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Dear Friends,

Word has just come to me that the Adventist Health Systems has just acquired two additional hospitals in Mid-America. This brings the total number of AHS hospitals in Mid-America to fourteen! I just had to share this news with you. The two new hospitals are located at Bowdle, South Dakota and Fairplay, Colorado. It really excites me when I recall that the number of Seventh-day Adventist hospitals in Mid-America has grown from three, when AHS was formed just a few short years ago, to the present fourteen. There seems to be a direct parallel between the expansion of AHS and the expansion and outreach of the church—especially in the communities where these institutions are located. In some instances new congregations have been established. In other cases, the small congregation has grown to a much larger and stronger church organization.

In addition to the two new acquisitions mentioned above, we are now operating hospitals in Boulder, Brighton and Denver, Colorado; Karlstad, Bertha, New York Mills and Pipestone, Minnesota; Moberly and Windsor, Missouri; Mullen, Nebraska; Greybull, Wyoming and Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

You will notice that a number of these hospitals are smaller institutions in small communities. This is in keeping with the Seventh-day Adventist philosophy that we should have numerous small health facilities. In addition, the small institution is benefited by the solid management system of the larger parent organization, and is able to more easily survive than would be possible without the consortium. I have noticed that our churches in the community where our health care institutions are located usually begin a steady growth. The church benefits from the influx of professional people brought in by the hospital or clinic. Then the community reaps benefits from the Christian outreach through health education, training, etc.

The Adventist Health Systems sponsor major group purchasing and insurance programs. The system is highly respected as one of the largest and most effective Protestant hospital systems in the nation. Because of this, we expect to see this system grow very rapidly. It is not at all uncommon to have applications come to AHS, inviting them to operate hospitals here and there.

The Adventist Church observes "Health Emphasis Week" October 3-10. It might be well to express a word of thanks and appreciation to that health care person that you know. Then, too, give some thought to your personal health this week and throughout the year.

Cordially,



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Voice Of Prophecy Offering—Oct. 11 Supports Broadcast & Bible School

“God Loves You”—Let’s Say It Loud and Clear

By Kim Peckham

God loves you. You wish to share that good news—every Christian does. A person can share it with a bumper sticker, a frisbee, or a T-shirt. Or just share it with the Voice of Prophecy.

“People see that message written everywhere and still don’t realize what it can mean in their lives,” says the director-speaker of the VOP, H.M.S. Richards, Jr. “In each of the broadcasts we endeavor, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to impress the listener with how real God’s love is for them.”

“I’ve been listening to your radio broadcast on KSTL in St. Louis for some time now,” writes a resident of Maplewood, Missouri, “and I’ve found your practical examples of Christian teachings to be quite inspirational.”

A listener in Shawnee, Kansas, drops this compliment: “Your broadcasts are far more than just sermons; they bring hope into thousands of homes.”

The VOP Bible courses offered on broadcasts and distributed by church members have success after success in sharing God’s love. “I was very down, depressed, and entertained thoughts of suicide,” writes a student from Jansen, Nebraska. “These lessons have sustained me and let me know, God does love me.”

A triumphant man from Denver says, “Somewhere during my New Life lessons, Jesus touched my heart! And I am proud to say I’m an Adventist. There are no words to describe what it’s like to have a personal relationship with Christ—to understand His love.”

“Please send me the address of the nearest Sabbath-keeping church in the Minnetonka or Hopkins, Minnesota, area,” writes one student.

“I found an enrollment application in the front of a Bible that I came across on a dusty bookshelf in a second-hand store,” writes a man from St. Paul, Minnesota. “Since then I have completed the course and have joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. If you only knew what kind of change the Bible has made in my life—someday you will.”

Last year 5,000 Bible course enrollments came from the Mid-America Union. This coming year, TV spots and newspaper ads will encourage the public to tune in the broadcast. High-readership magazines such as *National Enquirer*, *Family Weekly*, and *TV Guide* will run advertisements promoting Focus on Living Bible guides or books on prophecy and health.

Having the VOP broadcast on the air “everyday and everywhere” in Mid-America as well as the rest of the country is a goal vigorously strived for. Weekday programs reach a part of the audience not dedicated to Sunday religious programming.

“Please excuse this stationery,” writes Susan on the back of an envelope, “but I listen to the Voice during my lunch hour. It uplifts my spirits and I go back to work happier and ready to tackle the rest of the day.” Currently 16 stations in the Mid-America Union carry the Voice of Prophecy daily program. Another 56 stations are needed to completely cover the nine-state area.

Every Adventist family can join with the Voice of Prophecy in declaring “God loves you.” The average cost of broadcasting a daily program on one station is \$40. For every program you sponsor, that much more of the country will hear the Good News.

The annual Voice of Prophecy offering will be received on October 11. “Plan to join hands with us financially and in prayer,” requests Pastor Richards. “Together we will go forward. We will step out in faith. We will share God’s love!”

Kim Peckham is a communication intern for the Voice of Prophecy.



Bob Edwards (left), researcher-producer for the daily radio broadcasts, reviews scripts with H. M. S. Richards, Jr., before a recording session.



Tonja Otis corrects the VOP Bible Courses for juniors and youth. Like the other instructors, she takes a caring interest in her students by writing them notes of encouragement and sharing their elation when they decide for baptism.



Every Thursday morning, the Voice of Prophecy staff gathers to read prayer requests sent from all parts of North America. God’s answers to the intercessory prayers offered have been a strong witness to those who write.

Baby Dedication

By Mrs. James Lunday

Recently Dr. & Mrs. Robert Hieb and Dr. & Mrs. Stan Diede dedicated their babies to the Lord. Both boys are named Eric. Dr. Hieb is a cardiac surgeon at the Bismarck Hospital and Dr.

Diede is affiliated with the Heart and Lung Clinic in Bismarck.

Pastor Leonard Devnich who shepherded the Bismarck church from August, 1980 to July 1, 1981, officiated at the service.

Mrs. James Lunday is the assistant communication secretary of the Bismarck Church.



Dr. and Mrs. Stan Diede with son Eric.



Pastor Len Devnich blessing baby Eric as parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hieb dedicate their son to God.



On Sabbath afternoon, July 18, seven candidates were baptized at Fischer Lake, northwest of Medina, N.D. The day was quiet and peaceful as some forty people witnessed the baptism by Richard Halversen, Mid-America Union evangelist. The candidates were: Tim Hieb, Wade Hieb, Mark Hieb, John Schmierer, Keven Haas, Shawna Schmierer and Carol Lee Weber. Elder Halversen is standing at the back of the group.

We wish God's richest blessing on these beautiful young people who have joined God's remnant church.



Pictured are Evangelist Lyle Albrecht and Pastor Charles Williams with those who were baptized during the recent crusade in Bismarck. Left to right, back row, are: Dr. Stephan Rouse, Lyle Albrecht, Duane Selinger, Bill Cooley, David Johnson, and Pastor Williams. Front row: Naoma Rouse, Roger Albrecht, Donna Albrecht, James Spilovoy, Pam Dockter, Shirley Johnson, Linda Juda.

Taped sermons by Evangelist Albrecht have been purchased for continued Bible study.



Sabbath morning, June 20th, at Brush Lake just north of Mercer, North Dakota, two precious young people stood listening and responding as Pastor McGee read the baptismal vows. Parents, grandparents, and church members witnessed the baptism of Tracie Binder and Clint Bergan. May God bless these two new members of the family of God, and preserve them faithfully.

Something Better In Eating

By Rosa Smiley

Jeanne Martin, an instructor at Scott Community College, Bettendorf, Iowa, provided a new perspective on healthful eating. Ms. Martin gave a personal testimony of the effects of eating junk food and meat as a diet for her life. She was advised to switch to a meatless, well balanced diet and eventually regained her health.

Jeanne presented excellent suggestions on how to introduce the meatless diet to family and friends. She stated that before a person changes to a meatless diet, he or she should understand how to prepare healthful, tasty, and attractive dishes. Quite a few people attending the session were astonished to hear that all sugar is refined, and that the refining process involves the use of blood albumin and bones of animals. It was suggested that honey be used as a sugar replacement in our diet.

During the six week cooking class, several meatless and sugarless dishes were prepared for the members to sample.

Rosa Smiley is communication secretary for the Calvary Church in Davenport, Iowa.

So You Are 80!

By Mazie Mitchell

Mothers 80 years and older were given special honor by the Sabbath School of the Bethel Church of Kansas City, Kansas.

The program was planned by Samuel Booker, assistant superintendent. Words of inspiration were presented by Johnnie Mae Booker and Ade Franks to all mothers of the church. Four senior citizens of the church were specifically honored with corsages. Other mothers of the church received red and white carnations.

Barbara Washington completed the ceremony with the musical selection "That Wonderful Mother of Mine". We are grateful to the Lord for allowing the mothers of Bethel to be honored in this way.

Mazie Mitchell is communication secretary for the Bethel Church in Kansas City, KS.

Church Purchases Public Facility

After sitting empty for more than a year, the Lake Street School in Omaha, Nebraska will be used again.

"It was God's plan that we should have this building," stated James P.

Willis II, principal-teacher of the Bedford Elementary School.

The present school has been housed in the Sharon Church basement since 1960. The church is located at Bedford Avenue and John Creighton Boulevard. With four teachers and 69 students ranging from pre-school to seventh grade, the school was bursting at the seams, and school committee members began looking for a new facility in the same area.

After several possibilities for expansion were considered, G. H. Taylor, pastor of the Sharon Church, found out that the Lake Street School was for sale. The building, then owned by the Omaha Public Schools, had been closed by the district, and sat empty for a year. The church congregation and school committee were enthusiastic about purchasing possibilities.

As a result of the bid that matched what Omaha Public Schools wanted for the school, the church bought the building and the block of land it sits on for \$25,000.

J. P. Willis, who came to Omaha two years ago from New York City, expressed his enthusiasm about entering the school facility in the fall. He stated that the new school will provide the opportunity for the school to expand to the eighth grade for the first time.

The new school anticipates close to 100 students for 1981-82.

Youth Raise Over \$1800 for Church

By Alma F. York

Youth at the Allon Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska raised more than \$1,800 at the second Annual Miss Allon Chapel Pageant.

Young little Miss Marjorie Casaire and Master Gerald Jones were the "grand marshals" for this highly successful event on Sunday, August 16.

The young people who participated were: Teresa Anderson, Keno Mordecai, Lakesha Dyson, Duane Harriott, Deah Harriott, Dellun Brown, Carla Jones, Chris Mordecai, Elizabeth Anderson, Marty Williams, Kim Baptiste, Eric Williams, Maxine Dawes, Erik Baptiste, Stephanie Simons, Louis Cleare, Lisa York, and Anthony Kay.

A musical program included a violin solo by six year old Michele Carriger, accompanied by six year old Deah Harriott; dramatic readings by Albert Dyson, a theology student at Union College and Ann Smeltzer, a dramatic artist and wife of Pastor John Smeltzer of First Plymouth Congregational

Church. Dr. Robert Murray, professor of music, Union College, provided musical selections on the piano. Ferne Cuaresna, vice-president of King's Daughters Club who sponsors this annual event, and Pastor Gerald Jones of Allon Chapel agreed that this event offers our young people the opportunity to actively and fully participate in their church, to develop self-respect, to develop respect for others and to begin the orderly process toward maturity by role modelling.

Mr. Young, president of Alan Young Buick, and his wife were Master and Mistress of ceremonies. Our special winners were:

Miss Allon Chapel, Stephanie Simons; first runner up, Lisa York; second runner up, Kim Baptiste; third runner up, Elizabeth Anderson.


Children's Division: Little Miss Allon Chapel, Deah Harriott; second runner up, Carla Jones; and third runner up, Teresa Anderson.

The funds raised for this event will be used to help pay for the newly constructed church.

Thanks and appreciation go to our young people for a job well done.

Alma F. York is communication secretary for Allon Chapel in Lincoln, NE.

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Constituency Votes to Sell K.C. Office

Delegates to a special constituency session held August 16 at Sunnydale Academy, voted by a 2-1 margin to accept an offer by a Kansas City firm, Professional Services, Inc., to purchase the former Missouri Conference office building.



Constituents line up to discuss the sale of the Kansas City Conference Office

Following presentations giving background information regarding the recent sale of Sunnydale Academy's SS Plastics industry and the history of the development of the offer to purchase the Kansas City office, discussion on the proposal began and continued for more than three hours.



Session delegates participate in the counting of the ballots at the close of the special constituency session.

Discussion centered on the adequacy of the offered price and the terms of the sale, the advisability of selling the property versus further attempts to find a firm interested in leasing the building, the future of the Adventist Book Center branch located in the building, and the general financial picture of the conference.

Of the 342 registered delegates to the session, 337 voted—224 to sell, 112 not to sell, with one abstaining.

The terms of the sale were: A selling

price of \$400,000 (a Kansas City appraiser had set the value of the building at \$375,000) with a \$100,000 down payment, the balance financed at 12 percent interest (on a 25-year payment schedule), with a stipulation that the balance was to be paid in full with a "balloon payment" at the end of five years.

By action of the constituency at the time of the merger of the Iowa and Missouri Conferences, the disposition of certain pieces of excess property, including the Kansas City office and Oak Park Academy, must be considered by a constituency session before any action is taken.

Temperance Booth at Atlantic Fair

By Mrs. Russell Johnson

The Atlantic Seventh-day Adventist Church operated a temperance booth during the 4H fair August 3-6 at Atlantic, Iowa. A free subscription to LISTEN magazine was given away, and 437 people registered for the free gift. Two



Visitors registering for the free gift at the fair in Atlantic.

thousand pieces of literature were given away. Many young people showed great interest in the smoking demonstration. The church feels the booth was very successful and intends to have a similar booth again next year.

Mrs. Russell Johnson is a member of the Atlantic, Iowa, Church.

Richards and Venden Head Camp Meeting Guests

H. M. S. Richards, Sr., The King's Heralds quartet, and Morris Venden will be among the special guests at a single, conference-wide campmeeting for the Iowa-Missouri Conference to be held June 1-5, 1982, on the campus of Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville, Missouri.

The University campus, which is centrally located to all parts of the conference, offers adequate meeting space for campmeeting sessions, workshops, and children's divisions, as well as dormitory space, dining facilities, and recreation areas.

During an excellent campmeeting summer, which featured six area weekend meetings in various parts of

the conference, many individuals expressed a desire to have one general campmeeting for the entire conference. Acting on these suggestions, the



Northeast Missouri State University, site of the 1982 Iowa-Missouri campmeeting, June 1-5.

Kirksville location was investigated and found to be adequate and available. The Conference Executive Committee voted to schedule the campmeeting at its August 16 session.

Details on costs and reservations will be released soon, as will further details on speakers for the campmeeting.

Family Life Building Plans Near Completion

By Pat McDaniel

On Sunday, August 2nd, the Columbia Church had a buffet dinner and business meeting to discuss the building of the new Multi-Purpose Building.

Elder Bob Peck offered counsel and suggestions for the location and possible uses for the Multi-Purpose Building.



New Family Life Center at Columbia, Missouri.

The Multi-Purpose Building or Family Life Center will be located south of the Columbia Church on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gibb for that purpose.

The Family Life Center will have an auditorium and a small chapel upstairs, and will also be the future home of the new enlarged Community Services Center.

Some of the proposed uses for the Family Life Center are: Five Day Plans, Blood Pressure Clinics, Gospel Concerts, Evangelistic Meetings, Vacation Bible School and Community Recreation Nights.

The building plans are in the process of approval by the Conference.

IOWA-MISSOURI

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Psalm 127:1

Pat McDaniel is communication secretary for the Columbia Church.

Civil Defense Praises Clinic

A blood pressure screening clinic conducted in Rockwell City, Iowa, on August 24 attracted considerable interest from the business community of the city and high praise from the local Civil Defense Director.



Visitors at the blood pressure clinic at Rockwell City

Participating in the clinic were Janette Hiner, wife of the pastor of the Humboldt district, Maxine McAdoo of the Lake City Church, and Orlee Peterson of Sioux City, who drove the com-

munity services van recently acquired by the Northwest Iowa Community Service Federation.

Several people who were found to have high blood pressure were followed up by telephone and encouraged to seek medical consultation.

Chaviano Leads Hispanic Work

Elder Ignacio Chaviano, a Cuban refugee and ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister, has accepted the call of the Iowa-Missouri Conference to work as a pastor/evangelist for the Hispanic people of Kansas City, Missouri.



Kansas City Central pastor, Randall Murphy, introduces Elder and Mrs. Ignacio Chaviano to the delegates of a recent special constituency session.

Elder Chaviano has just arrived from Andrews University, where he has been studying English. He will be working with Elders Randall Murphy and David Wolkwitz of the Kansas City

Central Church, ministering to the spiritual needs of the Hispanic members of the area churches and leading in outreach activities to the 35,000 Hispanic people in the Kansas City area.

VanDenburgh Crusade Boosts Membership

The St. Charles, Missouri, Church has 52 new members following evangelistic services held by John and Clara VanDenburgh, assisted by St. Charles pastor, Murrell Tull and his wife Ginger.

Mrs. Rex Sears, St. Charles Church clerk, served as evangelistic coordinator for the series and played a key role in the success of the meetings. Literature evangelists also made a major contribution in visiting and inviting people to come to the meetings.

The services were well attended by non-Adventists throughout, and the evangelistic team members had their work cut out for them in visitation—Pastor Tull put 6,000 miles on his car in the six weeks of the meetings.

Evangelist VanDenburgh's interesting presentations, gospel mini-concerts and the attractive setting of the amphitheater of a local college attracted a loyal following.

The series increased the membership of the St. Charles Church by 78 percent.

KANSAS-NEBRASKA

Five Day Plan

By Roger Baker

The Five Day Plan to stop smoking at the Piedmont Park Seventh-day Adventist church in Lincoln, Nebraska was co-sponsored by the Lincoln Jaycees, states Anthonie M. Wessels, pastor, who directed the activities. Assisting him were physicians Chester Norman, Oliver Pogue, and Jim Lewis, Doctor of Oral Surgery at the University of Nebraska.

Of the 29 who registered August 3, there were 20 who completed the program. Eighteen quit smoking completely, says Wessels. Contacts with attendees of previous plans reveal that more than 60 percent were still keeping their resolve, "I choose not to smoke", even after one full year.

Wessels contributes this long-range success to the follow-up plan he uses after the five days are over. The Monday night after the last program a "rap session" is called, giving the participants opportunity to compare notes



Part of those who stopped smoking during Piedmont Park's latest five day plan.

on how they survived the first week of not smoking.

One week later there is a pot-luck "banquet" for the graduates. Each introduces himself to the others, tells his occupation, and relates any unusual experience he encountered during the first ten days without tobacco.

Twenty-eight persons were present, and nine were presented pins bearing the inscription, "I quit".

During the following week each group leader telephones the members of his class to encourage them to stick by their resolve. During the fourth week the leaders are organized to visit

personally each member and further encourage them to stay off cigarettes.

Wessels feels that unless this, or a similar follow-up program is implemented, much of the effort is wasted and little is accomplished for the people or the church.

Group leaders this session included Crawford and Gloria Pierce, Eugene Schander, Frank and Nova Peterson, Charles Simonds, Clyde and Eleanor Peters, and Thelma Norman.

These clinics touch almost every segment of society, Wessels says. Twenty-two different occupations were represented this time including an accounting supervisor, aviation clerk, teacher, advertising and public relations director, traffic manager, railroad worker, computer programmer, accountant, registered nurse, musician, artist, attorney, psychologist, salesman, secretary, dietitian, cosmetics specialist, store manager, rubber worker, and an employee of the ETV network of the University of Nebraska.

Roger Baker is communication secretary for the Piedmont Park SDA Church.

Mary Anderson Day

By Michael Bonebrake

August 15, 1981 was proclaimed "Mary Anderson Day" by the Wichita Adventist Church South. The worship hour on this Sabbath was set aside to reflect on the life of one of God's more faithful servants, who was one of the pioneer missionaries in Africa. Although now 93 years old, she has helped nearly 100 souls to find Christ and accept the Advent message in the city of Wichita.



Pastor Jay Gallimore informs the Wichita congregation about the deeds of Mary Anderson.

Hearts were stirred as the congregation listened to Pastor Jay Gallimore and associate Pastor Bob Atteberry tell of the exploits and courageous deeds performed by Mary Anderson and her husband, Harry. Their faith in Jesus helped them overcome near death, illness, lack of food, primitive living in

the dense jungles, long trips on foot or by ox cart, and political and social barriers, so that the gospel could be presented to the people in Africa.

The stories which the pastors shared with the congregation were from a book written about Mary and Harry Anderson. It was a moving experience as this dedicated lady offered the closing prayer for the service.

Michael Bonebrake is communication secretary for the Wichita SDA Church South.

Wichita Jr. Academy

By Michael Bonebrake

Many new details have been added to the Wichita Jr. Academy this year and progress is being made. The building and grounds are getting a face lift with the addition of new stage curtains and sound system, a sprinkler system for the lawn, new shelves for the library built by Don Bartholomew, repair work being done on the playground equipment by Larry Bennett and Dr. Wayne Baybrook, and the heating system cleaned and repaired.



Lundene Wright discussing class schedules and offerings with a student's mother.

Another new item this year will be the addition of a 10th grade class. This year's ninth grade will have six students, which makes a total enrollment of 52 students.



Randy Wright helping two students.

Also new this year will be Mrs. Betty Hilliard, who will teach grades one through three. She came to Wichita from Helen Hyatt Elementary school in

Lincoln, Nebraska. Returning teachers will be Richard Wright, principal and teacher of ninth and tenth grades; Lyndene Wright, seventh and eighth grade teacher; Randy Wright, teaching grades four through six; and Sharon Long, who will be teaching general music, band, choir, and giving private lessons.

Children Dedication

By Avis Taylor

Wilbur Burton, pastor of the Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church recently dedicated 7 children. Mrs. Daniel Gillham of Keene, Texas had her infant son, Brendon, and his brother, Denver, dedicated. At the same time, Mrs. Steve Tiffany of Riley, Kansas, presented her infant daughter Kristin Lee, and Kristin's two brothers, Shane and Shawn for dedication. Mrs. Gillham and Mrs. Tiffany are sisters and are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Zeller, of Manhattan, Kansas.



L. to R. Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Watters and Jessica, Pastor Burton holding Kristin Lee with Kristin's brothers Shane and Shawn standing, Mrs. Gillham holding Brendon, and Mrs. Tiffany holding Denver Gillham.



Mr. & Mrs. Nam Wong Oh, daughter Elizabeth Kim, and Pastor Wilbur Burton.

Elizabeth Kim, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nam Wong Oh, of the Kansas State University Campus also was dedicated.

The youngest baby dedicated was Jessica, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Watters. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ramesbotham of Manhattan, Kansas, are the grandparents of baby Jessica.

Avis Taylor is communication secretary for the Manhattan SDA Church.

The Adventist Health System In Mid-America

A report on the church's health care institutions in a changing society.

Health.

Everybody wants it.

Some people spend most of their lives trying to attain good health. Others didn't know they enjoyed good health until they lost it.

Our concern for health is often expressed in everyday conversation.

"How are you?" often implies, "How are you feeling?" or "How's your health?"

The response will likely touch on health. "Fine, thank you." "Better today than yesterday." "I feel lousy."

There's nothing new in such conversations. But there does appear to be a new—or renewed—interest today in health needs.

Increasingly, people are becoming committed to practices that preserve health, including what they can do for themselves and what the health care industry can do for them.

This unprecedented attention to health has placed institutions and professionals providing health care under the sharp scrutiny of public awareness.

Compounding the pressures of such attention is a constant stream of valuable new data and new technologies flowing into the health care field.

The problem—especially for those units standing alone—is how to assimilate and put to practical use this new information.

Added to this is a myriad of other problems: government and industry regulations, recruiting and retaining competent staff, inflation and adjustment to procedural changes.

All of this can strain the operation of a health care facility trying to stand alone.

The system concept—which re-

duces the complexities of health care management—is becoming recognized as a requirement for survival. To keep up, maintain cost controls and assure quality care are virtually impossible for many hospitals and related services caught standing alone.

Recognizing these needs for strengthening, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has established the Adventist Health System, which is operated in geographical systems for managing its health care facilities.



The chapel at Moberly Regional Medical Center, Moberly, Mo., provides a central focus for patients and visitors. The center was completed and dedicated this spring.

Adventist Health System/Eastern and Middle America, headquartered in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, has been among the leaders in this structural reorganization.

"The Adventist Health System

has combined management expertise with professionalism in its services to achieve what we believe is the leading edge in health care," reports J. Russell Shawver, AHS/EMA president.

"Retaining the best in human relations from yesterday, coupling that with the advanced technologies of today and planning realistically for tomorrow are the ingredients that continue to make our system strong and appreciated," he says.

Through AHS/EMA, Adventist health care management has expanded rapidly in Middle America. Within the nine states comprising the Mid-America Union Conference, Adventist Health System maintains 14 member hospitals. Two institutions—McNamara Hospital and Nursing Home in Fairplay, Colo., and Boudle City Hospital in Boudle, S.D.—joined the system in August.

"In these enterprises, we have built or enlarged several prominent regional centers and numerous smaller hospitals," Shawver explains. "Each of these experiences is a success story in itself."

One of AHS/EMA's recent shining successes has been Moberly Regional Medical Center, a new, 110-bed hospital in north-central Missouri.

In 1978, this farming community of 14,000 faced the delicate problem of unifying the boards of two outdated hospitals in the construction of a new hospital.

For more than 10 years, community leaders, physicians and other concerned citizens had worked to achieve a merger between the two institutions—one an osteopathic facility, the other allopathic. Although located only eight blocks apart, the two hospitals were far divided in philosophies and practices.

But the two facilities did face a number of shared problems.

Other than the need to replace old buildings, the hospitals served a slow growing area; they faced competition from major institutions within an hour's drive from Moberly; they realized a shortage of new technical equipment and services as well as qualified staff. Staggering inflation had carved inroads in profitability, and operating losses resulted from a high demand for charity care and short-fall reimbursement for services.

The outlook changed in August 1978 when the board of directors of Community Memorial Hospital, the osteopathic facility, invited the Adventist Health System to take over their operation, pending the system's obtaining a certificate of need for a replacement hospital.

AHS/EMA responded to the challenge.

Three months later Moberly's original hospital, Woodland, joined the effort and became a part of the Adventist corporation.

Today MRMC, housed in its striking new \$14-million facility, serves the citizens of Moberly and the surrounding three-county area of about 35,000 residents.

The hospital provides a tangible reminder of the influence of the Adventist church in this rural community. Physicians and staff adhere to the two-fold approach to healing. Advanced technology is administered with compassion-

ate service to meet the needs of the whole person.

The results have been dramatic.

"Moberly had a little run-down clapboard church with only 13 regular members," Shawver recalls. "It was a tough selling job to go in there and tell them how good the Adventist Health System was and what great things we could do for them, when they only had to look across the street and see this deteriorating meetinghouse.

"Now, after we've acquired the hospitals, they're having Sabbath attendance of well over 100. Last year they started a church school. The whole atmosphere of the community has changed."

This is not a change recognized by only the Adventist community. Leading Moberly citizens have paid heed to MRMC's impact.

"(The Adventists) used their knowledge, experience and expertise, common sense, community input, and turned what seemed a hopeless situation into the pride of the community," says Don W. Orscheln, president of ORBCO, Inc. "I would recommend the Adventist Health System group as trustworthy, competent and dedicated. In addition, this group (is) pledged to the service of humanity and love because of their faith and devotion to Jesus Christ and His way."

Moberly is not an isolated case. Similar success stories are being



The Moberly (Mo.) Regional Medical Center

recorded in Mid-America and throughout the entire Adventist Health System agencies.

In Brighton, Colo., citizens are witnessing major construction of Brighton Community Hospital. When AHS/EMA took ownership of the hospital a short time ago, plans were made immediately to bring it up to AHS standards.

Through careful nurturing by AHS's Porter Memorial Hospital in Denver, Brighton Community is now in a position to offer excellent health services—in quality and quantity—that it could not provide when standing alone.

"In the last three years in Mid-America, we have increased our facilities from three to 14," notes Shawver.

"Movement is exciting, and it's exciting everybody. The conference presidents are excited. The members are excited. There are lots of rural and smaller hospitals that are in poor condition and are finally becoming receptive to some kind of change."

Adventist Health System is riding the crest of a merger wave that has been sweeping the health care industry during the last quarter century.

Combined, AHS's four regional hospital corporations comprise



The new AHS/EMA corporate headquarters building is located in Shawnee Mission, Kan., adjacent to Kansas City.

the nation's largest non-profit, non-government multihospital system. It includes some 75 facilities with nearly 10,000 beds, a budget of \$700 million, and 38,000 employees.

According to statistics compiled by *Modern Healthcare* magazine in its fourth annual survey

earlier this year, Adventist systems rank first, second and fourth among all Protestant multihospital systems.

"The AHS/EMA management approach is one of cooperative strength," Shawver says. "The hospitals in the system operate with substantial independence, but benefit from a wide range of services none could have in either quantity or quality if standing alone."

The first seeds for formation of a cooperative system to manage health care in the United States were sown in 1966 when Congress thrust a newborn Medicare plan into the unwilling arms of the medical community.

"We screamed and kicked because we saw in Medicare the heavy hand of regulators who would tell us what we could and couldn't do," recalls Shawver.

Hospitals saw other worries coming into focus: the proliferation of various professions that met in the hospitals; the emergence of hospitals as larger, more complex institutions; the growth of health planning and prepayment plans such as Blue Cross; and the increasing demands placed upon Adventist church administrators.

"Adventists have long talked about the chain of hospitals that the church owned," explains Shawver. "But as a matter of fact, they weren't a chain, and they weren't owned by the church. They were operated by the church, but by separate boards with a lot of autonomy."

"Seeing the clouds on the horizon, we began to feel that if we were going to be in this business in the future, we had better develop a mode where we could compete or else we were going to be out of business."

In 1972, hospital administrators presented their concerns to the Annual Council in Mexico City, and received authorization to develop health care corporations along union conference lines.

Administrators moved to develop a group medical malprac-

tice and general liability insurance program. Adventist hospitals now pay premiums of only 75 percent of what other hospitals are paying, and are saving millions of dollars.

Another program that expanded nationally was the development of a joint purchasing program which saves millions of additional dollars each year through volume discounts.

This buying service, located in Glendale, Calif., spends \$165 million annually on supplies for 11,559 hospital beds in 85 institutions in the United States, and saves a projected \$30 million each year. By using this service an individual hospital like Moberly Regional Medical Center can save nearly 5 percent of its operating budget, or in this case about \$286,000 annually.

By 1978, the General Conference had authorized regional health care systems, leading to the four systems operated in the United States today. Mid-America merged with the Columbia Union system in 1979 to become AHS/EMA.

This system operates 24 health care facilities in 16 states and the District of Columbia—from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Coast—with a combined budget of more than a quarter-billion dollars. Under the AHS/EMA umbrella also are organizations such as a home nursing service.

In addition to the advantages of group insurance and purchasing programs, a number of other benefits accrue to the system concept of hospital management.

—Uniform statements and identical financial indicators help hospital managers compare their performances in home regions with similar hospitals and with all Adventist hospitals.

—Improved recruitment procedures have aided in the hiring of physicians, technicians, nurses and other support staff. Group retirement plans, in-service training programs, exposure to research facilities and other employee benefits have reduced turnover.

—New, more effective market-

ing strategies are bringing long-developed health education programs to a broader segment of the community.

—Shared resources and experiences among member institutions have sped hospital construction, cut building costs and eased transitional periods.

For example, Moberly Regional Medical Center utilized the architectural and construction firms employed by Shawnee Mission Medical Center in building their new facilities. The job was completed efficiently and under budget by some \$37,000.

When AHS/EMA acquired a small hospital in Greybull, Wyo., the administrator had difficulty in hiring enough nurses to staff the facility. Porter Memorial Hospital in Denver offered its nurses to do temporary duty in Greybull until the local hospital could hire some permanent people, and the nurses loved it.

“What the corporation has really done is cause a broader perspective that has resulted in better feelings and pride for the

church's hospital system,” Shawver says.

The urge to merge is expected to continue within the health care industry. According to *Modern Healthcare*, as many as 50 percent of the nation's community hospitals will be operated by 25 large multihospital systems within the next five years.

The trend has been set.

Economics and the problem of keeping up with technology will continue to push hospitals, both large and small, toward system affiliation.

The question is, Which system?

Clearly, at no time in history have hospitals been confronted by so many challenges. Health care is in the spotlight.

The public debates whether a hospital should build, expand services, hire more people, buy equipment, make money from the sick or affiliate with a system. Public opinion will continue to play a prominent role in the health care industry.

Adventist Health System/Eastern and Middle America has

developed its policies and practices to help its member institutions meet these challenges with confidence.

AHS/EMA recognizes that every hospital has its own set of problems and opportunities. Accordingly, the system applies strategies to each situation to deliver the best health care and to continue the impetus the medical ministry gives to the Seventh-day Adventist Church's gospel program.

Two facilities lately added to Mid-America's health care group are Memorial Community Hospital, Bertha, Minn. (below) and South Big Horn County Hospital, Greybull, Wyo. (lower picture).



The President's Council as photographed alongside the new corporate offices. Front, J. Russell Shawver, president. From left, the vice presidents: Ronald L. Sackett, Thomas W. Flynn, Charley O. Eldridge, Robert L. Willett, Lamar W. Young, Leonard Marsh, Harry Janke. Janke is vice president for data processing, Marsh is vice president for finance, and Young is vice president for human resources. Eldridge, Flynn, Sackett and Willett are regional vice presidents.

Andersons Return To Minnesota

By Beverly Dickinson

James and Becky Anderson are moving to southern Minnesota, where James will be the pastor of the Albert Lea/Austin district. Again evangelism has paid big dividends. When the couple met at the University of Minnesota at Crookston, Becky was a Catholic and James a Lutheran. During the two years they dated, they visited many churches, trying to find one that was mutually satisfactory. After each had moved to Burlington, Iowa, James found a flyer that Becky had thrown in a garbage can, which led him to take Becky to Elder Bill Waters' evangelistic meetings.



James and Becky Anderson.

Invitations for their wedding had already been sent out when the couple both saw the necessity for taking their stand for the Truth. James wanted to be baptized, but Becky was baffled as to what to do about their wedding. After more studies and much prayer, Becky made her decision to join James in God's remnant church. She sent out new invitations, and the wedding was held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, with Pastor Ernie Dobkins officiating.

James soon felt the call to the ministry and enrolled at Andrews University, where he graduated this August.

Beverly Dickinson is the secretary in the Communication Department, Minnesota Conference.

VBS at Dodge Center

By Betty Knudson

"It was great!" "I had fun." - many such remarks were heard as Community Vacation Bible School drew to a close at the Dodge Center Seventh-day Adventist Church. Under the capable leadership of Marilee McNeilus, the church ladies worked together to provide a very enjoyable week for approximately 50 children with a good 75 percent coming from non-Adventist homes.

Usually the closing program is held

on Friday evening at the church, but this year it was decided to try having the program during the church service on Sabbath morning. Many parents and friends attended the program. Even though the thunder roared outside, the children brought sunshine inside as they sang many songs and repeated verses learned during the week.

Each day provided time for special features. One day Pastor Tim Pierce stressed healthful living with good exercise. During that time he demonstrated the excellent exercise provided in karate. Also, during feature time Marilee McNeilus shared her delightful collection of shells.



Marilee McNeilus sharing her shell collection.



Pastor Tim Pierce demonstrated karate.

To climax the week everyone present at the program was invited to enjoy a lovely fellowship dinner prepared by the church ladies and to view the crafts made by the children. It was fun and the kids were great. A big thank you to all who made the week possible.

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

Smoking Clinic Held at Sandstone

A 5-day Plan to Stop Smoking was held August 2-6 at the nursing home dining room in Sandstone, sponsored by the Community Services of the Hinckley SDA Church.

The clinic began with an attendance of six, and as the program continued, only one person dropped out, while the remaining five completed the course and have all kicked the habit of smoking. A follow-up program was held two weeks later, and all five had still not smoked. Another follow-up meeting will be held September 20 to keep encouraging the people to continue in their resolve to have better health.

Pansy Long was the coordinator. Others who took an active part in the clinic were: Alma Garner, leader of the Community Service Center; Sheila Hall, student who had kicked the habit; Judy Long, anesthetist; Alice Noren, R.N., the teacher from Minneapolis. Pastor Bill Cook and local doctor, Jeff Johnson, and dentist, Mike Bennet, also helped.

Blood pressures were taken by Judy Long the first night and recorded. On the last night Pansy Long took the blood pressures again, and they were surprised and pleased to learn their pressures had dropped.

A family night was held on the fourth evening, in which those in attendance were invited to bring their spouses and children. At the close of each evening's session, an unsweetened fruit drink was served, giving opportunity for those trying to quit to talk of their experiences, feeling, and victories in following the plan.

Those attending the clinic repeatedly expressed praise and thanks for the help and support they received during the 5-day Plan.

Friends and relatives of those who quit are now asking when the next clinic will be held, and also asking us to conduct a stress clinic.

New Pastor in International Falls

By Beverly Dickinson

Minnesota welcomes Scott and Carol Baker with their two boys, Scott (8) and David (7). They have recently moved to the International Falls district from Valley City, North Dakota.

Scott attended Highland View Academy and Columbia Union College, both in Maryland. Carol and Scott met while their fathers were employed in the same area in West Virginia—her father as the church pastor, his father as the school teacher. His father, Don Baker, is now an evangelist in Oklahoma.

Scott has been interested in evangelism for much of his life. After college and while self employed in the Dickinson, North Dakota, area, Scott helped with series of meetings in both North and South Dakota. His first pastorate was in Beach, North Dakota.

Carol is happy to be back in Minnesota, as her father pastored here while she was a teenager, and she still has many happy memories of those days. The Northome Church, now in their district, was once a part of a district her father, Kermit Foss, pastored.

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Left to right: Doug Botimer, assistant dean of men; George Gibson, history; Larry Onsager, head librarian; Keith Riese, engineering; Bruce Lethbridge, English; and LeVerne Bissell, admissions office and Teaching Learning Center.

Not pictured: Rich Carlson, religion; Carol Craig, nursing; Minon Hamm, English; James Hayward, biology; Eldin Ehrlich, development office; Mary Ann Hofmann, accounting; Dan Klein, physical education; Nancy Petta, physical education; Deborah Lethbridge, English; Dixie Patrick, nursing; George Selivanoff, Div. of Business and Consumer Sciences chairman; Melvin West, development; Jiggs Gallagher, college relations director.

Staff, Faculty Newcomers Announced

By Georgia Taggart

Union College is pleased to announce the following outstanding additions to faculty and staff:

A former president of Southeast Asia Union College, DR. LEVERNE BISSELL, will join the Admissions Office and the Teaching Learning Center. Dr. Bissell holds an Ed.D. from Andrews University.

DOUG BOTIMER, who will serve as assistant dean of men, is close to completing a speech major at Walla Walla College. He has been dean of boys at Mt. Ellis Academy in Montana and a student missionary.

RICHARD CARLSON ('73) returns to Union to teach religion, speech and aviation. He has taught Bible at Maplewood and Dakota Adventist academies and is noted for his ability to hold academy classes spellbound.

The Nursing Division will be enriched by the addition of veteran teacher CAROL CRAIG. Mrs. Craig has been a faculty member of several Adventist colleges and most recently was on the nursing staff of Florida Hospital in Orlando.

Joining the Humanities Division to teach history is GEORGE GIBSON. He holds an M.A. from Western State College and is currently completing doctoral work at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, specializing in American business history.

DR. MINON HAMM comes to Union with 15 years' experience in the English Department at Southern Missionary College. She formerly taught for ten years in Latin America.

JAMES HAYWARD, who is complet-

ing a doctorate in zoology from Washington State University will join the Division of Science and Mathematics.

Coordination of fund-raising endeavors in the Lincoln community will be among the duties of ELDIN EHRLICH ('66), who has been appointed special assistant to the president for development. Mr. Ehrlich has an impressive background in Nebraska state government, having served in various capacities with the Nebraska Unicameral from 1969-1976 and later as director of welfare services for the state.

MARY ANN HOFMAN is a recent graduate ('81) who has returned to teach accounting.

Union's physical education program will gain added strength with the addition of DR. DANIEL KLEIN, recently of Andrews University. Dr. Klein, who earned his Ph.D. from Michigan State University, has a particular interest in presenting outreach programs on Christian lifestyle.

A graduate student of Dr. Klein's, NANCY PETTA, will also join the physical education staff. She comes to Union from Dakota Adventist Academy.

DEBORAH and BRUCE LETHBRIDGE come from Scotland to join the Division of Humanities. Mr. and Mrs. Lethbridge are both graduates of Atlantic Union College. She earned her M.A. from Andrews University and is currently an M.A. candidate at the University of Dundee in Scotland, with special interests in 19th and 20th century English literature.

The new library director is LARRY ONSAGER, former interim library director at La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University. He has earned a B.S.

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from the University of Wisconsin and an M.Lib. from the University of Washington.

KEITH RIESE comes to Union from Memphis to teach engineering. Mr. Riese is a graduate of Walla Walla College and earned his master's degree at Oregon State University.

DIXIE PATRICK ('80) is another addition to the fine nursing staff. She returns after a year at Porter Memorial Hospital to teach a course in Medical Surgical.

DR. GEORGE SELIVANOFF, (see *Outlook*, September 3) is the new chairman of the Division of Business and Consumer Sciences.

The Alumni and Development offices have been combined under the direction of DR. MELVIN WEST. Dr. West was chairman of the Music Department at Walla Walla College for several years and previous to that was on the music faculty at Atlantic Union College. He is a 1952 graduate of Andrews University and completed advanced degrees at the University of Redlands and Boston University. Before coming to Union, Dr. West was the minister of music at the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church.

JIGGS GALLAGHER has been appointed director of college relations. Last year he taught English and was public information officer at Union. He graduated from Columbia Union College and holds an M.S. from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. He was formerly assistant director of communication for the General Conference and director of public relations for the *It Is Written* telecast.

Georgia Taggart is a writer for the College Relations office.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Hospital Ministry Seminar in Buffalo

A three-hour seminar on Hospital Ministry was held in Buffalo, Wyoming at the Johnson County Memorial Hospital recently, with 18 pastors from 11 different denominations in attendance.

This special instructional program was sponsored by the Buffalo Ministerial Association to provide added training for the area pastors in ministry to the sick.

The seminar was conducted by Chaplain Ed Christian, Director of Chaplaincy Services at Porter Memorial Hospital, Denver, Colorado. Travel expenses for Chaplain Christian were paid by Porter Hospital, and a noon meal was provided for participating ministers by the Johnson County Memorial Hospital.

Wayne Nazareus, pastor of the Buffalo Seventh-day Adventist Church and current president of the Ministerial Association, initiated a Volunteer Hospital Chaplaincy program in Buffalo early this year as a service of the Ministerial Association. He also arranged for the seminar to be held in Buffalo.

The Chaplaincy Service was set up in cooperation with the hospital administration to give an added dimension to total patient care. Each participating minister serves for one week on a rotating schedule.

Pastor Nazareus says that a recent note he received in the mail demonstrates the value of hospital ministry:

"Dear Pastor Nazareus:

It's been a year since my friend and I were involved in a car accident between Buffalo and Kaycee, Wyoming, and I've been meaning for nearly as long to write you a note thanking you for stopping in to see me during the two weeks I was in the Buffalo Hospital.

Your brief visits and prayers meant an awful lot to me. I needed to be reminded of God's presence then—I felt pretty far away from Him then.

Thank you for your time and your care—I was only a stranger to you, but God worked through you to remind me He was still there, still caring."

Pueblo Baits Hook for Gospel Fishing

The Pueblo Church has begun a well-organized "Gospel Fishing" Expedition.

Two different "baits" are being used. One is the IT IS WRITTEN television program. The other is an offer for a free Bible course.

Each viewer of IT IS WRITTEN who calls in to request the free offer of the day is sent a letter offering a free Bible course. Every two weeks 1,000 cards are sent to 1,000 different addresses in the city offering a free Bible course. These cards are obtained free of charge from the Personal Ministries Department of the Rocky Mountain Conference. These, then, are the "baits" used in Gospel Fishing.

Are the fish biting? Out of each 1,000 cards sent, an average of 10 requests come for the Bible studies offered. These along with the requests received from the IT IS WRITTEN viewers are considered the "nibblers". These "nibblers" are contacted by a church member "fisherman" specially trained by the pastor, who starts them on a short mail-in set of lessons. Two of the ten who returned the card and requested the Bible study course will work on the lessons and complete the course, and are considered real "bites". The "nibblers and bites" are contacted twice during the series of mail-in lessons (the lessons are mailed to the church and corrected there) and upon completion of the lessons a diploma is delivered.

It is on this third contact that the "hook is set" when an attempt is made to start a series of personal Bible studies.

The "Gospel Fishing Program" has been in operation for only 90 days. How's the fishing? Well worth the effort!

Thirty persons are involved in a regular study program with the mail-in lessons. Five persons are taking personal Bible studies. Two persons are attending church as the result of this fishing expedition!!

There is a lot of work involved. There needs to be a whole group of willing fishermen. There must be a well-organized program — but isn't that what the "Master Fisherman" came to earth to teach us? The Pueblo Church is rejoicing in the rewards of "Gospel Fishing".

Stoia and Martin to Teach Home Nutrition Course

The Home Nutrition Instructors' Course will be taught at Glacier View Ranch, Colorado, November 1-5, 1981. The instructors for this course will be Dr. Rose Stoia and Norene Martin, who direct the Community Health Nutrition program at Kettering Memorial Hospital, Kettering, Ohio.

These ladies are well-equipped from experience and educational background to give the reasons behind the interest of Adventists in nutrition and

food preparation. Their 30 hours of instruction and demonstrations will prepare one to conduct healthful food preparation and nutrition classes in their home churches and communities.

The Rocky Mountain Conference is providing lodging in the lodge at Glacier View Ranch. Registration and book fees (\$40.00); meals (\$30.00); and transportation should be cared for by the individual or the church that may wish to sponsor one or more of its members to receive this valuable training.

100th Birthday Celebration at Eden Valley Sanitarium

By Linda Tatum

Florence Clark, born in 1881 in the Sahon Valley in Switzerland, celebrated her 100th birthday on June 28 with all her friends at Eden Valley Sanitarium. She was surprised and excited with her party which included a 3-foot birthday card signed by friends and staff members, a corsage, a heart-shaped birthday cake, and lots of attention from friends, staff members, and the Loveland Reporter-Herald press photographer.



Her parents were Peter and Louise Bruchez. Grandma Clark, as she is known to everyone at Eden Valley, has two children in the Denver-Boulder area. A long-time resident of Boulder, she moved to Eden Valley Sanitarium in 1974.

Linda Tatum is Sabbath School Superintendent for the Eden Valley Church.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Golden Service Center Opens

There is a new Community Service Center in Golden, Colorado. The new center is located in the beautiful gymnasium building on the grounds of the Golden Church. The upper floor of this building has been built to accommodate, in a most efficient way, the needs of this northwestern Denver area community.

To celebrate the opening of this center, Elder and Mrs. M. B. Swena came from Louisiana. Many years ago the Swenas and Mrs. Weddle gave strong leadership to this portion of the work of the church that reaches out to care for the needs of others in a physical way. The love demonstrated by Mrs. Weddle in the operation of a day care center for small children, and in all other aspects of her life, has left an indelible mark on this community. "It is a pleasure to go Ingathering in Golden," stated Pastor Henry Barron, "because of the impression made by Mrs. Weddle, the Swenas and other faithful members of the church."

The Swenas were once very active laymen in the Golden Church, but moved away many years ago. In recent years Brother Swena has become an ordained minister in the church and now serves pastorates in Louisiana. Presently retired, they still actively serve their church as needed.

The new center has been named the "SWENA, WEDDLE MEMORIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER."



The new center is housed in the upper floor of the gymnasium building on the church grounds.



Elder and Mrs. Swena and Pastor Henry Barron at the opening celebration of the new Golden, Colorado Community Service Center.

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Minnesota Native Settles in Wadena

By Beverly Dickinson

After seventeen years Tom Lighthall has returned to reside in Minnesota. Tom and his wife, Sharon, have three boys: Andrew, age 11; James, age 8; and Peter, age 5. They have moved from Calgary, in Alberta, Canada, to pastor the Wadena district.

After graduating from Southern Missionary College, Tom spent four years as a teacher in Georgia. From there he moved to the Chicago area to become the principal of a church school. Canada became their next move, as he accepted the call to Edmonton as a teacher. Reaching people to give them help in finding the Lord took much of his spare time, and when numerous baptisms followed, the conference officials asked him to spend his full time in soul winning. This he has done for the past two years.

Tom feels it is a privilege and opportunity to come back to Minnesota,



Tom and Sharon Lighthall with three boys: Andrew, James and Peter.

where the beautiful lakes and the friendly people are still of great inter-

est to him. Most of all he is happy to be near his parents, Pastor and Mrs. Byron Lighthall, of Bemidji.

Beverly Dickinson is the secretary in the Communication Department, Minnesota Conference.

MOVING?

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Noted Author's Project Sunlight Reaches Half-million in Sales

Project Sunlight, the Review and Herald's missionary book for 1981, has set sales records for new book releases, with sales approaching the half-million mark a year after its release.

The book tells the story of Meg Adams, a young divorced mother searching for God. Meg is seen compassionately through the eyes of Celestial Penman Jared, who wants to record one person's reaction to the sin environment. Because of his hope for this bitter woman, Jared calls her Sunlight. And so his project, to watch Sunlight in her struggle, takes Jared over several Earth years.

In believable dialogue we overhear, with Jared, Sunlight's spiritual growth. In the listening, in our fascination with the story, we learn and grow ourselves. It becomes clear that love is the only authentic way to approach non-Christians. Perhaps that is why this book was chosen missionary book of the year—it teaches us, without making the teaching obvious.

June Strong, author of *Project Sunlight*, is also noted for her *Journal of a Happy Woman, Mindy*, and for her columns in *These Times* magazine.

New Devotional Messages On Cassette Tapes

Pacific Press is preparing special devotional messages for each day of the year on cassette tapes—six 60-minute cassettes for a three-month period. Sets for the first quarter of 1982 will be available in your Adventist Book Center by October 15. Succeeding quarters' tapes will be available two months before the beginning of each new quarter.

Each devotional lasts about four minutes. There is a hymn by a Chapel Record artist, an appropriate text of Scripture, a devotional thought, and a prayer.

TV Ministry Needs Friendly People

The Faith For Today television ministry plans to establish a network of "Faith Associates" throughout North America, according to Gerald Hardy, FFT field services director.

"These would be persons we could contact when there's a need for a personal visit in their territory," he explains. "You don't have to know how to give a Bible study to be a 'Faith Associate'."

In the mail there are often letters from people who simply need someone to talk to. "The 'Faith Associate' is a person we can ask to visit or phone one of these people", says Hardy.

All applications will be screened. For more information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Faith Associates, Faith For Today, Box 320, Newbury Park, CA 91320.

Quiet Hour's Child Care Program

The Quiet Hour "Child Care Program" arranges sponsorships for millions of little people who need food, clothes and a chance to learn. For an elementary-aged child, \$15 a month from a sponsor will furnish

education fees, health care, two uniforms, a pair of shoes, books and two meals per day. Twenty-five dollars will provide for a high school student, and \$40 will pay half the costs for a college student.

Nearly 1,000 children have been claimed, but 900 more are waiting. Countries involved to date are India, the Philippines, Central America and Africa. The program was developed by Ron Smith.



Sharon Bird

A folder with a child's picture, information and an application blank is available. Write The Quiet Hour, Redlands, CA 92373.

"It is such a nice feeling to have one of them as your responsibility," states Sharon Bird, director of the program.

Review and Herald Breaks Ground at New Hagerstown Site

The Review and Herald Publishing Association personnel met in their chapel on Thursday, June 25, to witness the signing of the contract with Dalsemer, Catzen and Associates, Inc., a construction consulting firm, authorizing them to begin site preparation for the new Review and Herald plant in Hagerstown, Maryland.



Three days later, on June 28, nearly 400 people gathered at the Hagerstown site for the historic groundbreaking ceremonies. Plans now call for the factory to be finished by October, 1982.

HIGHLIGHTS

Andrews University Confers 529 Degrees

In its largest graduation ever, Andrews University conferred degrees on 529 people in June. Students from the Mid-America Union included: Dean Johnson, Wanda Wohlfeil and Gregorio Vargas of Minnesota; Lynn Schlisner of South Dakota; Michael Andersen and Garold Wagner of Kansas; and Ricky Brock of Colorado.

This was the 102nd graduation ceremony for the university which began in 1874.



Ellen Hardin, Hosanna House manager, gives Milton Peverini, speaker for La Voz de la Esperanza radiobroadcast, a complimentary copy of the Four Gospels he taped from the easy-to-understand Spanish translation of the Bible, VERSION POPULAR. The set of seven cassettes will be sold by Hosanna House, the Voice of Prophecy marketing division.

Philanthropy Conference For Adventists

The second triennial Conference on Philanthropy for Adventist Institutions in North America was held for development directors June 8-10 at Southwestern Adventist College in Keene, Texas. Five professionals from the Mid-America Union registered representing Union College and Boulder, Moberly, and Shawnee Mission hospitals. E. S. Reile, president of the Mid-America Union, was also in attendance.

Since the first conference in 1978 the number of development professionals at Adventist colleges and hospitals has tripled. The amount of voluntary support from foundations and corporations alone has more than doubled—from \$2.2 million in 1978 to \$4.8 million in 1980.

For Your Schools

Supplementary materials for use in the classroom are sometimes found among those already produced for another purpose by the Church or some of its members. Quality material is gained at some savings in this way, even though purchase might seem to involve a stiff price.

One of the most valuable such

accomplishments recently took place with the conversion of "Mission Spotlight" segments to social studies units. They are referred to in the union textbook and materials list that all teachers have. What better way to bring a broader view of our church work right into the curriculum! Has your school ordered some?

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Loma Linda University is preparing *A Sourcebook of Research on the Seventh-day Adventists*. This document will contain an annotated bibliography of a wide range of studies related to the Adventist Church. Such information is invaluable to church administrators, pastors, scholars, and laymen. If you are aware of any studies that study Adventists, or examine some aspect of the church activities, kindly send a copy of the study, an abstract, or the reference, to the following address. Your cooperation in this important project is appreciated.

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WEDDINGS

Haas-Dupper

Susan Haas and Robert Dupper were wed June 7th at Piedmont Park Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. She is the daughter of Elder and Mrs. Norman Haas of Grand Island, Nebraska. Robert's parents are Dr. and Mrs. Harold H. Dupper of Fort Collins, Colorado. Both attended Union College and are spring graduates, Susan with an associate degree in secretarial science, and Robert with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. They will reside in Loma Linda, California while Robert continues with studies in medicine.

Beans-McCrain

Cathy Sue Beans and Clark McCrain were wed in the Fort Collins Church on May 24 by Elder Allan Williamson. Cathy is a nursing student at Union College and Clark is taking education at Union College, but they are leaving in August for Japan and will be serving as student missionaries for one year. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beans of Fort Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCrain of Delta, Colorado.

Nelson-Sellers

Susan C. Nelson of Lincoln, Nebraska and Thorban R. Sellers of Yuba City, California were united in matrimony by Elder Ward Hill at the College View Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska on July 12. They are living in Lincoln and both are working at the Harris Pine Mills. They are students at Union College.

Spomer-Dupper

Campion Academy Church in Loveland, Colorado was the setting for the wedding of Connie Spomer and Ronald Dupper on July 5. They are May graduates of Union College. Connie has a degree in accounting and Ronald in health science. Connie is the daughter of Mrs. Alice Spomer of Loveland and Ronald is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold H. Dupper of Fort Collins, Colorado. They are making their home in Westminster, Colorado. Connie is working in Denver as an accountant and Ronald is going to attend the Community College and study respiratory therapy.

Beans-Mercer

July 12th Connie Beans and Tim Mercer exchanged wedding vows in the Fort Collins Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beans of Fort Collins, and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clive Mercer of Merriam, Kansas. Connie was taking nursing at Union College and will be finishing at Loma Linda, California. Tim is a May graduate of Union College, receiving a degree in chemistry and is now attending Loma Linda University where he is studying medicine. Elder Allan Williamson officiated at the ceremony.

Kiefer-Shankel

Helen Kiefer and Stewart Shankel were united in marriage by Elder Ward Scriven in an outdoor setting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Kiefer in Fort Collins, Colorado on July 26. Stewart's parents

are Drs. Stewart and Elaine Shankel of Reno, Nevada. Helen and Stewart both attended and graduated this spring from Walla Walla College in Washington. Helen received her degree in recreational therapy and Stewart received his in electrical engineering. They will be making their home at Lafayette, Indiana, as Stewart has been awarded a scholarship to a Master's program at Purdue University and will also be teaching in the electrical engineering department there.

OBITUARIES

SWENSON, Clara, was born on April 14, 1908, in Michigan, and died August 3, 1981, at Hemet, California. She was a member of the Fergus Falls SDA Church at one time and was presently a member of California. A graveside service was held at Oak Grove Cemetery in Fergus Falls by Pastor B. J. Furst. Surviving is her husband Helmer Swenson, three sons and one daughter.

YOUNGS, Mary Frances, was born March 5, 1891 at Aledo, Illinois, the only child of Frederick A. Marsh and Rose Witherholt Marsh. She attended Fox River Academy near Sheridan, Illinois, graduating in 1911. She entered Emanuel Missionary College (Andrews University) at Berrien Springs, Michigan, where she qualified to teach school. Later she attended Hinsdale Sanitarium to study nursing, and while there met and married Paul Youngs. Paul preceded her in death in 1949. Surviving are: Leslie P. Youngs, M.D. of Eureka, California, Raymond F., and Gladwyn (Jack) Youngs both of Lincoln, Nebraska, five grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Services were conducted by Elder Elmer Hagen at the College View Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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| | Oct 2 | Oct 9 | Oct 16 | Oct 23 |
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| Denver, CO | 6:41 | 6:30 | 6:20 | 6:10 |
| Grand Junction, CO | 6:56 | 6:45 | 6:35 | 6:25 |
| Cedar Rapids, IA | 6:47 | 6:35 | 6:24 | 6:13 |
| Des Moines, IA | 6:55 | 6:43 | 6:32 | 6:22 |
| Dubuque, IA | 6:43 | 6:31 | 6:20 | 6:09 |
| Sioux City, IA | 7:06 | 6:54 | 6:42 | 6:32 |
| Topeka, KS | 7:04 | 6:53 | 6:43 | 6:33 |
| Duluth, MN | 6:47 | 6:34 | 6:20 | 6:08 |
| Internl. Falls, MN | 6:51 | 6:37 | 6:23 | 6:10 |
| Minneapolis, MN | 6:52 | 6:40 | 6:27 | 6:16 |
| Rochester, MN | 6:49 | 6:37 | 6:25 | 6:14 |
| St. Cloud, MN | 6:56 | 6:43 | 6:30 | 6:18 |
| Kansas City, MO | 7:00 | 6:49 | 6:39 | 6:29 |
| St. Louis, MO | 6:43 | 6:32 | 6:22 | 6:12 |
| Lincoln, NE | 7:08 | 6:56 | 6:45 | 6:35 |
| Scottsbluff, NE | 6:35 | 6:23 | 6:12 | 6:01 |
| Bismarck, ND | 7:21 | 7:08 | 6:55 | 6:42 |
| Devils Lake, ND | 7:13 | 6:59 | 6:46 | 6:33 |
| Fargo, ND | 7:06 | 6:52 | 6:39 | 6:26 |
| Williston, ND | 7:32 | 7:18 | 7:05 | 6:52 |
| Huron, SD | 7:12 | 7:00 | 6:48 | 6:36 |
| Pierre, SD | 7:21 | 7:08 | 6:56 | 6:45 |
| Rapid City, SD | 6:32 | 6:19 | 6:07 | 5:56 |
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