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Thanks giving reminds  
us of the History of  
the Pilgrims and How we  
Thanked the Indians for their  
teachings



We are thankful the  
Indians taught us  
to Hunt for Food



**Thanksgiving — it's a time to count our blessings**

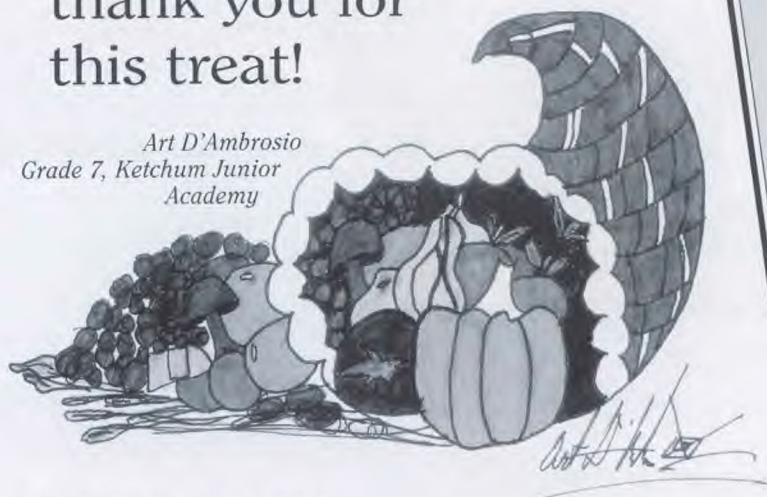


# Thanksgiving Day –

It's a day for giving thanks  
for divine goodness.

Thank you, Lord, for  
all you've given,  
The trees outside, the  
stuff that's livin',  
The sun that shines,  
The rose garden vines,  
All the beautiful leaves  
a fallen',  
The ducks a quackin'  
and fall leaves crackin'  
under our feet  
Oh, thank you Lord, Oh,  
thank you for  
this treat!

Art D'Ambrosio  
Grade 7, Ketchum Junior  
Academy



*"The Mayflower set sail for Virginia,  
but they landed at Plymouth,  
Massachusetts. The Speedwell  
started with the Mayflower but  
the Speedwell had to return.*

*The people who were on board the  
Mayflower built a town of 102  
people in Plymouth. Half of the  
people died of scurvy and  
pneumonia the first year. Two  
Indians, Samoset and Squanto,  
came and helped the Pilgrims  
plant their crops.*

*The Pilgrims decided to have a  
celebration after they had reaped  
their crops. They invited the  
Indians to the feast to thank them  
for what they had done to help  
them. They called it*

## *Thanksgiving."*

Galen Alexander, 4th grade

COVER: Artwork by Eunice Williams, 9th grade,  
Ewing Junior Academy, Bonnerdale, Arkansas

LEFT: Artwork by Art D'Ambrosio



**"I will exalt you, My God,  
the King;  
I will praise your name  
for ever and ever.  
Every day I will praise  
you and extol your  
name for ever and  
ever."**

Psalm 145: 1, 2 (NIV)

## Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to share

I was in Europe for my third Thanksgiving as an x-ray technician in the 318th station hospital and was feeling sorry for myself—for being far away from home, for not being near my girlfriend—and wondering if I'd be alive on the morrow.

Some distance from the hospital station was a girls orphanage housing girls whose ages ranged from five to 10. They had all lost their parents during the bombings. My tentmates and I decided to invite five little girls to spend Thanksgiving dinner with us at our camp mess hall as our guests.

We met the bus when it arrived and then escorted our guests to the mess hall. Other soldiers also fussed over our little girls, wanting to make them happy. The menu was a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner, including pumpkin pie. Our guests were not used to sweet pies, as their British pies were made of vegetables, so they didn't eat the pumpkin pie, but they loved the turkey.

After we'd eaten, we showed them our tents and how we lived. Some of the soldiers used their cigarette rations to buy them candy and oranges or whatever else could be found. We really loved the little girls (mine was five years old), but soon it was time for them to leave.

It was time to board the bus, and as we were waiting to say good bye, my little girl reached

up to me and pulled me down to her height. It was then I noticed she was crying big tears. She kissed me and hung onto my neck. Then we both started crying!

This was a great Thanksgiving for five tiny orphan girls and five soldiers, and even after 50 years it is one of my best Thanksgiving memories.

Shakespeare expressed it well when he said, "The quality of mercy is not restrained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon this earth beneath. It is twice blessed. It blesseth him who giveth and him who receiveth."

Ben E. House  
Gentry, Arkansas

**"One generation will  
commend your works  
to another,  
They will tell of your  
mighty acts,  
They will speak of the  
glorious splendor of  
your majesty."**

Psalm 145:4-5 (NIV)

## Thank you for high-principled youth

At ceremonies in Tulsa in May, U.S. Senator David L. Boren presented high school senior Danna Dersch of Shattuck, Oklahoma, with a 1994 Academic All-State medallion and \$1,000 scholarship. Chosen from among 800 public school seniors nominated from across the state, Danna was one of one hundred to receive the reward. They were guests of honor at the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence 1994 Awards Banquet.

Excelling in many areas, Danna has a long list of accomplishments and awards on local, state and national levels. One of her science teachers, Sue Ann Schoenhals, describes her as being "easy to teach, nice to everyone, and having the rare combination of caring about extracurricular activities as well

as academic achievement." Well liked by her peers, she was voted by her fellow seniors as Most Likely to Succeed, Most Congenial and Most Musical.

Early this year the soft-spoken Danna made a powerful statement about her beliefs when she walked off the court at a tournament basketball game. She had attracted the attention of the crowd by making 18 of the 21 points in the first half. Then, as the Sabbath was about to begin, she simply left the game and went home. Her coach and teammates knew she would leave, but the fans missed her and began asking, "Where is the black-haired girl from Shattuck?" Even though she was absent for half a tournament game, Danna was named to the Basketball 270 Conference All-Stars for 1993-94.

Danna, the daughter of David and Marilyn Dersch, is an active member of the Shattuck Seventh-day Adventist Church. She has turned down \$50,000 in scholarships from across the state to attend Southwestern Adventist College, where she plans to major in pre-med.

Virginia Burton  
Shattuck, Oklahoma

**"Great is the Lord, and  
most worthy of praise,  
His greatness no one can  
fathom."**

Psalm 145:3 (NIV)

## Dear Lord, thank you for the promptings of Your Spirit!

My daughter, Jackie, and I had the privilege of working in the brand new Doctors Hospital as a physical therapy team. We associated with doctors and nurses and enjoyed comradery, but one cardiology doctor intimidated me, so I tried to keep out of his way.

The week before Thanksgiving, 1969, a Mr. Parker was admitted on the med floor from Stillwater, Oklahoma. He was accompanied by two very concerned ladies, later identified to me as his wife and his college-age daughter. I had no direct contact with these ladies, but as I would pass up and down the halls I would see both mother and daughter on their knees praying that the Lord would spare Mr. Parker's life. Silently, I'd breathe a prayer for him as well. It never entered my mind that the Lord would use me to help answer their prayers.

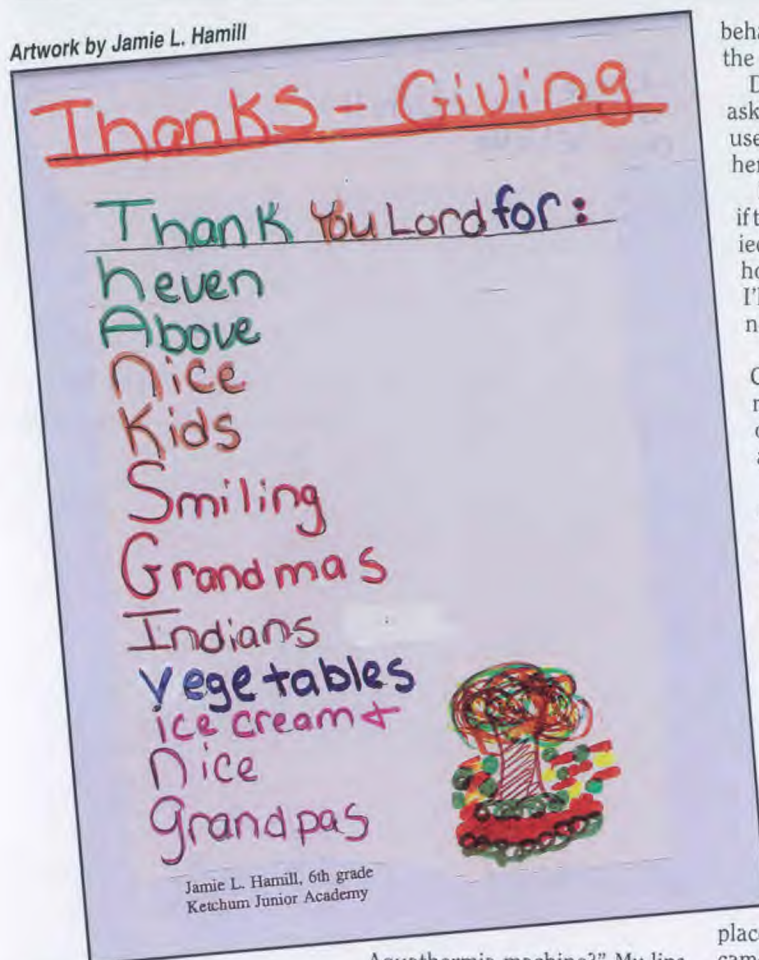
The day before Thanksgiving, Mr. Parker developed pneumonia and had to be moved to ICU. Two days later while eating my lunch I pulled open the bottom drawer of the office desk and found a users manual for an appliance I had never seen before. The appliance pictured was weird looking. I knew it was a medical device, but what



Danna Dersch, receiving a 1994 Academic All-State medallion from U.S. Senator David L. Boren.



Artwork by Jamie L. Hamill



was it used for? I began reading each page carefully and became engrossed in the instructions. When I got to the back cover I noticed that the warranty card had been torn out and a handwritten note stating, "Warranty sent in March 1, 1968." I put the manual away and went about my work.

Jackie and I finished our treatments and were about to go home when I heard people talking in low tones. It was Dr. Jenkins and the nurse supervisor. He was saying, "I'll have to tell them."

Somehow the Spirit of the Lord urged me to speak to the doctor, the doctor I ordinarily tried to avoid.

"Who is it, Dr. Jenkins? Is Mr. Parker worse?" I asked.

In a calm, almost subdued voice the doctor answered, "Yes, Ms. Lewis. He has a temperature of 109 degrees and we have tried everything, but we can't bring it down."

"Have you tried the

Aquathermia machine?" My lips formed the words, but I wasn't doing the speaking—it was God's spirit directing me. What did I know about the Aquathermia machine?

Surprised, Dr. Jenkins said, "Do we have one?"

"Yes," I answered assuredly. "There's one here somewhere. I have the manual and the warranty has been sent in. It may be at the clinic. If it is, we'll get Mr. Walker to bring it up here."

Ms. Christianson, the nurse supervisor, asked, "What does it look like?"

"Well," I continued, still aware that Someone was prompting me, "It looks like a small gasoline pump, but it rolls about on wheels."

The nurse supervisor's eyes brightened, "Oh!" she said. "It's in a closet down in the maternity ward. We didn't know what it was." (Remember, I mentioned this was a *new* hospital.)

"Come with me," she motioned to Jackie, who had been standing by, amazed at my almost brash

behavior. Silently she followed the nurse out of sight.

Dr. Jenkins turned to me and asked questioningly, "Can you use the machine when they get here with it?"

I moved my lips and it was as if the Spirit spoke again. "I studied the manual during lunch hour. I think I can operate it. I'll get the manual in case I need it."

As I returned, I met Ms. Christianson pushing the WP machine with Jackie hanging on the side cleaning it with alcohol as they rolled along.

We rolled it into the ICU and up to Mr. Parker's bed. I touched his shoulder and said, "We are going to help you, Mr. Parker." Tears began to roll down his cheeks, and I began to pray as I inserted the rectal probe and began to monitor the machine as if I had been specially trained for this moment.

Very soon his temperature began to recede. My prayers for help now turned to praise for God's Holy Presence in that place. Soon his temperature became slightly subnormal, and his breath was no longer labored. Jackie and I cleaned the machine again and turned the machine and Mr. Parker over to a critical care nurse.

Jackie had to drive home; I was crying and shaking as I praised my Lord for answering our prayers.

Five days later nurses, doctors, and some patients cheered as Mr. Parker walked past the nurses

station supported by Mrs. Parker on one side and his daughter on the other side.

What a wonderful Lord we have! Praise His Holy Name.

Betty J. Lewis  
Sand Springs, Oklahoma

**"They will tell of the power of your awesome works, And I will proclaim Your great deeds."**

Psalm 145:6 (NIV)

**Thank you, God, for people who share**

When Jim Garner, a member of the Midland SDA church, inquired about a newspaper advertisement placed by Robert Cobas for an electric guitar, they immediately became friends. They would spend evenings together discussing their common interest. After some time, their conversation turned to religion, and Jim was able to share with Robert and his wife, Jo, the Bible truths. Although they believed what they heard, they were reluctant to attend church.

Several months went by while Robert struggled with his alcohol problem, but finally he decided to go to church. His wife, who was opposed to "organized" religion, resisted. During that



Robert Cobas and four others baptized as a result of a Revelation Seminar held by Dan Schiffbauer, pastor, in Midland, Texas.



week Robert was assailed by evil spirits who tried to strangle him with threats and cursing. Robert called on the name of Jesus and was delivered immediately. From that point on, he gave his life completely to Christ.

Shortly after that Robert was given a brochure for a Revelation seminar. He attended and was happy to discover that it was sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, for he remembered that his friend Jim Garner was a member there. This past spring, Robert, Jo, and their teenage son were baptized.

*Dan Schiffbauer, Pastor  
Midland/Odessa District*

***"They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness."***

Psalms 145:7 (NIV)

## **For Your guiding hand, Lord, I thank you**

In 1904 my grandfather, John Saylor, bought a *Bible Readings for the Home* to use as a Bible study guide. As he and his family studied this book along with the Bible, they became aware of the seventh day Sabbath. Their convictions were strong, and they wanted to be baptized. Because there was no minister in the area, they wrote to Keene to ask for someone to come. A retired minister, a Pastor French, was able to baptize John Saylor and his family.

My mother, Virginia Saylor, who married Hammet Dunn, shared her faith with her new husband and once again Pastor French was called to baptize my father. By 1924 my parents had four children, Herman, Loyd, Evangeline and Pearl.

What an adventure our family had when our relatives in Fresno, California, invited us to come and



*Evangeline Richman's mother, Virginia Saylor Dunn*

live there. They told of the large, well-established church and academy, and they offered to pay for our school tuition. We loaded our truck, which cost \$500, and my brothers took turns driving. Gasoline at this time was only 10 cents a gallon. When we got to the railhead, my father sold the truck, and we did the rest of the journey by train—a high adventure for farm children who had never been more than 20 miles from home.

In Fresno my father rented a Thompson seedless grape farm, and we enrolled at the Fresno Academy for school. It was during a spring week of prayer that I gave my heart to the Lord, although I was not baptized at that time.

We harvested grapes and cut the grapes into clusters and placed them on squares of heavy brown paper to dry into raisins. However, since my father didn't enjoy grape farming, once we completed the drying process we moved back to Texas and settled back into living in Midland. Because we were isolated from other believers of like faith, we soon went the ways of the world. I graduated from high school in 1930 and married W. E. Richman.

When, in 1933, Annie Eubanks, a 75-year old literature evangelist, came to my door with *Bible Readings for the Home*, I recognized it immediately. I had enjoyed reading the book during my growing up years. My grandparents had given one to my mother as a wedding present. We invited Mrs. Eubanks to be our guest, and we grew to love her. Later I requested baptism, and

when a minister came to the area we organized a home Sabbath school with the few believers in the area. Our small group grew, and soon, with much prayer and hard work, we had a new church building in which to worship. In 1938 evangelistic meetings were held by Lee Carter which resulted in 25 baptisms.

In 1951 our church developed "growing pains," so land was purchased in west Midland where a two-room school was built, and the church was built later.

Looking back over my life, I stand amazed at how God has led and guided me.

*Evangeline Richman  
Midland Communication  
Secretary*

***"The Lord is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger and rich in love."***

Psalms 146:8 (NIV)

## **Thank you, Lord, for renewed hope**

I made a lot of wrong decisions at an early age. The verse that says, "You reap what you sow," has true meaning in my life. My marriage ended after a stormy 20 years. The heart-break I had of seeing my children suffer for our inability to provide them with the love, stability and example they needed was traumatic.

Isn't it wonderful that God sees all and knows all? That He loves us no matter what we do? I am so thankful that I have a God who never deserted me even when I left Him. When I knew I needed Him, He was there. Instead of despair, I now have hope. I can now thank God for anything and everything that brings me closer to my Savior.

*Deborah Malone  
Shreveport, Louisiana*



***"The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all he has made."***

Psalms 146:9 (NIV)

## **We stand amazed at Your compassion. Thank you, Lord**

"Who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Too often those in charge of bringing hurting people to the Great Physician do more damage than good. That's what happens when people are religious but have no concept of rescuing. That's what happens when people call themselves Christians, but they're not Christlike.

"Who did sin?" Disciples see a blind man and they talk theology. Jesus' theology sees a blind man and touches him.

"Who did sin?" He was there. He probably heard. He wasn't deaf—he was blind. The reason disciples can be hurtful is that too often they're both deaf and blind... Always listening to Jesus but never hearing His healing message. Disciples watching His every move, but never moving as Jesus did; seeing Jesus every day, but not seeing others as He does.

They see a blind man and they start searching for the sin. But Jesus sees a patient in need of healing. And Jesus knows how to heal, while His disciples haven't a clue.

"Who did sin?" The man has suffered all his life.

"Who did sin?" And those who should have come to His rescue spit on him with their words.

But not Jesus—he spits in the dirt, never on blind men. He makes mud for healing; they throw it.

While disciples argue over where to place the guilt, Jesus stoops down and starts to apply His grace...

And today it's still the case. A blind world doesn't need disciples who seek out its sin. It needs disciples who share the solution.



Blind man, or blind world, neither need more discussion on theology; they need theology lived out before them. A blind man or blind world doesn't need Christians good at assigning blame; they need Christians who know how to bless.

Today's world doesn't need a discourse on the problems. It needs answers—it needs to be introduced to Jesus. Like the blind man, the world needs the Great Physician with healing hands.

*Condensed from a sermon by  
Ron Halvorsen Jr.,  
Pastor of the Keene church.*

***"... The Lord is faithful  
to all his promises and  
loving toward all he  
has made.***

***The Lord upholds all  
those who fall and lifts  
up all who are bowed  
down."***

Psalm 145:13,14 (NIV)

## **Those who minister bless our lives. Thank you, Lord**

Cory hated life. It was written all over his face and showed in his demeanor as soon as he entered the door at Huguley's Willow Creek Hospital. He had a reason to hate life because he had suffered from years of neglect and abuse. As a ward of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Cory had some contact with his grandparents, an irregular relationship with his mom, but for years hadn't seen his dad who suffered from chronic paranoid schizophrenia.

He looked like an average 16-year-old with hair down to his shoulders, t-shirt and tennis shoes. The only thing different about Cory was that he hated life. He was angry, distrustful, distant and detached, had a disturbed thought process, and was reluctant to talk about his problems.

Before coming to Willow Creek, Cory had been diagnosed

with chronic paranoid schizophrenia. He had two previous hospitalizations at other psychiatric facilities and had a historic non-compliance with medication. He was admitted to Willow Creek Residential Treatment Center as a level six, which means he required the highest level of care according to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services codes.

Soon after being admitted, Cory chose a new roommate named Sheldon. The staff began to see immediate progress in Cory as he adopted Sheldon who was a much lower functional kid. Sheldon didn't know how to perform basic personal hygiene routines such as brushing his teeth, bathing, or combing his hair. He also lacked social skills for interacting with other teenagers.

From the first time the two met, there was a slow bonding that began to take place. "When I first came I had no one to talk to," remembers Sheldon. "Cory became my friend. We had lots of fun playing basketball and other games."

Sheldon wasn't the immediate wonder cure for Cory. He was still working on his attitude and his own social skills. "Sometimes Cory would be in a bad mood and want to argue and fight," continued Sheldon.

There were times that Cory would grab chairs, clench his fists and blow up over almost anything. Anger management was a major part of his rehabilitation.

By displaying acceptable behavior, the residents earn points at a weekly review. It becomes a goal for the residents to be rewarded for excelling with social skills. The more points you earn, the more privileges you get. One of those privileges is recreational time.

"At rec time, we'd play softball. Cory was really good. He'd hit a couple of home runs. I'd really cheer for him, and he'd start being kind to me and talking to me," says Sheldon. "I began to look up to Cory as if he were a brother. When he finally got a haircut, I got one just like

his. One time, I wanted to pull the fire alarm, but Cory stopped me. He said it wasn't the best thing to do to get attention."

Progress continued. Cory earned enough points to stay up late and even apply for a job. While at Willow Creek he called area businesses asking for employment applications. His case worker drove him to interviews and he finally landed a job as a waiter at a local Pizza Hut. Every day his case worker would drop him off and pick him up from work.

On one occasion Cory was trying to juggle several emotions including taking his driver's education class, working, and a pending visit from his mom. It triggered a maniac attack, and Cory was rushed to the emergency department at Huguley. After a 16-hour day of around-the-clock supervision by his case worker and a subsequent two week hospitalization in Willow Creek's acute unit, Cory hit a turning point.

Through group therapy and one-on-one counseling, Cory slowly began to learn how to deal with his feelings. He continued working at Pizza Hut. In addition to getting his driver's license and his first job, Cory eventually

earned his GED while at Willow Creek through the hospital's fully-accredited school.

After six months of care, support and development of his independent learning skills, Cory was discharged from the Residential Treatment Center. His success in learning to cope with his feelings and boundaries, along with his determination to survive, can be tethered to a team of concerned professionals. His Willow Creek family most recently learned that Cory is in a foster home and is working full-time between a Dairy Queen and Braums. This past fall he enrolled in the nursing program at Tarrant County Junior College.

(Willow Creek is an Adventist-owned institution performing a service within the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.)

*Although the names of these patients have been changed, the story is a trophy that shows the rewards of quality mental health care. Special thanks go to David Strawn, program director of Adolescent Services at Huguley's Willow Creek Hospital, for his active participation in the recovery of Cory and Sheldon and especially for telling this story for others to join in celebrating their recovery.*

### *My Most Memorable Thanksgiving*

*My most memorable Thanksgiving is the last Thanksgiving my family had with my mother. That was in 1991.*

*Every year at Thanksgiving I am thankful that I had a mother. She passed away 2 years ago.*

*I am also very thankful that I have Jesus in my life, for my family and friends and that at least once a year my whole family can gather around the table and spend time together.*

*By: Storie Peterson  
Grade: 7 age: 12  
DeFadden SA SDA school*



***"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.***

***He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them."***

Psalm 145:18, 19 (NIV)

## **My heart's yearnings have been filled. Thank you, Lord**

My father was a devout Catholic and my mother a faithful Baptist. I grew up confused about religion. As an adult, I began in-depth studies of the different civilizations and their religions. There always seemed to be a flaw in the teachings.



In an effort to get away from the day-to-day routine

and spend time alone in nature, I leased property in an old abandoned mining town in Big Bend, Texas, in 1980 and spent three years in the desert meditating and enjoying God's beautiful gift to man.

During this time Hollywood came to the area to make a movie. I objected, since I had legally leased the land. However, to keep me from interfering with the movie making, the producers hired a local security guard by the name of Horace Tarber.

Horace was one of the kindest, most sincere men I have ever met. He would always read his Bible every morning while he was on duty. I became quite interested in this and began to ask questions. Soon we were spending our mornings sitting on the tailgate of his pickup truck studying the Bible. This was my first contact with Seventh-day Adventists.

Eight years later a local newspaper advertisement caught my

attention. I answered this ad by attending the seminar, and there I became convinced about the truths presented by Steve Bohr. I was thrilled to find out this was the Seventh-day Adventist Church and was soon baptized.

Gene Peterman

*Gene Peterman was baptized June 19, 1994, and is an active member of the Olsen Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Amarillo, Texas.*

***"The Lord watches over all who love him . . ."***

Psalm 145:20 (NIV)

## **How can we thank you enough, Lord, for Your protecting hand?**

The first couple of weeks before summer camp starts at Camp Yorktown Bay, the staff spend time cleaning and learning how to deal with kids. We also spend a week recruiting kids for camp by visiting the homes and churches to let parents know about the camp program.

Four of us, Jimbo, Karrie, Melissa and I, were going to Gentry to be there during camp meeting. Before we left camp we prayed for God to be with us as we traveled. About 25 miles from our destination it began to rain very heavily (don't big rains always come at camp meeting time?!). The road was slippery, so I slowed down. Karrie and Jimbo were asleep in the back seat.

From out of nowhere, it seemed, a truck appeared in front of us and jackknifed right in our path. I put on the brakes and tried to turn the wheels to avoid a smash, but the trailer was right in front of us. When I braked, Karrie and Jimbo woke and immediately put their heads down on the back seat, and while I don't remember ducking, I must have.

We slid straight under the truck trailer, and my hardtop Nissan



*Meredith Church's car after the crash.*

Sentra became a convertible. Karrie went into shock as she looked up and saw the trailer over her head. Jimbo jumped out and tried to direct the traffic, all the while thinking that I was dead. Apparently I was pretty bloody and had been knocked unconscious. When Jimbo came back to the car he was smiling. This surprised Karrie.

"What are you so happy about?" she questioned. "This isn't exactly something to be happy about!"

"It's Meredith. She's alive! She's alive!" he answered.

The cops and ambulances came, and the policeman working the wreck was surprised too. "To have a wreck like this without any fatalities is really a miracle," was his comment. "Usually when there are this many people in a car, at least one doesn't make it."

We were taken to the hospital and everyone was released except me. I had a few cuts and bruises, and my left index finger was partially amputated. The emergency room doctor sewed it back on superbly, and it is fine today. I had a gash in the back of my head that required shaving and stapling, but even looking like Frankenstein did not bother me much. I was alive!

So camping was put off for a few weeks, but I did a lot of talking to God, thanking Him for His protection. I was told later that

even though I had tried to turn my wheels to avoid the truck, my skid marks were perfectly straight. What would have happened had my wheels turned? I would have hit right into the truck tires.

Jimbo told me later that about 30 minutes before the wreck his grandmother had called my mother and said, "Something is the matter. We have to pray for Jimbo." Pray they did, and God answered. Thank you for God's angels who were piloting my car on that fateful day!

*Meredith Church as told to Charlotte Robinson*

***"My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise His holy name for ever and ever."***

Psalm 145:21 (NIV)

## **Dear Lord, You have been good to me. Thank you for Your blessings**

Even after watching a beloved daughter-in-law pass away from cancer three months ago and experiencing two other frightening events just one week apart, Ellen Spring's philosophy remains the same, "Always look on



the bright side!" Where did she get this philosophy?

"It came from my parents," Ellen answered. "They both had very high ideals, and for their day mother had a very good education. And my mother always used to say, 'Look on the bright side.' We grew up in the depression, and whenever our conversation got discouraging, she'd say, 'Okay, let's look on the bright side.' So that's how it became my philosophy."

Growing up in Maddox, 15 miles west of Hot Springs, Arkansas, as the fifth of six children of Leonard and Eldarado Maddox, was not easy during the depression. "I grew up in the house in which my mother was born," Ellen continues. My grandfather on mother's side was a judge, but my grandmother could not read or write, but she loved cooking. She used to cook on a wood-burning stove and with heavy black iron pots in the fire place. My mother took care of the post office for that area, Maddox, Arkansas."

Ellen's father owned a general store that handled dry goods, groceries, gasoline, kerosene and hardware. He also had two flour

mills, one for making cornmeal and the other for crushing grain for food and animals. He was always looking for ways to better the community.

Upon completing high school with a major in education, Ellen received a certificate to teach in a rural eight-grade school. "I taught the first four grades in a two-room school that first year, except for algebra, which I taught for the upper grades. Most of the ninth graders were my cousins.

"My second and third years were teaching grades one through four at Red Oak, a division of the consolidated Lake Side district. It was riding on the school bus that brought me into contact with a good-looking young man who became my husband. It was the bus driver who got us together. I used to ride one section of the bus route, while Glenn rode another section. The bus driver thought we'd make a good couple, so he introduced us to each other. And from then on we never looked back!

After getting married they moved to Fort Worth in 1943, where her husband, Glenn, opened a business in refrigeration. Their three children grew up in the house she's still living in.

A few weeks ago, while standing in her living room, sur-

## Ellen's favorite Bible passage is

*Rejoice in the Lord always . . . Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."*

Philippians 4:4-8.

rounded by her antique furniture and walls covered with family photographs and original oil paintings done by her husband, she was startled by an earth-shattering crash against the front of her house. Rushing to open her front door, she found it was jammed because of the impact. "By the time I got around from the back door, the car that had banged into my house had disappeared," she said. It had run up my lawn and jumped across the two cement railings along the driveway and then crashed into the front of the house, leaving a shattered wall."

The following week, on her way to hear her granddaughter

sing in a concert, a speeding driver, oblivious of the slippery condition of the highway, pulled right in front of her car, making it impossible for her to keep from crashing into the rear of his car. Her car was totaled.

But in spite of what has happened, Ellen's philosophy remains, "Look on the bright side."

"God has been good to me," Ellen concludes, "and even though my husband has gone to his rest, and we've suffered other tragedies, I'm still thankful for my many blessings, and I will continue looking on the bright side, for with Christ in my life, I can always find the bright side." Ellen Spring as told to Jean Thomas

## Students and Teachers Share Thoughts on Thanksgiving

### Stacy L. Mitchell

Teacher, Alamogordo SDA Elementary

I asked the children to think of something they were thankful for. Instantly, all hands went up! I went around the room giving each child a chance to share their thankfulness with the class. When I came to one particular second-grader, he bowed his head shyly and said, "Can I whisper in your ear what I am thankful for instead of telling the class out loud?"

It seemed he was embarrassed and thought the others might laugh if he spoke the words of his heart for all to hear. I nodded a



From left: Mara Cohen, Ryan Siebel, teacher Stacy Mitchell, Telia Murphy, Kimberly Siebel, and Jennifer Hembree, kneeling in prayer at the beginning of the school day.

"yes" and then Gabriel proceeded to teach me one of the most important aspects of being child-like . . . TRUST. What was this small child thankful for? What did he whisper in my ear?

Three small words that carry the weight of the world with them. He said, "God is real. I'm thankful that God is real and isn't pretend." In Hebrews 11:6 we read that "without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is"—that he exists. What a truth is learned when we not only know about God, but when we truly come to realize and believe that HE IS REAL.

Thank you, Lord, for these





Students in action at the Alamogordo Elementary School.

*precious little ones You've entrusted me with. Help me to be worthy of Your calling. And Lord, thank you that You are real!*

◆ I'm thankful for my dad, because he stayed with me when I fell on my head and had to go to the hospital. He stayed in the hospital all night with me. He was there for me when I had the flu for three days. He's always there when I have a problem. We always go to a special place—just me and my dad. He's there to help with my homework or just to have fun with! My dad loves me a lot! He is a true father, and I love him so much, because he reminds me of my other Father in Heaven.

*Jennifer Hembree, 7th Grade  
Alamogordo SDA Elementary*

◆ I am thankful for my friend Adrian, because on my first day at public school I was new and felt all alone. The first half of the day I spent in the office getting my schedule, so at lunch when everyone was eating with their friends and talking to them, I knew no one. I had met Adrian at Vacation Bible School over the summer. He was very nice, and even though we had no classes together, I knew he was there. When I transferred back to our church school he decided to start coming to church. I am thankful that he decided to come to church and that I have a nice friend.

*Mara Cohen, 7th Grade  
Alamogordo SDA Elementary*

## Leigh Cotten-Chacon

*Teacher, grades 5-8  
Amarillo Junior Academy*

While teaching seventh grade in a public middle school in a very small community of about 3,000 people, I saw many things I had not been aware of before. These included such things as having to step between two girls fighting on the floor of my classroom, having to patrol the halls like a police officer, watching a Texas Ranger bring a dog onto our campus to sniff lockers for drugs, and having to turn thirteen-year-olds in for sniffing markers to get high.

I am so thankful the Lord opened the way for my family to return to Amarillo and for the position I have been able to fill at the Amarillo Junior Academy as a teacher. This position is very



Teacher Leigh Cotten-Chacon with students Hosea Mauricio and Thomas Conoley at Amarillo Junior Academy.

special to me, not only because of the Christian values that we base our school on, but also because I attended this same school from grades four to ten.

I am especially thankful for our Adventist school system and for Joanna Herr, the principal, and the leadership she gives me as we work together each day. I have come to respect her, not only as a fellow educator, but also as a trusted friend.

◆ I'm so thankful to have kind, loving grandparents who let me use the talents God has given me. They give me a room of my own and let me play piano. I love them very, very much, and I want to see them in heaven.

*Cassie Ratcliff, 7th grade*

◆ I'm thankful for a Christian school with Christian teachers who are so willing to help with our questions and problems.

*Naidee Mason, 7th grade*

◆ Thank you, Jesus, for the snails, because the girls don't like them.

*Thomas Conoley, 3rd grade*

## My Favorite Thanksgiving

*by Misty Albright  
Ewing Adventist Junior  
Academy, Bonnerdale,  
Arkansas*

It was last year on a cold, windy day. We had the stove on. It felt good. We had everything a Thanksgiving could have. We had marshmallows melted on yams; we had fruit salad; and we had mashed potatoes. It was good.

It was fun, because the whole family was there—my grandma, grandpa and Uncle Jamie. We played lots of games and watched movies. We had vegetarian turkey. The vegetarian turkey was very good.

After we ate we went outside in the rain with my cousins, and we had a lot of fun in the rain. We had to wear our coats because it was so, so cold, but we had so much fun.

I didn't like it when our relatives had to leave after three days. While driving home to Missouri, they said it snowed all the way home. I wished I had been with them because I really love the snow.

**I am thankful for God because with Him I have someone  
To talk to when I am lonely,  
To cheer me up when I am sad,  
To give me courage when I am scared,  
To laugh with me when someone makes me happy  
But the best thing of all is that I have God to love me!**

*Ryan Siebel, 5th Grade  
Alamogordo SDA Elementary*

## The True Reason for Thanksgiving

*Michael Anthony Polite, 5th grade  
Shreveport Adventist Academy*

Thanksgiving is a special time for me, because Thanksgiving is a time to be with family. And I like being with my family, because that's how a family stays together. And I think that's what Thanksgiving is all about—spending time with family and friends, showing love and care for the special people in your life.

Some people think that Thanksgiving is just a holiday with lots of food, gifts, and parades. But that's not what God wanted it to be for. He wanted it to be a time of love, care, thanks, giving, and a time to be with family.



**Teachers and students: Thank you for the many pictures, essays and poems you sent. I wish we could have used them all, but there wasn't room, so we selected just a few!**

*Jean Thomas, Editor*



# Southwestern Union

## Farewell to Paul Smith

Paul Smith, well-known in Seventh-day Adventist circles around the world as a man with a vision for achieving the church's mission and a passion for sharing his expertise in holistic stewardship, is retiring from active service in the church.



Having worked for 40 years in the denomination, Smith has left his mark on many churches and institutions around

the world. Serving, as he did, for over 30 years in the the General Conference stewardship department, from 1967 to 1991, Smith has guided and directed many overseas mission fields in the correct use of time, talents and treasures to the point where a number of those fields have become self-supporting.

During his brief three-year stay in the Southwestern Union Conference, Smith spent much of his time in the field, clarifying the role individuals and churches play in showing their allegiance to God and His work. In addition, he developed materials for a stewardship resource center that were used across the division and in several other denominational circles.

"I feel I owe some time to my wife," Smith comments. "She has been the silent supporter for these many years. Whenever I left home to go on a long trip, she would never complain, and she'd always be there when I returned. Now I need to spend some time doing what she would like to do."

As he and his wife, Jeanne, leave for their retirement home in Collegedale, Tennessee, the Southwestern Union Conference salutes them for the loyal and faithful service they have given to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## RMS Announces Safety Poster Contest Winners

Risk Management Services extend a special thank you to all teachers and their students who



*Sabbath school officers attending the Southwestern Union Conference Sabbath school workshop, September 16-18.*

participated in the 1993-94 Safety Poster Contest. More than 2200 posters were submitted from across the North American Division. These entries showed creativity, talent, and a knowledge of various safety principles. A notice for the 1994-95 poster contest has already been mailed to all Seventh-day Adventist schools giving the deadline date of January 31, 1995.

The following schools and students in the Southwestern Union Conference received honorable mention:

### Arkansas-Louisiana

Ewing SDA Junior Academy  
Brittney Wynn, 4th grade

### Oklahoma

Cimmaron Adventist School  
Johnathon Johnson, 2nd grade  
Nathan Johnson, 4th grade

### Southwest Region

Ephesus Junior Academy  
Larry Lewis, 12th grade

### Texas

Austin Adventist Junior Academy  
Paul Contreras, 1st grade  
Angela Pritchett, 1st grade  
Burton Adventist Elementary  
Jennifer Davis, 3rd grade  
Becky Reeve, 3rd grade  
Elgin Junior Academy  
Vero Ochoa, 6th grade  
Claudia Zamora, 7th grade  
Scenic Hills SDA School  
Maraline Mejias, 4th grade  
Valley Grande SDA School  
Tara Brundige, 3rd grade  
Brian Wills, 4th grade

## Southwestern Union Sabbath School Convention

They came from the far reaches of New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

They came from the huge metroplexes and small hamlets to the Southwestern Union Sabbath School Leadership Convention in Dallas, Texas. They came and they were taught, challenged, and inspired.

Nearly 400 constituents attended Sabbath workshops and seminars September 17 on topics ranging from music to evangelism, children's ministry to marketing the Sabbath school, youth enrichment to family life.

The session opened Friday evening with a keynote address by Dr. Walter L. Pearson of the E. G. White Estate. He challenged the worshippers with the message, "When the Walls Came Down." His Sabbath morning message was, "Concerned About Many Things," and he concluded at the Sunday morning prayer breakfast with, "Becoming Somebody."

Virginia Smith, children's ministries director for the General Conference, brought a unique interactive message on Saturday night. Smith led the audience in calculating births and deaths of the descendants of Adam with vari-

ous participants representing these patriarchs. It was a graphic way of demonstrating how the original Word of God was handed down.

Originally, the Southwestern Union planning committee had anticipated an attendance of 100-150. The week before the convention registrations began to soar, and all hotel accommodations were filled. The hotel had to quickly readjust the venue to accommodate the general sessions which filled the grand ballroom.

As the session closed Sunday morning with a buffet breakfast, those in attendance were heard to say, "Never have we attended a more informative, yet spiritual convention. We actually have something we can use both personally and in our churches when we get home."

That seems to sum it up. To God be the glory. Many thanks to the Planning Committee of Doug Ayers, Barb Oliver, Dem Robles, Jerry Beem, Margaret Taglavore, Durandel Ford and Dan Serns. The Southwestern Union church ministries director, Dr. Walter L. Wright, chaired the committee.



*Sabbath school presenters at Sabbath lunch, from left: Dem Robles, David and Mary Alice White, Doug Ayers, Calvin Smith, Jack Calkins, Auldwin Humphrey, Jerry Beem and Norm Middag. Photo: Walter Wright.*



# Southwestern Adventist College

JENELL RUSK, CORRESPONDENT

## New Faculty Join SAC

Southwestern Adventist College welcomes four new faculty members for the 1994-1995 academic year: Larry Philbeck, Ed.D., director of the adult degree program; Holly Gadd, M.S., assistant professor in nursing; Michael Wiist, M.A., assistant professor of communication; and Michelle Pauly Long, M.S.S.W., social work instructor and field practicum coordinator.



Philbeck assumed leadership of the adult degree program August 15. He graduated from Southwestern Adventist College in 1977 with

a bachelor of arts degree in religion. In 1993, he received his Ed.D. in adult education counseling from the University of Arkansas. He comes to SAC from Liberal, Kansas where he was director of the Seward County Community College academic achievement center. He and his wife Dorrie have four children, Angela, Danny, Keith, and Dana.

Gadd joins the nursing faculty as an assistant professor. She will also function as interim chair of the department this year, assisted by Dr. Laurice Durrant. Gadd received her bachelor of science degree



in nursing at Andrews University in 1979, and earned her master's degree at Loma Linda University in 1983. She has taught in the nursing programs at Loma Linda University, Atlantic Union College, and Columbia Union College. She currently works at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth as a cardiovascular ICU nurse. She and her husband Bob have two sons, Barry and Gregory.



Wiist, a former student employee of SAC's radio station KJCR, returns to the communication department as an assistant professor. Wiist graduated in 1976 from Southwestern Union College with his bachelor of arts degree in communication and religion. He attended the University of Maryland, where he received his master's degree in radio, TV, and film in 1980. He was most recently employed as adjunct professor in communication at Andrews University in Michigan and general manager of the campus radio station, WAUS FM. He and his wife Veronique have one daughter, Catherine.



Long has also returned to her alma mater to coordinate off-campus social work education, known as field practicum studies, and instruct in the social work department. She graduated from SAC in 1987 with her bachelor of science degree in social work. In 1989, she received her master of science degree in social work from the University of Texas at Arlington. Before coming to SAC, Long was employed at the Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. She worked on both the psychiatric and lung transplant units, where her roles included psychosocial assessments and discharge planning. She and her husband Tad live in Keene.

*Tricia Schnell/Jenell Rusk*

## Founder of Golden Cross Speaks at Convocation

Dr. Milton Soldani Afonso, a highly successful Brazilian businessman and founder of the



Golden Cross International Health Insurance Association, was the guest speaker for the Southwestern Adventist College autumn convocation this year.

Afonso received an honorary doctor of laws degree. The program was held in the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church on September 21, 1994.

Through the direction and leadership of Afonso, Golden Cross has become a major international company providing health care coverage throughout South America.

Afonso, an attorney by profession, has found success in a number of fields, and is considered a foremost expert in the field of health care systems. He founded a technical and judicial journal,

*Editoria Legislacao Federal*, and worked as a professional journalist for many years. His expertise also includes banking, transportation and graphic art.

Afonso is also a committed Christian and has, through personal and corporate donations, "provided an example of dynamic community action and humanitarian concern," says SAC president Marvin Anderson. As a result of his financial success, Afonso has established colleges, orphanages and children's homes in many countries. He has been honored throughout South America for his influence in business and philanthropy.

Afonso's commitment to personal and corporate philanthropy has been embraced by his son, Paul, current Golden Cross president. The company continues to make significant donations to schools, hospitals, clinics, and churches.

*Ty Reidenbaugh/Jenell Rusk*



*Ben Putnam, class of 1940, serves ice cream to SAC freshman Ty Reidenbaugh of Edmond, Oklahoma. Alumni brought homemade ice cream and cookies to the annual ice cream social on Wednesday evening, September 7, to welcome new students to the campus.*



# Arkansas-Louisiana

PETER A. KOSTENKO, CORRESPONDENT

## Master Guides Invested

During the Sabbath morning exercises on August 5, 1994 at the Dare to Care Pathfinder Camporee in Denver, Colorado, over 80 Master Guides were invested. Each prospective Master Guide chose a Master Guide to invest them. Arkansas-Louisiana Conference had the largest representation for the investiture. The twelve were:

Charles Bauder —  
Siloam Springs  
David Grant — Shreveport  
Bill Grant — Shreveport  
Penny Heimel — Gentry  
Terry Heimel — Gentry  
Marsha Salsman — Shreveport  
Kenni Jo Sanders —  
Siloam Springs  
Carolyn Shoup —  
Siloam Springs  
Darrin Shoup — Siloam Springs  
Harold Shoup —  
Siloam Springs  
Geraldine Stevenson —  
Little Rock  
Philip Walkup — Decatur  
Sherry Watts  
Arkla Conference



Darrin Shoup invested by Lloyd Clapp.

## Metairie Church Holds Bible Camp

A Bible camp for children ages four through 12 was held by the children's Sabbath school division of the New Orleans First church August 20, 1994. Beginning with lunch, the program ended at 3:30 with a movie, "The Treasures of Heaven."

The children, divided into two groups, moved through learning stations that included science, dinosaurs, nature and crafts. The science station, manned by Danny Nelson and daughter Jennifer, demonstrated optics and optical illusions. Children completed several hands-on projects which they were able to take home.

The nature center was cared for by Karen Hebert of the Westbank church. She talked about insects. She had brought a lot of books for the children to see, along with an insect exhibit and a bumble bee.

David and Roy Mortimer shared facts about dinosaurs and let the children handle some fossils, and Dot Flannery did the crafts. Miguel Rodriguez brought a large picture taken from outer space. He helped the children locate different places on the earth.

Several children who had commented that they thought the afternoon would be boring, agreed it was lots of fun. One little boy asked if we could do this every Sabbath!

The program was such a success that those who led out, Lois and Chuck Stumph, Scott and Juanita Hernandez, Harriet Butler, Diane Juneau, and Beverly Mortimer, think they will do it once a quarter. It might be that some other churches would like to try a similar program.

Lois Stumph  
New Orleans First church

## Texarkana Church School Revitalized

For the superstitious and ignorant, the number 13 is considered an unlucky number—not so for the Texarkana church school. In 1993 the church school went on a one-year hiatus. With a proposed enrollment of 2-4 students and an exploding debt, the church board decided to follow the counsel of Ellen White in *Testimonies*, volume 6, where she advises to suspend operating a

school to get its financial house in order.

Despite the fact that the school had suspended operations, the church school board continued to meet and make plans for the following school year. At one of the meetings it was noted that the conference would support reestablishment of the school if there were an enrollment of six students. The pastor suggested they aim for 10 and pray for 15. The church board accepted the challenge.

With strong support from local church members and a few friends outside the local congregation, the school's waning finances were turned around until there is currently a \$10,000 surplus. This is pretty good news when considering that six years ago the school had a deficit of \$10,000. And better news is that on the first day of class 13 students enrolled in the school.

When asked what he thought of the situation, the pastor replied, "It's great! I knew that proposing a one-year hiatus was controversial, but that has turned into a blessing. Hopefully we are seeing the beginning of a new day for the church school."

Rhonda Tomlinson  
Communication Secretary

## Family Life International Convention

Robert and Betty Forbes, Alan Williams, and Paula Powers attended the 20th anniversary of Family Life International at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, July 10-18.

This yearly event drew representatives from 23 nations and is held to prepare lay persons, pastors, and conference leaders to be certified family life educators. Many workshops and leadership seminars were given by leading experts in family life. These included Len McMillan, Nancy Van Pelt, Donna Habenicht, Roger and Peggy Dudley, all of whom sought to inspire the attendees to take home to churches and families the need for renewing family life in the local church.

Paula Powers



Frank Meidell, Texarkana church school teacher, in action.



New students at the Texarkana church school.



## LEGAL NOTICE

### Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given for a special session of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to be held Sunday, December 4, 1994, at the Shreveport First Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 6475 Westport Road (south Frontage road of I-20 west between Pines Road and Industrial Loop), Shreveport, Louisiana. The meeting will convene at 12:00 noon.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect a conference president and a youth director for the balance of the triennium and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church is entitled to one delegate plus one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof.

*Stephen Orian, Secretary  
Arthur L. Nelson, Treasurer*

### Russellville Holds First Youth Retreat

Russellville's first annual youth retreat was held August 19-21 at the Summit House, Mount Nebo, the highest mountain in this area of Arkansas. The theme for the weekend was "Getting to Know Jesus." Funds for this event were generated through the weekly Lambs Offering. The turnout of children, ranging from age four and up, who came from surrounding communities with their parents or sponsors, made an impressive turnout.

Sabbath morning broke as the sun rose slowly above the clouds, giving us a captivating view from atop the mountain, and the birds serenaded us with their morning songs. In this setting, Sabbath services were especially meaningful as children sang songs, listened to stories and acted out Bible scriptures.

The afternoon was spent at the Clarksville church where the children joined in singing with the adults. The youth sang a song they had learned at the retreat. The Sabbath was closed at Sunset Point as we gazed off the edge of the mountain and watched the sun sink slowly be-

low the horizon. Then we stood in a circle, holding hands, while each one said a prayer of thankfulness to the One who had given us all this beauty.

Sunday was a day of fun and games. We played, swam and had a watermelon feast, ending the day with an awards ceremony when each person received an award for the specialty they had worked on.

*Pamela Shumake  
Communication Secretary*

### Houma Prepares for Disasters

Twelve people met in Houma, Louisiana to take the Emergency Distribution Operations, Step Two training. This was taught by Verdine Culpepper, a certified Red Cross trainer and member of the Houma church who has coordinated centers for Hurricane Andrew in Louisiana, tornadoes in Alabama and Texas, and earthquakes in California, floods in Missouri, Georgia and Florida.

Those attending the training were Leo Clark, Helen Rodrigue, Hayes Rodrigue, Kristy Rodrigue, David Levin, Linda Levin, Jarod Culberson, Dot Reilly, Judy Sweatman, Sally White, Tidy White, Emile Cantrelle, and Don Culpepper. All of them had already completed the Disaster Volunteer Orientation Step One which was given June 11.

On August 21, Jarod learned of Jack Vidou's misfortune of having his apartment flooded with four inches of water. Linda contacted the American Red Cross to check on their assistance, and Jarod and David Levin and David Ortiz went to clean Jack's apartment, since he is blind. The only things Jack lost were three pairs of shoes which the Red Cross replaced.

The next course offered by Jeannie McLaren, a Red Cross representative, was "Mass Feeding" to which David and Linda Levin went. The Red Cross is aware of our interest in becom-



*Verdine Culpepper leading out at the Emergency Distribution Operations, Step II, training session. Photo: Linda Levin*

ing more involved in the community and will be contacting our trained personnel at the time of future disasters.

*Linda Levin  
Communication Secretary*

### The Cardboard Boat Race

On August 28 the Hope Pathfinder Melonairs and Hope Melon Patch Adventurers (and let's not forget the Hope Melon Seed Eager Beavers) went to Millwood Lake at Ashdown to hold their first cardboard boat race.

The kids made their own boats from cardboard boxes. The only other items used were silver duct tape and paint. We had lots of fun. Some of the

boats sank as soon as they were put in the water, some sank once someone got in, but two boats actually made it all the way.

Ribbons were awarded for 1st and 2nd prize for each category, such as best all round, most tape, first to sink, best decorated, etc. We made sure each kid got at least one blue ribbon.

*Nancy Hair  
Pathfinder leader  
Hope, Arkansas*



*Christopher Allison, winner of the Hope Pathfinder cardboard boat race. Photo: Nancy Hair*



*T-shirts worn by the 31 children who attended the Earthmaker Mysteries vacation Bible school held at the Zachary church.*



# Oklahoma

JACK FRANCISCO, CORRESPONDENT



Oklahoma Conference constituency meeting in session, September 11, when Rodney Grove was reelected as president, Alfred Schnell reelected as secretary, and Kevin Costello as treasurer.



Rodney Grove, Oklahoma Conference president, and his wife, Rose Ann.

## Ketchum Experiences New Enthusiasm

For a number of reasons the Ketchum church has experienced an exciting year. Our church school has a strong program involving our young people in ministry. Sunshine visitation bands they have formed visit and share scripture, poetry and songs with

Alfred C. Schnell, Oklahoma Conference secretary.



the elderly and those who are home-bound. Sometimes they share small gifts they have made. Eighth grader, Jason Hughes, is in charge of organizing the students in this visitation program.

The students are also very helpful in the church's new thrift shop which opened on Monday, September 26. Proceeds from this help provide for more community service opportunities.

The small group ministry begun this year has helped the spiritual growth of our members. Inviting inactive members to join these groups has led some to return to church after being absent for years. Several non-Adventists have been attending as well.

The community service building has been completely remodeled, and we are now receiving good clothing and other items faster than we can process them.



John Pancerzewski, pastor (right) of the Ketchum church with new members Brenda McKibbin, and Jamie Hamill, and the evangelist J.R. Haney, who held the series of meetings.



New members in the Chickasha church from left: James Rainwater, pastor, Jenny Flores, Desiree Hagen, Eliseo Flores, Reuben Hagan, Faye Haney and J. R. Haney, the conference evangelism team.

Our church services have taken on a new emphasis with a weekly call to the mission of the church. Opportunity is given for people to give praise and thanks to the God who made them.

All this has prepared our membership for the eight-day reaping campaign held recently by the Tree of Life evangelistic team of J.R. and Faye Haney. The preaching and prayer sessions led to individuals making their decision for baptism. Brenda McKibbin and Jamie Hamill were baptized at the conclusion of the series.

John Pancerzewski, Pastor

## Chickasha Crusade Brings New Members

The Lord has truly blessed us! Here in this lovely town of Chickasha, southwest of Oklahoma City, we, by God's grace,

have gained a victory. J.R. Haney, Oklahoma Conference evangelist, came to our small church from September 17-24, and when he left our membership had increased by 25 percent. We had a couple of strong interests prior to the meetings, but the results were far more than we had anticipated—five new members!

This was all the sweeter because a brother and sister were baptized together and an entire family came in on profession of faith. Our new members are Eliseo and Ilji Flores, Jenny Flood, Desiree Hagan and the youngest member, Reuben Hagan.

As a result of the increased membership, our church is considering opening a church school next year, since there is no private school in this town of about 10,000.

We praise God for His many blessings.

James K. Rainwater, Pastor



# Sun Digest

## **Adventist hospitals help build healthier communities**

People who work in Adventist health care are spending more time outside their hospitals. They're working on crime prevention, neighborhood revitalization, environmental protection, transportation for seniors and many other community problems that on the surface may not seem to have anything to do with traditional health care.

Definitions of health care are changing rapidly, and Seventh-day Adventist hospitals have a head start as national and local leaders develop new ideas about the roles of hospitals in their communities.

For decades hospitals have been the scene for reactive health care—curing, repairing and fixing. But this is not where health is created, says Wynne Grossman of The Healthcare Forum, a professional organization promoting a concept called Healthier Communities.

Grossman says health is pre-active or preventive. It

requires involvement and making changes. Improving nutrition, sanitation and housing are examples, as are illness prevention and health promotion and protection.

### **A community effort**

Since their founding, Adventist hospitals have espoused many of the ideas suggested by Healthier Communities and the Federal government's initiative called Healthy People 2000. But now there's a ground swell to increase health promotion and to join forces with other community organizations and agencies to improve the overall health of communities.

The following summary includes some of the programs that Adventist hospitals in the Southern and Southwestern unions are planning and implementing.

### **Building relationships**

"Healthier Communities is not so much giving dollars to projects as it is building relationships," says Ted Hamilton, M.D., vice president at Florida Hospital, Orlando.

Florida Hospital is building important rela-

— Continued on page 2.



*"Florida Hospital has done so much to help our girls become independent and self-supporting members of the community." — ELIZABETH WILES (CENTER), EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS.*

Florida Hospital, which has been part of the Central Florida community since 1908, provides support to a large number of causes and organizations. Here are some typical examples:

- ◆ In 1993, employees gave five-and-one-half tons of food to a community holiday food drive.
- ◆ Florida Hospital, Walt Disney World and Orlando Regional Healthcare System are working together to immunize at-risk children.
- ◆ FH Altamonte employees worked with Habitat for Humanity to build a Blitz House for a single mother and her eight children.
- ◆ Many employees volunteer their services to the Coalition for the Homeless.
- ◆ Employees donated more than 600 units of blood during August 1994.

Florida Hospital contributes nearly \$26 million per year to its community in the form of charity care, unreimbursed Medicaid costs, medical education and research, community support activities and employee contributions to United Way.

As one employee said, "We've found that it's great to get involved and help make Central Florida a better place to live."



tionships by participating in the Healthier Community Forum. The forum's 150 "stakeholders" include the mayor, newspaper editor, and representatives of Walt Disney World and Orlando Regional Healthcare System, another not-for-profit health system in Central Florida.

### **Assessing needs**

Several AHS/Sunbelt hospitals are starting their Healthier Communities programs by discovering the needs of their communities. Park Ridge Hospital, Fletcher, N.C., is working with the other hospital in the county—as well as with the local health department and other entities—to conduct a city-wide health assessment. Directed by Park Ridge, the survey will be completed early in 1995. Results will provide focus for future projects.

Takoma Adventist Hospital, Greeneville, Tenn., is in the early survey stages. By joining forces with other health-care providers and the local community college, Takoma leaders anticipate learning how they can best improve the health of the people in their county.

East Pasco Medical Center, Zephyrhills, Fla., is completing a major research undertaking. This project surveyed 300 people in Zephyrhills and 621 in other rural areas to create a data bank which is currently being compared with national studies

by The Healthcare Forum and the federal government.

Preliminary results validate the East Pasco study and further analysis should reveal similarities—and differences—between rural subjects and the primarily urban subjects in The Healthcare Forum survey.

"Seven focus groups within the Pasco community will help us to understand why the community feels the way it does about certain issues and why perceptions do not match reality in some areas," says Roy Naden, project director. "After the focus groups have completed their work, we'll form a community-based board to oversee the development of wellness programs that address the needs identified."

### **A fitting celebration**

The wellness concept is firmly established at East Pasco. Next January—on its tenth anniversary—the hospital officially opens its wellness center in a new wing of the hospital. The area features both a physical fitness center and an auditorium for educational programs.

Memorial Hospital, Manchester, Ky., is concentrating first on its Adventist community. "Our church and hospital—which share the same campus—have focused on traditional Adventist outreach, such as smoking cessation and weight control programs," says

## **Working toward a wellness center**

Jellico Community Hospital wants to help residents of Jellico, Tenn., fight the war on poverty through an expanded health promotion and education program.

As part of President Johnson's "Great Society" program in the 1960s, Jellico was among the Appalachian communities targeted for the government's war on poverty. While some progress has been made, illiteracy and unemployment remain among the highest in the nation. Nearly 75 percent of the population accepts some type of government assistance.

Ken Mattison, hospital president, believes a program of health education and promotion would go a long way to improve the quality of life in Jellico.

A two-story building recently has become available, and the city is willing to purchase it and rent it to the hospital to operate as a community wellness center. Several steps must be taken before a wellness center becomes a reality. But the people who work at the Jellico hospital are optimistic that they will see their dream fulfilled and they will be able to better meet the needs of the community.

Jellico Community Hospital is owned by the community of Jellico and has been operated by Adventist Health System/Sunbelt since 1974.

Henry Scoggins, hospital president. "Sometimes we've been accused of operating in isolation instead of working cooperatively with other groups in the community.

"We must learn to be more flexible," Scoggins says. After completing a self-evaluation and education process, he envisions the local Adventist church and hospital cooperating with such entities as the public school system and county health and police departments.

Although it is currently participating in a broad-based community assess-

ment, Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, Ga., has already launched several ambitious projects.

### **Free services provided**

Working with the Gordon County Health Department, the hospital offers free mammograms to qualifying low-income women. The results and initial follow-up are handled by the health department, but if a biopsy or surgery is indicated, the hospital and its staff physicians provide the necessary services at no cost to the patient. "Testing and follow-up care is saving lives," says Jean Wise, director of



development and public relations.

Two years ago Gordon Hospital sponsored a registered nurse to work in the city school system, and last year added a part-time R.N. for the county system. These nurses circulate among the schools, directing vision and hearing screenings and leading out in health education, among other activities.

Perhaps Gordon's most unusual community alliance is with the Winners Club, a nationally recognized program for disadvantaged children and children with disabilities. Because many of these kids have unusual health problems and depend upon prescription drugs, Gordon staff work with a local pharmacy to insure that they get their medications. A grant pays for the drugs, but Gordon manages these funds.

### **Community needs vary**

A. David Jimenez, president of Huguley Memorial Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas, is involved in Health Action, a Tarrant County program. A motivating factor for Health Action is that Tarrant County has the nation's highest incidence of pregnancies under the age of 14.

Huguley is also working with the small communities in its area. Each has its own concerns, such as gangs, transportation for

seniors or prenatal classes for teens. In addition to working directly in these communities, Huguley is sponsoring Leland Kaiser, health-care futurist, for several speaking engagements in the Fort Worth area.

Huguley's satellite psychiatric hospital, Willow Creek, is active in several areas. One Sunday each month employees collect trash on a two-mile stretch of Highway 287. Approximately 30 percent of the hospital staff is involved, reports Don Sykes, president.

Willow Creek has also "adopted" an inner-city school where students were not performing well on achievement tests. Among other things, the staff helped establish an alternative school called Weed and Seed.

### **Breaking down barriers**

Traditional telephone methods couldn't adequately survey Bell County, Texas. So employees at Metroplex Hospital in Killeen, Texas, accepted the assignment of traveling to churches and other meeting places to talk with people who don't have telephones.

Results of the survey—which was undertaken by a committee of community leaders—pointed to the need for a free clinic. Metroplex is exploring the possibility of staffing such a clinic.

Metroplex is also eliminating barriers that

prevent ethnic groups from receiving adequate health care. Ernie Sadau, hospital president, is organizing a series of breakfast and lunch meetings with leaders of various ethnic groups.

The Koreans were first to meet with Sadau and voice their concerns. As a result of Sadau's listening to them, Metroplex recruited a Korean physician to locate in the community, which has a population of 10,000 Koreans. And health screenings now have a Korean translator.

More than a year ago Joel Hass, president of Central Texas Medical Center, San Marcos, Texas, initiated healthier communities efforts. Today a number of activities are in process, such as a Healthier Community Forum, a church nurse program, seniors working with

seniors and an immunization clinic in an indigent community.

Work has also been done with the state director of health to bring together various social agencies and thereby avoid duplication and improve access to health care.

### **Long list of concerns**

Although Florida Hospital Waterman in Eustis is initiating the Healthier Communities Forum in Lake County, hospital president Royce Thompson says that ultimately the community will assume leadership.

Items on the group's agenda cover a wide range of community concerns, including: Neighborhood revitalization, environmental preservation, a safety center at a local shopping mall, child fingerprinting, Healthy Kids for uninsured children, gun



*When these children in Calhoun, Ga., need medicines, Gordon Hospital sees that they get them through a local pharmacy. Winners Club is one of several community organizations receiving support from the AHS/Sunbelt hospital. Pictured with Winners members are club leaders Deacon and Inez Balliew.*





*Health education programs at AHS/Sunbelt hospitals are offered for people of all ages. Many attract senior citizen "snowbirds" who flock to the southern states in winter.*

control, physicians to staff a community clinic, quilts for indigent babies, park cleanup and a rape-crisis center at the hospital.

#### **Good for business**

One early suggestion from the community was to relocate the hospital's outpatient physical therapy department. After the service was moved to the local YMCA both the physical therapy department and the YMCA report dramatic increase in their business.

Sometimes what seems like a simple community program has a dramatic impact upon an individual. Merri Sheffield relates a recent experience at Smyrna Hospital near Atlanta.

Smyrna was publicizing its first prostate cancer screening. A hospital employee was concerned about her father and urged him to attend the seminar and sign up for the screening. He reluctantly promised to go.

As it turned out, he was one of four men diagnosed with prostate cancer. Although he's not cancer free, he's working closely with his doctor and using a variety of traditional and holistic treatments.

The daughter believes that screening extended her father's life.

Florida Hospital's engineering department recently demonstrated that all types of talents are needed to build healthier communities.

Members of the department used their building expertise to construct an entrance ramp at the home of a rehabilitation patient who was unable to go home because he could not maneuver his wheelchair in and out of his house. Plans for the ramp were drawn by the hospital's design office.

Here are more examples of the kinds of programs offered by AHS/Sunbelt organizations to help improve the quality of life

for residents of their communities:

◆ Takoma Adventist Hospital in Greeneville, Tenn., offers geriatric mental health programs in nursing homes and senior centers.

◆ The annual Kids Karnival of Health is a six-year-old project of Tennessee Christian Medical Center-Nashville.

◆ Mammography on the Move allows Gordon Hospital to offer testing in the places where women work and socialize around Calhoun, Ga.

◆ Health programs at East Pasco Medical Center in Zephyrhills, Fla., make more than 15,000 contacts a year, primarily with senior citizen "snowbirds" who flock to the area during the winter.

◆ Physicians at Tennessee Christian Medical Center-Portland present weekly health seminars for the community.

## **Students learn to take responsibility for their health**

What happens when an Adventist hospital enters into partnership with the local middle school? Lots of exciting things!

For several years Smyrna Hospital in a suburb of Atlanta, had formally been a partner with Griffin Middle School. But the hospital's involvement was limited to donating donuts and Band-Aids to the school of 1,050.

That's changing. Now Smyrna and its employees are impacting Griffin's campus and its curriculum.

Last year Smyrna's landscaping department worked with the school to design a courtyard to replace bare dirt between classrooms. Now in the implementation stage, hospital staff and students are working side-by-side to make the courtyard a reality.

But the biggest difference in the current partnership is the way the two staffs are working together to improve the

curriculum. For example, a Griffin coach came up with the idea of a jointly sponsored health fair. After talking with hospital personnel, he decided a more effective approach would be to take health classes across the street to Smyrna's laboratory and radiology departments.

With enthusiastic hospital employees leading out, this hands-on health education captured the attention of the students. To the amazement of the coach, one student — who had never once participated in classroom discussion — asked questions all afternoon.

"We're continuing to work with Griffin teachers to find ways to make curriculum tie-ins with the hospital," says Merri Sheffield of the hospital's marketing and public relations department. "We want these middle school students to realize that health care is an individual responsibility."



# Oklahoma City Church Sends Missionary to China



Randy Grove, a member of the Oklahoma City Central church, has accepted a volunteer mission term to the People's Republic of China. He left Oklahoma City on August 17 to take up his work in that country that has been closed to the western world for so long.

Randy's term included a 10-day orientation period at church headquarters in Hong Kong. He found the orientation to be more than just what to expect when he arrived on the mainland. Unstated orientation included how to eat with chop sticks and how to be careful when you cross the street, because traffic drives on the opposite side of the road to what is done in the United States.

He also learned that the Chinese government had prohibited the opening of the school to which he had been assigned, and reassignment found him heading toward northwestern China instead, to the city of Lanzhou, not far from the Great Wall. The university to which he was assigned is government-owned. His first assignment was to teach the school administration conversational English. At the end of those classes, he was assigned to teach

that same class to the faculty. In addition, he was to present a one-hour lecture every other week to the student body of the university. The government monitors these lectures carefully to make sure there is no mention of religion or politics.

Life in China has been a bit of a surprise. Upon his arrival, Randy was led to an apartment complex and given his own apartment with a telephone, cable television and a computer—a far cry from the primitive conditions he had expected. He was also given a wok to cook with, but he's decided that woks make better smoke than they do food.

Randy is finding that even though the government prohibits him from talking about religion in his lectures and classes, that he is able in his one-on-one conversations to portray a little of what Jesus Christ is like. His desire is to be a part of that opening wedge in the great country of China.

## Oklahoma Then and Now

Kara and Dylan Banks of Bristow are sixth generation Adventists. Kara was dedicated on June 18, 1994, during the Fillman family reunion at Ketchum by her great uncle, Gerald Fillman, a retired minister who is active as a part-time pastor of the Madison College church in Tennessee.

Kara and Dylan's great-great-great grandmother, Nancy Day-Robinson, joined the church in 1884. It happened through the kindness of an Adventist neighbor who helped them through a period of sickness in the family. Nancy's husband, James, joined the church later.

Kara and Dylan's great-great grandfather, Ezra Fillman, was a Seventh-day Adventist minister in the Oklahoma Conference from 1901 until his death in 1933. He and his parents, Jessie S. And Rose Ann Fillman, lived near Enid and attended a series of meetings in 1895. They joined the church when Ezra was 15. Ezra took the two-year theology course at Keene and was hired by the Oklahoma Conference.

Ezra's granddaughter, Bernice Fillman-Lee remembers attending church school in Ketchum with her two younger brothers when it was a one-teacher school. The teacher would designate what the children should bring for lunch each day, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, or apples, and she'd bake them in the coals of the wood-burning stove while they did their school work.

When asked whether the church is any different today from



At the Fillman family reunion vespers, Kara Banks, age 3 1/2 months, was dedicated by retired pastor, Gerald Fillman. From left, Doyle, Jan, Dylan, and Kara in Pastor Fillman's arms.

what it was when he was young, Gettis Fillman, Ezra's oldest son who is now 91 years old, replies, "There's a big difference. Oklahoma churches had no pastors before 1912. All ministers were sent out to hold meetings by twos or threes but were not assigned to specific churches. A full-time minister received \$30 a month salary, while someone operating heavy equipment in a Zinc mine at Miami got \$84 a month."

When asked whether things had changed in the spirituality of the members, Gettis replied, "I don't think so. There always seem to be some very faithful believers and some who are having a real struggle."

Bernice Lee  
Sapulpa, Oklahoma

The Fillman family gathering. Gettis Fillman is on front row, fifth from the right.





## Attention Church Youth Leaders

Get your kids, grades 8-12, ready for a rock-n-roll weekend. You can be brainwashed and not even know it. Do your kids really know what rock-n-roll leads to? Get the kids to sign up for this

weekend and learn the truth about rock-n-roll and other contemporary "music." Encourage parents to send their kids to the Dean Schultz Reel to Real Ministry coming to Wewoka Woods Adventist Center, November 25-27.

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For more information or registration by phone call 405/721-6110 or 721-2266.

## Oklahoma Fall Book and Food Display Schedule

Tulsa Church	Saturday, Nov. 12	-	Following Sundown
Ketchum School	Sunday, Nov. 13	-	2 pm to 5 pm
Bartlesville Church	Monday, Nov. 14	-	5 pm to 7 pm
Shattuck Church	Saturday, Nov. 19	-	Following Sundown
Hooker Church	Sunday, Nov. 20	-	2 pm to 4 pm
Enid Church	Monday, Nov. 21	-	5 pm to 7 pm
Summit Ridge Church	Saturday, Dec. 3	-	6 pm to 8 pm

We will be bringing a good selection of vegetarian foods, books, Bibles, games, cassettes, CDs and videos. We hope you can take advantage of this service and plan to attend the display in your area. We always encourage pre-orders, and you can call toll-free 800/522-2665 to place your pre-orders. We look forward to seeing you again this fall.

Donald P. Deisch,  
Manager

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Oklahoma Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the annual constituency meeting of the Oklahoma Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Oklahoma City Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on Monday November 7, 1994, at 1:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and directors for the ensuing term, consider proposed changes to the Corporation bylaws, and transact such business as may properly come before the Corporation.

Delegates include members of the Corporation Board of Trustees, the Conference Executive Committee, officers of the Southwestern Union Conference, officers and auditors of the General Conference, one delegate from each pastoral district in Oklahoma and all ordained and licensed ministers of the Oklahoma Conference.

# Southwest Region

BILLY WRIGHT, CORRESPONDENT



Baton Rouge Berean church prison ministries team.

## Youth Involved in Prison Ministry

When the Lord comes, He'll not say, "I was in prison and ye visited me not," to the Berean church's Adventist Youth Society of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Beginning in 1979 under the leadership of Evelyn Edwards, monthly visits have been made to

the Louisiana Training Institute, a Baker, Louisiana, facility for juvenile offenders whose offenses run from petty theft to murder.

Every youth leader since then has made sure the visits are continued. Most programs are designed to get the incarcerated youth involved with positive activities. In addition, they receive special recognition at birthday

time. A regular and favorite treat is the Edwards Mock Chicken Sandwich. Each month these sandwiches are so tastily prepared that the inmates think they are eating the "real thing".

The entire Baton Rouge church becomes involved at Christmas-time when almost everyone makes a contribution of a regulation gift for each inmate.

This outreach is such an integral part of personal ministries that its expenses are included in the church's monthly operating budget. After a recent visit, the Berean youth excitedly reported that 35 young men enrolled in the Amazing Facts Bible course following Robert Landry's presentation of the Sabbath.

Evelyn M. Edwards  
Berean Church, Baton Rouge

## Safety For Pre-Schoolers

The 60 preschoolers at the Mary and Mac School in Lubbock, Texas, sat thoroughly engrossed as they listened to a presentation by Officer Floyd Price on safety issues. Some of the things he covered dealt with looking both ways before you cross the street; not wandering away from parents; refusing candy, gum, cigarettes and drugs; not getting into a car with strangers; and not allowing people to touch you in private places, but if they do to tell on them. And then he said, "Always do your best in school."



Because Officer Price, who has been with the Lubbock Police Force for over 27 years and an active member of the Manhattan Heights Seventh-day Adventist church, is concerned about children's safety, he graciously accepted the invitation to talk to our preschoolers.



Lorraine A. Stiggers with a group of her preschoolers at the Mary and Mac Preschool.

Lorraine A. Stiggers  
Head Instructor at Mary & Mac School

## Pathfinders Enjoy Camporee in Bahamas

It was with much enthusiasm that Southwest Region Pathfinder clubs from Texas and Louisiana began preparing for a Pathfinder Camporee in Nassau, Bahamas, to take place August 9-14, 1994.

About 400 Pathfinders with their directors and pastors, as well as James Black, conference youth director, and Billy Wright, conference secretary, traveled by bus from their home churches to Miami, Florida, but not without mishap. The Texarkana, Tyler, Palestine and New Orleans group not only experienced a transmis-

sion problem but also had a blow-out which caused them to miss their flight. They were put on "standby."

Another group was not able to board their plane, because a truck had banged into it on the runway. They were put on "standby" for the next flight. Upon arriving in Miami, the Slidell group were told their tickets had been cancelled, so they were also put on "standby."

In spite of these snafus, everyone did eventually get to Nassau and to the historical British Colonial Hotel overlooking the vast Atlantic Ocean. The next five days were filled with activities which included a sightseeing bus tour of Nassau, a three-hour evening cruise around the island, a hike

through the tropical coconut forests along winding trails through swamps and dumps to the Bahamas Pathfinders' campsite during a tropical rainstorm! Friday was spent snorkeling at a coral reef.

Sabbath found the Pathfinders worshipping with other believers in 14 different churches on the island. Some of the Pathfinders helped with special music or a children's story. That evening they spent shopping for souvenirs to take back home.

## Positive Prayer Power Seminar

The Mount of Blessings church in Amarillo held a Positive Prayer Power Seminar in May and the first part of June. As a result of this powerful experience, four individuals were baptized.

Speakers Housie Roland, Booker T. Cornish, Jr., Starlin Johnson, Sr., and Deaconess Erma J. Austin, empowered by the Holy Spirit, gave soul-stirring messages. The church pastor, Norman Stiggers, concluded the seminar with a powerful eleven o'clock sermon on June 4.



It was a reluctant group of Pathfinders who combed through drawers, closet shelves, and under beds to make sure everything was packed for the trip home - a trip that was filled with more adventures of missing planes and other delays. However, everyone was happy to eventually get home safely from their memorable adventure.

Evelyn M. Edwards,  
Berean Church, Baton Rouge

Norman Stiggers, pastor of the Mount of Blessing church in Amarillo, baptizing Fashawn Stiggers while Pastor Booker T. Cornish assists.



Berean Pathfinder group eating sack lunches while they wait in Miami airport.

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FRANK TOCHTERMAN, CORRESPONDENT

## Arlington Adventurer Club Continues into Second Year

With the beginning of the new school year, the Arlington Adventurer Club has started its second year of operation.

Stressing the importance of working together, Ellen Thomas, co-director of the Arlington church Adventurer Club, gathered 24 children around a huge parachute. As 48 hands followed her direction, the parachute lifted high into the air, followed by squeals of laughter. This was just one of many activities enjoyed on Sunday, September 11, at the opening meeting of the club.

"The Adventurer Club is a pre-Pathfinder club," explains Ross Howe, co-director.

In its initial year, last year, the children each earned 12 honors by participating in campouts, field trips, and other scheduled events. "This year we will be doing progressive classwork such as Busy Bee and Sunbeam, in addition to honors," explains Annette Graves, one of the counselors.

The Adventurer Club meets regularly three Sundays a month and upholds the high standards of behavior and participation as outlined in the Adventurer Club Manual.

*Sandra Cole  
Communication Secretary*



Arlington Adventurer club members learn how to make seed packs from counselors (from right) Mike Cole and Dan Swinyar.



Beaman Senecal telling a story during Children's Church in Arlington.

## Children's Church Generates Interest

The fourth Sabbath of each month children in the Arlington church, ages four to 10, enjoy a special service planned just for them, and they love it!

Parents are involved from the opening song service with guitars and other instruments, to the end with the dramatic portrayal of Bible stories.

One of the most enjoyed segments of the program is the storytelling by Beaman Senecal, a church member and business manager of Burton Academy. He has been telling stories in Children's Church since its inception two years ago. In addition, he has told a story each week to the kindergarten division for the past six years. With his children all grown and gone, when asked why he still devotes so much time to children's ministry, he responds, "I have always loved working with children, and since I have grandchildren of my own, it's a place in the church where I can serve."

Children's Church has a monthly attendance of around 120.

*Sandra Cole  
Communication Secretary*

## Applemania Hits Burleson School

Applemania hit Burleson Adventist School on Wednesday, September 7. Children in grades kindergarten through four, were dropped off at school carrying bags of golden delicious apples.

At noon volunteer mothers began to arrive to help with the activities. To help teach cooperation, each older child was paired of with a younger one. Then they were divided into five groups with a parent in each group. Teachers waiting at five different activity stations helped each group complete their tasks.

Station One was a math activity combined with art. Here students placed an apple on a grid according to their grade, then they used an apple cut in half to make a blot painting of a giant tree.

The next two stations were very busy. Students headed for the kitchen to make applebread and applesauce. They washed, cut and mashed apples for the applesauce. They mixed and stirred to make the bread. The result was 58 pints of applesauce and 29 loaves of bread.

The last two stations proved to be favorite. One was games, and the last was a video about John Chapman, also known as Johnny Appleseed. What a great day!

The highlight came on Sabbath when the children gave each grandparent in the Burleson church a loaf of bread to celebrate Grandparents Day the following Sunday. The applesauce was distributed to the elderly in the community with names that had been provided by the church.

*Donna Berkner  
Burleson Adventist School*

## Schools Rejoice Over Increased Enrollment

Texas elementary and academy student enrollment for the 1994-95 school year is up 73 more than last year, or an increase from 2001 to 2074.

Although three elementary schools closed last year because of finances or loss of enrollment, it has been possible at the beginning of this new school year to open one new school with seven students.

Some of the larger elementary schools are showing a substantial increase in enrollment, such as Burleson Adventist School which has increased from 107 last year to 122 this year, and Burton Adventist Elementary School, from 225 to 233.

Two of our four academies are showing a definite increase in enrollment. Burton Adventist Academy has jumped from 125 last year to 147 this year. Valley Grande Academy, in its endeavor to meet the needs of its students by providing vocational programs, has moved from 174 to 206 students. In fact, Valley Grande's enrollment has experienced a dramatic increase beginning with 83 students in 1992 to the present 206 in just three years.

It is of encouragement to see the interest today's parents show in having their children learn in a Christian environment. We appreciate their support. We are also thankful for the Christian teachers who have dedicated their lives to work for the children and youth of our church.

*Darrell Beyer  
Assistant Superintendent of  
Schools*

*"It's a tough job getting the apple dough in the right place!" Kids in action at the Burleson Adventist School.*







At their convention teachers enjoyed exchanging ideas during lunch break. From left: Jan Lemon, Truman Parrish, Newton Zanes, Jerry Kiser and Joni Kiser.

## Teachers Workshops Upgrade Skills

Every day school teachers face the reality of accountability for the success of every student in our care. This makes the exchange of practical, workable ideas a necessity as we strive to meet every learning need in our classrooms. And it is for this reason that we come together at an annual teacher's convention—to learn from each other about what works and what doesn't.

Meeting this year in Nacogdoches, the oldest town in East Texas, where the countryside is vastly different from the rest of Texas, gave opportunity for us to share ideas and focus on very usable ideas.

Carolyn Early of Conroe made presentations on science and social studies. Rosa Lee Tubbs of Burleson Adventist School focused on grades 1-4. Sherry May of Burleson presented "Math

"Their Way" and "Language Their Way." Sharon Aalborg of Burleson covered learning strategies, Audrey Campbell of Keene Adventist Elementary dealt with how to motivate reading in the classroom, and Erik Nielsen of Keene Adventist Elementary offered ideas for Bible class. Our conference education directors, Lyle Hansen, Billie Peckham, and Darrell Beyer tied the program together with their comments and advice.

Our attention was directed to the importance of what we do, what we need to do, and what we should not do, but guest speakers also focused our thoughts on the issues students are dealing with today, as well as effective ways to teach them. We wrestled with Steve Case, president of "Piece of the Pie Ministries," who confronted us with the standards many of our students are accepting today.

We shared the delights of the

academy principals, Andrew Leonie of Valley Grande, John Hopps of Burton Academy, and Mervin Kesler of Chisholm Trail Academy, as they shared stories of inspiration occurring on their campuses.

Although we spend our todays with children, we are actually developing professionals of the future. Teachers Convention is a time to tap into what works, to converse with other professionals, and to be encouraged as we acknowledge a mighty and powerful work taking place because of God's blessing.

*Erik Nielsen, eighth grade teacher  
Keene Adventist Elementary*

## Marshall Spanish Group Formed

When the family of Luis and Maria Avalos began attending the Marshall church in 1993, they couldn't know that it was the beginning of something great. As the number of Spanish believers increased, they began Sabbath afternoon meetings and were supported by Spanish pastor, Ramon Crousett, who meets with them every other Sabbath.

In February, 1994, the Avalos and other Spanish members de-

cided to attend the Anglo services in the morning to improve their knowledge of English, while continuing their afternoon services in Spanish. Today, with over 25 Spanish adults, the Marshall sanctuary is filled every Sabbath, and they have their own Sabbath school lesson study in Spanish. Ten Spanish believers have been baptized in the last few months.

Beginning September 3, a month-long series of Spanish meetings was held with a good response.

*Helen Johnson  
Communication Secretary*



Harvey Kornegay, San Benito church pastor, welcoming two new members, Carolina Cortinas and Roberto Garza-Rodriguez.

## New Members Join San Benito Church

As a result of Revelation Seminars held by Joe Longoria, treasurer and head elder of the churchman Benito English church, two were baptized by the church pastor, Harvey Kornegay, on September 10. Plans are being made to hold evangelistic meetings in the near future using videos with study guides.

Shortly after the baptism, Pastor Kornegay left to join Dan Serns, conference church ministries director, in the Ukraine for a five-week campaign.

*Helen van Lieshout  
Communication Secretary*



Spanish group who attend the Marshall church.



# Texico

## East Texico Convocation

The International Convocation begun 15 years ago as an annual Asian meeting and now widened to include other linguistic groups, had 250 people in attendance at Big Spring, Texas, this fall.

In his morning address, guest speaker, George Atiga, North American Division's Asian Ministry Coordinator, stressed the demands love makes once we have received Christ's loving act of salvation.

At the conclusion of the afternoon musical concert, Ralph Orduno, Texico Conference president, and Elder Atiga appealed to everyone for active participation in the upcoming Target East Texico crusade.

A presentation was made by Elder Atiga of \$3,000 for use in Asian ministry.

*Abel A. Cordero, Pastor  
Abilene District*

## Good News for Those in the Albuquerque Area

The Adventist Book Center now has opened a CORRALES BRANCH ABC. Many people in the area have requested that this service be available. The hours of operation are:

**Monday, Wednesday & Thursday –  
2:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday – 2:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday – 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

We will have an excellent selection of products that are carried in our main store. We hope that if you are in the area you will plan to come by. It is located on the campus of Sandia View Academy, just behind the boys dorm. The address is 335 Academy Lane, Corrales, NM. The phone number is 897-6799. 10-2t

## New Faculty, New Students, and New Industries

Out with the old and in with the new. Students removed the old carpet in the administration building in preparation for installing a new carpet, thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Chanslor and Ron Turner.

It could be that this new carpet is symbolic of other new developments at Sandia View Academy. The new school year has brought 11 more students than last year. New faculty members include Jessica Davidson, a recent graduate from Walla Walla College who teaches English; Craig Bradley, from Thunderbird Academy who has been assigned Spanish, English as a Second Language, social studies, and general science; and Laverne Raeder, a recent graduate from Union College who is girls dean.

Two new businesses have been started on campus. Students are being employed at the newly opened Adventist Book Center as well as at a privately-owned furniture manufacturing business. At present there are more job openings than we can fill.

Besides being active with their studies and work, students have been involved in community service work. They have helped man the booth at the state fair, and they've participated in pushing people around at a wheel chair brigade.

Being the only Adventist academy in Texico, Sandia View Academy has the potential for further growth. Christian education continues to be a priority as we seek to provide for students who come to us for education.

*Douglas Hayes, principal  
Sandia View Academy*



*Out with the old carpet at Sandia View Academy.*

## Festival of the Laity

It was about 4:30 p.m. when a warm breeze out of the Gulf of Mexico welcomed a bus load of 39 pastors, laymen and officers from Texico Conference who had come to attend the Festival of Laity sponsored by the Inter-American Division.

The main emphasis of this festival was to encourage pastors and laity to work together in soul-winning endeavors such as holding evangelistic crusades, giving Bible studies and helping people accept Jesus as their personal Savior.

Many of the lay people attending the festival work three days a week on their farms and dedicate the rest of the week to preaching the word of God.

Issues faced by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the United States like standards, false doctrines and New Age, are not an issue in Mexico. The lay people said they don't have time to worry about such trivial issues—they were too busy looking for new interests, giving Bible studies or holding seminars.

One lady told how she takes care of four branch Sabbath Schools and how, since she has accepted Jesus and has been sharing His love, she has helped win 400 people to Christ.

In his address to this gathering of about 10,000 people Sabbath morning Robert

Folkenberg, General Conference president, asked all who had brought one individual to Christ in the last four years to stand. Almost all 10,000 stood. As he increased the number baptized each time, most of the people were still standing by the time he reached 49. One layman had baptized over 800 people in the last four years.

To conclude the meetings, lay people and pastors joined hands and raised their arms to heaven saying, "Unidos en Christo triunfaremos," meaning, "United in Christ we will triumph."

Texico workers returned home with new inspiration to join hands and finish the work because "United in Christ we will triumph."

*Moises Ponce, pastor  
Albuquerque Rio Grande  
Spanish District*

## Target East Texico Crusade Begins

We were all a little amazed, even though we had been praying for people to come, when 200 people came on opening night of the Prophecy Panorama held by James Gilley, Southwestern Union evangelist, at the Olsen Park church in Amarillo. In this strong Bible belt town where Seventh-day Adventists are listed as a cult by one of the largest



churches in town, we knew that the Holy Spirit had brought the people to the meeting.

The program, five evenings each week, is simple, innovative, yet traditional. Greeters meet the guests at the door each evening; then there's a film on life in Bible times, special music, singing choruses from the screen and a short but powerful message on Bible prophecy and God's plan for each person's life.

The children have particularly enjoyed drawing the names for the door prizes—tapes, colorful updated copies of Ellen White classics, pictures and the favorite, a NIV topical study Bible worth over \$50.

After everyone has left, lay coordinators and helpers remain at the church to pray together for the continued success of the meetings and for individual people.

A couple of highlights from the meetings include: Bobby and Candy Weldy who had recently

begun studying with the pastor and were attending church, had been coming faithfully to the meetings. When they saw that a topical Bible was being given away each night, they began praying they would win it one night. On the fifth night of the meetings, a church member's name was drawn, but since she had recently purchased one of these Bibles she suggested another name be drawn. The name drawn in place of hers was that of Candy Weldy!

Then there's a little boy who enjoys the meetings and the "fun" bags the children are given each night. His parents say they have a difficult time getting him to leave the sanctuary because he enjoys the activities so much.

The church family has given the meetings strong support. The evening the topic of Sabbath rest and freedom was presented, 11 individuals indicated their desire to keep the Sabbath. A special

baptismal Sabbath and picnic is planned at the conclusion of the series when these members will

be welcomed into the Olsen Park church family.

*Cinda Lea Stitler  
Olsen Park Seventh-day  
Adventist Church*



*Members from the Clovis and Portales churches met at Beth and Stan Vibbard's farm residence for a time of fellowship and testimony to the goodness of the Lord.*

# Healthcare

## Services Offered at Willow Creek Hospital

It has been one year since Huguley Memorial Medical Center and Adventist Health System/Sunbelt purchased Willow Creek Psychiatric Hospital in Arlington, Texas. During this year, mental health care has been very turbulent in this community as we have seen investigations on quality and ethics, financial upsets, and questions on credibility of providers.

However, Huguley's Willow Creek Hospital has emerged as a stable provider throughout this process. Many of the employees are recognized leaders in their profession.

Dr. Donald K. Sykes, president and CEO, is a professional dealing with psychiatric managed care, group therapy, bulimia, anorexia nervosa, psycho genics in adolescents, adolescent stress and suicide, teen suicide, and teen survival skills.

Medical Director, Donald G. Milligan, M.D., F.A.A.C.A.P.,

handles child and adolescent psychology. Thomas Deporter, M.D., directs ECT (electric convulsive therapy), geriatric psychology and between generations. Robin Piper handles eating disorders and support groups. Kenneth Ervin supervises recreational and sports therapy, ROPES courses and experiential therapy. Stacie Mayer takes care of emotional stresses of coping with infertility, and Carl Hogness and James M. Royster deal with chemical dependency, alcohol rehabilitation and 12-step programs.

*Keith Dobbs  
Administrative Director*

## New Developments at Huguley Hospital

A new two-story professional building is being erected on the west side of the First State Bank and across Highway 174 from the Burleson Independent School District administrative offices. Plans are to make space available for internal medicine and family practice physicians, specialty physicians, and other medi-



*Huguley Memorial Medical Center's new medical van to be used in meeting medical needs in the community.*

cally-related practices such as dentists, optometrists, and chiropractors.

"Our goal is to provide a convenient location for the Huguley patients needing health care without coming to the Huguley campus," comments Keith Dobbs, administrative director of Huguley's business development.

Plans also include the construction of a new Hospice House connected with Huguley Hospi-

tal. Funds for this project have been coordinated through the efforts of Kay Adams, special events coordinator, who has already pulled off a successful tent sale fund raiser with net profits of more than \$3,000. She has also been instrumental in generating gifts from several large corporations in the Fort Worth area, as well as raising funds through a gala held at the Worthington Hotel in Fort Worth.



A new medical van designed specially for healthcare clinics will soon appear at local malls, churches, senior centers, businesses and sporting events as part of an effort to reach those people who need healthcare most. This new van will allow the hospital to fulfill its mission to meet the needs of the surrounding communities.

Four obstetrics and gynecology consultants have opened offices in the physicians office building conveniently located next to the Huguley Outpatient Center. Dallas-born Donald Blair, M.D., whose residency training was completed at Tulane Medical Center in New Orleans in 1993 and J. Darryl Doughtie, M.D., a native of Houston, who completed

his internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at St. George's Medical School, in London, England.

G. Sealy Massingill, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., is a Fort Worth native who completed his internship and residency at John Peter Smith Hospital in 1989 and has completed a three-year tour in the United States Air Force. Robert F. Jones, M.D., completed his residency at Scott & White Memorial Hospital in 1991 as chief resident.

In addition, Nabil K. Aboukhaire, M.D., with a specialty in obstetrics and gynecology, has opened an office in Suite 242 of Huguley's medical office building.

*Nintendo of America, Toys R Us and Starlight Foundation have teamed up to donate two mobile entertainment centers to Huguley Memorial Medical Center's pediatric unit. This gift is part of a larger gift, a playroom fully furnished by Toys R Us.*



## General News

### Adventists Communication Network

#### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

November 2 - 7:30 p.m. (All Zones)

First Wednesday - News, action reports and mission stories from the Adventist Church around the world.

TelStar 401, Channel 17

**November 4 - 7:45-12:00 Midnight** (Eastern Time)

Hands Across the World

K7, Channel 16 (Ku Band)

**November 5 - 10:00-10:15 a.m.** (All Zones)

Live "Hands Across the World" - Sabbath School Mission Story

William Johnsson - interview from Germany

EASTERN and CENTRAL Time:

Galaxy 7, Channel 16 - (C Band)

K7, Channel 7 - (Ku Band)

MOUNTAIN Time: Galaxy 7, Channel 7 - (C Band)

K7, Channel 16 - (Ku Band)

**November 5 - 1:00-3:30 p.m.** (Pacific)

Live "Hands Across the World" Kick-Off event with Robert Folkenberg from Los Angeles

Galaxy 7, Channel 18 - (C Band)

K4, Channel 24 - (Ku Band)

**November 12 - 4:00-6:30 p.m.** (Eastern Time)

Reclaiming Round Table

TelStar 302, Transponder 2(v), Channel 3

**November 19 - 4:00-6:00 p.m., 7:00-9:00 p.m.** (Eastern Time)

United Prayer Conference

Join the group in Chattanooga, coordinated by Kurt Johnson of Oregon Conference

Galaxy 4, Channel 10

**December 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.** (All Zones)

First Wednesday - News, action reports and mission stories from the Adventist Church around the world

Galaxy 4, Channel to be announced

### Chile Raises \$2 million for Rwanda

At the request of the government of Chile, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency's (ADRA) Chile office participated in a national fund-raising campaign, together with several other humanitarian agencies. The effort, entitled "Give Me A Hand-Children of Rwanda," took place on August 25, 1994.

More than 1,000 volunteers walked the streets and subways of Santiago and 14 other cities, soliciting donations to help the children of Rwanda. These volunteers raised a total of \$60,000. Chile is the only country that has staged a national fund-raising drive for Rwanda.

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## Obituaries

**ALTMAN, Donald W.**, was born Oct. 14, 1921 in Sunnyside, WA and died June 3, 1994 in Long Beach, WA. He taught church school in the Oklahoma Conference for 11 years before his retirement in 1986. Survivors: wife, Margaret, Granbury, TX; sons, Dennis, Gresham, OR, Curtis, Oregon City, OR, and Marvin, Boring, OR; daughters, Janis Crandell, Boring, Teresa Lang, Everett, WA, and Anita Cress, Granbury; sisters, Verle Braaten and Mildred Mills, both of Auburn, WA; brothers, Ardell, Alabama, Sam, Federal Way, WA, Mark, Tacoma, WA and Leslie, Seattle, WA; 8 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. V. O. Schneider

**BEWLEY, Robert Floyd "Pete,"** was born June 30, 1928 in Siloam Springs, AR and died Aug. 26, 1994 in Fayetteville, AR. Survivors: wife, Barbara, Siloam Springs; son, Junior, San Marcos, CA; daughters, Cheri Hulan, Glover City, CA, Cindy Peevyhouse, Kenai, AK and Debbie True, Somis, CA; sisters, Dixie Ellington, Little Rock, AR, Marie Branch, Loma Linda, CA and Irene Dyer, Gentry, AR; 9 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

**CALLICOTT, Maudine**, was born Dec. 8, 1903 in Modesto, CA and died July 28, 1994 in Baton Rouge, LA. She and her husband, Rex, are remembered for their loyal support of many medical, educational and evangelistic projects in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference and the Southwestern Union. Survivors: daughter, Betty Desjardins, Baton Rouge; and son, Rex, Lake Wiley, SC.

**GREENWOOD, Virginia Gayle**, was born Jan. 22, 1911 in Pineland, TX and died Aug. 15, 1994 in Lake Charles, LA. Survivors: daughters, Mary Frances Corbello and Betty Robertson; son, Bobby; sister, Arelle Ray Turpin; 6 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and 2 great, great-grandchildren.

**GREGG, Walter Edward**, was born April 4, 1917 in San Antonio, TX and died May 16, 1994 in Houston, TX. Survivors: wife, Lulene, Houston; daughters, Sherry Blehm and Judy Wright, both of Houston; son, Walter, New York, NY; and 3 grandchildren. Bellinda Osoria

**HINES, Ruby**, was born Mar. 17, 1907 in Shamrock, TX and died Mar. 6, 1994 in Fort Worth, TX. She was a member of the Burleson, TX church. Survivors: sons, John, Cleburne, TX, Bobby, Ovilla, TX, and Ken, Las Vegas, NV; brothers, Clarence Sowers, Hurley, NM, and Virgil Sowers, Clayton, NM; sisters, Winifred Blakely, Clayton, and Dorine Lojewski, Amarillo, TX; 8 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. Ouida Mandaville

**HOFFMAN, Maxine Pearl**, was born Sept. 3, 1920 in Clendenin, WV and died Sept. 14, 1994 in Texas City, TX. Survivors: husband, Joe, Texas City; daughter, Karen, Texas City; sisters, Kathleen Grimm, Texas City, Elizabeth Herz, Chicago, IL, and Wilma Hoffman, Clendenin; and brother, Ray Woods, Clendenin. Norman LaMountain

**JOHNSON, Myrtle L.**, was born Jan. 1, 1907, in DeRidder, LA and died Aug. 17, 1994 in Lake Charles, LA. She was a member of the Lake Charles church.

**JONES, George N.**, was born Jan. 24, 1899 in Gonzales, TX and died Aug. 24, 1994 in Texas City, TX. Survivors: wife, Ruth, Santa Fe, TX; daughters, Roselyne Gustafson and Virginia Henkel, both of Santa Fe; 3 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. Norman LaMountain

**MARSHALL, Clarice Mae**, was born Mar. 17, 1920 in Allene, AR and died July 21, 1994 in DeQueen, AR. Survivors: daughters, Peggy Honea and Barbara Proffer, both of DeQueen; stepdaughters, Deanna Wallace and Joyce Nolen; sister, Rachel Burrow, DeQueen; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

**STANLEY, Bertha**, was born Mar. 1, 1902 and died July 21, 1994. She was a member of the Plainview, AR church.

**RAY, Earl Lee**, was born Dec. 13, 1930 in Lamesa, TX and died Sept. 10, 1994 in Keene, TX. Survivors: wife, Frances, Keene; son, Stanley, Keene; brothers, Joe, Keene, Paul, Joshua, TX, and Preston, Cleburne, TX.

**THURMAN, Neta**, was born June 7, 1923 in Meadville, MS and died July 17, 1994 in Baton Rouge, LA. Survivors: Neta Fay Juneau, Verda Louise McKee, Harmon MacDonald, Wesley Thurman, Thomas Thurman, and Larry Thurman.

**WILSON, Ruby**, was born Jan. 31, 1905 in Hot Springs, AR and died July 9, 1994 in Lake Placid, FL. Survivors: husband, Ben, Siloam Springs, AR; daughters, Kathy Stone, Avon Park, FL and Bennie Sue Elder, Siloam Springs; brothers, Lonnie and Floyd Bright, both of Hot Springs, AR; sisters, Vera Taylor, Fort Smith, AR, Ruie Murray, Camden, AR, and Eula Lambert, Glenwood, AR; 16 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and 2 great, great-grandchildren.

**WORSLEY, Hilton L.**, was born Feb. 2, 1912 in Tampa, FL and died June 17, 1994 in El Dorado, AR. Survivors: wife, Cleo, El Dorado; daughter, Helena Milner, El Dorado; stepson, Jerry Swart, Strong, AR; sister, Dorothy Powess, Tampa; and 3 grand-children. Jeff Wait

**WRIGHT, Hannah**, was born Sept. 7, 1895 in Teague, TX and died April 28, 1994, in Wichita Falls, TX. Survivors: daughters, Johnnie Hale, Wichita Falls, Annie Mae Thompson, Wichita Falls, and Rhonette Surney, Pittsburgh, CA. Julie Powers



## Loma Linda University

### Announcement of possible School of Pharmacy

Loma Linda University, a Seventh-day Adventist Health Sciences University, is considering opening a School of Pharmacy to serve the needs of its constituency for education in pharmacy and the needs of the Seventh-day Adventist health care system for pharmacists. The program will be designed to provide high quality education in pharmacy combined with the commitment to whole person care characteristic of all health science programs at Loma Linda University.

Loma Linda University is interested in receiving responses to this possibility, particularly from the following:

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	Nov. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 25	Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Dec. 16
Abilene, Texas	5:41	5:37	5:35	5:33	5:34	5:36
Amarillo, Texas	5:44	5:40	5:37	5:35	5:35	5:36
Brownsville, Texas	5:42	5:40	5:38	5:38	5:39	5:41
Dallas, Texas	5:28	5:24	5:22	5:20	5:21	5:23
El Paso, Texas	5:09	5:05	5:03	5:02	5:02	5:04
Fort Worth/Keene, Texas	5:30	5:26	5:24	5:22	5:23	5:25
Galveston/Houston, Texas	5:27	5:23	5:21	5:21	5:21	5:23
Gentry, Arkansas	5:14	5:09	5:06	5:04	5:04	5:05
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:07	5:03	5:00	4:58	4:58	5:00
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:18	5:13	5:10	5:08	5:08	5:09
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:06	5:03	5:01	5:00	5:00	5:02
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5:27	5:22	5:19	5:17	5:17	5:18
San Antonio, Texas	5:41	5:38	5:36	5:35	5:36	5:38
Santa Fe, New Mexico	5:00	4:55	4:51	4:49	4:50	4:51
Shreveport, Louisiana	5:17	5:13	5:10	5:09	5:10	5:11
Tulsa, Oklahoma	5:20	5:15	5:12	5:10	5:10	5:11

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