

# Outlook

Northern Union





# Windows of Heaven Have Opened



We are thrilled beyond words with the outstanding reports that have come to our attention regarding soul-winning exploits here in the Northern Union!

Last year was the biggest year the North Dakota Conference had had in 21 years when they baptized 154. Already this year they have exceeded this figure; through May they have baptized 183 .

1974 was the greatest year in soul-winning for the South Dakota Conference, with 133 baptized, since the years of 1940, 42, and 44. During the first five months of 1975, they have baptized 83 which is two less than they had at the end of July a year ago.

Also during the first five months of 1975, Iowa has baptized 109, and Minnesota now has 167.

Our Union now has 542 for the first five months of this year which represents a 213 gain over the same period last year. In 1956 a total of 461 were baptized for the entire year in the Northern Union and in 1966 a total of 437 were baptized for the year. So you can see how the Lord is blessing.

What would happen during the rest of 1975 if all of us endeavored to win at least one person each for the Lord between now and the end of the year?

God is ready when we are ready to finish the work. Let us arise, as one, and complete the work God has given us to do.

Sincerely,

W. O. Coe  
President

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# 1975 is Church Identification Year

If you were a stranger traveling through your town, would you see any indications along the highway that there is a Seventh-day Adventist church located there? You and your church have life-giving truth for those who live in, or who pass through, your town. Don't let them have to guess where they can find your church. Mark it so well they cannot miss it!

Do you have signs pointing the way to your church? Are they adequate? Should there be more? Should they be larger? Do they need to be replaced?

Signs for your church are not a luxury; they are a necessity. It makes little sense to spend thousands of dollars annually for radio and television programs to familiarize Americans with Adventist beliefs and then fail to identify the church.

An Annual Council action in 1974 encourages all churches and conferences in North America to put forth a concerted effort to give proper identification to Adventist churches, schools, and institutions. In the Northern Union, top priority is being given to church signs in 1975. It has been designated "Church Identification Year".

Order forms and additional information can be obtained by writing to your conference communications director. Brochures have been sent to every district pastor in the Union. Make plans *now* to order through your local conference office and take advantage of the 50% subsidy that is good only until September. And don't forget telephone book listings, listings at hotels and motels, visitors guides, and the welcome wagon or city hostess for your area.

# Payabya Board Meets

Our Payabya Mission Station board met recently at the school site in southwestern South Dakota. We learned some very interesting things regarding our young people at this school.

Two of our young people placed second among approximately 1500 students in that area of South Dakota in a speech contest. Another seventh grader entered a spelling contest with 200 in her grade and she also placed second. We can be proud of our students, we can be proud of our school, and we can be proud of our teachers, Larry Gatewood and Cathy Singhurst.

Cleveland Weasel Bear

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The picture above is a picture of a student's test. His name is Cleveland Weasel Bear but he is affectionately known as "JJ" to everyone in the school. Sometimes the question is raised, "Does Christianity get through to these students?" We pray to God for guidance in the morning, thank Him in the evening for all His goodness to us. Please do not test the accuracy of this lovable little Christian's work. But please read his misspelled message of thankfulness which he expresses to the God that he now begins to know and love. In case you can't read it, it says, "God helped me do my work. Thank you God." Surely the mission efforts of Elder and Mrs. Max Singhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gatewood are bearing fruit for the Kingdom of

Heaven. This young man is learning to know his Jesus and getting ready to meet Him. How thankful we can be for our school.

Also for your information, six graduated from the eighth grade. These six spent a total of seventeen years at our Payabya School. No television receivers are in the area, but the young people of the school raised \$206 for Faith for Today. Who are these young people? Their names are Harriet Sharp Fish, Janet Sitting Holy, Pansy Two Bulls, Grace Good Voice Elk, Darven Eagle Louse, Cleveland Weasel Bear and others. They are all candidates for the Kingdom. Their needs are many. If you wish to help them please contact them at Payabya Mission, Box 380, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770. They need a flour mill, for they feed the students one hot meal each day. They need a large toaster, bedding and towels for their guest rooms, a motor and blade for the tractor, and in Lakota Indian language, they say "Pilamaya" which literally translated is "Thank You". Their courage is good, the work is onward, and our little mission station in South Dakota looks beautiful.

L. H. Netteburg



Final opportunity to participate in the Adventure

in Faith Offering July 12, 1975.



## Evangelism Plus Sunday Seminars



**Pastor Halle Crowson and two of the visual aids used in the Sunday Seminars on prophecy held recently in Jamestown.**

As part of the evangelistic meetings recently held in Jamestown, it was decided that in the ecumenical spirit, the members would invite their Christian friends to study the prophetic books of Daniel and Revelation in a series of Sunday Seminars held on March 23 and 30.

Halle Crowson led out in the presentation, assisted by LeRoy Leiske and Ed Scheresky. Numerous visual aids were used to illustrate the prophecies. Approximately one-half of those who attended the seminars were not members of the church. Twenty-four baptisms resulted from the seminars and the evangelistic meetings combined. Truly the Holy Spirit is working in opening the minds of many as they study the Scriptures.

Anthony St. John  
*Communications*

## Evangelism in Lisbon



**Part of the group baptized in Lisbon with Evangelist Buddy Brass and Pastor Joseph Fialho.**

A new day has come to Lisbon, North Dakota. Buddy Brass, conference evangelist, and Pastor Joseph Fialho teamed up to hold meetings in the Lisbon area. The National Guard Armory was rented and night after night the people came.

"These things you are telling us, my daddy told me when I was a little girl," commented Mary Cole who was baptized during the series.

Gerald Hopewell, his wife, and several members of his family were united with the Lisbon Church during this series. Already Mr. Hopewell is sharing his faith with others

and leading them to Christ. In fact, he studied with his son-in-law, Dale Mischke, who was also baptized during this series.

All in all, sixteen precious souls gave their hearts to the Lord Jesus during this series and united with the Lisbon Church.

The Lisbon Church has decided it is now time to build a baptistry. A portable unit was used for the recent baptisms since the church does not have one. Work on this project is planned for the summer months.

Joseph Fialho  
*Pastor*

## Student Missionary

Vicky Ras, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ras, Sr., of Rugby, North Dakota, is due to return to the United States soon. She has been teaching English at the SDA English Language School in Seoul, Korea.

Her work in Korea has been teaching five English classes and one Bible class each day. The teachers are encouraged to make friends with their English students and to invite them to attend their Bible classes and the Bible meetings on the weekends. The work is very satisfying in that student missionaries see baptisms resulting from their work from time to time.



Vicky was sponsored by Union College, where she will soon be continuing her studies as a junior Biology major. Student missionary experience is another advantage of attending Union College. Why not you?

## \$92,982 Up in Smoke

\$92,982 up in smoke! That's right! Twenty-seven persons who attended the Stop-Smoking Plan in Wahpeton had smoked approximately that amount during their accumulative years of smoking. Twenty-six of the twenty-seven put an end to watching their money burn away.

Doctors Wiltse, Blackwelder, Wall and Pastor Myron Johnson combined their talents to present this 5-day Plan, helping these folk to gain this victory.

Anthony St. John

## New Work in Stanley

From 12 to 26 people are attending Sabbath School and church each Sabbath in the community room of a nursing home in Stanley, North Dakota.

Leonard Devnich has been working in Stanley through the winter months, visiting and holding evangelistic meetings and the Lord is blessing.

On the opening night of a series in January, the temperature fell to 22 below zero. The wind was blowing at 50 miles an hour. Pastor Devnich did not think it worthwhile to set up the hall for the meeting as he was sure no one would attend in such weather. But, just in case, he and his daughter put the place in readiness and waited. Shortly after 7:30, fourteen non-members had arrived for the service!

On April 15, 1975, the Stanley group was organized into a church. A site has been purchased in a prime location of Stanley where they will build their own church home.

Progress is being made and we see the Lord's blessing upon the work of the Devnich's as they have dedicated their efforts to this new area in North Dakota.

J. Wayne Hancock

## SRA Youth Join Evangelist to Win Souls



Lyndon DeWitt lecturing at the Bible Prophecy Seminar.

A personal witnessing team, under the direction of Pastor Dave Schwartz, joined with Lyndon DeWitt in a fruitful evangelistic effort in Harvey, North Dakota. The meetings were held in the Oddfellows Hall with an attendance of up to 160 persons.

Fourteen students participated in the program with music and speaking. On four special nights the youth had the entire program.

The last Sunday of the meetings, a special prophecy

seminar was held from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Many members and non-members were in attendance. Also included was a fellowship supper. To climax the evening, the film "Arrow of Prophecy" was shown.



Girls trio participating in the Harvey meetings. Jeanette Johnson, Eileen Reinke, and Dava Benton.

Besides the blessing of seeing sixteen persons baptized for Christ, one of the major results of these meetings was the re-establishment of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Hurdsfield.

Dave Schwartz, *Pastor*

## Four Baptized at Grand Forks



These four persons were baptized in the Grand Forks Church on Sabbath, March 15, at the conclusion of a series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Buddy Brass in the city of Grafton.

The town of Grafton is located 38 miles north of Grand

Forks and is the center of Walsh County, a thriving agricultural area of about 17,000 persons. A small church was purchased in Grafton in 1973 by the North Dakota Conference as part of an effort to begin work in this dark county. The recent baptism brought the membership of the company to ten, including Pastor and Mrs. Bill Menshausen, workers recently moved to Grafton.

These believers are dedicated to the task of evangelizing the county and are looking forward to the time when a church can be organized. Members of the company are praying that other Adventists will be impressed to bring a witness to this dark area.

Orrie Bell, *Pastor*



## Witnessing With Ministry of Healing

"Reaching men of high-caliber professions such as physicians and dentists with something of our message is not always an easy task for the Church," suggests Pastor Phil Benson of the Lemmon Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Dakota, "but it can be done with proper methods."

As members of the Lemmon church began studying the book *The Ministry of Healing* by Ellen G. White week by week, the comment, "I wish more people of this community and especially those who care for the sick could read this book," was repeatedly heard.

After having considered that the book of the year (1974) *Charisma of the Spirit* had been favorably received by 12 area ministers last October, an idea emerged. Why not send a paperback copy of *The Ministry of Healing* to at least every area physician and dentist. So, with the approval of this health study group the pastor prepared a letter of introduction to precede the mailing of the books.

By mailing a personal letter to these men first, it was hoped they would be informed about the book—its need, its practical approach, and its authoritative content as substantiated by Dr. Clive McKay of Cornell University—and desire to read it.

To date, 14 copies of this inspired volume of counsel have been mailed to these professional men in three area cities. "Planting seed in the proper way and then watering it

through the working of the Holy Spirit will surely begin to do a work God expects of us," commented Pastor Benson.

NOTE: Anyone desiring to obtain a copy of the form letter sent in this project may do so by writing to Project MH, 404 6th Avenue West, Lemmon, S.D. 57638.

## Temperance Week at Lemmon

"Temperance work is not always as much work as it is challenging and rewarding," says Phil Benson of Lemmon, South Dakota.

The challenge came when Kathy Benson, wife of the pastor, discovered a small news article tucked in the corner of the city's paper, *Lemmon Leader*. It was a mayoral proclamation that was proclaiming April 20-26, 1975 as YOUTH TEMPERANCE WEEK and urged all civic, education, religious, social, and other organizations to make a substantial contribution to the moral, spiritual, and social standards by the use of temperance education for its youth.

It was Thursday afternoon with the week but four days away. Using the conference film list, the film "Just One," which described the effects of alcohol on the brain, was selected. A call was placed by the pastor to the conference in faith that a way would open to use it.

Knowing that the best advantage for reaching the largest number of grade-school and lower high school age students was through the public schools, a call was again made to the principal of Lemmon High School, Kenneth Ashmore. Mr. Ashmore was surprised to be briefed on the possibility of a temperance program as he had not as yet read or heard of the mayoral proclamation.

By Friday evening Mr. Ash-

more consented to the temperance program consisting of film and literature distribution for his nearly 300 youth from grades 7-10. The date was set for Thursday, April 24, at 3 o'clock.

On Monday the following week 300 *Listen* reprints entitled, "Brain Damage Starts With The First Drink," were phone ordered from the General Conference Temperance department. As fate would seem to have it, there was a mix-up in the mailing of the film, so "Just One" was seemingly adrift in the mail from one point to another. The Lemmon Post Office agreed to hold it the morning of the 24th as mail did not reach the pastor's home till late afternoon—the time of the presentation.

On the morning of the 24th both the film and leaflets arrived simultaneously. At the high school, a short introduction was made by Mr. Ashmore on the purpose of the week—temperance, a word not quite understood by most until "alcohol" was mentioned. Pastor Benson followed with remarks as to the widespread use of the drug, alcohol, and gave comment on the film's content.

At the conclusion of the program Lloyd Dale, a 7th grade instructor at the school, requested the use of the film for the following morning where nearly 75 of the group would again view its content. As the film was returned, Mr. Dale expressed thanks for such a straight-forward documentary and mentioned that nearly 20 minutes of discussion had followed its second showing. "I believe," says Pastor Benson, "you have already guessed the reward in this story."

Phil Benson

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Voice of Prophecy  
radio log

## Baptisms at Aberdeen



**First baptism: left to right: Melissa Spellman, Roger Beaty, Tony Ostrander. Back row, Everett Calkins, pastor, Mrs. Martin Imbery by transfer, Clyde Ostrander, Peggy Ostrander and pastor Larry Pumford. Not pictured are Ray and Elsie Nelson and Pearl Riel.**



**Second Baptism: Back row left to right: Coleen Thorp, Dawn, Jo, Sherry and Jack Schroeder, Clyde Ostrander, Mrs. Martin Imbery, Mrs. Newton Richardson, Cathy Thorp. Front row: Heide Adams, Tony Ostrander with younger brother, Melissa Spellman, and Roger Beaty.**

Sixteen persons were baptized during a series of meetings held by conference evangelist Les Fowler and pastor Everett Calkins.

Over 300 persons attended the opening meeting at Northern State College Administration Building Auditorium. A final week of follow-up was held at the church and the Lord gave success. Many victories were gained and the Aberdeen members are encouraged by the new families.

## Southeastern Community Services Meet

The Federation of Southeastern Community Services met April 7 at Watertown under the direction of its president, LaVerna Flyger. Pastor Weldon Treat of Yankton reminded the delegates of their privilege of serving others as outlined in Isa. 58:6-10.

During the business session information was given about the Community Services Van which soon will be put into service. Churches represented were Hurley, Interlakes, Mitchell, Sioux Falls, Yankton and Watertown.

J. G. Nikkels, Conference Lay Activities Director, directed a class about Adventist Crisis

Ministry, which enters into the life situation of an individual, family or group, to alleviate the impact of some crisis-producing event or problem. Adventist Crisis Ministry emphasizes the truth that "real charity helps men to help themselves," which involves interviewing, counseling, assisting and referring people to Christ as the solution to man's "upsets in a steady state of life." A mimeographed six-page questionnaire was filled out by each delegate at the close of the class to help them remember the instruction received.

Alta Devitt

## Five Baptized at Hurley



**Pictured from left to right are: Elder and Mrs. L. E. Tucker of the Quiet Hour; Murrel, Lorraine, and Myron Lunning; Lois and Fred Bishop; and Elder Treat, pastor of the church.**

Sabbath afternoon, May 3, 1975, the Hurley, South Dakota church saw again evidences of God's leading as five new members were added to the church.

During the beautiful service Audry Anderson, Lay Activities secretary, told how God had led her to add names to the mailing list when the church was mailing handbills, and how

that the Murrel Lunning family were some who were added. They came every night and were baptized at the end of the meetings.

Lois and Fred Bishop had a story of seed sown 50 years ago sprouting and finally bearing fruit as Lois was baptized and Fred was taken in on profession of faith.

Weldon Treat, *Pastor*



## Revival in Independence

Ten years ago the last Sabbath services were held in Independence, Iowa. Since that time members have met in homes or gone to nearby churches. March 21 through April 18 Craig Hollingsworth and Alvin Wolcott held evangelistic meetings in Independence at the Red Rooster Cafe. The average attendance was 20 of which 75% were non-Adventists.

Sabbath, April 19, the members and friends gathered at 2:30 p.m. for the re-organization of the Sabbath School and church services with a baptism of several people who have accepted this message.

The group at Independence ask for an interest in your prayers that this city will, through the influence of this new group, come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Marcus E. Payne

## Dubuque News

The junior class of the Dubuque Sabbath School sponsored a "Fun Nite" to raise money for Investment Saturday night, April 26th. They solicited food from church members and helped make some themselves.

An admission was charged and the junior class sold all the goodies and supervised an evening of fun and games for everyone. Thirty-four attended including some non-church members. A good time was had by all and \$30 was raised for investment.

P. R. Secretary, Pat Schulz

## Spencer Church Dedication

The Spencer church members enjoyed a special Sabbath March 22 when God's house of worship was dedicated free of debt. Guest speaker L. H. Netteburg, Treasurer of the Northern Union Conference, gave the dedicatory address using II Chronicles 6 as the theme, in which Solomon's prayer of consecration was presented following the building of the Temple. District pastor Charles Stout read the act of dedication and the congregation responded with a vow of reconsecration for the cause and service of God.

Mrs. Barbara Knipe reviewed the history of the church, which began in a theater in 1942 where the brothers Leighton and Roger Holley held evangelistic services. Following these meetings there were 21 charter members under the leadership of Leighton Holley. The group purchased the Danish Dance Hall at 517 6th Ave. E. where the Spencer Church was officially organized on April 17, 1943.

Pastors and their families who have served the church in sequence are: Leighton Holley, H. R. Coats, W. K. Caviness, H. H. White, A. T. Bidwell, A. L. Rudy, H. R. Davis, O. P. Jones, C. A. Larsen, O. R. McLean, W. L. Wellman, G. N. Miller, Jerald Hurst, Norman Jones, Robert Leach and the present pastor Charles Stout.

In 1945, under the direction of Pastor Caviness, an elementary church school was established and taught by Mrs. Caviness. Violet Foster, now of Centerville, Iowa soon took over these duties until 1952 when several families moved away and there were too few students to continue.

Drs. Everett and Eunice Christensen set up a practice in Spencer in 1945. Dr. Everett served the church as head local elder and Dr. Eunice as head deaconess until they moved to Thomasville, Georgia in 1968. During the last year of their

residence here, they and Pastor Miller led out in a complete remodeling and redecorating program of the church, including carpeting, children's class rooms, air-conditioning, and many other renovations. Recently a new organ, piano, public address system, new doors and window drapes have been added. With this entire conversion, the old Danish Hall had little left to remind it of its former days.

In 1961 when the adjoining neighborhood grocery store closed, the location was purchased by the congregation for a parking lot.



**Mrs. Georgia Jochims and Francis Mingus with Pastor Stout in the center. Mrs. Jochims and Mr. Mingus are the only remaining charter members of the Spencer Church.**

Faithful charter members still living in the community are: Francis Mingus and Mrs. Georgia Jochims. Mr. Mingus has loyally served as head decon of the church since its organization.

The Terril and Sioux Rapids churches merged with the Spencer group in 1967. Iver Johnson, formerly head elder of the Terril Church, resumed these same duties for the combined organization until his recent death.

The closing exercises for the dedication ceremonies was a song by the district ladies choir, directed by Verla Johnson of Spirit Lake and Francis Mingus gave the benediction.

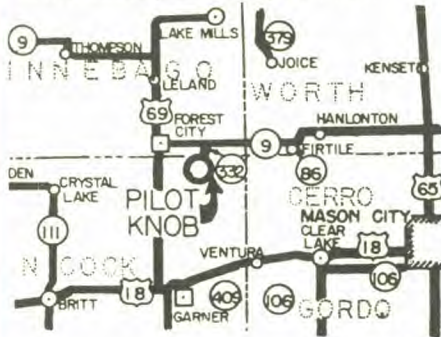
Barbara Knipe  
Communications Secretary



# Mason City to Host Campmeeting

PILOT KNOB STATE PARK - JUNE 25-28

The Mason City Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting a spiritual retreat at Pilot Knob State Park, 4 miles East of Forest City, Iowa, beginning Wednesday evening at 7:30.



The area has a beautiful setting including a lake, woods and nature trails all very conducive to worship and relaxation. A program is being planned for all ages including a special program in nature study, to assist in obtaining MV honors. The agenda includes worship, relaxation, recreation, health talks by Dr. Richard Tkachuck and a daily exercise program.

To lead out in our spiritual program several dedicated men have consented to come: Mauritz Peterson, Daryl Chilson presenting "Righteousness by Faith", W. G. Zima, R. L. Walden and Marvin Ponder who is associate pastor of Union College. Ken Williams will lead out in a Colporteur Rally on Sabbath afternoon. Many fine musicians will be on hand to encourage a real spiritual experience during these four days.

The book mobile will be on the camp grounds Thursday and Friday.

The camp sites have electrical and water hookups for campers as well as many tent sites. The daily charge is \$3.00. To assure a reservation for a camp site at this spiritual retreat, please write Jim Armstrong, 1415 S. Federal, Mason City, Iowa 50401 or call 515-424-9591 and send \$3.00.

A registration fee of \$5.00 per

family is requested to help cover expenses of the retreat. We know that God will truly bless and give each one attending a rewarding experience as we fellowship and share this time together.

Jim Armstrong

## Audubon Remodels

On Sabbath, May 3, the Audubon members worshipped in their newly remodeled church for the first time. They wish to thank the neighboring churches at Atlantic, Exira and Harlan for sharing their services with them during the six-week project.

## Des Moines Lay Activities Endeavors

"I quit smoking February 25, 1975. I think it's the greatest thing ever. You'd be surprised how many people I told about it." This was the response of Lillie Foust in a short interview during her attendance at the Vegetarian Cooking School held as a follow-up to two successful Five Day Plans.

Because of the response to the February Smoking Clinic, another one was held March 23-27 in the Des Moines SDA Elementary School Auditorium with approximately 65 enrollees. Follow-up a week later indicated that the majority were thrilled with their success and still "chose not to smoke."

On the final night of the Smoking Clinic a "tasting buffet" was held to acquaint the group with vegetarian food and to introduce the Vegetarian Cooking School to be held the following week under the direction of Mrs. Becky Barts. These two avenues of evangelism have been very successful.

Rhonda Karr

## Dedication



Harry Scanlan, local elder of the Fort Madison Seventh-day Adventist Church stands on his crutches, Bible in hand, and opens the church doors for Sabbath services. He has not missed a church service since he fell 15 feet from a house roof while working.

He has carried on his church activities as first elder, adult Sabbath School teacher and assistant lay activities leader. He also took over an eleven o'clock service on the stormiest Sabbath this winter. He also leads the weekly Friday evening services.

Harry is dedicated and gives credit to God who surely protected him from a worse tragedy and to his wife and other church members who have cooperated in carrying on the church activities.

Alice Lewis  
Communications Secretary

**Are You Involved  
in Your  
Sabbath School  
Class Unit?**



## Literature Evangelist Training School



**R. C. Thomas and G. E. Taggart giving instructions on how to write good contracts.**

New literature evangelists from all over the Northern Union attended a special school for beginning workers April 4 to 8, at Hutchinson, Minnesota. Intensive practical instruction on how to close the sale was given by R. C. Thomas, Northern Union Publishing Director. The General Conference series, *Like a Mighty Army* training films helped the literature evangelists get a clear picture of their privileges and responsibilities.

On Sabbath the regular workers joined in an M.V. program to help Maplewood Academy students and local church members realize that God calls men and women from all professions to be literature evangelists. Several students and church members are interested in joining our forces. God is calling "workers from every church among us" - *Colporteur Ministry*, page 20. Why not join the ranks and help finish God's work?

R. G. Eno  
Publishing Director

## Bemidji Pathfinders

A very impressive Pathfinder induction service was held in Bemidji, March 15. At the pastor's invitation, the ceremony was held during the worship hour. Fourteen Pathfinders, with their leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Larsen took their places around a table decked with candles, representing the M. V. classes and the JMV Pledge and Law. Each candle was lit from the large, "Spirit of Pathfinding" candle, and each Pathfinder, in turn, declared his vows to the Pledge and the Law. Mr. Larsen accepted the pledges and Mrs. Larsen gave the charge, while Pastor Waterhouse gave the commitment prayer.

Good conduct ribbons were presented to nine members for their faithful participation in 1974. Small trophies were presented as merit awards to Sally Lang, Pam Johnson, Lori Larsen, Bruce Johnson and Dana Frishman. Other awards were presented for participation in various projects.

The Bemidji Pathfinders have been busy the past year with several projects. In May they made and delivered May Baskets to group homes. The boys raked the church yard last spring; throughout the year as a community project, they collected Betty Crocker coupons to help the County Nursing Home with a special project; saved used postage stamps for the Voice of Prophecy; collected newspapers last spring and again in the fall; and most recently, over 200 telephone contacts were made inviting people to listen to the Voice of Prophecy radio program.

The entire group is finishing their honor requirements on edible wild plants and are now working on model rocketry and needlecraft.

Mr. and Mrs. Larsen are thankful for the opportunity to work with the Pathfinders and ask for God's blessings as they work with this "little army" for the Lord.

Ramona Larsen

## Wendroth 50th Anniversary

Mrs. and Mrs. Fred (Annie Neuman) Wendroth of rural Hutchinson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 20, 1975, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hutchinson.

The Wendroths were married April 21, 1925, at Eden Valley, Minnesota. Their attendants were Hazel Snell Marsh and Emil Neuman, both of whom attended the celebration with their spouses.

They have one son, Marv, of Hutchinson, two granddaughters, Mrs. Paul (Jeanie) Ackland of Hutchinson and Mrs. Keith (Shirlee) Plath of Chaska, and two great-grandchildren, Scott and Jessica Ackland.

Mr. and Mrs. Marv Wendroth, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ackland and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Plath hosted the open house for 160 guests.

Marv Wendroth, their son,



read a tribute to his parents, and Elder Ray Daniel offered a prayer.

Joyce Laing  
Communications

## Baptisms at Northbrook



Evangelist Halle Crowson, Pastors Gary Schwarz and Clarence McKey from the Northbrook Church, stand with a large group who were baptized recently. The Lord

moved upon the hearts of about 40 individuals during the series of evangelistic meetings to unite with God's family.

Bernice Wenzel  
*Communications*

## PHILOSDA Second Northern Regional Retreat

### North Star Camp

All single Seventh-day Adventist adults are cordially invited to attend the Second Northern Regional PHILOSDA Retreat at North Star Camp, Brainerd, Minnesota, August 1-3, 1975.

R. C. Schwartz, Minnesota Conference President, will be the Sabbath morning speaker. Other speakers for the weekend and those on the program include Paul Nystrom, Minnesota Youth Director; Larry Pumford, South Dakota Youth Director; John Morrison, Minnesota Evangelist; Mark Dickinson, Mankato Pastor; Esther Larson, Vice-President International PHILOSDA Club, Inc.; and Leo Buchholz, Vice-President Minnesota PHILOSDA Chapter.

The cost for the weekend for PHILOSDA members will be \$22.50 and \$30.50 for non-members. Anyone joining PHILOSDA that weekend will pay the member price. Transients are welcome at \$5.00 per night and \$10.00 a day.

All reservations received before July 18, may deduct \$1.50. After that—full price. NO refunds after July 28. The first

100 people making reservations will have first-class accommodations! Beyond that, it will be potluck. (Bring your sleeping bag)

Tent or trailer space is available with electrical hook-up.

TO North Star Camp—Follow Hwy. 210 N.E. of Brainerd four miles. Turn left at Airport and immediately turn left and follow signs to camp about one mile.

### RESERVATION FORM:

Second Northern Regional PHILOSDA Retreat to be held August 1-3, 1975, at North Star Camp, Brainerd, Minnesota. Mail to PHILOSDA, P. O. Box 27011, Golden Valley, Minnesota 55427. Telephone 546-3046.

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## Hunt Speaks at Northbrook

Some time ago, members of the Northbrook church and literature evangelists had the privilege of hearing one of our General Conference Publishing leaders, J. N. Hunt.

R. C. Thomas and family, in Korean costume, presented a very interesting mission story, which stimulated our thinking along missionary lines.



Elder Thomas and friends depicting God's work in Viet Nam.

Elder Hunt had a special slide program depicting the success of the literature ministry in Australia, New Zealand and islands. His topic during the worship service was, "How much is a soul worth?" We are still hearing comments like, "I'll never forget that challenging sermon". One of the stories he shared was about the lady who advertised in the paper: "Help me find a book called 'Great Controversy' I saw back in 1919". A literature evangelist called on her and she bought 2 copies. How many people have waited 50 years or longer to get their copy? Thousands do not even know such a book exists.

"In *The Great Controversy*, the last message of warning to a dying world is given more distinctly than in any of my other books" —E. G. White (1905)

Would you like more information about this work? Why not write a note to your publishing director, requesting more information.

Roger Eno  
*Publishing Director*



## New Book On How To Choose a Bible

γαμήσας μεριμνᾷ τὰ τοῦ κόσμου, πῶς ἀρέσῃ τῇ γυναικί, 34<sup>ο</sup> καὶ μεμέρισται. ὁ καὶ ἡ γυνὴ ἢ ἄγαμος καὶ ἡ παρθένος<sup>6</sup> μεριμνᾷ τὰ τοῦ κυρίου, ὅτι ἡ ἁγία [καὶ] τῷ σώματι καὶ τῷ πνεύματι· ἡ δὲ γαμήσασα μεριμνᾷ τὰ τοῦ κόσμου, πῶς ἀρέσῃ τῷ ἀνδρὶ. 35 τοῦτο δὲ πρὸς τὸ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν σύμφορον λέγω, οὐχ ἵνα βρόχον ὑμῖν ἐπιβάλω, ἀλλὰ πρὸς τὸ εὐσχημον καὶ εὐπάρεδρον τῷ κυρίῳ ἀπερισπάστως.

36 Εἰ δὲ τις ἀσχημονεῖν ἐπὶ τὴν παρθένον αὐτοῦ νομίζει ἐὰν ἡ ὑπέρακμος, καὶ οὕτως ὀφείλει γίνεσθαι, ὁ θέλει ποιείτω· οὐχ ἁμαρτάνει· γαμείτωσαν. 37 ὁ δὲ ἔστηκεν ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ αὐτοῦ ἐδραῖος, μὴ ἔχων ἀνάγκην, ἐξουσίαν δὲ ἔχει περὶ τοῦ ἰδίου θελήματος, καὶ τοῦτο κέκρικεν ἐν τῇ ἰδίᾳ καρδίᾳ, τηρεῖν τὴν ἑαυτοῦ παρθένον, καλῶς ποιήσει· 38 ὥστε καὶ ὁ γαμίζων τὴν ἑαυτοῦ παρθένον καλῶς ποιεῖ, καὶ ὁ μὴ γαμίζων κρεῖσσον ποιήσει.

This passage, 1 Corinthians 7:36 from the Greek New Testament, is an example of one of the very few instances where scholars are not sure what the original author was trying to say. And the topic here is no less consequential than when to get married. The first word underlined is variously translated as “daughter,” “partner in celibacy,” “fiancee,” and “betrothed.” The words underlined next are also open to debate. The Revised Standard Version says, “If his passions are strong,” the New English Bible, “If, that is, his instincts are still strong for him,” and the King James Version, “If she pass the flower of her age.” The problem arises partly from the middle word in the expression; it is simply a third person singular, and means he, she, or it. How the verse is ultimately translated, then, might depend on the translator’s own ideas about when one should get married.

Until recently, choosing a Bible usually meant deciding between leather or cloth cover, small or large type. Walter Specht and Sakae Kubo of Andrews University have co-authored a book entitled, *So Many Versions* being published this June by Zondervan Publishing House.

These two men, specialists in Biblical languages and translation, offer their analysis of

several recent translations and suggest certain guidelines for choosing a new Bible. They feel there is actually little conceptual difference between the King James version and any of the new good versions. Specht said, “You can get the Gospel out of any of them.”

Contact your Adventist Book Center for this new book, *So Many Versions* appearing on the counters in June.

## Youth Ministry Seminar

A youth ministry seminar for pastors and youth leaders will be held at Andrews University, September 8 - 18.

Seminar subjects include understanding youth, developmental psychology, creative Bible study, youth questions, leadership, problems youth face in harmonizing science and the Bible, campus ministry, and gaming and simulation in Christian growth.

Tuition for the seminar is \$85. Room and board is an additional \$100. Prospective participants must pre-register by July 1, 1975. Forms must be sent to the General Conference Youth Department, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20012.

## Two Summer Music Workshops

Two workshops led by internationally known musicians will be conducted this summer at the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University.

Herbert Blomstedt will direct the Fifth Annual Institute of Orchestral Conducting and Symphonic Performance. It will commence July 13 and conclude July 17.

A master workshop in Choral Technique and Performance will begin July 27 under the direction of David Willcocks.

In order that full-time undergraduates of any college or university may benefit from this extraordinary opportunity, Loma Linda University has made special arrangements for a student rate of \$100 per workshop. Each workshop carries four quarter hours of undergraduate credit.

For further information, contact Mr. Bacon-Shone, La Sierra Campus, Loma Linda University, Riverside, CA 92505 (714) 785-2128.

# LOST - \$6,000

A few years ago the news media was reporting the story of a man who had found in the gutter of the street near his home, a money bag containing \$5,000. All agreed, it was quite a find.

But, here is a story about losing, not finding, \$6,000. Yes, you have guessed it, for that is part of the money that is lost to God's cause and to Mission Advance because of the large number of Sabbath School members who are absent week by week from Sabbath School right here in the Northern Union. Yes, it amounted to more than \$6,000 for the first quarter of 1975. Amazing isn't it. But, even that is not the greatest loss - think of the spiritual loss such missing members suffer, and the danger of loss of eternal life to some, perhaps many, of these missing members.

One of the first steps toward apostasy is absenting one's self from meeting in God's house with God's people on the Sabbath. Think, too, of the many mission requests that must be refused because funds that absentees from Sabbath School might have given have never been received. Think of blessings lost through failure of our people to become liberal givers, all because of absences

from Sabbath School. Indeed, much more than \$6,000 has been lost to God's cause, and there is no estimate of the tragic loss to hundreds of absentees.

Our 10,653 attending Sabbath School members in the Northern Union gave \$93,250 during the first quarter of 1975. But, if the potential membership of the Sabbath School had been present, there would have been 13,630 members to swell the offering. Allowing the cradle roll, the kindergarten, the primary, and half of the juniors (who are not baptized members) not to be included in the figures, there should have been

at least 13,630 baptized Sabbath School members attending instead of 10,653. Thus, these additional 2,977 missing members would have increased the offering \$6,013 if they had given at the same rate as those who did attend.

Let us seek to widen the flow of Sabbath School blessings and increase the flow of funds to needy mission fields through a more faithful attendance at Sabbath School. And may every effort be made to reclaim these missing members, both for their own soul's sake and for the additional blessing it will bring to God's cause.

W. G. Larson

## Champions for a Week in Literatures (Big Week)

NAME	STATE	AMOUNT
Colporteur A	South Dakota	\$3,049.00
Kenneth Williams	Iowa	1,437.90
Allen Reedy	Minnesota	1,414.01
Al Powell	Iowa	1,391.40
LaVern Hogle	Minnesota	1,333.46
Dale Tyrrell	Iowa	1,236.50
Warren Hewes	South Dakota	1,215.00
Denver Roberts	North Dakota	1,131.00
Howard Lien	North Dakota	1,122.29
Roger Eno	Minnesota	1,066.00
Dean Thompson	Iowa	1,045.75
Shan Rodgers	Iowa	1,041.45
Ethel Bieser	Minnesota	1,037.00
Creighton Reimer	Minnesota	1,034.50
Don Hensel	Iowa	1,031.95
Jeff Yost	Iowa	1,029.60
J Mealey	North Dakota	1,017.95
Gene Rhodes	Iowa	1,000.70
Berneice Lunday	North Dakota	1,000.25
Gary Pehrson	Minnesota	915.20
Al Jensen	Minnesota	827.95
Don Armstrong	Iowa	825.69
Tore Vingo	Minnesota	817.50
Mary Gall	South Dakota	814.52
Warren Haugen	Minnesota	750.00
Glen Stofer	Minnesota	716.00
Ted Butler	Iowa	667.20
Bruce Burgess	Minnesota	648.61
Eleanor Sires	Iowa	622.10
Roger Lonnstrom	Minnesota	570.70
Glenn Brenneise	South Dakota	567.37
Tim Daniel	Iowa	504.10

"The book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of the present truth to the world. . . ." *Life Sketches*, p. 215

## Nursing Couple Needed

The Ethiopian Union urgently needs a couple, both trained nurses, for a two-year volunteer assignment at the Assaita Clinic among the Danakil people.

This is a lonely location, but housing accomodation and clinic facilities are adequate. Round-trip transportation and a modest stipend will be supplied. If interested, please write: General Conference Secretariat, 6840 Eastern Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012.

# Northern Union Philosda Chapter Loses Members

The Northern Union PHIL-OSDA Chapter has lost several members since its organization a year ago. There have been two weddings causing a loss of four members. A few have moved, transferring their membership, but the biggest loss came May 25, 1975, when Wisconsin withdrew membership and officially became Chapter #24 with Illinois as #25. This approval and action was taken by the Board of Directors of the International PHILOSDA Club, Inc. at Camp Timber Ridge at Spencer, Indiana, on Memorial Day weekend.

Encourage chapterhood in your area and plan to attend some of the upcoming events. To become a chapter there must be 25 approved members. The final approval is given by your pastor.

### Important dates to remember:

July 4-6—IPC Retreat, Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, Tennessee  
 August 1-3—Second Northern Regional Retreat, North Star Camp, Brainerd, Minnesota  
 August (date pending)—Camp Wahdoon, Chetek, Wisconsin  
 August 29-September 1—IPC

Annual SUMMIT, Yorktown Bay Camp, Mountain Pine, Arkansas  
 January 1, 1976—IPC, Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, Florida

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The members of the Philosda Club International raised over \$2,000 at their recent meeting at Camp Timber Ridge in Indiana. These funds are for the Voice of Prophecy and Amazing Facts radio programs.  
 Esther Larson, *Vice President International PHILOSDA Club, Inc.*

## Training for Physicians' Assistants

Acting in response to the growing need for professionally trained people to increase the efficiency of the overworked physician, Kettering College of Medical Arts initiated a program for physicians' assistants in 1973.

The clinical training program calls for the participation of physicians who take physician assisting students into their offices and expose them to various aspects of general or specialty medicine.

"The physician assistant can add so much to the health care delivery system," says Dr. Clinton Trott, director of the program at KCMA, "by relieving the physician of routine work in patient relations, fact finding, and diagnosis. He greatly extends and improves the care provided in the medical office or clinic."

Highly motivated Christian applicants will be welcomed. Direct inquiries to Clinton Trott, M.D., director, Physician Assistant Program, Kettering College of Medical Arts, 3737 Southern Blvd., Kettering, Ohio 45429.



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**JOHNSON**-Martin R. Johnson was born December 15, 1907, at Terril, Iowa, and passed away on April 18 at Estherville. He was united in marriage with Elnora Mills on September 1, 1931, and from this union three sons were born. He joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a young man and remained an active member there until his recent illness. Martin was a past school board member of the Terril school, served on the Terril Elevator board, held various offices in the Northwest Iowa Brown Swiss Assn., and served on the Dickinson County Board of Review. He is survived by his wife Elnora; three sons, Gaylin of Terril, Ronald of Oelwein, Phillip of New York City; and ten grandchildren. Services were conducted by Pastor Charles Stout.

Charles Stout

**ARVIG**-Royale B., was born at Pine River, Minnesota June 22, 1918 and passed to his rest April 22, 1975 in Minneapolis. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, two daughters, Mrs. Marvin Ward, Detroit, Michigan, and Mrs. Jerald Theodoreson, Perham; and a son Allen of Perham; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Monroe, Melrose; Mrs. Matt Clark, St. Paul; two brothers, Tom of Melrose and Millard of St. Cloud; six grandchildren besides many friends.

B. J. Furst

**SMALL**-Mayme M., was born October 27, 1923 at St. Paul, MN. and passed away April 12, 1975 after suffering severe burns over her body from an explosion at her place of employment on February 3, 1975. In 1944 she married Ronald E. Small. Mayme became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1970 and was serving as a deaconess at the time of her death. Survivors include her husband, five children: Ronald E. Jr., Laura Sindelar and Julie Ann. Mrs. Dan Rogers (Linda Diane) Chula Vista, CA; Mrs. Dean Roderick (Vicki Renee) of St. Louis Park, MN; four grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

E. W. Oliver

**MOEN**-Mikkel S., born in Norway, August 22, 1889, passed away at Duluth, May 11, 1975. He had lived in this country most of his life, and attended the Duluth SDA church for many years. His wife preceded him in death two years ago. Interment was in Normanna Cemetery, Duluth.

R. G. Miller

**ANDERSON**-Freda Olivia, born in Sweden May 18, 1887, she moved to this country early in life. She attended the former Swedish Church in Duluth. She passed away in a nursing home May 13, 1975. Interment was at Forest Hill cemetery in Duluth.

R. G. Miller

**GOTTFRIED**-Gilbert, was born on August 1, 1911 in the New Home area of North Dakota. At the age of 16, he was baptized into the New Home Seventh-day Adventist Church. **GOTTFRIED**-Grayce Viola Brown, was born in Lark, North Dakota, June 3, 1912. She was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the age of 18. Gilbert and Grayce were married in Dickinson, May 1, 1933. Both have served their church in many capacities through the years. Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried died in a pre-dawn fire that destroyed their home on April 7, 1975. They are survived by their children, Mrs. Lloyd (Elaine) Fisher, Jerald, Eugene, Marvin, Merlyn and Wesley. There are seven grandchildren. Gilbert is also survived by his mother, three brothers, and one sister. Grayce is survived by four brothers. Funeral services were held at Carrington, North Dakota, with interment in the New Home Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery.

Ed Scheresky and Paul Pellandini



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# Italy Calling

By S. F. Monnier, *President*  
*Southern European Union Mission*

Almost two thousand years ago Paul answered for his belief in Jesus before the emperor of ancient Rome, but not until after his ministry had resulted in converts in the very household of Nero. Although the apostle paid the supreme price for his faith, his example of courage served as inspiration to hundreds of martyrs who followed. Then, some 400 years later, at the hour indicated by God, the iron kingdom was divided in the wake of attacks by Barbarian hordes, and another power arose, Papal Rome—the stronghold of popes and Catholicism. God's followers still had to answer for their faith, many of them, like the first Christians, with their blood. The centuries of persecution took their toll in Italy. True disciples of Jesus sought refuge in friendlier lands, and Rome tightened her grip on the minds of the people, making it difficult to sow the seeds of truth.

Today Christian Rome is losing her impact. Italians no longer believe in life after death. Questioning recent developments in their church, they are neglecting mass and leaving the faith of their fathers. Bewildered and disappointed, they are searching for answers, for certitude. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has the answer. Moreover, there is unprecedented freedom to proclaim the good news of the blessed hope. But Seventh-day Adventists in Italy are few in number, less than 4500 to evangelize 55 million.

In this country, where we have an average of only one church to every 2000 square miles and only 41 ministers to pastor these groups, literature evangelists play a vital role in the over-all plan of carrying God's last message to the

people. Besides their soul-winning, day-to-day ministry, colporteurs enter an area and prepare the territory before an evangelist holds an effort. Thus by carefully sowing the seed through the sale of literature and their personal witness they are following the example set by these Adventist shock troops throughout the history of our church.

Italian literature evangelists, 33 strong, are devoted to their labors. They go from door to door with two excellent journals, *Vita e Salute*, ("Life and Health"), which enjoys a monthly circulation of 55,000 copies, and *Segni dei Tempi* ("Signs of the Times"), with a circulation of 5,000 copies. There are also 30 subscription books for the book evangelists and nine Spirit of Prophecy volumes.

This literature is published at Casa Editrice "L'Araldo della Verita," in Florence. This publishing house was opened 50 years ago in Italy by a very small church with a large faith. Still housed in the original building, although offices and rooms have been added, Casa Editrice now appears more like a warehouse or depot than a printing establishment. Book signatures, paper stock, magazines, and inventory are stacked in every available space, making actual press work difficult, but there is no more room for expansion.

Our books and magazines are imperative to the work of the church in Italy. To supply our colporteurs and members with the literature they need, a more functional building is essential. No one knows how long doors will remain open in the seat of the great power that is to play a decisive role in closing events of this world's history. Help us to work while it is yet day.