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Deputy Prime Minister attends opening of Audio Studio

The Hon. Cynthia Pratt, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, congratulated The Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists May 23 on the recommissioning of its Bible school and the formal opening of its audio/visual studio.

"The audio/visual department you are about to open is only another milestone in the lives of Adventists," she told those attending the ceremony, held outdoors at the conference's Harrold Road headquarters. They included Pastor Keith Albury, conference President; Dr. Leonard Johnson, Executive Secretary; Elder Lonnie Melashenko, director/speaker of the "Voice of Prophecy," the world's second oldest religious broadcast; Walter Arties, evangelism director for the "Voice of Prophecy;" and Del Delker, a contralto soloist for the programme for more than 50 years.

"No doubt," Deputy Prime Minister Pratt continued, "there will be many more (milestones) because by the time you're finished with one thing, when I look around you're doing something else. And that's about building the kingdom of God."

Pastor Albury said the "Voice of Prophecy" broadcast, aired on Radio Bahamas ZNS 1 (1540 A.M.) at 6 p.m. on Sundays, is very popular and the oldest religious programme in The Bahamas. It is a major plank in the Church's evangelistic thrust throughout the islands, he said. He was delighted to recommission the Bible school, he said, because it is an important arm of the over-all "Voice of Prophecy" ministry.

The conference now offers two full-colour, free Bible courses – a 26-lesson Discover series, and a 20-lesson Focus on Prophecy series featuring Daniel and the Revelation. The booklets encourage students, who work at their own pace, to read the Bible and answer questions at the end of each lesson. The answers may be posted or dropped off at the conference's offices.

Mrs. Joan Duncombe, secretary of the Bible school, says, "Our primary objectives are to encourage persons to study the Bible and accept the Lord. Attractive certificates are awarded on completion of the cofurses."

Pastor Albury said they are seeking volunteers to mark the lessons. In a reference to the audio/visual studio, he congratulated Dr. Johnson and his team for working tirelessly to complete work on the recording studio. There

radio and television programmes will be recorded and edited for airing on the Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas and Cable Bahamas.

Elder Melashenko, who preached at a four-day series of meetings at the Hillview

Adventist Church last week, said H. M. S. Richards Sr. went on the air on October 19, 1929, on a little station, KNX, in Los Angeles with a radio broadcast called the "Voice of Prophecy," the world's second oldest continuous religious broadcast behind the "Lutheran Hour." The "Voice of Prophecy," which is also now seen on television, began 10 days before the New York Stock Market crash.

In January, 1942, a few weeks after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour, the "Voice of Prophecy" was a pioneer and world leader for a Bible correspondence course – the oldest, continuous and largest Bible school of its kind on the planet today, Elder Melashenko said. Ten per cent of students taking the course were in prisons.

"We're so proud of what's taking place here in The Bahamas as you recommission the Bible school here in the 21st century to step into the potential of the Internet and television," he said. Recently in Tanzania, they were able to (Continued on p. 2)

In The Line of Fire

May, 2002, will be remembered for several reasons, not the least of which is the national elections. May is reserved for National Youth Month, but distractions caused the regular activities to be reduced to obscurity. But the smoke of distraction served only to intensify the radiance of the high points of virtue displayed by the youth of our nation.

The day began with dreary, overcast skies followed by a torrential downpour. It certainly looked as if there was little chance of a march on this wet Sunday. As the time came for the youth groups to assemble at Clifford Park, the outlook seemed bleaker than the weather. At 2:30 p.m., just a half hour before the rally and march were to begin, Clifford Park seemed almost empty. But the rain held up and the people came, slowly at first but steadily.

The newly installed Minister Of Youth, Sports and Culture, the Honourable Neville Wisdom, officially opened the rally with a speech, charging the youth of the nation to continue in positive, safe activities. By the end of the speech, the best and the brightest, the youth of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas,

showed up in force.

This year, the Pathfinders were invited to lead the march, and lead is what the Pathfinders did. The Pathfinders displayed two bands this year, one at the front and the *Red Berets* at the rear.

The Eager Beavers (Children aged 4 and 5) joined the Adventurers on the parade. Marching to the harmonious sounds of the band, these little ones, along with the Pathfinders and Masterguides, were the darlings of the parade. The huge crowds along the roadside, though fewer than in previous years, looked on in awe and pride as the youth of the nation marched and danced and played. With approximately one thousand Masterguides, Pathfinders, Adventurers and Eager Beavers, our parade provided one of the most outstanding witnesses that there are still young people who stand for God and are willing to live for Him. Many shouted "you'll look good", "keep up the good work", "awesome"; while others were obviously so impressed that they were moved to silence.

As the front of the march approached the top of the hill on Nassau Street, the sight was only Pathfinders for as far as one could see. This deep array of warriors of Christ looked resplendent in their uniforms, marching to a single beat, moving as one cohesive unit.

At times it seems as if there is little hope for our young people, as if they are not interested in anything that is Godly or virtuous. But the events surrounding the march were a testament that not only is all not lost, but the outlook for the future is promising.

As the march began, the sky was dreary and the outlook for a successful march, dim. But when it counted, our youth stepped up and were magnificent. The concern over rain and inclement weather was replaced by the sounds of the Pathfinder bands and the hope of marching feet. There was no more focus on the negative weather but on the march ahead. As God held the rain until the parade was completed, so God holds open opportunities for us to work for Him, to witness for Him, never allowing the circumstances to be more than we can bear.

Our Pathfinders marched as a witness that God is alive and still is concerned about young people. Our Pathfinders marched as a symbol of what God is able to do with a life placed in His hands. Our Pathfinders marched as an indication of the hope that exists for our church and our nation when placed in the hands of our youth. Our Pathfinders marched to show that if the older generation cannot (See page 2)

Camp Meeting Mid-year Convention

Beginning June 19 and continuing to June 23, 2002, at the Marshall Road property, the SDA Community will come together in their bi-annual Convention. This year, however, the meetings will be taken to a higher level subscribing to a camp meeting-style arrangement in the great outdoors. Hence, numerous tents will be utilized as well as some of the local pastors and cafeteria style lunch for an all-day affair on Sabbath, June 22nd.

Bahamas Academy Cafeteria has been engaged to provide lunch. As there will be no sale on the Sabbath, it is necessary for all persons desirous of meals to purchase their tickets in advance of the Sabbath. Meal tickets will be available as of June 10 at the school and Conference Office. Sale of tickets for meals will end June 18, 2002. Your fullest cooperation is solicited in order to cater to the needs of persons using this service.

Except for suitable footwear, the Sabbath day service attire will be the usual church wear. Wednesday, June 19, Camp Meeting will kick off with Pastor Michael A. Smith. Thursday, June 20th, Dr. Michael D. Toote will speak. On Friday, June 21, Dr. Leonard A. Johnson will present the message. A feature of this Camp meeting will be an early morning prayer service at 6:00. with Pastor Jeremiah Duncombe. Sabbath School and the Personal Ministries segments will be coordinated by the Office of Education and the Lay Activities Department. The Divine Hour speaker will be Pastor Bernard Robinson of Miami, Florida.

Following lunch, the afternoon services will kick off at 3:30 with a message from youth director Pastor Eric D. Clarke. At 4:30 Pastor Robinson will give his final message and at 6:30 Pastor Keith D. Albury, our conference president, will give the closing message.

The final event of the day will be a grand social for all commencing at 8:10 p.m.

On Sunday morning beginning at 9 o'clock, Elder C. Melvin Lewis, treasurer, will present the devotional thought for our workshops which will run from 10 a.m. to noon. All are encouraged to adhere to the 3 p's (Pray for the meetings, plead for the Holy Spirit to anoint, and make your presence felt as we fellowship together) in preparation for these camp meetings. *Editor*

Listen Up!

On Sunday morning, June 2nd, on ZNS 13 and Cable 11 at 10:30 a.m. Listen Up is featuring four students from the Bahamas Academy Graduating Class of 2002; they are Opal Albury, Lorenzo Flowers, Tessa Gibbs and Anthony Arthur. Roneisha Barrett is starring again with the music and D.C. is back with the message. Don't miss it!

Adventurers' Banquet Tomorrow

Adventurers' banquet will be held tomorrow, Sunday, June 2nd, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Good News Church Fellowship Hall. *Rohan Creighton*

Convention Camp Meeting 2002

Tent Pitching

All able-bodied persons and all Adventist Men are invited to participate in pitching tents for Convention Camp Meetings on June 2, 2002, at 8 o'clock in the morning at the Marshall Road property. *-C. M. Lewis, Treasurer, BC*

Meistersingers in Concert

The officers of the Bahamas Conference of SDA proudly present The Meistersingers in concert on Sunday, June 23, 2002, at 8:30 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Activities Center, Stapledon Gardens. Tickets are available from members. *-A. Wright*

Kenya Evangelism

Let us continue to remember our five pastors and lay persons who are currently conducting crusades in Kenya, Africa. *-Administration*

'Adventist Spotlight'

"Adventist Spotlight" which is seen on Cable Bahamas, Channel 12, from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturdays features The Voice of Prophecy Festival Bahamas, with Pastor Lonnie Melashenko, at the Hillview Church. A rebroadcast of the same will be aired on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Lay Activities Department

Lay Evangelism training will begin today, June 1st, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Centreville Church and continue through the 8th, 22nd, and Sabbath, June 29th, at 4:30 p.m.

A Community Services parley will be conducted June 12 to 15, 2002. Registration will begin on June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Centreville Church. The following quotas are requested from these churches: Grant's Town, Centreville, Hillview - minimum of 12 persons each. Berea, Johnson Park, New Providence, New Englerston, Maranatha, Living Faith, Francophone, Good News -- minimum of 7 persons each. Breath of Life, Philadelphia, and Ephesus -- minimum of 5 persons each. *M. D. Toote, Director*

15th Annual Jeff Rodgers Basketball Camps

Registration for the 15th annual Jeff Rodgers Basketball Camps continues at Bahamas Academy Secondary School and at the Adventist National Headquarters Youth Department, Harrold Road. The camps will be held in collaboration with The Bahamas Conference from July 1 to 26, 2002. Please phone 393 3381 or 341 4021 for additional information on this ministry for helping young

people develop a balanced Christian lifestyle. Application forms are available.

Youth Series of In-depth Bible Studies

The Hillview, Breath of Life, Good News and Berea Churches are presenting "Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone, But By Every Word That Proceedeth Out of the Mouth of God" - a series of in-depth, youth Bible studies - It began May 26, 2002, at the Berea Church. It promises to be innovative, spiritual and youthful.

Youth Ministries

♥All Pathfinder Directors are asked to meet at the Johnson Park Church on Monday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m. Camp Activities will be discussed. *-Barry S. Saunders*

♥All Youth Leaders, Youth Choir members, Youth Choir Directors are requested to attend Choir rehearsal at the Hillview Church today at 4 p.m. in preparation for the Youth Camp Meeting in June. *-Ray Jennings*

♥SDA basketball coaches or representatives are asked to meet at the Gym on Sunday, June 2, 2002, at 10 a.m. regarding the upcoming basketball league. *-Franklyn Barr*

♥Pathfinder Camp will be held June 30 to July 7th. Registration is in progress at each local church. Deadline for Pathfinder Camp applications to be turned into the Youth Department is June 14, 2002. Quota for each church is 10 Pathfinders.

♥Adventurers' Camp will be held July 7 to 14th. Venue to be announced.

♥Youth Crusade/Revival July 28 to August 4th at the Hillview Church.

♥Youth Concert August 4th at the Hillview Church.

♥August Monday -- Family Fun and Sports Day (Monday, August 5th). All sports representatives are asked to contact Lester Stuart in preparation for August Monday holiday activities.

SDA Burial Society to Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the SDA Burial Society will be held June 3rd, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant's Town Annex. Members can become financial. Persons interested in becoming members are invited to attend. *-H.R. Moncur*

Deputy Prime Minister attends opening

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graduate live and simultaneously by satellite half a million students - "the largest graduation that we know of in the history of planet Earth," Elder Melashenko said. Every day, the "Voice of Prophecy's" website, VOP.com, received 37,000 hits from people looking for answers. The fifth largest country hitting the website is Saudi Arabia, a Moslem nation, he said. "We want to put promulgation of the gospel back into the hands of laymen and laywomen," he said. "We want to have a Bible school in every church."

Deputy Prime Minister Pratt, who was accompanied by Mr. Mark Wilson, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, said Adventists are vital not only to the economy, but also to the Nation's social consciousness. -Chris Symmonett, Director BIS

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accomplish the monumental tasks placed in their hands, there is another generation ready, willing and able to accept the challenge and, with the help of Almighty God, to press on to victory.

The march was also an indication of the unity that exists in our church. Although our Youth Director was unable to be with us, his Conference colleagues and his planning team smoothly executed this great event. Once again, our President and his executive team shunned the comfort of the grand stand and chose to march with the parade. In full uniform, the executives led by example. We are most grateful.

Even when the sun did not shine, our Pathfinders did. More impressive than the sharp uniforms was the discipline displayed by the youth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Once again, the Pathfinders were the largest and most disciplined group on the parade.

Congratulations to Pastor E.D. Clarke, under whose watch the Youth Department continues to flourish. Special thanks to parade marshal Ray Jennings, section leaders, Pathfinder Directors and other youth leaders. To our Eager Beavers, Adventurers, Pathfinders and Master Guides, to our splendid bands, congratulations and thank you. Once again, you did us proud. Continue to march for God's cause. -Audley Mitchell

SDA Educators' Association Boat Cruise

The SDA Educators' Association is sponsoring a boat cruise Saturday night, June 15, beginning 8 o'clock. The site of departure will be east of the new bridge on Paradise Island. Tickets may be purchased from Dr. Carey at the Conference Office, or from any member of the association.

Online Adventist Businesses

Online Adventist Business Internet Ministries is asking all Adventist business owners and entrepreneurs to call in their business names, addresses and phone numbers to be placed on the conference website in an online Adventist business directory. Call 361-6355 or e-mail bbrennen2@coralwave.com

Ephesus Women's Ministries Weekend

The Ephesus Women's Ministries invite you to there Women's Weekend under the theme "Blossoming Under God's Nurture and Light" Friday, June 7, to Sunday, June 9, at

the Ephesus Church.

The Services begin on Friday at 7:00 p.m. with a Consecration Service and Mini-Concert. A parade of women will be the feature item during Sabbath School and divine Worship which starts at 11 a.m. with the sub-theme "We Exalt You." A special presentation ib "Seasons of a Woman's Life" will be made by a physician during the A.Y. Hour.

The weekend will culminate on Sunday with a luncheon at the Marketplace, Atlantis Hotel. Please contact P. Woodside or L. Hanna for details. Come and be a part of this weekend for spiritual renewal.

Centreville Church Women's Ministries Department

The Centreville Church Women's Ministries Department began its "Take Time to Know Him" weekend at the South Ocean Club from May 31. It ends today, June 1, 2002. Your continued prayerful support is appreciated.

Francophone to Hold Creole Classes for Health Professionals

Beginning June, 2002, the Francophone Church will sponsor Creole classes for nurses and other persons in all health-related fields. Please call 362-1031 or 323-6450 to register. -

Pastor Edward St. Fleur

New Englerston Church Promotes Breast-feeding

The New Englerston Church is promoting breast-feeding today, June 1, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to come and hear why breast-feeding is being encouraged worldwide. Mrs. Carlotta Klass, Breast-feeding Coordinator of the Bahamas, and her team will be at the New Englerston Church.. -Shirley Henderson, Assistant H & T Leader

Softball Season Begins Tomorrow

It's here, It's here! Softball season begins tomorrow, June 2nd, 2002, at 10 o'clock at the Blue Hills Playing Fields. First game will be between the teams coached by Audley Mitchell and Dennis Dean. Second game will be coached by Ian Antonio vs ??? It plans to be exciting and a wonderful time for the entire family.

All persons who wish to play can sign up at the game. Bring your energy, skills and Christian attitude this Sunday morning. All team members are to bring membership dues. Remember our moto: "Be a Player and not a Spectator" - Tyrrell Miller, president -361-8306

Elders' Forum Meeting

All elders are invited to attend a very important Elders' meeting at the New Providence Church tonight, Saturday, June 1, at 8 o'clock.

Vegetarian Cooking Classes

Vegetarian Cooking Classes to begin in June 2002. Please call 364-0085 for details

SDA Advancement Society to Meet

The regular meeting of the SDA Advancement Society will be held on Sunday, June 2, at 10 a.m. at the Hillview Church...-Norman Seymour

Candidates for Bachelor's degree Programme Requested

Persons in possession of 30 credits or more and interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in professional management via Nova University may contact 325-6173 for details.

Long Bay School

Long Bay School in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, is accepting applications from persons wishing to fill high school English language, religious knowledge and Spanish/music teaching posts. Applicants should hold bachelor's degrees and teachers' certificates. For more information, please write to P.O. BOX AB-20377, Marsh Harbour, Abaco, or phone 242-367-2382. *Principal*

New Amendments to The Triple 'C' Family Plan

For additional and current information on the Triple "C" Family Plan, please contact your pastor and person responsible at your church for the plan. Remember, we need a minimum of 1,000 persons throughout the entire Conference to sign up in order for the programme to be fully implemented. Church treasurers are reminded that the first month's report should now be submitted to the conference. -Pastor M. A. Smith, *Stewardship Director*

Bahamas Academy Elementary

Bahamas Academy Elementary School is accepting applications for two classroom teachers and one physical education teacher for the school year 2002/2003.

Applications are available at the school between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. For further information, please contact the school at 393-8898.

BA Early Learning Centre

The Bahamas Academy Early Learning Centre is now accepting enrollment applications for K2 to K4 at the centre on Soldier Road. Applications may be collected from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.-Desiree Brown, *Coordinator ELC*

Sun sets today at 7:55 p.m.

Sun sets next Sabbath at 7:59 p.m.

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