE OFFICE DAY LINCOLN

December 10 will be the next "Office Day" in Lincoln, 4745 Prescott. The phone number is (402) 488-2323, and those wishing to make appointments with the conference officers, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., may do so.

Interns Assist Staff At P.V.A.

By Bill Rankin

Two aspiring young teachers are "learning the ropes" at Platte Valley Academy this year. Sharon Candy, a summer graduate from Andrews University, is assisting Mrs. Haines in the girls' dormitory and teaching classes in Home Economics. Lynn Davis, an art major from Union College, will be completing his student teaching at the Shelton High School soon. Davis is assisting Dean Griffin in the boys' dorm, and he will be teaching art class for the remainder of the semester.

Mr. Davis was encouraged by a high school teacher to enter the art field. At Union he discovered his specialty under Mr. Burton—pottery.

Miss Candy was found at Camp New Frenda in Canada teaching wind surfing and was persuaded to fill a need here at the academy. Besides sports, her talents lie in the area of music, voice and piano. Sharon also is active in intramural sports as well as dorm supervision and teaching Home Economics.



Bill Rankin is a teacher at Platte Valley Academy.

New Pastor Comes To Winona Church



Pictured above is Pastor David A. Stramel, wife Linda, and children: Adam, 12, Matthew, 5, and Korine, 3. The Stramels have recently moved to Fountain City, Wisconsin, where David is teaching at Alpine Springs Academy and is pastor of the Winona, Minnesota, church.

Spreading Autumn Leaves

By Christine Petersen

The Clitherall church had a grand time at the Otter Tail County Fair in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Ron Petersen was in charge of the booth with the help of Jonette Reed, Cris Sandstrom, Jan Weimer, Laurie Barsdate and Chad Jacobsen of the Clitherall church. Pastor Duane Maracle of the Fergus Falls church also helped.

The theme of the booth was "Home, Health, and Education Service". As folks passed by the booth, these book titles caught their eye: *Health and Happiness*, *Universe in Conflict*, *Man of Destiny*, *The Final War*, *The Greatest Love*, to name just a few. They were free to choose any one of the books on display. Over 500 people registered for a drawing for a family Bible. "We spread the leaves of autumn and the people took more than 400 of our message books," said Ron Petersen, "plus *Signs of the Times* magazines."

Those who worked in the booth are really looking forward to the 1985 fair.



Ron Petersen and Chad Jacobsen manned the Ottertail County Fair Booth at Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Christine Petersen is the communication secretary for the Clitherall church.

Baptism Held In Rochester

By Kathy Lindemann

The Rochester congregation witnessed the first baptisms to be held in their beautiful new church on a recent Sabbath morning as six people took their stand for Jesus.

The Swansons began the service singing a duet entitled, "Come, Holy Spirit". Pastor Burgeson then spoke about following in the footsteps of Jesus. His message included both Matthew's and Mark's accounts of Jesus' own baptism. The pastor then introduced the baptismal candidates prior to their baptism.

Esther Wyatt was raised in a Christian home. While living at Town Hall Estates in Rochester, she became acquainted with Arnie and Aryla Kay Swanson and heard more of the good news and wanted to become a Seventh-day Adventist.

Kirsten Rabe had been dating a Seventh-day Adventist man named Dale Fleming. Through Dale's example and influence, Kirsten wanted to learn more about Dale's church. And so Bible studies followed, culminating in Kirsten's baptism.



Rochester members recently baptized are, left to right: Kirsten Rabe, Shawn Kruegar, Sreng Kim, Mrs. Kim, Renae Prowant, Esther Wyatt.

Mrs. Kim and her teen-aged daughter Sreng have just become acquainted with Jesus and Seventh-day Adventists since coming to Rochester from Cambodia a couple of years ago. Befriended by Barb

and Mert Jensen, the Kim family soon learned of Jesus' love and His message. This was quite a change from their Buddhist religion in Cambodia!

Also baptized were Renae Prowant, the daughter of Ron and Peggy Prowant, and Shawn Kruegar, the son of Darwin and Charlene Johnson.

Following the baptismal service was a church fellowship dinner in the church's new fellowship hall.

Kathy Lindemann is the communication secretary for the Rochester church.

Mankato Church News

By Hazel Dittberner

Monday evening, October 22, was the Mankato Church's first experience with conducting a vegetarian cooking class. There were twenty-five who registered, ten of these being guests from outside the church.

The class was coordinated and conducted by Lois Dittberner, who gave a lecture on vegetarianism and also demonstrated three non-meat recipes. Linda Wilder, Nancy Cook, and Hazel Dittberner helped by greeting and registering the class members.

The samples of the vegetarian dishes were thoroughly enjoyed by all and drew many comments on how delicious they were.

On Sunday afternoon, October 21, the Mankato Community Services had their second give away of clothing. Three hundred ninety-four articles of clothing were given to 38 families, plus 21 pieces of literature.

Linda Wilder is the Community Services director and those helping her were Amy Amundson, Isabelle Horneman, Shirley Origan, Laurie Berg, Lois Dittberner, and Marsha Trotter. They plan to make this a monthly event.

Hazel Dittberner is the communication secretary for the Mankato church.

Dodge Center Holds 5-Day Plan

By Betty Knudson

Spirits ran high as Kathy and Brent Meyers welcomed fourteen individuals who truly wanted to "kick the habit" to the five-day plan. Dr. Carlyle Welch, surgeon at Owatonna City Hospital, donated two evenings to lecturing and encouraging them to continue to repeat "I choose not to smoke", which became a very familiar phrase during the week.

Dave Christensen assisted with visuals and Pastor and Mrs. Pichette encouraged the folks each evening.

The chief of police, city administrator, and postmaster, plus several executives from the community participated. All fourteen finished the program and seven attended the two-week reunion held at the Dodge Center church. At this time they were treated to a vegetarian meal and given more information on healthful living. Praise was spread throughout the community for the program and wonderful meal. A lovely letter to the editor of the local paper was written by one couple who participated, giving a wonderful recommendation for the program to anyone who wants to quit smoking.

Betty Knudson is the communication secretary for the Dodge Center church.



Pictured above are most of the participants in the recent smoking clinic, along with the Meyers, Pichettes, and Dr. Welch.

Recent Baptisms In Fergus Falls



Three individuals were recently baptized in Fergus Falls as a result of prophecy lectures given there by Pastor Duane Maracle. Pictured above are Randolph and Genevieve Abbott, Tess White, and Pastor Maracle.

Stop Smoking Clinics At Stillwater

By Vi Gelford

The demand was great enough in the Stillwater area for two 5-day Plans to be offered this fall.

Les Rogers was the director and help was given by a St. Paul physician and other members of the church.

Participants of former seminars also came at times to testify of the satisfaction of overcoming the addiction.

Vi Gelford is the communication secretary for the Stillwater church.

St. Paul First News



John Waltz working on an item brought to the "Fix It Booth".



Janice Schmidt and Christy Zummach sell various projects in the "Craft Booth".

The St. Paul First Seventh-day Adventist church held two Revelation Bible Seminars—one at the Capitol City Adventist School which ran every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. This seminar was led by David Zummach and was supported by his Sabbath School class.

The second seminar began on October 3 at Sibley High School in West St. Paul and ran every Wednesday, Friday, and Monday evenings. This seminar was led by Mr. Jack Dingle and was supported by his Sabbath School class.

Both seminars were a success and maintained a solid 45 non-Adventist attendance.

On September 30, the St. Paul First church sponsored their Fourth Annual Fall Festival at Capitol City Adventist School from 11:00-4:30. Two of the booths from previous years participated again: the Fix-It Booth manned by John Waltz and Todd Schmidt, and the craft booth. The craft booth was one of the big money makers, bringing in a grand total of \$75.00. It was run by Janice Schmidt and Christy Zummach.

The Festival was deemed a success because of participation from church members and it brought in \$625.00 for Investment. Managers were Grant and Nancy Krueger.

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Welcome

By James Cress



Elder and Mrs. Jack DuBosque and family.

We are pleased to welcome to the Mid-America Union Elder and Mrs. John L. DuBosque, Jr., who have joined our staff as one of our Union evangelists. The DuBosques and their three children come to us from the Gulf States Conference where he has served as a conference evangelist for the past three years.

A graduate of Columbia Union College, DuBosque began his ministry in the Potomac Conference where he served as a district pastor and evangelist. Prior to that he had worked as a literature evangelist and publishing associate in small-literature work with the New Jersey Conference. Mrs. DuBosque (nee Kubrock) is a great-great granddaughter of Ellen White. She is also a graduate of Columbia Union College with a degree in psychology and works closely with Jack in the evangelistic meetings that they conduct.

Already they have conducted several crusades in the Mid-America region and their ministry is most surely appreciated. We are happy to welcome this addition to our evangelism staff and to introduce them to our members in Mid-America.

James A. Cress, Ministerial Association Secretary, Mid-America Union.

Donald F. Gilbert Elected Assistant Treasurer

WASHINGTON—Donald F. Gilbert, treasurer of the Iowa-Missouri Conference since 1981, has accepted the invitation of the 1984 Annual Council to become an assistant treasurer of the General Conference.

"Donald Gilbert knows how the church functions," commented General Conference treasurer Lance L. Butler. "He's had experience in North America and other areas of the world church. His main assignments will include processing of General Conference staff and departmental expenses."

Gilbert, 54, served as assistant treasurer of the Far Eastern Division from 1974 to 1977 and treasurer from 1977 to 1981. He had served as treasurer of the South China Island Union Mission (1961-1974) and teacher at Ozark (1960-1961) and Sandia View (1955-1960) academies.

He and his wife, the former Irene E. Julius, are graduates of Union College. They have two married children, Russell of Kansas City and Katherine Peterson, a student at Union College.

Missionary Book

Is the scenario portrayed by the enormously successful TV movie, "The Day After", a true picture of how the world will end? Is there no hope? Pacific Press's new release, *How Will It End?* by Ralph Blodgett gives a clear, authoritative answer to these questions.

Written in a clear, journalistic style, *How Will It End?* is the perfect book for sharing. Its 128 pages present God's answers to today's doom and gloomers. Every chapter introduces the reader to the major doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Using current events as a springboard, Blodgett clearly and inoffensively gives Biblical answers to questions about Satan, death, the rapture, modern Israel, the millennium, the judgment and other topics of deep concern.

Selected as the 1985 Missionary Book of the Year, *How Will It End?* clearly leads to positive conclusions about end time events and provides a way for the interested reader to obtain more information about Adventists and the Adventist style of life. Also provided is the church's toll-free number for interested parties to call for information about Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and activities.

Author Ralph Blodgett is the author of three other books: *Rapture! Is It For Real?*; *Millennium—What? When? Where?*; and *Hell, Will The Wicked Burn Forever?* plus numerous magazine articles.

Copies of *How Will It End?* can be found at your local Adventist Book Center.

Christian Record Introduces Magazine For Adults

Lifeglow, a large-print magazine for adults with a visual impairment, is being released by Christian Record Braille Foundation in December, according to Richard Kaiser, editor of publications.

Issued quarterly, Kaiser says the purpose of *Lifeglow* is to "brighten, inspire and entertain," and will contain feature articles and stories, a "pen friends" column and a health-watch corner, all written on an adult level. The cost is free to anyone with a sight impairment.

Lifeglow joins a number of other magazines Christian Record produces for the blind on a regular basis, including five in braille, three on flexible disc records and one other large-print journal, *Young and Alive*, aimed at teenagers.

Adults interested in receiving this free publication, may contact Editor, Christian Record Braille Foundation, 4444 South 52nd St., Lincoln, NE 68506.

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This Month in SIGNS

Christmas. It's come a long way—in time, distance, and meaning—from the event it supposedly celebrates. The birth in Bethlehem still appears on Christmas cards and in under-the-tree nativity scenes, but somehow we get the impression that the holiday would go on with little change if Jesus had never been born.

For December, *Signs* offers you a Christmas sampler. A thoughtful piece by Helmut Thielicke, "Why Celebrate Christmas?" that won't just parade all the worn clichés past you again. Two narratives: "Christmas Help Wanted," and "Blackout on Christmas Eve." The first is almost guaranteed to put a lump in the throat of the most cynical Scrooge, and the second will warm your heart with a vivid example of how Christ's birth makes all of us brothers.

December is more than Christmas, however. So is the December *Signs*. Look for these articles, too: "Insight and Comfort from the Book of Job," "Intimacy: Don't Leave Home Without It," "One Step From Success," and "Will We Know Our Loved Ones In the Future Life?"

Inner City Offering, January 12

Multiplied millions still live in the inner cities of America. Theirs is a world of conflict, violence, tension and fear.

Most inner city dwellers are still victims of circumstance, trapped in a dungeon of despair and surrounded by invisible walls of isolation and insensitivity.

In recent years, many evangelical churches have retreated from the inner city for what seems to be apparently good reasons. Crime is on the increase. People are afraid to be in the ghetto at night. Cars are stolen, church property is vandalized, parking is difficult; however, when you remove the restraining and the transforming influence of the church, an area soon deteriorates, and there is no excuse for deserting people who live in the inner city. We still have a responsibility to provide help and bring hope to these persons for whom Christ spilled His precious blood on Calvary.

Although there has been a favorable response toward meeting some needs of the inner city, we have barely scratched the surface and much more needs to be done. Not only must we become more aware and concerned about the challenge of the inner city, but we must be willing to reach out and minister to these 40 million people who live therein with the good news of salvation.

The inner city offering will be received in our churches throughout North America on Sabbath, January 12, 1985. Let us give liberally as God has prospered us. Investing in souls will pay dividends throughout eternity.

Union College Student Serves In London Restaurant



Loland Moutray

Although Union College may never hang a golden cord for him, Loland Moutray is serving in London, England, as managing director of a self-supporting outreach ministry.

Reaching people through tasty vegetarian food, Loland supervises not only the Country Life Restaurant but also a natural foods shop. Restaurant hours are only 11:30 till 2:30, but the stipend-volunteers feed an average 100 hourly from salad and hot food bars in their small facility in the New

Gallery Centre.

After hours they conduct cooking schools and nutrition lectures, following up in evenings with Daniel seminars.

Already there have been two baptisms from the year-old ministry, and one of those has joined their staff to remove his Sabbath work problems. Five other "customers" are serving as full- and part-time volunteers in order to continue their questioning of Adventist beliefs.

The youthful workers received in the beginning only board and room but now are able also to receive a small stipend—depending upon how long they have been a part of Country Life.

Country Life Restaurants are ASI institutions (Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries) organized by Larry Fleming of Newton, New Jersey. Existing restaurants are in New York; Osaka, Japan; and Pasadena, California.

Loland received his training at the New York City facility and is now training in London several French young couples who will manage a new one in Paris, France.

A former nursing student at Union College, Loland feels he is in a broader supporting health education ministry. He is the son of Mrs. Mavis Reeves, one of those involved with the music ministry of Lincoln's Piedmont Park church.

Annual Council Recommends Significant Changes

WASHINGTON (Oct. 15)—After discussion over parts of three days, the Annual Council of the Seventh-day Adventist Church yesterday voted to recommend significant changes in the church's structure to its 1985 General Conference Session in New Orleans.

Significant changes include:

- *Increased operational latitude and responsibility for the church's North American Division (United States and Canada).

- *A trimming down of union-conference structure.

- *A new Church Ministries Department combining the functions of the current Sabbath School, Lay Activities, Youth and Stewardship Departments on conference, union conference and General Conference/division levels.

- *The planning, creating and implementing of programs will shift to local-church and local-conference levels.

The changes were included in the Report of the church's special Commission on the Role and Function of Denominational Organizations.

Francis W. Wernick, General Conference vice-president and chairman of the commission, explained that "the commission report is a response to requests made over a period of years for the church to do something about duplication and proliferation of staff, multiplication of departments and services and duplication of functions and resources."

Wilson said he hopes to save up to \$1.25 million per year at the General Conference by reducing duplicative staff. "All cuts will be internal," he said. "They will not affect the outreach of the church."

Other highlights of the commission report included:

- *Church structure "permits both a centralized structure (an authoritative and effective world headquarters with division offices) and a decentralized sharing of administrative and promotional responsibilities on four constituency levels in all parts of the world."

- *Fundamental to church unity is the local church, the organized fellowship of individual believers. The conference/mission unites organizationally the churches in a specific geographic area. The union represents a united body of conference/missions within a larger territory. The General Conference embraces all unions and churches in all parts of the world and joins together the whole worldwide fellowship of believers into a united body.

- *Union conferences are the "basic constituent blocks of the world church."

- *Active lay participation needs to be maximized in church planning and decision-making. Elected lay participation is important on all levels of the church.

About Curlers, Toothpaste, Hairspray, Etcetera

The next time you find your bathroom littered with curlers, brushes, uncapped toothpaste, hair spray, and other feminine impedimenta, relax! Instead of exploding with a few not so well chosen words, remember, the stuff is *hers*.

Now there was a time—at least for most of us males—when we would have given an eye tooth to have in our possession something, *anything*, that belonged to *her*. Remember high school? Her handkerchief. Her watch. Her class pin. Her pen. Almost anything would do. Just so it was *hers*.



By Robert H. Pierson

A service provided by Home and Family Service, General Conference.

(And I believe I've known young women to make similar collections.)

Perhaps David has some helpful counsel when little things aggravate us. Whether it be hair spray, curlers, and magazines, or the daily paper, socks, and tools, the sweet singer of Israel says, "I remember the days of old" (Psalms 143:5).

It is good for us to do the same. Instead of bristling, do a little remembering—back to teenage years in academy, early dates, wedding and honeymoon days. Yes, "remember the days of old". You just might get a new perspective on curlers and socks.

Opportunities For Mission Service

English	15
Physical Education	1
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Elementary	8
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Ministerial Training	1
Director of Research	1
Librarians	2

Of these calls, 57 are for volunteers. Some require language mastery, rather specific academic or experience backgrounds and/or licensure. For many opportunities marital status and/or size of family is specified.

If you would like further information about any of these available positions please write to Secretariat Information Service, 6840 Eastern Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20012.

FFT Gives Programs To Soviet Church Leaders



Don James (left), Faith For Today syndicator director, and Dan Matthews (right), speaker/director, present a series of 13 Westbrook Hospital programs to Elder Michael Kulakov, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Russia.

During Faith For Today's Advisory Board, Director Dan Matthews presented a gift of 13 Westbrook Hospital programs to Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders from the Soviet Union.

Accepting the video tapes, which will be used by church leaders in Russia, were Elder Michael Kulakov, President of the Association of Seventh-day Adventists in the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic, and Elder N. A. Zhukaluk, co-chairman of the church in the Ukraine.

After embracing Elder Matthews, Pastor Kulakov said, "We wish to thank Faith For Today for these character-building programs. They will be a wonderful, wonderful help to our people."

These church leaders were hosted in the United States by Elder Walter Blehm, President of the Pacific Union. Two months earlier Pastor Blehm was their guest on his tour of the Soviet Union.

"Faith For Today has an on-going commitment," says Dan Matthews, "to assist our Russian brethren in the sharing of healthful living concepts."

AU Is Looking For Music, Prose and Poetry

Andrews University is looking for original religious music, prose and poetry to be presented at the Friday evening vespers March 8, 1985, as a part of Founders Day Weekend. The theme for this year's contest will be "Thanks Be To God," according to Dr. Merlene Ogden, director of the vespers program.

The contest is open to current and former students, faculty and staff members of Battle Creek College, Broadview College, Emmanuel Missionary College, Potomac University and Andrews University.

Awards of \$25 will be given to the best entries in poetry, 12-line minimum, four awards; short inspirational prose, 1000-word limit, two awards; and music, six awards.

The deadline for the contest is February 1, 1985. Send your entry to Dr. Merlene Ogden, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104. Each entry should be accompanied by an identifying title page including name, year or years at the university, and current address. No name identification should appear on the manuscript.

Entries will be judged by two panels—one in poetry and prose, and the other in music. Winners will be notified in advance of the March 8 vespers program and winning entries will be so identified on the printed vespers program.

Adventists To Vote On Ordination Of Women

The Seventh-day Adventist Church will vote on whether to ordain women to the gospel ministry at its General Conference Session in New Orleans, June 27-July 6, 1985.

The church's 1984 Annual Council responded to a request that it act to permit women serving as associates in pastoral care and who serve as local church elders to baptize, that church policy be amended to permit granting of ministerial licenses to women and that the church consider the ordination of qualified women to the gospel ministry.

The Annual council asked that the issues of ministerial licenses for women and baptism by women be tabled until the larger issue of women in the gospel ministry is decided by the Church at its 1985 General Conference Session.

The Annual Council noted "that the issues raised . . . cannot be resolved without deciding the central issue of women being eligible for ordination to the gospel ministry."

The church's Biblical Research Institute will send to all delegates to the General Conference Session "a balanced summary of the available theological positions in connection with this subject."

The Annual Council action stated that the "decision of the 1985 General Conference

A Case Against Smoking

George Keller, a well-known Michigan trial attorney, has taken a unique stand on smoking—he refuses to act as legal counsel to anyone who smokes. In the October issue *Smoke Signals*, Keller told of some of the interesting things that have happened to him as a result of his strong convictions on the subject of smoking.

Keller himself quit smoking many years ago as a result of an encounter with a young boy. The boy's comment that Keller was 'adulterating' his own body started him thinking about the effects of his cigar-smoking habit. He now requires total tobacco abstinence of his employees, his clients, and even his law partners. "Smoking is more akin to a barroom than to a law office," Keller observes.

Each month *Smoke Signals* publishes an article on a topic related to tobacco use, selected to answer frequently asked questions or to offer healthful suggestions to smokers and new non-smokers. It is especially useful in bulk orders for Five-day Plans, but is also available as an individual subscription for those who wish to stay abreast of the trends in the subject of tobacco use.

Session will be definitive and should be accepted as such by the Church worldwide."

General Conference President Neal C. Wilson said, "It is clear scripture teaches equality of men and women, but we must face the question of whether that equality is one of both status and function." He pointed out that various church studies and actions of the last decade have urged continued study of the role of women in the church and have recognized the role of women in pastoral-evangelistic work with ministerial status.

C. E. Bradford, president of the church's North American Division, pointed out that the General Conference has encouraged conferences to employ women in ministry. "They have the same educational preparation as men. Several conferences have accepted them in pastoral roles. They have been taking their places with their male classmates on pastoral staffs."

Former General Conference President Robert H. Pierson appealed for study of the Bible and of the Spirit of Prophecy (writings of church founder Ellen G. White), "not of what other churches are doing, not what radical liberals propose, not what proponents of the *status quo* urge. We must find the solution on our knees, and then move ahead as a united church."

General Conference Session Offering

To establish a shortwave radio station on the island of Guam, which has the potential of reaching over 2 billion people, is one of the largest projects that has been undertaken by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for many years. Raising the \$5 million that will be needed to establish this station will call for the united and sacrificial support of the whole world church family.

In this offering the world church will be focusing its interest, concern and support on a project that will make it possible to beam God's message of salvation to a very large segment of the world's population who may never be reached in any other way. I believe that all will agree that the Seventh-day Adventist Church should be putting forth greater efforts to reach the people in that part of the world.

A major difference in the 1985 Session offering is that all the funds will be directed to one major project—establishing a radio station on the island of Guam—instead of a large percentage being reverted to each division to help with local evangelism programs.

The dates of the two offerings to be taken before the General Conference Session are March 9 and May 25, 1985. In order to reach the goal of \$5 million, it will be necessary for members to start planning now—setting aside each month a substantial amount for this offering. Then, when the offering is taken each of us will be in a position to present a large offering to the Lord.

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In one province, nearly 4,000 have been baptized since 1979, and five or six new chapels have been built.

A brother went to visit a relative and was asked to speak to the believers. At first he spoke for 1½ hours. That was not enough, so he spoke for another 1½ hours. Still they wanted to hear more. After the third hour and a half of speaking, he became so hoarse that he was forced to play a cassette in order to satisfy the listeners. While there he baptized 60 persons, and believers wept when he departed.

In a section of South China, 250 candidates were baptized at one service as the result of the work of just one dedicated sister!

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WEDDINGS

Gilbert - Peterson

Katherine Irene Gilbert and Arnold Dean Peterson were united in marriage in the Des Moines Iowa SDA Church on May 27, 1984. The ceremony was jointly performed by the father of the bride and Pastor Ron Scott. The parents of the bride are Pastor and Mrs. Don F. Gilbert of the Iowa-Missouri Conference, and the parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Peterson of Gentry, Arkansas. The couple are currently students at Union College.

Prowant - Gilbert

Deborah Denise Prowant and Russell Harold Gilbert were united in marriage in the Chapel Oaks SDA Church in Kansas City on July 22, 1984 by the groom's father. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Prowant, who is serving as a dentist in the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, and the groom is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Don F. Gilbert of the Iowa-Missouri Conference. The couple will be living in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, where the groom is employed with the Adventist Health System and the bride at the Shawnee Mission Hospital.

OBITUARIES

AMENDE, Mollie, was born Dec. 1, 1906 in Kolb, Russia, and died Aug. 20, 1984 at Rushville, NE. She married Otto Amende in 1944, and he preceded her in death in July, 1984. Four children survive: Dorothy Hodson, Arlene Thomas, Donald Amende, and Maxine Sheets. Also 13 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and one sister.

BRUMFIELD, Georgia, was born Mar. 22, 1890, in Butler, MO, and died Oct. 14, 1984, in Overland Park, KS. She was a member of the Chapel Oaks church. She married Grover Brumfield, and they had two sons, Jim and Bob, who are no longer living. George died in 1969. Survivors include 8 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren; 3 nephews, Alfred and Lloyd Brown, and Frank Davis; and a niece, Mrs. Lyla Shawver.

COOPER, Blanche, was born Dec. 18, 1894 and passed to her rest Sept. 26, 1984, Rawlins, WY. Survivors include 2 daughters: Ruth Beller and Mary Engstrom; a son, Charles Cooper; and two sisters: Marie Hasher and Hazel Wert.

GOBLE, Elizabeth, was born Sept. 23, 1884 in Guthrie Center, Iowa and passed to her rest Oct. 3, 1984, having just celebrated her 100th birthday. She was a member of the Campion church. She is survived by a son Harlan Goble; a daughter, Helen Mae Goble; a brother, Charles Hobson; 3 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

HINSLEY, E. L. (Blackie), was born Oct. 22, 1907, Prosper, TX and died July 16, 1984, Riverton, WY. Surviving are his wife, Erma; daughter Shirley Bibbs, and son J. L. Hinsley.

ISRAELSON, Otto, was born Oct. 25, 1894, and died Sept. 22, 1984, in Thief River Falls, MN, at the age of 89 years. He is survived by his wife May; one son, Jack; one step-son Erling Johnson; 8 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Laura Holt.

JONES, M. Evelyn, was born Aug. 5, 1918, in Pittsburg, KS and died July 14, 1984, in her home in Shawnee, KS. She was a member of the Chapel Oaks church for many years. Survivors include her husband, Lewie G. Jones, Sr.; a son, Lewie G. Jones, Jr.; 2 daughters, Mrs. LaVerne Burt and Mrs. Wanda Dreer; a brother, Vernon Endicott; 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

LANZ, Edith, was born June 5, 1905 in Austria, moved to central Saskatchewan, Canada, and later settled in St. Paul, MN, where she died on Oct. 7, 1984, at the age of 79. She is survived by her husband, Charles Lanz, Sr.; and children: Donald, Arnold, Chuck, and Gary.

LARSEN, Ivy Delite, was born Aug. 20, 1896 in Disco, IL and passed to her rest Sept. 15, 1984, Boulder, CO. Survivors include her husband, Joseph Larsen, and two daughters, Anna Perkins and Iva Jo Torkelsen.

LOCKWOOD, Ernest Emery, was born Apr. 1923 in Harper County, KS, and died Sept. 23, 1984, at Camarillo, CA. He was married to Helen Kollmorgen in 1944, and farmed near Harper. Survivors include his wife; 3 sons, Leonard, Emery, Robert and Brent; and daughter, Vickie; a brother, Marion; 2 sisters, Maxine Carrick and Fonda Adams; and 4 grandchildren.

MAHAFFY, Pearle, was born Sept. 6, 1897, in Garnett, KS and died Oct. 17, 1984, in Kansas City, KS. She married George Mahaffy in 1919. George preceded her in death. She was a member of the Chapel Oaks church. Survivors include 2 sons, Edward and George Mahaffy; 2 sisters, Maude Rutledge and Mary Eye, and 1 brother, Floyd Sutton.

MEHLBERG, Phyllis, was born on February 2, 1902. She passed away on Sept. 3, 1984. Fort Madison, IA was her church.

MILLER, Myrtle Jewell Guptill, was born June 8, 1911 at Morrill, NE, and passed away Oct. 15, at Ephrata, WA. She married Paul Joseph Miller in 1934 at Grand Junction, CO. Survivors are her husband; 2 daughters, Betty Lou Boyd and Clara Belle Cox; a son, Charles; her mother, Florence Guptill; 5 sisters, 3 brothers, and 6 grandchildren.

ORDELHEIDE, John Henry (Jack), was born June 19, 1919 in Denver, CO and passed to his rest in Denver Oct. 13, 1984. He was baptized as a junior and remained a life-long member of the Denver South Church. He is survived by his wife Agnes; daughters Jean Rouse and Jeniece Schlisner; son John Ordelheide; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ordelheide; 3 brothers, Dr. Walter, Manford and Kenneth; and several grandchildren.

PRUSIA, Harold E. was born Apr. 17, 1900, near Tekamah, NE, and passed away Sept. 19, 1984, at Pittsburg, KS. He was married to Myrna Wesgaard in 1922. He farmed near Walla Walla, WA and after retirement, he made Harlingen, TX., his home and then Liberal, MO where he attended

the Pittsburg, KS church. He is survived by his wife Myrna; 4 children, Norman Prusia, Evelyn Barker, Shirley Woodruff and Marilyn Kessler; a sister, Dorothy Hennig; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

STARKEBAUM, Clifford was born July 24, 1914, Gering, NE and died Aug. 5, 1984, Grand Junction, CO. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn (sister of Frank Baer, of the Pacific Press); daughter Janice Curtis; son, Pastor Ed Starkebaum; brother, Everett, and sister, Shirley Peterson.

YOUNG, Nettie O., was born Aug. 21, 1892 in Sheridan County, MO, and passed away Oct. 13, 1984 at Hutchinson, KS. Survivors are sons, Roy R. Gordon and George Gordon; a daughter, Faith Stuber; a sister, Hallie Wright; 7 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION: TAKOMA ACADEMY ALUMNI

The Alumni Association of Takoma Academy is attempting to update its mailing list for future correspondence. We would appreciate all alumni sending in their current address, phone number and date of graduation so that we can furnish information regarding Alumni Homecoming 1985, April 19-20. Alumni Association Takoma Academy, 8120 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

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April 12-13. Look for further information. Honor Classes: 1980, 1975, 1965, 1960, 1955, 1945.

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	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21	Dec. 28	Jan. 4
Denver, CO	4:35	4:36	4:39	4:43	4:49
Grand Junc., CO	4:51	4:52	4:55	4:59	5:05
Pueblo, CO	4:38	4:38	4:41	4:45	4:51
Cedar Rapids, IA	4:35	4:36	4:38	4:42	4:49
Davenport, IA	4:32	4:33	4:35	4:40	4:46
Des Moines, IA	4:44	4:45	4:47	4:52	4:58
Sioux City, IA	4:53	4:53	4:56	5:00	5:06
Dodge City, KS	5:21	5:22	5:24	5:29	5:34
Goodland, KS	4:23	4:24	4:27	4:31	4:37
Topeka, KS	5:00	5:01	5:03	5:07	5:13
Wichita, KS	5:11	5:12	5:15	5:19	5:24
Duluth, MN	4:21	4:20	4:23	4:27	4:34
Internl. Falls, MN	4:18	4:18	4:20	4:25	4:32
Minneapolis, MN	4:32	4:32	4:34	4:39	4:45
Rochester, MN	4:32	4:32	4:34	4:39	4:45
Columbia, MO	4:47	4:48	4:50	4:55	5:00
Kansas City, MO	4:56	4:56	4:59	5:03	5:09
Springfield, MO	4:56	4:57	5:00	5:04	5:09
St. Louis, MO	4:39	4:40	4:43	4:47	4:53
Grand Island, NE	5:05	5:06	5:08	5:12	5:18
Lincoln, NE	4:59	5:00	5:02	5:06	5:12
North Platte, NE	5:14	5:15	5:17	5:21	5:27
Omaha, NE	4:54	4:55	4:57	5:02	5:08
Scottsbluff, NE	4:23	4:24	4:26	4:31	4:37
Bismarck, ND	4:55	4:55	4:57	5:02	5:08
Fargo, ND	4:39	4:39	4:41	4:45	4:52
Williston, ND	5:01	5:01	5:03	5:07	5:14
Pierre, SD	5:02	5:02	5:05	5:09	5:15
Rapid City, SD	4:14	4:14	4:17	4:21	4:27
Sioux Falls, SD	4:50	4:51	4:53	4:57	5:04
Casper, WY	4:31	4:32	4:34	4:39	4:45
Cheyenne, WY	4:30	4:31	4:34	4:38	4:44
Sheridan, WY	4:27	4:27	4:30	4:34	4:41

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