

The Missionary Journal Campaign is now on. Campaign dates are March through July for SIGNS, MESSAGE and EL CENTINELA. Have you looked over the new SIGNS? It's a 32-page

premium journal filled from cover to cover with the message and hope of a risen and soon-to-return King Jesus. Are you a subscriber? Have you sent your neighbor a subscription? Do you have a public library in your community? This journal is for everyone. Campaign price is only \$6.50 for SIGNS.

**VENDEN TRILOGY** \$5.95 each or \$14.95 set  
Elder Morris Venden answers significant questions in his popular easy-to-understand style.

**COMMON GROUND** In this first volume a careful look is taken at the beliefs the Seventh-day Adventist church holds in common with most other Christian faiths. Some readers will be surprised to learn just how many.

**UNCOMMON GROUND** This second volume discusses the six doctrinal pillars of the Adventist faith. Most of these pillars are not held in common with other evangelical churches. These pillars include the three angels of Rev. 14, pre-advent, judgment, Sabbath, and the state of the dead. A book you don't want to miss.

**HIGHER GROUND** This last volume deals with those points of faith that the Church must bring to the world in its last hours. Some of these doctrines are held in common with other churches, but they are vital for these last days.

These books can be used effectively with non-SDA's as an introduction to our doctrines; Sabbath School teachers will find answers they can use in their classes; and members will surely benefit from this well-written, easily-understood set.

**ABOUT THE TRIP TO THE PROMISED LAND** \$6.95  
by Gladys Sims Stump Continuing the saga began by ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF THINGS, THE TRIP TO THE PROMISED LAND is part of the BIBLE TELLS ME set. Written for children in grades 2-4 and profusely illustrated by Joe Maniscalco, this volume should be well received. The story is taken up with the children of Israel at Sinai and continues until they enter the promised land. A wonderful story of care, patience and protection from an all powerful, all seeing God.

**THE TELLTALE CONNECTION** \$1.95  
by George Vandeman The subtitle says it all. "Unsuspected ties with the frightening world of angels-turned-demons." This 80 page paperback book takes a look at this important topic.

**QUOTE FROM A CONSTITUENT** "I've had this burden on my heart for sometime now. I heard two mothers from different parts of the country talking about the SDA church schools their children were attending, and there wasn't one good word said about either school. I wondered what their children were thinking as they listened to their mothers' opinions. We talk about our churches that way, too, and the people. Is it any wonder our children don't think much of church and school as they grow up?

If only we could see and talk of the good for a change. What a relief it would be. I know I'm (as) guilty as the next one in this, and I know it's wrong. I keep praying God will help me to change. We have so much good to talk about, let's give thanks and praise to our Lord for the blessings He's given us and not dwell on what we haven't got for a change. When we learn to do this, we'll receive more blessings, too.

## Coming Events

Mar. 31	VBS Workshop, Conference Office
Apr. 19-21	Pathfinder Camporee Training, Wakonda
Apr. 24-28	WA Home Leave
Apr. 26-28	LBM Seminar, Wisconsin Academy
May 11	Northern District Camp Meeting
May 24-26	WA Graduation Weekend
May 25	Day of Fasting & Prayer for GC Session
May 27	Memorial Day - Conference Office, Closed

### Summer Camps

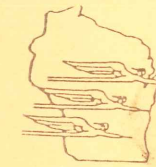
Blind (ages 8-20) June 23-June 30  
Adventurer (ages 8-10) June 30-July 7  
Junior (ages 10-12) July 7-14  
Teen (ages 12-15) July 14-21

Wisconsin Conference of SDA  
P.O. Box 7310  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Nonprofit Organization  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Madison, WI  
Permit No. 1107

LLOYD ALVIN ERICKSON  
341 E WASHINGTON  
BERIEN SPGS, MI

49103



THE

**INFORMER**  
James Whitely  
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY  
Berrien Springs, MI 49104  
WISCONSIN CONFERENCE OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

(608) 241-5235

P. O. BOX 7310 MADISON, WI 53707

APRIL 1985

## Guest Editorial

**A FUNERAL AND A SCHOOL REPORT** Last Tuesday I listened to a funeral service and an educational report and the two were strangely related. At the funeral service for my aunt, the minister built his message around that great triangle of I Cor. 13 -- faith, hope and love. He told how this lady not only had had a deep love for her Lord, but also a burning desire to see her beloved church triumph, to have the Seventh-day Adventist message spread to all the world, and to have a strong educational program for the church's youth.

Her frugal lifestyle had provided funds that had been continually funneled into the church, and one of her last expressed desires was that she would not run up a large hospital bill. She wanted instead to have the money used to support the work of the church rather than to pay off a large medical bill. Her prayer was answered. She left nearly all of her estate to the church.

Later that afternoon, as I attended a K-12 board meeting at the Lake Union office, I heard Elder Minder present some statistical information that surprised and saddened us all. In the Lake Union Conference we learned that 30% of school-age children attend our church schools and 70% attend non-SDA public and private schools. As I pondered that shocking news, I first thought about the commitment and sacrifice of the parents that do have their children in our schools, but also couldn't help but wonder what is happening to us. Where is the commitment that we once had? Are we even aware that we're changing -- that other things have become more important to us than our children's spiritual preparation? Can it be that those good old church-loving Aunt Hulda's are a dying breed and that they are being replaced by a more casual, non-committed parent that does not see the eternal values of a Christian education?

Let us ask God to liberally apply that eyesalve from Revelation so we may clearly see those things that should be seen.

(An encouraging note is that Wisconsin has 11.5 students in church schools for every 100 church members. This makes it the second highest conference in the Lake Union. Our opening enrollment for last year was up about 10% from the year before.)

-- Morian Perry, Educational Superintendent



## Adventists in Action

WISCONSIN CAMP MEETING 1985 This year camp meeting will feature Wisconsin's heritage and contribution to the growth of the church. A committee, chaired by Mildred Summerton, is preparing a dramatic Sabbath afternoon program to be presented in the main auditorium June 15. Along with this program, the committee is coordinating a display of news articles, pictures and artifacts relating to early Seventh-day Adventist history in Wisconsin. This display will be open to the public during specified hours throughout the camp meeting session. If any member has any items that can be used during this special emphasis, please let one of the following individuals know what you have. Everything will be well protected to be returned in the same condition as received. Contact Elder Dale Ziegele at the Conference office or Elder Henry Mattson, N4650 East Park Plaza, Onalaska, WI 54650.

SABBATH ATTIRE FOR THE DAY Anyone having old-fashioned attire, pre-1930, do plan to join in the spirit of the old fashioned camp meeting on June 15

ADVENTIST SINGLES The Minnesota Chapter of the Adventist Singles Ministries is inviting Wisconsin singles to join in Christian fellowship on April 13 for a Christian roller skating party. The group will meet at the Minnetonka church for vespers and supper. Supper will be served at 5:00 p.m. followed by a song service and vespers. After vespers there will be a skating party at the Roller Garden. The cost of the supper is \$2.50 and the skating is \$3.50. Please contact Connie Brandenburger at 612/424-2553 or Karen Gilbertson at 612/559-2811 for additional information.

VBS WORKSHOP March 31 is the date set for our VBS Workshop at the Conference office - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LBM SEMINAR The next Lay Bible Minister's seminar is scheduled for April 26-28 at Wisconsin Academy. This seminar is open to the members of the Wisconsin Conference. Contact Bill Wilson, P. O. Box 7310, Madison, WI 53707 or call 608/241-5235.

CAN YOU HELP? My parents left Wisconsin a good many years ago. The family was raised in the faith. They lived out in the western part of Wisconsin -- Ladysmith, LaFarge -- thereabouts. What I would like to know is if there are any of my relation back there who are Adventists. They would be descendants of Hiram and Rachel Heband or Steven and Mary Jane Gudgeon. Thank you for your help. Marjory Hardt, 22W Cedar Drive, Hermiston, OR 97838

PATHFINDERS Thank you for the excellent support of your local Pathfinder clubs. Super reports from around the state are revealing outstanding support of the various needs and projects of Pathfinders. The North American Camporee in Colorado this summer will involve over 20,000 Pathfinders and their leaders. Your encouragement of your leaders and youth is greatly appreciated.

AYBL Adventist Youth for Better Living teams from The Lake Union Conference, gathered March 8-9 at Indiana Academy for a Speakout. Representing Wisconsin Academy and our State in the Speakout event was Larry Collins from Milwaukee who spoke on the dangers of lung cancer.

TEMPERANCE POSTER CONTEST Church school students from across Wisconsin have created posters illustrating healthful living and health dangers. Local entries for the statewide contest from elementary schools will be awarded gift certificates to Camp Wakonda. Statewide winners of the poster entries will be judged May 6 at the Pathfinder Fair and will be awarded super prizes.

OPPORTUNITY CAMPERS Camp Wakonda hosted a capacity group of Opportunity Campers in 1984, thanks to the careful planning of our church families. This is the first year that all of the available scholarships have been both reserved and used to benefit your youth evangelism objectives. Why not begin to think now of youth in your community who should be campers this year, then let your church board and community services leaders know the names of those deserving this treat.

PATHFINDER TRAIN Yes, it is true. Most Pathfinders from Wisconsin and Illinois will be riding an exclusively Pathfinder Train to the Camp Hale, Colorado Camporee. Some 1,100-1,200 Pathfinders and leaders will board the special train for the ride to a siding at Camp Hale less than one mile from the actual campsite where the Wisconsin delegation will be pitching their tents for the eight-day event.

DAY CAMP If you would like more information regarding a Day Camp for young people between the ages of 10-15 while you attend the General Conference Session in New Orleans, please contact the Conference Youth Department.

IMPORTANT NOTICE The ABC will be closed Easter Sunday, April 7, but will be open April 14.

This month, by God's grace, Dan Herwick of Luck, Wisconsin will qualify and receive full credentials as a literature evangelist. During the past 12 months, he has worked 1,553 hours, given a mini gospel sermon in 600 homes, prayed with 528 families, enrolled 71 people in the VOP Bible Course, given away 2,201 pieces of free literature, and has sold \$29,063.76 of "truth-filled" literature.

His faithful partner, Kathy, writes:

*Since Dan has started in the Lord's work, the blessings have abounded. Our needs have been taken care of. We were under the impression that literature evangelists and their families had to sacrifice. But the blessings we have received in this past year have surpassed any sacrifice. The extra time that Dan spends away from home, we're looking forward to making up in eternity by the grace of God.... We're so thankful.*

STEWARDSHIP & COMMITMENT What a privilege it is to be God's steward! In league with the Divine! His interest being ours, interests His work -- locally, conference and world-wide absorbing our thoughts, time, abilities, and finances.

Tough times are ahead. Politics, courts, and economics are verifying what the scripture and Spirit of Prophecy say about our time. A commitment that demonstrates itself in faithful living, faithful giving, is all important. God wants to work in us this commitment. (Phil. 2:13) Let's ask Him to do this for us.

WISCONSIN EXPANSION NEWSLETTER The new Wisconsin Expansion Newsletter is being sent to pastors, elders, and treasurers. Look for it on your bulletin board or listen for it during Wisconsin Expansion Offering appeals.

## Wisconsin Academy

SPRING WEEK OF PRAYER Pastor Mike McKenzie from Gobles, Michigan held the Spring Week of Prayer at Wisconsin Academy, March 11-16. The theme of his messages to the students was, "You can trust God." He discussed the lives and experiences of 11 Bible characters and what we can learn from them. The Week of Prayer culminated in a baptism on Sabbath afternoon.

TUITION FOR 1985-86 SCHOOL YEAR In an attempt to keep education costs down, the Board recently voted not to raise the tuition package above the current \$5,200 rate for this coming school year. Room, board, tuition and books are included in the package deal. This helps to make Wisconsin Academy the best bargain in Christian education in the Lake Union.