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## CHRISTMAS AS A HOLIDAY

"Christmas is coming," is being sounded from east to west and north to south. The holiday season fast approaches with its interchange of gifts. It is pleasant to receive a gift, however small, from those we love. It is an assurance that we are not forgotten, and seems to bind us to them a little closer. It is a period of general rejoicing, of great gladness. But what is Christmas, that it should demand so much attention?

While the day commemorates the birth of Christ there is no certainty that we are keeping the veritable day of our Saviour's birth. Yet, as children have found this to be a day of gladness and rejoicing, one will find it difficult to pass over it without giving it some attention.

The youth should be treated very carefully. Their desires to find their own amusements should be controlled and directed by painstaking effort upon the part of the parents.

Christmas is generally spent in feasting and gluttony. Large sums of money are spent in needless self-indulgence. The appetite and sensual pleasures are indulged in at the expense of the physical, mental, and moral powers. These days are spent in glorifying self rather than God.

Instead of expending means merely for the gratification of the appetite or for needless ornamentation or articles of clothing, we may make the coming holidays an occasion in which to honor and glorify God. Let us remember that our kind heavenly Benefactor has claims upon us far superior to those of any earthly friend, and we should not forget God, our best friend.

Like the wise men of old, offer to Him your best gifts and show by your offerings that you appreciate His Gift to a sinful world.

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# The Allegheny East Conference and the 1000 Days of Reaping

The Allegheny East Conference is the fastest growing conference in the Columbia Union. The *Visitor* staff wanted to know why, and what approach was being followed during the 1000 Days of Reaping. A *Visitor* reporter had an interview with Meade C. Van Putten, president of the Allegheny East Conference, Columbia Union's largest conference with a membership of more than 16,500. What follows is the transcript of that interview.

**Reporter:** Elder Van Putten, as the largest conference in the Columbia Union, does the challenge of the 1000 Days of Reaping present a special challenge to the workers of the Allegheny East Conference?

**Van Putten:** Although it is nice to be number one in terms of membership in the Columbia Union, we are not baptizing people just to remain in first place. Our workers still see the 1000 Days of Reaping as a special challenge. We are working to finish the work appointed to us by Christ. If we are number one, it is because we put forth the greatest effort to baptize.

**Reporter:** Will your baptisms reach 1,000 for 1983?

**Van Putten:** The Lord willing, we should surpass 1,000 for 1983. We have already baptized 878, and we have eight weeks left to go in the year.

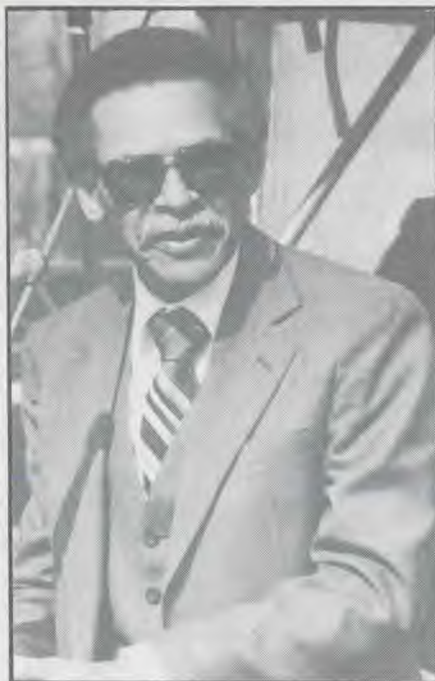
**Reporter:** That's great. What do you do to motivate your workers to baptize almost 88 persons a month?

**Van Putten:** We have an extraordinary group of workers in the Allegheny East Conference. As a matter of fact, you can't find a better group anywhere in the

denomination. Evangelism is itself the motivator. Our men love to preach. They work well together. Our Bible workers and school teachers work hard. We try to work together and it pays off. The greatest encouragement and motivation I give them is the finances they need for evangelism, whenever they are available.

**Reporter:** What type of evangelism are we talking about, tent efforts, church efforts, or what?

**Van Putten:** We are talking about tent efforts, church efforts, church revivals, efforts in schools, civic centers, or anywhere that a group can gather and a preacher can erect a pulpit. We had more than 20 efforts of one kind or another this year, and only about half were held in tents. In the Allegheny East Conference we are not particular about where we preach, only about how and what we preach.



M. C. Van Putten

**Reporter:** What are your plans for the remainder of the 1000 Days of Reaping? Do you plan to employ other strategies?

**Van Putten:** I believe that 1,000 baptisms in 1983 can become 2,000 in 1984. We are going to take a good look at our potential in the Allegheny East Conference, then we are going to take a careful look at each church and develop the manpower in it. We will never finish the work in the Allegheny East Conference, or in the Columbia Union for that matter, using just pastors and paid workers. We must develop our laity. We must train each member and utilize the talents of each member to develop a massive network of "people evangelists," people trying to save people through the most unique methods available to them. The plan isn't completely developed. However, I can assure you that one year soon Allegheny East membership will grow by more than 2,000 persons in one year.

**Reporter:** I perceive that you have just issued a challenge of your own.

**Van Putten:** You perceive correctly. I want my workers and members, as well as the other workers and members in the Columbia Union, to realize that there are more than 30 million persons living in the area that makes up the Columbia Union Conference. To baptize 1,000 persons represents only about three-tenths of one percent of the total. I believe we can and must do more. I know we have the personnel. We are developing the plan, and God is ready to pour out His Spirit in order to make it happen.

**Reporter:** Thank you Elder Van Putten. That is an awesome challenge arising out of the 1000 Days of Reaping. ☆

*This is the fifth report of the progress of the union's eight local conferences in meeting their challenge of the 1000 Days of Reaping.*





Some of the leaders of the CUC's Metro Ministries program. Faculty sponsor, Barry Casey, is seated in the center.

## **Metro Ministries— a chance for students to give**

***CUC students learn how  
to handle challenges and  
real-life situations***

HELEN WHITEHEAD

The needs of Washington, D.C.'s inner city are being met in part by Columbia Union College students participating in the school's Metro Ministries program.

The program offers opportunities for students to learn and grow spiritually in a way unique to almost any other Adventist college in North America. CUC's close location to a major metropolitan area gives its students unusual advantages in which to work and witness.

Metro Ministries is an umbrella term that refers to several outreach programs coordinated at CUC. Barry Casey, religion professor and faculty advisor for the program, says that they "help raise students' consciousness about needs in the city and how these needs can be met."

Outreach at CUC is not a new idea. In the 1960s a musical outreach program was organized and held in Georgetown. The folk club, called "The Gate," was welcomed and had much success in the area. Other clubs like it were established across the United States and in England.

This year, Metro Ministries includes three outreach programs for student participation—Teach-A-Kid,

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*Helen Whitehead is the assistant director of college relations at Columbia Union College.*



Soup Kitchens, and Big Brother/Big Sister. These programs will be explained in separate articles in later issues of the *Visitor*.

Metro Ministries, as it is today, was originally formed in the fall of 1982 by Rodney Vance, CUC campus chaplain. Vance started the programs and then Casey took over the supervision. "I see myself as the public relations person for Metro Ministries," says Casey. "I'm the liaison between Metro Ministries and the community."

Casey gives guidance and supervision, but the main direction for each of the three programs comes from the students. Last year more than 60 students were involved in Metro Ministries, and this year's goal is to involve 25 percent of the student body, or approximately 200.

"I think the ideal plan is that every CUC student have the experience of working with Metro Ministries sometime in his or her college years," says Casey.

The advantages of involvement in the program are many, according to Casey. Students learn about themselves—how to handle challenges and real-life situations.

"Seeing the harsh side of city life as well as the beautiful side is a real eye-opener," says Casey. "Our pro-



Jose Hernandez, director of the Teach-A-Kid program at CUC, works with a pupil.

grams give students the opportunity to see that other side of life, and their hearts fill with compassion and a desire to help and share."

Involvement in Metro Ministries helps to make the Christian experience a reality in students' lives. The theories of the classroom can be put into practice and religion becomes *practical*. "The concepts we study really do work," says Jose Hernandez, director of the Teach-A-Kid program. "Working in outreach programs like ours is a continual interaction of theory and practice, and it's enjoyable."

Several churches in the Columbia Union have already had the opportunity to hear the experiences and needs of the programs. The sponsors, student directors, and participants travel weekends to churches who request a visit.

"We're happy to visit churches who want to hear more about our programs," says Casey. "All we ask is that we have our mileage paid for by the church. Of course, we're also happy to accept donations! Since our budget is small, we rely on them to pay for our supplies, transportation, and publicity."

Metro Ministries is only a small part of Christianity. Service is the goal at CUC, and the roots of the college are founded in service-oriented careers and activities. ☆



Alne Roda, CUC student coordinator of Metro Ministries programs, with a "little brother."



Needy people in Washington, D.C., enjoy a home-cooked meal prepared and served by CUC students.



# Pennsylvania

Sheldon Seltzer, Correspondent

## BMA students help community clean up City of Hamburg

The city of Hamburg held its 20th annual King Frost Parade on the evening of October 29. Approximately 50,000 people jammed the streets to celebrate this festival. Left behind were mounds of trash, food, bottles, etc.

Early the following morning, Blue Mountain Academy students Susie Emmerling, Scott Reifsnnyder, Ada Symister, Craig Williams, Lou Ann Townsend, Jennine Passehl, Ron Mitrowski, Ann Stickle, Jannie Stouddart, Dan Hinds, Laura Green, Ruth Moniz, along with sponsors Tom Ratz (BMA treasurer) and Elder Duane Ferguson, joined the Hamburg Jaycee's clean-up crew in sweeping and picking up litter. Residential lawns and sidewalks in the downtown business district were restored to their original attractive status.

The students were rewarded with refreshments provided by the Jaycees. "This is one of the ways in which BMA students strengthen and maintain the bridge of understanding and appreciation with the local community," stated Tom Ratz.

## Harris Pine Mill rebuilds warehouse

The Harris Pine furniture plant warehouse, in Hamburg, has been reconstructed and is now in use, according to plant

manager, Roland Smith. Fire totally destroyed the warehouse and painting room earlier this year.

The official dedication of the new facility, held on October 26, featured city, company, conference, and Blue Mountain Academy representatives.

Hamburg mayor, James Haltzer, assured the plant management and the workers of the positive contribution they were making to the community. Charles Fry, president of Harris Pine, Inc., headquartered in Portland, Oregon, expressed his appreciation for the excellent production record even under the adverse working conditions that occurred after the fire.

Hamburg fire chief, Ray Hartman, gave credit to his own volunteers and the nine other departments who responded to fight to save the entire plant from destruction. Although the fire was blowing toward the main production and office section, no damage was done there.

Hamlet Canosa, vice-principal of BMA, paid tribute to the student workers who earn their tuition and learn work skills at Harris Pine Mills. Jean Thomas, representing the conference administration, spoke of the financial strength the corporation provides for the mission of the church.

Others present at the dedication ceremony besides plant workers and supervisors were Marge Jensen, wife of the conference treasurer; Richard

Wilcox, Pennsylvania association director; Sheldon and Annie Seltzer, conference communication director and office secretary, respectively; and Joe Grobarek, Gerry Roberts, Bill Moren, and Ralph Parkman, representing the supplies and sales force of Harris Pine Mills.

## Paul Roesel receives doctorate

Paul W. Roesel, conference educational superintendent, has received his Doctor of Education degree from Loma Linda University, School of Education.

His dissertation, "Selected Factors Related to Enrollment in Adventist K-10 Schools in Pennsylvania," was selected due to the steadily decreasing student enrollment over the last five years. Parents, head elders, school board chairmen, 1981-82 teachers, and pastors of the constituent churches were surveyed to endeavor to



Paul Roesel

determine possible reasons for the decline.

The following findings were presented in his study:

(1) Pastoral participation in exploring and promoting Seventh-day Adventist education may have had the effect of discouraging Adventist youth from enrolling in Adventist schools, grades K-10.

(2) The involvement of K-10 Adventist school teachers with Adventist youth in activities in the classroom or outside of the classroom had the effect of encouraging the youth to enroll in Adventist schools, grades K-10.

(3) The likelihood of K-10 youth to enroll in Adventist schools was greater in those

situations in which tuition was charged than in those schools where no tuition was charged.

(4) Recruitment activities, as perceived by the respondents, may have had a negative effect on K-10 youth when deciding whether or not to enroll in Adventist schools.

(5) Transportation related costs or other transportation related concerns do not influence families against enrolling children in Adventist schools.

Dr. Roesel attended a November meeting of the National Association for Education of Young Children in Atlanta, Georgia. He reports that many non-Adventist churches are giving Christian education a high priority within their memberships. Christian education is believed to be the most important cultural advantage they can provide their children.

Before coming to Pennsylvania in 1980, Dr. Roesel served as principal of the Fortuna, California, Junior Academy. He is married to Lynette Nee Nelson, a registered nurse at the Reading Rehabilitation Hospital. They have two children, Kelli Raelyn and Ryan Paul.

## Erie members honor local citizen

Consumer activist Kenneth Springirth was honored on Sabbath, October 15, at the Erie Seventh-day Adventist Church, for his service to the community.

Roy Christoph, a member of the Award Selection Committee, said Springirth was chosen because "he illustrates the type of ideal for which the Adventist church stands, he thinks of others first and himself last. He has done good for more people in the community and the commonwealth than probably any other citizen."

This is the first award Springirth has received in the ten years he has served the community.

State Senator Buzz Andrewski, a guest at the service, presented the scripture reading. Gerald Schmidt,



Left: Fire Chief Ray Hartman, Jean Thomas, Hamlet Canosa, Charles Fry, Mayor James Haltzer, Roland Smith, Marge Jensen, Richard Wilcox, and Annie Seltzer show smiles of satisfaction over the newly built Harris Pine warehouse.



# Allegheny East

Robert Booker, Correspondent



Kenneth Springirth receives the Adventist Community Services Award from Sheldon Seltzer as Roy Christoph (far left) and Pastor James Krause look on.

pastor of the Wesleyville Methodist Church, gave the prayer. Sheldon Seltzer, conference communication and stewardship director, made the presentation on behalf of the congregation.

A buffet luncheon was served following the service.

## Ninety Spanish VOP grads receive diploma

Ninety graduates of the Spanish "Voice of Prophecy" courses received their diplomas at an evening service, October 8, at the Lehigh Valley Spanish church.

Geraldo Brito, pastor of the congregation, made the presentation. "Follow-up weekend meetings are planned," stated Brito, "to strengthen the knowledge and commitment of the students."

Dr. Ruben Sanchez, from the Spanish "Voice of Prophecy" broadcast, presented a study on personality types. These he related to better family relationships.

Enrollments were secured for the VOP health course from the congregation. A drawing from these cards pro-

vided Maria Murrillo with a set of gospel music cassette tapes.

Pedro Clausell, pastor of the Reading and Lancaster Spanish churches, directed a children's choir accompanied by a group of musicians.

"The church is being strengthened by the continued love of the members," states Pastor Brito, "for witnessing to our Hispanic brothers and sisters."

## News Notes

• The Somerset Pathfinder Club is conducting an Adopt-A-Grandparent Program as an outreach project. During October, they chose 82-year-old Catheryn Wagner, who resides at Silmon's Lakeview Manor Nursing Home in Somerset. Mrs. Wagner has five children, eleven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

• Somerset Pathfinders went canning on October 26, and collected 75 cans and packages of food, plus \$30 in cash. They made up boxes of food to give out to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Robert Booker leads Outdoor School group on a vigorous hike.

## Philadelphia students exchange concrete jungle for woodland

Fifth and sixth graders of the Larchwood school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, enjoyed completing their lessons in an outdoor setting early this fall.

After traveling two hours up into the Blue Mountains of Pennsylvania, the students arrived at the designated camping area. It did not take them long to unpack and make camp. Then, for the next day and a half, they studied plant and animal life.

They learned how to estimate the height of a tree, and then the age by counting the rings on a core sample. Samples of plants were collected and students learned how to identify the leaf patterns. Wildlife tracks and habitats

were examined to decide which animals lived in the area.

Robert Booker, director of education for the Allegheny East Conference, presented two inspiring worship talks centered around nature, and led the group on several



Duane Pettus estimates height of a tree under watchful eyes of classmates.



Sixth graders with their teacher, Beverly Crabbe, determine leaf arrangements.

## AMAZING FACTS RADIO LOG

### PENNSYLVANIA

Greencastle	Sun.	WKSL	12:15 P.M.
Lansdale	Sun.	WNPV	8:00 A.M.



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hike to strengthen leg muscles, increase the supply of fresh air in the lungs, and invigorate the system. Beverly Crabbe, sixth grade teacher, and Kerri Laurence Williams, teacher of grade five, both discovered that they too had muscles which had been lying dormant for a number of years.

Ronald C. Williams, principal, received many favorable comments from those who attended. He was encouraged to make this outdoor school an annual event for the children who live in the concrete jungle of Philadelphia.

RONALD C. WILLIAMS  
*Principal*

### Conference workers focus on marriage at annual retreat

Allegheny East Conference workers and their families met in Doswell, Virginia, October 16 to 19, for their Workers' Retreat.

The main feature on the program was the Compleat Marriage Seminar conducted by Nancy and Harry Van Pelt of Fresno, California.

Elder M. C. Van Putten, Allegheny East Conference president, stated that he was impressed to focus on the Christian marriage, first, to strengthen the marriage relationships of the workers, and secondly, to give guidelines that can be used in counseling local church members.

Workers' comments reflected their appreciation for this service to the extent that the Van Pelts will be featured at the Allegheny East Conference Camp Meeting.

Each morning began with a devotional service. Speakers included President W. O. Coe and Secretary L. R. Palmer Jr. of the Columbia Union Conference; and Robert Boggess, president of the New Jersey Conference. The rest of the morning was spent in the marriage seminar. Workers were then free to spend the afternoons and evenings in relaxation or touring the many historical spots in the area.

The retreat closed with workers and spouses repeating their marriage vows in a Reaffirmation Service.

### Ephesus members learn how to stay married

Family Life Weekend was observed from October 28 to 30, at the Ephesus church in Richmond, Virginia. Dr. James M. Hammond, chairman of the social services department at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, was the featured speaker.

His topic on Friday night was "Building Self-Esteem." The film, "Johnny Lingo," was shown.

Sabbath morning worship service was centered around "Repairing the Family," with Hammond giving Ten Commandments for both husbands and wives.

Sabbath afternoon at 3:30, he discussed "Communication," the so-called culprit that destroys many marriages. The attendees were divided into discussion groups of singles, youths, and couples. Private consultations were offered Sunday morning.

With the divorce rate among Seventh-day Adventists almost as high as the world's, this weekend gave couples and singles the desire and determination to make their marriages and intents to marry work with Christ in charge.

SHEILA R. BELL  
*Communication Secretary*

### 75 members attend Ephesus' guest day

The theme, "Sabbath School Outreach—Serving its Neighbors," brought 75 guests to the Ephesus church in Richmond, Virginia, on Sabbath, October 8, as the congregation celebrated Community Guest Day.

Pastor Charles L. Cheatham, of the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and brother of Ephesus pastor, Oliver Cheatham, was the keynote speaker for the eleven o'clock worship service. He also showed a film during the Sabbath school period which gave the visitors an overview of the kinds of activities Seventh-day Adventists are actively and currently engaged in.

The program was spearhead-

ed by the Sabbath school department. Dinner was served to all.

To climax the Sabbath, Elder George Timpson, associate secretary of the Mid-America Union, surprised the church with his presence. He decided

to conduct a program on Sabbath evening to show how people are to care for their bodies by the things they eat, drink, and use. He distributed some helpful handouts.

SHEILA R. BELL  
*Communication Secretary*

## Allegheny West

Walter Wright, Correspondent

### Summer crusade is still reaping interests

Weeks of preparation and followup were the major ingredients for the successful Word of Life Prophecy Seminar sponsored by the Akron, Ohio, Bethel church.

Forty-five individuals have been baptized as a result of the seminar; and now Pastor Edwin Thoms is anticipating additional baptisms as ten of his 20 prospects are currently attending his weekly Pastor's Bible Class. He and Bible instructor Jessie Wheeler are continuing to study with these and ten other good prospects.

According to one church member: "God, Evangelist Best, Elder Thoms, the crusade team, and the members of the church mowed down every barrier so that the evangelistic series would be a success."

For eight consecutive Wednesday evenings prior to the opening of the seminar, Elder J. O. Best, conference evangelist, conditioned the Bethel congregation for the upcoming crusade. He helped them determine their spiritual gifts, and then showed them how to use them to help others come to Christ.



Elders E. L. Thoms and J. O. Best

It was an exciting time at Bethel as Elders Thoms and Best began to move the team and church members into their prepared stations to operate an attractive, aggressive, and interesting seminar. Team associates were Rebecca Brimmer, Jeanette McDonald, Jessie Wheeler, Juanita Posey, and Carol and Cheryl Jones as Bible instructors; Marvin Brown, ministerial intern; Don Boger, minister of music; and Marilyn Martin, crusade soloist. Teen-agers Tara Best, Donald Thoms, and Ray Matthew were overall assistants.

The surrounding community was surveyed, Bible studies were started, special engraved invitations given out, colorful programs distributed, the arched sign installed, the multi-media screens hung to



Some of the 39 newly baptized souls in the Word of Life Prophecy Seminar.





E. L. Thoms baptizes one of the young people who attended the seminar.

cover the entire front of the sanctuary, and a fervent, four-hour prayer vigil was launched. Not one stone was unturned.

A Vacation Bible School, directed by Cherry Gore, was a blessing to the community. Para Lee Henry and Edna Torrey each received the Heritage Bible for bringing more than 20 visitors on different nights. Don Boger formed a community choir, and food was given to the needy.

Joseph Powell, head deacon, organized the parking attendants. Each day Jessie Thompson saw to it that the workers were given a balanced meal before they continued their labors. Many of the nurses in the church gave blood pressure readings; and no one entered the church without the warm, friendly smiles of the receptionist and ushers.

The high day of the seminar came when Elder Best read the names of each of the baptismal candidates. Elder Thoms lifted his hand 45 times to declare, "I now baptize you in the name of Jesus for the remission of your sins by the authority of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Thirty-nine new believers were baptized and six others recommitted their lives to Jesus through re-baptism.

Thoms and Wheeler are working diligently with the newly baptized precious souls. Many of the Bethel members have taken them under their wings. Augustus Niles, head elder, initiated a program during the Adventist youth time so that each new believer who wanted to could present himself and his talent to the church. Some told about themselves, others sang, some

showed artistic ability. Personal testimonies were given with tears, and all were delighted for the opportunity to introduce themselves to their new church family.

CHARLOTTE THOMS  
*Communication Secretary*

## Columbus Hilltop honors two citizens with awards

Two outstanding citizens were honored by the Columbus Hilltop church members on Sabbath, October 8, during a Community Relations Day service.

Dr. Russell Pace, the guest of honor, received the church's annual Community Service Award for his outstanding work in teaching convicts how to become successful in their effort to rehabilitate. Dr. Pace taught black history and black politics at Franklin University for ten years. He was a welfare case worker for 28 years, and



Pastor Cole presents the Community Service Award to Dr. Russell Pace.

taught Sunday school at Centenary United Methodist Church for 40 years. His philosophy is, "There are no stupid people. God has given every man enough to take care of himself. Some of us just have to be pushed a little."

Columbus, Ohio, city councilman, Jerry Hammond, also received a Community Service Award for his outstanding service on community services committees. He has served as executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, CAMACAO Manpower Coordinator, City of Columbus Neighborhood Youth Corp Youth Counselor, and supervisor of Cottage-life Training Institute of Central Ohio. He also ran for Congress.

Among his many accom-

plishments are: helping design the first post secondary education program for disadvantaged students, leading efforts to implement a minority entrepreneur assistance program for the city of Columbus, Ohio, and serving as chairman of the United Negro College Fund drive.

The guest speaker, Elder Walter Wright, director of the Sabbath school and communication departments of the Allegheny West Conference, spoke on "Unselfish Service." This was Elder Wright's third appearance as Community Relations Day guest speaker.

Special music was given by Andrew Waters, who rendered saxophone and flute selections. Waters, a recent Seventh-day Adventist convert, attends Ohio State University School of Music. Choral presentations were



Left: Pastor S. G. Cole, Councilman Jerry Hammond, and Communication Secretary Flora Smith.

given by "His Own," a young adult choir of the Ephesus church of Columbus, under the direction of Ernestine Simpson. The intoning of scripture was sung by Flora Smith and Patrick Tomilson.

A fellowship dinner was provided by the church following the service.

FLORA SMITH  
*Communication Secretary*

# Chesapeake

Robert Skeggs, Correspondent

## Yard sale brings in \$435 for Investment

More than \$435 was raised for Investment by the Berkeley Springs (West Virginia) church members at a yard sale held on September 3.

Advertisements in the newspaper, and the use of a parking lot on the main road, donated by a local car dealer, helped make the project a success.

Church members contribut-

ed small appliances, clothing, housewares, and many other miscellaneous items.

According to Investment leader, Edith Sheffield, as people noticed the tables laden with all kinds of things for sale, they stopped to investigate. Cars started to pull into the lot long before the group was ready, and continued all through the day.

GRACE GRANT  
*Community Services Leader*



Berkeley Springs members were kept busy all day at their Investment yard sale.



## Thomas Hughes pastors members of Rehoboth Beach

Elder Thomas Hughes has been named pastor for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rehoboth Beach. The congregation meets in Epworth Methodist Chapel on Baltimore Avenue. Elder Hughes and his wife, Deborah, have three children; Michael, Jessica, and Laura.



Elder Thomas Hughes and his family.

He was born in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, and was raised in Newark, Delaware. He graduated with a Bachelors degree from Columbia Union College, and he holds a Masters degree in religion from Andrews University.

Elder Hughes and his wife are performing artists in music. He graduated from the U. S. Army School of Music and played in the U. S. Army Band. He has recorded two gospel records titled "Reflections of Calvary" and "Early in the Morning."

## Adventist booth is success for tenth year in a row

For the past ten years the city of Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, has held an Apple Butter Festival on the second weekend in October.

Each year the Berkeley Springs church has a booth, offering blood pressure screening and spiritual and health literature.

Over 200 persons stopped to have their blood pressure taken and talk about their health pro-

blems. Many requested information about good nutrition and how to stop smoking.

A physician stopped and commended the Seventh-day Adventists for their excellent, worldwide medical programs.

One of the ladies indicated she was dissatisfied with her church and requested to visit the Adventist church. She was invited to come and visit anytime, and was assured she would be welcome.

The program is simple but effective in reaching people. All requests for more information are being followed up with a visit.

A drawing was held at the end of the festival. The winner was awarded a one-year subscription to *Your Life and Health*.

## Morning walks pay off for Investment

"I must share this experience with others," thought Charles Reed of Martinsburg, West Virginia, as he pondered his Investment project.

Reed has been rising early in the morning and walking for exercise and weight control. One morning, after noticing a small coin on the ground, he decided he would give it for



Charles Reed finds a \$20 bill on his morning walk.

Investment along with any other money found on future walks. The Lord blessed, he continued to find coins and his project grew.

A routine path was followed each morning until one day he was compelled to go an extra block before making the usual directional turn.

"I was really surprised," Reed recalled, "to look down and see a \$20 bill on the ground. I knew then why I was drawn away from the usual route. The Lord led me!"

Reed is thankful for the experience he is having with the Investment project and wants his story to inspire others to participate with the Lord in one of their own.

## Three new members join Wilna church

The Wilna congregation received Marsha Hassan and Evelyn and Sharon McFadden into their membership through baptism on October 1.



Left: Sharon McFadden, Jeri Adams, Evelyn McFadden, Janice Boone, and Marsha Hassan stand with Pastor Hagar Thomas.

## New Jersey

Robert Boggess, Correspondent

### Salem celebrates first Founder's Day

Members of the Salem, New Jersey, congregation recently celebrated their first Founder's Homecoming Day.

Robert W. Nixon, from the General Conference Legal Department, and a member of the Salem church for many years, gave the eleven o'clock message. First elder Austin Johnson, and also the son of one of the charter members, gave the history of the church.

Special music was presented by Sarah Jane Liers and Betty McCorkel. Mrs. Liers teaches in the math department at Shenandoah Valley Academy in Virginia, and Mrs. McCorkle teaches in the Cohansey

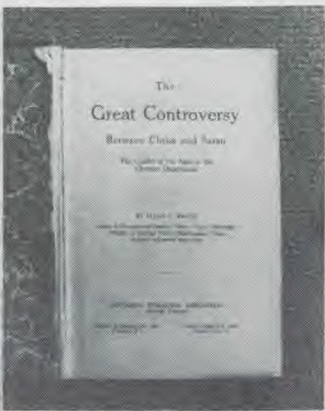
(Bridgeton) Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School.

The beginning of the Salem church goes back to 1894 when John C. Dickson, while browsing through a used book store,



Austin Johnson explains a model of the sanctuary which was built and used as a teaching tool in the old Jericho church in 1928.





John C. Dickson's copy of "The Great Controversy" he purchased in 1894 for 50 cents.

found an old book called *The Great Controversy*, and purchased it for 50 cents. He became convicted of the truths of the book, and he, along with his wife, Margaret, began to keep the Sabbath. About this time Dickson saw a newspaper article telling of tent meetings in Wilmington, Delaware, sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventists. He and his wife attended and were baptized. He had to quit his job in the glass works in order to keep the Sabbath. He moved to Salem County and became a farmer. They were the only Adventists in the county.

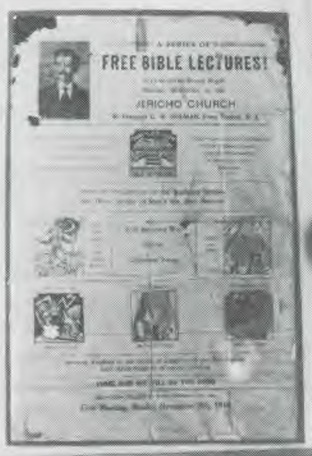
In the spring of 1895, R. D. Huttie held tent meetings in Salem, and 15 people were baptized. One of the ladies in this group was Nancy Johnson, the mother of Salem's present first elder. That summer another meeting was held and several more were baptized. Among those baptized were Howard, Harry, and Walter Sickler, who became farmers in order to keep the Sabbath.

It was Walter Sickler who made and painted the first sign for the Seventh-day Adventist church, which met in a rented building. In 1899 they had to change their meeting place because the rent of \$4.00 was too high for them, so they moved to a building that rented for \$2.00 a month. After a time, they began meeting in the members' homes as their number had grown to four or five families.

In 1906, a farmer named Jacob Lengweiler purchased a farm that included the Jericho Meeting House, which had

been used as a Sunday school until 1896. The meeting house was renamed the Jericho Chapel and was then used by the Seventh-day Adventists. The group in Salem joined with the group meeting in the Jericho Chapel, electing Jacob Lengweiler as first elder. After his death in 1908, the church found the Jericho Chapel needed to be purchased as a permanent home for the group. Two of the ladies, Nellie Lengweiler and Lillie Peacock, sold magazines to earn the \$130 needed to buy the chapel. Later, the building sold for \$3,000 to help build the present church.

A ministerial student, Clarence Peacock, son of Lillie Peacock, came to the church in



Handbill used by G. W. Holman at Jericho in 1916.

the summer of 1912 and held a small meeting; and again the church began to grow.

G. W. Holman held meetings four years later in 1916. A copy of the 67-year-old handbill is still a prized possession of Johnson, along with all the books from the beginning of the church.

In 1917 the New Jersey Conference sent John Carns to organize the first district and become the first pastor of the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Salem County.

In 1955, the church moved to the present location on Salem-Quinton Road in Salem. Pastor Les Bryan has become the 25th pastor to serve since the church was organized. The present membership is 80.

LES BRYAN  
Pastor

# Ohio

Gerry Fisher, Correspondent

## Lakewood students walk to help school

Again this fall the students at Lakewood Junior Academy participated in a walkathon to raise money to help better their school. This year it was to purchase new audio visual equipment.

Each student enlisted interested sponsors for varying amounts for each mile walked. One school day was set aside so that the entire student body could work together on this annual project, which was held in a nearby metro park where safety would be assured.

Each room had a different goal of number of miles to walk, increasing in amount as one progressed from the primary grades onward. After the walkathon was completed, students collected money from the sponsors and brought it to school. Any money raised beyond each room's goal was kept for that room to spend on a separate project.

In recent years the proceeds of this event have gone to purchase a micro-computer, accompanying software, a video-cassette recorder, and a contribution towards roof repairs. Also, several field trips have been financed and small classroom items purchased.

The computer offers a multitude of learning possibilities and the video-cassette recorder affords the opportunity to borrow video tapes



Lakewood Junior Academy students walk to improve their school.



Teacher Peggy Block, punches Kimberly Shelby's ticket.

from the educational library of a nearby educational television station. Access to over 1,500 video tapes helps to enrich the curriculum and brings teaching alive.

The willingness of the students to help better equip their school diversifies their education, makes learning more interesting, helps develop pride in their school, and gives them a sense of accomplishment in their efforts.

## Twelve MVA teachers honored for 175 years of service

At a student assembly on Wednesday, October 12, twelve Mount Vernon Academy teachers were honored for varying terms of service. Dr. A. T. Westney, associate director of education, Columbia Union Conference, presented the awards.

Tom Hayes, dean of boys, and John Feltman, industrial arts supervisor, each received a five-year pin. William Farmer, principal of MVA; Don Watson, Bible instructor and public relations director; Larry Bogar, English instructor and work coordinator; Karen Mann, home economics and art instructor; and Keith Rodman, mathematics instructor, each received a ten-year pin.

In the 15-year pin group were Marge Fryling, school nurse; and Harvey Allison, school maintenance supervisor, who has spent 17 years →



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at MVA.

Virgil Fryling, music department director, was honored with a 25-year pin. Eleven of those years were spent in the South American mission service.

J. D. Miller, Bible instructor, registrar, and guidance director, was awarded a 30-year pin. He has successfully sponsored the yearbook at MVA for the past five years.

M. M. Gutman, English instructor and media services director, received a 30-year pin. This is his 16th year at MVA.

The students applauded heartily as each teacher was given their pin.

Dr. Westney gave a stirring address asking, "Who are you?"

Why are you here? Where are you going?"

The well qualified, experienced staff at MVA works well as a "family" for the students for whom MVA is "home away from home." The frequent invitations by staff members to students to enjoy staff homes, and the readiness to accept these invitations help to make MVA a center for Christian growth, study, work, and fun!

It is not too late to be a part of MVA this year. Phone or write Principal William Farmer, (614) 397-5411, and learn how you can join the MVA family soon!

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY  
*PR Department*

thorne, John Greenleaf Whittier, and Washington Irving. Walden Pond, the site of Henry David Thoreau's famous transcendental experiment, set the scene for a memorable early-morning walk in the mist. In New Bedford, Massachusetts, the tour stopped at the town's Seaman's Bethel where Herman Melville drew the inspiration for "Moby Dick." The life of the poet Longfellow was relived by the group at his home in Cambridge and at the renowned "Wayside Inn" where much of his writing was done. The original House of Seven Gables, of Nathaniel Hawthorne fame, was also toured, along with the Salem Custom House where Hawthorne worked and wrote "The Scarlet Letter."

The goal of the course is to combine the three disciplines of religion, history, and English to give students a well-rounded knowledge of the culture of early America. Professor Chris Litten, chairman of CUC's English department, emphasized the value of the tour by saying, "The New England Study Tour gives students a very down-to-earth education. They see famous places first-hand and return to college with a much broader understanding of their nation's history."

Karen Simons, senior business major, adds, "Through observing the lifestyle of the early colonists, I came back with a greater appreciation for my heritage."

BARBARA SUDDARTH  
*College Relations  
Student Writer*

## Nursing students profit from on-the-job training in medical institutions

More than 100 current students of Columbia Union College are employed in area medical hospitals, in nursing homes, or in private duty nursing. This is part of CUC's student preparation for lives of service to the church, the community, and the world.

In 1926 a five-year basic degree program was designed

that included two years of college study and three years of hospital training. CUC was the first to develop a nursing program in the state of Maryland, and was an early pioneer of baccalaureate nursing education programs. Now, with Washington Adventist Hospital adjacent to the campus and other major hospitals in the area, hands-on experience is offered to the students currently enrolled in CUC's Bachelor of Sciences program.

"We offer the advantage of the Christian perspective to nursing," says Margie Jennings, chairman of the nursing department. "And our program is fully accredited by the National League for Nurses and approved by the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nurses. This allows our graduates to sit for their state boards, and it gives them the option to go to graduate school or enter their communities as professional nurses."

Currently, CUC's nursing department has about 200 majors, from all walks of life. The students cannot be hired by medical institutions until they finish their sophomore year, and those who wish to work during their junior and senior years are virtually guaranteed employment. The department is recognized as having one of the finest curricula in the metropolitan area, which draws students from many parts of the country.

"CUC is the perfect place for me to study nursing," says Sharon Gank, sophomore nursing major. "Besides the Christian atmosphere, I appreciate the quality program and the countless work opportunities in our metropolitan area."

Another advantage of CUC's nursing program, according to Jennings, is the college location. Students can continue living in the dorms or at home instead of having to move away for the clinical portion of their training. "We're ideally located in an area where we have access to several community hospitals, nursing homes, and national medical institutions that are willing and anxious to provide clinical

# College News

## CUC students tour New England

For the 17th year in succession, Columbia Union College has sponsored its autumn study tour of New England.

A group of eleven students and their professors took part in the one-week tour, traveling by bus through New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine. The tour is an interdisciplinary course taught jointly by teachers from the religion, history, and English departments. A series of lectures, assigned readings, and reports comprise the special three-hour course, and students are given the option to enroll for credit in one of the three major areas.

The group visited many scenes from the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and relived the early days of its founders. In Portland, Maine, the group saw the home where Ellen White grew up, the church her family attended, and the house where she received her first vision. On another day, the tour stopped at Ascension Rock, where a company of Advent believers awaited the second coming of Christ on October 22, 1844.

Students also saw Fairhaven Academy, the school attended by Joseph Bates, as well as the graves of Hiram Edson, Frederick Wheeler, and other Adventist leaders. The itinerary also included Hill Cumorah, the birthplace of Mormonism; an authentic Shaker village in Laconia, Massachusetts; and the Fox sisters' home in Hydesville, New York, where modern Spiritualism began.

History students were given an opportunity to experience the past of America's first settlers. At Plymouth, the group saw the site of the Pilgrims' landing and the plantation where many of them lived and worked. Fort Ticonderoga, the strategic colonial post overlooking the Hudson River, brought the students into the spirit of the American Revolution. They also visited battle sites such as Lexington and Concord, and a variety of colonial homes and estates. A walk along Boston's "Freedom Trail" offered the group a streamlined view of such places as Paul Revere's House, Old North Church, and Boston Common.

A variety of literary landmarks included visits to the homes of Nathaniel Haw-



experience and hire our students," she says. "It's good for the students because they get experience in their field and money to help with their school expenses; and it's good for the employers because they get excellent work from our students."

The Baccalaureate degree program in nursing offered by CUC emphasizes leadership and critical thinking so necessary in today's nursing profession. With the Christian atmosphere and dedicated faculty, the program really does prepare for service.

"Through the years the quality of care given by the students—their skills, their leadership abilities, and their ability to articulate what they've learned—has increased tenfold," says Marietta Herring, head nurse on one of the five medical-surgical units at WAH. "I've been at WAH for eight years, and we've had

many CUC students. We've always been delighted with their work. The nurses are very protective of the students and are happy to share knowledge and skills with them."

Senior nursing major Brenda Blackburn finds her work at WAH interesting, enjoyable, and flexible. "Since I'm in the float pool, I work any shift I want to. I've been able to work on almost all the units and the nurses are easy to work with," she says. "I enjoy my work because I feel that I'm respected for the knowledge and skills I've developed. The staff members at WAH are personable and friendly from the doctors right along to the janitors."

Training students for lives of service is the goal of CUC, and the symbol of the college, the Gateway to Service, exemplifies this goal. CUC students leave ready to serve in the work of the Lord.

## Adventist Health System



WINTON H. BEAVEN, PH.D., retired dean of the Kettering College of Medical Arts, was honored with a painting depicting his life and times at a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Kettering Medical Center. Among the many images representing various interests in his life are the medical arts college, the symbol of the Dayton-Miami Valley Consortium of Schools and Colleges, the symbol of the Rotary Club, the United Way symbol, and the symbol of the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism. A globe was also incorporated into the picture to symbolize his worldwide travels as a lecturer of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism, of which he is also an officer. The presentation was made by Russell Shawver, president of Adventist Health System Eastern and Middle America, and the mat frame around the artwork was inscribed by the members of the medical center's board. Beaven served as dean of the college for 13 years.

## SGAH and Holy Cross Hospital team up for training program

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital (Rockville, Maryland) and Holy Cross Hospital (Silver Spring, Maryland) have signed a one-year agreement to jointly train students of health care ministry.

This appears to be the first such transaction between hospitals of different religious affil-

iations in the D.C. area.

Holy Cross Hospital, operated by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, has enrolled the chaplain of SGAH in its clinical pastoral education program. After completing the supervisor-in-training program at Holy Cross, Chaplain Doug Griffin, director of pastoral care at SGAH, will become eligible to administer a similar interdenominational program at Shady Grove.

## General News

### "Parents" magazine ad brings requests for Bible course

More than 3,000 persons have requested Bible lessons from the Voice of Prophecy because of a full-page, color ad in the September issue of *Parents* magazine.

The ad was created by Nan Cox, a freelance advertising consultant from Santa Barbara, California. Her goal was to target the advertisement to a particular audience: young couples with children.

"We are delighted with the response to the ad," says Leilani Proctor, supervisor of the Bible school. "Bible course ads are often quite general in nature, so as to appeal to a wide range of persons. The success of the ad in *Parents*, however, indicates the value of designing some ads to appeal to specific groups of readers. We are working on other ads for special audiences."

The VOP Committee of 500 raised the funds necessary for creating the ad, purchasing the magazine space, and paying for a toll-free WATS phone number for readers to call. The WATS lines are installed at Andrews University, where students trained in answering calls.

A little less than 40 percent of the persons who requested the guides did so by calling the toll-free number. Others mailed in the coupon from the ad.

After receiving a few of the

New Life lessons, one student wrote: "I am a teenage Christian mother. I'm also single. I spotted your advertisement in *Parents* magazine, and I saw a good way to answer some of my little boy's questions before he starts asking them. However, I discovered that your Bible guides have given me a deeper understanding for myself, as well. Thank you for helping me increase my knowledge of God's Word."

### "A Gift of Light": new book introducing Ellen G. White to non-Adventists

The first new book published in the past 20 years written to introduce Ellen G. White to the non-Adventist reader is now off the press.

Dr. Roger W. Coon, its author, is an associate secretary of the White Estate. Prior to that he was the senior pastor at the Takoma Park church.

According to Richard W. Coffen, senior book editor of the *Review and Herald*, "This book was commissioned by the *Review and Herald* as a direct response to the growing demand from the field for an evangelistic tool that could introduce Ellen White to those not of our faith in a simple and interesting, yet compellingly powerful and forthright manner.

"Previous books on Mrs. White and the Seventh-day ➤



Adventist Church came out many years ago. They have done an excellent work in acquainting the public with this distinctive feature of our church," Coffen added.

"But we needed something that would bring out recent corroboration of Ellen White's prophetic gift, especially in certain scientific areas. *A Gift of Light* does this, and also brings out many other features, in an up-to-date manner, while presenting it in a contemporary setting."

The 64-page paperback is being introduced in the "Better Living" series of R&H books. Despite the fact that it is exactly twice the length of other books in this particular series, a higher price will not be charged for this new publication, he said.

The new volume is expected to be used largely by evangelists and pastors in public campaigns, seminars, and Bible study groups. Church members will also wish to employ it in their personal witnessing and soul-winning endeavors.

Although the book is intended primarily for non-Adventists, the author reports that he wrote the manuscript with one eye focused upon his fellow church members. Much if not most of the content will be new even to Adventists who have been in the church for many years, Dr. Coon said.

## Trained Bible instructors now available

How long has it been since you attended an evangelistic meeting and witnessed 30 people (in a comparatively small audience) stand to their feet as one man in response to a call to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church? Well, I'll tell you one thing, it's an exciting scene you won't soon forget!

And how long since you sat in a brand new Seventh-day Adventist Church (I don't mean a new building) where most of the worshippers weren't even baptized yet? Well, that's something like watching the birth of a new

baby! There's nothing quite like it!

Just ask the staff and students of the Lake Union Soulwinning Institute in Chicago. They'll gladly tell you all about it because they've been attending, watching, and ministering in the birth process. The students, under the direction of Mark Finley and his associates, learn as they work, visiting interested people, giving Bible studies, participating in seminars and evangelistic programs, and assisting in establishing and nurturing new churches.

For about three years now the Soulwinning Institute has been graduating trained lay and professional Bible instructors. Young men like David Gotshall, who found this message through an evangelistic contact, eventually gave up an engineering career to train for Bible work, and today serves as a conference Bible instructor in Michigan.

Or Charlotte Clark, a lay woman who felt the call of God to personal ministry and now serves on a pastoral staff in the Washington Conference, training others for the work.

These represent an ever-increasing army of lay people—young and old—who hear and answer the call of God to full-time Christian ministry, and come to the Soulwinning Institute for training. They come from every part of North America. They represent varied backgrounds and careers.

But they have one thing in common—a burning desire to have a part in the finishing of God's work. Some, unable to find employment as Bible instructors, work at part-time jobs to make a living, and spend the rest of their time doing the work they love. Others may receive stipends or part-time salaries while hoping for full-time employment. In some areas local churches share equally with the conferences in supporting a Bible instructor's salary.

"The difficulty is not in finding well-qualified people to become Bible instructors," reports Mark Finley, "but in finding employment for them

after they complete their training." Since most conference budgets do not include Bible instructor salaries, individual churches and organizations may have to find new ways of supporting these valuable workers as part of their pastoral and evangelistic teams, he suggests.

For more information you may contact Mark Finley, director; Alvin L Kurtz, director of personal evangelism; or Rosalie H. Lee, instructor at the Lake Union Soulwinning Institute, 1120 64th Street, LaGrange Highlands, IL 60525. Phone: (312) 482-9777.

## Pastors study relationship between preaching and worship

The Columbia Union Conference, in cooperation with the local conferences, provided an intense ten-day experience and growth opportunity for pastors in the area of preaching and worship in October. This was another training event as part of the Continuing Education Programs being offered in the field for pastors.

Dr. Steven Vitrano, professor of preaching, liturgics, and evangelism at Andrews University, taught the class "Word and Worship." The course was concerned with the relationship between preaching and worship. It particularly emphasized the "unity" of the

worship service, of which the sermon is a part.

Throughout the seminar each pastor was encouraged to consider carefully his attitudes, understanding, and practice in word and worship. The issues dealt with were those considered relevant and important by the student. The course was designed to help each student develop further his competence as a preacher and leader of worship.

Each pastor was video-taped as he preached during the class. The audience responded with constructive feedback and with an analysis of both content and delivery. This was informative and helpful to the pastor.

Several took the class for credit toward their Master of Divinity or Doctor of Ministry degrees. One of those in attendance was quick to observe, "Merely achieving a higher degree is not nearly as important as the relevancy of the materials that are being presented, and the practical use which can be made in ministry."

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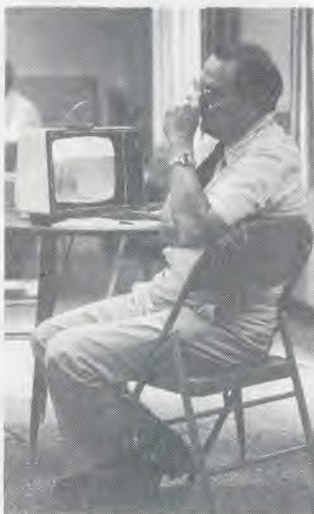
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

### PENNSYLVANIA

#### Conference needs information to update church records

The following names are currently on the Pennsylvania Conference church records with last known location. Information regarding current address or location would be appreciated. Send replies to Records Secretary, Pennsylvania Conference, 720 Museum Road, Reading, PA 19611: Gordon Ball, Olean NY; George Burlew, Shinglehouse, PA; Alwin Dalman, Philadelphia, PA; Mary Gettemy, Pine Bank, PA; Nelson and Emma Herrman, Uniondale, PA; Ruth Huffman, Laurelton, PA; Bob Jackson, Newtown Square, PA; Paul and David Jackson, Wallingford, PA; Elizabeth, Gregory, Kathie, Robert, Steven, and Bruce Kirk, West Chester, PA; Michael Kretschun, Phoenixville, PA; Ethel Miler, Ligonier, PA; Dorothy (Mrs. Luther) Rider, Bigler, PA; Jack Root, Warren, PA; Clark Schmidt, Manchester, MD; Grace, Judy, and Nancy Shiles, Singlehouse, PA; Bertha Rebecca Smith, Lehighton, PA; Gladys and Robert Swingle, Ariel, PA; Nancy Sue and Price Wells, West Chester, PA; Mary (Mrs. Kenneth) Wilmarth, Scranton, PA; Elizabeth (Mrs. Fred) Zimmerman, Ebsburg, PA.



Dr. Vitrano listens intently.



## POTOMAC

### Fine Arts Series presents Christmas meditation concerts

The Sligo Sacred Fine Arts Series will present six short concerts performed by outstanding musicians in the Washington area on December 23, 7:30 p.m. at the Sligo church, corner of Carroll and Flower Avenues in Takoma Park, Maryland. Christmas music for harp, guitar, brass, and organ will be included and will be performed in a setting of poinsettia plants and evergreen trees.

## UNION

### Coming in the "Review"

For 35 years men and women in the west have awaited the dawn of the year 1984. George Orwell's book *1984*, published in 1949, predicted a nightmare-like future for the world. As the new year dawns, how close are his predictions to the reality? Saluting the new year, the *Adventist Review* will take up this question in the January 5 issue, in addition to suggesting how Adventists should live in expectation of the end. The January 12 *Review* will include an Adventist People feature about Clifford Goldstein, editor of *The New Israelite*, a magazine published quarterly by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for people of Jewish heritage. The proper care of pastors by members of their congregations also will be discussed in this issue.

## OUT OF UNION

### Friends of Canada hold reunion

Friends of Canada will hold a 1984 reunion on Saturday, March 10, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the La Sierra campus cafeteria, Riverside, California. Contact friends and arrange to meet and fellowship on this date.

### Andrews sponsors eleventh European study tour

Andrews University's English and history departments will sponsor the eleventh European study tour from June 10 to August 16, 1984. Interested persons may earn up to twelve graduate or undergraduate credits. A full itinerary of places important in English literature, European history, and fine arts will be included in the nine-week, twelve-country tour. Cities like Paris, Rome, Florence, Venice, Interlaken, Lucerne, Salzburg, Munich, Heidelberg, East and West Berlin, and Amsterdam will be visited. Also included will be the Waldensian valleys of northern Italy, the concentration camp at Dachau, the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and the Mozart Music Festival in Salzburg. For further information and a full itinerary contact Merlene Ogden or Malcolm Russell at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

### Andrews holds music, prose, and poetry contest

Andrews University is looking for original religious music, prose, and poetry to be presented at Friday vespers, March 9, 1984, as a part of Founder's Day Weekend. The theme of the contest is the influence of Christian education, and it is open to current and former students, faculty, and staff members of Battle Creek College, Broadview College, Emmanuel Missionary College, Potomac University, and Andrews University. Awards will be given to the best entries in poetry, short inspirational prose, and music. The deadline for submitting entries is February 1, 1984. For further information write: Dr. Merlene A. Ogden, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

### Thunderbird Academy is aided by Committee of 100

Thunderbird Adventist Academy Committee of 100 has been formed by a few friends and alumni of Thunderbird Adventist Academy, Scottsdale, Arizona. Its purpose is to raise funds for much needed items that TAA is unable to purchase itself. In their first years of operation, they have contributed items valued at approximately \$6,500. If you are interested in joining, contact the Thunderbird Adventist Academy Committee of 100, 13401 North Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, Arizona 85254.

### Forest Lake plans homecoming

Attention all Forest Lake Academy alumni. Remember homecoming on February 24 and 25. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., February 24, at the music building. At 7:30 p.m. the reunion will begin with a roll call of all classes and members present with history highlights from the honor classes of '34, '44, '54, '59, '64, and '74. Les Pitton, North American youth ministries director, will be the guest speaker for the eleven o'clock Sabbath service. Potluck luncheon will follow at the Youth Center. After vespers, conducted by FLA alumni, there will be a brief business meeting. Write for additional information and send your current address and last year you attended FLA to June Loach McGlaw, Alumni President, FLA, P.O. Box 157, Maitland, FL 32751.

And finally . . . True faith is like a kite: contrary winds only raise it higher.

## OBITUARIES

**BEHNKE**, John H., born December 21, 1902, Cleveland, OH; died August 5, 1983. He was a member of the Elyria church. Survivors: wife, Helen; daughters, Helen Rader, Joyce Fortner, Thelma Rifenberg, and Joyce Cox; and eight grandchildren.

**CALDWELL**, Beryl Cummings, born February 5, 1887, Plainfield, WI; died October 21, 1983, Silver Spring, MD. Her husband, Charles Burnell, served as conference secretary-treasurer in Louisiana, Tennessee River, West Michigan, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Indiana. She was the church treasurer of the Miami Temple church for 21 years. Survivors: son, Raymond; grandsons, Richard and Bruce; and four great-grandsons.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Eastern Standard Time		
	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 30
Baltimore	4:45	4:48	4:53
Cincinnati	5:17	5:20	5:24
Cleveland	4:57	5:01	5:05
Columbus	5:07	5:10	5:15
Jersey City	4:30	4:33	4:38
Norfolk	4:50	4:53	4:57
Parkersburg	5:04	5:07	5:12
Philadelphia	4:37	4:40	4:45
Pittsburgh	4:55	4:58	5:02
Reading	4:39	4:42	4:46
Richmond	4:53	4:56	5:00
Roanoke	5:04	5:07	5:11
Scranton	4:35	4:38	4:42
Toledo	5:06	5:09	5:14
Trenton	4:34	4:37	4:42
Washington, D.C.	4:48	4:51	4:55

# Hour of Prayer

## PRAYER PROMISE

"Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

### Ohio

• Please pray for my health problems and that I will be able to get along with a new employee at work. • Ask God to help us financially, with a decision about purchasing some land, and to be with my older sister.

### Pennsylvania

• Pray that God will give me strength to hold up under my burdens.

### Washington, D.C.

• Pray for my great-grandsons whose father was killed in an accident, that my grandchildren will be saved, that my daughter will walk closer with God, and for healing of my arthritis.

### California

• Please pray that a disagreement concerning finances will be settled and that a damaged disc in my back will heal without surgery.

Send us your prayer promises. Address all requests for prayer to:  
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A pastor commented, "This material on worship and preaching is far more useful than I anticipated. A renewal of worship could go far to energize the church for its mission and make evangelism integral in every gathering."

On the last day, another pastor expressed thanks and said, "It has opened my eyes to worship in a greater way than ever before, especially where the congregations can experience worship in a more wholistic way."

Next March, the course, "Studies in New Testament Exegesis: Love, Marriage, and Divorce," will be taught by Dr. Ivan Blazen, Andrews University professor, as a part of the Continuing Education Program. For further information on this class, contact the local conference ministerial secretary.

J. LYNN MARTELL  
Columbia Union Ministerial  
Association Secretary

## Thank God for picture rolls

In these days of information explosion do you ever feel that you are awash in an ocean of print? Do the magazines pile up in your living room faster than you can read them? Are you behind in your reading of church publications so that you wonder if you should cancel a subscription or two?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions you may enjoy a quiet trip to Eastern Africa, an island in the sea of religious publishing where the average Seventh-day Adventist has little to read in the vernacular. His library would probably include only a New Testament, a reduced edition of the adult Sabbath school lessons, *The Bible Speaks* (a book explaining the basic Adventist doctrines), and, at the most, two Spirit of Prophecy books.

If you wanted to hold a lay effort you would do so without benefit of printed advertising materials, or audio-visual aids such as are used elsewhere. But, thanks to faithful mem-



Mrs. Tien'go conducts her branch Sabbath school.

bers in other countries, you would have an effective aid in the form of a picture roll.

Never mind that the pictures are yellowed from much use in the hot tropical sunshine! Who cares that the printed picture title and memory text cannot be read because they are in English! The good old picture roll has helped hold people spellbound as they identify with the Bible characters in their flowing eastern robes.

Follow a picture roll that has been mailed from an English-speaking Sabbath school leader to Tanzania where Mrs. Tien'go of the Arusha Seventh-day Adventist Church uses it to conduct a branch Sabbath school. She hangs the picture roll beneath a spreading shade tree and soon attracts a crowd of curious children and some older folk too. With the colorful picture focusing their attention, she tells the Bible story in Kiswahili, relating it to Tanzanian life.

Recently Mrs. Tien'go received a brand new picture roll. She was puzzled by the durable plastic-impregnated material. She was even more

surprised to discover that the pages could be wiped clean with a damp cloth.

But the updated pictures (many of which have been adapted to the African scene) and the memory text in Kiswahili, the most widely spoken language in Eastern Africa, provided her biggest satisfaction. "I can hardly wait to use it," she said.

The Quiet Hour radio program financed the necessary color separations to make the Kiswahili picture roll possible, and much of the additional expenses were met by the General Conference. Mrs. Tien'go's was one of the first 700 picture rolls sent to Tanzania.

But how far will 700 picture rolls go among the 3,300 organized Sabbath schools in Eastern Africa? This quarter the Eastern Africa Division has designated the purchase of Kiswahili picture rolls as one of the special projects to benefit from the Thirteenth Sabbath Special Projects Offering. Each picture roll contains pictures for two quarters and, by the time it is delivered, costs

approximately 140 shillings (U.S. \$18). How many churches will benefit from the new picture roll? That largely depends on you and me.

## Joseph G. Smoot resigns from Andrews

Joseph G. Smoot, president of Andrews University, announced his resignation October 31, effective November 9. Richard Schwarz, vice-president for academic administration, has been named acting president.

Smoot has been president of Andrews University since 1976. Before becoming president, he was vice-president for academic administration for seven years. He joined the Andrews University staff as dean of the School of Graduate Studies in 1968.

Born in Winter Haven, Florida, Smoot began his career in education in 1955 as an elementary school principal in Kentucky. Later he taught at Columbia Union College as an associate professor of history. He was then academic dean of Columbia Union College for three years before moving to Andrews.

### ABC BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

#### Allegheny East, Chesapeake, Potomac

Dec. 18	1:00 P.M.- 7:00 P.M.	Hadley Acres school
Dec. 20	2:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M.	Greater Baltimore Junior Academy
	5:30 P.M.- 7:00 P.M.	Edmondson Heights

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