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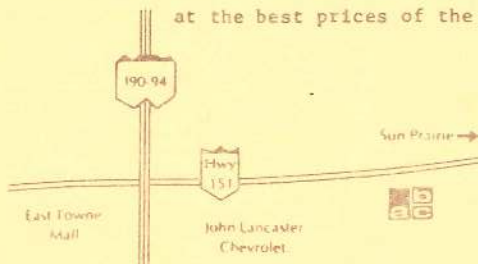
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Pan American Youth Congress

Some 40 Wisconsin delegates from Wisconsin will be boarding jets to fly to the Bahamas building project and Mexico City in early December. Our group hosted by Bahamian families will construct a Youth camp and assist a Maranatha group in completing the roof structure of the Academy gymnasium. Medical personnel accompanying the group will conduct 5-Day Plans, stress clinics, health screenings and school health presentations. A tired happy group will then fly on to join youth from all three Americas in Mexico City during their second week. Already youth from Brazil and the east coast of the U.S. are making bicycle treks to the Youth Congress. Though our Wisconsin quota for delegates is already filled and surpassed, there are still needs for additional skilled masons and carpenters to join our group. Late applications are still being processed even for those who are well over the age categories previously suggested. We welcome your inquiries.

Coming Events

- Nov. 21 - 25 WA Home Leave
Nov. 22 - 23 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed
- Dec. 9 - 16 Youth Department Mission Project, Bahamas
Dec. 18 - 22 Pan American Youth Congress, Mexico City
Dec. 18 - Jan. 2 WA Home Leave (Please note: Home Leave begins at 12:10 p.m. on Dec. 18 and ends at 7:00 a.m. Jan. 2, 1985.)
- Dec. 24 - 25 Christmas Holiday - Office Closed
- Jan. 1 News Year's Day - Office Closed
- Jan. 8 - 10 Young Adult Retreat, Camp Wahdoon
Feb. 15 - 16 Conscience Project, Camp Go Seek

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From the President's Desk

"CHRISTIAN STANDARDS - LIFTED OR LOWERED?"

A letter to the editor of the Adventist Review stated, "There is a whole generation of Adventist youth growing up today who do not know that the SDA church once had standards." That may be an overstatement but indicates the concern of many over the lowering of standards by some in the church. The 1946 General Conference Session voted the following "Standards of Christian Living:"

SABBATH KEEPING - "Our own pleasure, words, business, thoughts, should find no place in the observance of the Lord's day."

WORLDLY FILMS - "Shun places of amusement and theatrical films which glorify professional acting and actors."

MUSIC - "Any melody partaking of the nature of jazz or swing, any language expressing foolish or trivial sentiments will be shunned by persons of true culture."

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES - "Where there is no social center of our own, a proper place free from influences destructive to Christian standards, should be secured, rather than a place such as social halls and skating rinks."

ADORNMENT - "The wearing of Jewelry is contrary to the will of God (1 Tim. 2:9). The use of lipstick, unnatural shades of fingernail polish and similar cosmetics are out of keeping with Christian simplicity. The people of God should always be found among the conservatives in dress."

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE - "Divorce, and frequently for the most trivial causes, should impel us to highest standards in courtship, marriage and home life."

CONCLUSION - "Let us maintain the high standards of living which must characterize those who wait for the return of their Lord."

QUESTIONS TO PONDER - Since delegates from around the world voted the above in 1946, have we become wiser or more careless? Has the abandonment of the standards led to deeper consecration or more worldliness? Has the lowering of standards aided in the winning or losing of more youth? Has our neglect of these issues brightened or obscured our reflection of the lovely Jesus?

THE FINAL TEST - "Study carefully the divine-human character and constantly inquire, 'What would Jesus do were He in my place?'" MH, p. 491.

-- James L. Hayward, President

Education

THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMING The third chapter of Ecclesiastes makes quite clear the idea that there is a time for "every purpose under the heaven." When we as educators and parents work with children, it is important for us to be sensitive to that moment when the Holy Spirit impresses that young tender heart to make a commitment for Him. The conviction may come about as a result of conversation with a teacher, a Week of Prayer, some event in his life or the listening to a pastor or evangelist. What got it started doesn't matter, but what does matter is that someone recognizes the time when the child is ready.

It would be nice if Seventh-day Adventist schools could come with a money back guarantee that each child would become a committed Christian after attending our schools. Unfortunately we can't do that, but we can guarantee that if parents send their child year after year to our schools that he will be given many occasions for the Holy Spirit to work on his heart and when the timing is right he will be someplace where a responsive adult can help him make the commitment.

Not long ago a Wisconsin teacher told me that a young boy in her elementary classroom wrote her a note and said "Thank you -- because I've decided to follow Jesus in your room." Do you think it has been worth the sacrifice of those parents to have their boy in that teacher's room? I certainly do. Give God the praise!
-- Morian Perry, Educational Superintendent

Wisconsin Academy

PARENT-TEACHER DAY On November 4th the Academy held a successful Parent-Teacher Day. All the parents and students were invited to a brunch with pancakes, eggs, potatoes, sweet rolls, juice and hot chocolate. After the brunch, the teachers were at their stations around the sides of the gymnasium to give out grades and consult with the parents. A special "thank you" to all the parents who attended and made it the best Parent-Teacher Day the Academy has had in recent years.

OUTREACH AND INREACH Wisconsin Academy has been doing some outreach and inreach activities this past month. Under the direction of Elder Norm Kinney, Bible instructor, and John Grys, chaplain, 15 students are currently receiving Bible studies. Staff are visiting students in the dorms for prayer and discussion. The girls' dorm has community mothers who come in and have worship with groups of girls on each hall. Bible studies in the community have resulted in one person requesting baptism recently.

Publishing

We really praise the Lord that, through His kind grace, our faithful literature evangelists and publishing leaders, during the past 10-1/2 months, have worked nearly 10,000 hours, prayed in over 4,000 homes, enrolled over 1300 people in Bible courses, given over 500 Bible studies, and have seen 17 precious souls baptized as a direct result of their work - just the "first fruits" and tiny example of a vast multitude who "will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications." CM, p. 151

Especially considering that half our literature evangelists are either new or just getting started again, that all of the leaders were just coming in new, and that we have one less leader and district this year plus other challenges, it is thrilling to see deliveries of over \$235,000 of gospel "seed," and a 30% better position than we had at the end of cold January!

It is a special joy to be part of a group which believes and has

A FAITH THAT WORKS!

A thousand sermons o'er and o'er,
have taught us we should love Him more,
But let's remember, more is there,
than sentiment and rocking chair;
For since Creation - for another -
man I S "keeper" of his "brother;"
And all the saints in Hebrews 11,
found FAITH WITH WORKS a part of heaven.

"Abel offered," Noah "prepared,"
Abram "obeyed," and Sarah dared,
Joseph "ruled," and Moses "endured;"
they crossed the Sea upon God's Word;
They "subdued," lived to bless,
through faith they all "WROUGHT RIGHTEOUSNESS!"
Their "dead (were) raised to life again:
and others were tortured" rather than sin;

As Jesus told us, "I MUST WORK,"
for true faith means I'll never shirk!
The Spirit gives Me grace anew;
"Thy law in My heart, I DELIGHT TO DO!"
Come unto Me," are words He spoke,
(but) remember this means "take my yoke;"
And when My Spirit "comes on you,"
"You'll receive pow'r to witness, too!"

If like Jeremiah, you fear their looks,
you still can preach through tracts and books,
Away with thoughts of faith with "quirks,"
and have the genuine

"FAITH THAT WORKS!"

-- Paul Jensen, Publishing Director

Personal Ministries

REVELATION SEMINARS To God be the Glory! There are ten Revelation Seminars being conducted by laymen throughout the Conference at this time. Eighty non-Adventists are attending a Seminar in Appleton directed by Pastor Dan Towar. Please pray for these laymen and their pastors. Seminars are being held in Appleton, Chippewa Falls, Endeavor, Green Bay, Lancaster, Marshfield, Sturgeon Bay, Tomahawk, Waukesha, West Allis and Milwaukee.

INGATHERING Officially the Ingathering campaign for 1984 started on November 10th. So far we have reached 29.94% of our goal of \$79,380, and 4,518 pieces of literature have been distributed.

Name Change?

We are delighted that you are reading and finding valuable the bits of news and information shared in this simple newsletter. We do have a favor we'd like to ask you. Would you drop us a note with comments or suggestions about our newsletter (we promise not to publish them without your permission)? Some of you have suggested a new name might be appropriate for the newsletter. Please send us your ideas. We enjoy hearing from you.

-- Dale Ziegele, Editor

Camp Meeting 1985

Wisconsin Camp Meeting dates will be June 7-15, 1985 due to the General Conference Session being held in New Orleans, June 27 - July 6, 1985. Please make a note of these dates.

Stewardship

REFLECTING MEANS GIVING "God created man in His own image." Gen. 1:27. The original Hebrew word implies that we were created to be a representative image. God designed us to reflect His benevolent character. We do this by giving ourselves and our resources that others may know Him. Certainly, we are living in the last days of earth's history. Man's inhumanity to man, growing economic uncertainty -- all remind us that this world as it now exists is not our home. Now is the time to give ourselves and our resources into God's hands to share the hope of eternal life in a perfect world with those who don't have this hope. As we enter this Thanksgiving season, let us demonstrate our genuine appreciation for God's grace by renewing our commitment to Him -- a commitment that will result in a willing, consistent giving of our resources to God's work. We will be but reflecting our God who gave His all for us. John 1:16.

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