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Merry Christmas . . . from W. A.

Editor's Note: As this editor finishes the last Lampletter of the millennium, the outside temperature is a balmy 68 degrees and it feels more like Miami than Madison—Is Christmas just 5 weeks away?!? If you want to get into the spirit, you don't need snow—Wisconsin Academy has a pageant you won't want to miss. Sue Rappette reports:



Shepherds Evan Tubillara, Shea Dunn, Matt Reeves and Brian Sachse guard their sheep.

If you and your family are looking for a Christmas celebration that captures the true spirit of Christmas, you won't have to go far. Wisconsin Academy will present their second annual "WALK THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS STORY" pageant on December 3 and 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. This outdoor drama depicts the journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Christ. Visitors begin the adventure at the academy administration building. There they will enjoy Christmas music while waiting to be led on the

dangerous trip to Bethlehem to pay taxes to the Roman government. Travelers encounter lepers, shepherds, wise men, beggars, soldiers and thieves along the way. In a prophet's tent, an aged sage reads sacred writings from a scroll. Everywhere there is a spirit of expectancy. The journey ends at the joyous nativity scene.

Come prepared by dressing for the weather. Bring your camera if you would like to take your children's pictures with Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. Refreshments will be served when you return from your journey. There is no charge for the pageant, however, donations will be appreciated to cover expenses.

Wisconsin Academy is located west of the city limits of Columbus, WI. Take Highway 151 to Columbus to exit 118. Turn on Highway 16 west toward Portage. Go 1/4 mile on Highway 16 and turn on Duborg Road. Follow the signs to the academy.



Bakers Michelle Shufelt and Jamie Smith prepare the bread to sell to the passing travelers.

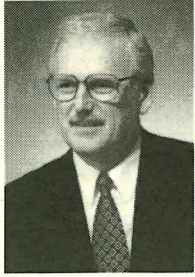


Joe Jacobsen and Jessica Fekete portrayed Joseph and Mary

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The Presidential View



THANKSGIVING

1999 has been an exceptionally good year for the Wisconsin conference. Praise goes to the Lord who provides the wisdom, power and inspiration for all

the advances of His kingdom. Here is a brief prayer of Thanksgiving:

We will praise you O Lord with all our heart.

We praise your name for your love and faithfulness.

You pushed away hurricane velocity winds and protected our camporee, We render our thanksgiving to you.

Your Spirit appealed to the hearts of many and they have become a part of your Church, We acknowledge your graciousness.

You have lavished us with goodness and members have responded in tithes, offerings and special gifts for the new cafeteria, We exalt you for your liberality.

The Spirit of Service which You have displayed has inspired students in good number to attend our academy and church schools, We celebrate You for Your Great Sacrifice for us.

We praise God for what He has done and we also are thankful for the way in which you, church members of Wisconsin, allowed God to work in and through you. May the Lord be honored through your dedication and faithfulness.

Don Corkum

Together We Can Update

Pledged	\$735,000
Received	\$249,000
Needed	\$265,000

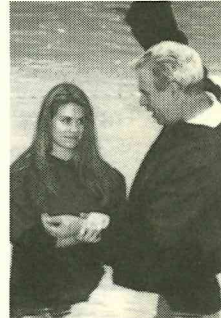
Kingdom Report

This fall, the Janesville and Milton Churches collaborated in an evangelistic series held at the Best Western Motel in Janesville. By God's grace, eight souls were baptized during the meetings with ten more dear ones preparing for baptism and church membership in weeks to follow.

The churches were encouraged and grew in spirit and in number in consequence of God's blessings in these meetings.



Hannah Ackles



Floy Elmer



George Johnson

Meanwhile, in Green Bay, Leo Schreven, visiting Evangelist, has been preaching to hundreds of excited, interested people. Over one hundred and fifty new people continue to attend after hearing the Sabbath truth. The meetings are still progressing—**please pray** that there will be an abundant harvest.

News for the Pews

Wisconsin Academy has handpicked, tree-ripened Florida citrus (navels, grapefruit, tangelos, temples, tangerines) available from now through March. It makes great Christmas gifts, saves on the medical bill, and tastes delicious! December fruit available after December 12. Order before December 5 by calling Yvonne Thomas (920-623-2604) or Aileen King (608-241-5235).

Public High School Retreat: Fun, inspiration and fellowship await public high school students at camp February 11-13. You will want to plan now to attend this annual event designed with you in mind.

Local church families will be eager to see that each of their youth have this refreshing experience. Registration and information may be supplied through your pastor, elders or the conference youth ministries office. In addition to a very reasonable \$32 per youth, a sponsor will be needed from your area. Enjoy friends, recreation and God's Word at Public High Retreat.

Men's Ministry Weekend—Meaning for Men is a dynamic time of inspiration and fellowship around God's word in a natural camp setting. The weekend is devoted to discovering God's purpose for our lives as men serving our families, our church and our communities. Practical insights and inspiration from God's Word, God's men and fellowship are crowned by renewing a commitment to Christ.

Carl Wilkens is our featured guest. You will not want to miss this fifth annual convention just for men, February 4-6, 2000. Call the conference office, 608-241-5235, for an application or information. Registration is \$57 until January 10, 2000.

Women Love "Retreating"

Fifteen states were represented by the 309 ladies at the recent Women's Retreat. Forty-one Wisconsin churches were represented. Approximately 50 non Adventists participated in the weekend activities. Of the 156 women who evaluated the weekend in writing, nearly all loved the guest speaker, Cynthia Prime, a vibrant and inspiring lay Indianapolis woman; the breakaways were highly valued; the warmth, love, and camaraderie of friends measured above worth; but, nearly all thought the food needed improvement.

Arranging roommates (sleeping in an atmosphere of new "night sounds"), putting in place substitute child care and church responsibilities, figuring out finances and car pooling are all part of the preparation necessary to set aside a weekend to meet with God and friends in the Chula Vista setting.

Women's Retreat is a "heart experience" that cannot be felt in a cassette tape or a report. It is a refreshing time when women feel washed with peace; a time when they take a new look at how much God cares about them. Many women have found it to be a comfortable environment where they can spend time with their Christian friends and family from other religious persuasions.

October 27-29, 2000 is the time for the 12th annual retreat.



A weekend of women ministering to women

WA Report—Two Big Upgrades for Free

Some of the major challenges we face here at the academy are those that come from an aging facility. We have already addressed the kitchen/cafeteria problem and a great big thank you needs to be said to all those who have made this possible.

Another area of concern is our old steam heat system which heats the dorms and the Ad. Building. The boiler is in good condition, but this system (cost efficient in the days of coal) is prohibitively expensive to operate. More over, the steam tunnel piping to the buildings needs to be replaced.

North American Mechanical Inc., a heating consultant, recommended that we consider participating in the Wisconsin Energy Initiative (WEI-2) program which would include a gas rebate, a site survey by CESA (Cooperative Educational Service) and low interest financing for ten years. **The genius of the plan is that savings on utilities would pay off the improvement over the next 10 years.**

The Conference Executive Committee voted that we proceed with the proposal in two phases – the HVAC (heating) this fall and a

lighting upgrade in January.

*Wisconsin Academy is planning to make adequate provision for the future. We want to **ensure that our facility will remain sound and provide a great place for Christian education until Jesus comes.***

We also have some exciting developments in educational technology. Two years ago I started researching a technology grant (e-rate) which is available to all high schools. The monies for this fund are derived from federal taxes collected on long distance phone calls. Schools may apply for these funds which are used to upgrade access to the internet. Each school is to develop a technology plan, fill out the application for the grant and in most cases use a consultant to help process all the paperwork in the 14 step process.

These funds come in the form of a non-intrusive subsidy to "students' right to access" and is not a subsidy by the government to a private religious school.

We qualified for 90% of a projected \$240,000 upgrade. Our consulting

firm has located a donor for the 10% we were expected to fund which means we have 100% funding for our project which will provide the following for 6 years:

- video conference capable wiring to all classrooms and assembly places via a fiber optic backbone
- T-1 internet access
- A new digital phone system
- A procure 8000M switch
- A 48 port patch panel
- 3 Intel Xenon Saver Dual Processor 450 MHZ
- File server
- E-Mail server
- District server/router
- Access licenses
- Intercom system

Installation could begin as early as this summer.

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John Thomas, Principal



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