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Candy Seltman

In Shawnee Mission, Kansas

Candy Seltman directs care center for 500 children

by Andy Demsky

Two-career families are quickly becoming the norm in the United States. According to *USA Today*, between 50 and 60 percent of mothers with preschool or elementary school children work outside their homes. Many working parents are looking for people like Candy Seltman, a mother and professional child-care provider.

In response to a nursing shortage that was being felt nationwide, the Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, established an employee child-care center in 1979. The hospital administration hoped the center would pay off as an attractive bonus for recruitment, reducing absenteeism and helping retain employees. The idea has worked largely because of the skill and insight of Candy Seltman.

Andy Demsky works for Adventist Health Systems/East and Mid America in the communication office. His byline is often seen in *Insight* magazine.



In her spare time, Dr. Elly Economou painstakingly translates books written by Ellen White from English into Greek. She teaches religion and Biblical languages at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

In 1979 she had 43 children in the center. Today there are 550 employee children and a staff of 44. Since its creation, Shawnee Mission has yet to experience a shortage of nurses.

Candy graduated from Union College in 1961 with a degree in home economics and taught for several years on the elementary school level. For nine years she directed another child-care center in Kansas City.

"Thank you for providing a wonderful, loving, learning environment for Sarah and Jonathan," one parent wrote Candy recently when employees were surveyed for their opinion of the center. "They have blossomed into healthy, happy little people as a result of your caring."

The hospital administration is also pleased. Cleo Johnson, president of Shawnee Mission Medical Center said, "Candy's excellent leadership creates happy, learning children, satisfied parents, and a model for other centers."

The words *development* and *caring* arise again and again when Candy describes her philosophy of child care. Learning in a loving environment is the essence of the entire program.

"We don't create a stressful atmosphere of achievement. Children are encouraged to grow at their own pace," says Candy. "They are taught that they are free to make choices and, as long as they stay within the limits of consideration for other people and things, they do not always have to conform."

Children from six months to 12 years of age take part in daily activities. Parents are charged for the service through a payroll deduction.

Candy sees little disadvantage to the family who requires professional child care when the quality of the care given reaches a high standard.

"If the parents feel guilty about not being at home, this could be a disadvantage. However, we provide things here that a child couldn't get at home. I say that as a woman who stayed at home with her children," Candy added. "We expose children to music, physical fitness, social interaction, and many other things."

Candy observes that the issue of
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Women get advisory role in three union conferences

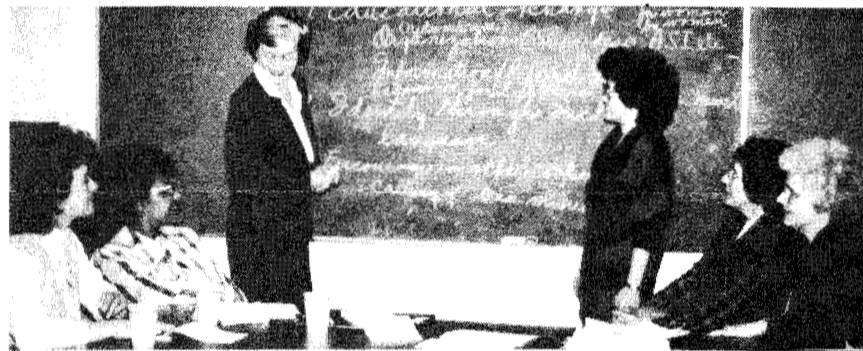
Women's voices may begin to be heard in three unions of North America this year. The Lake, Atlantic, and Columbia unions voted in May, October, and December, respectively, to form women's commissions. These union-level commissions will work in harmony with the North American Division (NAD) Women's Commission, which is sponsored by the Office of Human Relations.

But the distance between words on a paper authorizing a committee and an actual flesh-and-blood meeting may be long. By the time local conferences selected representatives, notified them, voted them, and the chairperson of the new group could find a date mutually agreeable for all eight women to meet, nearly 10 months had passed.

The Lake Union Women's Commission met for the first time on February 14-15 in Berrien Springs, Michigan, led by Dr. Thesba Johnston of Andrews University. (Johnston also chairs the NAD Women's Commission as reported in the August-September issue of *Adventist Woman*.) They plan to meet quarterly, coming together again on May 17.

Education topped the new commission's list of priorities. First they desire to be educated by the women whom they represent in the Lake Union, probably through town meetings. Next, the commission intends to speak on behalf of these women and help educate the official church on what type of publications, programs, seminars, will sup-

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In May 1986, the Lake Union Conference authorized the formation of a women's commission, the first of three North American unions to do so. The group had its first session on February 15 and will meet quarterly. (L to R): Cherry Habenicht of Wisconsin; Digna Estrada of Illinois; Thesba Johnston (chairperson) of Michigan; Yvette Chong of Michigan; Penny Shell of Illinois; and Bonnie Costrisan of Michigan. Not pictured: Barbara Bryant of Indiana; Marie Robinson of Illinois.

Economou finds time to translate Ellen White's books into Greek

by Kit Watts

Dr. Elly Economou is well known at Andrews University. As a member of the religion department faculty, she is known for her good classes and her skill in at least seven languages. She is known for a sense of humor, for her world travels, and her annual letter that illustrates them.

Certainly she is synonymous with hospitality. Dozens of international student are sheltered in her big heart. She throws open her home to students, faculty, and friends for huge social gatherings; they come by the scores for a taste of exotic Greek foods and other delectables traditional to her homeland.

But the private Elly Economou is a scholar with a singular, unique mission. For her people—the little band of Adventists in Greece numbering but a few hundred—she painstakingly translates books by Ellen White from English into Greek.

She does it on her own time, often using a sabbatical, working night and day and Sundays. The one pleasure she allows herself is looking out the window. If possible, she and her mother rent a chalet with a window

that looks out over the Swiss Alps and a lake. In this way she completed her fourth ECW book in December, *Christ's Object Lessons*.

Like English, Greek has changed through the centuries. Elly knows classical and Biblical Greek. But she must translate the books into modern Greek, the language people now use. It is a language in transition, with changed grammar and idiom. As you might expect a linguist to say, "They are massacring the language!" But with a twinkle in her eye, Elly goes on.

Work does not end with translation and the stacks of yellow paper filled with neatly penciled Greek letters. Funds must be found to typeset the books; the Greek Mission has little budget. And at times the typesetting is done by someone who knows no Greek. Elly has had to proofread a book as many as five times to see that the final copy is correct.

She is not deterred. Along with her latest book, *Steps to Christ, Messages to Young People*, and *The Great Controversy* are done. Soon she will begin another—*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessings*.

Thanks, pastor

by Nancy Marter



Recently my pastor invited me to talk with a group of seminary students completing their M. Div. degrees in an on-the-job setting in our church. Would I suggest how they might help women in their future congregations become "more effectively utilized"? Despite my hectic schedule, I decided I couldn't miss the opportunity. We spent a good hour together.

Several ministers and administrators at various levels of our church organization have been responsible for giving me a chance to learn and broaden my experience. One opportunity leads to another. Because of this I have seen firsthand how the church works, how and why decisions are made, and how to work constructively within the system. If women are to be an integral part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, they must learn these things. To learn, they need the chance—and the encouragement—to become involved.

Knowing the work I'd done in my local church for several years, my pastor nominated me to become part of the Potomac Conference executive committee. Here I gained experience with personnel, ordination, and arbitration committees. Other ministers on this board eventually provided the invitations that led to my serving on educational boards, a General Conference study committee, and our union executive committee.

To ministers everywhere I would say (as I did to the young pastors):
1) Don't rule women out by preconceived expectations of what they could or would do. Encourage new efforts. Give women a chance to try.

2) Create a positive environment in which women can grow.
3) Affirm them as the growth occurs!

To women I would say, Use the openings you get. Support and mentor each other.

If you see a job that interests you in your local church, for which no one seems available/interested/gifted, volunteer to take it on. Do it well. Ask others for suggestions. As other needs or opportunities arise, help fulfill them, doing your best in each "as unto the Lord." As our experience in God's work grows, the value and acceptability of our contributions grow with it.

From the Pulpit

Jael—risking for right

by Wanda Grimes Davis



Treacherous, immoral, cold-blooded, crafty, inhospitable. All these adjectives have been used to describe Jael the Kenite, slayer of Sisera. As some read Judges 5:24-27 they say Jael feigned hospitality when she invited Sisera, her husband Heber's friend, into her tent to hide him from Barak's army. Craftily she gave him milk, rather than the water he asked for, that he might sleep. And when he does, she pins her hapless victim to the ground with a tent peg hammered through his temples.

Ellen White narrates Jael's story in an altogether different way: Jael was at first ignorant of the character of her guest, and she resolved to conceal him; but when she afterward learned that he was Sisera, the enemy of God and His people, her purpose changed. As he lay before her asleep, she overcame her natural reluctance to such an act, and slew him by driving a nail through his temples, pinning him to the earth. As Barak, in pursuit of his enemy, passed that way, he was called by Jael to behold the vain-glorious captain dead at his feet, slain by the hand of a woman.

Rather than portraying woman as treacherous, Jael's story says God may use women in unlikely ways in the Great Controversy between evil and good. It also says women may at times have to risk reputation, safety, and life itself to obey God.

Surely Jael faced a dilemma when Sisera fell asleep at her feet. She was subject to the dictates of her husband and the patriarchal system. Apparently her husband Heber and Sisera had a political agreement or treaty. Jael had to choose between these powerful considerations and a conviction that God called her to obey Him, and to help save His people by destroying this enemy.

Today women must also use the talents and opportunities God gave them to fulfill His eternal plan. The responsibility of sharing the Good News is the burden of all who call themselves Christian regardless of gender. There are risks, of course. One's character may be maligned, motives questioned, or reputation attacked.

Fortunately for Jael there was Deborah, the woman prophet, to put this daring, "unwomanly" act into perspective for her community:

"Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kennite be!" she sang, according to Judges 5:21. What a commendation! Only once again in the Bible is such a blessing pronounced upon a woman. Said an angel to Mary who was to conceive Jesus, "Blessed art thou among women." Mary, like Jael, accepted God's call at the risk of a ruined reputation, social ostracism, and personal fears. Mary, too, produced a nail (Isaiah 22:23, Zechariah 10:4) and bruised the head of God's enemy (Genesis 3:15).

The hammer, the pen, your own voice—whatever it is God calls you to use for Him, move out in faith. Despite risks to life, liberty, or reputation, you will ultimately find His blessings rest upon those who hasten to do His will.

Wanda Grimes Davis is a chaplain at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

Candy Seltman

From front page

staying at home versus establishment of a two-career family revolves on economics and planning rather than theology or morality.

"I chose to stay home when my

children were young, but I don't see it as a religious issue. The bonding with the mother is important. But if parents give their children attention and security the child will adjust. Combined with the quality care we give here, I think you can have a very secure and happy child."

LETTERS

One More in Florida

Dear Editor:
Since I have joined the Central Seventh-day Adventist church in Orlando, Florida, as you reported in the December 1986 issue listing women pastors and chaplains, Barbara Noonan has become an associate for pastoral care at the Forest Lake church in Forest City, Florida. She was previously a Bible worker at the Jacksonville, Florida, church.

One concern I have is for the large number of women listed as "previous" pastors. Are there major problems that are causing a career change or what? Is there something we can do for them?

Duane M. Frey
Associate for Pastoral Care
Orlando, FL

Woman of Courage

Dear Editor:
Talk about "Women of Courage!" In her letter to the editor (December 1986), Mercedes Dyer stated firmly her convictions regarding the ordination of women, assured of a reading audience that would probably disagree!

Interestingly enough, when I first learned about the Woman of the Year award, my thoughts turned immediately to Dr. Dyer. Here is a truly professional, Christian educator who has taught at all levels (most recently in the School of Graduate Studies at Andrews University), counseled thousands of young people, conducted workshops in Europe and South America, served in the mission field (both in active service and in retirement), been a dean of women in academy and college, edited the *Dean's Window* for many years, volunteered for numerous Maranatha projects, served on conference committees.... The list goes on. But *always* in her crowded schedule she has found time for soul winning. Even now in "retirement" she and her dedicated husband spend part of their time living in a trailer in West Virginia giving Bible studies where they hope to raise up a church by 1990. Is it any wonder that she urges that "we waste no more time or energy on the ordination of women but that we focus on how we can win more souls for the Kingdom of God?"

In humble admiration I can only say, "Amen."

Audrey Sniegon
Takoma Park, MD

The Other Side

Dear Editor:
I am responding to a letter by our much-respected professor, Mercedes Dyer, in which she wishes we would put aside the issue of ordination of women and just get involved in the work of the Lord.

I can sympathize with her position since I once felt that way myself. As a Bible teacher at Union College, I now see the other side of the story. From time to time we have had brilliant young women come to our college who love theology and want to go into the Lord's work full-time.

One such was Becky, who had to take music and education majors along with theology to be sure she would find a place somewhere when she was finished. She was superior to many of the male theologians and was an excellent soul-winner, but she had to go into music education for a while.

Bridget loves her Bible classes best, but her father told her she would have to take science or some other area to face the future realistically. Sally, one of our most brilliant seniors this year, is going through agonies wondering if there will be a call for her when she gets done.

Once at Andrews University when I expressed the desire to recruit young women for the theology program I was told, "No way. They'll never find a job when they get through." What has been

the result? Most Adventist women (including most pastors' wives) direct their energies to employment outside the church and have little time for soul-winning at all.

When there is a shut door at the end of the road, when there is no future, no encouragement, no ordination of women, most women will choose another career. That is why we have so few women involved in church ministry today, and that is why we need to push for the ordination and employment of women in the Adventist Church.

Beatrice Neall
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German Women in Ministry

Dear Editor:
In addition to the list of women in ministry you published in the December 1986 issue which focuses on those in the United States, let me give you the names of some in West Germany.

Five women, who held licensed minister's credentials in Germany, and are now retired are: Agnes Köhle, Martha Rückert, Else Küspert, Käthe Westenberger, and Lina Siegele.

Seven women have been active in ministerial work in Germany. Usually they pastor in a small district under the supervision of a senior pastor. These are: Karin Zywek of Hamburg; Hanni Fickensdies of Wiesbaden; Karin Löbermann of Frankfurt; Aunerose Nickel of Darmstadt; Agnes Kunisch, Frankfurt; Birgit Dullinges, München.

One who is ordained as a local church elder is Margarethe Prange, Gelsenkirchen.

Unfortunately, five of the active women in ministry will be quitting during the summer of 1987. One has experienced health problems but the other four either want to have children (which is considered incompatible with their ministry) or feel there is no future for them in this work. While they have been successful, some of the leading brethren in administration do not wish to encourage women in this work.

However, there are six women now taking the regular ministerial training with our Adventist young men in West Germany; they make up about 10 percent of the class.

Andreas Hildebrandt
Berrien Springs, MI

For Women in the Pew

Dear Editor:
Education has helped women to understand a broader role in our denomination. But the average woman sitting in the church pew has often been conditioned to feel that women cannot take spiritual leadership. Perhaps more could be said about this problem in the *Adventist Woman*. How can we approach this with tact, understanding, and persuasion?

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Loma Linda woman baptizes

by Steve Cooper

Margaret (Peg) Hempe fulfilled 20 years of ministry on December 20 by becoming one of the first women in the Seventh-day Adventist Church to perform a baptism.

She did not go down into the water as an act of bold challenge seeking to shake the power structure of her church.

Instead, she said she was fulfilling a personal obligation to those she baptized—another woman and a 12-year-old girl. As an associate pastor at the University Church of Seventh-day Adventists in Loma Linda, she had spent months preparing them for this step, which marks a public and spiritual entrance to the church.

"I wasn't trying to gain something for my rights. I was trying to do something for their rights. Their right to have the person they chose baptize them," said the 64-year-old grandmother.

She speaks of the event quietly, self-effacingly. She wants no limelight and is uncomfortable that there will be publicity about it.

Her reluctance stems from a deep respect for the meaning of baptism. She doesn't want a personal accomplishment to overshadow what happened in two lives.

Still, she acknowledges how important it was both for herself and for the evolving role of Adventist women.

"Jesus Christ gave all Christians the calling to go teach, preach and baptize. For 20 years I've completed only two-thirds of my commission. But this last Sabbath I felt the fulfillment of my whole commission," she said.

She remembers entering the baptism only aware of joy and the presence of God.

"There was such a sense of awe and a sense of mystery. I think both participants—the candidate and the pastor—are conscious of the Holy Spirit being there and accomplishing something that is unique," she said.

She now senses a fuller understanding of the meaning of baptism. It is a living

picture, meant to join the believer mysteriously in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

After witnessing from the pews for so long, she was no longer a spectator.

"Watching was different than doing....My heart was with these two young women. With them in their joy and affirmation of the love of Jesus Christ. With them in their public affirmation that they have accepted his life and his values at a time when the pull of society is in the opposite direction," she said.

Although a few baptisms were performed by Adventist women in Washington, D.C., in 1984, they ended when the issue of women baptizing became tangled with the issue of ordaining women, said University Church senior pastor Louis Venden.

Though the matter of women's ordination is on the agenda for the 1990 General Conference of the church, Hempe's situation is distinct from the ordination question, Venden said.

As associate pastor, Hempe serves as an unordained church leader. The church has reserved the right to baptize ordained male pastors and unordained males who are serving in pastoral roles.

But last fall, the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists voted to treat unordained men and women equally.

Venden said, "That meant we either had to stop the unordained men from baptizing or let the women go ahead. We have looked at it in some depth and it never seemed right that we should take a function of ministry away from someone to whom it has already been granted. Last Saturday's events reflect a growing conviction in this congregation to affirm Peg's ministry in all its fullness."

Before going ahead, the church's pastoral staff and more than 100 members of the church's board voted unanimously to allow Hempe to baptize.

"We're trying to be part of something



Pastor Peg Hempe baptized two candidates on December 20, 1986, in the University Church, Loma Linda, California.

positive with this. This is not a radical challenge, but part of God's leading.... It's a recognition of God's blessing on Pastor Hempe's ministry. Given the value of her ministry, how could we withhold any longer?" Venden said.

He would not speculate on what effect, if any, the baptism might have on the women's ordination issue.

"All I can say is this wasn't done for effect. People in other parts of the country or perhaps those in smaller congregations where no woman has ever served on the staff, they might not understand. But we have seen Peg's ministry. We simply say we must move on, we must move ahead," he said.

As a strictly political matter, the move was made easier because of the size and influence of the Loma Linda church. With 5,600 members and the actions backed by a unanimous vote of the leadership, denominational critics may find it difficult to challenge the legitimacy of Hempe's authority.

Ironically, the Adventist church was founded upon the writings of a 19th century woman, Ellen G. White. Most leadership roles in the denomination have been held by males, though Venden said there were many unordained women leaders prior to World War II.

"The important thing is that we don't see women pastors as replacing men. Nobody's being replaced. We're simply expanding to meet the needs of all in the congregation," Venden said.

It can be difficult—sometimes impos-

sible—for a male pastor to fully understand the needs of a woman believer. There are things he can't do for her.

"One thing that struck me as I watched Peg last Sabbath. As they finished, she turned to this other woman and hugged her. I mean really hugged her. It was wonderful.

"Now, if I, as a man, did that same thing, it would be seen as inappropriate. But this is a very emotional moment for people. A woman pastor in those circumstances can give another woman something a man is simply unable to give," Venden said.

Steve Cooper is a staff writer for the San Bernardino Sun. This article is adapted with his permission from the December 27, 1986, issue.

We offer this request in a spirit of loyalty to our church. We feel deeply with those women whose gifts are not now fully recognized. We hope and pray for that day when unity in diversity can be appreciated as a strength within the church we love.

BRI studies on women

Whereas many members of the Association of Adventist Women and others in the Columbia, Pacific, and Lake Unions have expressed serious concerns about the direction of the studies concerning the theological issues surrounding the ordination of women;

And whereas the present chairman of that commission has indicated personal preference through conversations with individuals and through past performances in dealing with the issue;

We hereby resolve to urgently request the General Conference President and his officer group to:

1. Publish within the next three months the names of those on the special commission.
2. Accept suggestions from the North American division, union, and local conference presidents as to those who might present papers.
3. Consider selecting an objective person outside the Biblical Research Institute to direct the commission.
4. Make the subject of ordination and the study thereof a part of the goals/agenda/objective of the NAD Women's Commission and the General Conference Women's Advisory Council.

Committees set up

VOTED: To establish an ad hoc committee to study the feasibility of increasing the dues for national membership in the Association of Adventist Women to a more realistic level. Consideration should be given to the possibility of incorporating both local and national dues into one fee. ALYCE PUDEWELL was asked to chair this committee and select persons to serve with her.

Representatives should include a variety of AAW chapters and the national treasurer. Final recommendations should be completed and ready for presentation to the national board no later than March 31, 1987.

VOTED: To set up a committee to examine means of more effectively ministering to the needs of homemakers and more fully recognizing and utilizing their skills within AAW. SUSAN JACOBSON was asked to chair the committee with Jeanne Kinzer Murdoch and Nancy Marter as members.

VOTED: That AAW be asked to follow-up the action of the last General Conference Session regarding affirmative action for women within the SDA Church. The committee, to be cochaired by HELEN THOMPSON and FAYE BLIX, will recommend to the AAW executive committee methods and procedures to implement follow-up on local, regional, national, and international levels.



Faye Blix, an attorney, and Helen Thompson, vice president for academic affairs at LLU, will co-chair one of the committees established during the conference.

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November 1986 at Loma Linda

Actions at national meeting establish AAW's priorities

Expanded goals

Whereas the Association of Adventist Women is deeply concerned about the roles of women in the church, we adopt as specific immediate goals:

1. Employment at all levels of the church be open to the best qualified people, regardless of gender. This goal includes the ordination of women to the ministry.
2. Equal pay for equal work.
3. Equal representation in the decision-making bodies at all levels of church administration.
4. Establish a Women's Commission at the union level in all unions.
5. Begin an active thrust to educate men and women of the church in relation to women's roles in the church.

Urgent request to NAD

Whereas the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a world church which encompasses a broad diversity of languages, and customs, and cultures; and

Whereas the unity of the body of Christ is forged less through uniformity of policy than through unity of faith; and

Whereas the diversity within the body of Christ rightly requires diverse approaches in terms of policy and practice; and

Whereas the North American Division has for the past decade seen women enrolled in pre-seminary studies, seminary studies, and in turn employed by local conferences to serve as pastors in ministry; and

Whereas the pastoral gifts of these individuals have been affirmed by the congregations they serve and the conference leadership that employs them;

We urgently request the North American Division leadership:



During the Women of Courage conference business session on November 29, 1986, Dr. Patricia Habada offered a motion. She is senior editor for the SDA reading textbook series produced by the GC Education Department.

1. To take a clear position in support of the ordaining of women to the gospel ministry;
2. To educate the North American church through articles, books, camp meeting presentations, and other means;
3. To educate the leadership of the world church regarding the necessity and appropriateness of this action; and
4. To meet with the Association of Adventist Women at the Fifth Annual National Conference (scheduled for October 8-11, 1987, in Takoma Park, Maryland) by way of sharing actions taken and discussing ways in which the Association can assist in this educational process.

People and Places



Arabella Williams made it into Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" in 1982 for being the oldest woman water skier in the U.S. She was 86 at the time. She took up the sport when she was 78.



Except when New Year's Day fell on Sabbath, Mrs. Williams won every trophy for being the oldest water skier to participate in Penguin Day events in San Diego from 1973-1986.

Oldest woman water skier in U.S. will attend 70-year college reunion

by Kit Watts

Penguin Day will not be the same any more. After 13 years of winning awards for being the oldest water skier at the New Year's Day event with the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, Arabella Williams has retired from the sport. On March 5 she turned 91.

She has a mantle full of trophies for braving the sometimes chilly wind and water. She won her first award in 1973 when she was 78. Her prowess as the oldest woman water skier in the United States, and maybe the whole world, has been covered by newspapers and magazines throughout the country. She made it into Ripley's "Believe It or Not" and Paul Harvey's "The Rest of the Story" in 1982.

But even without water skiing, Arabella has plenty to do.

At the Palomar Memorial Hospital she has volunteered more than 3,000 hours as a Pink Lady, taking Sunday shifts that are hard to fill in the gift shop. At the Escondido Adventist church she has helped in Dorcas activities every week; she's also been personal ministries secretary. She visits shut-ins. ("I drive my car any-

where", she says.) She may also be found atop a ladder pruning trees in her mini-orchard, or at a palette making a prize-winning oil painting.

As a young woman she was a missionary in South America, and learned both Portuguese and Spanish. Before she left she buried her husband in Peru and a son in Brazil, both victims of tropical diseases. She has been widowed a second time and has lived alone many years, but scores of friends and family members fill her life with activity—when she isn't away on some mission project.

She's a legend with Maranatha Flights International. Whether in Ireland, the Azores, Brazil, Alaska, or some project in Colorado or Washington, she's an important part of the team that makes miracles happen when churches and schools spring up to bless the needs of others.

An important celebration that she is looking forward to takes place later this spring. She graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1917. She hopes to meet classmates in Berrien Springs, Michigan, for her 70-year reunion!



(L to R) Dr. R. Iola Brown and Dr. Susan Willoughby were guest speakers for the Caribbean Club's special Sabbath focus on women, January 17, at Andrews University. Dr. Brown, a graduate of Howard University, has established the Unique Christian Academy in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Willoughby, a Harvard graduate, teaches at Atlantic Union College and is the author of *Go-Getters* published by Pacific Press.

Women's Commission

From front page

port these women in their homes, churches, and communities.

Lake Union Women's Commission members are: Barbara Bryant of Carmel, Indiana; Yvette Chong of Holland, Michigan; Bonnie Costerisan of Laingsburg, Michigan; Digna Estrada of Hillside, Illinois; Cherry Habenicht of Columbus, Wisconsin; Thesba Johnston of Berrien Springs, Michigan; Marie Robinson of Chicago, Illinois; Penny Shell of Chicago, Illinois.

Members appointed in the Atlantic and Columbia unions have not yet been announced.

NAD Office of Human Relations

Arlene Taylor plans to sample opinions of AAW members in her doctoral research at Columbia Pacific University in San Rafael, California. She hopes to determine what Adventist women consider to be the top five women's issues. She will sample opinion from other groups, including the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses (ASDAN). Taylor is director of Nursing Services at St. Helena Hospital in Deer Park, California.

Women's Commission members are: Dr. Dee Anderson of Keene, Texas; Jan Daffern of Ijamsville, Maryland; Evelyn Glass of Red Lake Falls, Minnesota; Dr. Thesba Johnston of Berrien Springs, Michigan; Dr. Lourdes Silva of Riverside, California; Sarah Spaulding of John Day, Oregon; Janell Vance of Buffalo, New York; Dorothy Williams of Olney, Maryland. *Ex officio* members are: Elizabeth Sterndale of the Health and Temperance Department of the General Conference; Dr. Sara Terian of the Institute of Church Ministry at Andrews University.

The purpose of the NAD Women's Commission is to provide information and advice to officials of the church on issues of particular concern to Adventist

Chapter news

Southeastern Wisconsin: Newest chapter very active

Just organized last December, Adventist women in the Milwaukee area have elected officers, planned two major programs, and set up seven support groups.

In spite of the holiday rush, Kathleen Freeman, the new president, reports that a constitution has been drawn up and a publicity campaign implemented to encourage women from six area churches to become involved in AAW.

Thanatologist Ginny Bourne of St. Luke's Hospital spoke at the January meeting on the topic of "Growing Through Grief." She not only discussed the expected grief one experiences when a loved one dies, but helped the group recognize other life situations that bring an identical sense of loss and

require the same adjustments. Afterward, chapter members established a "Grief Bank." Women who have successfully coped with a loss volunteer to be matched with someone who may be thrust into a similar experience. Grief Bank members will meet once a quarter to learn better how to help others in this outreach.

The February meeting will feature a physician guest speaker from St. Mary's Hospital. The Milwaukee hospital has begun a program where doctors meet in homes or in small groups to discuss women's health issues and answer questions.

In addition to the Grief Bank, the support groups organized are for singles; single mothers; mothers of preschoolers; wives of nonbelievers; mothers of home schoolers; young married women; and those attempting weight loss.

Michiana: Worship series for dormitory women

On January 29 Jane Thayer and Penny Shell presented the first talks in a worship series for women in Lamson Hall, Andrews University. The series will extend through April and take place on the last Thursday evening of each month. It is entitled, "I'm Proud to Be an Adventist Woman."

Each month two women will present their professions and how one can witness through them. Stella Grieg, assistant director of special project for the chapter, is coordinating the series.

Jane Thayer spoke of the years she had chosen to be a homemaker rather than a college English teacher, while

her two sons were preschoolers. "My husband and I believed their education at home was important." She added, "We once calculated that my 14 years of lost wages, at about \$18,000 a year, came to \$252,000—a quarter of a million dollars! And our sons are worth every penny of it!"

Penny Shell, chaplain at Thorek Hospital in Chicago, described the day one of her patients died and how she was called upon to minister to the bereaved husband and children. "Some days are ordinary, routine, even boring. But on other days a chaplain is the heart and hands of Jesus; you are called to minister to the suffering and grief-stricken."

Speaking on February 26 will be Joan Banks, an industrial chemist at Whirlpool Corporation; and Bea Harris, a nurse. In March, Margaret Roy, secretary to the president of Andrews University, and Lyn McCarty who is in the field of business and banking, will present their professions. The series will conclude in April with talks by Dr. Meredith Jones, English teacher; and Dr. Merlene Ogden, dean of the College of the Arts and Sciences, both of Andrews University.



(L to R): Stella Grieg; Francie Faehner, dean of women; Jane Thayer; and Penny Shell.

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women. They have four goals:

1. To help the church fully utilize women's potential and to preserve the human dignity of each member of the church.

2. To provide all members of the Adventist Church equal access to opportunities for education, employment, and participation in church activities.

3. To work to eliminate discrimination and prejudice toward women in any form that may exist in the church on account of their sex or ethnic origin.

4. To help create an atmosphere that encourages productivity, rewards effort and initiative, and provides a climate in which both men and women in the church can realize spiritual growth.