

YOUNG THEOLOGY

What God to Like

God is a Person who care about

people and always does things

either to make them happy on to

teach them lessons. He is a Person

who has special feelings for all of

us. If you have faith in him,

He will bless you.

a Day in the Garden with adam and Eve

the front of us was God, so bright and shining. His face was bright. He was dressed in a long white robe with a shining rod. I ran to him and held him tight, it said "He!" and we all walked along. When it had to leave, it kissed God good-bye, and the angels took me home. God said, "See you in heaven."





a Christian

a christian loves all people for themselves and not their money or anything like that.

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Editor's Viewpoint

Blackout in New York-2

A Dark World Needs Light

To the world as a whole the recent blackout in New York, together with the looting and arson that accompanied it, carried no message other than that electricity is essential to large cities and that when the lights go out crimes are likely to be committed by unemployed and frustrated people.

But to Seventh-day Adventists, the New York experience says much more. It says that prophecy is being fulfilled. It says that these are the "last days." It says that earth's harvest is ripening.

As we have meditated on the blackout and related events, numerous thoughts have come to mind. From these we have selected five for brief discussion here.

1. Big cities are terribly vulnerable. The fact that a city the size of New York can be paralyzed by four bolts of lightning is truly appalling. If nature, acting capriciously, can bring a large city to a standstill by knocking out its power sources, think of what an enemy might accomplish by a planned attack in time of war!

Years ago Ellen G. White urged that, as far as possible, Adventists get out of the cities. She pointed out that life in the cities will become more and more difficult, for "the cities will be filled with confusion, violence, and crime, and . . . these things will increase till the end of this earth's history."—Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 84.

At the same time she urged that Adventists put forth extraordinary efforts to carry the gospel to the cities. In flaming prose she wrote: "O that God's people had a sense of the impending destruction of thousands of cities, now almost given to idolatry!"—Welfare Ministry, p. 136. "At the present time there is not a thousandth part being done in working the cities that should be done, and that would be done if men and women would do their whole duty."—Ibid.

We cannot here discuss in depth Mrs. White's counsel in regard to the cities, but in summary we might say that God's people should be educated to move out of the cities and learn how to live in the country (see Selected Messages, book 2, pp. 354-364), our medical and educational institutions should, whenever possible, be located away from the cities, our missionary work in the cities should be carried on from outpost centers.

2. Though the problems connected with soul winning in the cities seem overwhelming, and the results seem meager, "in every city, filled though it may be with violence and crime, there are many who with proper teaching may learn to become followers of Jesus."—

Prophets and Kings, p. 277. The same Lord who said to the apostle Paul as he worked in Corinth, "I am with thee, . . . I have much people in this city" (Acts 18:10), lives today and stands by His people as they seek to carry His message to the cities.

3. The Holy Spirit is being withdrawn from the earth. Sociologists may attribute violent and immoral behavior merely to heredity or environment, and doubtless these factors influence behavior strongly. But let us not forget that both Christ and Satan also influence behavior. Thus, as people reject Christ and offend His Spirit, they become dominated by the evil one. "The Spirit of God is withdrawing from the earth, and calamity follows calamity by sea and land. There are tempests, earthquakes, fires, floods, murders of every grade. . . . Rapidly are men ranging themselves under the banner they have chosen."—The Desire of Ages, p. 636. The violence that accompanied the blackout would seem to indicate that God's restraining Spirit is being withdrawn.

No Fear of Law

4. The lawless conduct of thousands during the blackout doubtless was attributable, in part, to decades of exposure to the false doctrine that God's law is no longer binding. We have said it before on this page, and we repeat it now: Ministers of the gospel who, in order to escape the force of the Sabbath commandment, have preached that the moral law was nailed to the cross, must take a large share of the blame for today's lawlessness. When people no longer respect God's law, inevitably they disregard human laws.

"When the standard of righteousness is set aside, the way is open for the prince of evil to establish his power in the earth. Wherever the divine precepts are rejected, sin ceases to appear sinful or righteousness desirable. . . . Those who teach the people to regard lightly the commandments of God sow disobedience to reap disobedience. Let the restraint imposed by the divine law be wholly cast aside, and human laws would soon be disregarded. . . . If the law were not binding, why should any fear to transgress? Property would no longer be safe. Men would obtain their neighbor's possessions by violence; and the strongest would become richest. . . . The civilized world would become a horde of robbers and assassins; and peace, rest, and happiness would be banished from the earth."—The Great Controversy, pp. 584, 585.

Today we are seeing the results of decades of preaching against God's law. By presenting a one-sided gospel—the cross without the law—ministers of Babylon have undermined the very foundations of society. In their effort to evade the force of the fourth commandment, they have rejected the entire law, and the consequences have been devastating. Sin no longer seems sinful. Lawbreaking no longer seems evil. Almost frenziedly, ministers have pointed sinners to Christ's sacrifice on the cross, hoping thereby to create a response of love and obedience, but the results have been disappointing. Without the law as a standard of conduct, sinners see little need for a Saviour. The cross has a powerful appeal, but the full dimensions of Christ's sacrifice can be understood only when the law is seen as

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Our cover and the article "What Does It Profit?" by Daniel Flinn (p. 4), are intended to impress parents with the importance of education in the church's schools. Mr. Flinn recalls his years teaching in a public school and compares them with his present work at Columbia Adventist

Academy, Battle Ground, Washington.

The handwritten paragraphs on the cover and page five were written by children for their Bible classes. "Heaven" and "What God Is Like" were written by third-graders, "A Christian" and "God Is" by sixth-graders, and "A Day in the Garden With Adam and Eve" by a seventh-grader. Two of these paragraphs appeared previously in Sligoscope, the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist church's newspaper. The pictures are not of the actual authors, but are used to illustrate only.

We wanted to share these children's insights into theology with our readers because we found them to be fresh, warm, and perceptive. We also wanted to emphasize the fact that a church school can give children a type of education that they cannot receive elsewhere. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

"The church has a special work to do in educating and training its children that they may not, in attending school, or in any other association, be influenced by those of corrupt habits.... Those who attend the public schools often associate with others more neglected than they, those who, aside from the time spent in the schoolroom, are left to obtain a

street education. The hearts of the young are easily impressed; and unless their surroundings are of the right character, Satan will use these neglected children to influence those who are more carefully trained."—Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 193.

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Scan News briefs from the religious world

Baptist Congregations Formed Near Moscow

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A Baptist World Alliance (BWA) official reports that three new Baptist congregations have been formed in the Moscow suburbs, bringing the total to 17 in the Moscow area.

Some 6,000 baptisms were reported by the 5,060 Baptist churches in the USSR in 1976, says Carl W. Tiller, associate secretary of the BWA.

President Carter Pledges to Support Volunteer Worker

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—President Jimmy Carter, the U.S.'s best-known Southern Baptist, told the annual convention of his denomination that he "can and will support a volunteer missionary for two years." He made the pledge in a videotape message that was heard by the 16,000 messengers to the convention here. "I am proud of our Southern Baptist Convention, our

spirit, our growth, and our accomplishments," Mr. Carter said. "But this is not a time for pride or self-congratulations."

1,300 "Newtime Religions" in the U.S. Since 1965

NEW YORK—Rabbi A. James Rudin, an interreligious affairs official of the American Jewish Committee, reported here that "more than 1,300 'newtime religions' have appeared in the United States since 1965."

Bishops Seek to End Penalty for Divorce and Remarriage

CHICAGO—In a historic action, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops voted 231 to 8 to seek removal of the penalty of excommunication imposed against divorced U.S. Catholics who remarry without church approval.

The request now goes to Pope Paul, who is expected to approve it, since no other country has the penalty.

Letters

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Lifeline

After I was baptized five years ago, I received the Review and Herald for one year. Then my subscription stopped. As I look back over the past four years without the Review, I must confess that I stopped too.

Now my weekly "lifeline" is coming again, thanks to my mother. Isn't there a way to send this lifeline to all Adventists (and even other Christians)? I know from personal experience that it would pay off—not just in souls but in monetary rewards for the church. MARGARETT KURTZ

Sacramento, California

▶ Newly baptized members and

newlyweds receive a complimentary Review subscription for one year. Two North American union conferences, Southwestern and Columbia, provide the Review to every Adventist home, with an every-other-week insert of the union paper. A yearly offering is collected to support this project.

Three Abide

Re "How to Befriend the Bereaved" (June 30). At my mother's funeral the pastor used the text "So faith, hope, love abide" (1 Cor. 13:13, R.S.V.). The thought that these can never be taken away was most comforting to me and my family.

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Cain's Wife

In Bible Questions Answered (May 5) a reader asked about the origin of the wives of Cain and

Seth. The reader asked, "Why could God not have made other women the way He made Eve?"

Would God have created a new being, one who had neither sinned nor had been born in sin, to share the lot of sinful Seth and even more sinful Cain? The only sinless being who has ever shared our fate is the Son of God. Certainly a God of love wouldn't force a sinless person, male or female, to do so simply to provide Adam and Eve's children with unrelated mates.

Whereas we are told that God could have supplied Eve's place if Adam had chosen not to follow her in sin (Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 56, 57), we are not told that God would have supplied a mate for Eve in her sinful state. How the plan of salvation would have been implemented for her I do not know, for Jesus would have died for one. (See The Min-

istry of Healing, p. 135; The Desire of Ages, p. 483.)

In any case, God neither creates sinful beings, nor does He force His sinless creatures into a sinful state. In Genesis 3:20 Adam called his wife, Eve, the mother of all living. Adam is seen as the father of the human race in Acts 17:26. I believe they were the parents of the wives of Seth and Cain (Gen. 5:4).

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The editorial "Fact and Faith" (April 28) is a wonderful contribution. With the author's permission, I will ask our publishing house here in Great Britain to print at least 1,000 copies of it for use in my personal work in the homes here in Grantham.

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What Does It Profit?

Parents who know the facts of life will make any sacrifice necessary to provide a Christian education for their children.

By DANIEL FLINN

I SAT FOR A MOMENT IN MY CLASSROOM after the last student left on his way to a weekend leave. My mind went back to classrooms of previous years, classrooms across town, in which I had taught for the public school system. I recalled the brutal fight that erupted one day when a boy broke a balloon a girl had brought to class. The unmistakable sound of her open hand meeting his face signaled the beginning of another of the many fights that occurred daily in our high school. With his eyes glaring, his body in motion, the boy struck back savagely, driving her backward with the impact of a doubled-up fist upon her face.

I reacted as quickly as I could, heading for that part of the classroom, but I arrived too late to prevent what happened next. Taking advantage of the situation, the boy picked up the girl and shoved her across empty desks, her contorted face showing the reluctance with which her body was accepting marks and bruises that would not disappear for weeks to come.

I wondered what in this boy's background led him to do such a thing. I would not find out from him, for, like others, he found it easy to brush away my questions regarding his motives. Though I no longer wanted him in my class for a myriad of reasons, he was back long before the girl was. This incident depicted one of many problems for which the public school system had no answers.

I recalled other faces. I thought of Jim, Bill, and Carl, who, one day after lunch, staggered into class completely spaced out on drugs. Once they had been at the top of their class. Now they could barely remember who they were, much less hand in meaningful papers. Their main

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goals seemed to be totally pleasure-oriented. They were heavy on friends and short on abilities. And, in their downward path, they managed to take others with them. Mostly, it would be their fellow students. Sometimes it would be their younger brothers or sisters. Always, lives were changed, never to be the same again. It was peer influence that seemed to be the major contributing factor to the juvenile delinquency I had seen. I wondered how many parents realize to what extent peer influence shapes the lives of their children.

My recollections took me back to the many preclass discussions I had overheard as my students stood in the hallways, awaiting the tardy bells. The students reveled in challenges as to who could get the most drunk, or who could break the most windows on a certain block. They talked of who went out with someone else's girl, who was pregnant, who had seen what movie, who was the latest drug user, and who would be the next. The students classified their peers into two groups—the straights and the heads. The straights were those who tried to stay away from drugs and keggers (beer parties). The heads possessed so-called wisdom and knowledge over the rest, unafraid to experiment with something new.

Loneliness, Desolation, a Small Baby . . .

Karen was once a straight. She had been a hard-working student in one of my classes during my first year's teaching assignment. Impressed with her deep insight into many of the problems we discussed in class, I observed that she was often the one to whom others turned when they had questions. Because she was always first to defend a straight life style, others gained strength from her courage.

But during her second year in high school, something happened. The Karen I once knew no longer existed. In her place stood a girl who had been touched by the world of the head. Not only did she accept all of the warped answers that had been fed into her system, she convinced others that they too should pursue this level of life. First Elaine, then Nickie, and finally—toward the end of the year—Jackie folded under this peer pressure. Their trail began with cigarettes and beer and, slowly but certainly, progressed to uppers, downers, reds, rainbows, other amphetamines and depressants, and much more. I never saw Karen again, but one Sunday afternoon I thought I saw Elaine or perhaps Jackie huddled on a sidewalk corner, alone, desolate, a small baby in her arms.

As I strolled through that new high school, it was common to see the destruction that had taken place in bathrooms, hallways, and lockers. Some of the lockers would be kicked open and looted. Often textbooks would be scattered on the floor, obscenities decorating their ripped-apart pages. I would see numberless cigarette and marijuana butts in an area designated the "legal smoking area."

Teachers, who might otherwise have changed the world for some young adults, appeared hampered and frustrated with countless "student rights," absenteeism, and administrative red tape. Unreal class loads contributed to a system that taught students how to ask questions, yet offered few meaningful answers.

"Wouldn't you just like to rip that kid's face off?" are words one would often hear in the smoke-filled faculty lounge. The teachers who seemed to care most remained

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silent as others shared stories, classified students, and predicted futures.

In the final analysis many of those students lived up to expectations that were repeated over and over. They predicted that John would drop out of school before the end of his junior year. He did. They predicted Kathy would never learn to read or write well and would be pregnant before Christmas of her sophomore year. She was. They predicted Pete would be an incorrigible discipline problem and would be forced to leave before he could graduate. He left.

What a Contrast!

I was startled back to the academy classroom by a student who paused to wish me a nice weekend. I looked up into a pair of questioning blue eyes, thankful that the possibilities of answering many of her questions in a meaningful and permanent way exist on a Christian campus. As she left my room, I could not but reflect once more on the differences between public school education and Christian education. Yes, it is true that language and dress are different, more refined. The standards of a Christian school are higher, students take Bible classes, and a spiritual environment exists. But there is something more than these—teachers who are dedicated to God and who view each student as a special miracle, a promising worker for God. Students are taught that worthwhile

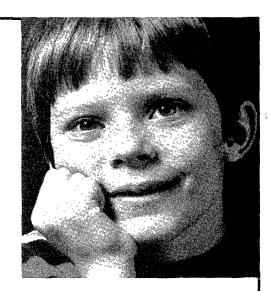
accomplishments are found only in serving God and mankind. Whereas secular education aims to turn out self-sufficient young adults who will provide for themselves, Christian education seeks to prepare students for growth and service in this world and the world to come.

Caught up in the world of artificial stimulants, Alan had found school this past year a real drag. Already a senior, his life appeared doomed to failure until a concerned staff member sat down with Alan and played back an imaginary video of what his life was really like, and of where he was most likely headed. The "video" shot forward several years and asked, "Where will you be then, Alan?"

Following earnest prayer and several weeks of test and trial, Alan began to smile. He had turned his life over to the Master. He became a leader. Grades improved. His old friends disappeared and new friendships were formed. His tastes in clothes and music changed. His life became a miracle, an inspiration, a living witness for God! Alan represents others who in the past have dedicated their lives to Christ and many more who will dedicate their lives in the future.

I sat there in the chair, silently thanking God for the privilege of watching miracles grow before my eyes. I pondered the future of Christian education and wondered how parents could possibly believe that public school will ultimately "cost them less."

Heaven
When you first go up
there it blinds your lyes, when
you get new lyes you can see
better. I shink that I'll try
to find a home that I'll like.
The flowers won't die or anything.
They don't need that much
water all she time.





God Is God, Loving, kind, caring for us, happy for His Children, Lord.

What Manner of Love ...

It is our exalted privilege, as Christians, to experience

the joy and honor of being sons and daughters of God.

By TED PETTIT

WHEN EARLY ADVENTURERS such as Columbus sailed for America, one particular voyage led to the estuary of an unknown river. Like Christopher Columbus, these early explorers were convinced that America was a rather large island, and were bent on circumnavigating it in order to find a route to China. With this idea they sailed up the estuary, where the expanse of water was so vast they still believed it was the sea.

Slowly, at first unbelievably, the true realization began to dawn. The coast went on and on for mile after mile. The water was fresh, not salt. Still they could not concede the truth, until one man could hold his peace no longer. "This is not the sea, it is a river!" he exclaimed. His companions looked in bewilderment toward the horizon, where the coast was lost in the distance. "What manner of river is this?" they gasped in awe.

It was the Amazon—the mightiest river known to humanity! The flood tide of its waters drained, not an island, but a continent. They had discovered a new world. As a result, their previous narrow ideas about the world had to be completely revised.

This scene is reminiscent of the words of John: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God" (1 John 3:1). Just as that incredulous sailor called upon his companions to realize that they were sailing up a river that drained a continent, so John calls us to behold a love that emptied a heaven.

The love John calls us to recognize is incredible, unbelievable, overwhelming. Once we have perceived the truth of God's love we shall learn that it surpasses all our understanding. It is of another country, of a different order, above and beyond anything we have ever experienced. Our lives will change when we behold the love of the Father.

"What an incomparable love is this! A theme for the most profound meditation! The amazing love of God for a world that did not love Him! The thought has a subduing power upon the soul and brings the mind into captiv-

ity to the will of God. Men who are crazy for gain, and are disappointed and unhappy in their pursuit of the world, need the knowledge of this truth to quiet the restless hungering and thirsting of their souls."—Testimonies, vol. 4, p. 80.

From John's text we learn that the love of God both restores people to their true nature and disciplines them for their eternal future.

The love of God was shed upon this world to restore the dignity of the human family: "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). A recent song was popular with the radio disc jockeys. I don't often listen to such "music," as too often I find modern "pop" an electronic cacophony. This one interested me, however, because I was born in London and the song was a Roger Whittaker number, "Streets of London."

Not only was it a catchy tune but the words depicted life in the raw, in the throbbing streets of the city. It referred to an old man, sitting in the all-night café, looking at the world over the rim of his cup, staring out through steamed-up windows, shuffling along to a lonely, derelict room, stopping now and then to pick up a cigarette butt. The song also spoke of a homeless old woman, her hair matted with dirt, who "just keeps right on walking, carrying her home in two paper bags." Many times I have observed such dropouts and derelicts of society on the streets of London, and the song really got through to me.

Then I thought, How does God view such people? Am I really much better in His eyes than they are? Surely it causes grief to God's heart of love to see not just the tramp in the streets of the city, but confused modern people, lost in sin and trouble.

Francis Bacon is a renowned contemporary English artist. One man has written that Bacon is "a man whose images are horrible to look at and haunt the imagination. Images of misery, of despair, of alienation, of decay, of a world in which paralytic, neurotic, leprous schizoids move in cages, human beings become animal and yet remain human, a world in which people, having lost their

heads, cry out for help, for reality, and yet are real if lost in the void. . . . Bacon's pictures are like . . . great cries of despair, for lost values and lost greatness, for a humanity deprived of its freedom, love, rationality, everything that the great humanist painters had celebrated for centuries as they drew on their Christian and classical tradition."—H. R. Rookmaaker, Modern Art and the Death of a Culture, pp. 173, 174.

Bacon's paintings are a mirror of the contemporary person's despair. He himself said, "Man now realizes that he is an accident, that he is a completely futile being, that he has to play out the game without reason" (ibid., p. 174).

Our Scripture calls upon such despairing humanity to behold the love of God. God says human beings are not an accident. They are not futile creatures. Life is not a game without reason. People were made for magnificence. Sin and transgression have reduced them to such an inept role in the cosmos. But God could not rest with them in such a condition. Upon "schizoids moving in cages, paralytic, neurotic, leprous," God has lavished His love. "The Saviour has a boundless love for every human being. In each one He sees capacity for improvement. With divine energy and hope He greets those for whom He has given His life. In His strength they can live a life rich in good works, filled with the power of the Spirit."—Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 225.

His love was bestowed upon us "that we should be called the sons of God." Even the old dropout on the streets of London can be restored to his true dignity.

The bestowal of God's love not only restores humanity's dignity but guarantees its future. Weltering in the despair of a philosophy similar to Bacon's, Bertrand Russell once commented, "We are like the foam on a wave of the sea. Entirely insignificant, and here but for a moment." Russell closed his autobiography with the words, "There is darkness without, and when I die there will be darkness within. There is no splendor, no vastness anywhere . . . only triviality for a moment, and then nothing.'

If Bacon, Russell, and the modern person had paused to contemplate the love of God they would have found such prognostications for their own future inaccurate. They would have found that God's love has been bestowed upon humanity to achieve not the goal of darkness and futility, but of becoming "the sons of God." God has set before us a splendid future, the full and complete restoration of our nature, our world, and fellowship with God. Not darkness, but light. Not triviality, but grandeur. Not alienation, but sonship.

Whom He Loves He Disciplines

The bestowal of God's great love upon us has not only positive benefits but also disciplinary effects. First, we are told that "the world knoweth us not." Second, we are urged, "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:1, 3).

There is power and prestige in this world that the church of redeemed people can never share. Christians have often been "up tight" about this. They believe the church should really count for something in the political arena. Sometimes they have gone even further and grabbed such power in the name of the church. But to truly serve God means we must settle for the paradox of

For the Younger Set

Kim's Surprise

By KYNA HINSON

KIM COULD hardly contain her excitement as she called from the back yard, "Lisa, Mamma, Daddy come here quickly! Come see what I have!'

Everyone came out of the house to see what Kim thought was so important. She had a big box, and inside were two little animals.

'Rabbits! Baby bunnies! Aren't they cute?" exclaimed Kim.

There in the corner of the box were two white rabbits, tiny balls of fluff with pink eyes and pink noses that quivered.

'Where did you get them?" asked mother.

'From the Tylers. Their pet rabbit had lots of babies, and Bobby has given us two of the cutest ones. May we keep them, Mamma?" Kim pleaded.

"Please, Mamma?" Lisa

chimed in.

"Wel-I-I, they are precious," mother admitted, while stroking one of the bunnies' ears, "But where would you keep them?"



"Oh, that won't be any problem," assured Kim. The children in the neighborhood are all going to help build a house for them if-

"If what, Kim?"

"If we may have your permission, Mamma.

"Well," mother said, "if you girls will be responsible for the rabbits—that means feeding them every day, and keeping their house cleanwell, then, I guess you may keep them."

"Oh, wonderful, Mamma!" exclaimed Kim.

"Yippee!" squealed Lisa. And off they went with their neighborhood friends to build the house. Someone found a wooden vegetable crate that was clean and dry. It was perfect, but they needed something to cover the opening. Daddy came over while the children were discussing the problem.

"Why not use some chicken wire?" he suggested. "If you nailed it in place at the top, you could stretch it over nails at the bottom to keep it in place. Then you could move the wire to feed the rabbits and keep their house clean with no problem. If you like, I'll go to the hardware store for some wire."

"Would you, Daddy?" exclaimed Kim. "Thank you so much!'

The girls became happier and happier. Their father helped them to nail the wire in place. Then they put cement blocks under the box to keep it dry. The girls brought out little baskets filled with celery and carrots, along with pans of water for the rabbits. Soon their pets were placed in their new home, and how they loved their meal!

"Look," said Lisa, "when they nibble at the carrots, their noses quiver even more!'

"And their ears wiggle too!" laughed Kim. "Isn't it wonderful that Jesus made such precious pets?"
"It certainly is," Lisa

agreed.

power from insignificance. Whether it be a Moses in the desert with a nation of ex-slaves, an anointed King David hunted like a dog for his very life by his enemies, a carpenter called Jesus of Nazareth in a squalid little eastern village, or a roving rabbi who taught in the marketplace and earned his bread as a tentmaker (Paul)—the world knew them not.

So it is today with the church of God, not that the church is really powerless, but the world is blind to its true power. It may well be that Laodicean Christians are in need of eyesalve, to enable them to see the love of God and the true nature of the power He has bestowed upon

Fellowship of Prayer

You Can Depend on Him

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"
(Ps. 46-1)

"We have a divine audience to which to present our requests. Then let nothing prevent us from offering our petitions in the name of Jesus, believing with unwavering faith that God hears us, and that He will answer us. Let us carry our difficulties to God, humbling ourselves before Him. There is a great work to be done; and while it is our privilege to counsel together, we must be very sure, in every matter, to counsel with God, for He will never mislead us."—Testimonies to Ministers, p. 487.

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" (Ps. 55:22).

- ▶ Some time ago I asked you to pray for my husband. Before he died he gave his heart to the Lord and was keeping the Sabbath. I am very thankful to the Lord for this, and I also want to thank all those who prayed for him.—F. S. J., of Washington.
- ▶ God answers prayers of faith, and mine have been answered. It is with thanksgiving and joy in my heart that I write. My husband has given up the life of sin that he was leading. He is going to church regularly and has started paying tithe again.—L. R., of California.
- ▶ I want to confess my faith in prayer, and especially in united prayer. I treasure the statement from The Great Controversy, page 525, that says, "It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask." Some years ago I requested prayer for my family. Recently my son-in-law and the three youngest children in their family of six were

- baptized. I rejoiced greatly at this, especially since my daughter had written to me expressing the good influence she felt *These Times* magazine was having in their home.—Mrs. W. V., of Georgia.
- ▶ I am from a Roman Catholic family of ten children. My twin sister, who lives in South Africa, and I are Adventists. Some time ago we requested that you pray with us for the other members of our family, that they might accept the Adventist message. My youngest brother, 17, was baptized recently, and wants to serve the Lord in mission work when he graduates. Another brother came to visit me for a two-week holiday and was deeply impressed with my daily morning and evening devotions.

My sister and I thank you very much for all your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for us as we witness to our family.—M. G., of the Netherlands.

[We are admonished by the Scriptures to "pray one for another" (James 5:16). This column is designed to encourage united prayer for personal, family, and church problems. The appointed time of prayer is at sunset each Friday evening. Participants believe "it is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask."—The Great Controversy, p. 525.

Portions of letters reporting answers to prayer will be published as space permits.]

His church—power to transform men and women into sons and daughters of God, power to purify us even as Christ is pure.

The word "purify" points to one who lives under the vow of abstinence, such as the Nazirite. It means that a person who enjoys this wondrous relationship to the love of God must exclude from his life many things the world would deem innocent.

Queen Elizabeth II of England was once asked about her "secret desire." Her surprising answer was that she had always wanted to ride on a London bus with ordinary people. But because she is a queen she can travel only by Rolls Royce.

In a sense, this is how it must be with those who have the privilege of being called children of God. There is constant pressure to conform to the current practices and ways of the world, in philosophy, diet, habits, customs, dress, and recreation. They must never lower their gaze to that of the world. Measured against this world's standards, there may seem little reason for many of the lofty ideals the remnant church holds. Such beliefs, however, must be seen in the light of the hope that is ours as a result of Christ's love. "The Lord reproves and corrects the people who profess to keep His law. He points out their sins and lays open their iniquity because He wishes to separate all sin and wickedness from them, that they may perfect holiness in His fear and be prepared to die in the Lord or to be translated to heaven. God rebukes, reproves, and corrects them, that they may be refined, sanctified, elevated, and finally exalted to His own throne."—Testimonies, vol. 2, p. 453.

What a hope! Is any discipline too severe that leads to the destiny of exaltation to the very throne of God?

God Says, "Grow Up"

Through His amazing love God calls people to their true humanity. Leafing through a manual published by the "Jesus people," I found on one page a call to those really wishing to be Christians to "grow up." This may well be what God is saying to us through these texts in First John: "Look at the love lavished upon you, behold the generous and lavish inheritance reserved for you, and be mature. Be the person I want you to be, the person you can be through My grace."

As we thus meditate upon the love of God, I believe there will come two reactions. First, that of being overwhelmed by the generosity of God. Like those awestruck sailors who discovered the Amazon River and breathlessly asked, "What manner of river is this?" so we too will only be able to say, "What manner of love is this that the Father has bestowed upon us?"

Second, our reaction will be, How can I hold out on God any longer? Surely I must let my life conform perfectly with all that God wants from me. I cannot behold such love and then say No to God on a trifling thing like dress, diet, or some such habit that does not entirely fit His will for me. I must respond 100 per cent to God's love, even in the small areas of life. I must be pure, even as He is pure. I cannot profane His holy love. I cannot pollute, in any way, the incomparable Christ.

God has said we are now His children. Let us recognize our sonship with the gratitude we should. Let us live and act as His children through the transforming power of this love.

Family Living

Teaching Children to Speak Well

The ability to speak well has

a most important bearing on

personality, character, usefulness,

and a person's destiny.

By AUDREY LOGAN

"MAKE THYSELF A CRAFTSMAN in the art of speech; thereby thou shalt always have the advantage."

Was the ancient Egyptian sage right? Is it really important how well I, or my children, speak? What difference does it make as long as we ask the right questions and give the right answers?

Some years ago my father, a professional man, needed a receptionist for his practice. He interviewed many young women, some with high qualifications, good business acumen, and fast typing speeds, but the one he hired had no outstanding skills. "Why did you choose Miss Jones?" I asked.

"Because of her voice," he replied. "It is pleasant and cultured. She will represent my business well to the public."

This incident made a profound impression on me. I decided that I didn't seem to have any outstanding talents. I was told to be seated at school during singing lessons because I put the other pupils out of tune, my piano playing seemed doomed to less than mediocrity, and I was convinced that my sewing efforts looked like disasters from a rummage sale! I would try to cultivate the one talent I had—my voice. In more than 30 years of studying speech training, I have come to the conclusion that it matters very much how well my children—and your children—speak.

Today the importance of good speech is well recognized. More than mechanically produced sounds, every utterance reveals the experience, personality, and character of the speaker. To take away a person's means of verbal communication would be to impose one of life's severest punishments—as in solitary confinement for criminals.

God did not endow each of His children with a high

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level of intelligence, or such talents as music or poetry or art. He did bestow the gift of speech on everyone, or at least nearly everyone. What are we, and our children, doing with it—using it, abusing it, or burying it?

The use of the voice has an important effect on health. Ellen White wrote that "voice culture is a subject that has much to do with . . . health" (The Adventist Home, p. 435). Many of the ills that beset both young and old today are, at least in part, the result of tension. But the person who speaks correctly will learn how to relax the body so that his voice may be mellow, well modulated, and serene. He will know how to let strain ebb from him, how to stand with good posture and to breathe correctly.

"The youth should be taught how to breathe properly and how to read in such a way that no unnatural strain shall come on the throat and lungs, but that the work shall be shared by the abdominal muscles. Speaking from the throat . . . impairs the health of these organs and decreases their efficiency. . . . Many have died who might have lived had they been taught to use the voice correctly."—*Ibid.*, p. 435.

Mrs. White would probably not have laid claim to being a speech teacher, yet this instruction is basic not only to good health but to a pleasing voice. Thus even for their physical well-being, children should speak correctly.

Making the Meaning Clear

The competitive world in which we live demands much. The word "communication" creeps into every facet of life. Lack of communication results in discord between nations, strife in industry, and the "generation gap" between parents and children. How vital it is, then, that children be articulate, that they know how, when, and what to say. "The right culture and use of the power of speech has to do with every line of Christian work; it enters into the home life, and into all our intercourse with one another."—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 336. Were we to practice this instruction, would we need lessons in public relations or instruction on how to win friends and influence people?

To speak with clarity and understanding a person must think clearly and with imagination. The reason people fail to be intelligible is often that the idea they wish to express is vague even to them. They have indistinct, "woolly" ideas. In speech classes, I have found that the very young enjoy talking about subjects that interest them. With a few leading questions, they can become voluble about "my favorite game," "my teacher," or "why I like school." Perhaps a good game for a rainy Sabbath afternoon might be to write several subjects on separate pieces of paper (such as "miracles," "baby Moses," and "Jesus as a little boy") and encourage the children to speak on them.

According to John Snagge, a well-known British broadcaster and speech adviser, "only one person in twenty has a naturally pleasing voice, but almost anybody can cultivate good speech." How?

A course of lessons is the quickest way, but this is not always possible. No one need despair, however, for much can be done even at home. Children are great imitators, and while they may seek to emulate the current slovenly speech of their peers, when in their presence, they will know correct, acceptable voice production if they hear it constantly from their parents and teachers. The phase of wanting to be like the crowd will pass.

What, then, can parents do to set the right example? "Every word spoken by fathers and mothers has its influence over the children, for good or for evil. . . . Instruction in vocal culture should be given in the home circle."-The Adventist Home, pp. 434, 435. We should teach our children that slovenly speech is not becoming or acceptable, that words should end clearly and distinctly. It is: yes and not yeah; get up, not giddup; don't know, not dunno; law of the land, not lawr of the land. The vowels should be rounded and full. It is fun for a child to imagine the sound riding on a puff of breath, like a little ball, and hitting the roof of his mouth with firmness. (One small child even told me the color of the balls.) Sounds such as ooh, oh, ee, and ah take on a new significance when we encourage imaginative vocalization. Children should be encouraged to read aloud, expressively. If the passage is joyful, the voice and facial expression should portray it; likewise, sympathy, hope, and trust should be conveyed. Communicating ideas and feelings with vitality avoids the deadly monotony that makes much conversation and public speaking a boring endurance.

All of this takes time and perseverance, but children will benefit by being able to render more efficient service to the church, to the business world, and in public life, as well as gaining greater confidence in themselves.

But the greatest reason of all why children should speak well is that by their utterances they reveal whom they follow. By their Christian witness children may lead others to Jesus of Galilee.

Therefore it is incumbent upon parents to refuse to storm, fret, or scold, to guard against meals seasoned with criticism or dissecting the characters of friends. They must keep the atmosphere of the home pure and fragrant with kind words, tender sympathy, and love.

"Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds, But you can't do that when you're flying words . . . Thoughts unexpressed sometimes fall back dead,

But God Himself can't kill them once they're said." May God help us to use wisely the talent of speech and so teach our children that their conversation "be alway with grace," "that it minister grace to the hearers."

Especially for Women by BETTY HOLBROOK

Flattery, Praise, and Joey

"YOU'RE really dumb, Joey. Did you know you were dumb? You're bad, too. What's wrong with you?"

It was one of those familiar scenes in a supermarket, and in one short sermonette mother gouged a gaping hole in Joey's sense of self-worth. He's dumb. He is abnormal. He is bad.

If mother does this once the damage can probably be repaired, but what if Joey hears this most of his life? We do not recover quickly, if ever, from labels. It's an extremely effective way of breaking a child's spirit.

"Teach the children and youth to respect themselves," Ellen White wrote (Adventist Home, p. 16). But how?

1. We can begin by helping a child to know that he is needed—useful.

"Run and play, Jack," mother says irritably. "I'm in a hurry to wash this car."

Ten-year-old Jeanie's mother does slightly better: "Go set the table," she

says. "You're too little to help with the cooking yet."

Both are being told in one way or another, "You're in my way. You're too little, too inadequate." We wouldn't like those labels for ourselves, would we? Being useful, feeling needed—even when we're very small—makes us feel worth something.

2. Success is important too—in measurable specifics. When Jenny has been trying her best to help, it's nice to tell her she has been a good girl. It's more helpful to tell her why:

"Jenny, I like the way you dried the dishes. They shine so pretty." It helps her take pride in what she does. And big successes grow out of small ones.

Sincerity is the key. Bushels of praise for only a peck of work is phony. Children are sensitive to phoniness. But a job well done (taking into consideration age and capability) deserves honest commendation.

Flattery is no kin to honest praise. It is dishonest. It is giving a compliment when we don't mean it. It's praising someone for something unearned or undeserved. It can also blow a child's sense of importance all out of perspective.

3. Helping our children grow intellectually is another way of building self-respect. A child who loves to learn, who loves to read, has a big advantage all through life. He enjoys a sense of wonder, he learns to express himself better, if he reads the right things he will learn to think clearly.

4. "But why does one of my children have self-esteem and not the other?" is a question often asked.

There is no simple, certain answer, but it is true that we often program one child for success. Samuel made that mistake when he reviewed the sons of Jesse, picking the one he thought would be king. But the Lord said, "Take no account of it if he is handsome and tall. . . . Men judge by appearances but the Lord judges by the

heart'' (1 Sam. 16:7, N.E.B.).

When we pick a winner, even unconsciously, we begin treating that child like a winner. The other children suffer from comparison. Every child deserves a chance. We're poor judges of what a child, with God's help, may become.

5. Children need to have their own individuality. A child who is driven shrivels and wilts, but the child who is led has room to grow.

We're driven when we are labeled, criticized, and shamed, when we're pressed into someone else's mold, our spontaneity squelched. We're led when someone finds some good in us, tells us about it, and then helps us develop new abilities.

Paul says, "Study how best to talk with each person you meet" (Col. 4:6, N.E.B.).

Have you met that little one in your home lately? Did you study him? talk to him? try to bring out the best in him? help him to know he's very much loved—by God and by you? Or does Joey live in your house?

From the Editors

Body Rhythms and Religious Experience

Do body rhythms affect spiritual life? Perhaps more than we had thought possible. And perhaps herein lie some of the answers to certain questions that have perplexed Christians: Why at times do I feel so distant from my Lord? Why at times do my religious exercises seem so perfunctory? Why is religious fervor so undulating?

A recent article in Reader's Digest (June, 1977) entitled "Do Body Rhythms Really Make You Tick?" tells of experiments that show that body rhythms markedly affect a person's moods. Moods vary with the time of the day. There are also monthly cycles which seemingly affect men, as well as women. A number of complex body rhythms are interrelated and, if knocked out of synchronism, can cause not only frustration but mental illness.

It was discovered that people, as well as animals, seem to need the rhythm of day and night to keep their various inside clocks ticking in proper relationship with each other. For example, a squirrel monkey kept in an environment of constant light was found to be no longer able to adjust to a drop in temperature. In a day/night environment he had no problem maintaining body temperature, whereas in the artificial environment his body temperature dropped when the environmental temperature went down.

Functioning at Peak Level Impaired

What has all this to do with religion? A Christian who gets his system out of kilter will find it more difficult to function at peak level spiritually. Also during low periods in his emotional cycle, he may find it difficult to exercise faith or to carry out his religious exercises with enthusiasm.

When a group of college men were studied, it was found that "they were most depressed and inefficient in early morning, least depressed and most efficient in late afternoon." It was also discovered that every 90 minutes or so there seemed "to be a fluctuation in intensity of day dreaming."

These observations would indicate that a Christian might respond variously to religious impulses, depending on the time of day. Whether one is a "lark," that is, one who can rise early with gusto, or an "owl," one who is most wide awake at night, will determine when he should do his most ardent spiritual study. Experiments showed a physiological basis for the differences between "larks" and "owls." It was discovered that the temperature of the "owls" rises more slowly in the morning and peaks later in the day.

Although not familiar with today's psychological and physiological jargon, Ellen White knew of mood changes and gave counsel as to how a Christian ought to deal with them. She wrote, for example, "Many make a serious mistake in their religious life by keeping the attention fixed upon their feelings and thus judging of their advancement or decline. Feelings are not a safe criterion. We are not to look within for evidence of our acceptance with God. We shall find there nothing but that which will discourage us. Our only hope is in 'looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith.'"—Testimonies, vol. 5, pp. 199, 200.

It seems obvious, then, that our constantly changing moods, rising and falling as the body goes through its rhythms, are not safe guidance to judge as to whether our spiritual vigor is advancing or declining.

The lesson is one of following faith instead of feeling or mood changes. "Faith and feeling are as distinct as the east is from the west. Faith is not dependent on feeling. We must earnestly cry to God in faith, feeling or no feeling, and then live our prayers. Our assurance and evidence is God's word, and after we have asked we must believe without doubting."—The SDA Bible Commentary, Ellen G. White Comments, vol. 6, p. 1073.

The Christian needs to accept the fact that his religious feelings will vary with his moods, depending on what part of his complex cycles he may be on. There are times when he will not feel like praying, or when it will seem to him that prayer is useless. Doubts may enter his mind; rebellious feelings may surface.

In times such as these he must not panic or lose heart, but simply say to himself, "This too shall pass. This is one of those times when my internal clocks are not properly integrated for enthusiastic religious action. During this period I will not relinquish my prayer life or neglect to carry out religious duty. By faith I will cling to my Saviour, believing that He has not forsaken me or is loving me less. I will patiently wait till the darkness lifts."

A Dark World Needs Light

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unchangeable and forever binding. If the law could have been altered or done away with, Christ's sacrifice would have been unnecessary.

Toward the end of Jesus' ministry He stood on the ridge of Olivet, looking across the Kidron Valley to the beautiful buildings of the Temple complex. Tears filled His eyes as He saw with prophetic insight the terrible destruction that would overtake Jerusalem and its people as the result of rejecting Him as the Messiah. Brokenheartedly He cried: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matt. 23:37).

But Jesus saw more. "Looking down to the last generation, [He] saw the world involved in a deception

similar to that which caused the destruction of Jerusalem. The great sin of the Jews was their rejection of Christ; the great sin of the Christian world would be their rejection of the law of God, the foundation of His government in heaven and earth."—Ibid., p. 22. If Jesus wept because His professed people anciently rejected Him, how brokenhearted He must be today as He sees the so-called Christian world rejecting His law.

Never were the three angels' messages more needed than today. This threefold message alone can meet the need of the world, for it sets forth both the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus (Rev. 14:12).

Change of Heart Needed

5. The outbreak of looting and violence that accompanied the blackout revealed anew the evil of the unregenerate heart and showed why God must change the hearts of the people whom He intends to translate at Christ's second coming. He dare not merely "justify" or account them righteous; He must make them righteous. He cannot risk giving free access to all parts of His universe to people who will begin to loot "when the lights go out." He must be able to trust them fully.

Fortunately, through His Spirit, God is able to transform the human heart. "Through the merits of Christ he [the sinner] can be restored to harmony with his Maker. . . . In the new birth the heart is brought into harmony with God, as it is brought into accord with His law. When this mighty change has taken place in the sinner, he has passed from death unto life, from sin unto holiness, from transgression and rebellion to obedience and loyalty. . . . The language of the soul will be, 'O how love I Thy law! it is my meditation all the day.' Psalm 119:97."—Ibid., pp. 467, 468,

As the born-again person fixes his gaze upon Jesus, and cooperates with the Holy Spirit, he obtains not only a title to heaven but a fitness for it. Whereas in his preconversion state he found it natural to do evil, now he finds it natural to do right. "Looking unto Jesus we obtain brighter and more distinct views of God, and by beholding we become changed. Goodness, love for our fellow men, becomes our natural instinct. We develop a character which is the counterpart of the divine character."—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 355. The people who are taken to heaven at Christ's second advent are safe to save. They have demonstrated this not merely during a blackout but in the midst of worldwide lawlessness and in spite of fines, imprisonment, and bitter persecution. Like their Master, they have demonstrated that through the power of the Spirit it is possible to keep the divine law even under the most adverse circumstances.

The prophet Isaiah saw the entire world blacked out spiritually. And he saw that God's people had the light that would meet the world's need. Thus he sounded the challenge: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee" (Isa. 60:1, 2). While the effect of New York's blackout is still vivid in our minds, let us as God's remnant people accept Isaiah's challenge. Will times ever be more favorable for character development and witnessing than now? K. H. W.

Concluded

Response From Readers

True Confession of a **Daytime TV Mother**

IN MARCH our church school had a talent show. One skit joked about how I watched a daytime show without fail. It was done in good taste and I laughed with the rest.

About a week later on Sabbath I was handed a little poem called "The 23d Channel." At first I was a little embarrassed, for after reading the article I felt sure this poem was designed for the TV addict.

Was this 30-minute show preventing my spiritual growth? I rationalized that it was only 30 minutes and that that was all I watched during the day. Didn't I owe that time to myself? Besides, after a morning of heavy duties, this was my time to relax. I prayed about it, though, and asked the Lord to help me distinguish what was right and what was wrong.

After a few days of prayer I became aware of what I did during those 30 minutes and of my attitude. I noticed that I usually nibbled at something and that if the children came to me with questions I usually shushed them away "After a while, not now!" Seems they always interrupted at the "good" part—if there really such a thing.

Then I examined my feelings and realized that maybe my thoughts were not Christian, but worldly. I found myself in some of the situations the TV people were in and began to identify with their unchristian attitudes and ways of handling problems. Then I remembered Colossians 3:12 and 13: "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

This led me to examine

the time I spent. Thirty minutes didn't seem like much, but 30 hours a year: now that was a different story. I remembered that in the judgment we will be held accountable not only for our acts but also for how we spend our time.

What could I have done for the Lord in those 30 minutes? What about my daily lesson study? Didn't I have time to be more faithful, do preparation for a unique evening worship, write letters to missionaries, encouraging them in their work? What about reading of Jesus and His love to my children, or experimenting with a new recipe for my husband, or what about reading the Bible for the spiritual strength that TV could never give?

Deceptive Power

A mother must be cautious of how she spends her time. "Satan has prepared pleasing attractions for parents as well as for children. He knows that if he can exert his deceptive power upon mothers, he has gained much,"-The Adventist Home, p. 249.

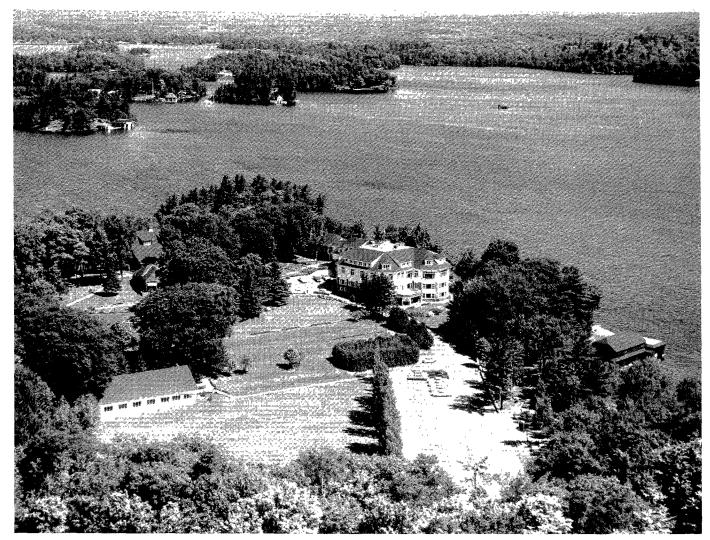
Each of us made a covenant with the Lord when he was baptized: Lord, I surrender all, not just a portion of myself. Remember, Christ died for all our sins, not just a portion. Could we surrender less than totally to

I have cheerfully given up watching this program and am grateful for the Holy Spirit's leading me and convicting me of my unrealized problem. One of my favorite texts is Philippians 4:8:

"Whatsoever things are true . . whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; . . . if there be any praise, think on these things.

Anna Young York, Pennsylvania

Newsfront



Keswick Adventist Conference Camp, opened in May, is situated on Lake Rosseau in Ontario. The main hotel is in the center of the picture.

Canadians Open New Camp in Ontario

By E. C. BECK

"SECOND to none in North America," said J. W. Bothe, General Conference associate secretary.

"Great potential for an evangelistic outreach," said H. M. S. Richards, Voice of Prophecy founder.

These men were talking

E. C. Beck is president of the Ontario Conference.

about the newly acquired Keswick Adventist Camp in Port Carling, Ontario, officially opened May 20 to 23.

From the opening meeting on Friday night, May 20, with H. M. S. Richards, to the last meeting on Monday morning by Emelio Knechtle, the spirit was one of enthusiasm and joy over what God has done for His people.

On Sabbath afternoon the guests sat in the outdoor Galilean chapel on the camp property and listened to Elder Bothe present a message of encouragement and challenge. Then they witnessed the baptism in Lake Rosseau of two persons from the city of Timmins, where a church will be organized.

More than 1,200 people were present on Sunday when Frank Miller, minister of natural resources for the province of Ontario, cut the ribbon, officially opening the camp facilities.

The conference camp, on 197 acres of land, can accom-

modate 450 people in a large hotel, private cottages, and dormitories. Aside from this, there are camping facilities for many trailers and tents, with water and electrical hookups.

The youth camp, five minutes across the lake from the conference camp, was built in 1969 and has housing for 500 campers, with winterized facilities for 200. It is on 65 acres of land.

The Ontario Conference acquired these properties in October, 1976, for \$1,480,000. Originally known as Canadian Keswick Conference Camp, the camp was named for Kes-

wick, a small town in the lake district of northern England. Since about 1870 a Christian conference has been held there every summer. In 1891 a Canadian Keswick Committee was formed in Toronto. Later, in 1927, the present Port Carling location was purchased. Shortly after 1946, when the old hotel burned to the ground, the present hotel was built.

Great evangelical preachers from all over the world occupied the pulpit in the chapel. Hundreds and thousands of people found Christ here or had a renewal of Christian experience on these beautiful grounds on the shores of Lake Rosseau.

In 1975, because of the problems within the organization, the camp was closed, and in 1976, bankruptcy was declared. The Keswick Conference Camp and youth camp went into receivership and were to be sold by tender.

Now that the Ontario Conference has purchased the camp, once again there will be Christ-centered preaching, gospel singing, private prayer, and spiritual and physical renewal at the Canadian Keswick Conference Camp, now renamed Keswick Adventist Conference Camp.



More than 1,200 people watched Frank Miller, Ontario's minister of natural resources, cut the ribbon officially opening the facilities.



Through the years great evangelical preachers from all over the world have occupied the pulpit of the camp's chapel, which seats 750 people.

AWR-Asia Becomes New Southern Asia Outreach

By ADRIAN M. PETERSON

ADVENTIST World Radio has added a new station, AWR-Asia, to its list of international shortwave stations. For some years now, Seventh-day Adventists have been represented on the international shortwave bands by AWR-Europe, broadcasting from the Deutsche Welle facilities in Sines, Portugal, and Cyclops, Malta.

AWR-Asia has been organized as such only during the past year, after approval was granted by the AWR board at the General Conference for Southern Asia to operate its international shortwave radio outreach as AWR-Asia. However, although the name is new and the concept has been borrowed from AWR-Europe, Adventist radio broadcasting on the international shortwave bands in Southern Asia began in 1950, some 27 years ago.

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ecy, heard from the old Radio Goa. This was only a small station at the time, broadcasting with one kilowatt in the 49-meter band. However, the station grew, and for a while Adventist broadcasts were heard twice each Sunday, on two different outlets for each broadcast. Later in 1950, Radio Ceylon introduced a commercial service, and programs were beamed to Africa, the Middle East, Southern Asia, and Southeast Asia. At the time, Radio Ceylon operated the most powerful shortwave radio station in this part of the world. The station was established by the British Broadcasting Corporation and had many transmitters.

Seventh-day Adventists were quick to seize the opportunity and were the first organization to sign a contract with Radio Ceylon. The first program from this station was

Adrian M. Peterson is communication director of the Southern Asia Division. likewise the familiar, halfhour Voice of Prophecy. Quite soon, Adventist programs in Arabic and Farsi were added, as were other programs from Southern Asia.

Your Radio Doctor, which now has a worldwide audience, was begun by Clifford Anderson for use on Radio Ceylon. This program began on June 6, 1953, and Saturday evening at 7:00 P.M. is stillafter all these years—its timehonored slot. The mail response to this program is greater than all other AWR-Asia programs combined. A modernized version of Your Radio Doctor, known as Modern Ways to Health, is being developed in the major languages of Southern Asia.

In order to cope with the production of all these new radio programs for Southern Asia, a production studio was installed in 1954. This was subsequently enlarged and is currently producing nine programs a week in seven languages.

For a while, and at different periods, Adventist programs have been broadcast from other shortwave stations in Southern Asia, such as Radio Afghanistan, Radio Nepal, Burma Broadcasting Service, and the Maldive Island Broadcasting Service. However, the many programs from the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Service, Radio Ceylon, have been the main broadcast thrust of the Adventist Church's work in this part of the world. Currently there are 15 programs broadcast each week from SLBC, and an additional broadcast began in the Garo language from Radio Bangladesh in Dacca.

According to the latest available statistics, SLBC has an audience of between 10 and 20 million people. According to the same survey, 50 percent of the shortwave radios in Southern Asia are tuned to SLBC. This is prob-

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ably the largest radio audience in the world listening to a single radio station.

Since the organization of the radio outreach in Southern Asia, the mail response has increased significantly and a new group of people is responding. AWR-Asia has now become recognized as an international shortwave station in its own right and is regularly accorded extensive news coverage from other radio stations such as Radio Australia, Radio Nederland, Radio NZ, Radio Sweden, FEBA Seychelles, HCJB Equador, and Deutsche Welle, Germany. AWR-Asia is also accorded regular coverage in the international DX press.

Many of the people who have written in originally for QSL cards in answer to their reception reports have afterward written again, asking for enrollment in a Bible course.

AWR-Asia is cooperating with AWR-Europe in several projects, such as listener response, reception reports, and the DX service programs.

In Southern Asia, where live nearly one fourth of the world's population, AWR-Asia is pledged to do its part in carrying the gospel to everyone.

More Than 2,000 Baptized in Romania in 1976

By ROBERT H. PIERSON

MRS. PIERSON and I paid a never-to-be-forgotten visit to beautiful Romania recently in company with Edwin Ludescher, Euro-Africa Division president. During the week we met with our churches in every part of the country. The government permitted us to travel freely, and Seventh-day Adventists gathered by the thousands for the meetings. Every church was packed with friendly, warmhearted believers.

At the time of our visit, parts of Romania were just recovering from the effects of the severe earthquake that took some 1,500 lives and left multiplied thousands bereft of homes and household effects. But the government acted quickly to provide food and shelter for all victims. There are still many reminders of the disaster, but life goes on as usual, and the government is quickly clearing rubble and

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replacing damaged and destroyed buildings. Seventh-day Adventist churches will be rebuilt or repaired with as little delay as possible. Our believers in Romania are deeply grateful for the help their church rushed into their country a few days after the quake.

We paid a visit to Dr. Rosianu, president of the federal government's Department of Religion, and discussed with him and his counselors matters pertaining to the church in Romania. We found Dr. Rosianu sympathetic to our needs as we laid plans for the rebuilding of our churches, the possible publication of more literature, and the possibility of sending some ministers or seminarians abroad for advanced studies.

Our seminary in Bucharest has 34 fine young men in training for the ministry. At present three classes are in progress and next year the fourth will begin. We were impressed with the commit-

ment and the quality of these seminary students and believe they will make a substantial contribution to the work of the church in the years ahead.

Sabbath school lessons are prepared in book form and are published in a three-year series. One worker reported that he had become acquainted with a theologian of another faith who was so impressed with the Sabbath school lessons that he was using them as a basis for his work on a doctoral dissertation.

During our stay we met with workers in every conference in the union. We found them keenly interested in theological questions and in the work of the church in other lands. They reported on the work in their churches and districts. In their country our churches are filled to overflowing with earnest, committed members. More than 2,000 persons were baptized in Romania during 1976.

I asked one pastor how many members he had in his church. He replied, giving a figure of more than 500.

"How many of these are active, practicing members and how many are just names on the book?" I asked him.

"I have only two or three who do not attend regularly and who cause me concern," he replied. I was pleased to note that the apostasy rate in some of these countries is gratifyingly low. There are many young people in our Romanian churches.

Romanian choirs sing beautifully. In one church three choirs—the adults', the young people's, and the children'ssang special numbers. In the children's choir were boys and girls probably not more than 3 or 4 years old, singing their hearts out and loving it. The women of the churches especially appreciated Mrs. Pierson's presence, and in each place she spoke briefly to the believers and then mingled with them freely outside of the meetings.

Under the committed leadership of Dumitro Popa and his fellow officers and leaders, the work in Romania is in good hands, and we believe the future is bright.



Romanian Union Conference workers and seminarians welcomed Elder and Mrs. Robert H. Pierson, from the General Conference, and Edwin Ludescher, Euro-Africa Division president, in the front row.

4,000 Converts a Year Are Baptized in Haiti

By MARCEL ABEL

EVANGELISM is a way of life in Haiti, where an average of 4,000 new members are baptized each year. In 1959 the South Haiti Mission and North Haiti Mission were organized, with 4,505 and 9,744 members, respectively. By the close of 1976 the membership of the South Haiti Mission had grown to 21,838 and the North Haiti Mission had become the largest mission or conference in the Inter-American Division, with 37.053 members.

Two years ago in Haiti a lavman was anxious to conduct an evangelistic campaign. Lacking money to buy literature, rent a building, or advertise his meetings, he found a church in a small village that was used only once or twice a month and secured permission from the caretaker to hold meetings there. When the leader of the church learned of the success the layman was having, he asked him to leave, but seven people had already been won to the truth and were requesting baptism.

The layman then received permission to preach in the church of another denomination, but before long that pastor also asked that the meetings be discontinued. However, there were ten new believers requesting baptism, one of whom provided a meeting place for the layman to continue his crusade.

G. S. Valleray, secretary of the Franco-Haitian Union Mission, began a one-week evangelistic crusade in the Bible Auditorium in Port-au-Prince on March 6 of this year. At the end of that week the audience begged for another week, and then another, and another. The campaign that was supposed to last one

Marcel Abel, temperance and Spirit of Prophecy director of the Inter-American Division, wrote this report after a recent visit to Haiti. week stretched into eight, with an average attendance of 3,000 every night, although the seating capacity of the Bible Auditorium is only 2,500. At the first baptism 166 joined the church, at the second 60, and at the third 51, a total of 277, each baptism representing a triumph for the gospel.

An official of a leading denomination had sent several representatives to the Bible Auditorium to observe what was taking place. Among the observers was a young man who had attended a previous crusade conducted there by W. W. Fordham, director of the Regional Affairs Department of the General Conference. This time the young man listened attentively to the lectures. When the first call was made he did not go forward, but he did remain after the meeting for an interview with Pastor Valleray. He confessed he was one of those who had been sent to report the names of all those attending, but that his own heart had responded to the messages and he felt it was time for him to accept them. He was among the first to be baptized.

Mary was one of the women converted during the Bible Auditorium meetings. One evening she fainted and was carried from the main auditorium to one of the children's rooms, where a physician who was in the audience attended her. He immediately recognized that this was not a medical problem, but one of devil possession. He asked for a relative to join them while they prayed together. One of Mary's sisters confirmed that the family had been involved in spirit worship.

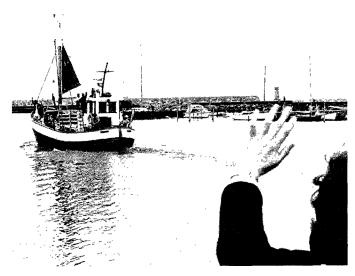
Pastor Valleray asked, "If the devil is cast from your sister, would you believe that it was because of the power of God?" She replied that she would. A voice within Mary, not her natural voice, shrieked, "You want me to leave, but I will not go. Do not trouble me. I am content here." But the members of the evangelistic team and the physician prayed. Mary gradually regained consciousness, opened her eyes, and exclaimed, "Now I am free. Jesus has filled my heart with peace." Mary and her sister were both baptized.

Not long ago a woman came to our Polyclinique Adventiste in Port-au-Prince. She reported that she had sought help from a witch doctor (in Haiti a 'Becor' or 'Mambo') because of intense abdominal pain. The witch doctor diagnosed the sickness as someone trying to kill her, and indicated he would do something to save

her. But as time passed there was no change in her condition.

One day an Adventist who was visiting in her neighborhood learned of her condition and, after praying with her, invited her to go to the Polyclinique Adventiste. There she found competent medical treatment and not only physical but spiritual healing. She gave her heart to Jesus and is now happy in the Lord.

To extend the good work of the Polyclinique Adventiste, a hospital has been under construction since 1974, but the work has gone very slowly because of a lack of funds. Half of the Thirteenth Sabbath Special Projects Offering for the fourth quarter of 1977 will help to finish the project.



DANES COME TO CAMP MEETING BY BOAT

Most of the 1,400 people attending camp meeting in Fakse, Denmark, this year arrived by automobile, including the main speakers, W. R. L. Scragg, Northern Europe-West Africa Division president, and Jens Madsen, Danish Union president. But eight members from a distant Danish island sailed for 12 hours in their fishing boat, bringing along their bicycles for the seven-kilometer ride from the harbor to the meeting place.

"I have never missed the annual camp meeting since my early childhood," stated Johannes Falk, local elder of his church and captain of the boat. "These meetings have been to me the most important annual event, and I cannot afford to miss them."

A special program during this year's meetings marked the one-hundredth anniversary of Seventh-day Adventism in Denmark. In 1877 John G. Matteson returned from America, where he had emigrated, to preach the three angels' messages in his homeland. JOHANN THORVALDSSON

Communication Director East Danish Conference **GUATEMALA**

Vista Hermosa Church Dedicated

The Vista Hermosa church in Guatemala City was dedicated on May 28, the most recent church to be dedicated in the Guatemala Mission. Alfredo Gaona, president of the Guatemala Mission, R. R. Drachenberg, treasurer of the Inter-American Division, Robert Folkenberg, president of the Central American Union, and other pastors of the union and mission participated in the service.

Samuel Leonor, union treasurer, sketched the history of the church. Eleven years ago several lots were purchased in Vista Hermosa, on the outskirts of Guatemala City, for construction of the Central American Union office and of housing facilities for employees of the union.

Since there was no Adventist church in that area, Paula Garcia, at that time assistant treasurer of the Central American Union, began a Sabbath school, acting as its superintendent. This was five years ago. The small chapel was almost immediately filled, and visitors crowded in, but there was not space enough for many to be invited.

The union administrators realized there should be a permanent church home in Vista Hermosa, and decided

to build the homes for workers closer to each other so as to reserve a choice corner lot for a church building. Vista Hermosa (Beautiful View), residential area overlooking volcanic mountains in the distance, is home for many honest-hearted people waiting to hear the Advent message. The small group meeting in the union chapel and some of their friends sacrificed to make possible a house of worship to which the area's residents could be invited.

B. L. Roberts, the union evangelist, will begin a series of evangelistic meetings in the new church immediately.

R. R. Drachenberg

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KMC Opens New Health Unit

Kettering Medical Center administrators, physicians, and hospital employees participated in dedication ceremonies May 15, opening the medical center's new mental health unit.

In describing services to be provided in the unit, Stanley Sturges, medical director, said that the department has a philosophy of accountability that calls for high standards of medicine, conservative approaches in treating mental illness, collaboration with community agencies serving

the area, and meeting the distinctive standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, with emphasis on personal health and prevention of illness.

Dr. Sturges said that those caring for patients would not substitute the use of drugs or shock treatment for more time-consuming methods designed to utilize the patient's own resources. He said that families of the mentally ill will be involved in their care and cure and that patients could expect early discharge with careful follow-up utilizing various community resources. He said that utilization of the unit's day hospital would preclude hospitalization in many cases

The 24-bed, \$2.5 million facility was provided through the generosity of Virginia Kettering Kampf, who from the hospital's founding has been a major supporter.

OLIVER JACQUES
Community Relations
Director
Kettering Medical Center

MIDDLE EAST

Eighty Students Sell Literature

The Middle East Union reports a record 80 student literature evangelists canvassing this summer. What these students are able to do is one of the reasons this small union of only 3,000 members can support a publishing house.

Union publishing director is Youssef Samuel Farag, who began his work at the age of 12 and was still wearing knee pants when he began to train other students. For the past 24 years he has helped to train most of the pastors in the Middle East, since Middle East College believes Ellen White's counsel that ministerial students should receive valuable training in the canvassing work. Some of the pastors in the union have canvassed for eight summers while in academy and college.

Some of the countries of the world yet to be entered with the Adventist message are in the Middle East, where the church is not permitted to sell literature or to proselytize. However, many of the most influential and wealthy citizens of these countries vacation in areas where student literature evangelists are working, and they take literature in their suitcases and trunks back to these closed areas. R. C. THOMAS

> Publishing Director Afro-Mideast Division

SWEDEN

Union Assesses Progress, Plans

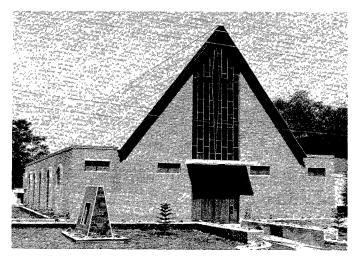
The triennial session of the Swedish Union Conference met June 23 to 26 in Jonkoping, at the southern tip of Lake Vattern, where delegates reviewed the work accomplished during the 1974-1976 period and laid plans for the future.

The union is in a good financial position, with a total yearly income now reaching almost \$25 million. The three full-term and several parttime departmental directors who serve the union gave encouraging reports. During the past three years more literature was printed than during any previous three-year period. About 7,000 people are listening to the Swedish Voice of Hope broadcasts from Lisbon.

The Swedish Union is known for the fine institutions it is operating. Ekebyholm Junior College is doing well, despite difficulties in opening private schools in Sweden. Two thirds of the union employees are connected with the health work. Although there are many problems involved in operating medical institutions, because of government or trade union regulations, both Hultafors and Nyhyttan sanitariums have waiting lists.

The health-food work has been growing rapidly. A health-food business that years ago had denominational connections recently was bought back by the church.

In Sweden, the church has established good working relations with the Swedish International Development



The most recent church dedicated in the Guatemala Mission, the Vista Hermosa church, is situated near the Central American Union offices.

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Agency. As a result, considerable aid, both in operating and capital costs, has been obtained for Adventist institutional work in West Africa and elsewhere. The Masanga Leprosy Hospital in Sierra Leone and a new agricultural project in Upper Volta have been the recipients of this timely assistance.

Odd Jordal, president of the Swedish Union for the past 12 years, has been involved in tapping this source of financial and technical help. He has now accepted a call to serve as field secretary of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division and will be in charge of the various aid programs.

The delegates expressed to Pastor Jordal, through a standing ovation, their appreciation for his leadership.

Gosta Wiklander, former conference president and more recently a union departmental director, was elected president to replace Pastor Jordal. Olle Eriksson was reelected secretary-treasurer. Several changes occurred in departmental leadership because of Pastor Wiklander's new position and because after several years in various departments, W. Palm has requested to go back to full-time pastoral-evangelistic New departmental directors are R. Pohl (Sabbath school) and A. Ljung (radio and Bible correspondence school).

The session adopted some forward-looking plans, especially in regard to youth work. "One Thing I Do" continues to be the working motto of Swedish Seventh-day Adventists.

B. B. BEACH

Secretary Northern Europe-West Africa Division



Odd Jordal, right, former Swedish Union president, introduces his successor, Gosta Wiklander, and his wife, Astrid, to constituents. Pastor Jordal is now a Northern Europe-West Africa Division field secretary. During his union presidency many churches and institutional buildings in Sweden were built, as were three of the four youth camps in the union.

Faith for Today: Accomplishing Its Commission

"Faith for Today is the only church I have and the only religious program on television I look at," said a truck driver in expressing his appreciation for Faith for Today. During the past quarter of a century, this telecast has been viewed by several million people. Thousands have taken its Bible course and thousands have been baptized as a result of its influence.

In today's secularized society, many people have ruled God out of their lives and feel little need of Him. Yet they have personal problems and still can be attracted to a telecast that appeals to them through the medium of life situations. The format of Faith for Today is designed to reach this class of television viewers.

It has also been designed to appeal to television station managers who fill certain slots of time with unpaid or public service telecasts. Because Faith for Today presents Biblical truths in a form that can be indirect and at the same time appealing to the viewers, television stations have through the years accepted it for public service time.

There are at least 60 such programs produced by churches and other organizations from which stations can choose, so the competition for public service time is keen. Yet Faith for Today continues to be televised on 110 stations. Even though the time slot is not always the best, it gives a presence that the Adventist Church would not otherwise have, and that it could not afford if it had to pay for the time. As funds have been available, time has been purchased in some of the larger markets, but this cannot be done often because of cost.

Faith for Today's contribution to the evangelistic goals of the church is largely to television stations that are looking for a religious telecast that presents moral truths in an indirect manner to put in their public service slots and to viewers who would not ordinarily look at a more direct presentation of the gospel. These are the basic

reasons for the present story format of Faith for Today.

Is this program accomplishing the commission the church has given it? There are currently 25,000 active students enrolled in Faith for Today's 12 Bible courses, and over the years, nearly 26,000 persons have attributed their baptism to the influence of Faith for Today. During this current year, viewers will mail in nearly \$1 million in donations. Rating agencies give Faith for Today a very high viewer rating in nine of the ten top markets. Forty television stations have carried the program for ten years or more, and six stations have carried the program for 20 or more years without cost. Some 18,000 pieces of mail come to Faith for Today monthly.

Faith for Today continues to study its format and its content in order to reach the most people with Bible truths and keep the cost of production down. These costs have risen sharply in recent years. In order to keep enough new programs coming on to satisfy the needs of the stations, at least 18 new programs should be produced each year. This one item in the budget requires several hundred thousand dollars.

The evangelistic outreach of Faith for Today through the Bible courses and evangelistic teams assists the conferences in getting the most from this soul-winning agency for the dollars spent. The evangelistic teams conduct 17 to 20 crusades a year in North America.

Faith for Today is only one of the television, radio, and visual-media programs produced by the church at its Radio-Television-Film Center in Thousand Oaks, California. It Is Written, Breath of Life, Voice of Prophecy, and Audio-Visual Service productions are each making a significant contribution to the soul winning by Adventist churches in North America and many other parts of the world.

F. W. WERNICK

Vice-President, General Conference

BRAZIL

Superbom Opens Second Restaurant

Because the operation of its first vegetarian restaurant, opened in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1973, has been successful, Productos Alimenticios Superbom, the South American Division health food company, has opened a second restaurant. Together these restaurants serve 700 lunches daily. A third establishment is being planned in another city, possibly in Belo Horizonte, capital of the state of Minas Gerais.

In each restaurant, Superbom food products can be purchased, and Adventist literature may be found. Many are interested in the eating habits of Adventists, which opens the way for Bible studies and invitations to church meetings. The main objective of these institutions is to influence people to accept the Adventist message.

Some of the non-Adventist patrons have begun to pay tithe, an evidence that the restaurant is exerting an influence on the public. They say, "We, too, want to be God's partners." Among the new tithepayers is Mr. Amaury, an attorney whose life was not running smoothly. He is reported to have paid the equivalent of US\$30,000 tithe. He says his life has improved considerably. His

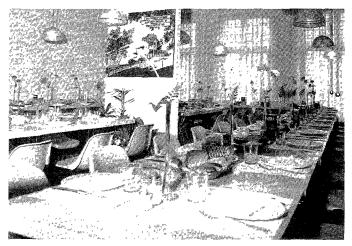
daughter is also showing an interest in the church, and it is possible that both will be baptized soon.

The division also manages the Granix food factory in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This industry was awarded a certificate of honor called the Golden Triangle of Quality, given by the Marketing Consultation Group of Argentina. The award acclaims Granix as a leader of its kind in 1976.

Eric W. Howse, World Foods Service director, helped to develop the South American Division foods factory. S. J. Cole, Keith Wells, and Bruce Thompson have come from Australia to strengthen the technical team. Geraldo Boekenkamp, Superbom financial director, is visiting the food factories of the Seventh-day Adventist institutions in Australia to bring new technical procedures to South America. Alejo Pizarro, Superbom general manager since 1976, is now going to the Inter-American Division to be general manager of their food factory. His replacement has not yet been named.

Sales of Superbom products reached \$2 million in 1971, and the hopes for 1977 are to reach \$7 million. God has greatly blessed the food companies not only in Brazil but also in Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile.

ARTHUR S. VALLE REVIEW Correspondent



Order, cleanliness, and a warm atmosphere make Brazil's two Adventistoperated restaurants successful. Between them these restaurants serve approximately 700 lunches daily. Another restaurant is being planned.



CHURCH IS DEDICATED IN WASHINGTON

Members of the Farmington, Washington, church recently dedicated their new sanctuary. Though the village population is only 126, church membership is 130.

Taking part in the weekend ceremonies were Theodore Carcich, retired General Conference vice-president; Max Torkelsen, North Pacific Union Conference president; and Richard D. Fearing, Upper Columbia Conference president. The church pastor is Wayne Byers.

The Farmington church's history goes back to April, 1882, when A. T. Jones purchased two lots in Farmington for his home. He began holding meetings in a local schoolhouse and soon began work on the church.

The deed for the original property was dated August 15, 1884, and was signed by J. N. Loughborough, president of the Upper Columbia Conference in the Washington Territory.

The new church, located in the fertile wheat country of the Palouse Hills in eastern Washington, continues to serve as a lighthouse for that part of the State. MORTON JUBERG

Communication Director North Pacific Union Conference

KANSAS

Hospital Offers Clinical Training

Shawnee Mission Medical Center, in suburban Kansas City, Kansas, has begun a clinical pastoral education program (CPE), becoming the third Seventh-day Adventist institution to offer it—in addition to Loma Linda University in California and Kettering Medical Center in Ohio.

The interdenominational program is accredited by the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education and is under the direction of Bruce A. Dame, chaplain supervisor.

CPE is not chaptain's training. Much more specialized training is required for certification as a chaptain. CPE may, however, be used as preparation for parish ministry, evangelism, chaptainey, teaching, or pastoral care.

The 11-week program consists of 400 hours of on-thejob training. Assignments are available in the emergency department, medical-surgical units, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, orthopedics, the mental health program, and the alcoholism-recovery program.

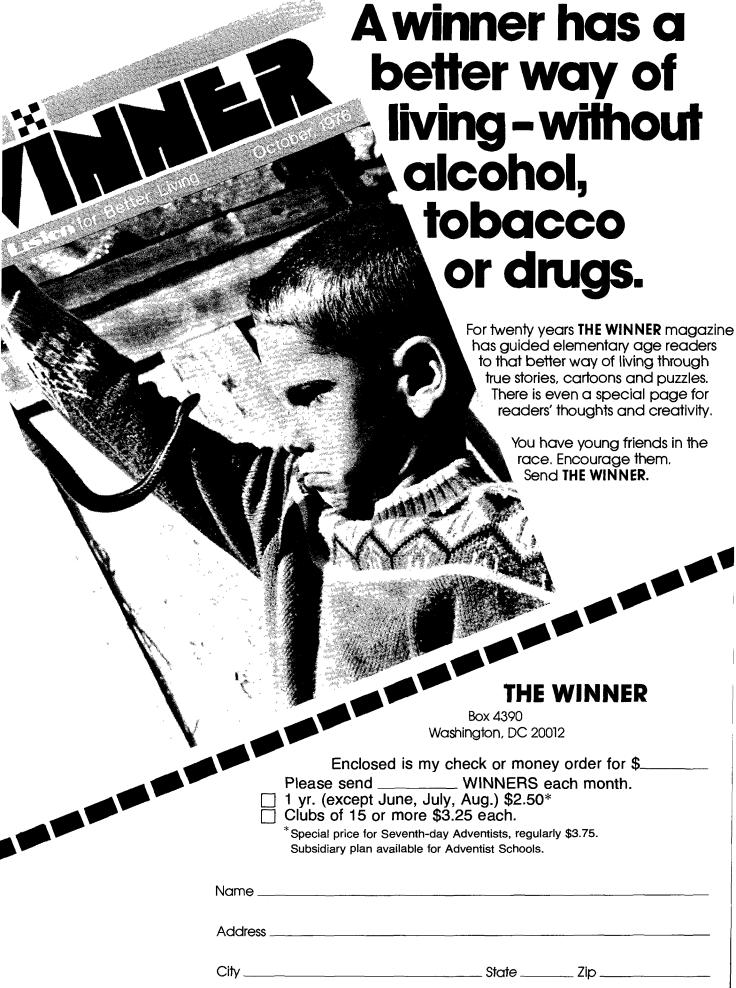
Although the program is not required at any level of theological education in the Adventist Church, elective credit is given by the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary for those who choose clinical training.

Each year about a score of seminarians and another 20 ministers, chaplains, and Bible workers enroll in CPE programs at the three Adventist centers. In addition, many ministers from other denominations involve themselves in these programs.

CPE is also open on a limited basis to students and practicing professionals—such as nurses, physicians, therapists, counselors, psychiatric technicians—and those who wish to enhance their work for the whole person.

DUANE HALLOCK

Public Relations Assistant Shawnee Mission Medical Center



Euro-Africa

- The midvear committee of the Euro-Africa Division took place in Berne, Switzerland, from June 28 to 30. Guests included R. E. Osborn, from the General Conference, and W. R. L. Scragg, Northern Europe-West Africa Division president. The 32 regular members of the committee and six guests represented 14 countries. One third of the committee's time was spent in a special study, Biblical and practical, of current problems confronting the church.
- Statistics presented at the division committee reveal that Romania has the greatest concentration of Adventists in the continental countries of the Euro-Africa Division. There is one baptized Adventist for every 450 persons in that country. At the other end of the scale, in Greece there is one SDA for every 33,500 persons.
- The third biennial gathering of retired pastors and their wives, a total of 40 people, took place at Friedensau Missionary Seminary, from May 17 to 25, under the leadership of Georg Richter, German Democratic Republic Union Ministerial Association secretary. Friedensau was also host to a group of 35 physicians and their families from Mav 27 to June 3. They attended a medical council under the direction of Herbert Stoeger, Euro-Africa Division health director.
- Roger Fasnacht, of Paris, France, has been appointed division communication director, succeeding Erwin Kilian, recently appointed West German Union president.

South American

- Cardinal Arns, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and several other religious leaders in that country have given written recommendations for *The Bible Story*, which now is being printed in Portuguese.
- Jose Bessa, South American Division associate Minis-

- terial secretary, began a series of evangelistic meetings recently in Fortaleza, Ceara, Brazil.
- J. Wayne McFarland, General Conference associate health director, visited the South American Division recently to discuss the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking with administrators and workers.
- A series of evangelistic meetings was held recently in Costa Grande, Entre Rios, Argentina, by Osvaldo Feder. Physicians from River Plate Adventist Hospital assisted him.
- Victims of the flooding of the Parana and Salado rivers in Argentina were assisted by OFASA, the South American Division welfare organization, under the direction of Pedro Orue, local pastor. When the floods occurred, after heavy rains in the north that inundated the lower districts in Santa Fe, church members in Santa Fe went to the streets with loudspeakers, asking the people to donate clothing and food. OFASA was the only institution granted government authorization to collect supplies for the flood victims.

Trans-Africa

- The North Rwanda Field returned more than 1 million Rwanda francs (US\$11,111) tithe during May. This is the first time any field in the Central African Union has reached this total. C. E. Ntakirutimana, union steward-ship director, has been leading out in a strong program of stewardship education.
- A. M. Wessels, president of the Oranje-Natal Conference in the South African Union, conducted the opening services of the new conference office building at 46 Longmarket Street, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.
- A combined lay activities and stewardship workshop was recently conducted in the Kasai area of the Zaire Union. Russell Bates, General Conference associate lay activities director; Norman Doss, Trans-Africa Division lay ac-

- tivities director; and Harvey Sauder, Trans-Africa Division stewardship director, conducted the instruction.
- Ruth Brown, who has served for 25 years as a sister-tutor at Songa Hospital in Zaire, recently returned permanently to the United Kingdom
- Ray Foster, an experienced flying doctor and presently director of the Riverside Farm in Zambia, recently made a 2,000 mile emergency flight from Lusaka to Cape Town, South Africa, to save the life of one of the farm's self-supporting workers.
- At a recent executive committee meeting of the Zambia Union it was voted to open a Bible correspondence school to aid the evangelistic outreach of the church.

North American

Atlantic Union

- Glenys Hamilton, assistant professor of nursing at Atlantic Union College, will be working with other schools this summer to investigate several possibilities for expanding the college's current nursing program.
- More than 100 persons have been baptized or rebaptized in three Radiant Living Seminar evangelistic crusades in the past six months by Mark Finley and his associates. The meetings were held in Worcester and Cape Cod. Massachusetts, and Hamilton, Bermuda. The Radiant Living Seminar team consists of four Bible workers, two health-education workers, besides Evangelist Finley and his wife. Including the preliminary and follow-up work, each crusade lasts four months.
- On June 25 members of the Devonshire company were organized by Robert Carter, then Bermuda Mission president, as the seventh SDA church in Bermuda.
- Howard Fish, pastor of the Bennington-Rutland, Vermont, district, reports that he recently baptized two young

persons from the Bennington area. W. W. Menshausen of the Woodstock, Vermont, district, reports conducting a baptism for ten new members for the Woodstock and Oxford churches.

Central Union

- June 24-29 Nebraska Builders for Christ, an organization of Seventh-day Adventist volunteer laymen, remodeled a recently purchased one-room school in Hyannis, Nebraska, to use for church services for an 18-member congregation. The Grant County News called the Hyannis project "a blueprint on how to build a church in four days." Dick Nelson, from Axtell, Nebraska, is the president of the organization.
- For the first time in the history of the Central Union Conference there is a Navajo literature evangelist working among the Navajo Indians in northwest New Mexico. The colporteur, Julia Roanhorse, was a customer just a few years ago, and after reading Adventist books she took her stand to follow Jesus.
- Members in Aurora, Nebraska, have purchased a church building from a Lutheran congregation and will refurnish it and repair the pews.

Columbia Union

- Gil Saunders, a junior at Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland, has designed a program for the Texas Instruments programmable calculator that will solve the law of cosines. Given any three data items from any triangle, including at least two sides, the program will automatically furnish the values of the other side and of the angles, accurate to ten significant figures.
- Maranatha volunteers from Columbus, Ohio, flew at their own expense to Guatemala for the second time in four months to build an administration building with five classrooms, a library, and a boys' dormitory at the Instituto de Capacitacion Adventage.

tista del Peten—a trade and craft school in Poptun. During those same two short weeks footings were laid for the construction of a new church.

- Twenty-six student literature evangelists attended the Columbia Union training school held May 2 to 4 at Takoma Park, Maryland. They learned the theory and techniques of selling and set a group goal of \$180,000 for their summer's work. One of the students, David Holbreck, hopes to reach \$19,000 in sales.
- Twenty-five Wheeling, Parkersburg, Parsons, and Huntington, West Virginia, students in grades 6 to 8 attended an outdoor-education field school May 1 to 6 at Valley Vista, the Mountain View Conference's youth camp.

North Pacific Union

- To utilize volunteer labor on conference institutions and churches, Oregon Builders for Christ has been formed. Renovation work has been accomplished recently at Milo and Laurelwood academies and new construction "bees" were held at the South Salem and Astoria churches.
- Bruce Johnston, formerly president of the Sarawak Mission, Far Eastern Division, has been named church growth consultant of the North Pacific Union Conference. His new post calls for liaison with the local conferences in establishing new work in previously unentered areas.
- Ground was broken on July 17 for the new Upper Columbia Conference headquarters, on a 31-acre wooded tract west of Spokane, Washington. Completion is scheduled for the fall of 1978.

Northern Union

• Four evangelistic meetings are currently in progress in South Dakota: Ralph Ringer and George Whitsett at Madison; Dr. and Mrs. John Van-Denburgh and Max Singhurst at Lemmon; Bill Stringfellow and Sam Elie at Watertown; and Don Edwards, Mike Coe,

and Gary Oliver, at Sioux Falls.

- The Iowa Conference has recently purchased the former YWCA camp near Boone. This new campsite will replace the facilities at Forest Ridge near Wallingford.
- The Pipestone, Minnesota, district, has purchased a grade school and gymnasium on a two-acre lot with a ball field and playground equipment. Inside there are blackboards, maps, desks, and other equipment. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schone will be the teachers, assisted by a full-time teacher's aid. An enrollment of 14 students is anticipated.

Pacific Union

- Karen Mendiola, coordinator of labor and delivery at Castle Memorial Hospital in Hawaii, was recently selected Nurse of the Year by the Maternal Child Health Care section of the Hawaii Nurses Association.
- Dale R. Beaulieu has transferred from the Columbia Union to be treasurer of the Southeastern California Conference.
- Sylvester D. Bietz, former treasurer of Southeastern California Conference, has replaced retiring Robert L. Cone as treasurer of the Pacific Union Conference.
- Gordon Paxton has moved from the pastorate at Tempe, Arizona, to specialize in young-adult ministries at the Vallejo Drive church, Glendale, California.
- John Todorovich, former senior pastor of the Vallejo Drive church, has been elected Ministerial secretary of the Southern California Conference.
- A non-Adventist Michigan benefactor has left an estate of \$62,000 in cash and stocks to the work at Monument Valley Adventist Hospital and Mission. The clear gift comes at a time of critical housing shortage for medical workers.
- Violinist Fred Chang, of the Rolling Hills church in Southern California, has been chosen to be a member of the 1977 Young Artist Guild of

the Music Teachers Association of California. Ten young artists are selected annually for concert opportunities throughout the State. While Fred ultimately plans a career in medicine, he is also interested in music and English at the undergraduate school of Loma Linda University.

Southern Union

- The youth department of the Florida Conference has leased 5.3 acres on the Wekiva River, west of Sanford. The land is to be used by area Pathfinders for picnics and overnight camping, launching point for canoe trips, swimming, and nature study. The acreage is fenced and has all basic facilities.
- The Frankfort, Kentucky, church has purchased 12 acres along U.S. Highway 60, on which it is planned to construct an evangelistic complex, including a school, church, clinic, parsonage, health-food store, and Community Services center.
- As a result of meetings held by Evangelist Grant Gunter and Pastor Jim McConnell in Russell Springs, Kentucky, a "dark" city, 24 persons have been baptized. The campaign was supported by members of the nearby Jamestown and other churches.

Southwestern Union

- More than 200 delegates, representing 45 churches, attended a laymen's congress at Camp Yorktown Bay, sponsored by the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. The program was devoted to inspiration, testimonies, and training in the use of new tools for soul winning.
- The Southwest Region Conference ministers are conducting 18 public evangelistic meetings this summer as compared to 7 last summer. It is hoped that this will be the most productive soul-winning summer in the conference's history.
- Construction is on schedule for the new administration building at Ozark Adventist

Academy. This building of 52,000 square feet, will contain the administrative offices, classrooms, music department, and an auditorium seating 400. Completion is slated for the early part of 1978

• Four new elementary schools will open in the Southwestern Union in the fall of 1977, bringing the total number of elementary schools in the union to 97.

Andrews University

- An airframe and powerplant school for aircraft maintenance mechanics will begin operation this fall at Andrews University. Approximately 25 students are expected to enroll in the airframe portion of the program beginning in September. Instruction in power-plant maintenance will begin in the fall of 1978. The A & P school, as it is called, will be in the newly formed department of aviation and transportation, chaired by Raymond O. Swensen.
- About 3,000 textbooks and reference books have been distributed to various mission fields by the International Book Exchange of Andrews' Center for Studies and Services in Education (CSSE). A large portion of the books were sent to Jamaica, with smaller amounts going to such places as Lebanon, South Africa, and Indonesia. In addition to these contributions to the mission fields, some books were also donated to Adventist church schools in Canada.
- One of America's bestknown specialists in family life, H. Norman Wright, will be featured at the annual family-life workshop at Andrews, September 12 to 22.
- P. Gerard Damsteegt, a graduate of Andrews University, has written a book entitled Foundations of the Seventh-day Adventist Message and Mission. The book, published by William B. Eerdmans, is believed to be the first study of Adventists by a church member ever to be published by a non-Adventist publishing house.

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David S. Bottroff, associate pastor, Boulder, Colorado, at the Colorado Conference camp meet-

John Champlin, pastor, Attleboro, Massachusetts, district, at the Southern New England Conference camp meeting, on June

Michael Coe, Missouri Conference evangelist, at the Missouri Conference camp meeting.

Melvin Eisele, Bourbon, Missouri, district pastor, at the Missouri Conference camp meeting.

James Epperson, Missouri Conference education superintendent and communication director, at the Missouri Conference camp meeting.

Daniel Escamilla, associate pastor, Denver, Colorado, Spanish church, at the Colorado Conference camp meeting.

Jerrell Gilkeson, of Bass Memorial Academy, at the Alabama-Mississippi Conference camp meeting.

David Haugsted, Missouri Conference publishing director, at the Missouri Conference camp meeting.

Kim Johnson, pastor, Taunton, Massachusetts, district, at the Southern New England Conference camp meeting, on June 17.

Paul Leslie Larsen, pastor, Rock Falls and Princeton, Illinois, at Broadview Academy, Lafox, Illinois, on June 11.

Robert C. Peck, Glenwood Springs-Rifle, Colorado, district pastor, at the Colorado Conference camp meeting.

Mark Regazzi, Gulfport, Mississippi, district pastor, at the Alabama-Mississippi Conference camp meeting.

Ronald Rockey, pastor, Lowell, Massachusetts, district, at the Southern New England Conference camp meeting, on June 17.

Anthony Russo, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, district pastor, at the Alabama-Mississippi Conference camp meeting

David Walter Schwartz, guidance director and Bible teacher, Dakota Adventist Academy, at the North Dakota Conference camp meeting on June 18.

William Skidmore, Missouri Conference Adventist Book Center manager, at the Missouri Conference camp meeting.

Thomas L. Turk, Fruita-Palisade-Rangely, Colorado, district pastor, at the Colorado Conference camp meeting.

J. D. Venter, at the Transvaal Conference camp meeting, South

G. P. Visser, at the Transvaal Conference camp meeting, South Africa.

Marvin Whitney, Natchez, Mississippi, district pastor, at the Alabama-Mississippi Conference camp meeting.

Uriah Worth, Limon, Colorado, district pastor, at the Colorado Conference camp meeting.

To New Posts

are not listed here. Such transfers, when rought to our attention, may be found in News Notes.1

Gary Ehlert, evangelist, Central Union Conference, formerly same position, Oregon Conference.

Arlo A. Kreuger, principal, Platte Valley Academy, Shelton, Nebraska, formerly same position, Valley Grande Academy, Weslaco, Texas.

Jim Stephens, physical education teacher, Platte Valley Academy, Shelton, Nebraska, formerly from Valley Grande Academy, Weslaco, Texas.

ADVENTIST VOLUNTEER SERVICE CORPS. SUSTENTATION OVERSEAS SERVICE, SPECIAL SERVICE

Helen C. Davidson (Wesley Sch. of Nrsg., Wichita, Kans. '77) (SS), to serve as anesthetist, Malamulo Hospital, Malawi, Africa, of Colton, California, left Montreal, Quebec, Canada, June 21, 1977.

Sharon J. Dudgeon (SS), of South Lancaster, Massachusetts, to serve as music teacher, El Progreso School, Guatemala Mission, Guatemala City, Guatemala, left New York City June 17, 1977.

Marsha Lynn (Chandler) Esterline (AVSC), of Collegedale, Tennessee, to serve as English instructor, Seventh-day Adventist Language Institute, Chung Ryang, Seoul, Korea, left Los Angeles, California, June 20, 1977. Husband, Richard, went as a student missionary.

Robert E. Etchell (SS), to serve as builder, Palau Mission Academy, Palau, Western Caroline Islands, of Healdsburg, California, left San Francisco, California, May 28, 1977. Two sons left June 20. Frances (Krupka) Etchell and one son will follow.

Donald A. Jones (LLU '57) (SS), to serve as physician, Nairobi Medical Clinic, Nairobi, Kenya, of Escondido, California, left New York City June 23, 1977. Carol H. Jones and three children left New York City June 15, 1977.

Phyllis MacLafferty (SOS), to serve as teacher, Northeast Brazil College, Belem de Maria, Pernambuco, Brazil. She was already in Brazil when she accepted this appointment.

STUDENT MISSIONARIES

Philip Earl Douglas (OC), of St. Paul, Minnesota, to serve as teacher, Seventh-day Adventist Language School, Yokohama Asahi, Japan, left San Francisco, California, June 21, 1977.

Diane LaWonne Eichner (WWC), of College Place, Washington, to serve as teacher, Seventh-day Adventist Language School, Manado, Sulawesi Utara, Indonesia, left San Francisco, California, June 21, 1977.

Richard Eugene Esterline (SMC), of Collegedale, Tennessee, to serve as teacher, English Language School, Chung Ryang, Seoul, Korea, left Los Angeles, California, June 20, 1977.

Debora Lynn Johnson (WWC), of Clarkston, Washington, to serve as language teacher, Seventh-day Adventist Language School, Seoul, Korea, left San Francisco, California, June 21,

Elizabeth Jones (AU), of Reading, Pennsylvania, to serve as teacher, overseas church school, East Indonesia Union, Manado, Sulawesi Utara, Indonesia, left San Francisco, California, June 20, 1977.

Mark Eldon Laws (CanUC), of Chetwynd, British Columbia, Canada, to serve as teacher, Manado English Language School, Manado, Sulawesi Utara, Indonesia, left San Francisco, California, June 17, 1977.

David Antonio Long (OC), of Miami, Florida, to serve as teacher, Seventh-day Adventist Language School, Jakarta, Java, Indonesia, left San Francisco, California, June 21, 1977.

Donald James Murray (UC), of Firth, Nebraska, to serve in SAWS agriculture, Bangladesh Section, left Los Angeles, California, June 27, 1977.

White Estate Staff Attend 24 Camp Meetings

Ellen G. White Estate staff members from Washington, D.C., fanned out into the United States and Canada this summer to speak at 24 camp meetings. D. A. Delafield, Paul Gordon, Robert Olson, Ron Graybill, and Don Mansell all filled camp meeting speaking appointments.

These staff members noted that since 1977 is Testimony Year, many Seventh-day Adventists are taking advantage of the 25 percent discount on all Ellen G. White books and are purchasing sets of the nine volumes of the *Testimonies* in anticipation of Testimony Countdown II. Many are rounding out a complete Spirit of Prophecy library.

The staff reported that at workers' meetings at each of the camps the pastors responded enthusiastically to the proposal that Testimony Countdown II study classes be set in motion in Adventist churches across the continent. Many of these classes will begin on Wednesday night, September 14.

Scores of pastors have already requested the new Countdown II Pastor's Kit, prepared at the White Estate office, and the ten cassette recordings of the pilot run at Sligo church, Takoma Park, Maryland, earlier this year.

Since some pastors cannot teach the Testimony study class in all of their churches, local elders may be asked to help. The Pastor's Kit and the tapes may be obtained by writing to the Ellen G. White Estate, 6840 Eastern Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012

The White Estate staff report that church members across the country have never had stronger faith in the gift of prophecy than now. And the White Estate wish to cooperate with these church members by providing all the help possible and sharing whatever expertise they have in these matters with the church at home and abroad.

W. P. BRADLEY

KSUC Wins Radio Award

A station of the Adventist Radio Network has won an award for airing the best college station newscast in the State of Texas. Station KSUC, of Southwestern Adventist College, in Keene, received the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters award for its program "News 88," an hourly, on-the-hour report.

Robert R. Mendenhall, general manager of KSUC, explains that the station is strong on local news in addition to big Associated Press wire stories.

"Listeners in Keene," he says, "want to know why the fire siren sounded. Sure, they want to know the latest on the Johnstown flooding, but they are even more interested in the local water situation in Keene when the temperature in the summer is 105 degrees and the city council votes to limit outside watering to just two days a week."

By capturing listener attention with local concerns, the station can be better assured of an audience for what it has to say in spiritual matters.

There are 26 radio stations on college and university campuses in Texas. The Adventist Church can be proud of its college stations, which provide a real avenue of communication to the community. M. CAROL HETZELL

Europe Hosts Two Camporees

Both the Euro-Africa and Northern Europe-West Africa divisions recently conducted their largest camporees in history

At the Euro-Africa Division camporee, 446 Pathfinders from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Belgium, and Italy met at Malcesine, northern Italy, by Garda Lake, July 11 to 25. Nino Bulzis, division youth director, organized the two-week event, which included volleyball, obstacle races, swimming, orienteering, hiking, and a Bible contest.

The Pathfinders presented a copy of *The Great Controversy* to the mayor of Malcesine and visited Venice and Mount Baldo during the camp.

The Northern Europe-West Africa Division Pathfinders came from Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, and Finland to Kallioniemi Leivi, in Finland, July 18 to 25. Led by Mike Stevenson, division youth director, and local leaders, the almost 700 Pathfinders made history by participating in the largest camporee ever held in Europe and the largest camp of any religious or secular group in Finland during the summer of 1977. This caught the attention of the press, which reported on activities including orienteering, track and field events, and craft classes.

During the camporee a new administration building was dedicated at the camp.

LEO RANZOLIN

PR, Development Personnel Meet

Twenty-five representatives from all but three Adventist colleges in North America met in San Francisco, California, on July 11 for the largest meeting ever of Adventist college public relations and development personnel.

The group elected William H. Taylor, director of development at Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee, president-elect of ACPRAD, the Adventist College Public Relations, Recruitment, Alumni, and Development Association. President for the current year is D. G. Prior, vice-president for public relations and development at Loma Linda University.

The group also attended the 1977 assembly of CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) July 10-13 in San Francisco. Particularly useful were sessions in educational fundraising, executive management, and institutional relations.

VICTOR H. COOPER

Record Offering for South America

Again in 1976, as has generally been the case in previous years, the fourth quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was the largest for the year. Of the \$1,299,708 given on December 25, 1976, 25 percent will be used for the special projects selected by the South American Division: a theology department building for Northeast Brazil College, and a new secondary school in southern Chile.

The \$324,927, which will be divided evenly between these two institutions, is the largest Thirteenth Sabbath Special Projects Offering allocated.

South American Adventists are grateful for this assistance toward their educational needs.

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