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The Wrights Come to Wisconsin



Meet Kenneth Wright, Jr., our new Conference Secretary/Treasurer and his wife, Ruth. The Wrights, along with Ruth's mother, Esther Miller, arrived in Wisconsin January 6. The next day, Elder Wright was already at work in his new office.

Wright grew up in Collegedale, TN, where his father was president of Southern College. He earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Columbia Union College.

Since then, Wright has served in the business departments of the Voice of Prophecy, the Arizona Conference, and Bass Memorial Academy in Mississippi. He has spent the last seven years as Treasurer of the Mountain View Conference in West Virginia.

Ruth Wright is now secretary to the presidential, secretariat, and ministerial departments. Originally from Maryland, she has a degree in Secretarial Science.

The Wrights have two children, Sharon, 21, and Kenneth Wright III, 18. Both attend Southern College.

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Wisconsin Pathfinder Rides in Rose Parade



Watertown, Wisconsin's Naomi Soto and Darrel Keyes, New Orleans, Louisiana, wave from the Adventist float in the Rose Parade.

Lake Union representative Naomi Soto, her mother Jan, and brother Isaiah returned to Watertown January 3 from Pasadena, where Naomi and other Pathfinders from around

the country rode on the Adventist float in the 1993 Rose Parade.

"It was really exciting!" said
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Our Finest Year



An old sea captain, new in Christ, was preparing for his next day's voyage. "This is the first time that the great

Pilot, Jesus, has gone with me, holding the wheel of my heart," he said. "This will be the happiest trip I have ever taken."

We, too, are in the beginning segments of another voyage. We have all started out on a new year. With Christ holding the wheel of our hearts, it can be our finest year!

Plans call for us to concentrate in the Milwaukee area during 1993. Eight major crusades are being planned by the six pastors who serve the 13 churches there. Funding will be provided by the Lake Union Conference, the Lake Region Conference, the Wisconsin Conference, and members of the greater Milwaukee churches.

Evangelistic crusades and seminars will also be conducted elsewhere in the conference by our pastors, our conference evangelist, and members who live in those areas.

The proclamation of the Adventist message began here in America. Certainly we want to continue doing our part here in Wisconsin!

Final statistical results for 1992 are not yet in, but we are happy for the many new members who joined our

Wisconsin family in 1992.

Our four Hispanic churches in the Milwaukee area appear to have led the way in soul-winning for 1992. As they joined with their pastor, Orlando Vasquez, in soul-winning activities, God gave them 83 new members during 1992. We praise the Lord!

We are also happy to report a bright financial picture. Tithing income for 1992 showed a 4.29% gain over 1991.

We thank you, members and friends, for your financial support of the work here in the Wisconsin Conference, as well as the world field.

May 1993 be our finest year!
We are one year nearer His soon appearing!

-- Arnold Swanson, President

Milwaukee Launches City-Wide Evangelism Program

Nearly 400 members from the 13 Milwaukee area Adventist churches met on Sabbath afternoon, January 16, for a two-hour music festival and soul-winning rally held at Milwaukee Junior Academy.

The six pastors serving in the greater Milwaukee area--Duane Brown, Steve Cook, Alphonso Green, Jr., Bill Ochs, David Scofield and Orlando Vasquez--introduced some of their recently baptized members and shared plans of their churches in 1993.

Eight evangelistic crusades have been scheduled for Milwaukee in 1993 by these churches:
Kenosha/Racine; Milwaukee

Rose Parade, Continued

Naomi, who feels Adventist participation in the parade was definitely worthwhile. "A lot of people came up and asked us who we were. Many of them had never heard of us before."

Joining the Sotos were Watertown Pathfinder Leaders Steve and Carol Mertins and their sons, who also worked on the float.

Because some networks stopped coverage of the parade to broadcast football games, the Adventist float, near the end of the parade, was not seen on all networks. It did receive strong local coverage.

For more on the parade, be sure to read the article in the February *Lake Union Herald*.

Central; Milwaukee Central Spanish; Milwaukee North Spanish; Milwaukee Southeast Spanish; Racine Spanish; Sharon; and Waukesha.

Evangelists scheduled to date include Auldwin Humphrey and Herbert Larsen from the Lake Union Conference, and Leo Schreven from the Adventist Media Center. Other evangelists will be selected in coming weeks.

Some of the joint ongoing and projected long-range plans include an annual music festival and soul-winning rally; various health ministries; the weekly

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Wisconsin Academy Serves Community



Wisconsin Academy Christmas Banquet

Throughout the winter months, Wisconsin Academy staff and students have had various opportunities to show their love for others.

An invitation was sent to over 100 non-Adventist business people in the Columbus community to attend a Christmas banquet at Wisconsin Academy on December 14. Students and staff hosted the evening which featured a vegetarian meal and Christ-centered entertainment.

Wisconsin Academy young

people were also involved in helping with the Christmas party for P.A.V.E. (People Against Violent Environments), which assists families from abusive situations.

The students baked cookies and helped during the party. "I guess this is the first time I actually saw that there are many children who do not know how love feels, said Karmen Robbins. "It felt good to share some hugs and happiness with them."

Classes are also finding ways to share in the community. The Home Ec students are making crib quilts, lap robes, and regular size quilts to distribute to needy families.

Recently the Anatomy and Physiology class participated in the Columbus Blood Drive, donating many pints of blood. The Red Cross appreciated their contribution very much.

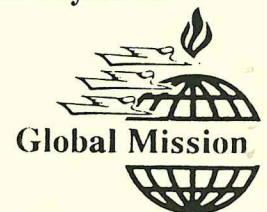
--Sue Rappette, Wisconsin Academy

Milwaukee, Continued

It is Written telecast over Channel 24; and a summer literature evangelist program with students from Andrews University and Wisconsin Academy participating.

Plans also include a continuing program to feed the homeless; a spiritual retreat weekend; presentation of **Lifestyle Magazine** over Channel 43 on Sundays and Thursdays; a Milwaukee area marriage enrichment seminar; Milwaukee area youth Bible Conference; small group activities; and an amateur hour.

The entire plan is called **ACT--All Coming Together for Jesus**. Other participating Milwaukee area churches are: **Franklin; Lake Country; Milwaukee Northwest; and Raymond.**



News Notes . . .

* **Conference Evangelist Bernard Williams** is available to pastors and churches to conduct evangelistic crusades. Contact Elder Swanson's office for scheduling.

* As of December 24, 1992, **Camp Wahdoon** buyer Dan Dubrowski of Golf Media paid off the balance of the land contract which the conference had held. The

conference has now received the balance of the land contract owed: \$185,527.08.

* **Kitty Crary** is collecting **Pathfinder memorabilia** for the conference office historical display. If you have such items please contact her.

* **John Johansen** is conducting a **Revelation Seminar** sponsored by the **Eau Claire**

and **Chippewa Falls** churches.

* **Cal Johnson** is leading a **Prophecy Seminar** at the **Fox Valley** church.

* **Christians Without Partners Day--Sabbath, April 10, Fox Valley Church.**

* **Beaver Dam** church is working on a high school outreach program.

New Names, New Places

The Executive Committee has asked Conference Church Ministries Director and Health/Temperance Director **Dale Ziegele** to also serve as Director of ASI (Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries).

John and Helen Riggs from the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference have accepted the Executive Committee's invitation to move to Wisconsin in early March, when Elder Riggs will become the new pastor of the Fox Valley and Poy Sippi churches.

The Fox Valley church will be opening a church school in their new facilities. Mrs. Riggs has accepted the church's invitation to become the teacher of this new school.

Rafael and Damaris Fernandez have moved from the Green Bay and Lena pastorates to Fenimore. Pastor Fernandez now pastors the Lancaster, Prairie Du Chien, and Richland Center churches.

William and Nancy Cowin, presently serving the Hylandale and LaCrosse churches and the Galesville-Ettrick Company, have accepted a call to the Michigan Conference. Pastor Cowin will pastor the Mio and West Branch churches beginning February 15.

Apologies to **Bill Ochs** for misspelling his name in the last Lampletter!--Editor.

Pastors Discuss Conflict

Learning to resolve conflict was one of the issues discussed at the annual winter Pastors' Meeting held at the conference office January 11-13.

Speakers included David Newman, editor of **Ministry** magazine. Elder Newman presented devotional messages and a seminar on managing conflict. In one presentation, he described the differences between a healthy church and a dysfunctional one.

Elder Robert Dale, Vice President of the North American Division of the General Conference and former Wisconsin Conference President, also gave a devotional talk and spoke on religious liberty.

Illinois Conference President Bjarne Christensen introduced "Project Reclaim", a division-wide thrust to reclaim thousands of no-longer-attending Adventists. Pastors will be introducing the reclaiming endeavor in their churches.

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Art and Esther Nelson

Nelsons Say Goodbye

Many well-wishers filled the conference office Sunday, December 6, to say goodbye to Art and Esther Nelson, who left Wisconsin after twelve years for Louisiana. Formerly Wisconsin Conference Secretary/Treasurer, Art Nelson is now Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Treasurer.

Esther Nelson, Wisconsin ABC manager since 1985, is now an employee of the ABC in Louisiana.

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