

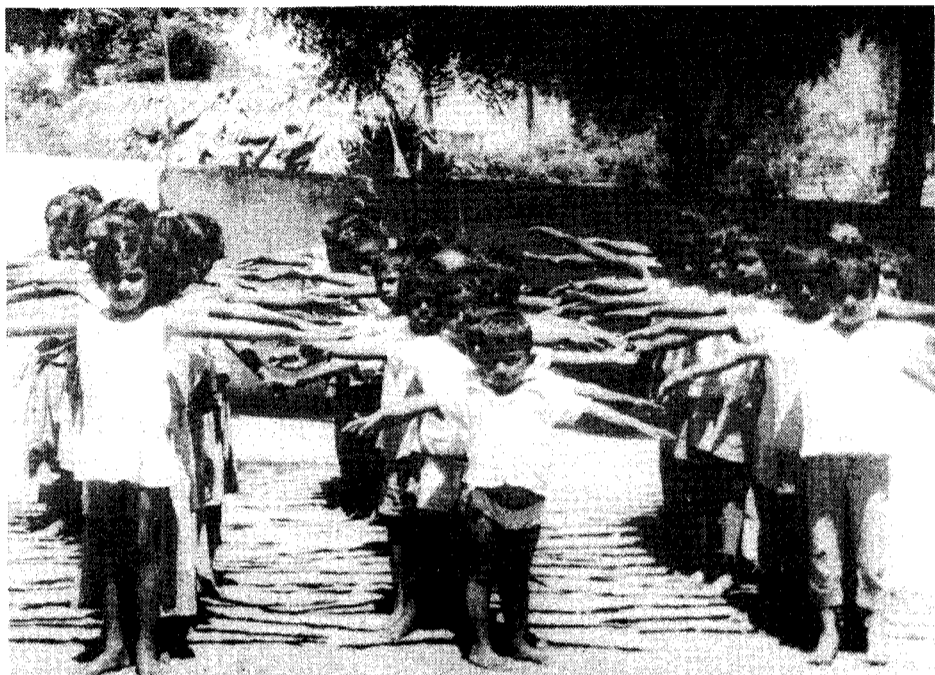
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REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE. Children sponsored by REACH get food, shelter, clothing, education, exercise and love in a school in India.

Reaching out to needy kids

by Jeanne Jordan

Years before AT&T launched its "reach out" advertising campaign, an Adventist woman, along with her husband, inaugurated her own "reach out and touch someone" effort.

In 1973 in the living room of their home in Berrien Springs, Michigan, Drs. Jasmine and Peter Jacob started a needy-children sponsorship program. They named it REACH International, the acronym standing for Render Effective Aid to Children.

With a small group of interested volun-

teers, each of whom agreed to sponsor an impoverished Indian child, Dr. Jasmine assumed the multiple roles of manager, clerk, and contact person for the fledgling organization—all this around the edges of her full-time job as staff development consultant in the nearby Benton Harbor school system. From these modest beginnings, with 60 children in South India being cared for in 1974, REACH has grown during the 12 intervening years. It is a fully tax-exempt, nonprofit

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At July 2 Awards Breakfast

Women of the Year honored during GC

Three Adventist women will be honored as Women of the Year during the General Conference session in New Orleans. The Association of Adventist Women, which sponsors this annual event, will present the awards on Tuesday, July 2, from 7:00-9:00 a.m. in the Clarion Hotel at a special breakfast.

In the Church Life category the award has been given to Rosa Lee Jones, a long-time Bible worker and musician from New York. Eleanor Hetke, with 23 years of mission service in the Southern Asia Division and a tireless commitment to needy children and the aged, will receive the Home and Community citation. For a woman outstanding in her professional and career achievements, Dr. Kathleen Zolber of Loma Linda University's School of Health will be honored. (See page 5 for sketches).

More than 35 nominations from 17 states as well as Madagascar, Fiji, and Hungary were considered by a panel of seven judges.

Speaker for the AAW Awards Breakfast is Betty Ahnberg, known affectionately to thousands of boys and girls as Aunt Sue of the radio program, "Your Story Hour." Mrs. Ahnberg lives in Ohio. She is the director of the Medina Community Services Center, president of the Ohio Conference Community Services Federation, a member of the Columbia Union Conference Committee, and a regular delegate to this session of the General Conference. She is also a member of the

Board of Directors of the Adventist Adoption Agency.

Three men and four women made up the panel of judges for the 1985 awards, in addition to Peggy Harris, AAW Woman of the Year Project Coordinator. Mrs. Harris is a

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Morning GC series: Women's holistic growth

by Marie Spangler

"Women for Christ and Humanity" meetings will be held during the 1985 General Conference Session in New Orleans sponsored by Shepherdess International. The session will convene from 9:30 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 2-4, in the Hyatt-Regency Ballroom across from the Superdome.

The focus of the meetings—which are open to all women—will be on self-improvement, using the holistic approach of spiritual, social, mental, and physical development as tools for the objective of sharing truth with the world.

International women speakers from the Seventh-day Adventist Church and their topics include: Virginia Cason—"Mirror, Mirror on the Wall—Oh, Forget It!"; Norma Crabtree—"She Hath Done What She Could"; Phyllis Bryan Paytee—"As a Woman Thinketh . . ."; and Petra Sukau—"The Dynamics of Image-Building in Stress Control." Dr. Nancy Vyhmeister will report on her research about the work Seventh-day Adventist women are doing around the

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October 24-27

New England site for all AAW conference

by Otilie Stafford

Although many of the plans are only roughly sketched out, the New England Chapter of the AAW has agreed to host an annual conference, in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, on the Atlantic Union College campus the last weekend of October 1985. Topic for the conference is "Women's Voices, Women's Lives."

The annual conference, which has been in midsummer during its previous two-year record, is to be held in the fall because the New England Chapter was asked to host the meetings only last spring. Accordingly, to allow for more time for preparation, dates were set for Thursday night, October 24 to Sunday noon, October 27.

A keynote speaker from one of the Boston universities is being arranged. Two speakers are currently under consideration. Either one would be a distinguished speaker, but the final determination has not been made. In any case, the opening meeting will be on Thursday evening, and will be followed by a reception in Thayer Hall on the AUC campus.

Friday's meetings will consist of workshops in the morning and action groups in the after-

noon. Women from different parts of the country are planning these sessions. Topics and personnel will be announced later. Friday night there will be an agape supper, which will include a group of interviews of Adventist women who have accomplished much personally and professionally.

The Sabbath morning services in the College church will be aimed at the women and men who will be visiting as a result of the conference, and will involve music, Sabbath school participation, and the church service. Dr. Lourdes Morales Gudmundson, formerly chair of the AUC Modern Language Department and of the Antillian Union College Spanish Department, and currently on the faculty of a university in Connecticut, will be the morning speaker.

Sabbath afternoon there will be a forum, being planned by a group of women in the Northwest. A vesper concert by a woman musician will be scheduled in late afternoon. And in the evening a play about women's participation in the American heritage and an art exhibit are scheduled.

Sunday morning there will be a business meeting, chaired by Betty Howard, national

president. The meetings will conclude at noon on Sunday.

Information about the meetings, with more details, will be available at the Women of the Year breakfast at the New Orleans General Conference session, and will be circulated through chapters and later newsletters.

Registration fee for the conference will be \$25.00 (\$35.00 for nonmembers). Information about available housing in the area will be available within the next month.

The first two annual conferences were memorable experiences for those who attended. The women of the New England Chapter hope that the 1985 conference will be a time of companionship and encouragement for women and men who attend. Men are not only welcome, but are urged to be present.

Otilie Stafford chairs the English Department at Atlantic Union College. She was an active member of the committee which has produced the new Seventh-day Adventist hymnal being introduced at the General Conference session in New Orleans.

1985 WOMEN OF THE YEAR AAW Awards Breakfast July 2, 7-9 A.M.

You are invited to join in honoring three outstanding Adventist women who have been chosen for special recognition during the New Orleans General Conference session.

As friends and supporters, attend the Awards Breakfast sponsored by the Association of Adventist Women at the Clarion Hotel, Tuesday, July 2, from 7-9 a.m.

Citations in three categories will be given to Rosa Lee Jones of New York, Eleanor Hetke who has been a missionary in India, and Dr. Kathleen Zolberg of the Loma Linda University School of Health.

Admission is by ticket only. These may be purchased in New Orleans and are \$14. Contact Nancy Marter at the Marriott Hotel on Canal Street before 7 p.m. on June 30.

Presidential Communique

Celebrate and consecrate your unique gifts



by Betty Howard,
President, AAW

"Every man hath his proper gift of God . . ." (1 Corinthians 7:7) and women, too,

have gifts of God.

We are not all apostles or prophets or teachers or workers of miracles.

Some have the gift of mothering.

Arlene Friestad, who is featured in this issue, has mothered young women for more than 31 years. As dean of women at Andrews University, Friestad has helped hundreds of young women grow from frightened freshmen to graceful graduates.

Some have the gift of storytelling.

Betty Ahnberg, who will speak at the AAW breakfast at the General Conference session, has mastered the storytelling art. Better known as Aunt Sue of Your Story Hour, Ahnberg's stories of Bible characters and modern heroes have fascinated children and adults who have the childlike gift of imagination.

Some have the gift of supporting.

Pastor's wives, who often serve unnoticed, support their husbands' work. The work of a pastor's wife is as important to the fulfillment of the gospel commission as was the work of Aaron and Hur in winning the Israelites' bat-

tle against Amalek.

If Aaron and Hur had not upheld the arms of Moses, that ancient battle would have been lost. The support of Christian wives helps ministers today as they fight the great war between good and evil.

Among the actions of the Commission on the Ordination of Women was a request that the church study the role of pastor's wives and develop a financial plan and training program that may enable husband-and-wife pastoral teams to work together more efficiently.

Each of us has gifts from God. Each gift can be used to strengthen the body of Christ. As we celebrate and consecrate these gifts, let us each pray for a full measure of the greatest gift—love.



HOW TO HELP A CHILD

For just \$15 (U.S.) a month you can become a member of REACH and sponsor a child. You will experience the satisfaction of knowing that you are shielding a child from hunger, ignorance, and evil. And the love of a child will be yours.

As a sponsor, you will receive the picture and personal data of your child from the home office. You will have the opportunity to correspond with your child through translated letters. You may even choose to visit your child.

Your child will be sent to an Adventist boarding school where he or she will receive three meals a day, clothing, tuition, books, medical care, love, and the story of salvation. The children are expected to work about 15 hours a week, depending on their age and ability. REACH's aim is to equip them to be self-reliant, contributing citizens of their own society and to prepare them for eternity.

Send your check to REACH International, P.O. Box 34, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. For more information call (616) 471-7460.

REACH INTERNATIONAL

From front page

corporation, consisting of nearly 2,000 member-sponsors and donors in the United States, Canada, and Europe, and caring for needy children from Bangladesh to Zimbabwe.

Dr. Jasmine's vision of an Adventist lay organization serving children was conceived on a trip to India where—as an educator of considerable experience also holding a doctorate in education—she was devoting her summer vacation to workshops for Adventist teachers. The sight of children eating from garbage cans and gazing wistfully at workshop participants left an indelible impression that haunted her memory on her return to the United States. Thus, a few months later, REACH was born.

Operating out of its own office in the Jacob's home and employing two part-time office helpers—in addition to its governing board and a crew of other volunteers—REACH not only sponsors individual children in Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean, but also operates five orphanages and a private school, destined to become a trade school.

Some 2,500 children are currently being fed and clothed in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Thailand, Haiti, Rwanda, Zaire, and Zimbabwe. To date more than 8,000 children have gone through the REACH program. Several have gone on to attend Spicer College in India, and are now working in the church.

Children are accepted into REACH schools on the basis of need—regardless of their religion, creed, caste, color, race, sex, or national origin. Each school is required to give an accounting for the contributed funds.

Enhancing the international flavor as the organization has grown, branch offices now operate in Canada and Switzerland.

As managing director of this far-flung corporation, traveling at regular intervals to Asia and Africa to inspect the schools and encourage teachers and children, it would seem that Dr. Jasmine would have to give up her position in the public sector. Not so! She wears her two hats with aplomb and makes time, in addition, to care for a home and family, and to offer hospitality to a large circle of friends, associates, and relatives. How, as an ardent and creative photographer, she has time to be president of the local camera club, remains a question only she can answer, but she herself is far too busy to do so!

Jeanne Jordan is a former missionary to Africa. Now retired, she lives in Berrien Springs, Michigan, with her husband, Richard. She is the author of Lucky in Love, a forthcoming book to be published by the Review and Herald.

From the pulpit

God wants the real you

by Shari Chamberlain

Peering at me from under the covers on a hospital bed the young woman repeated, "God can't love me . . . I don't even go to church."

Inhibited by her misperception, she found it difficult to see herself as a daughter of God in her hour of deepest need. My hand in hers, I read four times that nothing can separate us from His love (Romans 8) before the concept dawned and tears began to slip down her face.

Like the woman in the hospital, many of us struggle with self-imposed limitations. We blame this person or that institution for the barriers imposed when often our greatest limitation is within us, within the walls of our minds.

I think of Kathy, warm in love for God, vivacious, beloved by hundreds of influential friends. She made decision after decision to join our community of believers. Each time her husband's angry outbursts and threats of divorce buffaloeed her into accepting less than what she desired. She couldn't see beyond the present trials to the infinite possibilities God had for her life.

In contrast to Kathy I remember Morlie, a 12-year old girl who had only known God's love for six months. Threatened by atheist parents, beaten for not doing housework on Sabbath, forbidden to come to church or see church members, she was so inspired that she saw beyond her present hardship to future satisfaction. For three years now she has been loyal to God in spite of the secular atmosphere and taunts of her family. With very little contact with a Christian support system she has been an example of beauty of character.

God points us beyond the status quo imposed by others who devalue us. In the Song of Solomon, the Woman from Lebanon—darkened by the sun to ugliness according to Oriental concepts of beauty—rose above the role expectations of her brothers, believing the promises and steadfastness of her lover who saw that her beauty was more than skin deep. What if she hadn't believed his promises of a better future than she could imagine, or that he would rescue her from her taunting brothers? The Lebanese woman is a symbol of each of us; her lover represents God. To look through God's eyes and see our potential as He does requires that we accept every promise in Scripture and believe it can be a surety for us.

Paul commands, "be a fresh and different person, not squeezed into the world's mold." John says, "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

We begin this process of becoming like God by first seeing Him as He is and then believing that we have that potential—that we really are His daughters. With this knowledge we gain courage to break out of traditional roles and follow God's leading to achieve our full capabilities.

As sisters in the true sense of the word, Adventist women should unite to proclaim that women as well as men are created in the image of God who is beyond sexuality. Nothing will do but justice and dignity for all of God's children. As women we must throw away the bad baggage of the past: self-limiting "bad tapes," role stereotyping, and fear and intimidation that so often retard our growth.

As daughters of God we are living in exciting times, free to pursue things that were only dreams a decade ago. Free to develop programs for ourselves and for one another that will help us, together, develop greater confidence in ourselves. Free to use our God-given talents and abilities in a wide range of ministries, and to find full affirmation for this call.

I want to share with you part of a poem by Catherine de Vinck because it seems to capture the essence of the miracle that God performs in our minds, helping us believe and achieve new personhood.

Sisters
open your eyes, let
ray-beams of sight pierce
the shell of space, cut a path
through the darkest night.
Dive in, enter the multifold
of first and primal things
and from your blood, spin these great filaments,
these strands of love
to wrap and hold the cosmos in.

Shari Chamberlain is a Bible worker and member of the pastoral staff at the Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church, Hinsdale, Illinois.



REACH children at the SDA School in Puliangudi work at cleaning rice under the supervision of a teacher.



Arlene Friestad



President Richard Leshor of Andrews University congratulates Arlene Friestad during tributes on Alumni Weekend, April 1985.

Photos by Andrews University PR

Arlene Friestad—Living by priorities

by Kit Watts

Listening to people list the qualities that characterize Arlene Friestad is not unlike reading Paul's list of the fruits of the Spirit. Fair, considerate, disciplined, loyal, thoughtful, gentle, consistent, tolerant—a woman of integrity and faith.

And again, it's not unlike reading the list of the Spirit's gifts. For Arlene Friestad is an educator, an organizer, and a pastor. To use the language of 1 Corinthians 12, she also has the gifts of "helps" and "governments." Perhaps she has even worked a miracle or two—healing where there were differences, reconciling when there were conflicts. Above all, she has held a steadfast commitment to her mission. In doing so she has broken the record for both men's and women's deans, being the only one known to stay in an Adventist school as head dean for 31 years. And she's done it with grace and humor.

Becoming a dean was a midlife career change which she had to be persuaded to consider. In college, Arlene had studied English and business. She was an excellent secretary and worked for the college president seven years. "I felt I had the best job on campus," she says.

Then in February, 1954, Rachel Christman indicated that she would be leaving her position as head dean in the women's dormi-

tory. By August, Percy Christian, president of Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, was desperate for a replacement; he turned to Miss Friestad. "I really didn't want to do it. I had been dean at Broadview Academy near Chicago for one year. I knew it was hard work!" But demonstrating one of her special qualities—loyalty—she accepted the president's appointment.

"Even though I have had many calls to other places through the years, it seemed there was always a reason to stay at EMC. To finish some project, see a building completed, help during a transition when one of the assistant deans was leaving or . . ." Faithfulness.

A fun perfectionist

Of Norwegian heritage, Miss Friestad, grew up among people who didn't consider it too much to wash windows every Sunday morning. "She loves to clean," remarks her long-time friend Marguerite Ross. In fact, the public areas in the dormitory are cleaned twice a day. Chuckling, and with a sense of pride, the staff verifies the legend that Miss Friestad cannot pass by the tiniest scrap of paper or a piece of lint on the rug. Mrs. Rita Jones, associate dean, laughs, "Even when she's in my office to visit I catch her running her hand over my desk top, dusting it a little." Lamson Hall at Andrews University sparkles!

"She's a perfectionist," adds Dr. Mercedes Dyer, who chose Miss Friestad to assist her in editing the *Dean's Window* back in 1961, a responsibility held for 22 years. "But unlike most perfectionists, she is warm and accessible."

And humorous. Margy Ross remembers the day Arlene asked her to buy her a sweater. "Get some neutral color," she told Margy. "Like red."

Miss Friestad has a reputation for being a good businesswoman, too. She has always lived within her budget and her dormitory operation has at times made money for the university. After students leave in the spring, Lamson Hall becomes a bustling center for those attending on-campus workshops and conferences.

Living with hundreds of people in one place is a challenge. "I suppose a dormitory is a cross between a home and a hotel. But it is not just like home," Miss Friestad emphasizes. "What one mother could do with one daughter isn't what we can do here with 600 daughters." In spite of the pressures Miss Friestad has made very few enemies. A former Lamson Hall resident, whose daughters have also lived in the dorm, remarks, "I've never once heard of her giving a tirade in worship—or in private. She may be firm but the girls usually feel she is reasonable."

Incredible changes have taken place in the past 31 years—both in society and in the Adventist home. Inevitably, such changes im-

pact upon a college dorm and the people who lead it.

"When I began there were no telephones, no cars, no late leaves, no passes," Miss Friestad remembers. "Life was quite simple." Men didn't set foot in the dorm. And women didn't go out of the dorm at night "except to the library—if they signed enough papers!" laughs Betty Guthrie, long-time assistant to Miss Friestad as housekeeper and office manager.

Society's greater acceptance of drug use and freer public display of affection are changes that have affected Adventist campuses. In the 1980s the most distressing problems are when students experiment with alcohol or choose to wear jewelry; and many students want to have TVs in their rooms.

Deans are in a tough position, damned if they set rules and damned if they don't, caught between the church's ideals and the practices of church member homes where students come from. "At times we seem to be upholding standards that very few people care about," observes Valerie Phillips, assistant women's dean. "Parents are sometimes openly hostile about our regulations."

Understating it, Miss Friestad says students today are "more expressive." That means they may harangue, complain, defy, dodge rules, or be dishonest. "It's not easy to be the point of public ridicule when we've taken a stand on principle, or to be the brunt of letters to the student newspaper, some written by your own colleagues on the faculty." She says it gently. But she says it.

And yet, Miss Friestad believes the students today are "more fragile." "As I listen to them talk and realize the home situations some of them come from—where there may be conflict, divorce, spouse abuse, even incest, then I am amazed at how well so many of them do. We have to be understanding."

Changes for the better

Some changes through the years have been for the better, such as the working conditions and pay for women in the church.

"Women have made an incalculable contribution to the church," Miss Friestad says simply. Her own life documents many of the sacrifices which were required only of women by unknowing or insensitive administrators.

"When I left a secretarial job in Chicago to become dean of girls at Broadview Academy, my pay was cut exactly in half," she recalls. During her earliest years at Lamson Hall, her salary was so small that she had to make a choice to "dress or drive." She chose to buy a car, but during the years she paid for it she could scarcely afford a new pair of shoes.

For a woman who willingly gives 60 or more hours per week toward her responsibilities, sacrifice is not a difficult concept. But for

a fair woman, injustice is painful. Male deans consistently received more money, larger apartments, and until the early 1970s when wages were finally equalized, \$25 or so a month was put aside for men who left dean's work to use when they were ready to buy a house. Not a dime was put aside for women's deans. Arlene Friestad is quiet—reflective but not bitter when she says, "I think I could have used a fund like that now that I'm retiring."

Originally, hers was a living room and kitchen apartment. She was delighted when a bedroom was added, though that was well after the time when her mother, who was ill, came to live with her. ("But I was better off than Rachel Christman; when she first came she had to sleep in her office!")

When the west wing of Lamson Hall was under construction, Miss Friestad happened to see the brick layers working on her new bedroom wall. They weren't leaving an opening for a window. "I told them to halt right there!" She went off to talk with those in charge.

The men were incredulous. "Why should a women's dean need a window in her bedroom? They are only in there at night when it's dark." She persisted. She got windows in every room.

Her concept of education is practical, innovative, and current. For example, during the past five years, the Lamson deans have organized Womanhood Week. As the college paper accurately billed it, there was "no end to Lamson festivities." Films, crafts, small-group discussions, interviews, a food fair, floral demonstrations for weddings by a local flower shop, a booksale, dean's skit, aerobics demonstration, and a tea for Miss Friestad's second-generation Lamson women.

The future?

Her life has been so structured here. What will she do when she retires? I asked, foolishly.

"Arlene will structure her life wherever she is," replied Betty Guthrie.

"She has plenty of interests," replied Bonnie Jean Hannah, who took a once-in-a-lifetime 91-day trip around the world with her and has taught her china painting. "She's a family person, too. She has eight nieces and nephews whom she adores. When we arrived back from our trip, delayed for hours in England during a hijacking scare, there was nobody to meet me. But there were three carloads of her family waiting to welcome her!"

Speaking for herself, Miss Friestad said, "You know, one of my girls asked me recently if I were going to 'live it up' when I left the dorm. I don't know exactly what she had in mind, but I said, 'Yes!'"

First of all, she is going to look for a place to live. "It mustn't be too small, you know. I'm used to roaming all these hallways. It's at least got to have an upstairs and a downstairs."

Looking back Miss Friestad answers questions about changes and stresses, but it is the rewards she enjoys talking about.

"I like to see students go on and achieve. That was the outstanding part of my round-the-world trip. I saw former students everywhere. I stayed in their homes and met their children. I don't know that I've contributed so much to their lives, but seeing them achieve is a real source of satisfaction to me."

Closing our interview, she adds, "You know, no person operates alone. I have had the support of the deans of students and the university presidents. I'm thankful for that. Not all women's deans have been so fortunate."

Arlene Friestad is a woman whose living has demonstrated her priorities, whose service has reflected her faith, and whose gifts have blessed thousands of Adventist women, touching them with grace and joy.

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Mark your calendar

August 16 is the deadline for the next issue of *The Adventist Woman*. It will feature reports from General Conference and a complete schedule of events for the 1985 AAW Conference being planned for October 24-27 on the campus of Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, MA.

November 8 is the deadline for the final issue of *Adventist Woman* in 1985. Reports from Annual Council and the Third Annual AAW Conference with the theme "Women's Voices, Women's Lives," will be featured.

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New research reveals causes

Women in SDA leadership lost ground during Depression

New research reveals that a sharp decline of women in leadership roles in the Adventist Church was exacerbated by conditions during the Great Depression.

Honors student Patrick L. Allen reported these findings to the Andrews University Honors Society in a presentation on May 14. His research project was entitled "Effects of the Depression on the Role of Women in the Seventy-day Adventist Church."

Allen's work provides insight into the trends that Bertha Dasher reported to the 1984 Women of Mission Conference. In 1920, for example, women held 51 positions as secretaries in Sabbath School Departments of the North American Division. By 1940 that number declined to nine.

Allen believes that three General Conference decisions taken to survive the onslaught of the Depression did help salvage the church's finances—but worked against individual church workers and against women in particular.

The three decisions brought wage cuts, mergers of conferences, and limits on how long a person could hold a particular office.

Wage cuts affected all, but the wage differentials between men and women (which appear to have been greater than those in society) resulted in disproportionate sacrifice on the part of women. Married women were not paid for their work at all during part of the Depression years, though their husbands received an extra \$5 per month allow-

wance as recognition for the working wife.

Conferences that merged to save money often had women employed in leadership roles. But in the job shuffles women frequently lost out; those who survived were later replaced by men.

Tenure of office was established as a maximum of six years in any one local conference, after which a leader was to be transferred. Women, who held many local conference positions prior to the adoption of this policy in 1931, apparently reached the maximum tenure and then were dropped. Records of women being transferred to another conference are virtually nonexistent, Allen states. When choices had to be made on whom to retain and whom to drop from employment, ordained ministers were given preference, another practice that worked against Adventist women.

Allen's 54-page research paper was an independent project done with Andrews University history professor Brian Strayer. The paper contains bibliography, footnotes, and graphs that amply illustrate the author's thesis. A copy has been placed on file for researchers in the Heritage Room of James White Library.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS

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world, which she first presented during the Women of Mission Conference last summer in Berrien Springs for the Association of Adventist Women. Currently she and her husband are missionaries in the Philippines.

Vibrant testimonies of women who are witnessing for Christ in various parts of the world will include: Gloria Baylon from the Far Eastern Division, Laura Gonzales from the Inter-American Division, Juanita Kretschmar from the North American Division, and Doracy Passos from the South American Division. Rhona Cooper will challenge women toward a renewal of their energies to finish the work Jesus called us to in her address, "Content with Crumbs?"

Enhancing each session will be a variety of musical presentations by performers from several countries. Song services begin at 9:20 a.m. each day. A warm welcome awaits all women at these meetings.

Marie Spangler is director of *Shepherdess International*, which seeks to offer support to spouses of Adventist ministers throughout the world.



PUERTO RICO AAW CHAPTER IN ACTION. AAW members organized Women's Week at Antillan College, February 19-23, 1985. Mrs. Miriam Salcedo, above, spoke for the Sabbath service. She is an evangelist for revival meetings in the East Conference. Officers of the new chapter (not shown) include Mildred Rivera, president; Gloria Melendez, vice-president; Alicia Heyde-Gipson, secretary; and Milagros Garcia, treasurer.



The only male speaker of the week was Dr. Ricardo Garcia, Education Secretary of the East Conference.

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Theology papers on women now for sale

Key studies of Bible texts, theological issues, and background material on women and the church are now available for sale by the Biblical Research Institute of the General Conference.

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In edited form the papers are titled *Symposium on the Role of Women in the Church* and were first made available publicly at the Women of Mission Conference in 1984. Among the scholars who contributed are both men and women—Gerhard F. Hasel, Kenneth L. Vine, Jerry A. Gladson, Julia Neuffer, Walter F. Specht, Sakae Kubo, Frank B. Holbrook, E. Marcella Anderson, LaVonne Neff, Betty Stirling, Fritz Guy, and Raoul Dederen.

Dederen's paper, "A Theology of Ordination," is the only major Adventist work to date on the ordination issue.

The *Symposium* papers have been produced in a 196-page typescript book. The price of \$10 includes postage and handling.

Four papers that were prepared exclusively for the 66-member study Commission on the Ordination of Women in March, 1985, have now been released for general study. Two papers argue strongly against ordained women clergy and a third, while summarizing arguments pro and con, gives the most emphasis to the opposition view. Author, titles, and prices of these materials are:

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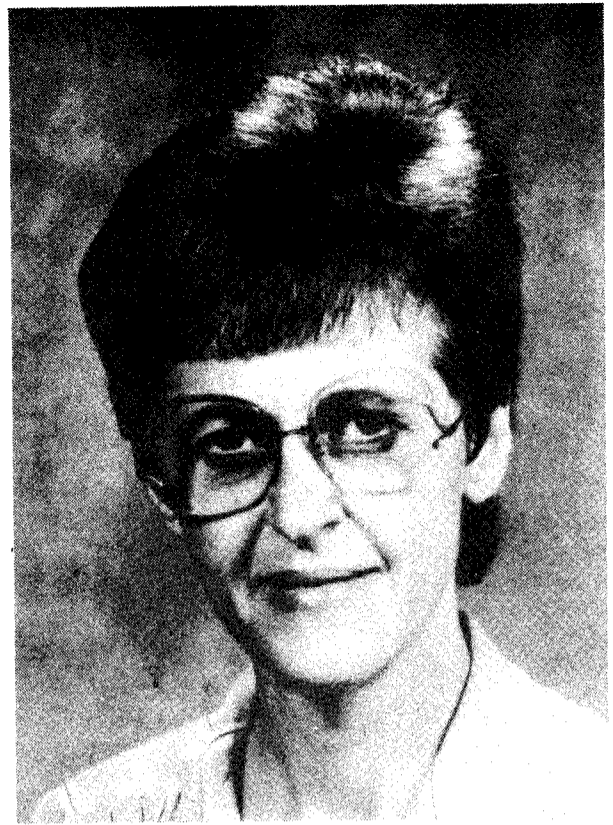
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Kathleen Zolber



Rosa Lee Jones



Eleanor Hetke

1985 Women of the Year

Nutritionist, Bible worker, and missionary honored in New Orleans for lives of service

Professional/Career

As an educator, researcher, scholar, manager, and leader, Kathleen Zolber has influenced her profession and supported her church in a life-long career in nutrition and dietetics. A highlight of her life of achievement and service came when she was elected by the 50,000 members of the American Dietetic Association to be their president in 1982-1983.

Dr. Zolber is the author and coauthor of more than a dozen articles in professional journals, several of which are classics in her field. She maintains membership in 11 professional societies, including the prestigious scientific research society of North America, Sigma Xi. Currently, she is a member of six national and local committees or boards including the editorial board for a new journal, *Topics in Clinical Nutrition*. In addition, she has received distinguished awards from Loma Linda University, where she has been on the faculty since 1967; from the California Dietetic Association, Washington State University, and Walla Walla College. In 1969 she was listed in *Who's Who of American Women*.

Her interests go well beyond her profession. At Loma Linda University she has served on numerous committees and councils including the Strategic Planning Committee, the Promotions Committee, the Executive Council for the Graduate School, and from 1978-1980 she chaired the University Library Committee.

As a committed Seventh-day Adventist, Dr. Zolber finds time to work in her local church. She belongs to the 5,000-member Loma Linda University church where she chairs the Finance Committee. With her usual energy and acumen she has undertaken the complete reorganization of the financial structure of the church, converting a faltering program into one that is strong and viable.

Friends and associates characterize her as a caring woman. She is not too busy to see students, faculty, secretaries, and friends, to listen to their problems and comments, or to offer understanding, sympathy, and to join them in finding strategies and alternatives

Church Life:

Rosa Lee Jones has received many gifts from God and has used them all to serve Him. As a Bible instructor she has led more than 1,000 persons to Christ in New York City alone. She has participated in evangelistic campaigns in far-flung places such as Nigeria, Jamaica, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and Hawaii.

She is the director-founder of the New Believers Choir based at the Ephesus church in Manhattan, a group that will soon celebrate its thirtieth birthday. As a vocalist and choir director she and the New Believers have raised more than \$70,000 for various church projects including the Victory Lake Nursing Home, a Seventh-day Adventist facility in Hyde Park, New York.

Though retired, Mrs. Jones still serves her God. All 300 families living in her apartment complex have received literature and personal visits from this Adventist neighbor. Many of the elderly and disabled residing there rely upon her for transportation to the market, the bank, and doctor's appointments. She is always available to aid and comfort those in need.

An accomplished musician, Mrs. Jones has presented concerts in the Detroit Institute of Arts, Kimberly Hall in Chicago, Hunter College Hall in New York City and in many churches around the world. Offered an opportunity to tour professionally, she determined instead to give her talents to further the work of "her God."

A firm believer in the power of prayer, she sought help from God for her elderly friends who needed a health-care facility. Impressed to contact Governor Nelson Rockefeller, she

that will enhance their personal or professional lives.

Her faith and values as an Adventist Christian have permeated her professional life. Her professional expertise has enriched her service to her church. Her dedication to excellence is equaled by her compassion. Her encouragement and academic guidance have enabled hundreds of students to build successful careers and become leaders in their chosen fields.

Home and Community:

A true missionary, Eleanor Hetke has given 23 years as an overseas missionary in the Southern Asia Division.

Adaptability and dedication are the earmarks of her life. No matter where she and her husband were stationed, Eleanor was at work. She has been school nurse, biology teacher, principal of an eight-grade school, director of nursing at two different hospitals, an innovator in village clinics, an assistant editor of a health magazine, a musician, and mother of three adopted children, including a daughter from India. On the side she has led Pathfinder groups, taught Sabbath school, and shared her love with scores of children in orphanages.

Three projects that bear the special imprint of her caring have been the Eventide Home for elderly women, the development of a foster

wrote to him of her concerns. A few months later, Rockefeller opened the door for qualified applicants to obtain loans to build nursing homes. Of the five applicants he received, three were accepted. One made it possible for the Northwestern Conference to build Victory Lake Nursing Home for which Mrs. Jones and the New Believers Choir had raised \$15,000.

The choral group has given concerts around the world raising additional money for projects such as a station wagon for the nursing home, a new piano and organ for the Ephesus church, and land upon which to build the church's proposed youth center. Mrs. Jones says, "When God speaks to me, I move!"

Mother of four, she was, as her son puts it, "mother, father, friend, and playmate to her children." In order to send her children to church school and still be home when they were, she worked for the post office as a special delivery mail carrier. Once the children were grown she accepted a full-time position as Bible instructor, a work she carried forward for 30 years.

When asked how she feels about her many accomplishments, she smiles and says with brightened eyes, "God did it all."

care program for abandoned babies, and the building of an SDA retirement home near division headquarters in India.

Visiting the Eventide Home in Poona, India, she discovered most of the women there had no visits from relatives. She was invited to become a member of the board of directors and was instrumental in raising money for numerous items including a water tower to insure a 24-hour water supply. From her own small earnings she provided fruit and special treats for the residents and taxied those who wished to go to church.

In 1979 while visiting the local government hospital in Poona she saw a 4½ pound abandoned baby girl. Knowing the mortality rate was very high even for healthy babies, she realized this preemie would not live unless placed in a home. The hospital would not release the baby until she could find one. Finding none, she decided to ask for the baby herself until another place could be found. When she went back for the baby, three others were also pressed upon her.

Grasping the great need of such infants, she organized and directed a program whereby lower-paid national workers on mission compounds could take in these abandoned children and receive remuneration for their foster care. This not only benefited the workers but provided loving care not normally available for such babies. The program has grown to involve more than 100 babies at a time, and is supported financially by two overseas agencies. Many of the children are later adopted by families from all over the world.

Most recently Eleanor has worked to raise money for an SDA retirement home in Poona to care particularly for the lonely, the sick, and sometimes neglected elderly women of the church. In spite of difficulties and many discouragements, this center was completed and dedicated on January 27, 1985.

Mrs. Hetke and her family will return to the United States permanently at the time of the New Orleans General Conference session. Considering her dedication and enthusiasm, she no doubt will continue to find ways to benefit her church and community.

Excerpts of speeches on women's roles by Kit Watts

Study group freely expressed views

During the course of 28 hours that the 66 members of the Commission on the Ordination of Women spent together, March 26-28, in Washington, D.C., more than 50 major speeches were made. (A digest of the meeting was reported in our May issue.)

A panoply of arguments and sentiments emerged in these speeches, a few of which are excerpted below:

Gerald Christo, president of the Southern Asia Division, gave the first speech of the Commission. Noting that he had been widely quoted in the *Review* and *Spectrum* after his speech at the last Annual Council, Christo revealed that had a vote been taken that day he would have opposed women's ordination.

Christo said he questioned the "divine pecking order" for men and women we may have in our minds. "The trouble with this view is this question—would God create one human unequal with another?" Christo allowed for a certain subordination if it were in the context of the family, but added, "I don't think God ever intended women to be unequal. As long as we have this idea, we may never use the talents of ladies to the fullest."

Bekele Heye, president of the Eastern Africa Division, made the second speech of the Commission supporting the idea of a functional difference between men and women that affects their roles in church, and argued, "We have no right to question this because God gave it to us." Heye felt that women do carry major spiritual responsibilities in that they are entrusted with the character development of little children.

Bea Neall, the first woman to make a speech during the proceedings, teaches on the religion faculty at Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dr. Neall said she has no trouble with the idea of hierarchy and structure as long as it is properly defined. "What is headship? What is submission?" she asked. Drawing on the Christology of the Gospel of John, she noted that Christ is portrayed as subordinate to God yet equal with God. Christ repeatedly stated that all His power came from God, that He did nothing alone. Though the Father had headship, He and the Son worked together and through the Holy Spirit to carry out actions on earth.

"It's a mistake to think that women want to be men," Dr. Neall said. "They want to be complementary—but not separate. Women, as Genesis teaches, are suitable to work with men, though for centuries the Christian world has held that women are unsuitable." Neall concluded by appealing for joint ministries where men and women are fully educated to meet the needs of their congregations.

Mario Veloso spoke on behalf of the

South American Division and its president, Joao Wolff, who was present but does not feel fluent in English. In numerous speeches over the three days, Veloso maintained that women could function in many leadership roles, as shown in both the Old and New Testaments—but women are never to be ordained as priest or pastor. "Women are not inferior," Veloso said. "Equality has nothing to do with ordination. Undoubtedly, however, we have failed to give women their proper place in the church. But let's not try to solve a problem by making a bigger mistake."

Hedwig Jemison, former assistant secretary of the White Estate, directing the Andrews University branch office, recalled that many years ago Adventist women were important as Bible workers and as assistants to minister-husbands. "Women fill a great place in the world field. They are doing all kinds of ministry. None of them are ordained," she pointed out. As for the difference between a woman being Sabbath school superintendent at 9:30 a.m. or preaching as an ordained minister at 11 o'clock, Mrs. Jemison said, "The difference is ecclesiastical authority; this is the authority women are not to have over men." Mrs. Jemison went on to say that women are important even though not ordained "because a minister can't do all the work."

William Johnsson, editor of the *Adventist Review*, observed that though 1 Timothy 2 states that no woman should teach, it is a practice which neither we nor Paul have observed. "A tension must be recognized here," he said. This accounts for much of the diversity in opinion which we find among our believers.

Johnsson commended Gerhard Hasel for his paper, which appears in the 1975 *Symposium on the Role of Women in the Church*, as "one of the best I've read on Genesis 1-3. We must watch out for the 'divine order argument,'" he cautioned, "because it has often been used by those in authority to maintain their power—whether whites over blacks, kings over serfs, etc."

As a New Testament scholar Johnsson also commented on the context of Galatians 3:28. "In chapter 2, Paul chides Peter for his refusal to eat with uncircumcised Gentiles. This seems like an interruption in this book on justification by faith. But not so. Peter was not living out his justification. He erected barriers between himself and his brothers in the faith. When we set up barriers we deny the gospel."

Johnsson concluded, "Paul never addresses slavery or urges its abolition. Yet Galatians is our basis for doing so. Slavery was an offense to the gospel."

Dolores Slikkers, a laywoman in busi-

ness with her husband in Holland, Michigan, stated, "I believe God had an order of man over woman right from the beginning, before the Fall." She did not see this implying inferiority but as a means to protect marriage. She went on to say that if women were treated fairly and felt cared for, ordination would not be an issue. "If we have already made a mistake by ordaining women as local elders, we should not feel it is too difficult to back up. Let's just be humble and follow God's will."

Gerhard Hasel, dean of the SDA Theological Seminary, said he still "wrestles" with the implication of the concepts of divine order and headship of males as some suggest based on Genesis 1-3. "If there is headship after the Fall and equality before, what is the implication for ordination of women? I am neutral on the idea of a pre-Fall ordering. I haven't yet fully addressed the implications for our current debate."

Hasel did caution against using the argument of "time and place" and "culture" to explain New Testament passages, lest "we do away with foot-washing." Yet he noted that the concepts of "clean" and "unclean" in the Old Testament are really the same issue. On the question of women's ordination, Hasel concluded that "it would be premature to decide now because we have not done our homework adequately and the church is not educated on these issues."

Walter R. L. Scragg, president of the Australasian Division, queried, "What further study is needed? The Adventist view of ordination is not a sacramental one. It is simple. We believe it is an affirmation of the Spirit's gifts seen in the individual."

Scragg admitted that theology does not seem to preclude women from ministry but practical, administrative concerns must be recognized. These, however, he felt were not insurmountable. "In the sisterhood of churches some do things differently, but still in unity with the church body. Some of the problems people raise are theoretical ones, but I don't think they will fracture the church, especially if we deal with them properly."

Shirani de Alwis, on the faculty of Spicer College in India, commented on the contrasts for women in that part of the world—some educated and serving in prestigious public office (one-tenth of those in Parliament are women), and others treated like chattel. In 1984 there were, for example, reports of 1,200 burnings of brides.

"In India many women are seen to exist for three functions—to bear children, be sex machines, and run the home. Many have made their husbands their god. Sometimes you ask an Adventist woman, 'Will you be a Sabbath school leader?' She doesn't say she'll go home and pray about it. She says, 'I'll ask my husband.'"



Dolores Maupin, laywoman from Washington, D.C., and a member of the GC Committee, urged the Commission to listen to the intent of Scripture.

Dr. de Alwis noted that some commission members suggested that a priest or prophet should be the model for Adventist ministers. "I'm an educator and not a theologian, but I think we find a good model in Jesus—the servant model. Ministers are not predestined, but prepared."

She concluded that while not many women are in leadership in the Southern Asia Church, this is changing. She emphasized, "We learn through role models."

Aulikki Nahkola, who is women's dean at Newbold College and teaches Greek, has completed an M.Div. degree; she is originally from Finland.

"Women leading churches is not an 'if' in my country, but a fact," she noted. "There have never been enough workers, so whoever is working, male or female, has a church."

Miss Nahkola noted that "some equate ministry with masculinity. But is this only a man's role? I think of bringing people to Jesus as bringing about a new life, educating it, nourishing it. We need both mothers and fathers in ministry."

As for the question of Biblical hermeneutics and interpretation of texts, Miss Nahkola posed the question, "To what extent is the New Testament normative and how much did the Lord have to accommodate for the 'hardness of heart'?" She noted that some argue that Jesus selected only males for apostle, "and yet they don't insist that we have only 12 ministers, or only Jewish ministers. To what extent were the apostles the best possible and to what extent were they the only possible candidates for this ministry?"

Kenneth H. Wood, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the White Estate and former editor of the *Adventist Review*, said, "I believe in absolute equality. We took sexist language out of the *Review* ten years ago on the basis of Christian principle. I think the paper demonstrated a rising sensitivity to women long before the ordination issue."

Wood argued that the Christian's first responsibility to God is for self-development. "To keep someone from developing their talent, their potential for Christ Jesus, is wrong. If the Holy Spirit calls a woman, some of us turn around and say to her, 'But you're not a man!' That is outrageous. The church should be saying, 'Wonderful—let us help you.'"

"As for Ellen White, she recommends that medical missionaries and ministers work together, that when physicians go as missionaries they should be ordained. She says nothing about drawing a line to exclude women and only ordain the men. I find in that enough room to ordain women. I think she favored it."

Wood concluded, "We have prayed for two days for the Holy Spirit to be here. When did the Holy Spirit begin to influence the church on this? I think the Spirit has been with us for the past 12 years. If we go backwards now it seems a denial of the Lord's past leading. Let's take the next steps; let's educate, let's remove barriers. Let's be a glorious church without spot or wrinkle."

Kit Watts was a member of the Study Commission on the Ordination of Women.



Marcia Frost, an associate in pastoral care with the Potomac Conference, presented a devotional message on Wednesday, March 27, to the Study Commission on Women's Ordination. Seated at the table behind her are Chairman Neal Wilson and Secretary George Reid. Of the 66 members of the committee, 15 were women.

Counsel from 106 years ago

“May Women Speak in Meeting?”

by J.N. Andrews

There are two principal passages cited to prove that women should not take any part in speaking in religious meetings. These are 1 Cor. 14: 31-36, and 1 Tim. 2:12. But a careful study of the books of Corinthians shows that the passage first referred to can have no such application.

The Corinthian church was in a state of great disorder. The first chapter shows that they were divided into parties in reference to the apostles themselves. The fifth chapter shows that one had taken his father's wife, and the others did not mourn over this act. The sixth chapter shows that they went to law with the world, and implies that they were guilty of violating the seventh commandment. The eleventh chapter shows that when they celebrated the Lord's supper, the rich ate and drank until they were intoxicated, and the poor were waiting and suffering hunger.

Corinth—a special case

Now it appears from the fourteenth chapter that when they were assembled in meeting, the women threw everything into confusion by talking among themselves, and acting with such indecorum as to be a matter of shame to them. So what the apostle says to women in such a church as this, and in such a state of things, is not to be taken as directions to all Christian women in other churches and in other times, when and where such disorders do not exist.

As positive proof that he [Paul] was not speaking against a woman's participating in religious worship, we refer to 1 Cor. 11:5, where he says that every woman who prophesieth or prayeth with her head uncovered

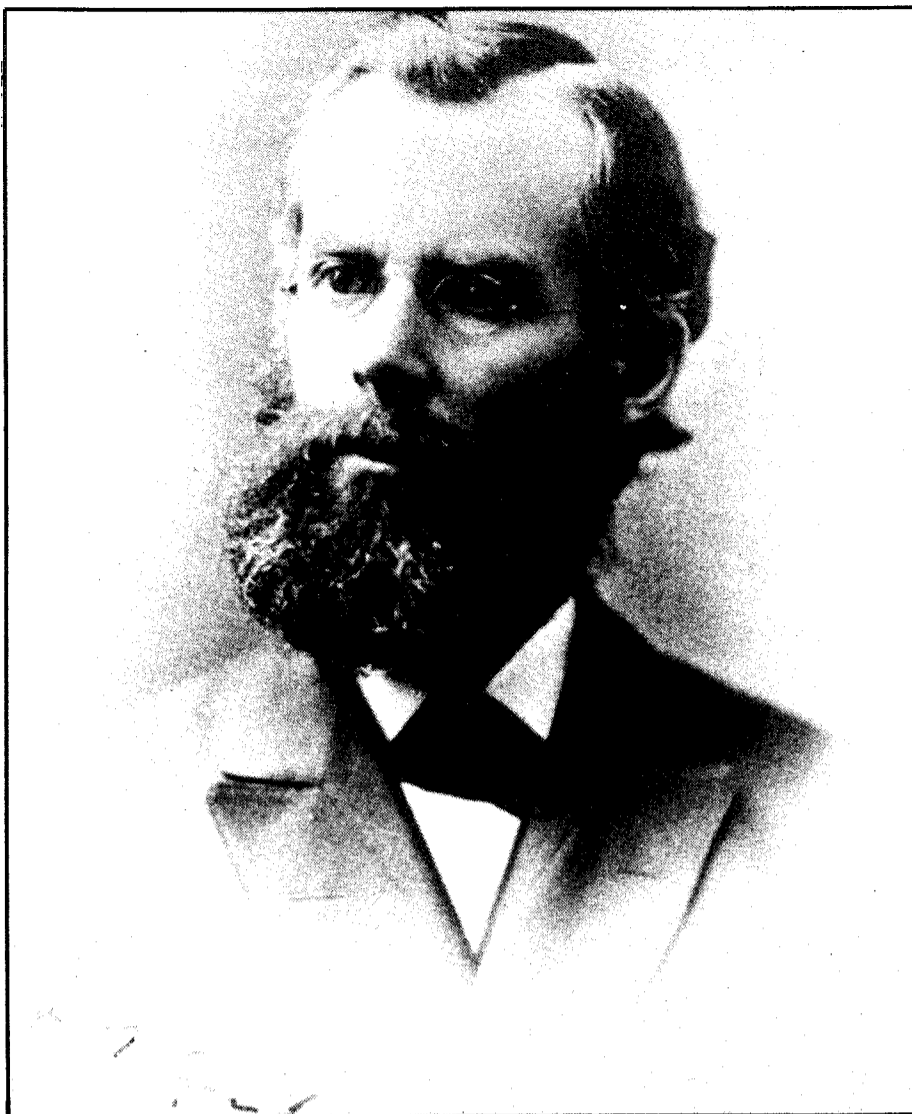
dishonoreth her head. And in chapter fourteen, verse three, he says that he that prophesieth speaketh unto men, to edification, exhortation, and comfort. These two passages show that they (women) did speak to edification, exhortation, and comfort. It was not a shame for women to do this work. Therefore Paul did not refer to such acts when he said, “It is a shame for women to speak in the church.”

Exceptions to the rule

1 Tim. 2:12. We understand this text to give Paul's general rule with regard to women as public teachers. But there are some exceptions to this general rule to be drawn even from Paul's writings, and from other scriptures. It appears from Phil. 4:3 that women labored with him in the gospel. Romans 16:1 shows that Phebe was a deaconess of the church at Cenchrea. See original.

Verse 3 shows that Priscilla, the wife of Aquila, was one of Paul's helpers; and Acts 18:26 shows that she was capable of instructing Apollos. Tryphena and Tryphosa, Rom. 16:12, labored in the Lord; and Persis labored much in the Lord. Acts 21:8, 9. Philip's four daughters prophesied. In Luke 2, Anna the prophetess is mentioned. Verses 36-38. In the time of Jeremiah, Huldah was a prophetess consulted instead of Jeremiah himself. See 2 Chron. 34. In the fifth of Judges, Deborah is spoken of, and in the fifteenth of Exodus, Miriam.

Paul, in Romans 10:10, says, “With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation;” and this must apply to women equally with men.



J. N. Andrews

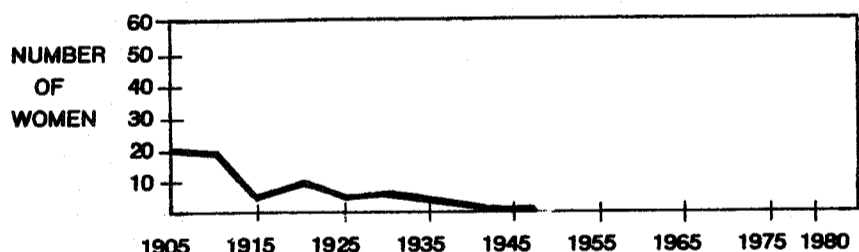
J.N. Andrews was the third president of the General Conference and, before going to Europe as the church's first commissioned overseas missionary in 1874, served briefly as the editor of the *Review and Herald*. The article is reproduced in its entirety from the January 2, 1879, *R&H*.

ADVENTIST WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

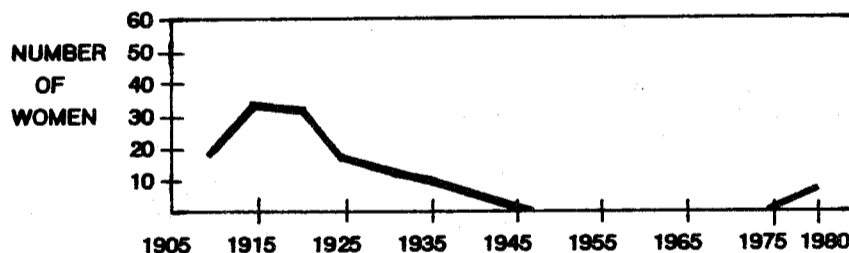
The role of women in the Adventist Church can be documented to a limited extent by surveying the *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook*. During the Women of Mission Conference held at Andrews University, July 1984, Bertha Dasher presented these statistics in graph form. Women named as leaders in the Education Department, Sabbath School Department, and as Conference treasurers were counted for every five years

from 1905 to 1980. The highest numbers cluster around the year 1915, the year of Ellen White's death. By 1950 there were no women in administrative or departmental leadership in any conference in the North American Division. Twenty-five years later, in 1975, a few women were beginning to reappear in some of these leadership roles.

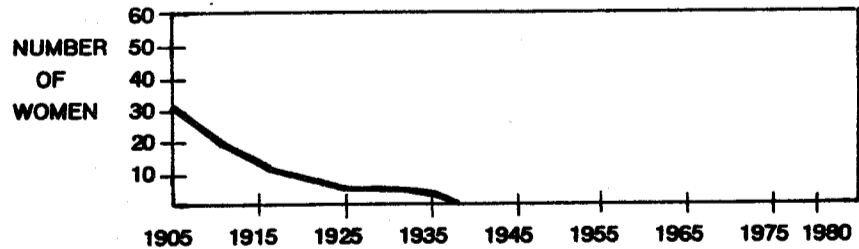
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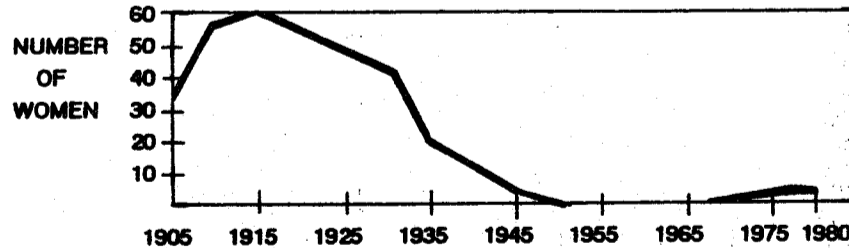
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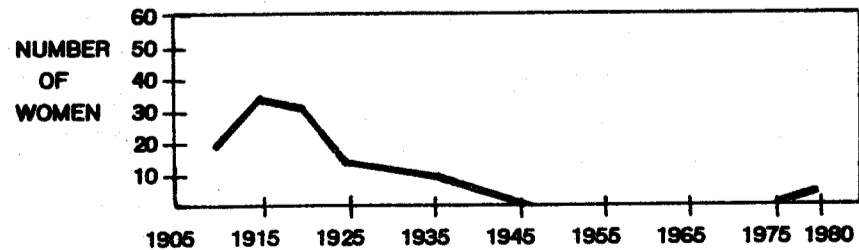
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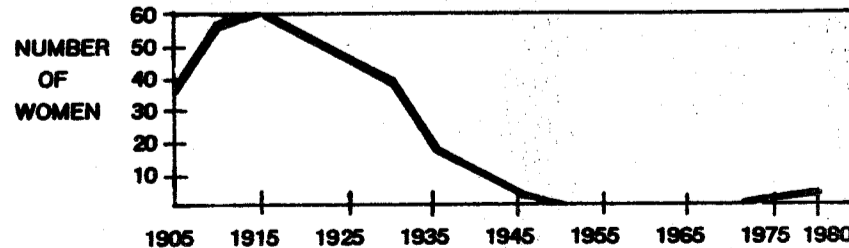
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Mission Statement

"So God made man in His own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created He them." Genesis 1:27

In God's sight each individual has the potential to make a valuable contribution to our world. It is the purpose of this group of Adventist women to help the individuals in our church reflect more fully the image of God in their relationships to each other in the home, the church, the work setting and in the community.

Through the means of this publication which focuses on the development, discoveries, interests and potential of Christian woman, our goals are:

1) To encourage communication, support and wider understanding among Adventist women in diverse situations.

2) To acquaint the church community at large with Adventist women's potential and achievements.

3) To assist Adventist women in achieving fulfillment in their interpersonal relationships, personal development and relationships to God.

4) To help Adventist women to maximize their options, whatever their age and situation, that they may reflect more fully the image of God.

Women of Destiny

Hinsdale women plan fall conference

by Penny Shell

When Pastor Larry Milliken, senior minister at Hinsdale SDA Church in Illinois suggested holding a program for women he probably had no idea he would be getting a women's miniconference weekend.

"I think he expected a guest speaker for church," says Shari Chamberlain, a Bible worker and the only woman on the Hinsdale church staff, who will coordinate the planning of the September 20-22 event.

"Last summer's Women of Mission Con-

ference at Andrews University really inspired me," Shari recalled. "I went not knowing what to expect. When I walked in, Elder James Londis, senior pastor from Sligo church, was talking about women's ministry in a way very confirming to my work. It was a very moving experience.

"We hope our conference at Hinsdale will help all women attending to feel confirmed, identified, and significant."

Shaped by the concerns of the Hinsdale churchwomen on the planning committee, the weekend will address women "with spiritual goals, on their way to heaven—women of destiny," Shari explained.

Kit Watts, writer, periodicals librarian from Andrews University, and one of the codirectors of the 1984 Women of Mission Conference, will speak at the 11 a.m. service on Sabbath, September 21, in the Hinsdale church at 201 N. Oak Street. Emilie Barnes, Christian author and speaker, will conduct a workshop, "More Hours in My Day," based on her book of the same name. The workshop will be held on Sunday, September 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Health Education Center in Hinsdale, 421 East Ogden Avenue. A special Sunday luncheon is available for \$5.

"When God Called," a play about Adventist pioneer women written by Dr. Kermit Netteburg of Andrews University, will be presented during Sabbath school. A concert by women and a program called "I Am an Adventist Woman" will be the opening meeting on Friday, night, September 20. On Sabbath afternoon, Meryle Cumbo, administrative secretary at Hinsdale Hospital, will coordinate a panel discussing "How to Have a Successful Devotional Life." (All of the above programs will be held in the Hinsdale church.)

A display of women's arts and crafts at 7:30 p.m. and the film "Fanny Crosby" at 8:00 Saturday night will be held in the Health Education Center, which is about a mile from the church.)

While the weekend is designed particularly for the benefit and affirmation of Hinsdale church women, women from other churches are welcome.

For details and information on meals and housing, write to Shari Chamberlain, Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church, Hinsdale, Illinois 60521.

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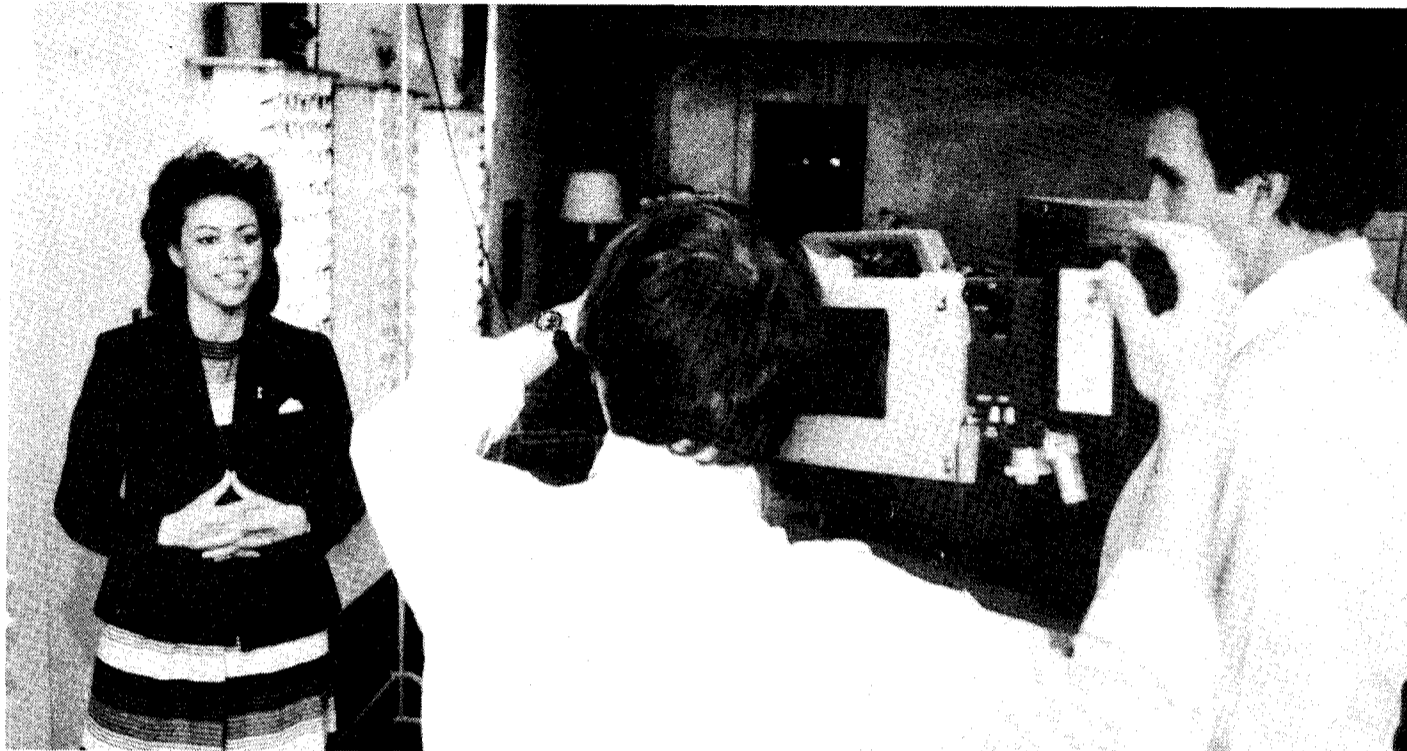
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Physician with many roles pays tribute to role models

by Stephanie Irwin

Donna Willis' multiple roles at Kettering Medical Center give her opportunities to "make a difference"—a theme that has hallmarked this young physician's career from her Oakwood College days to her Mayo Clinic residency.

Throughout her life, her inspiration to excel has come from the role models of her mother and father, Betty Palmer Willis and Robert L. Willis, and other inspiring lives she read about in books.

"When Ellen White talks about the importance of the family, she's not kidding," Willis says. She refers to her father, a pastor who has just accepted a transfer from the Dupont Park church in Washington, D.C., to Chicago's Shiloh church, as a source of advice.

"Most people who know our family would say I'm a lot like my father, and this is true.

WOMEN OF THE YEAR

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Nationwide Insurance agent in Maryland. The judges were:

Eloy Martinez, associate director of the General Conference Office of Human Relations; Viveca Black, director of development for Boys and Girls Clubs of America for Greater Washington and a member of the AAW Board of Directors; Ellen Bresee, associate coordinator for Shepherdess International; Karen Flowers, assistant director of the General Conference Home and Family Service; Lyndelle Chiomenti, an assistant director in the General Conference Sabbath School Department; Nancy Marter, homemaker and president-elect of the Association of Adventist Women; and Myron Widmer, associate editor of the *Adventist Review*.

However, I am inclined to believe my mother has more to do with who I am," she continued.

"I can't tell you how many times I've folded towels and face cloths again and again, organized a drawer or cleaned a refrigerator until it could pass inspection," Willis recalls. "My mother was quietly, and sometimes not so quietly, persistent. She never gave up if she felt something should be better."



Pastor and Mrs. Robert Willis

"My mother is a gentle, elegant, and gracious lady whose style and manner demonstrate thoroughness, consistency, and excellence. Above all, she is a very kind woman. I hope I grow to be more like her in this respect," Willis says.

Often when Dr. Willis speaks of her nurturing family, however, she includes the support

received from her Adventist faith. She calls her Oberlin, Ohio, birthplace a secure, happy place to grow up. "We all were active in church there," she recalls.

After attending Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, Willis and fellow student Jeff White became the first Oakwood students to be accepted, after only two years of undergraduate studies, to the Loma Linda University School of Medicine in California. From there, she set her sights on Mayo Clinic, and did both her internship and residency at the renowned Rochester, Minnesota, facility.

"Not only do you learn good medicine there, but they teach you the art of medicine, the finishing touches of being a professional," Willis says.

Her roles at Kettering Medical Center include associate program director for the internal medicine residency program, medical director of community health education, Board of Trustees member for Kettering College of Medical Arts, and television personality.

In addition to her KMC duties, Willis pursues a master's of public health degree and maintains direct patient contact through a limited private practice.

At home, Willis spends time reading, especially biographies. She enjoys authors Eugenia Price, C.S. Lewis, Chuck Swindoll, Paul Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou, and poets, Shelley and Frost.

"Reading about and absorbing the presence of thinking people helps me to develop and strengthen my thinking," she observes. Dr. Willis summed up the 31 years of her life with an observation gleaned from author Scott Peck. "What better kindness can God bestow on an individual than the privilege of a supportive family and authentic friends."

"God has been good to me," she concludes.

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