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## Tithe Covenant Day

AT THE beginning of 1934 our people throughout the North American Division were all invited to sign a tithe covenant card. These cards were prepared by the General Conference and supplied to each church for distribution. On the one side the card reads as follows:

### "God's Covenant With Me

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And

### "I will Rebuke the Devourer

for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.' Mal. 3:10, 11."

On the other side appeared the response of the signer in the following appropriate words:

### Missouri Conference

Charles Thompson, President  
I. H. Harrison, Secretary  
616 So. Second St. - - Clinton  
Make wills and legacies payable to  
the Missouri Conference Association  
of Seventh-day Adventists

### Send "Present Truth"

SEND *Present Truth* to your friends for only 25 cents a year. (District of Columbia, Canada, and foreign, 50 cents.) A new series covering the main doctrines of the third angel's message will be sent on all subscriptions received from now on.

Former numbers, including those published during 1934, are available at 75 cents per hundred; \$4.75 per thousand. Order from the Book and Bible House.

### Items

THIS is the month when the special effort or campaign to get the *Present Truth* into the homes of the people closes. We have no other such periodical that can be sent for a whole year to any address for only twenty-five cents. We suggest that you mail a year's sub-

### "My Covenant with God

"Having accepted Christ as my personal Saviour from sin, I gladly consecrate myself and all that I have to the work of bringing the blessings of salvation to others. I acknowledge God as the owner of all things, and that it is a

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scription to your friends to reach them throughout 1935. For those who desire to send subscriptions to interested parties and need addresses, we shall be glad to supply addresses. These may communicate with the conference home missionary

### Satan's Way to Hinder God's Work

LET none of God's children, members of the remnant church, be influenced by Satan's counsel or plans to hinder the work of God.

Are you using the Lord's goods for the upbuilding of His cause?

Satan's counsel to his wicked workers is: "Go make the possessors of lands and money drunk with the cares of this life. Present the world before them in its most attractive light, that they may lay up their treasure here and fix their affections upon earthly things. We must do our utmost to prevent those who labor in God's cause from obtaining means to use against us. Keep the money in our own ranks."

Next Sabbath, December 15, the Annual Offering should be given. Let every one have a part. Those who can should be liberal in their annual gift. What are you planning to give as Christmas gifts, possibly to some who do not need your gift? Why not make your Annual Offering as liberal as you are planning for needless Christmas presents? And let those whose means are reduced, give as God prompts them.

J. F. PIPER.

secretary. The orders for subscriptions are sent in through the Book and Bible House.

Brother R. J. Thomas, our new field secretary, arrived about November 28. He is comfortably settled at our conference headquarters. He has been officially inducted into the department he has been called to lead. Hence, we feel the future for our colporteur work is bright. All correspondence intended for our field secretarial department should be addressed to R. J. Thomas, 616 South Second Street, Clinton, Mo.

The *Sabbath School Worker* for January 1935 is on our desk. It calls attention to the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course, which begins with the first week in January. The book, "The Soul-Winning Teacher," by Mrs. Plummer, and the *Sabbath School Worker* are the texts for study. We, therefore, urge all our Sabbath school leaders and teachers to supply themselves with both the book and *Worker*.

"The Soul-Winning Teacher" is a book just from the press. It has 192 pages, and sells for \$1.25. We urge all our schools to organize a Training Course class, believing such a class in study from such texts as "The Soul-Winning Teacher" and the *Sabbath School Worker* would supply, will give a great impetus to every line of our Sabbath school work. So let us order our book and magazine and be prepared to enter our studies the beginning of the year.

Mr. R. E. Bowles, the manager of our Pacific Press branch office in Omaha, spent Sunday, December 2, in our office here in Clinton. While here he was in counsel with Brother Harrison, our Book and Bible House secretary. Brother Bowles is enthusiastic to get our gospel-filled literature in the homes of the people, and spoke quite optimistically regarding the future of our literature work in Missouri.

### Conference Notes

THE examinations for Bible Doctrines and Denominational History for the Junior Standard of Attainment and Study and Service League have been received. Some have been sent out. All individuals or societies desiring to write on these may



still have the opportunity, if they communicate immediately with the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary, stating how many desire to take the examinations.

We have been pleased recently to receive requests for Harvest Ingathering papers from some of our isolated believers. This indicates that during this last month of 1934 some who have not done their work earlier will still do their part.

Elder and Mrs. John Oss paid a short visit to their brother, Melvin, and his family in Clinton. The evening meeting which they conducted in the church was well attended. The experience and providences of the Lord in China were related. When this has gone to print, Elder and Mrs. John Oss will be sailing on the Pacific returning to China on their third term of missionary service.

### No. Dakota Conference

E. H. Oswald, President  
S. E. Ortner, Secretary  
Box 1491 - - - Jamestown

### Revival Services

THE Deisem church has had the privilege of enjoying a short series of revival meetings, conducted by Elder J. H. Seible, beginning November 12 and ending the 20th. He was assisted by Brother Gotlieb Lang, the local elder of the Gackle church.

The meetings were very spiritual and well attended from the beginning, practically the whole church taking part every evening, with also a few not of our faith attending part time. The last evening one family was present for the first time who expressed their deep regret that they had not known of the meetings sooner, as they would like to have attended them before. The presence of the Spirit of God was deeply felt, and was very evident in that many expressed their desire for a new and deeper experience with God. Some who had lost their firm hold on God in their Christian experience, again renewed their covenant with Him, leaving the church in general of good courage and new hope.

To God be the praise for these renewed efforts among His people. May He help that the new vows made will be kept true to His glory.

C. R. NAST.

### Judson Effort

WEDNESDAY evening, November 21, was the opening night of a series of meetings in the Spring Valley, District

No. 27, schoolhouse, five miles south of Judson. The schoolhouse was nearly filled the first night. We have had from twenty-five to thirty-five every night the first week. We thank the Lord for the people who are coming, but we would like to see many more come and hear the present truth.

Those of our faith living near-by are invited to attend these meetings. We are thankful for the Bethke family, who are of our faith. It has been the writer's privilege to stay with them during the meetings thus far, and to have them help carry the burden for souls. Otherwise, the writer is carrying the burden of the meeting alone.

Pray that God will help us to present these wonderful messages to the people in such a way that those who are hungering and thirsting for truth will accept it.

GEO. LOEWEN.

### Rays of S. R. A.

ABOUT fifty students spent the two days of vacation granted for Thanksgiving at their homes. A larger number enjoyed the special dinner and entertainment planned by the school.

Thursday and Saturday evenings the academy group enjoyed games, stunts, and marching in the dining room.

Many of the students have had the pleasure of skating on the unusually smooth ice on the river.

Stones for the new gymnasium are being piled behind the boys' dormitory.

Mr. Gideon Hochstetter is attending a church school teachers' institute at Redfield, S. Dak., over the Thanksgiving holidays and the week-end.

The following were visitors at the academy the past few days: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Beck, Mr. William Werth, Mr. Henry Schrenk, Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Haas, Miss Ruth Haas, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Remboldt, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Remboldt.

### North Dakota Notes

ELDER D. K. OLSON wrote to the office that he has conducted another series of meetings at Wheelock. The interest was good, and six people have decided to take their stand for the third angel's message. He states that they are ready for baptism, but because of the cold weather and lack of water, the baptism must be postponed until some later time. We rejoice with Brother Olson in the success of the meetings.

Elder G. P. Gaede writes that a number of people are manifesting a deep in-

terest in the Sunday night services. Some have already decided to cast their lot with God's people and are now preparing for baptism. We appreciate the services rendered by Elder Gaede in the city of Bismarck. We solicit the prayers of God's people in the North Dakota Conference in behalf of the work done by the ministers.

At our recent committee meeting, December 3, it was voted that the workers be invited to attend the ministerial institute at St. Louis, December 17-24. We solicit the prayers of our people in behalf of the workers while they attend the institute. The workers are in need of inspiration and strength, and these meetings will prove a benefit to them and the churches for which they are laboring. Jesus said at one time to his disciples that they should come aside and rest a while. He was anxious to impart unto them methods and ways whereby they could be more successful in their efforts. It is a blessed opportunity for the workers to come aside and receive instructions how to become more efficient in evangelistic work.

Elder E. A. Piper has been carrying on evangelistic meetings at Williston which have proved a success. The interest is good. Some have decided to cast their lot with God's remnant church. Others are in the valley of decision. We ask an interest in your prayers in behalf of Brother Piper's services in the city of Williston.

We wish to remind the churches as well as individuals to please order their supplies for the first quarter of the new year as soon as possible, and not wait until the Christmas rush comes on when the mails will be congested. We will also be very busy again as usual toward the end of the month, and we would appreciate getting as much work out of the way

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earlier in the month as possible. So many wait until the last two or three days in the old year and then write in for things, and they say "Please rush," and we always do the best we can, but a better way to get your supplies on time is to order them on time.

### Kansas Conference

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### Another Good Investment

Mrs. KENNETH G. HAWKINS, the superintendent of the Topeka First Sabbath school, sold both plants and flowers from her iris, rose, and chrysanthemum garden, and brought in \$33.85 Investment money. Mr. Hawkins added \$6.50 by taking church members to meeting in his car when they would otherwise have paid bus or street car fare. Mrs. McElvain got \$17 selling her home baking. Mrs. Wallace and daughter reported \$13.04 from baking and saving pennies. Mrs. Ragsdale had \$5.00 saved on a "health" investment. Other amounts represent experiences just as valuable and interesting. Eggs, flowers, books, papers, garden produce, chicks, and other things figured in the fine report of \$160.66 Investment from the Topeka I Sabbath school.

E. H. MEYERS.

### Teachers' Institute

A VERY profitable institute was conducted at Goldsberry November 18-21, with seventeen of our teachers attending. Professor Russell, from the General Conference, Professor Marsh, from the union, Miss Bell, from Union College, Elders Thompson and Oss and Brother Harrison, from the local conference, were present to give instruction and join in with the discussions. Many important topics were discussed, and the teachers made valuable contributions.

We express our thanks to the Goldsberry believers who so kindly extended their hospitality and made our stay pleasant.

MELVIN OSS.

### Convention at Wichita

A HOME MISSIONARY CONVENTION for the Wichita church is planned for the last week-end of this year. The first meeting will be Friday night, December 28. In addition to the Sabbath morning service, special meetings will be held Sabbath afternoon and during the day on

Sunday. Church officers from near-by churches are invited to attend any or all of these meetings. Elder Shadel, of the Central Union, will be there.

E. H. MEYERS.

### Announcements

THERE will be a baptism at the Wichita church Sabbath afternoon, December 15, at two o'clock. The church address is Dodge and Burton. All of our people living near Wichita are invited to attend this special service.

A. C. GRIFFIN.

### Kansas Ingathering Status

ACCORDING to promise we are giving below a summary of the Ingathering reports received up to December 5. We truly appreciate the splendid work so many of our churches have done. The Kansas Conference will have at least a 25 per cent gain over last year.

Herington, Chanute, Arkansas City, and Dodge City have reached the General Conference goal. Some others—McPherson, Ozawkie, Parsons, and Topeka II— are very near the goal.

The following groups have at least doubled last year's total:

Bazine, Bison, Conference, Eldorado, Farlington, Florence, Galena, Garden City, Hillsboro, Howard, Jefferson, Junction City, McPherson, Medicine Lodge, Nekoma, St. Francis, Parsons, Pittsburg, Salina, Shaffer, Thayer, Wellington, Arkansas City, Dodge City, Coffeyville, and Goodland.

The Bazine, Bison, Eldorado, Nekoma, and Shaffer groups have each at least four times as much as last year.

Perhaps it should be said again that some churches, due to higher totals last year, do not show large gains this year, even though they may be near the top of the list in amount of donations this year. They should have as much if not more credit. Our complete list of groups showing a gain over last year now stands as follows: Bazine, Bison, Chanute, Columbus, Conference, Eldorado, Enterprise, Eureka, Farlington, Florence, Fort Scott, Galena, Garden City, Girard, Great Bend, Herington, Hill City, Hillsboro, Hutchinson, Independence I, Independence II, Iola, Jefferson, Junction City, Kansas City I, Kansas City II, Liberal, McPherson, Medicine Lodge, Nekoma, Neodesha, Palco, Parsons, Pittsburg, Salina, Shaffer, Smith Center, Spivey, Sunflower, Thayer, Topeka II, Wellington, Wichita II, Arkansas City, Coffeyville, Dodge City, Everest, Goodland, Howard, and St. Francis.

E. H. MEYERS.

### Wyoming Mission

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### Battering Rams and Freedom

FROM "Medical Ministry," page 111, we read: "For thousands of years Satan has been experimenting upon the properties of the human mind, and he has learned to know it well. By his subtle workings in these last days, he is linking the human mind with his own, imbuing it with his thoughts; and he is doing this work in so deceptive a manner that those who accept his guidance know not that they are being led by him at his will. The great deceiver hopes so to confuse the minds of men and women that none but his voice will be heard."

A new publication, *The Symbolic Code*, the organ of a deluded company whose chief activity is antagonism to the established body, their time being spent as "accusers of the brethren" in default of a constructive program, has just been brought to our notice.

Note the following lofty notice in Volume I, No. 4, of October 15, 1934, of the aforementioned publication: "News from the 'Father of Lights' to the 'Battering Rams' who Encompass 'Mount Zion.'"

The stigma that creates such confused delight is that they are outside the church (Mt. Zion) battering her bulwarks. Let us further observe on the same page, under this heading, how they are whipped into subservience: "If any of you are already guilty of teaching something of your own at the *Rod's* expense, you will have thirty days from the date in which you may, in writing, notify this office, stating the topic of your doctrine and your intention in reference to it.

"If it be your desire to retract, do so and there shall be nothing held against you. But if you fail to comply with the conditions herein stated, be you notified now that you may hand or send in your resignation within the time specified, and we shall relieve you of any future obligations to our message. Any one violating this command will be dealt with as an unfaithful watchman, as one giving the trumpet an uncertain sound."

Like all previous apostate movements, there are pains and penalties for defection; commands and anathemas for violation, with excommunication; all without a hearing.

With a sublime inconsistency they require resignation from the "Battering Ram" organization on the pain of being



relieved of any future obligations to our message, then in a "greeting" signed "Advisory Committee," they say, "Since there can be no new organization, it is necessary that all our work must be done for and in connection with our S. D. A. brethren; we therefore trust that the desire to worship in the church of their choice, on the part of those who have lost their church membership for no other reason than acceptance of 'more light' on the third angel's message . . . will not be considered intruders."

It will be admitted that a forbearance far in excess of this thirty day limit has been manifest toward these turbulent "Rams"; still they plead immunity with license to 'batter' the brethren.

Surely there can be no serious objection to an application of their own rule in dealing with recalcitrants who are commanded by the notable Ram to carry on a vicious onslaught without reprieve.

Forbearance ceases to be a virtue in face of such a glaring contradiction of faith and practice; these malcontents should be denied participation in the ordinances of the Lord's house and prevented from carrying on their tactics within the confines of the church.

"While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." II Pet. 2:19, 21.

Again from I Pet. 2:15-17, we read of a contrast from such bondage: "For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God, honor all men, love the brotherhood."

Let us disavow any fellowship with such a hybrid type of profession, and take our stand on the platform solidly built by the pioneers of this great movement.

C. A. PURDOM.

### A Literature Barrage

Our faithful self-supporting literature colporteur, Francis Mathew, though eighty years of age, shows no abatement of vigor and devotion to the cause he is serving so faithfully.

After completing a systematic distribution of *Present Truth* and other message-filled papers in Sundance and vicinity, his activities were transferred to

Recluse, near the Montana line. This is a region of dry ranches, with the neighbors living quite far apart, entailing long walks from place to place.

Our brother averaged ten miles a day in reaching these homes for repeated visits, walking as much as thirty miles a day to complete his task and reach a haven.

His work has not been without visible results. The interest is quite general. One lady told him she had a dream that someone would bring a message from heaven to her door. After reading the supplies left from week to week, she became convinced that this was the fulfillment of her dream, and since Brother Mathew's departure has sent her jewelry to be sold, and begun the observance of the Sabbath. She now expresses a desire to be baptized. Several others are asking for meetings, that more detailed instruction may be received.

With such an example before us, how much of an excuse may we offer if we do not make 1935 an exceptional year in missionary faithfulness?

C. A. PURDOM.

### Iowa Conference

R. S. Fries, President  
J. H. Nies, Secretary  
734 Main St. - - - Nevada

### A Splendid Gain

WE ARE very thankful to report that our Harvest Ingathering fund in the conference treasury is now \$9,000. We are satisfied that there are other funds in the field not yet sent in which will easily make our twenty-five per cent increase over last year. This good report is made possible because of the loyal cooperation of our church members working early and late to bring in the funds.

In looking over the reports, we find that 370 of our members brought in \$10 each; thirteen report over \$100 each; one reports \$75; eight report \$50; and seventeen report \$25. Our singing bands have done remarkably good work. We want especially to mention the ones at Davenport, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines. The young people have done nobly in leading out in this work, and to them much credit must be given in making our goal thus far this year. The Des Moines singing band brought in \$229, the largest amount brought in by any band. Cedar Rapids singing band comes next. How grateful we all are to these young people and others who went out night after night, even during the cold weather, and

sang the songs of Zion. Our young people have taken hold of this work as never before, and we thank God for their devotion to the cause of missions.

The Des Moines church has brought in the largest amount of any of our churches in the conference, with a total thus far of \$1,010.10, with more to come in. The Nevada church comes second with \$850. Every church in the conference has reached a higher goal than last year, and we want to express our appreciation and thankfulness to everyone who had a part in this Harvest Ingathering campaign. How good it is to know that our mission work will not go backward, but will take a step forward as a result of this increase in funds. We thank all our loyal brothers, sisters, and young people who entered so heartily into this campaign. May the blessing of heaven rest upon you, for you know that treasure has been laid up in heaven, credited to your account in God's bank.

R. S. FRIES.

### Penny-a-Dish Cafeteria

IT WAS a happy time Thanksgiving Day for 500 men, women, and children to partake of a free dinner provided by the Penny-a-Dish Cafeteria. Many words of appreciation and thanksgiving were uttered as they left. The quartet sang songs during the dinner, the music being rendered through the amplifier, and a good time was had by all.

The members of the Des Moines church worked hard to make this dinner a success, and we give much credit to each one who gave so loyally of his time and talent. Station WHO gave us free time to announce the dinner over the radio. Had we paid for this it would have cost us \$40. The manager of this station has volunteered to put on a benefit for us, and also to give us fifteen minutes over station WHO to help out our work. He said to Elder Skadsheim, "I have investigated your work and know that you people are worthy of support. You are doing a good work, and I will do everything I can to see that you get funds to carry it on." Surely this is a great blessing to us, for it means a gift that would cost us at least \$500 were we to pay for such service.

Remember this welfare work in your prayers that God may make it what it should be—a great blessing to the cause of God. Already it has been the means of greatly increased gifts to our Harvest Ingathering work, to say nothing of the favorable publicity through the newspapers and radio and in the community.

R. S. FRIES.



### The Growing Cause in Marshalltown and Des Moines

LAST Sabbath we had the privilege of baptizing eight people as a result of the work of Brother and Sister Archbold for the past few months. Others are in another baptismal class to be baptized later. Two were taken in on profession of faith. We rejoice as we see the work in Marshalltown going ahead, and the Lord is blessing the efforts of Brother Archbold as he leads out in the work. The church has been newly painted inside and many improvements have been made. It is a pleasure to see how the church edifice now appears. May God continue to add His blessing to the work in Marshalltown.

The Des Moines church has secured the use of the former Christian Science building on Eighth Street, and is now renovating it so it will be ready for occupancy about the middle of December. Our church building in Des Moines is growing too small for the congregation, and the walls are in such a condition that it was felt advisable to move elsewhere. What the future has in store for the Des Moines church is still a problem, and we invite the prayers of our people that God will show us just what should be done to shepherd the growing interest in our capital city.

Sunday night meetings are well attended. The church has been crowded and every seat taken practically every Sunday night. A number are awaiting baptism, and the interest is larger than the few workers can look after. Meetings are being held on the east side, and elsewhere cottage meetings are being held by the lay members as well as public services. It is encouraging to see the spirit of evangelism taking hold of the Des Moines church. We invite an interest in your prayers for the work in this large city.

R. S. FRIES.

### Eastern Iowa District

THE work in the Eastern District is onward. The rank and file of our members in Davenport, Muscatine, Dubuque, and Clinton sense the meaning of worldwide conditions, and are loyally standing by the closing message of God. Dubuque keenly feels the loss of their veteran worker and faithful sister, Mrs. A. T. Scherr, but younger hands must now carry the burdens in service. None of these churches has been negligent in Sabbath school or Harvest Ingathering work, and Clinton and Davenport are operating successful church schools, Miss Arnold, at Clinton, and Miss Ida Edgerton, at Davenport, in addition to

efficient teaching are great helpers in other church work.

Muscatine greatly appreciated the convention held there recently, and hospitably entertained the visitors. During the convention, the church officers for 1935 were properly elected, and they start the new year with hope and courage. Dr. Rust has the past year carried heavy burdens in the Sabbath school, and on Sabbath afternoons the Teachers' Training Course has been largely attended. Effective and stimulating goal devices account for the large Sabbath school offerings, and their Investment returns were large. They are doing a good work in all lines. Muscatine has recently extended their church rostrum across the front, and its modest and tasty decorations add greatly to appearance as well as the efficiency in serving from the rostrum. Muscatine expects to keep step with her sister churches in God's organized work.

Davenport has redecorated their church inside and out, and a gold-lettered sign in front helps strangers to find our church home. The number of the mail-box is on the front door in black over white. Neat serviceable boxes, alphabetically arranged, for receipts, statements, church papers, and tithe envelopes appear in the rear of the auditorium.

Davenport has gathered \$621.70 so far in Harvest Ingathering, and their annual Harvest Ingathering produce sale netted \$61. The Sabbath school Investment so far stands at \$53.01. Fifty diamond jubilee pins have been presented to as many members. Miss E. J. Blanchard, the efficient church treasurer, has earned more than a \$200 ribbon, and the singing band has also earned two \$100 ribbons. If the weather permits, we expect to sing appropriate carols during the Christmas season and augment the Harvest Ingathering returns. A number are in preparation for baptism. Remember the work over here even as we remember the work in other places.

STEMPLE WHITE.

### Baptism at Oak Park Academy

THE Nevada church witnessed a very pleasing and impressive ceremony last Sabbath when twenty-two young people from the academy were buried with their Lord in baptism. This service was the fruit of the Week of Prayer held a little over five weeks ago. The class has been carefully instructed in its weekly meetings, conducted by Professor Hartman and Brother Axelsen. They were all faith-

ful in attendance, and on examination we were impressed with their real conversion and determination to follow the Lord.

The baptismal service was conducted by the writer at the eleven o'clock hour. After the opening song and prayer, the academy male quartet favored us with an appropriate selection. Just at the close of a few remarks, the young people were received into the church, each one rising as the question was called on his name. Then by unanimous standing vote the church welcomed these young people into their fellowship. Our sincere prayers and deepest interest go with these young people as they go forward in their Christian life.

K. L. GANT.

### Church Elections

WE TRUST that every church will hold its election as soon as possible, and be sure to send in the list of new officers to the conference office immediately. This is important, and we trust that every church will take notice and act accordingly.

### Notes

ELDER FRIES spent Sabbath with the Sioux City church, and reports that Elder Nelson has a class of fifteen or more fine people who are ready to be baptized next Sabbath. The work is onward in Sioux City.

Bertha F. King and William R. Speak, both of Des Moines, Ia., were married Saturday evening, December 1, at the home of Elder and Mrs. K. L. Gant, Elder Gant officiating.

### So. Dakota Conference

J. H. Roth, President  
B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary  
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### My Word Shall Not Return Void

THROUGH the study of the Word a depot agent was impressed by the clearness of the Seventh-day Sabbath truth. He began to publish his new-found light through the columns of the local newspaper. A minister of the gospel took issue with this writer, who had assumed a pen name. After a lengthy discussion the minister challenged his opponent by saying he should reveal his identity and meet him on the public platform for debate. The friend of truth first thought he would invite an Adventist minister to defend the Sabbath truth, but after giving it a second thought, and after discussing it with a friend, he thought the victory would be



so much greater if a non-Adventist gave feeling is to be taken. We are confident his reasons for believing that Saturday is the Sabbath and should be kept holy by Christians.

While preparing for the debate the truth took such a hold on the man's heart that he could not avoid any longer full obedience to the requirements of God's law. Now he and his wife are asking for baptism.

Thus he not only gained a victory for the truth in the debate, but also won his own soul and the soul of his wife to a fuller obedience to God's commandment. Before these lines will reach you this man will be a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

J. H. ROTH.

### South Dakota Sunbeams

THREE very good Investment reports recently reached the office. Mrs. Linden Flyger, superintendent of the Swan Lake Sabbath school, writes that their Investment returns amounted to more than \$100, and Brother Jake A. Merkel, superintendent of the Mobridge school, reports \$32.65 already raised with the prospect of having \$50 by the end of the year. The Redfield Sabbath school reported \$25 with more in view. This represents the efforts of the resident members, as the students joined the members of the home schools in their efforts.

Elder Gordon Smith and Brother McKinley met with the Swan Lake and Sioux Falls churches on Friday and Sabbath, November 30 and December 1, in the interests of the young people. A good attendance was reported, and the Lord blessed.

The Sioux Falls singing band has been doing splendid work. They plan to go out again during the holidays.

The Harvest Ingathering shows an increase of \$1,298 over last year, or a gain of 33 $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent.

Be sure to order your Senior, Junior, and Primary Reading Course books so all can read these splendid books.

The Mobridge church school children have raised \$3.32 in their Harvest Ingathering campaign.

### Colorado Conference

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### Two Important Offerings

THIS word will appear in the REAPER just a few days before the Annual Of-

fering is to be taken. We are confident that our loyal members will give liberally to this important offering and further increase the funds for missions before the year closes.

We also urge all to give a liberal thirteenth Sabbath offering as the final gift to missions. Thus will finish our contributions to the needy fields for the present year.

We certainly appreciate the loyalty of our members in Colorado.

JAY J. NETHERY.

### Campion Academy Notes

WHEN the second period grades were handed out in chapel, Monday, December 3, six students had earned places on the honor roll: Mary Johnson, Florence Turner, and Hampton White, each with eleven honor points; and Russell Brown, Marjorie Greet, and Marvin Lawrence, with ten. Two students earned honorable mention: Elsie Thomas, with nine, and Christina Guptill, who is taking three subjects, with eight honor points. To be on the honor roll, one must have ten honor points. An A grade counts three; a B, two; and a C, one honor point. Thus a person with two A's and two B's earns a place on the honor roll.

During the 11:00 o'clock hour Sabbath, December 1, Professor F. A. Page reviewed the life and work of Martin Luther in celebration of the 400th anniversary of his translation of the Bible into the German language. In honor of the occasion a mixed quartet sang a hymn, "Eun Fesle Burg," the words and music of which were written by the great reformer.

The week ending December 8 was observed as the Week of Sacrifice. The chapel periods were given over to the consideration of the needs for sacrifice and means of securing funds in this worthy enterprise.

Since the completion of the new cannery the old building has been moved to a new site among the farm buildings, where it will be used in the spring as a brooder house.

Elder J. J. Nethery visited at the academy for a short time on Sabbath, November 24.

Miss Trollinger, of the Bureau of Visual Education of Colorado University, Boulder, Colo., visited Campion during the recent teachers' institute. She gave a short lecture on the visual aids featured by the Bureau, and showed many interesting samples.

Several boys were doubly thankful on Thanksgiving Day. Jack Frost had given

a precarious crust to the academy reservoir, where several students gaily and noisily enjoyed the pleasures of skating—the prince of winter sports.

MR. MICHAEL SHEA, of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Mary Althof, of Salina, Kans., were married October 8. They are making their home in Denver.

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### Omaha Missionary Volunteer Rally

THE Missionary Volunteer rally beginning Friday evening, January 4, will be held at the Third Omaha church, 2760 Lake St. Elder K. L. Gant, Missionary Volunteer secretary from Iowa, will speak. On Sabbath, January 5, the meetings will be held at the Omaha Memorial church. Elder Gordon Smith, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Central Union, will speak at the regular church hour. The afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 will be spent in discussing topics applicable to young people and for our times. All the young people in District No. 1 are invited to attend. The Council Bluffs, Iowa, young people will also join us in the afternoon. Come and bring your lunch.

L. G. JORGENSEN.

### Omaha

THREE week-end conventions have just been held here in the Memorial and Omaha Third churches.

The first one was conducted by Elder Collins and Brother P. E. Shakespeare, with our faithful colporteurs, which put new inspiration and determination in the hearts of our faithful band and others who attended the meetings.

The second one was under the leadership of Elders Shadel and Jorgensen, studying with the church the best possible way of finishing God's work, and we believe the plans that were discussed and laid will give our people a deeper Christian experience.

Last Sabbath Elder S. A. Wellman, from the General Conference Sabbath School Department, and Mrs. Jorgensen, conference Sabbath school secretary, were here and gave welcome help to that department. R. E. Bowles, from the Pacific Press, was also present and rendered valuable service, and gave us a report from the Fall Council.



Our people as a whole are rejoicing in the blessed truth, and a greater number have had a part in the Harvest In-gathering this year than ever before. To date the Memorial church is going towards \$1,100.

Dorothy Marcoe, with the assistance of Mary Burr, has the responsibility of the youth who are working for their Friend and Comrade promotions.

Four were recently baptized and added to the Memorial church, and others will soon receive the same rite.

The church school is progressing nicely under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walthers.

Pray for us in your devotional hours.

T. M. LANGBERG.

### Hastings Home Missionary Convention

THE home missionary convention held at the Omaha Memorial church December 1 and 2 was very well attended all the way through. Plans were definitely outlined for aggressive work in literature ministry, Bible evangelism, welfare, and Dorcas society work. A home nursing class will be started in March.

A similar home missionary convention will be held at Hastings beginning Friday evening, December 21, and continuing all day Sabbath and Sunday, December 22 and 23. Elder S. T. Shadel, Central Union home missionary secretary, will be with us. All the near-by churches are invited to join us at Hastings at that time. Bring your lunch and plan to stay all day Sabbath.

L. G. JORGENSEN.

### COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 1

	Book	Hours	Sales
COLORADO: W. G. Herndon, Sec.			
Herbert Cox	BR	31	82.50
Ramey Good	BR	27	12.00
Del. Marquardt	BR	32	18.25
Mrs. Marquardt	BR	34	16.25
C. McClintock	BP	27	4.50
Albert Priest	HP	32	10.00
W. Zollinger	HP	7	6.00
Minnie Case	Health	8	2.85
Mrs. M. Curtis	BPS	8	6.75
Juliet Hartz	BR	3	5.00
Mrs. S. McGrew	HP	14	4.70
Max Walker	BR	21	1.50
A Colporteur		45	33.50
Misc. Mag. Sales			112.10
Misc. Colp. Sales			50.00
Total		289	365.90
MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Secretary			
Julia Berg	RJ	12	6.75
G. H. Boehrig	HW	33	23.25
Dorothy Boyko	RJ	22	16.50
*Francis Crofoot	HW	35	10.25
Lorraine Crofoot	HW		

*E. Dufstrom	Mag	30	17.30
J. Dufstrom	Mag	14	4.75
Ruby Englehart	HW	5	29.75
B. O. Engen	Misc	43	13.45
Karl Evenson	BR	7	5.50
Fern Eveland	Mag		4.00
H. A. Hanson	BPS	28	43.65
Mrs. Ray Kroll	BR		1.50
Mrs. A. Larson	Mag	48	21.45
Mrs. Ludvigson	RJ		8.00
Miss C. Powers	Mag	43	22.85
Grace Rude	HW	7	2.60
Clare G. Rust	Mag	48	21.80
*Clarice Rust	BR	27	19.90
*Grace Shumway	RJ	70	69.00
Edna Schaefer	Mag	20	10.55
Total		493	346.80

NORTH DAKOTA:			
Beatrice Komoll	GC	42	63.25
S. A. Jacoshenk	RJ	54	76.50
Solomon Kruger	BR	49	34.50
Gladys Wilson	RJ	46	19.00
Mrs. G. Gaede	Mag	5	7.65
Misc. Magazines			18.80
Paul Boyko	RJ	1	7.10
Total		197	226.80

NEBRASKA: P. E. Shakespeare, Sec.			
Wm. Carver	BPS	14	4.00
Charles Copsey	BR	22	5.25
Herman Higby	BR	26	19.50
Everett Johnson	DR	38	28.75
C. B. Loomer	RJ	39	28.25
Ralph Sorensen	BR	13	6.75
J. D. Springer	DR	12	15.75
Robert Widner	BR	20	13.75
Mrs. C. D. Adams	Mag		3.00
Mrs. J. B. Aitken			9.35
Evelyn Auxier	BPS		.25
M. Christensen	Mag		5.10
Misc. Sales			41.00
Dorothy Perkins			7.45
Della Rice	Mag	29	22.75
Total		213	210.90

IOWA: C. A. Edwards, Secretary			
H. G. Biggers	Misc	34	18.70
Ed. Cass	BR	33	21.50
Roy Chamberlain	BR	22	22.00
Mrs. Chamberlain	Misc	9	6.75
Edwin Coy	BR	24	30.75
*F. L. Cushing	BTS	13	3.95
Raymond Hircok	OD	16	12.00
M. H. Meeker	OD	41	19.50
Mrs. Meeker	OD	42	28.75
Katherine Miller	OD	6	
Vernon Miller	OD	13	3.25
Ivan Mills	OD	31	3.00
Ida Ryan	Mag	10	10.00
Glenn Shelton	BR		
Total		294	180.15

MISSOURI: R. J. Thomas, Secretary			
W. A. Burton	BR	8	
James Donnelly	BR	6	
Arthur Duncan	BR	18	
Mrs. L. Gulley	BR	14	4.50
Mrs. S. Holmes	HR	30	12.00
Floyd Mathews	HR	43	20.75
Mrs. A. Snyder	HR	38	47.50
Mrs. J. G. Gunn	Mag	15	5.00
Joe Maier	Mag	14	6.40
Mrs. A. Myers	Mag	10	9.35
Total		196	105.50

KANSAS: C. M. Norman, Secretary			
R. B. Kramer	BR	18	9.00
John North	GC	28	18.00
Ernest Owens		2	
J. L. Smith	GC	28	9.50
Total		76	36.50

SOUTH DAKOTA: M. A. Wyman, Sec.			
Charles Root	RJ	14	4.75
Grand Total		1,772	1477.30
* Two Weeks			

## Obituaries

NESS.—Fred Ness passed away at the Chamberlain Sanitarium Nov. 14, 1934, at the age of 75 years. Born in Norway, he came to this country when just a lad, and has farmed in South Dakota since the age of 21. Forty-seven years ago he accepted this message. He was laid to rest in the family plot at Gettesburg, S. Dak., the wirtler officiating. C. M. Babcock.

STANNARD.—Mrs. Emagene Stannard, wife of Chester M. Stannard, of Waterloo, Iowa, was born Feb. 11, 1898, and died Nov. 20, 1934. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ishman, of West Union, Iowa. She leaves to mourn, her husband, two daughters, her parents, four brothers, and one sister. She was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church and died in the blessed hope. Services were conducted by the writer, assisted by C. A. Edwards. L. P. Knecht.

DICKENS.—Mrs. Lucy Dickens, nee Redner, was born at Hector, Pa., June 8, 1842, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cora Miller, in Dexter, Minn., Oct. 30, 1934. July 4, 1866, she was married to Darius Dickens. To this union were born a son and a daughter, both of whom, with one granddaughter, survive her.

Some 25 years ago the deceased accepted the Sabbath truth, but not until she had passed fourscore years did she have opportunity to be baptized and unite with the Adventist church. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

S. G. Haughey.

RUSS.—Robert Russ was born Dec. 25, 1865, at Harpers Ferry, Va. He died Nov. 14, 1934, at his home in Denver, Colo. In 1868 he married Miss Charlott Elizabeth Lawson. Four children were born to this union, two of whom died in infancy. The other two yet live.

In 1922 Brother Russ joined the Seventh-day Adventist church, to which he remained a respected and loyal member until death, at which time he was serving as local elder. He leaves his wife, two children, and many friends. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in Denver, assisted by Elder G. W. Anglebarger, pastor of the Denver North Side church. H. J. Miller.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED.—Two graduate nurses with stenographic experience. Apply at once, giving full particulars. Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, Hinsdale, Ill. 49-51

WANTED.—A housekeeper. Must be able to drive an automobile. Lars Hansen, Yuma, Colo.

WANTED.—Boy or man for the winter to help with chores on farm. Small wages during winter. Going wages of summer. Give reference and wages wanted in first letter. Archie Hilliard, Martin, S. Dak.

WANTED.—Work by 17-year-old S. D. A. girl. General house work preferred. Kate Williams, Gen. Del., Cedar Edge, Colo.



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## Sunset Calendar

For Friday, December 14, 1934

Denver, Colorado ..... 4:35  
Des Moines, Iowa ..... 4:43  
Topeka, Kansas ..... 5:01  
St. Paul, Minnesota ..... 4:32  
Jefferson City, Missouri ..... 4:47  
Lincoln, Nebraska ..... 4:59  
Bismarck, North Dakota ..... 4:54  
Pierre, South Dakota ..... 5:03  
Casper, Wyoming ..... 4:25

## Union College

M. L. Andreasen, President  
College View Station, Lincoln, Nebr.

## School Notes

UNION COLLEGE students are observing December 9 to 15 as the educational Week of Sacrifice. The proceeds will be used to forward the educational work in the Inter-American Division.

The meetings being conducted in Douglas by the Gospel Workers' Seminar are arousing interest. One lady has already begun observing the Bible Sabbath, and other families are showing marked interest.

Three reels of moving pictures portraying historical scenes and economic life along the Rhine were shown by the German club to members and friends in the Union College chapel the evening of December 1.

Elder S. A. Wellman, General Conference secretary of the Sabbath School Department, visited at Union College and spoke at the eleven o'clock church service Sabbath. Elder Wellman was in College View in the interest of a Sabbath School convention being held here over the week-end.

North Hall's new infirmary located on second floor is nearing completion. When plans are fully completed there will be two wards of two beds each, connected by doors on either side of the bathroom, and an office where the school nurse may keep medical supplies and have a desk.

Word comes from the Boulder-Colo-rado Sanitarium where Miss Ruby Lea, registrar of Union College, has undergone a major operation, that she is improving.

## Life and Health Binders

AN index of all the issues of *Life and Health* published in 1934 is available to regular subscribers. In order that the index may be of real value you should have all your *Life and Health* journals bound together for convenient reference. For this purpose you may secure a beautiful set of covers, tied with a silk cord, for only 25 cents. On the inside front cover are suggestions for a normal diet, with charts showing the food values, and their potential alkalinity or acidity. On the inside of the back cover are suggestive menus for breakfast, dinner, and supper. The covers are of great value for the information they contain as well as for binders for the *Life and Health* journals.

Order from your Book and Bible House.

## The 1935 "Life and Health"

THE year 1935 will witness still further improvements in *Life and Health*. We are happy to announce the following:

The page size will be a little larger. This, combined with other mechanical adjustments, will permit the printing of about ten per cent more matter in each issue.

There will be added to the staff of contributing editors three able physicians: Dr. Bell Wood-Comstock, whose extensive contributions on health in relation to children and the home have made her a well-known figure; Dr. Alfred B. Olsen, whose long connection with sanitariums and health journals both in America and abroad enables him to give distinctive help to such a journal as this; and Dr. George T. Harding, who, as medical director of the Harding Sanitarium for Mental and Nervous Disorders, specializes in a most important field in modern medicine.

There will be published a series of short articles under the general head: "Are These Your Symptoms?" These articles will deal with a group of the most common maladies.

Another unique series of short articles will discuss the common types of nervously disordered persons who are not generally thought of as sick.

## Tithe Covenant Day

(Continued from page 1)

Christian duty and privilege to render to Him the tenth of my income; that 'it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful;' therefore

"I do hereby solemnly covenant with God that I will render to Him an honest tithe, paying it to the church treasurer, and that I will do my best as God shall prosper me in making liberal offerings for the support of our world-wide mission work."

Thousands of our people throughout the country gladly signed these cards, and have carried them in their Bibles throughout the year as a constant reminder of their sacred obligation to render to God that which He claims as His own. Many who had not before practiced tithing felt the obligation to do so and took cards and signed them. Others who had been only partially faithful pledged themselves to absolute faithfulness by signing the tithe covenant. Those who had been faithful gladly signed as an encouragement to others.

Since that time the tithe income has been greatly increased in almost every conference in North America, and God has greatly blessed His people. Thousands of new converts have been gathered into our churches as our workers and people have consecrated themselves to the work of God.

So great have been the blessings derived from the plan that it has been decided to repeat it again for this coming year. The General Conference Committee in Autumn Council designated Sabbath, January 12, as "Tithe Covenant Day" for 1935, and on that Sabbath an effort will be made in all our churches to sign up our entire membership for faithful stewardship in the payment of tithes and offerings.

May God add to all His people the blessings promised the faithful in Malachi 3:10 where He says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."

W. H. BRANSON,

General Conference Vice-President  
for North America.