

AAW to honor six outstanding women at October 1 ceremony

Six Adventist women will be honored on October 1 during the annual conference for the Association of Adventist Women. The gala event will be held in Arlington, Virginia, at the Doubletree Hotel near Washington National Airport. The Women of the Year Banquet will be the highlight of the 12th conference, September 29 to October 2.

In addition to the five awards given in the past—for professional, family, church, and community life, and one for outstanding service—a new award will recognize women's contributions in the field of spiritual leadership either as a pastor or chaplain.

The annual awards are given in cooperation with the North American Division Office of Women's Ministries and Office of Human Relations.

The 1994 awards will be presented to Gayle Clark, co-

founder of Miracle Meadows School in West Virginia; Madelynn Jones Haldeman, professor of New Testament studies at La Sierra University; Karen Scott Hutton, attorney and women's ministries leader from Langley, British Columbia, Canada; Penny Miller, assistant to the dean, Loma Linda University School of Nursing; Carol Porter, co-director of Kid Care in Houston, Texas; and Penny Shell, chaplain at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Maryland. (See individual sketches below).

Ardis Stenbakken, chair of the Adventist Woman of the Year Committee, said more than 70 names were submitted for consideration for the 1994 awards. Thousands of pages of letters and documents were photocopied so that each judge could review all the material supporting each candidate.

"The judges had a difficult job," Stenbakken added. "Many of the women nominated deserve this recognition and have excellent recommendations. Those who nominated someone in 1994 should reactivate the candidate's name for consideration in 1995."

Banquet information. Tickets to the Adventist Woman of the Year Awards Banquet are \$30 per person. (Ticket must be purchased separately from the 1994 conference fee.) The banquet will be held Saturday night, October 1, at the Doubletree Hotel, National Airport/Pentagon City. For more information about the conference, and to purchase banquet tickets, write to Betty Howard, Metro D.C. Chapter, Association of Adventist Women, 7710 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. (See coupon on page 4).

Gayle Clark: Family Life

Growing up as one of four children in a single-parent home, Gayle McCoy Clark knows the meaning of poverty. At an early age, however, her mother instilled a confidence in Gayle that she could rise above her humble beginnings and make a difference in the world. Today Gayle and her husband William run Miracle Meadows School where they open their hearts and lives to troubled youth.

Friends whose influence helped move Clark toward working for young people were a Seventh-day Adventist couple in Oregon. Each Sabbath they drove 36-mountain-road miles to transport her to Sabbath school and Pathfinders. Their love and dedication helped Clark decide, at age 14, that she wanted to follow Jesus and be baptized.

Gayle Clark completed a B.S. degree in nursing at Walla Walla College and an M.S. in Nursing at Loma Linda University. Later, she taught nursing at Andrews University while her husband attended the SDA Theological Seminary. When they became missionaries in Peru, she felt impressed to befriend young people who needed help.

This outreach continued when the Clarks accepted a pastoral assignment in West Virginia—and also decided to try foster parenting. Although they had three daughters of their



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Madelynn Jones Haldeman: Church Life

Standing tall among her peers, Madelynn Jones Haldeman is recognized as a New Testament biblical scholar, a rigorous but compassionate teacher, a commanding preacher, and a woman with the heart of a great pastor.

In 1944 she began studying religion at Washington Missionary College (now Columbia Union College), encouraged by the promise that, upon graduation, she would be hired as a pastor. By 1948, unfortunately, her mentor had died.

Undeterred, Haldeman was among the first women to complete an M.A. degree at the SDA Theological Seminary. In the 1980s she became the second woman to earn a Th.D. from Andrews University; her emphasis was biblical exegesis and theology of the New Testament.

Since 1966 Haldeman has been a member of the religion faculty of La Sierra College/University, and she now chairs the Department of New Testament Studies in the School of Religion.

At the university, Haldeman has served on many committees such as the faculty senate, the strategic planning committee, and the steering committee seeking ongoing accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and



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Karen Scott Hutton: Outstanding Achievement

Attorney Karen Scott Hutton gives God the credit for the stunning victory achieved in a religious liberty case she argued before the Supreme Court of Canada in 1992.

Hutton had hoped to be a doctor, not a lawyer. But, despite this preference, when her family urged her to try law she found it intriguing. God opened the way for her to enter the most prestigious law school in Canada, the University of British Columbia. She felt God's continued blessing as, term by term, she was able to arrange to take tests scheduled on Sabbath at another time.

After she was "called to the bar" in June 1987 Hutton took over the practice of a retiring Adventist attorney. Just six months into her new career, she accepted Larry Renaud's case. A union member, Renaud had been fired for not working on Sabbath.

Despite a setback at the British Columbia Court of Appeal, and losing the support of a group that had favored her client, Hutton believed in the moral rightness of the case. Her courage and careful preparation prevailed when she made the appeal before the seven justices of the Supreme Court.

The case broke new legal ground in Canada. A union



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Penny Miller: Professional Life

Penny Miller exemplifies, teaches, and exerts leadership. In addition to the leadership she has demonstrated in her profession, AAW recognizes Miller for being a leader and advocate for Adventist women.

Since joining the Loma Linda University School of Nursing in 1972 as an instructor, Miller has been promoted through the ranks to assistant professor, department chair, associate professor, and assistant to the dean as coordinator of the R.N. program. In 1985 she received her Ph.D. from the University of California/Riverside in education administration, organizational theory, and social systems.

"Leadership within her chosen profession includes membership in nursing honorary societies, published research, curriculum development and educational administration," according to Joyce W. Hopp, dean of the School of Allied Health Professions at LLU. Miller has also "been active in areas of ethical concern, presenting papers such as 'A Christian Women's Perspective on Abortion.'"

"She brings to the practice of nursing education a dedication to nourishing the spiritual growth of her students and coworkers on the faculty," Hopp says. "Further, she embod-



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Carol Porter: Community Life

Riveted by the sight of children digging for food in a dumpster behind a grocery store, Carol Porter found herself plunging headlong into a ministry that confronts poverty, hunger, and racism among the most vulnerable members of society.

In 1986 Carol and her husband, Hurt Porter, co-founded Kid Care in Houston, Texas, to feed malnourished children in the city. Carol is a registered nurse; Hurt had worked in the construction business and as a radio announcer; both are members of the Berean SDA church in Houston. They quit their jobs to run Kid Care. The only regular income they have derives from a part-time job with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, administering a nutrition program for immigrants.

For the first seven years of the ministry, Carol and volunteers cooked meals in the Porter's small three-bedroom home, which they crammed with stoves and refrigerators. As community support for Kid Care grew, they provided as many as 10,000 meals a month—two meals a day, six days a week—to more than 500 preschoolers and many of their siblings.

Not long ago the Porters received a grant to purchase a



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Penny Shell: Pastor/Chaplain Award

As Margaret Turner puts it, Penny Shell is a woman of grit and grace.

Looking at Shell's résumé, one can agree that it took grit to teach English at six Adventist boarding academies in 14 years. It took grit to care for her dying parents and then survive emotional and personal loss when they both succumbed to cancer within two years.

Making a mid-life career change took grit. Shell had never considered it possible for women to be chaplains, in fact, had never heard of chaplaincy work at all. In 1983 Shell courageously decided to enter Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) although she had just spent five years at Andrews University earning an M.A. in religion and an Ed.D. in religious education in hope of becoming the editor of a church publication.

Recognizing the challenges she had faced in entering chaplaincy, Shell determined to compile the first division-wide list of Adventist women in ministry, both pastors and chaplains. At her own expense she created a newsletter to encourage them in their ministry and sustain their sometimes flagging hope and energy.



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In an emergency, dial 911

by Elisabeth Wear

The O.J. Simpson episode reads like a suspenseful novel. Nicole Simpson desperately calls for help. A national football hero is charged with double murder. An able prosecutor, feminine yet fiercely persistent, wins the pre-trial battle as evidence obtained without a warrant becomes admissible.

What might be the moral of the story of O.J. and Nicole?

The media predict a tortuous, lengthy trial culminating in something less than a death penalty for the alleged assailant.

As we grapple for meaning in the onslaught of coverage, many of us feel overloaded. How can we sort out the charges and countercharges, the mysteries that loom large, and the hair-splitting jurisprudence?

Now, well before the verdict, I am trying to come to terms with this tragic situation.

For me, meaning arises when I ask: *What lies in this saga for the families of America?* Five answers come to mind.

1. Facts vs. bias

"Just the facts, Ma'am," advises Sergeant Friday as he does investigations on a TV sitcom case. But, in real life, facts get overlaid with personal, religious, and cultural bias. The fact is that Nicole was in danger. The bias is that women are not to be taken seriously.

Facts, not bias, must prompt our judgments about social issues within society and within the church.

2. The human propensity for evil.

The Simpson case should remind us of our own incredible propensity for evil in the family. One report estimates that in the United States 6 million women are abused and 4,000 women are killed annually in domestic violence. These women and their spouses represent every socio-economic level and every Christian denomination from Catholic to Methodist, from Southern Baptist to Seventh-day Adventist.

Churches can no longer afford the option of denying abused women and girls counsel from Christian women pastors.

3. Abusers come from all walks of life.

Wealth, good looks, and notoriety do not deter spouse abuse. Safety comes neither from holding a church office nor from being married to a physician or respected teacher. All appearances can be deceptive.

We hear what we choose to hear. Churches must learn to listen to all their members.

4. The need for intervention.

Life is not fair. The innocent children of abusers are likely to themselves become abusers or to accept abuse. Illness, death, divorce, unemployment, caring for aged family members, or a threat to the status quo—any of these circumstances may unleash intimidation or violence within a family.

Remembering that it is in another world that reconciliation of good and evil will take place, systems must be put in place within churches to halt the cycle of abuse.

5. The need to change our attitudes.

Church leadership can make a difference in how society perceives issues.

For example, 30 years ago a racially mixed marriage would have made headlines in many places. But the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964—brought about in part by Southern black churches, has gradually changed our attitudes and improved our level of tolerance. *Churches could again take the lead in changing prevailing male/female attitudes.*

Roots of evil

There is another more basic question we must also ask. Might spousal abuse spring from Christian dogma? After all, many males are taught from childhood that they are to exercise headship over the family and the church.

And, from childhood, many females are taught not to question what the male head does. Females learn that they cannot be equal partners either in the church or in the family.

Today, I believe Nicole's death must not only awaken society but also activate the churches of America.

"911? Hello. . . ."

1994 Women of the Year make a difference in professions, community, church

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Teacher mentors youth

own, during a 12-year period they took in a total of 23 disturbed young people; they have adopted three of them.

Gayle's reputation spread as some one who would take any girl or boy no matter how challenging the problem. Finally, she and Bill decided to expand their home to accommodate more young people and, in 1988, they opened the doors of Miracle Meadows School in Salem, West Virginia.

Since then, more than 140 youth have come under the Clarks' care. While Gayle is compassionate with the emotional scars these young people bear, she also challenges them to set and move toward reachable goals.

Randall L. Murphy, president of the Mountain View Conference, observes that Gayle Clark and her family do whatever is necessary to redeem a young person. "She has unbounded energy, a clear mind, and unlimited faith that God will come through for her family's needs and for the needs of the 28 young people currently under her care at Miracle Meadows School," he says.

He also notes that the Clarks have been instrumental in starting two churches and four schools in the conference during the past 15 years. "These people are real pioneers."

Professor exerts leadership

ies the values which she expects her students to develop. An excellent role model!"

But Penny Miller's influence in leadership extends far beyond the school of nursing, making an impact on her local church and upon the Seventh-day Adventist Church at large.

With 6,000 members, the University church at Loma Linda is the largest congregation in North America. Here Miller has served as associate head elder. She has also chaired the board of directors of the Loma Linda Children's Center, which has grown from a small daycare facility to a major, accredited child-development center, complete with a new, million dollar facility.

As an elected delegate, Miller has spoken articulately to key issues facing constituents of the Southeastern California Conference (SECC), the Pacific Union, and General Conference sessions. She is serving her second four-year term as a member of the SECC executive committee.

As an advocate for Adventist women, Miller's courage and stamina have been greatly tested as she has chaired the SECC Gender Inclusiveness Commission since it was established in 1989. She is supported in these concerns by her husband, Don.

Lynn Mallery, SECC conference president, says Miller "represents the energized leadership model of the contemporary Adventist woman. She has distinguished herself in her willingness to risk being an agent for change."

Georgia E. Hodgkin, head elder at the University church, adds that "When women in the Southeastern California Conference are ordained, a great measure of the thanks will be due to Dr. Miller's consistent and persistent efforts."

Activist feeds children

large empty building near their home. When volunteers complete the needed renovations, the center should provide enough space to extend the Kid Care ministry to 4,000 children.

But food is just part of the program. Kid Care tutors immigrant Hispanic children, and subsidizes daycare costs for impoverished mothers who desire to finish their education or find employment. Kid Care also has sponsored a health fair for inner-city kids, a summer camp, and has developed excursions to local cultural events that open windows to kids stuck in ghettos.

The Porters' user-friendly, no-red-tape outreach program has been recognized by two U.S. Presidents and at least 25 organizations, including Texas Southern University, the National Council of Negro Women, and the Houston Division of the FBI. In 1992 they were named one of Maxwell House's 100 Real Heroes.

In 1992 President Bush named them number 866 in the Thousand Points of Light. In 1994 they were recipients of President Clinton's Volunteer Action Award.

Although it is estimated that there are 300,000 hungry children in Houston, Carol Porter is not discouraged. "We may not be able to feed the world," she says, "but we can try."

Theologian serves church

College.

Beginning at age 10, Haldeman taught a regular Sabbath school class and does so now at the La Sierra University church. She is an elder and a member of the board of elders. She and her husband have reared two children.

Haldeman has served the General Conference and the wider church as a member of the Daniel and Revelation Committees, as well as the committee that prepares and evaluates scholarly papers for the Biblical Research Institute.

In 1973 she was appointed as by the General Conference to participate in the Camp Mohaven Council on the Role of Women in the Church. The recommendations, which were forwarded to the 1973 Annual Council, called on the church to recognize the gifts that women bring to gospel ministry and to affirm these gifts by ordination. (This mirrored a similar recommendation made to the General Conference in 1881). Despite the talent, commitment, and effectiveness of women like Madelynn Haldeman, the church continues to debate this question today.

Widely sought after as a speaker for camp meetings, weeks of prayer, graduation services, weekend seminars and retreats, and Sabbath appointments, Madelynn Haldeman has been a role model to scores of young ministers, many of them women, who have felt God's call to ministry. With courage and perseverance she has served the Lord with all her heart and mind, and has rightly divided the word of truth.

Attorney defends liberty

and an employer now have a legal obligation to accommodate someone who requires an adjustment for Sabbath, no matter what the collective agreement may stipulate. Wide reporting of the case by the Canadian press brought the issue of religious freedom before the public, law makers, the business community, and the labor federation throughout Canada.

In addition to her achievements as an attorney, Karen Scott Hutton is widely known and respected by Adventists in Canada. She was a member of the board of education for the British Columbia Conference, and a member of the Canadian Union Conference executive committee. She is also a member of the board for Walla Walla College, from which she graduated.

Throughout Canada, Hutton is also recognized for her pioneering work with the North American Division's Women's Commission; she represented Canada on the commission from 1987-1991. Currently, she heads women's ministries for the B.C. Conference. She is also called upon to preach in many Adventist churches. Karen and her husband live in Langley, British Columbia.

It seems that whether at the Supreme Court or in the pulpit of a local church, when Karen Scott Hutton speaks, people listen.

Chaplain models grace

Shell also persevered in her professional achievements. As an Ed.D. student she helped develop and implement the early stages of the church's continuing-education program for pastors. She gained certification as a Fellow in the College of Chaplains in 1986. She has been an active member of the SDA Healthcare Chaplains Association (SDAHCA) and, in 1993, became the first woman to be elected as president.

Penny Shell is also a woman of grace. She rejoices in things whimsical and humorous, in things beautiful and well-spoken, in symbols and in seasons. She rejoices in the unique story told by a lonely friend or by a frightened hospital patient.

Both grit and grace characterize the intervention she provides to people in life-threatening situations. It is with grace that she encourages Muslims, Buddhists, Jews, Christians of every faith, and those who do not believe in God.

It is with grace that she ministers to AIDS patients and has coordinated community projects to improve attitudes about them and ministry for them. It is with grace that she repeats a line of poetry, finds new meaning in a familiar Bible story, or shares the pain of someone who is grieving.

When people feel abandoned by God, Penny Shell stays with them in the profound darkness they feel. In a very real way, she becomes for them God's healing presence.

People & Places

150 women will symbolize SDA history during Sligo celebration, Sept. 24

To symbolize 150 years of Adventist history in which women preachers, pastors, chaplains, and Bible teachers have effectively served the church, 150 women will carry candles in a special program on Sabbath afternoon, September 24.

Organizers say that beginning with Ellen G. White in 1844, several hundred women have worked for the church in these capacities. Due to time constraints, however, only 150 names will be read. Once the group has massed on the platform they will sing together, "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine."

Called "a procession of light," the program will climax a weekend of activities celebrating the decision by Sligo church to honor women's gifts for gospel ministry.

Since 1973 seven women have been members of Sligo's pastoral staff. All seven will participate in the weekend events including Josephine Benton, Jan Daffern, Kendra Haloviak, Esther Knott, Norma Osborn, Kit Watts, and Hyveth Williams. Sligo church is located in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Other weekend highlights

A play featuring several early Adventist women who made a dramatic impact on the church will be performed. Entitled "When

God Called," the play was written in 1977 by Kermit Netteburg while he was a journalism professor at Andrews University.

William G. Johnsson, editor of the *Adventist Review*, will moderate a panel on Friday night that focuses on the Camp Mohaven Council. Although women's ordination was first recommended to the General Conference in 1881, the topic did not again surface officially until 1973.

Madelynn Jones Haldeman will speak for the worship service on Sabbath morning. She is professor of New Testament at La Sierra University, and was a religion major when she graduated from Columbia Union College in 1948.

The September weekend events will tie into several key anniversaries. Twenty-one years ago the Adventist Church convened the Camp Mohaven Council on the Role of Women in the Church. (Two of Sligo's women pastors were members of the council.) Fifty years ago Sligo built its current sanctuary despite war-time shortages.

And, as the church serving students of Columbia Union College, Sligo is also joining in the celebration of the college's 90th anniversary. Seventh-day Adventists worldwide are also marking the 150th anniversary of October 22, 1844.

Andrews and the three Bauers



(Left to right): Luanne Bauer, Bruce Bauer, Raylene Brower.

Three siblings who studied at Andrews University have become members of the university faculty.

Luanne Bauer, professor of communication who has also been chair of the department, is the eldest of the three and graduated from AU in 1967. She has taught in the communication department for 25 years.

"I'm more of a facilitator than a lecturer," says Luanne of her classroom style. "I try to create an atmosphere which stimulates student and teacher to engage in discussion, probing our intellects, and helping to apply the principles to our profes-

sional lives. I learn a tremendous amount from students who bring their own perspective to what ever we are studying."

Raylene Brower, youngest of the three, is an assistant director of enrollment management and teaches a freshman seminar course. "In my freshman seminar course I teach survival skills which will help students stay in a Christian college. Dropping out is a major trend in college education these days, and if Christians drop out, they'll be less qualified to assist in the worldwide work of the Gospel." She adds, "So I have a real mission on my hands."

Luanne and Raelene's brother, Bruce, a 1969 graduate, now chairs the missions department at the SDA Theological Seminary. Missions became a passion for him when, as a junior, he went to Japan as a student missionary. He later became president of the Micronesia Mission in the Far Eastern Division. He returned to Andrews in 1989. Recently he has organized two youth mission conferences—GO'91 and GO'92.

Condensed from a report in Focus Magazine, Winter 1994

She honors Sabbath; company honors her

Throughout Illinois, Paula Flemons Irby sings for Christ at camp meetings and churches. More than that she tries to live her faith. "I try to reflect Christ in the work place as well as behind the microphone. I feel a Christian strives for excellent in the work place as well. I work hard because I am a Christian," she says.

In the work place she is a computer programmer analyst for the Horace Mann Insurance Companies in Springfield, Illinois. She helped organize and now conducts a corporate choir. The group has performed during the Christmas season and at the Fourth of July in the lobby of corporate headquarters which houses more than 1200 employees.

In 1993 her co-workers named her "Employee of the Year." The award included a trip to Hawaii. The honored guest at the awards banquet in Maui, Hawaii, Irby was also asked to speak.

Originally the banquet was scheduled during the closing hours of the Sabbath, and she had planned to arrive late after the sun had set. But, aware of her beliefs, the company rescheduled the banquet to begin after sundown.

"The way my company honored me and



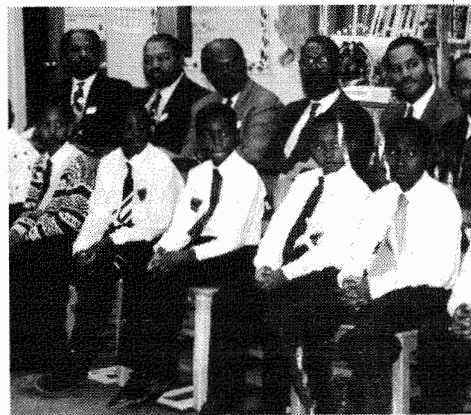
Paula Irby

accommodated my religious beliefs is proof to me that people do notice the way you live and the ways you honor God."

Condensed from a report by Pastor Jerry L. White Lake Union Herald, September 1993



Judy Dent teaches in Laurel, Maryland.



SDA men volunteer to mentor third graders.

Teacher gets men to mentor boys

Judy Dent looked at the young black males in her elementary school in Prince George's County, Maryland, and saw what many across the nation have seen—young boys who lack positive male role models to help them become strong, positive men.

But the third-grade public school teacher also had a solution. She knew where to find many black men who were successful in a variety of jobs and professions—in her church, Emmanuel in Brinklow, Maryland. So Dent found a way to bring the men and boys together.

On December 21, 1993, Dent introduced a program called Partners Groups for Black Male Achievement at the Oaklands Elementary School in Laurel, Maryland. That day 39 men took time from the businesses and professions to become mentors to 20 selected elementary students.

On cue 20 boys, dressed neatly and wearing ties for the occasion filed in and

took seats in front of their mentors. A second group of 20 boys came next—"guests" who were being prepared to be inducted at a future date.

Part of the ceremony involved the boys reading a pledge to uphold the ideals that "Partners" stand for, and then signing it.

"We are planning biweekly meetings with our partners," says Dent, "where they will receive academic tutoring, learn proper social behavior, take field trips to museums and companies and, in general, build their self-esteem. The mentors will be invited to these meetings and trips and are encouraged to stay in touch with the students as a support." Among the professions represented by the mentors were attorney, police work, food service, mail carrier, government official, legal secretary, school administrator, entrepreneur.

Condensed from a report by Reger Smith, Jr.

Columbia Union Visitor, Feb. 15, 1994

Oakwood graduate is Marriott VP

Naomi McKenzie joined the Marriott Corporation in 1971 as chief dietitian and food-service manager for a 400-bed client hospital in metropolitan New York. Subsequently she was named food-service director at a 150-bed hospital in western Pennsylvania where she had the opportunity to demonstrate her leadership and management skills.

Within two years she was appointed district manager; she supervised several acute and long-term-care accounts in Illinois and Wisconsin. Her responsibilities included complete financial and operational accountability, client relations, management development, and quality assurance.

In 1990 McKenzie was promoted to regional vice president of Marriott. Her account responsibility encompasses 70 dietary management clients of all types in a six-state area of the Midwest.

An Oakwood College graduate, McKenzie completed her dietetic internship at Loma Linda University in California. She also holds a master of science degree in food-service administration from Loma Linda.

McKenzie has established a scholarship fund for worthy students in the Oakwood College Human Environmental Sciences Department.

Report summarized from Oakwood Magazine Spring/Summer 1993



Naomi McKenzie

New Book: No Gun for This Lady

The life story of Hulda Roper, 86, who has spent most of her life helping the downtrodden in Lincoln, Nebraska, has been written by Lilya Wagner. In *No Gun for This Lady*, Wagner describes the caring spirit of Roper, who for more than 30 years served as a Lincoln policewoman and welfare caseworker.

The book recounts many of Roper's experiences dealing with neglected and abused children and her fight to establish a temporary shelter for youngsters—an idea that eventually evolved into Cedars Home for Children.

It also tells of her aversion to carrying a pistol (she preferred to rely on her wits) and of her successful quest for a juvenile court system with staff specifically trained to deal with the needs of young people.

The book will sell for \$5 and is being carried by the Adventist Book Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. Proceeds from the sales will go into a social work scholarship fund at Union College.

Roper received an honorary doctorate from Union College in 1985 for her outstanding contributions to her church, the college, and the community.

In February 1993 the Lincoln Board of Education approved plans for naming of six new elementary schools, including the Hulda Roper Elementary. The school, located at Coddington Avenue and West South Street, is expected to open in 1998.

Condensed from a report by Brenda Dickerson, communication secretary, College View Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, published in the Mid American Outlook, September 1993



Hulda Roper

People & Places

NAD secretary wins souls in Indonesia

From May 22-28, Evelyn Griffin preached for the reaping meetings sponsored by the East Indonesia Union Women's Ministries, in Tomohon, the headquarters city for the South Minahasa Mission. An average of 400 persons attended nightly. As a result of the team ministry of women, a total of 364 individuals were baptized.

(Griffin and her husband had been missionaries in the Far East before coming to the General Conference in 1990. Until recently she was a secretary at the North American Division headquarters. They will be moving now that her husband, Charles, has been elected president of the Greater New York Conference.)

"Although the general public was reached through the evangelistic meetings, women were the ones in charge of every aspect of the outreach project," Griffin reports.

Nettie Rantung, Women's Ministries Director for the East Indonesia Union, spearheaded the evangelism. "Under her able direction, women were organized into 20 different committees."

The organization was comprehensive. The 20 committees were responsible for such things as prayer, advertising, finance, music, transportation, children's programs, and decorations.

"Plans were made so carefully that all aspects of the programs progressed



Evelyn Griffin (right) helped prepare 364 for baptism by her preaching.

smoothly, with elegance and a 'touch of class,'" Griffin added.

In preparation for the reaping campaign, Indonesian women had preached the gospel at 100 satellite meetings in the surrounding area from May 8 to 21. All of these women preachers joined in supporting Griffin.

"All the glory and praise goes to God," says Griffin. "But it would not have happened without the hard work done by the women of Indonesia and their dedication to the work of saving souls for the kingdom."

Book attacks women's ordination

A conservative teacher at the SDA Theological Seminary asserts in a new, self-published book that there is an either/or scenario for the future of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Either the church rejects women's ordination, says C. Raymond Holmes, or it sinks into theological chaos and oblivion.

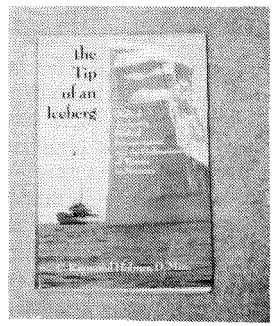
Leaning toward the evangelical view of verbal inspiration, Holmes argues that women's ordination would negate the authority of the Bible. He also supports a "chain of command" theory in which men are seen to be divinely invested with authority and headship over women because Adam was created before Eve.

It has been generally reported that Robert S. Folkenberg, president of the General Conference, asked that those strongly opposing or supporting women's ordination refrain from producing inflammatory material until the topic is taken up again at the 1994 Annual Council.

By publishing *The Tip of an Iceberg*,

Holmes has failed to respect the president's recommendation. But he also persuaded several high-ranking General Conference employees or former employees to ignore the recommendation as well.

Among those who support the anti-ordination book with their statements on the back cover are George E. Vandeman of *It Is Written*; Mario Veloso, associate secretary of the GC; Francis Wernick, former GC vice president, now retired; and Merle L. Mills, former GC vice president, now retired. Also endorsing the book is Rosalie Haffner Lee, formerly a Bible instructor.



R&H to launch women's magazine in '95

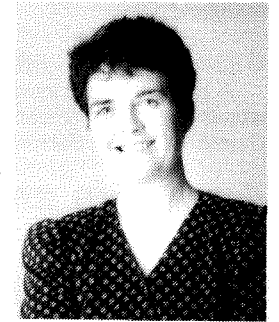
A magazine devoted to Adventist women will be launched in 1995 by the Review and Herald Publishing Association (R&H), based in Hagerstown, Maryland. The magazine will start out as a 48-page quarterly with the potential for becoming monthly. The first issue is due in April.

Entitled *Women of Spirit*, the magazine will be edited by Penny Estes Wheeler. Wheeler is an experienced writer who has most recently been book-acquisitions editor for R&H.

"As a life-style magazine it will deal with every area of a woman's life," Wheeler says. "But its content will be as varied as '10 Things You Should Never Say to a Single,' to in-depth profiles of Adventist women, to reader-answered questions regarding just about any topic, to articles on handling one's money or rearing spiritual kids, to recipes and crafts..."

Wheeler adds, "It can't be all things to all people and it won't even try. But we plan to cover topics of interest to Adventist women at many different stages of life and spiritual experience." Wheeler says that 2,000 women across the North American Division were surveyed for suggestions about the new magazine.

To secure a copy of writer's guidelines for *Women of Spirit*, contact Penny Wheeler, Review and Herald Publishing Association, 55 West Oak Ridge Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740.



Penny Wheeler

"Adventist Today" examines women's status

The new lay-produced journal, *Adventist Today*, focused on women in its March/April 1994 issue. The question posed on the cover was, "Women and the Church: Second Class or Equal?"

While the magazine supplied no cover story to answer that question, several articles clustered around the general theme.

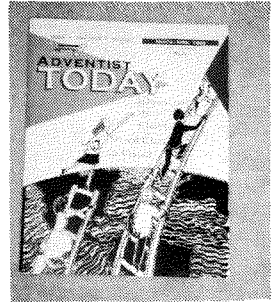
Four articles looked at different aspects of women in ministry and women's ordination. Sali Jo Hand, a pastor in Arizona and a single mother, asserted that "Ministry Fits for a Single Mom, Too." Three husbands told readers what it was like to be married to a pastor or theologian.

The magazine also carried a blow-by-blow account of how it came to be that the executive committee of Southeastern California postponed their planned ordination of qualified women candidates. This was complemented by an editorial by Raymond Cottrell, titled, "Justice Postponed Is Justice Denied."

Gender and race in the church, a thumbnail sketch of seven Adventist women's groups and what they emphasize, and Susan Thompson Jacobsen's piece on "Women-Church: Affirming the Religious Experience of Women," help fill out the issue.

Sheryll Prinz-McMillan wrote a fine article, "Ecofeminism: An Inclusive Theology for the Nineties." Prinz-McMillan also served as editor of the special issue.

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