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President
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JESUS IS THE BRIDGE

Crisscrossing our great nation, millions of concrete ribbons lace their way, linking metropolis to metropolis, small town to country lane. Appreciation for these engineering feats is attested to by the ever increasing numbers of motorists running hither and thither, day and night. From the massive four-lane turnpikes with their intricate interchanges to the meandering dust roads, travelers find their destinations.

Men continue to run to and fro despite the attendant peril of such travel from the annoying fender benders to the multi-vehicle crashes that maim and kill. Ofttimes even the highway itself is the instrument of death. Most recently, travelers on Connecticut's I-95 plunged to their deaths as they attempted to cross a bridge linking New York State to New England.

It is a simple matter to draw spiritual applications from this. But do we not as Christians have a greater responsibility? Such events should urge us more and more to the needs of a firm witnessing program so that souls caught unawares can be certain of traveling on the "right road." No one could have a greater assignment than to let the light of God's love shine through us to the sin-darkened paths of this world to untangle the maze and point lost souls to Jesus—The Bridge Over Troubled Waters. He is the way.

Acts 4:12 tells us: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

May I urge you to reaffirm your calling by the words of an unknown poet:

You are called with a holy calling
The light of the world to be,
To lift up the lamp of the gospel
That others the light may see.*

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Couples Volunteer Program is in full operation

RUSSELL H. ARGENT

"This place is kind," said one visitor. "There are some hospitals that move you around as if you weren't a real person."

The comment reflects appreciation for the new Couples Volunteer Program at Washington Adventist Hospital (Takoma Park, Maryland), launched last year and now in full operation.

Sponsored by the pastoral care department, the program allows volunteer couples from area Adventist churches to offer their services to nurses and patients each Sabbath from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

"These folks are cheerful and helpful, and they perform a useful service," said nurse Florence Shanko. "When you are busy they help to relieve pressures."

The hospital staff is reduced as much as possible on Sabbath. Only the most necessary duties are performed, yet quality patient care must be maintained.

"Many patients are amazed that people are willing to come in on their day off to devote time and talent to the Lord as well as to the hospital," said assistant chaplain Frank Bondurant.

Donna and Glenn Beagles, employed by the Review and Herald, participated in the program before transferring to Hagerstown, Maryland. "I like the one-to-one contact with people," said Glenn.

One Sabbath, after wheeling a discharged patient to the hospital's

front door, the taxi was "providentially" delayed, Glenn later recounted. As a result, Glenn was able to witness for Christ. By the time the taxi did arrive, Glenn had answered several questions about the beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists.

Meanwhile, Donna was making beds, escorting patients to X-ray, and helping visitors find the different patient units. "There are people who enter the lobby and look lost," she said. "A smile, along with directions, can put a visitor, new to

the hospital, at ease."

Another volunteer commented that, "holding the hand of an elderly patient who is to have an X-ray can bring a blessing to me as well as to the individual."

Minnie Coe, a member of the Spencerville church, a cultured Bolivian lady, and retired from working at the United Nations, agreed. "I get a blessing helping others," she said, "and also realize I am fortunate to have such good health."

Takoma Park church members, Gay and Fred Case, get an appreciative "thank you" as Fred wheels a patient to his hospital unit and Gay answers the telephone. "I like to be useful," said Fred, "and at the same time feel I am serving the Lord."

The couple volunteers write letters, discharge patients, serve meals, walk with patients, make beds, and run errands, while demonstrating practical Christianity.

"The volunteer host couples' project has been accepted as a valuable addition to the hospital program," said Joseph Blahovich, director of pastoral care at the hospital. "Future plans are to continue to educate and train so that volunteers might serve even more effectively."

Thirty church members have given their services. More are welcome. If you would like to join the program and share in the satisfaction of community service, call the pastoral care office, Washington Adventist Hospital, (301) 891-5265. ☆



Glenn Dalby

Barbara Wuerstlin, Takoma Park church, chats with a patient before her husband, Oscar, wheels her to her room.

Russell H. Argent is an assistant in the community relations department at Washington Adventist Hospital.

Chesapeake youth give time to others

Nearly 25 earliteens, attending the Chesapeake camp meeting, reached out to be of service to the community around the Highland View Academy campgrounds on June 22, when they set aside a "Day For Others." The young people did yard work for a senior citizen, cleaned used brick for a community resident whose father had recently died, presented flowers and songs to residents of two nursing homes, and even worked on the camp meeting grounds. Earliteen pastors, Dave Miller (Harrington-Seaford), Dave Huber (Baltimore First-Towson), and Charles Disney (Frederick), were appreciative of all whose sponsorship purchased the supplies used in this outreach project.



Pastor Dave Huber and his crew of earliteens clean a senior citizen's yard.



Pastor Disney's singing group stops for a break between nursing home performances.



Brick-cleaning crew work on cleaning used bricks.



Collecting litter on Highland View's campgrounds is back-bending work.



The new Church of the Oranges, located at 270 Reynolds Terrace, Orange, New Jersey, formerly was a temple used by three Jewish congregations.



President M. C. Van Putten (right) and Treasurer B. W. Mann, of the Allegheny East Conference, take the morning offering.

Church of the Oranges officially opens

OWEN TROY

Members of the Church of the Oranges, one of the fastest growing churches in the North American Division, recently conducted a week-long celebration of formal opening services.

Representatives of the civic, business, and religious community, and the former owners of the church building, were present on the opening Sabbath for the formal presentation services. Meade Van Putten, president of the Allegheny East Conference, made the presentation.

Speakers for the nightly services held during the week included W. O. Coe, Columbia Union Conference president; B. L. Archbold, former president of the Inter-American Division; Wintley Phipps, east coast representative for Oakwood College; Samuel Meyers, General Conference Ministerial and Stewardship Association; Samuel Thomas, director of Sabbath school and personal ministries for the Columbia Union; Walter Pearson, pastor of the North Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) church; C. D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference; and Luther Palmer, executive secretary of the Columbia Union.

Owen Troy is an associate director of the General Conference Communication Department.

A membership growth of more than 500 percent in a period of five years (the church was officially organized in April 1978) made it necessary for the members to search for a new building to worship in. In 1978 the membership was 55; today it is nearly 300.

The newly-acquired facility, which was formerly the Congregation Beth Torah Temple, was being used by three Jewish congregations when an East Orange member remembered seeing it and thinking it would be excellent for her church to worship in.

The building, which was ap-

praised at one and one-half million dollars, cost the Orange members only \$570,000. According to Pastor Harold L. Lu, the plant has sufficient Sabbath school rooms along with rooms for a library, Community Services center, day-care center, and a banquet area with kitchen facilities.

The congregation had raised \$110,000 toward the building fund before 1981; now with the assistance of the Columbia Union Revolving Fund, they have refinanced the original loan, and the present plan is to pay off the loan in three to four years. ☆



Elder Harold Lee (left) presents a plaque of honor to Dr. Charles Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference and founder of the Church of the Oranges (right), as Judge Andrew McDonald looks on.

Pennsylvania

Sheldon Seltzer, Correspondent

Seventeen kick the smoking habit

Adventists from the Indiana and Johnstown churches were invited recently by the Northern Cambria County Nurses Association to conduct a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. Richard Haas, district pastor, was contacted by Phyllis Conness, association president and a heavy smoker.



Pastor Richard Haas makes an important point.

The plan was successful for her and 16 others, including a Catholic priest. These five sessions were held at a local hospital.

Dr. Mario Ritter, of Johnstown, assisted by non-Adventist physicians, gave answers to questions regarding the effects of smoking on the body. Assisting Pastor Haas in the presentations was Seward (Bud) Layton. Herbert and Goldie Ondrizek were host and hostess. Donna O'Neal



Dr. Nordberg, Spangler Hospital staff surgeon, underscores importance of stopping the use of tobacco.

served by registering participants while husband, Mike, ran the projector.

RUTH SHAFFER
Communication Secretary

New family joins Kingston membership

The baptism of Richard and Dawn Thomas on Sabbath, May 28, was the fourth in a series of baptisms at the Kingston church during the month of May. "It's such a thrill to see a baptism every Sabbath," said one of the long-time members.

Last year the Thomas family began attending a Friday evening study group conducted by one of the lay leaders, Jeanie Olshefski. Shortly afterwards they started to attend church



Pastor Derek Morris stands with Richard and Dawn Thomas in the Kingston church's baptismal tank.

services and prayer meetings. "It's made such a difference in our lives," said Richard.

The Sabbath following their baptism, their two children, Marjorie and Richard, were dedicated to the Lord. What a joy to see a whole new family join with God's people!

As you might well imagine, there is a spirit of optimism and enthusiasm among the members of the Kingston church as they continue their outreach ministry in the Wyoming Valley.

Six Mile Run hosts Spring Federation Meeting

Six Mile Run church enjoyed a first on May 22, when they hosted the Spring Community Services Federation Meeting. Southwestern Pennsylvania leaders came to this small church, in a historic mining community, for planning and inspiration.

George Wennerberg, district pastor, welcomed the nearly 40 community service unit officers and workers present. Joe Huzela, of the newly organized Carmichaels church, offered the invocation prayer. Sheldon Seltzer, conference communication and stewardship director, led the song service.

Richard O'Fill, director of Seventh-day Adventist World Services (SAWS), presented his slide lecture of the SAWS Ministry in Haiti, Dominican Republic, and other sites. These slides showed how serving local needs with local resources has proven to be a

long-term blessing to both the people and the church witness. "People Helping People" is the SAWS slogan for its worldwide ministry.

Dale Aalborg, conference personal ministries director, dialogued with those present as to the importance and need of a caring church. Aalborg encouraged each to follow Christ's example. "Get your hands into unpleasant things," he said, "rather than just those things in which we find no difficulty in preferring. We should be sensitive in our approach in dealing with other people. Look at people through eyes of true caring, not just as prospects to help you or your cause."

The Greensburg, Indiana, Leechburg, Altoona, Everett, Carlisle, Carmichaels, Charleroi, and Pittsburgh Shadyside churches were represented during the day-long meeting. The noon fellowship meal was prepared and served by the Six Mile Run ladies.

Adventist Community Services readiness was tested just before dismissal time when a tornado touched down in Greensburg about 2:30 p.m. It had a low severity rating of two on a scale of one to five. A section of low income apartments was struck and left several families homeless. No lives were lost due to the storm.

Pastor Darrow Foster verified the church's readiness to help to the Red Cross officials of Westmoreland County. One Adventist went as a Red Cross volunteer to assist evacuees the first night. Charleroi and Leechburg service units also offered their services.

Norristown Koreans organize into church

Korean Pastor Dong Ho Kim presented his congregation of 40 members in a formal organizational service as a Seventh-day Adventist Church on May 14, at 4:00 p.m. New Jersey and New York Korean members traveled far to join the Norristown congregation in their consecration service.

Pennsylvania Conference President Fred Thomas spoke on the influence of the Adventist message as it went from America to different people in different lands with different



Five-Day Plan participants get help to fight their battle with tobacco withdrawal.



Left to right: Dong Ho Kim, Korean pastor; Russell Jensen, conference treasurer; Moon Kyung Ko, New Jersey Korean pastor; Mr. Ko, New Jersey choir director; Fred Thomas, conference president; Young Woon Whang, translator; Dong Shim Chung, retired minister; and Keun Suk Oh, New York Korean pastor.



Conference president, Fred Thomas, addresses Korean congregation while Young Woon Whang translates.

cultures. "The unifying effect of the gospel has," he stated, "now come back to extend its influence in America."

Young Woon Whang, the Korean church treasurer, served as translator. Music was provided by the New Jersey Korean church choir and the Korean band. Authentic Korean dishes were served to more than 100 guests and members who were present at the evening meal.

The congregation worships jointly with the Fairview Village congregation in the church sanctuary located on Highway 422 near Norristown. Bernyl Mohr is the host pastor.

Lay Advisory Council takes a look at outreach program

"Our prime objective is the proclamation of the gospel." Fred Thomas, Pennsylvania Conference president, used this statement in welcoming the delegates to the May 15 Lay Advisory meeting.

"The worldwide mission of the church has forced us to look at others, and in so doing we have not concentrated on

ourselves." Thomas' concern is that in "losing our world vision, we now see only our own imperfections and differences. It appears to me that one of our urgent needs is to cultivate a spirit of unity and love among us all."

The activities of the day, under the direction of Eugene Ronning, chairman of the Lay Advisory, underscored the basic outreach attitude and practice of Pennsylvania Adventists. Six rooms in the Harrisburg church were used to give short (15-minute) presentations of lay programs successfully being conducted. The council members were divided into six groups and were rotated through the rooms.

"Breadmake," a one-night learning session on fast, efficient home breadmaking, was presented by Maellene Lang, of Hamburg. Carol Zarska, assisted by Clay Grice, publishing director, encouraged training and follow-up of Home Health Education Service customer paid-up accounts. Approximately 250 names of individuals, who have finished paying for their purchases, are received monthly.

Lay evangelism as an important outreach was presented by Ed Reeser, Allentown. Reeser has recently concluded an evangelistic series in an elementary school cafeteria. An early June baptism was held for three individuals who attended. Reeser attended the General Conference week-long Lay Evangelism Training Seminar conducted by Samuel Monnier.

Monte Sahlin, Allentown pastor, focused the council's

attention on health ministry outreaches such as van ministries, health fair participation, and "Heartbeat" screening activities. "Five-Day Plans," conducted by lay persons, were described by Fred Morgan Jr., of Reading, as "the most simple and rewarding of outreach activities."

Vonnie Reeser, of Allentown, emphasized cooking schools conducted by non-professionals. "We explain

basic vegetarian cooking," she indicated. "The students can go on from there in the development of their meals."

A conference financial summary, given by Russell Jensen, conference treasurer, noted a continued strengthening of the conference monetary position on income and on functioning within the budget. A working policy guideline for the council was discussed and referred to the next meeting for decision.

Potomac

Rudy Dolinsky, Correspondent

ABC BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

Potomac Conference

Aug. 22	8:00 A.M.- 7:00 P.M.	Wytheville
Aug. 23	10:00 A.M.- 12:00 Noon 2:00 P.M.- 3:00 P.M.	Marion Bristol—Exit 4 off I-81 Old Line Ser. Station, Rt. 11
Aug. 24	6:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M. 12:00 Noon 2:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.- 7:00 P.M.	Powell Valley Radford Pearisburg
Aug. 28	10:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M. 3:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M.	New Market Harrisonburg Waynesboro
Aug. 29	11:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M.	Staunton—school Elkton
Aug. 30	8:00 A.M.- 9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.- 6:30 P.M.	Stanley—school Luray Leesburg—Giant parking lot

Camp Meeting '83 was a time of spiritual refreshment

From early morning meetings to planting trees in the community, Potomac Conference Camp Meeting '83 was a time of spiritual refreshment for all who attended.

Many families who stayed the full week commented that this year's convocation was especially good.

Perhaps it was because there was no full camp meeting during 1982. Whatever the

reason, the presence of the Lord and His Holy Spirit seemed more precious during this encampment than most had ever experienced previously.

Plans are already underway for 1984, but far more important is how each one who attended camp meeting this year will put into practice the spiritual concepts they learned from the various speakers.

Now is the time to really live the '83 camp meeting theme—"Here am I; send me."

Continued



POTOMAC CAMP MEETING IN PICTURES

Left to right: Elder Bill Liversidge helps campers understand their spiritual gifts in early morning meetings. Elder Neal Wilson speaks to the camp meeting congregation on Sabbath morning. Dr. and Mrs. Steve King and family, of Richmond, Virginia, are ready for a rewarding Sabbath. Beau Richards, of Williamsburg, is amazed at what he

accomplished during the kindergarten craft hour. Elder Ron Halverson sets the tone for the camp meeting. Paster John McGraw, of Wheaton, Maryland, became the official key maker. Ruth Brown, a food service supervisor at Tidewater Memorial Hospital in Tappahannock, and Dr. Fred Harding conduct a food preparation seminar. Youth at camp meeting conduct a community tree-planting project.

Allegheny West

Walter Wright, Correspondent



H. M. Wright



W. J. Lewis



J. J. Mack

Allegheny West elects H. M. Wright as president

Delegates to the Allegheny West Conference Constituency Meeting elected Elder Henry Monroe Wright, of the religion and theology department, Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, to lead the field as president for the next three years.

Wright replaced Elder Harold L. Cleveland who, at the beginning of the session, indicated his desire for a change of responsibilities.

The meeting, held at the Sheraton Hotel in Columbus, Ohio, on May 22, was chaired by Columbia Union Conference President W. O. Coe. He was assisted by Elders H. L. Cleveland and W. J. Lewis.

Elder Wright is a native Ohioan, having been born in Cincinnati and reared in Germantown. He brings to the office 18 years of denominational experience which includes pastoring in the South Central and Allegheny West conferences from 1965 to

1976. In 1976 Wright was made a departmental director of the Allegheny West Conference, and served the departments of lay activities, temperance, religious liberty, ingathering, and radio/TV until 1978 when he was called to Oakwood College to serve as associate professor of religion.

Wright holds a B.A. degree in religion from Oakwood College, an M.A. degree in theology from the Adventist Seminary at Andrews University, and a Master of Divinity degree from Methesco Seminary in Delaware, Ohio. He is presently completing his thesis for receiving the Doctor of Ministry degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

He and his wife, the former Carol Lindsey, have three sons—Henry II (14), Harold (12), and Herbert (8).

The following officers and staff were retained in office: W. J. Lewis, secretary; J. J. Mack, treasurer; and departmental directors: C. R. Rogers, J. O. Best, W. L. Wright, R. C. Lewis, and B. C. McDonald.

Mountain View

Mark Walker, Correspondent

Newly baptized couple learn of brotherly love

An \$831 offering, the largest single cash offering ever received during a Mountain View Conference Camp Meeting, was not used for the

work of the conference but to help a young couple in need.

After the first Sabbath morning's meeting at the Valley View Campgrounds, near Hutonsville, West Virginia, David Helmick and his wife, Nancy, of Philippi, saw their 1970 car catch on fire as he started the



Roland Smith (right), pastor of the Elkins church, joins David and Nancy Helmick as they survey the fire damage to their car.

motor. David quickly helped Nancy, who is physically handicapped, out of the car only moments before it was engulfed in flames. William Gilroy, a passenger in the car and a member of the Elkins church, helped to save a few personal items.

After trying, without success, to put the fire out with three extinguishers offered by folks on the grounds, the local volunteer fire department arrived and did the job. They were alerted by neighbors who also ran to the campgrounds to see what they could do to help.

The loss of the car came as a real blow to the Helmicks, who were celebrating their first wedding anniversary that day. They are also expecting their first child in September, and they were concerned about the future as David had lost his job only two days earlier.

The Helmicks were at the camp meeting to be baptized into the Elkins church that afternoon. After the baptism, Elder Wayne Coulter, conference president, invited the church members to give an offering to help the couple.

"We were dumbfounded," the Helmicks said. They never anticipated any help in replacing the car which was not insured for loss by fire.

Youth evangelism wins five in Elkins

A youth-oriented evangelistic series conducted in June in the Elkins church resulted in five new members through

baptism. The Better Life Series, which ran for a period of three weeks, was sponsored by the youth department of the Mountain View Conference, in cooperation with the pastor and members of the Elkins church. The theme of the youth meeting was "Better Living." Conference youth director Mark Walker presented most of the evening evangelistic messages.

A team of five young people also assisted in the meetings in a variety of ways. Each night one person presented a five-minute nugget dealing with a particular aspect of healthful living. They also assisted Pastor Roland Smith and Mark Walker in visiting interested individuals in the surrounding communities. The same young people also contributed by leading song services, conducting special music, and providing accompaniment for each evening meeting.

The youth team was comprised of Ken and Paula LeBrun from the Braxton County Seventh-day Adventist School, Stewart Pepper from Parkersburg, Sherilyn Harris from West Union, and Rosie Conner from Philippi, West Virginia. Other youth from the local churches in Elkins and Parsons also contributed in many positive ways.

By the time the meetings had concluded, five individuals had made their decision to become members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Three of these, Dallas, Evelyn, and Robin Hershman, will become members of the Par-

sons church, which is a part of the Elkins district. The Hershman had actually attended meetings conducted earlier in the year by Gerard Dis at the Parsons church. Their decision to become Adventists, however, was not made until during the course of the series which was being conducted in Elkins.

Besides the five new souls, which have already been won through the youth effort, many other seeds of truth were sown in the minds of interested individuals in the community surrounding Elkins. Pastor Smith predicts that in the coming weeks others will make their decision to become a part of

the Adventist work in the Elkins area.

Another particular benefit from the series was the spiritual development which took place in the life of each young person who contributed to the meetings as well as a number of members who were inspired anew as a result of the youth effort. Ken Eshbaugh, of the Elkins church, commented at the close of the meetings, "Life many times can lead us over rough seas like a ship being tossed by the waves. I'm thankful for the youth action team that has helped me to learn anew that Jesus is the pilot of my ship and that Jesus can calm the stormy seas."



Patricia Wilcox describes a newly developed reading system for the Adventist schools.

ciate director; trust services by Elder Leonard Westphal; and youth ministries by Elder David Nester. Assistants to the president also reported on their consultation and activities of support for the local churches. Elder Gerry Fisher reported in the area of nurture, Elder David Newman for church administration, and Elder Jim Stevens brought a church growth report. An in-



Harvey Kinkead, lay member of the Columbus Eastwood church, presents a proposal for Ohio Conference Advance.

teresting feature of the education department report was the presentation of new reading curriculum for Seventh-day Adventist Schools which is being implemented over the next three to five years.

A presentation of the Standing Rules Committee was debated with the resulting vote being to institute consistent rules for future constituency sessions. Elder Fowler stated that he hopes to continue the concept of special yearly con-

stituency sessions for reporting on the progress of the conference to the membership. He also stated that the conference administrators are bringing a recommendation to next year's regular constituency session to enlarge the conference committee, conference board of education, and Mount Vernon Academy board to include a majority of lay members as well as to provide for broader lay participation throughout the conference.

When he introduced a special presentation about Mount Vernon Academy, which was given by Principal William Farmer, Elder Fowler indicated that the Ohio Conference is instituting a true K-12 system for managing Christian education. It was on the basis of establishing this concept into a reality that allowed us to obtain the services of such an outstanding education director as Elder Charles Hanson.

Delegates were next led in a discussion of Ohio Conference Advance options by Columbus Eastwood lay member, Harvey Kinkead, who presented a combined proposal from two previous proposals which delegates had considered. This proposal establishes sufficient funding to meet the needs of Mount Vernon Academy while reducing the local church's contribution from 6 percent of tithe to 4 percent. After a lively discussion, in which proponents of the two previous proposals demonstrated their combined support for this new option, the delegates overwhelmingly approved the new formula, which was effective July 1, 1983.

President Fowler states that the better than 99 percent approval of the delegates demonstrates not only their vote for the option, but their commitment to implement in their local churches this important support system for Mount Vernon Academy.

We are thankful for the excellent participation and spirited determination of God's people in the Ohio Conference to quickly finish the work so that Jesus may soon return.

Ohio

James Cress, Correspondent

Ohio reports on special constituency session held in June

Ohio Conference members met in a special constituency session on Sunday, June 19, immediately following camp meeting. The purpose of the session was to hear reports on the progress of the conference and to discuss options for Ohio Conference Advance, which funds secondary education, worthy student projects, Camp Mohaven, and local church and school building projects.

Elder John Fowler, president, chaired the meeting with layman Gerry Greene (Lake-

wood church) serving as parliamentarian. The devotional was presented by Ohio's new director of education, Elder Charles Hanson. Guests from the Columbia Union included Elder Luther R. Palmer, executive secretary; Elder J. Lynn Martell, ministerial secretary; and Elder Ron Stretter, youth ministries director.

Delegates heard reports from Elder Russell G. Lucht, secretary-treasurer; J. Dan Toms, association treasurer; and departmental reports in the area of publishing by Doug Banfield, publishing director; education by Elder Charles Hanson and Pat Wilcox, asso-



President John W. Fowler responds to delegates' questions at the June 19, special constituency session. Seated: Pastor Richard Faber (left), of the Mount Vernon Hill church; Elder Charles Hanson, Luther R. Palmer, and Gerry Green, a member of the Lakewood church.



MATTHEW PEREZ, A SECOND GRADE STUDENT at Mount Vernon Elementary school, submitted a 300-word essay about the career of football star, O. J. Simpson, to the church newsletter of the Ashland church where his father, Elder Alan Perez, is the pastor. His essay, "The Juice Is Loose," had been originally written as an extra credit assignment for his English classes at school. Mrs. Jean McKenzie, teacher for first and second graders, says that only three of her students participated in this opportunity to do extra work. The other students were April Watson and Jeremy Toms. All three of the students did the research, wrote their essays, and presented them to the class. Ohio Conference associate education director, Patricia Wilcox states that a strong objective of the Ohio Conference has been to encourage the creative writing skills of elementary students.

Middletown members dedicate new church

May 7 was a high day for the Middletown congregation when their contemporary, 250-seat, brick and limestone church was dedicated to God. The occasion was shared by many community friends, as well as delegations from other churches, city officials, and out-of-state guests.

The dedication service opened with a sacred concert provided by church organist, Irene Price; vocals by Jerry Shoemaker, George Gibbs, Paula VonKuster; and a local trio featuring Nancy Fletcher, Brenda Mejeur, and Harry Pauley. Two instrumentals

were provided by Dawna Hoerner on the flute and Ronald Hoehn on the classical guitar.

President John Fowler's sermon was preceded by remarks of commendation from the city commissioner, Greg Pratt. The mortgage burning service was conducted by church treasurer, Dawna Hoerner and Pastor Bill Snider.

Enactment of the mortgage burning was a culmination of sacrificial giving, serving, and loving, not only by the present congregation, but by every member who has shared the Three Angels' Message since the forming of the original company in 1943, when the group met in a room above the



Middletown's new sanctuary seats 250 people.

Bible Dollar Restaurant.

One of the outstanding features of the sanctuary's interior is the majestic arches—beams of etched walnut which support the high, natural wood cathedral ceilings.

The \$200,000 building is constructed so that the large social room in the basement is open on one side to reveal a natural tree-lined creek. It also contains Sabbath school rooms, a kitchen, and Community Services rooms.

Publishing work is blessed with increased sales and baptisms

Doug Banfield, conference publishing director, reports that sales for 1983, through June 9th, are running nearly \$50,000 ahead of 1982, and stood at \$232,624.38 on that date.

Banfield also indicates that the Holy Spirit has blessed the efforts of Ohio's 21 full-time literature evangelists not only with dramatically increased sales but with 37 baptisms that have resulted from their contacts.

Banfield himself is no stranger to seeing individuals baptized as a result of the literature work. Prior to accepting the invitation of the Ohio Conference to serve as publishing director, he worked for two years as a follow-up

Bible worker who devoted his entire time to studying with, and baptizing, those whose first contacts were through books they had purchased.

During camp meeting, Banfield taught a training course for prospective workers, and six new colporteurs immediately began working in Ohio after taking the course. In addition, Ohio has four college students who are canvassing through the summer months.

Ohio has two of the top literature evangelists in total sales for the entire union—Vicki Wilbur of Mount Vernon, and Don Paden of Columbus.

Associated with Doug in the leadership of Ohio's literature work are Larry Carter, Rocky Davis, and John Ledl.



Publishing Director Doug Banfield reports on increased sales and baptisms from the literature evangelists' work.



THE WORTHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL entered a float in the community's Memorial Day Parade which depicted three basic principles of the Adventist educational system—spiritual, mental, and physical development. Pupils who demonstrated these three areas were, Tiffany Best, Angela Caralogna, Kristen Knecht, Meribeth Schelske, Aaron Bryant, Janelle Berger, Matthew Czaja, and Eugene Patangco. The school's bell choir, directed by Principal Fred Berger, also rode the float and played "Beautiful Ohio" along the parade route. The other teachers and pupils marched behind the float and distributed 1,000 pencils imprinted with the name of the school.

College News

WGTS-FM expands programming

WGTS-FM, the broadcast service of Columbia Union College, has become well known in the Washington, D.C. area, both for its classical music and public service programming. The 30,000-watt station broadcasts 18 hours each day, and has a listening audience of up to 100,000.

A variety of call-in talk shows featured at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each day have attracted special interest. Such programs include Talk It Over, a family-oriented show hosted by Sligo church communication director Bonnie Casey; Plant Talk, a gardening seminar with horticulture enthusiast Terry Pogue; and a program for senior citizens called Generations Together conducted by Beverly Warren of the Montgomery County Council on Aging.

One of the most popular talk shows presented on WGTS is Consumer Aware, hosted by Shirley Wagener. Aired each Friday, this award-winning program explores consumer concerns and offers guidelines for evaluating goods and services. Wagener works as a media consultant in the Washington area, and has recently been appointed to the board of directors at WGTS.

Saturday Seminar and Potomac Magazine—two weekly Sabbath shows—center on religious topics. A long-time favorite of area listeners, Saturday Seminar, hosted by Dr. Gerald Fuller, discusses a variety of contemporary social and religious issues. Potomac Magazine is a new public relations program that takes an informative look at news-making people and events within the conference, and features Potomac Conference Secretary Herb Broeckel.

In addition, several shows are devoted to current health issues. Straight Talk, a weekly drug awareness seminar, hosted by Bill Burns, presents a variety of speakers on subjects

related to chemical dependency and behavior modification. Representative Wilbur Mills, a member of the President's Advisory on Drug Abuse, was a recent guest. Here's to Your Health, sponsored by Leland Memorial Hospital, and Perspectives on Health, hosted by Dr. Alfred Munzer of Washington Adventist Hospital, introduce information on selected health topics and answer listeners' questions.

Through program development and continued community support, WGTS has undergone dramatic growth in recent years. Plans are currently being made to increase the station's listening area by raising the antenna. Although this project will be expensive, it will result in a much greater listening audience. Don Wheeler, station manager and program director, comments, "In addition to our hopes for audience extension, we plan to expand our format to include more public service programming. By producing programs that explore public concerns, we hope to enhance the role of the station in its continued service to the community.

BARBARA SUDDARTH
College Relations

College students take outreach program to urban areas

Since the beginning of the 1982-83 school year, Columbia Union College students have been reaching out into the urban areas with a new program called Metro Ministries. Sponsored by Barry Casey, assistant professor of religion, and Rodney Vance, campus chaplain, the program is divided into three specific projects: Teach-a-Kid (TAK), Big Brother/Big Sister, and Soup Kitchen.

Teach-a-Kid is a tutoring program that works with Prepare Our Youth, Inc. (POY), an Adventist inner city ministry.

Teach-a-Kid assists POY at Piney Branch Elementary School in Takoma Park, Maryland, and at centers in Washington, D.C. Jose Hernandez, director of TAK, estimates that between 35 and 40 children, ages 6-15, participate every night. Many TAK children can't receive the right attention from home because there are several other siblings to compete with, or the parent is a single mother or father who must work long hours.

Hernandez reports that all of the children in the program will pass on to their next grade level this year, and for some who were two or three levels behind, this has been a tremendous achievement.

The same kinds of needs are at the root of Big Brother/Big Sister. This program is different from others in that the CUC students involved work out a schedule with the little brother or sister entirely on their own. It is a one-to-one responsibility with occasional group activities for the whole club. Currently, there are about 20-25 big brothers and sisters working in pairs or singularly with the 14 children still in the program. Ken Mulzac, a theology major, hopes to expand the program as next year's director, so that CUC students may work with children from the national program also.

The Soup Kitchen program,

sponsored by the Community for Creative Non-Violence feeds about 700 street people every day. Food is used that has been discarded by grocery stores and farmer's markets. It must be cleaned and sorted then served to the people. At night the center helps operate shelters for the homeless. Next year the program will be directed by Sherri Morgan, CUC psychology student.

In addition to running the programs, recruiting the students, and being actively involved, the student directors, who volunteer their time and efforts, must promote the programs to churches in the union so that more people can "catch the vision." Metro Ministries wants to expand into other forms of outreach, including work with Sligo church's new Community Services center.

These students, who are working hard, want to make a difference in the world. They feel committed to others because they remember Christ's example and the counsel Ellen White gives in *Desire of Ages*: "We shall find His footprints . . . in every place where there are human hearts in need of consolation. In doing as Jesus did on earth, we shall walk in His steps" (DA, page 640).

DAWN CURRIE
Metro Ministries Coordinator



KETTERING COLLEGE OF MEDICAL ARTS STUDENTS recently helped several other colleges and universities host a "Health Promotion Day" in Dayton, Ohio. Fourth through sixth grade students from Dayton's elementary schools convened in the University of Dayton's large gymnasium to learn about better health. In the photo above, KCMA physician assistant students Laurel Robertson, Janet Little, and Eric Wright man the stop-smoking booth, demonstrating to curious young people the adverse effects of smoking on the lungs and health.

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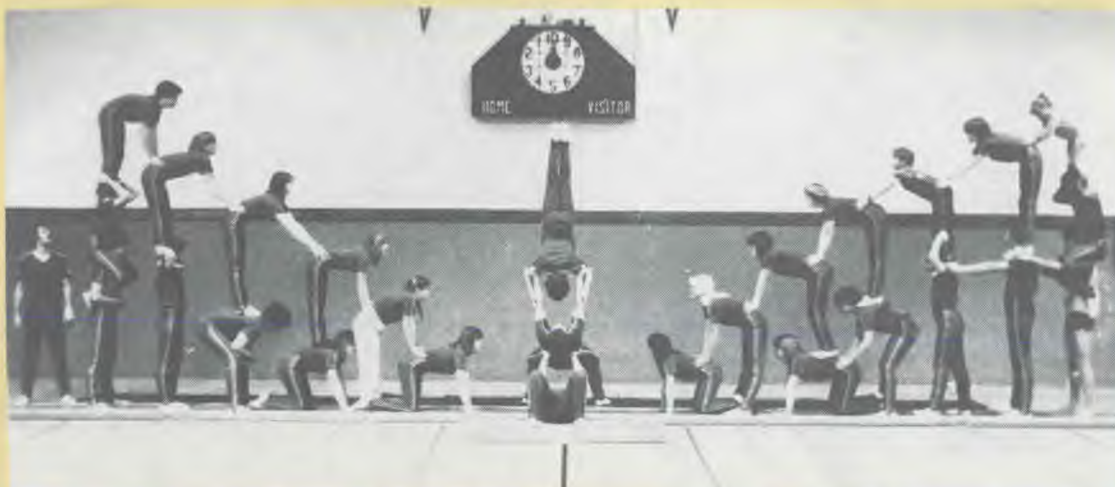
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Adventist Health System

SGAH nurse receives award

Susan Frye, director of the community health department at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, and a graduate of Columbia Union College, has been named "Nurse of the Year" by the Montgomery County (Maryland) Medical Society.

Frye was recognized for her contributions in education at Shady Grove and to the Montgomery County KISS project (Kids in Safety Seats), Maryland's largest child safety pro-

gram which is run from the hospital.

Frye, who specializes in setting up health care departments in hospitals, has worked in health education since 1974. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in nursing from Columbia Union College and later received her Master's degree in public health education from Central Michigan University.

Fourteen programs have been developed in the two years since the community health department was started.

General News

Special history issue of "Review" to be published

A special Adventist history issue of the *Adventist Review* will be published on September 15. As were the Friendship and Doctrinal issues, this number will be designed to be shared with non-Adventists.

It should meet a real need, inasmuch as there is at present no brief history of our church available for sharing with those who inquire about our origins. This issue will also prove helpful in acquainting new members with their church's heritage and as a review for long-time Adventists.

The issue will cover the Millerite movement, origin of our doctrines, the gift of prophecy, and the story of our missions, publishing, medical, educational, youth, and evangelistic work. The articles have been written by leading church historians, are well illustrated, and will include an

appeal to the reader to join this Advent movement.

Extra copies will be available for wide distribution. Watch for details regarding prices and ordering procedure.

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Write Adventist Contact, P.O. Box 5419, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912 for new rates and special discount opportunities.

D. W. HOLBROOK
Vice President
Adventist Contact

ASI plans School Industries Seminar for the fall

Plans where fifth-grade students and up can earn all or most of their tuition is the topic for a School Industries Seminar sponsored by the General Conference ASI (Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries).

According to Attorney Harold Lance, of Ontario, California, the national president of ASI, "Most Adventist schools are facing serious financial needs and decreased enrollment." To help solve these problems, the ASI has set a goal of opening up for students from the elementary level through the university 25,000 new, higher paying, productive jobs.

To help reach this objective, the School Industries Seminar will be held September 12-15 at Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus. Cost is \$175 for four days of varied seminar instruction, eleven meals, air-conditioned dormitory rooms with linen, tours to San Pasqual Academy and Los Angeles work centers, and handouts.

Fifteen specialists will cover 30 major subjects dealing with all phases of getting and keep-

ing higher-paying productive school industries and increasing the number of jobs available to students.

Who should attend? Conference industry coordinators, educational superintendents, principals, teachers, laymen and church workers interested in starting school industries as well as managers of existing companies.

Co-sponsoring the seminar

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requests for placing announcements and/or advertisements in the *Visitor* should be in your local conference office five (5) weeks before the date of issue.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

The Quiet Hour is on two new stations

The Quiet Hour announces the release of its radiobroadcast on two new stations in the Columbia Union area: WWVA, 1170 on the dial, in Wheeling, West Virginia, at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings; and WHGM, 103.9 on the dial, at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

PENNSYLVANIA

BMA church reopens after remodeling

After remodeling, Blue Mountain Academy church will officially open on September 10, 10:00 a.m. Speaker, Fred Thomas, Pennsylvania Conference president. Hear also Nancy Edison in a Sabbath afternoon organ recital. Former members, staff, and students are welcome.

OUT OF UNION

Campion alumni hold reunion

Campion Academy Alumni Weekend will be held October 28-30. The honor classes are 1933, 1958, and 1973. We still need addresses for the following persons: Class of 1933—Virginia Allen, Alice Davis, Ruth Roper; Class of 1958—Duane Gimple, John Huffman, Gwen Jennings, Rosemary Nicholson, Eddie Spoo, Phyllis (Campbell) Stout, Bob Swanson. If you know any of these addresses, send them to: Campion Academy Alumni Association, Nita (Yeager) Hinman, President, 42nd and Academy Drive, Loveland, CO 80537.

OBITUARIES

HATA, Etsuko Takata (Echo), born May 6, 1936, Gardena, CA; died June 6, 1983, Takoma Park, MD. She was a member of the Seabrook church. She worked at Washington Adventist and Leland Memorial hospitals. Survivors: children, Heidi, Kimie, and Elmer; mother, Tomie; brothers, Hogan, Takahiro, Michihiro, Yoshihiro, and Yoshihiro.

NECESSARY, Myrtle Alice, born Tazewell County, 1904; died Tazewell, Virginia, June 17, 1983. She was a member of the Tazewell Seventh-day Adventist Church. Survivors: brother, Wallace Necessary; niece, Judith Ann Froscher; nephew, Bobby W. Necessary.

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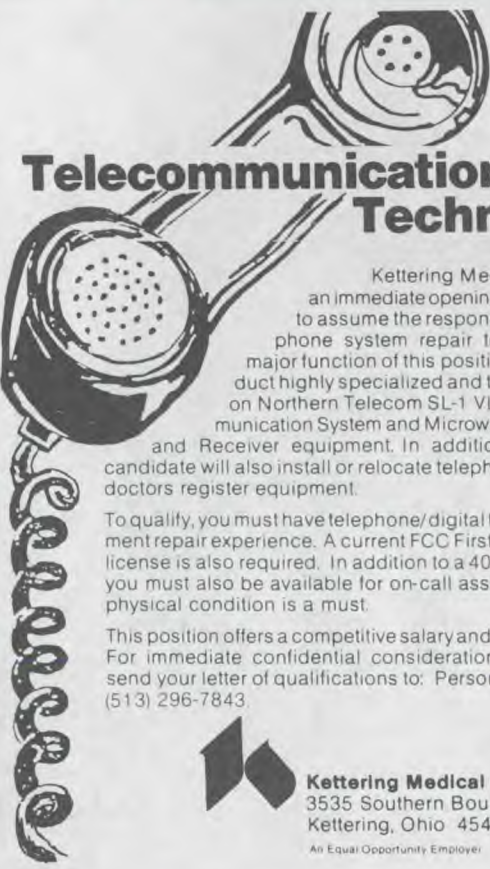
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SUNSET CALENDAR

	Daylight Savings Time		
	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Sep. 2
Baltimore	7:57	7:47	7:36
Cincinnati	8:28	8:18	8:08
Cleveland	8:20	8:10	7:58
Columbus	8:23	8:13	8:02
Jersey City	7:49	7:38	7:27
Norfolk	7:52	7:42	7:32
Parkersburg	8:17	8:07	7:56
Philadelphia	7:52	7:42	7:31
Pittsburgh	8:12	8:02	7:51
Reading	7:56	7:46	7:35
Richmond	7:57	7:47	7:37
Roanoke	8:07	7:58	7:48
Scranton	7:57	7:46	7:35
Toledo	8:29	8:19	8:07
Trenton	7:51	7:41	7:30
Washington, D.C.	7:58	7:48	7:37

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Columbia Union ASI members meet for annual convention

Canaan Valley Resort, in the mountains of "wild and wonderful West Virginia," was the setting for the annual Columbia Union ASI (Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries) Chapter Convention. The theme was "Witnessing, as the Spirit Leads."

Thursday evening's keynote speaker was Elder Kenneth Livesay, General Conference executive secretary of ASI. On

Friday, an eight-hour seminar entitled "New Frontiers in Stress Management" was conducted by Dr. Dale Hannah, a Washington psychologist. Also on the program that evening was Betty Ahnberg, director of the Medina, Ohio, Community Services Center programs. She shared how community programs can reach people for Christ.

At an early Sabbath morning meeting and at the 11:00 service, Elder Floyd Bresee, of the General Conference Ministerial Association, gave a two-part presentation entitled "What the Church Is and Isn't." Dr. William Loveless, president of Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Maryland, gave the Sabbath school lesson.

Two special missionary projects were featured during the convention: Hartland Institute, a few miles south of Culpeper, Virginia; a new college and health center in the east,

for which an offering was taken; and Enton Hall, England's outpost reconditioning center near London.

To close the convention on Sabbath evening, Ralph and Betty Ahnberg (Aunt Sue), of Your Story Hour, told of the marvelous ministry for children still being aired over more than 500 radio stations in the United States and overseas.

Music for the weekend was provided by Rod Kerbs and Richard Tooley and Tim and Judy Schreck.

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