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A Travel Guide  
for Those Who Plan to Go on

# GOD'S Excursion

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The "California Zephyr" crossing the Rocky Mountains.

By C. Leonard Vories

**A**LL who have gone on an excursion know with what pleasure and delight a trip is anticipated. Plans are made weeks ahead. The railroad company advertises, outlining the trip, time of departure and arrival. Tickets are prepared and the price of tickets stated.

Those going on the excursion do well to heed the circulars. They must purchase a ticket and pay the price. To state it briefly, they must prepare for the trip.

God is preparing an excursion for His people from this wicked world to His heavenly kingdom. The announcements are already out, the tickets are ready, and the time for the excursion to start for the glory land is almost at hand. This excursion is made possible by one supreme event—the second coming of Christ. Announcement of His coming has been proclaimed by patriarchs, prophets, apostles, angels, and especially by Christ Himself. "In my Father's house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again" (John 14:2, 3).

As surely as the great day of His coming draws near, so surely the special and final warning will be given to the world. "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand" (Joel 2:1).

The message of Christ's coming is being preached from thousands of pulpits, published, and by aid of radio and television is going out over ether waves that encircle the globe. The final warning is now being given.

Anyone planning a train excursion has faith that the railroad company can take people safely to their destination. Likewise, if we expect to go on God's excursion we

must have faith in Him. "To whom will ye liken me, make me equal, and compare me?" (Isa. 46:5).

However, belief alone in the power sponsoring the excursion is not enough. We must have a ticket giving admission to the Holy City, and that ticket is God's grace and power at work within us, conforming us to His will.

How sad it will be in the last great day when Jesus comes, for anyone to find that he has read the announcement, been stirred by the warning, but has not purchased the ticket! Some know the anxiety that comes to those who board a train, only to discover that they cannot find their ticket. Excitedly, a man will search through every pocket. A woman will fumble the multitude and variety of articles she can crowd into her purse.

Years ago I boarded an interurban without a ticket, and after it was well under way I discovered that I did not have my billfold, and therefore had neither ticket nor money.

The embarrassment and distress of such an inconsequential experience is nothing compared with the grief and sorrow that will overtake those who have no ticket and are left on earth when their friends and relatives soar heavenward with the King of kings. The weeping and wailing prophesied in Scripture will then be heard. From a study of the Bible we conclude that such will be the fate of the majority, all because they are not willing to pay the price. The price is not prohibitive. It is within the reach of the poorest in this world's goods. It is merely a surrendered life which permits the Holy Spirit to implant within our minds and lives the mind of God, so that His righteous principles govern the life. A life conformed to  
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# Background of the Thessalonian Epistles

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**F**IRST and Second Thessalonians stand unique as being, according to best evidence, the first of the New Testament books to have been written. Although it is impossible to date their writing precisely, it is possible to establish the time as having been about A.D. 51 or 52. A comparison of certain statements in the Epistles with the histori-

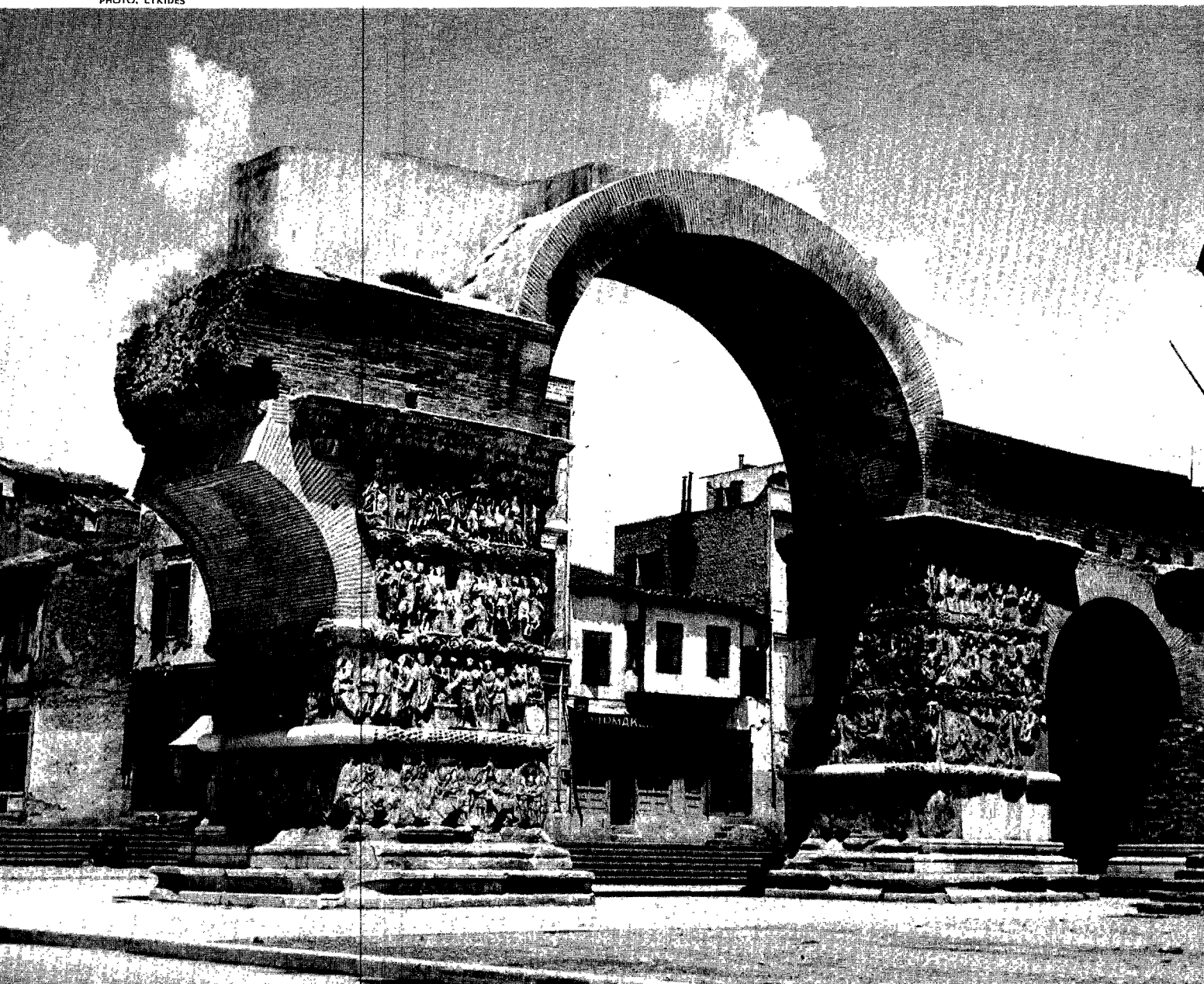
cal records of the missionary activities of Paul in the book of Acts shows that the two letters were both written in Corinth, while Paul was in that city on his second missionary journey.

In the salutation to each of these letters Paul identified himself as the writer (1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1). In addition, at the close of the second letter, he affixed a salutation in his

own handwriting—"the salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle" (2 Thess. 3:17). The statement that the salutation was in the apostle's "own hand" shows that the letter proper was written by a secretary at Paul's dictation. The closing greeting in the author's own hand established the letter as genuinely his. It appears that forged

Paul doubtless passed through this ancient archway in the city of Thessalonica.

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letters in Paul's name, teaching doctrines contrary to his, had been circulated (see 2 Thess. 2:2).

In the King James Version the two books are called the First and the Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians, respectively. These titles were not part of the original documents, but are later, yet proper, editorial additions. The term *epistle* simply means "letter." The two books are personal letters by Paul to the Christian church at Thessalonica. It is doubtful that at the time of writing God revealed to Paul that his letters to the Thessalonians would one day become a part of the New Testament canon, and thus of Holy Scripture.

It is important that we keep this personal nature of the two Epistles in mind as we interpret the messages of the two books. These messages were addressed to the believers in Thessalonica, and find their primary application in the historical setting. At the same time, there are in them valuable lessons and counsels for us today—lessons we will fail to grasp fully unless we first understand the primary historical application.

This principle of interpretation is set forth by Ellen G. White with reference to the Sermon on the Mount in the following words: "Let us in imagination go back to that scene, and, as we sit with the disciples on the mountainside, enter into the thoughts and feelings that filled their hearts. Understanding what the words of Jesus meant to those who heard them, we may discern in them a new vividness and beauty, and may also gather for ourselves their deeper lessons."—*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 1.

In harmony with this principle, let us therefore in imagination sit with the believers in Thessalonica, in their places of assembly, as the letters of Paul are read to them when first received. Let us enter into the thoughts and feelings that filled these new converts' minds. Then, understanding what the words of Paul meant to those who first heard them, we may gather for ourselves their deeper lessons.

It may be noted that the method of interpretation suggested here for the study of the Thessalonian letters—that is, an understanding first of the meaning in the historical context, and later an application of the messages to our day—is the method followed by Ellen G. White in her comments on these Epistles in *The Acts of the Apostles* (see pages 255-268).

### Historical Background

The church at Thessalonica was established during Paul's second mis-

## Sometimes

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Sometimes the way I cannot see,  
Sometimes I know not what to do.  
I cry: "Lord Jesus! help me now!"  
He never fails to lead me through.  
So now I place my hand in His  
Because I'm sure He knows the way;  
Through sunshine, storm, yea, darkest night  
It leads at last to perfect day.

sionary journey. This was the journey during which the apostle introduced the gospel to Europe. At Troas, near Europe's borders, he had heard the call in a dream, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us" (Acts 16:9). Thessalonica was in the province of Macedonia. It was the second city Paul evangelized after landing in Europe. Philippi was his first scene of labor.

Here, after a short period of successful evangelism, Paul was arrested, beaten, and imprisoned. After a miraculous deliverance, he left for Thessalonica, bearing on his body the marks of his cruel treatment. In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul referred to his shameful treatment at Philippi: "For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain: but even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention" (1 Thess. 2:1, 2).

Thessalonica lay about 100 miles to the west of Philippi, both cities being on the famous military road, the Via Egnatia, which the Romans built across Macedonia. Thessalonica had formerly been called Thermae, meaning "hot springs," but Cassander, one of Alexander the Great's generals, had renamed it Thessalonica in honor of his wife, Alexander's sister. It was an important commercial and military center, and had a Jewish synagogue.

The record of Paul's labors in Thessalonica is brief, containing only nine verses (Acts 17:1-9). According to the record, "Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures" (verse 2). The result was that "some of them [the Jews] believed . . . and of all the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few" (verse 4). But there followed persecution, and by night Paul and Silas set out for Berea (verse 10).

It might appear from a hasty pe-

rusal of the record in Acts that Paul's labors continued in Thessalonica only about three weeks. However, it is possible that the opposition was some time in developing and that the apostle may have been there for a longer period. A careful reading of the two letters gives this impression. But in any case, the time in which to instruct the new converts was short, especially in view of the fact that there was no established church with seasoned leadership to take over the newly won believers, who were left to care for themselves.

Paul's hasty departure filled him with deep concern for the new converts. How would they bear up under persecution? He had had so little time with them. In his first letter he expressed his earnest longing to see them again, in order to perfect that which was lacking in their faith (chap. 3:10; cf. chap. 2:17, 18).

But Paul did more than that. In his concern for the spiritual well-being of the Thessalonian converts, after being driven from Berea and arriving at Athens he summoned Silas and Timothy (Acts 17:15). These traveling companions having arrived, Paul dispatched Timothy to Thessalonica. He tells about this in his first letter: "Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone; and sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith: that no man should be moved by these afflictions" (1 Thess. 3:1, 2).

After a brief period in Athens, during which Paul delivered his oration on Mars' Hill, and during which he won some converts—"certain men clave unto him, and believed" (Acts 17:34)—Paul proceeded to Corinth. It was here that Timothy rejoined him and brought him the good news that believers at Thessalonica were holding fast to their faith (Acts 18:5; 1 Thess. 3:6). Timothy's report prompted the writing of the first letter to the Thessalonians.

The contents of the second letter show that it was written shortly after the first. Silas and Timothy are still with Paul (2 Thess. 1:1). The conditions in the church are still the same, and the style is like that of the first Epistle. The second letter was written in response to news received regarding the effect of his first letter, information brought back, probably by the bearer of the first letter.

On this journey Paul was in Corinth for 18 months (Acts 18:11), probably in A.D. 51 and 52, and during this time both Epistles were written.

(To be continued)

**W**HAT wonderful incentives God places before us to be faithful to Him! As we explore the pages of the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy we constantly find gems of truth that deepen our desire for salvation. Recently I discovered a glorious truth that thrilled my soul and strengthened my resolve to go through to the end with God's people. Others may have made this discovery, but believing it may be new to some, I share it with you.

"Why are we here?" "Why was I born?" These questions are frequently asked by those in trouble and distress. They often are projected in a spirit of skepticism and antagonism toward God. They might well be the subject of earnest study by the children of God. It would be presumptuous for us shortsighted mortals to think we can fully discover or comprehend all that the Infinite had in mind in the creation of man and of this world. One reason that has been revealed, however, illuminates both the present and the future.

The expulsion from heaven of Lucifer and the angels who accepted his leadership reduced the angelic population by about one third, and this took place just prior to the creation of man (Rev. 12:4, 6-9). "Angels in heaven mourned the fate of those who had been their companions in happiness and bliss. Their loss was felt in heaven. The Father



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*Bound up in God's purpose  
in the creation of man was  
His glorious purpose for*

# Enlarging

## and REPOPULATING HEAVEN

By C. J. Ritchie

consulted Jesus in regard to at once carrying out their purpose to make man to inhabit the earth" (*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, p. 23).

In the creation of man God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" (Gen. 1:26). "Human beings were a new and distinct order. . . . God created man a superior being" (*Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 7). "Man was to bear God's image, both in outward resemblance and in character" (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 45). On this earth man was God's crowning act of crea-

tion. He was capable of communing with his Maker, partaking of the divine nature, and entering into and executing His plans. He was of majestic stature, being twice as tall as those now living (*Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 3, p. 34). For the first 1,500 years of human history the Bible records no premature deaths from natural causes. The antediluvians lived for several hundred years in spite of the debilitating effects of sin. The mind of man was created for companionship with the angels (*Education*, p. 201). Even now, after the entrance of

sin, if we redeem the time by working for God, "a transformation of character takes place," and we become "fitted to be the companion of the angels" (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 342).

When placed in the Garden "Adam was crowned king in Eden. To him was given dominion over every living thing that God had created. . . . He [God] made Adam the rightful sovereign over all the works of His hands" (*The SDA Bible Commentary*, Ellen G. White comments on Gen. 2:8, p. 1082). Beauty unex-

celled surrounded our first parents. "Adam had themes for contemplation in the works of God in Eden, which was heaven in miniature" (*ibid.*).

But it was to be more than this. "Infinite love—how great it is! God made the world to enlarge heaven" (*ibid.*, p. 1081). Thrilling thought! "God created man for His own glory, that after test and trial the human family might become one with the heavenly family. It was God's purpose to re-populate heaven with the human family, if they would show themselves obedient to His every word" (*ibid.*, p. 1082). God made man to take the place of the fallen angels! We are to enjoy the supreme honor of serving with the loyal angels around the throne of God. What a thrilling incentive on which to meditate. Man was created "a little lower than the angels" (Heb. 2:7). "But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world . . . are equal with the angels" (Luke 20:35, 36).

We shall join the angelic host that surrounds the throne. When the Holy City comes down for its abiding location on the earth, "the tabernacle of God" will be "with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God" (Rev. 21:3). In the celestial city is the tree of life (Rev. 22:1, 2), which was originally in the Garden of Eden. Just before the Flood "the hand that had planted Eden withdrew it from the earth" (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 62), and today it is in the New Jerusalem. Note this dramatic pen picture of the meeting of the two Adams: "Before the ransomed throng is the holy city. Jesus opens wide the pearly gates, and the nations that have kept the truth enter in. There they behold the Paradise of God, the home of Adam in his innocency."—*The Great Controversy*, pp. 646, 647.

God's purpose is fulfilled, the earth has become the enlargement of heaven, and the saved of the human race repopulate heaven. It is our wonderful privilege to share in this glorious fulfillment and to enter in through the gates into the city (Rev. 22:14). Wonderful as all this is, a still greater honor awaits those who are faithful and loyal to God in the final conflict. It is ours, those who proclaim the last gospel message, to "follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth" (Rev. 14:4). It is ours to be God's demonstration throughout all eternity of the salvation worked out for us by Jesus.

Still another supreme honor awaits some of us. Only one class of human beings is given the transcendent privilege of entering and serving in that

—The Art of Living . . . when



you're  
young

by Miriam Hood

## A Book of Stamps

I'VE BEEN giving considerable thought to an incident that came to my attention recently, an incident with some rather bizarre aspects. It happened this way: The student body in a large school decided to collect as many books of trading stamps as possible, for the purpose of buying a station wagon for an orphanage. The orphanage badly needed a vehicle in which to take small groups of children on outings. The students were deeply convinced of the worth-whileness of the project, and the books began flowing in.

Now here's the unusual aspect of this story. One morning a boy came in with a huge paper bag in his hand—no clues as to its contents. He was very offhand, very unconcerned, as he approached a teacher—then, glancing about him furtively, he literally hissed, from the corner of his mouth, "Here, take this. Inside there's a book of stamps. I don't want my buddies to find out I brought it. They'd really laugh!"

The teacher telling the story said she didn't betray his confidence, of course. His strange approach to "good works" was based on the fact that all through the school year he's been getting farther and farther out of bounds, conductwise. He's now a part of a group thought of as troublemakers; they're negative about simply everything. They sneer at legitimate school activities, preferring to throw sand in the machinery of progress.

But somehow the poignancy of the orphans' plight had gotten through to the boy under discussion. He felt the unfamiliar stirrings of a noble impulse. But he was so committed to negative attitudes and unacceptable conduct that he felt *ashamed* of his good deed. He had to live "down" to his friends' opinion of him.

Probably one conclusion here is so obvious as to need very little emphasis. If you're associating with people who subscribe to low standards of conduct, who scoff at everything good, you'll find before long that you are trapped. You have no other friends; you must yield to your own self-chosen negative peer-group pressures. Too bad, isn't it?

Let's consider another aspect of this complicated incident—the potential in-

glorious temple. In vision an angel explained to Ellen G. White that "only the 144,000 enter this place" (*Early Writings*, p. 19; see Rev. 14:1-5). These have "gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image,

fluence on the positive side. If the stamp donor had only possessed a greater degree of courage he might have been responsible for a real turn-about-face on the part of at least some of his friends. It's reasonable to suppose, I think, that if he felt the impulse to help, some others in his group felt the same way. Lacking even *his* degree of "courage," they hastily pulled back into the safe(?) waters of accustomed negativism.

But if he'd marched up to the desk with his stamp book, and put it down in plain sight of everyone, his act might have precipitated a literal shower of stamp books. The orphans would have benefited, of course, but the donors would have benefited a great deal more. It's quite amazing how one good, decent, spontaneous action can occasionally change an entire life's direction.

Please don't remind me that good works should not be done "to be seen of men." Aware as I am of this Biblical instruction, I cannot feel that Jesus meant His followers to apply it to situations such as the one I've just described. It seems reasonable to believe that He meant to condemn those who do good deeds for one purpose only—to receive praise. He also said, and this seems much more applicable here, that one's light should not be "hid under a bushel." Or in a paper bag.

The deeper implications of this incident are disturbing, because we could reluctantly conclude that the stamp donor had so allowed his sense of values to be distorted that he was not 100 per cent sure of the worth-whileness of his good impulse. Even peer-group pressures might not have frightened him if he'd been completely secure in his own mind. Of course, he didn't have much chance of making correct value judgments under the circumstances I've described.

Well, I think you'll agree with my appraisal of the incident as "bizarre." Who would have thought that a book of trading stamps could have such significance?

and over his mark, and over the number of his name," and they sing the song of Moses and the Lamb (Rev. 15:2-4). Wonderful prospect!

I want to be in that company—don't you?

**R**ECENTLY while driving along and listening to the radio there came an announcement of a movie titled *Hell Is for Heroes*. What mockery and boldness are in the world today. It is certainly well to remember that hell was *not* made for heroes.

It is interesting and significant that the word *remember* is used only a few times in connection with a command. We are well acquainted with "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," and "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccl. 12:1). Jesus uses the word in a verse so short that it may easily be overlooked: "Remember Lot's wife" (Luke 17:32). This is next to the shortest verse in the Bible, yet one of great importance.

What was there about Lot's wife that would lead Jesus to tell us to think about her? As soon as Lot's wife is mentioned, the story of her tragic fate immediately flashes into mind. Lot's story is a sad one indeed. Things might have been so different with Lot and his family. Their first wrong choice was to decide to live in the wicked cities of the Jordan Valley.

Evil reports of Sodom and Gomorrah frequently reached heaven, and the Lord went for a personal inspection. Accompanied by two angels, He called at the tent of His friend, Abraham. "Abraham," we are told, "stood yet before the Lord" (Gen. 18:22). How good that at a time like this there was a man who could stand before the Lord, pleading that the people of Sodom be spared if 50 righteous people could be found there. With deep concern he lowered the number, finally, to ten, and received the Lord's promise that ten would be enough to save the cities.

Upon their failure to find ten righteous people the two angels urged Lot and his family to leave. Thereupon Lot asked permission to do one last bit of missionary work—he went out and called on his sons-in-law. But he seemed to them as one that mocked. How different the results of those calls might have been if Lot's wife had gone along, adding her voice to his plea for them to leave. Apparently she was not convinced herself that they should leave. "Let's see what happens after this scare is over," she must have protested.

#### **A Backward Glance**

As the pathetic family staggered wearily across the plain, led by angels, Lot's wife looked back. Why? To see the fire? Decidedly not! First, she just couldn't believe it would happen

*There is still danger of making the things  
of this world first in one's life—*

# REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE

By Delmar T. Burke

A monument to the love of the world.

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as the angels had said, and besides, her heart was attached to Sodom and its little world.

Just before Jesus talked about Sodom He had said, "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17:26-30).

It is plain, then, that Jesus was talking about the danger of making the things of the world foremost in our lives. He was talking about the danger of allowing our hearts to yearn after the things of the flesh. With Lot's wife it was not just a sudden impulse to look back. It was a gradual drifting into worldliness that finally caused her to look in the wrong direction. It was callousness to God's word, a failure to take Him at His word.

People today like to be independent. They like to form their own opinions, independent of God or man. Mrs. Lot was like that. She had failed to let God cleanse and purify her heart. Her heart clung to Sodom. "While her [Lot's wife's] body was upon the plain, her heart clung to Sodom, and she perished with it. She rebelled against God because His judgments involved her possessions and her children in the ruin. Although so greatly favored in being called out from the wicked city, she felt that she was severely dealt with, because the wealth that it had taken years to accumulate must be left to destruction. Instead of thankfully accepting deliverance, she presumptuously looked back to desire the life of those who had rejected the divine warning."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 161.

"The wife of Lot was a selfish, irreligious woman, and her influence was exerted to separate her husband from Abraham. But for her, Lot would not have remained in Sodom, deprived of the counsel of the wise, God-fearing patriarch. . . . The associations of that wicked city, would have led him to apostatize from God, had it not been for the faithful instruction he had early received from Abraham. The marriage of Lot, and his choice of Sodom for a home, were the first links in a chain of events fraught with evil to the world for many generations."—*Ibid.*, p. 174.

In Sodom the people lived "fast"



## Escaped!

"There, that should be enough," I mused, as I placed one more stick of kindling on the pile tottering precariously on my arm. Mother had said, "a big load," and this should qualify.

Suddenly our large Holstein bull came crashing out of the barn door. Standing for a moment with head high, like a proud king, he began bellowing and pawing the earth. He was between me and the house; what could I do? Terrified, I dropped the kindling and looked around for a place to hide. Seeing the calf shed nearby, I darted into it like a frightened rabbit.

For a few minutes I stayed safely out of sight, but my curiosity finally made me go to the door and peep out. What a mistake! The bull saw me and charged right into the shed! Fortunately, there was a board off the back wall, making a hole through which I escaped.

My mother, standing on the porch watching, horrified but helpless, shouted, "Come, Helen, fast!" While the animal was backing out of the shed and turning around, I raced to the house and into my mother's open arms. Quickly she drew me into the safety of our home.

Our enemy, Satan, like a fierce beast, is determined to destroy everyone he can. We are safe as long as we stay in the shelter of God's love. But if we carelessly and needlessly expose ourselves to Satan's temptations, we will be vulnerable to his attacks. Even then God has provided "a way of escape," and He calls us to flee into His arms of love, and find safety in His fold. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut. 33:27).

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lives. It is still the vogue to live dangerously. People want all that the world has to offer. They invent every possible excuse for going all the way in sin. Sometimes Bible texts are quoted out of their context, as excuses for doing worldly things. Jesus said, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matt. 24:12).

### That Persistent Backward Look

One who is only a professing Christian can see nothing wrong with the sinful course he has chosen. It is tragic the way some Christians persistently look back at the world. Some have never taken their eyes off the world. It is such a habit with them that they don't even realize it. Then because God does not immediately meet out judgment, they are duped into believing that all is well. It may be the failure to "remember" to observe the Sabbath aright, or their failure may involve any one of the other nine commandments.

There is much in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy writings about arousing from lethargy. "Let us arouse! The battle is waging. Truth and Error are nearing their final conflict. Let us march under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel, and fight the good fight of faith, and win eternal honors; for the truth will triumph, and we may be more than conquerors through Him who has loved us. The precious hours of probation are closing. Let us make sure

work for eternal life, that we may glorify our Heavenly Father, and be the means of saving souls for whom Christ died!"—ELLEN G. WHITE, in the *Review and Herald*, March 13, 1888, p. 162.

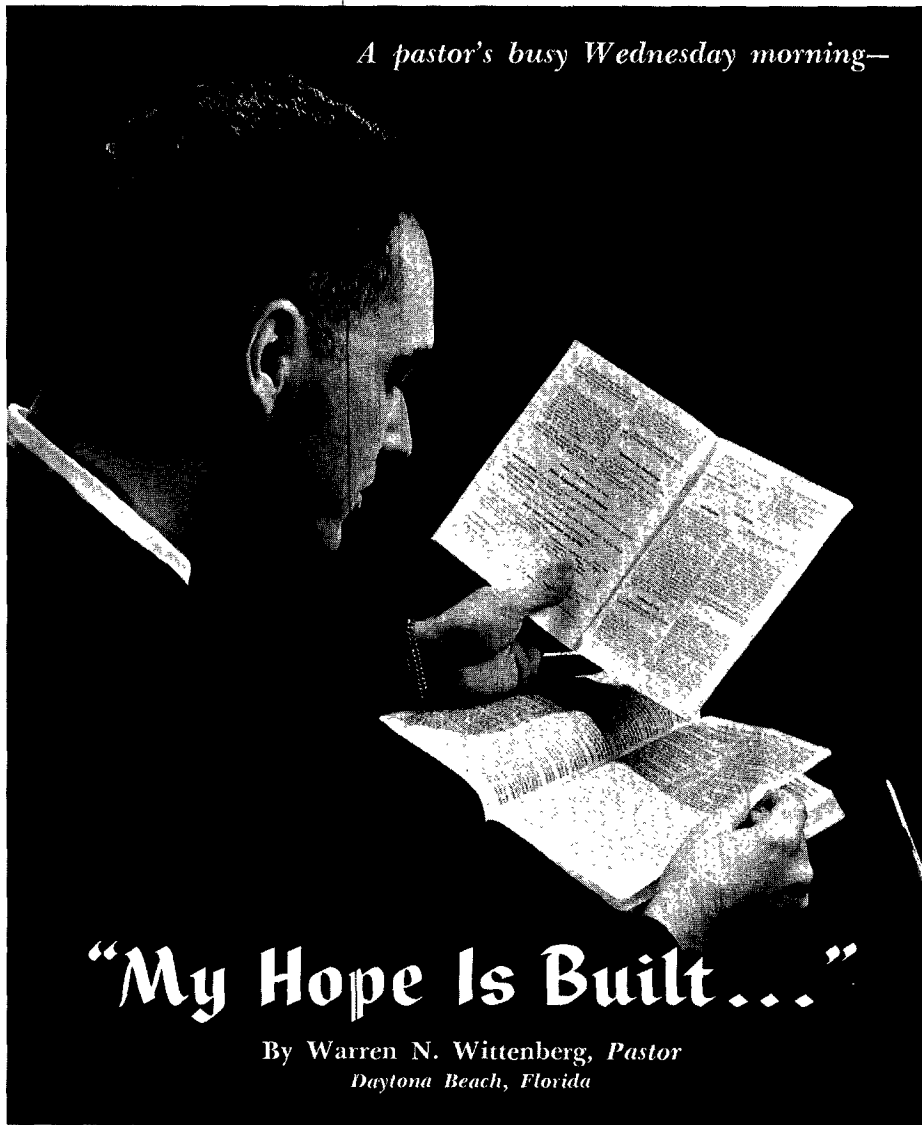
Again we are admonished: "Wake up, brethren; for your own soul's sake, wake up. Without the grace of Christ you can do nothing. Work while you can."—*Christian Service*, p. 80

Never was there a time when God's people needed to have their spiritual eyes open more than today. "If our eyes could be open to discern the fallen angels at work with those who feel at ease and consider themselves safe, we would not feel so secure. Evil angels are upon our track every moment."—*Ibid.*, p. 81.

Activity always keeps a person from becoming drowsy. It is because of spiritual drowsiness that there are so many apostasies. The more we endeavor to lead men out of Sodom, the more we will be able to keep our own eyes open and upon the goal of final deliverance. The more we view the scenes of Calvary, and behold Christ suffering and dying for us, the more we will love Him. And the more we love Him, the more we will want to be about our Father's business.

Let us keep our souls free from the evils of Sodom, and not look back. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). Let us remember Lot's wife.

A pastor's busy Wednesday morning—



## "My Hope Is Built . . ."

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IT WAS a very busy Wednesday morning for the pastor of one of our churches. In the midst of putting the final touches on the prayer meeting study, upon which he had been working since five o'clock that morning, he made a "change of pace" and prepared the dummy for the church bulletin. The telephone seemed to ring constantly, and many times there were callers in person seeking counsel or advice. Others were reporting problems on changes they felt should be made. A few wanted to share joys, or wished to give their pastor words of encouragement and appreciation.

"Let me see," the pastor said to himself, "the first thing I have to do for this church bulletin is to choose the opening song. We haven't used 'Holy, Holy, Holy' for a long time." Nevertheless, before he was able to check the page number in the hymnal, a little old mother in Israel approached the threshold of the open door to his study. She was troubled and "exercised in spirit" because it

seemed that her daughter and her daughter's husband were overworked at their mission-field post. She was very anxious that money, helpers, and supplies be sent to her dear children.

During the 45 minutes or so this dear mother was in the pastor's study the telephone rang four times. A Sabbath school children's division leader asked for more small chairs for her boys and girls. Another member reminded the leader of the flock that some of the sheep were going to other pastures Sabbath morning to enjoy the comfort of air conditioning. "Elder," said another telephone caller, in an anxious tone, "we must do something about our furnace before cold weather comes. We must have a new one. It would be dangerous to fire this one up *even once more . . .*" When the telephone bell rang the fourth time, the pastor picked up the receiver and was refreshed to hear a mother's voice on the other end of the line. She wished to thank him for what he was doing for her son—her pride and joy.

### One Interruption After Another

So the morning minutes swiftly moved along. Again the pastor was alone in his office. He found that "Holy, Holy, Holy" is on page 73 in the hymnal. Quickly he proceeded to write down the rest of the items for the bulletin. Finally he came to the closing song. Thought he, "We haven't used 'My Hope Is Built . . .' for a long time. This would be a good one to follow the sermon I'm working on for Sabbath." When he had written, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing . . ." another mother appeared at the open door.

Instantly, he dropped his pen, stood up to greet his visitor, and offered her a chair. Here was another faithful mother—a member of his church. A flood of thoughts rushed through his mind as she began to speak.

This dear woman was one of God's nobility. The pastor knew her and her seven children well. He knew her burden for each of the children and for her husband, who was not at all well physically. More than once he had prayed with them in time of need, and rejoiced with them when the family was reunited after a period of perplexity and separation. This time she just asked her pastor to pray for one of her boys. Early that morning before leaving for work she had written a note to her boy and left it where he would find it upon rising. She felt that writing might do more than speaking this time. "My boy is in the valley of decision, Elder," she said. "Now he is in his teens, and I am so anxious for him to make the right decisions."

The ringing telephone interrupted this visit several times, also. The hospital chaplain made his much-appreciated morning call, telling of patients in the hospital who might appreciate a pastoral visit. The MV leader needed counsel and advice. The academy principal invited the pastor to speak at a forthcoming chapel, while the elementary school board chairman shared a school problem and announced a school board meeting. Oh, yes, the pastor was cheered by a call from the church treasurer, who announced that in spite of heavy financial obligations upon his congregation the members were responding wonderfully to his oft-repeated appeals.

Prayer was offered for the son, that he would read the note and respond to her love. This was a refreshing experience for the pastor. He thought, If all of our mothers had such love, such faith, such wise ways, such persistence—what results we would see! After she left, he mused about his own mother, now in her eighties. He thought of her faithfulness in rearing



her three children in spite of severe opposition. He recalled how she stood like Gibraltar against the storms and waves of sorrow, separation, and even death in the family.

### That Church Bulletin Again

Again the pastor was abruptly jolted out of his musing by the ringing of the telephone. Oh, it seemed so loud and rude this time! But the voice at the other end of the line was soft, pleasant, and kindly: "Elder, I just wanted to remind you that this is the morning for the church bulletin to be made up."

"Yes," was his response, "I'll bring it over within ten minutes." "What a privilege," he mused after hanging the receiver up slowly and meditatively. "Yes, what a privilege to work with such fine people who are willing to give of their time and talent to help with the church work."

Fifteen minutes later the church bulletin was ready, but it was 20 or 30 minutes later before the pastor was able to get it to the faithful church clerk, so she could cut the stencil. Her office in the hospital was only a short distance from his, but on his way he met and chatted with several parishioners and friends, including two sweet little children with whom he played for a few moments.

The pastor had not been back in his office very long when the telephone rang again. There was that same pleasant voice of the church clerk—only it seemed to have a bit of a chuckle in it this time. "Elder," she said, "I wonder if you mean what you have written here for the bulletin?"

"What's that?" he responded. "Oh," she said, "you have written here that the closing song will be 'My Hope Is Built on *Nothing*.'" "Oh, no!" said the pastor, "a thousand times, no! It should be 'My Hope Is Built on *Nothing Less Than Jesus*.'" With hearty laughter the clerk said, "I thought that was what you wanted." Again, after hanging up the receiver, the pastor mused. He looked far away, out of the window, across the campus, away up the winding road. And he thought, "Many do have a hope built on nothing. But, O how wonderful it is to have the blessed hope as an anchor both sure and steadfast—even Jesus." How thankful he was that, to all the mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, boys and girls, the aged and troubled, all others, he could recommend Jesus as their hope. How glad he was that he could tell them that God has a way through every Red Sea, across every desert, over or through every mountain. Yes, "Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus."

## A Story FOR THE YOUNGER SET

### Packing and Dressing for Heaven

By Mabel Earp Cason

**K**AREN loved to hear about Jesus when He was here on the earth, but even more she loved to hear how He is coming again to take those who love Him to heaven to live. She was only five years old, but she tried to imagine what He will look like when He comes with all the holy angels.

Karen thought about it, and how happy she would be to fly through the air with daddy and mother and Greg and Jimmy, all the way up to heaven, where everything is beautiful. Then she thought of something else.

"Mommy," she said, "you know I always wear my very prettiest dress when I go to Sabbath school."

"That's right, dear," mother agreed.

"You told me I wear my best dress because Sabbath school is in Jesus' house and He will be there even if we can't see Him."

"That's true, dear," mother answered again.

"And when I go to grandma's I always pack things in my suitcase," Karen went on.

"Yes, you do," mother said.

"Well, if we are really going to see Jesus when He comes to get us, what shall I pack in my suitcase and what kind of dress shall I wear?"

Mother hadn't thought about this before, so she said, "Let's wait and talk it over with daddy and the boys when they come home from work and school."

All the rest of the day Karen thought about her two questions and waited impatiently for daddy and her brothers to come home.



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"What shall I wear then?" Karen asked.

As soon as they came home, Karen climbed on daddy's lap as she always did and asked him, "What I want to know, Daddy, is, when I go to heaven what shall I pack in my suitcase and what dress shall I wear?"

"Well, those are very good questions," daddy said. He thought for a little while and then he said, "Let's ask the boys what they think."

He turned to Gregory. "How would you answer your sister's question?" he asked.

Gregory, who was 12, said, "That seems like a silly question. How do we know what we will wear? Maybe whatever we have on when Jesus comes."

"Jimmy, what is your answer for Karen's question?" daddy asked.

Jimmy scratched his head for a minute. "Boy, I have never thought about that before. I don't know what we'll wear, but I guess we will put on our very best clothes."

Then daddy gave his answer to both questions.

"I don't believe," he said, "that you have now, or ever will have, a dress that's good enough to wear when you see Jesus."

"What shall I wear then?" Karen asked anxiously.

"When Jesus once took Peter and John and James into a mountain to talk to God, they saw Him as He dresses in heaven. His garments were glistening, snowy white, dazzling like the light of the sun. And John told us that those who will be with Jesus will 'walk with Him in white.' I think Jesus will give us shining white garments like His own to wear. So, you see, you won't have to plan the kind of clothes you will wear on that wonderful day."

Karen thought about that. She thought it would be wonderful to wear a dress that God had made just for her and that was shining white like the rays of the sunshine. And then she said, "But Daddy, you haven't told me what I shall pack in my suitcase."

"Oh, yes, your suitcase," said daddy. "Now, let's see. Paul the apostle wrote a letter to Timothy and told him, 'We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.' That sounds as though we won't carry anything to heaven with us."

"Not even a suitcase?"

"Not even a suitcase. Just ourselves dressed in shining white clothing, and the character we have made for ourselves with Jesus' help here on the earth," daddy said.

"What's a character?" Karen wanted to know.

"Character is the kind of person each of us is. If you are a good girl, kind and unselfish, you are building a good character. Only good characters can go to heaven."

Karen laughed. "I won't need a suitcase to take my character to heaven, will I, Daddy?"

"No suitcase," replied daddy, "just your own sweet self, dressed in God's own gift, the shining garments, which we are told is the righteousness of Jesus."

Karen was happy with daddy's answers to her questions.



*Things a child needs to learn  
before formal education begins*

# PRESCHOOL EDUCATION IS A MUST

By Archa O. Dart

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The child  
can learn best  
when he is happy.

Part 2

**I**N PLANNING preschool education it is of vital importance to keep two things in mind: 1. Learning is fun: we make a game of it. 2. It enables us to do things: we have a definite goal in view.

"Tiny children want to learn to the degree that they are unable to distinguish learning from fun."—Doman, *How to Teach Your Baby to Read*, p. 28. The mind learns best when it is happy. Therefore we are cheerful, confident, and courteous when we teach our little children. "Prepare the way for your child to obey your commands cheerfully."—*Child Guidance*, p. 31. "Smile, parents; smile, teachers. If your heart is sad, let not your face reveal the fact."—ELLEN G. WHITE in *Review and Herald*, March 21, 1882.

Children, as well as adults, like to use their knowledge. They like to do things themselves. We encourage them by complimenting them, letting them know when they have succeeded. Blame, censure, and criticism retard

the child, evaporate his interest, weaken his desire to learn. We can kill his interest in learning by forcing him to study, pressuring him into doing better, making him feel tense and nervous about his work. He can learn best when he is happy, when learning is a game.

### Begin With the Physical

Someday we hope our child will be able to write a letter, to paint a picture, to play the piano, to build a house. But as an infant he has little or no control over his muscles. He must learn how to use his big muscles and his smaller ones. He must learn to creep, crawl, walk, run, hop, skip, and jump. Our part as teachers is, first of all, to provide a safe place for him to practice. We motivate his desire to improve his skills by rejoicing with him in his triumphs, being happy over his accomplishments. We sympathize with him when he falls, we kiss his bruises, we encourage him to try again. He needs to know that his

efforts meet with our approval. We compliment him, praise him, give him a great big hug. In this way he builds up the idea that *all* learning is fun. Let's ever keep it so.

After a skill has been mastered it must be connected with something useful, otherwise the child will become bored and lose interest. "Very early the lesson of helpfulness should be taught the child. As soon as strength and reasoning power are sufficiently developed, he should be given duties to perform in the home."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 401. This gives him the idea that he is needed in the home, that his skill is of service, as indeed it should be.

We never kill his desire to work by giving him too much at a time or chores that are too difficult for his age. Work should and will always be fun if one sees that it serves a useful purpose and that it is appreciated by those we love.

Next let's consider in a brief way the mental education a preschool

child should have. He should be educated to use his five senses constructively: to see objectively, to hear discriminatingly, to feel sensitively, to taste and smell perceptively.

Again we make a game out of learning. We play See and Tell. He sees and identifies what he sees. Today all the objects on the tray may be green, or they may all be hard objects, or all round. At another time we ask him to find the one that is different. All the bananas are facing right but one, which is facing left. All the dolls are lying face up but one, which is face down. Again we may have three spoons and one knife, or three apples and one orange. There are endless ways of playing these games, but all the time that he is having fun he is learning to observe the similarities and the differences. He observes that sometimes we use pictures instead of the real thing, at other times we use symbols (words). First we have a real banana. Next a picture of a banana. Last of all we use a symbol—the word *banana*. It is all fun, a delightful game. But he is actually getting ready to read. A child who has played many of these games over and over in preschool will find it easier to tell the difference between b and d, p and q when he is in first grade.

The preschool child should have an opportunity to hear good music, both vocal and instrumental. We sing and he sings; we listen to records, he listens to records. We protect him from emotionally disturbed music that can, and does, damage his emotions. He learns to appreciate good music by hearing good music. By listening to certain records he can tell the difference between an orchestra and a choir, between woodwinds and strings, between violin and cello. He learns all these more or less incidentally, while enjoying the music, while feasting his mind on melody and harmony.

Children enjoy guessing what is hidden under a cover, by feeling it. This is an orange, this is a ball, this is a spoon, this is a square, this is a circle, this is metal, this is wood, and this is cloth.

There are many ways of combining preschool education and homework. Mother may ask her small child to bring her one banana, or two apples, or three oranges. Again she may ask him to place all the brown socks in one pile and all the gray ones in another, or to place the yellow flowers in the vase.

### And the Spiritual

Spiritual lessons are learned best through the story and the song. "The value of song as a means of education should never be lost sight of. Let

there be singing in the home, of songs that are sweet and pure, and there will be fewer words of censure and more of cheerfulness and hope and joy. Let there be singing in the school; and the pupils will be drawn closer to God, to their teachers, and to one another."—*Child Guidance*, p. 523.

The preschool child needs stories, plenty of them. Never a day should pass without a story. The story is the best teaching method known. Christ, the Master Teacher, used it. "Without a parable spake he not unto them." Children love stories. Their little minds are as hungry for stories as their stomachs are for food. And these stories are just as essential for their mental growth as food is for their physical growth. Stories should be told, and stories should be read. Whether they are told the first thing in the morning for worship, during a quiet time after dinner, or before going to bed matters little. But stories he needs and should have every day.

The first-grade teacher can tell very quickly whether or not a child has had a wholesome diet of stories. The story becomes a part of the child. The kind of story he hears molds his character for life. That is why we tell Bible stories and not fairy tales. Nature, health, safety, and courtesy are learned best through the story.

Dr. Doman says that a child is something like a computer. "When you have placed sufficient basic information in the computer you will receive correct answers and even judgments from the machine.

"So can you from a child.

"The machine will accept all information you place in it, whether such information is correct or not.

"So will a child.

"The machine will reject no information which is put in, in the proper form.

"Neither will a child.

"If incorrect information is put into the machine, future answers based upon this material will be incorrect.

"So will the child's.

"Here the parallel ends.

"If incorrect information is placed in the computer, the machine can be emptied and reprogrammed.

"This is not true of a child. The basic information placed in the child's brain for permanent storage has two limitations. The first limitation is that if you put misinformation into his brain during the first eight years of life, it is extremely difficult to erase it. The second limitation is that after he is eight years of age, he will absorb new material slowly and with greater difficulty."—*How to Teach Your Baby to Read*, p. 44.

"What is placed in the child's brain during the first eight years of life is probably there to stay."—*Ibid.*, p. 45.

Preschool education is just as essential to readiness for the first grade as elementary and secondary education are to college entrance.

The child who has learned to control himself, obey his parents, respect his teacher, and have reverence for God is ready for the best education that can be given him.

[End of series]

## Fellowship of Prayer

### "Happy to Belong to the Remnant Church"

"I am so grateful that I am able to tell you how good the Lord has been to us and has answered our prayers and yours in behalf of our daughter. I have had many prayers answered all through the years that I have been in the truth, and this gives me more reason to keep on praying and having more faith. Thank you so very much. I will keep on praying for all the others who have requested prayers. I am so happy to belong to the remnant church."—Mrs. A., of California.

### An Answer to Prayer and Two Requests

"A number of years ago I wrote you asking prayer for my eldest son, who had wandered away from the fold. In February last year he was rebaptized, and now has been ordained a deacon. He is a faithful member.

"At this time I have two sons who are wayward. . . . Two weeks ago we received word that our son-in-law has cancer. Pray that he will completely surrender to the Lord. He was reared in the truth, but has been wayward and careless, and also his wife."—Mrs. P., of Washington.

This column is dedicated to the encouragement of prayer for others at the sunset hour each Friday evening. Because of the large number of requests received and the complexities of the problems presented, it is impossible for us to answer each letter personally, but all requests will be acknowledged and will be kept on file in our office. Portions of letters, especially those that tell of answers to prayer, will be published as space permits.



# Your Denominational IQ

By Idamae Melendy



Important dates in the church history have to do with the establishment of various departments or phases of work. Match the activity with the correct date.

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| 1. Press relations              | (a) 1902 |
| 2. Bureau of Home Missions      | (b) 1879 |
| 3. Religious Liberty Department | (c) 1909 |
| 4. Temperance Association       | (d) 1912 |

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## God's Excursion

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God's will is the outward evidence of this spiritual surgery within. "If a man love me, he will keep my words" (John 14:23).

The rich young ruler mentioned in Matthew 19:16-22 illustrates the course that will be followed by the majority. This man came to Jesus with the question, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" The Saviour's brief reply was plain and direct, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." The ruler answered, "All these things have I kept from my youth up." He thought that he had been obedient, but Jesus revealed that he had not kept all the commandments. The young man then "went away sorrowful."

Thousands of honest Christians think they are living up to all that God expects of them, when they fall far short of it. Too often, when the truth as it is in Christ Jesus is made known to them, they follow in the footsteps of the rich young ruler and go "away sorrowful." If light is now shining on your pathway, be willing to walk in that light. Truth at work in one's life will open the gates of heaven when the Lord gives the command, "Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in" (Isa. 26:2).

There is no better place to surrender to Jesus, and thus pay the price for the excursion ticket, than where you are at this moment, and there is no better time than now. Signs tell us that the great day of deliverance is nearing. Fear possesses the minds of men, while distress and perplexity prevail among the nations of earth. Conditions similar to those in the days of Noah now exist. Turmoil and strife in the world of capital and labor are seen in fulfillment of James 5. When we study prophecy and survey earth's happenings, can we not, figuratively speaking, almost hear the

rumblings of the heaven-bound excursion?

What a time of rejoicing it will be for those who are ready, and who can set out for their paradise home! As they look up they will say, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us" (Isa. 25:9).

The fearful scenes among the wicked at Christ's second coming are pictured by the prophet John in Revelation 6:14-17. It is a day of horror, despair, destruction, and darkness to the lost. An Old Testament prophet inquired, "Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?" (Amos 5:20). These terrified souls are not ready. Perhaps they have read the circulars, been stirred by the last, special warning to make ready, but they have neglected preparation for the great event.

Someone's personal experience il-

lustrates what such persons lack. "I was in Grand Central Station in New York City not so long ago, with a ticket in my hand for a northbound train. Some time before the train left the station from a certain track, those seeking seats on this train began to crowd up to the closed track gate.

"Mothers, sons, brothers, sisters, sweethearts, and friends all waited for the gates to open, in order to board the train and find their choice of seats. In due time the big gates opened and the crowd surged through. I heard the uniformed man at the gate say, 'You can't go through here.' A voice questioned, 'Why not?' The reply was, 'You don't have a ticket.' There, at the gate, I witnessed a hasty parting, as two friends who had expected to go through together were separated."

This experience but faintly expresses the grief and despair that will grip the hearts and minds of the unrighteous when the final separation from relatives comes, and they are barred from going with their loved ones to the glory land.

Hearing God's last message which is to prepare His people for translation is not enough. To believe it will not suffice. To say it is wonderful, and then do nothing about it, will not help anyone. To be stirred and even shocked by it will not give passage on God's excursion. You need the ticket of Christ's grace and power at work in your life if you are to qualify for translation from earth to heaven. "Will you be among those who go on God's excursion?"

## Coming Again

By Alva Paul Ritz

What's the good word?  
Haven't you heard?  
Jesus is coming again.

He's coming real soon,  
At midnight or noon;  
Yes, Jesus is coming again.

The prophets foretold it,  
We soon shall behold it!  
For Jesus is coming again.

Majestic in power,  
For earth's grandest hour;  
Our Saviour is coming again.

He's coming all glorious,  
With army victorious;  
Our Master is coming again.

He's coming to save us,  
His promise He gave us;  
Oh, Jesus is coming again!

He'll claim us forever,  
Forsake us? No, never!  
He truly is coming again.

He bids us be ready,  
With faith firm and steady,  
For Jesus is coming again.

Let's tell the glad story  
Of His coming in glory,  
Jesus is coming again.

Though the hour is now late,  
And it's so hard to wait,  
We know He is coming again.

So let's swell the glad chorus,  
A great work is before us—  
To tell of His coming again.



## Balmy Ecumenical Breezes—3

Recent years have brought Protestant and Catholic Bible scholars into such close agreement with respect to the text of Scripture that a common English Bible—one acceptable to both Protestants and Catholics—has become feasible. In fact, within the past five years work on several such projects has begun. Nearly two years ago the English Roman Catholic hierarchy approved the Revised Standard Version for Catholic use, and a group of Catholic scholars went to work—under the direction of the British Catholic Biblical Association, and in cooperation with Thomas Nelson and Sons, publishers of the R.S.V. The New Testament was released early in June of this year, and the Old Testament is scheduled for 1966. An American edition of the Catholic R.S.V. New Testament is expected July 15. The only major difference will be the integration of the Apocrypha as part of the Old Testament, as it appears in all Catholic Bibles.

This Catholic edition of the Revised Standard Version is being hailed by both Protestant and Catholic leaders as an ecumenical development of high significance. The late Albert Cardinal Meyer, of Chicago, declared that “it fulfills one of the deepest aspirations of the ecumenical movement, since it provides all Christians with a translation of the Word of God which they can use together.” Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston has commented that it “will do much to promote a greater bond of unity and a more fraternal climate between Protestants and Catholics,” and points to the Catholic adoption of the R.S.V. as “a high tribute to Protestant scholarship.”

Father Walter M. Abbott, associate editor of the Jesuit weekly *America*, says that Catholics “have been excited by the prospects of a common Bible” in view of the fact that it “will give the ecumenical movement a great psychological boost. With a common biblical theology we shall be on the verge of the Christian union we seek.” Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean emeritus of Yale Divinity School and chairman of the original R.S.V. translation committee, expresses the conviction that “the Bible is coming to be, as it should be, a bond of Christian unity rather than an instrument of division.” Father Roland Devaux, who has been in charge of joint Catholic-Protestant research on the Dead Sea scrolls, commented during the course of a visit to the United States earlier this year: “The Bible is the field on which we parted several centuries ago, and is now the field where we meet most easily.”

That the Catholic edition of the R.S.V. will not be the sole contender in its ecumenical field is evident from the American Bible Society's announcement in May that one of its major goals is to develop, in collaboration with Bible societies of other countries, a single text of the Scriptures acceptable to all Christians. For some years now, a team of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish translators led by Dr. William F. Albright has been at work on what they have chosen to call the Anchor Bible, in the hope that it will be acceptable to all three faiths. The books of Genesis, Job, and Jeremiah appeared last year.

In view of the fact that the ecumenical spirit has become the dominant religious motif of the sixties, and that the Bible is being acclaimed as the bond of union that will eventually bring all Christians together into one fold under one shepherd, it would be difficult to overestimate

the importance of the role the common Bible is likely to play in coming years. It seems destined to become *the* Bible of English-speaking Christendom. For this reason if for no other, Seventh-day Adventists will want to become familiar with it, in particular with the points at which it differs from current Protestant Bibles. We will want to ascertain, point by point, which translation reflects the original language more accurately, and to understand the theological motives that prompt the variant renderings. We will want to become familiar with the Apocryphal books of the Old Testament by reading them through, by reviewing their history, and by being prepared to give our reasons for not accepting them as inspired. See *The SDA Bible Commentary*, volume 1, pages 39-40, 43-45, and volume 5, pages 84-87. R. F. C.

## Serendipity

The Associated Press reported recently that “12 young boys who comprise the ‘Space Cadets’ club” in Bayard, Iowa, “are in orbit over a down-to-earth find.” The boys, ranging in age from five to 12, dug into something hard as they probed around on a vacant lot chosen as the site of their new clubhouse. Spurred by curiosity, they escalated their digging efforts to find out what the buried object might be. The first layer of hardness proved to be nothing more than some tiles on which a garage floor had once rested. But as the excavation continued, the boys unearthed five jars filled with 20-dollar gold pieces and 10- and 20-dollar bills. “You never heard such hollering and screaming,” said the father of one of the club members. The money apparently had been hidden by Ella Beardsley, a recluse who owned the property until she was struck and killed by a freight train in 1958. At that time authorities found about \$17,000 concealed in her home. Both the house and garage later were sold and torn down.

The experience of these youthful club members in finding buried treasure illustrates well the meaning of “serendipity”—“the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for—a word coined by Walpole, in allusion to a tale, *The Three Princes of Serendip*, who in their travels were always discovering, by chance or sagacity, things they did not seek” (Webster's Unabridged Dictionary).

The discovery of the millenniums-old Dead Sea scrolls by a shepherd boy throwing stones into a cave in the Holy Land doubtless is the classic example of serendipity. Little did this boy realize that his purposeless rock throwing would result in one of the most exciting finds in the long and valuable history of scholarship.

The element of serendipity tends to make each day interesting and exciting. To one person it is the discovery of a lost savings bond while doing spring house cleaning. To another, unexpectedly meeting a dear friend at camp meeting. To a third, finding a long-needed item on sale while hunting for another necessity.

Serendipity is ever at hand also as Christians search the Bible for truth. Merely to pick up the Bible and read at random will assure most Christians of making unexpected finds—wise counsel, answers to questions, doctrinal information.

Thank God for serendipity. It enriches and brightens our lives. K. H. W.

# Reports From Far and Near

## Preaching the Message on the Tokelau Islands

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Perhaps this is the first time the Tokelau Islands have been mentioned in the REVIEW AND HERALD. If so, it is because we have never before had the opportunity to enter these islands and preach God's last-day message there. We had tried from time to time to gain admission to these islands, but were forbidden because we had no invitation from any of the people.

But God has marvelous and wonderful ways of opening up His work in different parts of the world, including the beautiful islands of the South Pacific. One day, not feeling well, I visited a doctor in the Tuasivi Hospital on the island of Savaii. After an examination, he advised me to go over to the main hospital at Apia and see the senior doctor. I was not very happy with his advice, fearing I might be kept in the hospital and be unable to continue my ministry. I had only one assistant, and he was stationed on the other side of the island. Nevertheless, I went to Apia to see the doctor. He examined me carefully and said, "You must be admitted to the hospital and receive treatment here." Then he turned to his assistant and said, "Take him to Ward B." I did not like that, and my thoughts went across the sea to my loved ones and my work.

In the evening a staff nurse asked me to lead the evening and morning worship in that ward of about 20 patients. I gladly accepted the invitation. After worship one morning a man came and sat at my bedside. He thanked me for the beautiful thoughts I presented in explaining a verse from the Bible (this was from the Morning Watch commentary); and also for the clear explanation of the Bible in our evening worships (from the Sabbath school lessons).

This man introduced himself as a Tokelaun named Koro Tito. He had come over to Samoa to represent his people during the independence celebrations. I could easily tell by the way he pronounced his words that he was not a Samoan.

"This may be God's leading!" I said to myself. "Why not make friends with Koro Tito?" Every day either he came over to me or I went up to him and studied with him and answered his many questions. Finally he said, "Friend, why don't you come over and visit me on my island?"

"That is very good indeed," I replied. "Whenever I have a chance I surely will."

This agreement was made in February,

1961. When our mission committee met and discussed the question as to how to begin evangelism in the Tokelau Islands, I told them the experience I had with the Tokelau chief in the hospital and showed them the copy of his recent telegram reminding me that he was still waiting for me. The mission committee then appointed me to go at the earliest convenience.

On August 24, 1964, my wife and I left Samoa by the Tongan Government boat *Aoniu*. It took us 38 hours to reach the Tokelau Islands. There were 50 passengers on board, most of them patients discharged from the Apia hospital and now returning to their island homes. The trip was pleasant, for the sea was very calm. At night the moon shone brightly, and we kept busy catching flying fish, which darted here and there and sometimes even onto the ship.

Tokelau is 300 miles due north of Samoa. It consists of three atolls, namely, Fakaofu, Nukunono, and Atafu. The population is about 2,500, and the total area is 2,550 acres. The people are Polynesians under the control of the New Zealand Government. The New Zealand High Commissioner in Samoa is their administrator. They have their own language, which is similar to that spoken in the Ellice Islands. Some of their words originated from the Tongan and Samoan languages. Like the Ellice Islanders, they use the Samoan Bible in their religious services.

Our good boat *Aoniu* first called at Fakaofu and then at Nukunono. We went ashore at both islands, distributing papers and some used clothing that had been given to the Apia Dorcas Society. At last we arrived at Atafu, where we were to spend almost four months.

Before we arrived I sent a telegram from Fakaofu notifying my friend Koro of our coming. The people on the island were upset when they heard we were coming, because they did not want another church to be established on their island. The chiefs quickly arranged a meeting and inquired from Koro the reason of our coming. My friend answered them wisely. He said we were coming for a vacation. The people were all happy



### Three National Workers Ordained in Ghana

J. K. Amoah (second from left), president of the Ghana Mission, welcomes three ministers ordained to the gospel ministry at Agona, where our first mission station was established in the former Gold Coast. The three, beginning third from left, are J. D. Johnson, P. K. Asare, B. G. Debra. Assisting at the service were (left) Th. Kristensen, president of the West African Union, M. T. Battle (right) and C. B. Mensah, departmental secretaries in the Union and local conferences, respectively.

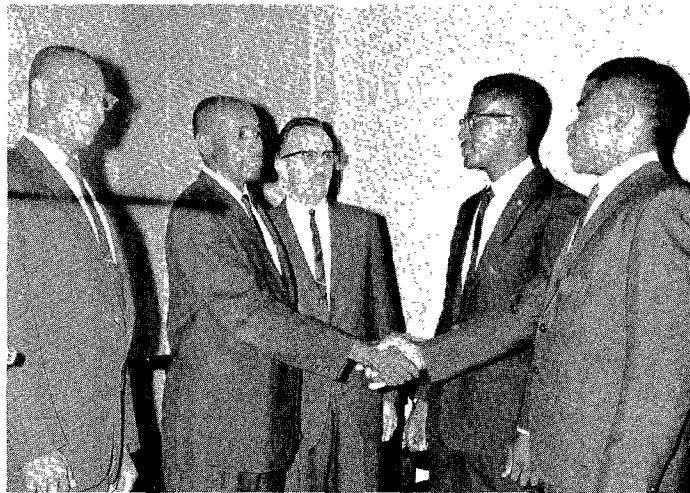
J. K. AMOAH



### Ordination in Western India Union

Three pastor-evangelists and two departmental secretaries were ordained to the gospel ministry at the Western India Union constituency meeting held at Lasalgaon, Maharashtra, India, March 16 to 20. M. D. Moses, left, president of the union, and R. S. Lowry, right, president of the Southern Asia Division, were among the officiating ministers. Beginning third from the left, the new ministers are U. R. Ananda Ro, E. A. Hetke, R. S. Shinge, and S. Jesu Dass. M. L. Gaikwad, second from left, was ordained at Hatkanagle on April 10.

J. F. ASHLOCK, *Field Secretary, Southern Asia Division*



### Two Ordained in British Guiana

J. U. S. Burton, right, and G. A. Beresford, second from right, were ordained to the gospel ministry in Georgetown, British Guiana, January 9, 1965. J. G. Fulfer, president of the Caribbean Union, preached the ordination sermon. C. C. Nebblett, district pastor, offered the prayer. K. W. Whitney, union secretary-treasurer, gave the charge. In the photograph M. E. Nebblett, president of the British Guiana Mission, extends the welcome while C. C. Nebblett and K. W. Whitney look on.

JAMES G. FULFER, *President, Caribbean Union*

with this idea, as no one ever had come there before to spend a holiday.

We were astonished to see so many people on the beach to welcome us. We were then taken to their pastor's house and were welcomed with speeches in accordance with their customs. This was followed by a big feast the next day, and many more feasts during our stay on the island. We were certain that our good brethren in Samoa were praying for us.

I remembered the counsel of our president, Pastor F. G. Pearce, in our mission committee meeting just before we left Apia. He reminded me that when Jesus sent His disciples to preach the gospel, He said: "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." This verse was ringing in my ears during our stay on Tokelau, for I did not wish to be sent away from the island, which could happen if we did not tactfully present our message of the coming Saviour.

First of all we gave out used clothing. How happy the people were to receive these garments! Then we gave out papers such as *Tala Moni* and leaflets. We visited them in their homes and gave Bible studies. Also, we started a Voice of Prophecy class, as we had brought sets of the lessons with us. My wife was asked to give lectures at the baby-welfare meetings, and the women were happy to listen to instruction on how to keep babies healthy.

Now we wanted to begin our evangelistic meetings, so I told the chiefs I would show them some Bible pictures. We had with us a projector and a 12-volt battery, a set of Faith for Today films, and one of "In His Steps." Also slides from Fiji, Tonga, Niue, and Samoa. Oh!

what an encouraging response! "Certainly," they said, "show them in the village meetinghouse."

So we held meetings every Sunday night and some during the week. The population of this island is 650, and all attended the meetings with the exception of some sick people, four cripples, and babies. But we went to the homes of the adults during the week and studied with them, so the whole population heard God's truth.

On December 7 we returned to Samoa with hearts full of gratitude to God, knowing that the seeds of truth had been well sown on Atafu. We came back to Samoa with Koro's daughter, who is now keeping the Sabbath. An old man is also observing the Sabbath on Atafu; a couple will be coming on the next boat to Samoa to learn more about the teachings of God's Word; and some students will come to attend our central school in Apia. Koro and his wife plan to visit Samoa in the near future and learn more of the plan of salvation.

Dear friends, God's message has now entered another group of islands. The seeds have been sown. Please include Tokelau in your prayer list for 1965.

### Our Little Friend Now 75 Years Old

By L. P. Schutter, *Editor*

Three quarters of a century ago the Adventist denomination began to publish a children's paper for our Sabbath schools. William Glenn became the first editor, and set up his office in the three-story, frame Pacific Press building in downtown Oakland. Since the paper was to be a "friend" to Seventh-day Advent-

ist boys and girls, it was named *Our Little Friend*.

The view of San Francisco and the Golden Gate across the bay inspired the editor to ask Herbert Dexter, an 18-year-old staff artist, to draw the scene. The drawing became the cover heading for the new journal.

*Our Little Friend* was almost silenced in 1906, when two years after moving to Mountain View and three months after the San Francisco earthquake, on a Friday night a fire destroyed the Pacific Press. The presses were lost, as well as all the papers, articles, stories, poems, and pictures.

On that Friday afternoon a few copies of the next issue of *Our Little Friend* had been printed, and one of the workers happened to take a copy home. This copy was photographed, and plates were made and sent to a neighboring press for printing.

The mailing list had burned also, but charred proof lists were found in the vault, and patiently deciphered. There were gaps, but notices went out to the churches for names of subscribers who did not receive their copy of the paper. Not a single week's issue was lost, though that week's issue of the *Signs of the Times* had to be canceled.

Through the years juvenile messages have been sent all over the world through the pages of *Our Little Friend*. Thousands of Seventh-day Adventists have been reared with it. May its ministry continue to be used mightily by God in saving Adventist children for eternity.

[As a service to our readers we would add: Extra copies of the special 16-page, four-color anniversary number of *Our Little Friend*, which gives its history and describes former editors, may be ordered from: OUR LITTLE FRIEND, Circulation Department, 1350 Villa Street, Mountain View, California 94041. 1-99 copies, 10 cents each, 100 or more copies, 7½ cents each.—Eds.]



Publishing leaders of the Korean Union Mission. Front row, right to left: E. Y. Kim, editor in chief of the publishing house; R. L. Sheldon, publishing house manager; E. A. Brodeur, Far Eastern Division publishing department secretary; Russell C. Thomas, union publishing secretary; H. I. Kim, assistant union publishing department secretary.

## Forward With Literature in the Korean Union

By Russell C. Thomas, *Publishing Secretary*

The publishing leaders of the fast-growing church in Korea met to lay plans to spread the gospel even more effectively through the printed page in 1965. About one out of every 110 church members in Korea is connected with the publishing program. The literature evangelists have plans to distribute half a million tracts during 1965. They aim to sell 25 million *won* worth, or about 50 million pages, of literature in 1965.

Even though the cost of tracts has gone up to one dollar a thousand, we plan to give away more than 2 million tracts through the home missionary and evangelism departments.

Plans were laid for our nearly 200 literature evangelists to work very closely with the public evangelists. The Bible House men will visit as many churches as possible in order to encourage new Christians to become reading Christians.

Come with me on a trip. As we near a bridge we hear the melody of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" coming from somewhere below the bridge. Upon investigation we find a poor family with little food praising God that they have the Bread of Life. They have family worship morning and evening in a little shack, but they have the union paper to help them.

In the United States the members get the union paper free, but in Korea, our members have to pay for theirs, and *one copy* takes about an hour's wages. An abridged edition of *Bible Readings* is just coming off the press as I write these lines. It will take a little more than an average day's wage (\$1) to buy it at the discounted price for church members. Yet about one out of seven of our members will invest in it.

As the 24 publishing men met for their publishing council they had many soul-winning victories of which to tell. One of these I recognized when the story was about half finished. I had met the man involved at the literature evangelists' institute.

A leading church member a few years ago had become discouraged and left the church. Through one of our literature evangelists, some good literature, and much love he was won back. At the institute I noticed a very dignified, businesslike-looking gentleman among the literature evangelists. Upon inquiry, I was told his story. He was Mr. Kim, the reclaimed member. Mr. Kim is now a literature evangelist.

## New Evangelistic Method in Bordeaux, France

By Edouard Naenny  
*Publishing Secretary*  
*Southern European Division*

The largest group of workers ever to unite their soul-winning efforts in one place in France gathered in Bordeaux from January 17 to 31. For two weeks 16 literature evangelists (two accompanied by their wives) and five publishing leaders went to Bordeaux to help in the evangelistic campaign conducted by Brethren R. Vertallier and Yves Seringot in this city of 500,000.

During the week before the first meeting the literature evangelists visited numerous families, selling books and enrolling people in the Bible correspondence course. They prayed with the people and invited them to attend the forthcoming evangelistic meetings. We were most eager to know the reaction of the people of Bordeaux, and looked forward eagerly to opening night to see if the rented hall, seating 400, would fill.

The enemy put innumerable obstacles in our way. A violent storm raged most of the first week, accompanied by torrential rains, at times mixed with hail. Yet in spite of getting soaking wet, we canvassed faithfully each day.

The second week the enemy doubled his attacks. A public transportation and electricity strike was called, and an influenza epidemic broke out. Seven of our book evangelists were ill, as was the main speaker. But the Spirit of God overruled. The sick, confined to their beds, spent more time in prayer for those who were well, and the answer from the Lord did not tarry. It came in the form of a miracle of sales. One sold NF 225 (\$41) worth in one day; another NF 700 (\$140), et cetera. The results of the ten days' canvassing was NF 14,500 (\$2,900) in sales.



Bordeaux, France, soul-winning team. Colporteur leaders, left to right, seated: E. Naenny, Southern European Division; E. Sauvagnat, Franco-Belgian Union. Standing: J. Dias, Portuguese Union; D. Petit, French Conference; R. Vertallier, evangelist; D. Sanguesa, Spanish church.



NF 10,000 (\$2,000) was cash, and NF 4,500 (\$900) in orders. All this despite much sickness.

At the end of the second week everyone was well again, and Brother Vertalier gave his second address. That evening 310 were present, and 140 asked for a copy of the talk. The bookstand also did quite well.

The following book evangelist leaders were present: Brethren E. Sauvagnat and P. Petit from France, J. Dias from Portugal, and D. Sanguesa from Spain. From the division publishing department came the writer. All took part in the meetings and worked with the book evangelists in two's from door to door.

The church members in Bordeaux treated us royally. All the book evangelists lived in the church building. A large table was set each day, and we all ate together. The attractive meals were carefully prepared by two of the sisters. We spent some unforgettable hours around this table, eating, praying together, and exchanging experiences and ideas.

During the 15 days 30,000 invitations or brochures were distributed. Fifty persons were brought to the meetings. The book evangelists prayed in 20 homes, gave 30 Bible studies, and enrolled many in the Bible correspondence course.

## Sale of Cow Forwards Christian Education in Philippine Village

By **Todd C. Murdoch, President**  
*North Philippine Union Mission*

Nestled at the foot of Mount Tirod in the Mountain Province of Luzon is the rocky little village of Tumbaga. We had a hard and tedious trek to reach this Adventist community, but when at last we arrived, all weariness soon vanished as we met with the dear believers in their small nipa homes.

Our first question was "How did the Advent message reach such an inaccessible place?" The people answered that in 1945 Vicente Balite borrowed an Ilocano Bible from a friend. As he read, he discovered the Sabbath truth. The Holy Spirit impressed the Word upon his heart so deeply that he and Mariano Paking were soon resting on the seventh day. His friends and neighbors were impressed, and two years later 37 people were faithfully keeping the Sabbath and preparing for baptism.

A fine, frame church built on a solid cement foundation has now been erected on the side of the hill overlooking the beautiful Abra Valley with its fruit plantations and carefully tended rice paddies. On the day of our visit this building was dedicated. It was filled to overflowing.

To understand the tedious effort and tremendous sacrifice required to erect this monument to God's glory, one must visualize every piece of lumber and every bag of cement being carried over the long and difficult trail, either on the back of a carabao or on the head of one of the villagers.



## North Pacific Counseling and Guidance Workshop

The first North Pacific Union Conference workshop in counseling and guidance for the secondary school level was held recently in Portland, Oregon. Thirteen teachers from nine academies, with Dr. T. W. Walters as chairman, gave study to the essential services and materials that should be available in a guidance center. Guidance centers in each academy are being staffed with professionally trained personnel and adequate tools with which to work.

First row, from the left: Dale Wagner and Paul Gordon, Upper Columbia Academy; T. W. Walters; W. J. Hackett and J. T. Porter, North Pacific Union Conference; Ed Harms, Milo Academy; Ruby Schmidt, Upper Columbia Academy. Back row: Eddie Norton, Auburn Academy; T. A. Stafford, Portland Union Academy; W. A. Coffeen, Walla Walla Valley Academy; Melvin Derby, Milo Academy; Mart Moores and LeRoy Holmes, Laurelwood Academy; Ron Wisby, Gem State Academy; D. H. Dull and Gerald York, Columbia Academy.

**J. T. PORTER, Departmental Secretary**  
*North Pacific Union Conference*

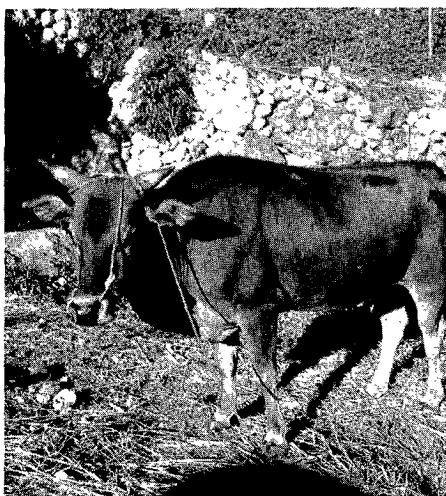
The elementary school especially drew our attention. Christian education has become an item of vital importance in this isolated spot. Sixty pupils attend the elementary school, and this year it is hoped that the first year of high school can be offered. This is indeed a bold venture on such a barren hillside.

At the time of our visit, many non-Adventist friends had been invited to come from the villages around. As is usual on such occasions, a big banquet was planned. An expensive cow had been purchased and was to be slaughtered in honor of the guests. But now the plan was reconsidered. The brethren thought

of a better idea. They said, "We will explain to our non-Seventh-day Adventist friends that this year we plan to enlarge our school. We will sell the cow and use all the money for the education of our youth." It was no easy task to explain this change of menu to their friends and neighbors, but we feel sure that this radical change must have made a deep impression on their visitors.

This animal surely was worth her weight in gold. From the money received for her, many will reap the rich returns of a Christian education.

While the poor people in these surrounding hills are hungry for animal protein to improve their meager diet, we thank God that our dear Adventist believers have a higher urge—to give their young people a well-balanced spiritual diet. Christian education is deeply ingrained in the minds of our dear Filipino families, and this willing sacrifice will have an effect for eternity on the lives of the young people who will enjoy school privileges in the proposed new Abra Valley Academy.

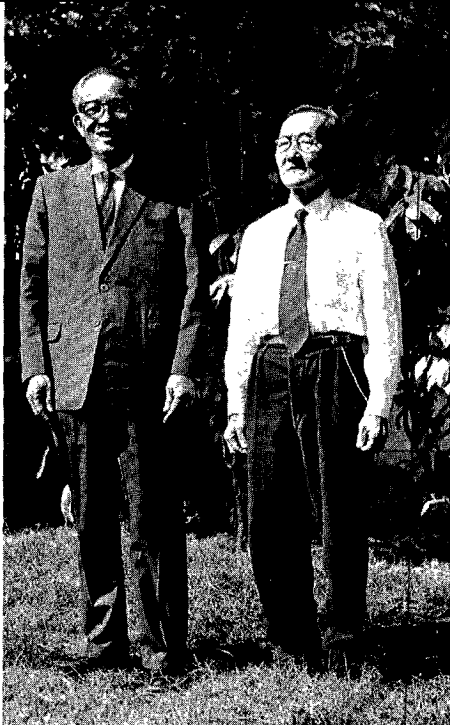


The cow that was sold to help build a school in a Philippine village.

## Progress in Vietnam Told at Saigon Meeting

By **John Bernet, Publishing Secretary**  
*Southeast Asia Union*

The Southeast Asia Union officers and departmental secretaries flew to Saigon for the recent biennial session of the Vietnam Mission. As we disembarked from our Boeing 707, armed soldiers took their positions guarding our plane. Over-



Two delegates to the Vietnam Mission biennial session. Both were former Protestant ministers of many years. The one on the left is Do Phuong; on the right, Do Van Tuu. He was won by a colporteur. Both of these men have brought the three angels' messages to many of their former church members.

head flew a squadron of rocket-firing helicopters. To one side, were supersonic fighters and bombers, ready to take off on a moment's notice. That night we saw several U-2s flying in from a reconnaissance trip.

The delegates came in from all over the mission. They had wonderful stories to tell of God's protection and blessings upon His people in war-torn South Vietnam. Pastor Pham Thien, of the central Vietnam district, which reaches from Nha Trang to the seventeenth parallel, told about his five churches. Eight colporteurs and their families in his district were told to stop selling books or get out! If they should ignore the ultimatum, they would be kidnaped for three months. The next time for six months. And if there was a third time, they would be lined up in front of their homes and shot.

In one area where four of the churches are situated, fighting has been going on most of the time. Our believers there constantly live in the valley of the shadow of death. Some of the members who belong to the same church are separated from one another because part of the area is controlled by the revolutionaries and the other part by the Government troops. Sometimes a certain town is held for a day by the revolutionaries and the next day by the Government soldiers. When the opposing armies battle for control of the town our believers may be forced to hide in their cellars, where they pray and wait for the shooting to stop.

One day the Buddhists of Saigon announced that they were calling a general strike against the Government, a strike involving all the bus drivers and vegetable sellers in that city. Early the next morning someone placed small announcements on the doorsteps of many, warning them that it would be fatal for

them to drive a bus or sell vegetables during the strike.

That afternoon a driver pulled his bus into the gas station that is situated between our mission office and mission hospital. As he was sitting there in his empty bus, two men appeared. One of them said, "We told you that if you did not strike today, we were going to kill you. Well, we are!" One man poured a bottle of gasoline onto the bus driver's head and the other put a match to him. In an

instant the bus driver became a living torch!

A few seconds later one of our colporteurs came by and saw the poor man burning to death. He quickly pushed him out of the bus and onto the ground, where he rolled him about in the dust until the flames were snuffed out. Our hospital business manager, Charles Harris, came along and helped carry the victim into our hospital. Eighty per cent of the surface of the man's body was burned. The

## AVENUES TO *Reading* *Pleasure*

By H. M. TIPPETT

Some sardonic critic has observed: "Those who have a well-formed philosophy of life read; those who have no hope write." No doubt he was prompted to this grim conclusion by contemplating the flood of "escapist" literature on the market—literature telling of people trying to get away from reality or those so obsessed by it that their only outlook is colored by the excesses, extravagances, and follies of the times. Certainly there are a lot of bilious books in bookstores and on newsstands. They portray the ugly, mean, and sordid in human life and civic affairs, sometimes with vulgar humor, sometimes with fine scorn, according to whether the authors are sanguine, phlegmatic, melancholic, or choleric in disposition and viewpoint. It is conceivable that a few of these books serve a useful purpose. They bring the complacent, sheltered mind to face reality and perhaps to adjust itself more sensibly to the world in which it lives. For contrary to the confirmed optimist, all is not gold that glitters, nor is everything pure to the pure. Even the pure will concede that some things are sordid, and to acknowledge the existence of evil in order to avoid it is a wholesome thing.

But the reader has the advantage over the writer in that he can sift what he reads—his authors, his topics of interest, his times for reading enjoyment. The reader can also interpret what he reads in the light of the standards by which he lives.

Having been reared in a semiarid mountain environment, I never came into contact with much knowledge of wildlife. I knew more about minerals and treasures dug out of the earth than I did about the occasional muskrat we caught in the creek, or the hawks that frightened our poultry. That is why I find such fascination poring over three new books by Joe Maniscalco: *Trees, Baby Birds of the Sierras*, and *Baby Animals of the Sierras*.\* At every opening they are gay with his colored portrayals of the flora and fauna of our American wilds. Joe wrote the text and painted the pictures, and they all come alive with dramatic action. Children are sure to ask, "What is he

doing?" for every creature is doing something of interest. It may be a bird peering into the water for fish or feeding its nestlings in a tree. That kingfisher with his choir of youngsters on a limb is amusing. Two ducklings play tug-of-war with a worm. Ever see a skunk walking on his forepaws? Would you like to know the difference between a wildcat and a mountain lion? Or recognize the individual characteristics that distinguish the spruce from the pine? Oh, there's a lot more than that in these books, and they are built to stand much handling by the children, for that is what they are sure to get. Size 7½ by 11 inches. \$3.25 a book or \$8.50 for the entire beautiful set.

When I opened Eunice Soper's new book *The Mannerly Twins*,\* I was struck with how much it reminded me of the old *McGuffey Readers*, which I enjoyed as a small boy—let's say a very small boy. I would pore over the black-and-white line drawings of people, animals, and farm life, while I lived all the while in the realm of juvenile imagination. That large black type is similar too. But about the book—Jack and June Mannerly have quite a number of happy and not-so-happy adventures that unfold some very important lessons in this matter of growing up and getting along together. Children will enjoy the dialog. It has 80 pages and is bound in a hard-cover, two-color binding. \$2.50.

Ever since Hiram Edson looked toward heaven that morning as he walked through the cornfield after the great Disappointment and saw in a flash of inspiration the meaning of the sanctuary service, the Advent people have found their hopes raised and their hearts warmed with new courage as they looked to God for His guidance and opening providences. Some of the great spiritual challenges of the Bible so often quoted such as "Be Still, and Know That I Am God," "Be of Good Cheer," "Be Careful for Nothing," "Quench Not the Spirit," "Overcome Evil With Good," and a score of others make up chapters for lively discussions in another volume by W. B. Ochs, *Look Now Toward Heaven*.\* These 25 chapters would furnish wonderful material for prayer-meeting topics for half a year. A wonderful lot of source material for home worship too. 160 pages, \$3.00.

\* New from the presses of Pacific Press, Southern, and Review and Herald publishing associations, respectively.

next day at 4:00 A.M. the bus driver died, shortly after telling a policeman his story.

In spite of conditions such as these, our mission workers and laymen in Vietnam are of good courage. They are co-operating with Heaven for the finishing of God's work in their country. In 1964, 129 precious souls were baptized, 59 of whom were from literature evangelist contacts. Three of the colporteurs were kidnaped while giving the message of salvation to their troubled countrymen. Pray for our people in Vietnam.

## From Home Base to Front Line

Mr. and Mrs. Arlind E. Hackett and child, of Arlington, California, left Los Angeles, California, May 24, for Guam. Sister Hackett's maiden name was Myrtle Marleen Reynolds. Brother Hackett is to be secretary-treasurer of the Far Eastern Island Mission.

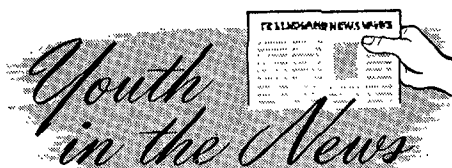
Mrs. Robert H. Dunn and three children left Los Angeles, California, for Burma, on May 26. Dr. Dunn preceded them, having gone February 16. He will serve as a physician in the Rangoon Hospital until additional help can be sent. Sister Dunn's name before marriage was Ann Marie Mittleider. Dr. and Mrs. Dunn have served since 1947 in the Far Eastern and Southern Asia divisions.

Mr. J. S. Kapur, recently a student at Andrews University, sailed from New York City on the S.S. *Hellenic Spirit*, June 4, for India. Brother Kapur is returning to his homeland for further service.

Elder and Mrs. George Carambot and three children, of Springerville, Arizona, left Miami, Florida, June 6, for Curaçao, in the Netherlands Antilles. Sister Carambot's name before marriage was Yvonne Beatrice Becker. Brother Carambot is to be a district pastor in the Netherlands Antilles Mission.

Mrs. Harry R. Hooper and two children left New York City for India on June 7, returning after furlough. Sister Hooper's maiden name was June Evangela Snide. Brother Hooper returned March 29. He is a teacher in Spicer Memorial College, at Poona.

W. P. BRADLEY



### Pathfinder Fair, Michigan

More than 2,000 Pathfinder young people and their parents converged on the Civic Center Auditorium in Lansing, Michigan, Sunday, April 25, for the con-

ference's annual Pathfinder Fair under the direction of L. C. Caviness, conference Missionary Volunteer secretary. From registration at 8:00 A.M. until the closing parade at 4:00 P.M., every minute was packed with something guaranteed to hold a young person's attention.

Competition was keen in the judging of the display booths set up by the various units represented, but it reached a peak during the morning "Olympics." Boys and girls displayed their acquired skills in friendly competition that included fire building, tent pitching, knot tying, nail driving, use of the compass, precision marching, and kite flying.

In the afternoon everyone enjoyed a nature-study program followed by a number of edge-of-your-chair stories told by Lawrence Maxwell, editor of the *Guide*.

DON HAWLEY



### Preaching at Ninety-two

On the day after his ninety-second birthday, Nathan A. Reiber preached the sermon at the Cedar Springs-Crestline, California, church, some 20 miles from San Bernardino. He has been active in the work of the church since he was baptized at 18 years of age. He colporteurd during summer months while going to the Keene Industrial Academy and Union College, and later spent many years in the colporteur work. He was ordained as a local elder, which position he has filled in many small and moderate-sized churches. He still prepares himself for personal witnessing by spending an hour each day with his Bible. He believes that Bible study will keep the mind clear and the heart ready to speak for the Lord. He had an active part in the recent *It Is Written* crusade in Southern California. He teaches a Sabbath school class. His seven children are all Seventh-day Adventists. One of his sons—Milton T. Reiber, of Macon, Georgia—is a minister.

VERLIE REIBER CARRON

Richard Trott, student director of the Mount Vernon (Ohio) Academy band this year, received the 1965 John Philip Sousa Award during the band's final concert at the academy, Saturday night, May 15. The award, given only to seniors, is presented on the basis of scholastic standing, leadership, and contribution to the band. Eighteen-year-old Rick has been a member in the clarinet section for the past six years and he is the fifth person to receive such an award since 1962. Presentation was made by F. W. Wernick, president of the Ohio Conference and academy board chairman. Also honored were 18 seniors. Each received a small trophy on which was engraved his name and the number of years he has played with the band.

The first student to graduate with a major in journalism from Walla Walla College, Miss Laurice Porter, has been invited to join the faculty of Gem State Academy in Idaho to teach English and journalism, and to sponsor the school paper.

Two Walla Walla College juniors have been awarded scholarships to the Space Technology Summer Institute, June 18 to July 30, at the University of California in Los Angeles. Bob Eby and Gordon Johnson will attend the institute, which is limited to 45 junior and senior students from Western universities and colleges on a competitive basis.

Jim Gardiner, a spring graduate of Union College, won first prize in the essay contest of the General Conference Temperance Department. Tom Robinson won third prize in the temperance poster contest.

On the academy level Carolyn Hellweg, a senior at Sunnysdale Academy, won first prize in the essay contest of the American Temperance Society.

## Condensed News

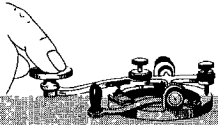
### Wichita Falls, Texas, Church Dedication

On March 27 the Wichita Falls, Texas, church was dedicated. Speaker at the 11-o'clock service was L. C. Evans, president of the Southwestern Union.

In the afternoon, B. E. Leach, president of the Texas Conference, gave the dedication sermon. The Thank Offering was taken by C. W. Skantz, treasurer of the Texas Conference, and was dedicated to erecting a new educational building in the near future. The church history was given by Brother Cruse, one of the first church elders and a charter member of the church. H. B. Petry led in the Act of Dedication.

The church was purchased 15 years ago. Dr. Otey Johnson, as a memorial to his late father, Roy Johnson, gave us a gift that helped greatly in our efforts to get the church paid for.

H. B. PETRY, *Pastor*



# Brief News OF MEN AND EVENTS



## Atlantic Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Emma Kirk

- Henry Livergood, an assistant in the Atlantic Union College cafeteria, recently won second prize for his wedding cake entry in an exhibition sponsored by the Epicurean Club of Boston. The exhibition was part of the Hotel and Restaurant Show. Entries were from schools, hotels, and restaurants in New England.
- Among the many improvements made in time for camp meeting at Camp Victory Lake in Hyde Park, New York, are a new \$1,500 walk-in deepfreeze, a Vulcan stove, and a Hobart electric dishwasher, states Stennett Brooks, Northeastern Conference treasurer. One of the high lights of the camp meeting this year was the graduation exercises of the Northeastern Academy on June 26.
- The Laymen's Foundation of Northern New England met Sunday, May 9, at the conference office to accept the legal papers for the corporation and to adopt the seal. Dr. R. A. Bettle, president of the corporation, was in charge of the meeting, and various committees reported on tentative plans to advance the work in Northern New England. This organization is composed of a group of

dedicated laymen from various parts of the conference who want to take a more active part in completing the work in their part of the field. They hope to inaugurate plans for spiritual and material growth in Northern New England.



## Central Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Clara Anderson

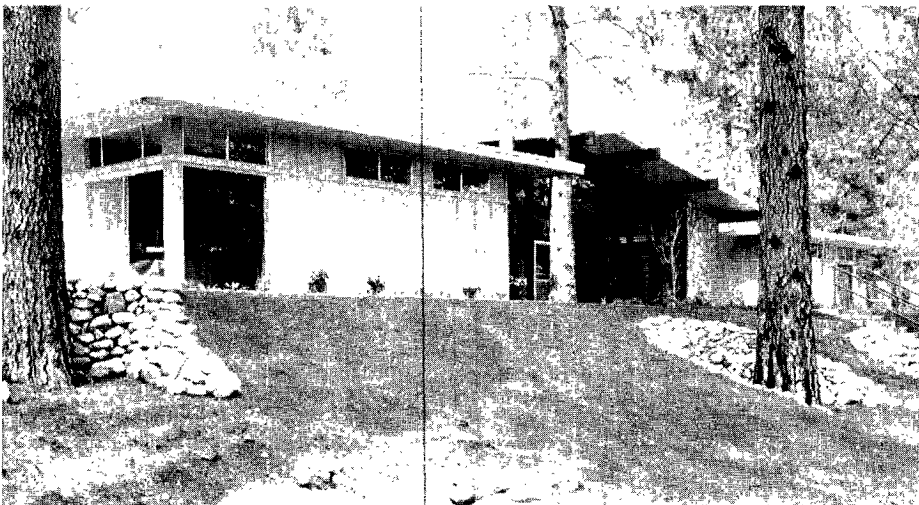
- O. L. McLean, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the Wyoming Conference, has accepted a call to the Nebraska Conference to the same post of service.
- E. F. Armour, MV secretary and educational superintendent of the Kansas Conference, has accepted the call of the Minnesota Conference to assume the same responsibilities in that conference.
- Duane Anderson, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, has accepted a position as registered pharmacist at Porter Memorial Hospital in Denver, Colorado, and will arrive in Denver about August 1.
- Roger Eno, publishing secretary of the Wyoming Conference, has accepted a call to the Minnesota Conference to be secretary of the same department in that conference.



## Columbia Union

Reported by  
Don A. Roth

- Dr. Joseph G. Smoot has been appointed new academic dean of Columbia Union College. He will take the place vacated by Dr. Winton Beaven, who has been elected president of the school. Dr. Smoot has been connected with the department of history for the past five years.
- The new secretary of the public relations and radio-TV departments of the Columbia Union Conference is Morten Juberg, formerly in the same capacity with the Southern California Conference. He takes the place of Don A. Roth, who has accepted a call to service with the Far Eastern Division in Singapore. Elder Juberg formerly served in the Wyoming and Michigan conferences.
- Bruce Chittenden has been invited by the Ohio Conference committee to become associate evangelist to W. R. Bornstein, of the Ohio Conference. Lon Cummings, associate to W. R. Bornstein for the past two years, has become pastor of the Upper Sandusky-Bucyrus-Galion-Marion district. Assisting him in the pastoral program of the district is Melvin Mathers. Elder Chittenden comes to the Ohio Conference from the Southern New England Conference, where he has been in pastoral work for the past five years.
- Ohio's Press Secretary of the Year for 1965 is Mrs. Phillip Dunson, press secretary of the Columbus Eastwood church.
- The new pastor of the Youngstown District in the Ohio Conference is Floyd Krause, from Frederick, Maryland, in the Chesapeake Conference.



## Opening of Feather River Medical Center, Paradise, California

A new medical center, located on the grounds of the Feather River Sanitarium and Hospital in Paradise, California, has just been completed. This center houses the new Feather River Medical Center pharmacy and six doctors' suites. This medical facility contains more than 7,200 feet of floor space. The location affords a majestic view overlooking the sweeping panorama of the Feather River Canyon.

This new center is another forward step in the development of the medical program in Paradise to furnish complete medical service to this community. A large, enthusiastic group of people from the community were present for the open house held recently.

A. G. STREIFLING, *Chaplain*



## Lake Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Mildred Wade

- As a result of the Walter-Lange-Johnson Word of Life campaign, conducted in Battle Creek, Michigan, 27 candidates were baptized May 15. More than one third of these new members trace their interest in the Adventist message directly to the campaign held by the evangelistic team in Battle Creek two and a half years ago.
- Andrews University is continuing its program of practical training for ministers in the Theological Seminary, by sponsoring six field schools this summer. About 54 men are participating. Under the direction of E. C. Banks, these schools will be held June 11-July 10, and July 23-August 21. They will be conducted in Los Angeles, California; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; New York City; Omaha, Nebraska; St. Petersburg, Florida; and Worcester, Massachusetts.

► At the close of the Sabbath morning service at Grand Ledge, Michigan, on May 15 fourteen candidates were baptized by Donald J. Donesky. Seven of these new members were added to the nearby Portland church. Lay members in both churches assisted the pastor in this soul-winning work.

► Special services were held at the Eau Claire, Wisconsin, church on Sabbath, May 1. F. R. Stephan, principal of Wisconsin Academy, was guest speaker at the morning church service. At 2:00 p.m. a special musical program was presented by a group from Wisconsin Academy, under the direction of Frank Kravig. At 3:00 p.m. a dedication service was conducted for the new church. R. E. Finney, Jr., conference president, gave the sermon. He was assisted in the services by the pastor, Duane Longfellow, and F. R. Stephan, who formerly served as pastor.



### North Pacific Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Ione Morgan

► An airatorium was erected in Kosmos, Washington, on a vacant lot that the church members have purchased and on which they plan to build a new church in the near future. From March 27 to May 21 a team including Lester Rasmussen, speaker, Ralph McGann, singer, Paul Moore, local pastor, and Mrs. Louise Dildine, Bible instructor, held an evangelistic series entitled "Flight of Time," which has culminated in the baptism of 16 new members, and two joining on profession of faith. Further baptisms are planned.

► The doors of the new church in Forest Grove, Oregon, opened for the first service on May 22. H. L. Rudy, the Oregon Conference president, was the speaker at a special consecration service. Built at a cost of \$75,000 including the furnishings—material for which was donated by local businesses—the church is located on a three-acre site. Seven thousand hours of labor were donated during the ten months of construction. Pastoring the congregation are George M. MacLean and his associate, Dallas Kime.

► The Portland Sanitarium and Hospital Auxiliary recently presented a check for \$2,919 to the hospital for the purchase of equipment. The pediatric department and intensive care unit will both benefit.

► Roy and Dorothy Brickley, of Oregon City, Oregon, recently donated a month's time to helping the Monument Valley Mission at Mexican Hat, Utah. Roy, a retired steel-construction worker, assembled the Butler Building, which had waited many months for a volunteer to supervise its erection. His wife, a graduate nurse, gave invaluable assistance in the hospital.

► The long-awaited junior academy in Sandpoint, Idaho, is fast becoming a reality. The new school plant consists of two additional classrooms and a large



### Industrial Arts Building Dedicated at Upper Columbia Academy

In 1962, Clarence Hanson donated his farm at Touchet, Washington, to the Upper Columbia Conference, with the understanding that the funds from the sale of this farm should be used at Upper Columbia Academy for expansion of its educational program. The farm was sold for \$62,000, and the funds were invested in a new industrial arts building. The building's floor space of approximately 10,000 square feet has made it possible for Upper Columbia Academy to broaden its offering in industrial training beyond what we could have hoped for a few years ago.

During the last 20 years of his life, Clarence Hanson claimed God as his farming partner. During the year 1964, 60 per cent of his income went into the Lord's work. Christmas Day, 1964, brought an end to his life, but his memory lives on in the edifice erected to the training of the hand on the campus of Upper Columbia Academy.

On May 11, 1965, the day designated as Academy Day when visiting prospective students attended the program at Upper Columbia Academy, the new industrial arts building was dedicated as the Clarence Hanson Industrial Arts Building. Mrs. Hanson and her two sons were present. Affixed to the new building is a plaque of dedication in memory of a faithful layman, interested in the cause of Christian education.

In the picture Mrs. Hanson examines the plaque with the writer.

F. E. SCHLEHUBER  
Principal, Upper Columbia Academy

gymnasium, which adjoin the present two-classroom, eight-grade school. The junior academy will be ready for operation by fall.

► A \$10,000 grant has been awarded by the National Science Foundation to the biology department of Walla Walla College for purchase of equipment to be used in undergraduate teaching. Major pieces of equipment will include three

polygraphs—electronic recording devices that record several different physiological conditions such as temperature, respiration, and blood pressure simultaneously. WWC will also get ten combination electronic stimulators and oscilloscopes, one spectrophotometer, and one constant-growth chamber.



### Northern Union

Reported by  
L. H. Netteburg

► Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pohle, of Cleveland, North Dakota, have been called to Japan as missionaries. Mr. Pohle will manage the Japan Publishing House in Yokohama.

► Gordon Rhodes has accepted the pastorate of the Watertown-Redfield district in South Dakota. He has spent the past year at Andrews University. Prior to that he was dean of boys at Garden State Academy in New Jersey.

► After about two years of construction the Ellendale, North Dakota, church is nearing completion. Most of the work has been done by members.



### Pacific Union

Reported by  
Mrs. Margaret Follett

► Members of the Bellflower and Norwalk churches broke ground recently for a new addition to the Bellflower elementary school. Participating in the groundbreaking were A. G. Munson, executive secretary, Southern California Conference; Gery Friesen, pastor, Norwalk church; Ernest Perry, pastor, Bellflower church; Dr. Clyde Morris, Dr. Robert Swenson, and Dr. Henry Hirsch.

► The chapel in the new women's dormitory at Pacific Union College was dedicated May 16. Dauphinee Hall chapel was named in honor of Miss Minnie E. Dauphinee, dean of women at Pacific Union College from 1932 to 1943.

► The Porterville church, organized in 1916 with 16 members, held all-day opening services in their new church May 8. The main sanctuary in the new facility seats 500, and the whole unit is valued at \$300,000. Present membership is approximately 225.

► Allen Magie, who has been on the teaching staff at Pacific Union College, will leave in September for the Philippines to be chairman of the biology department and head of the science division at Mountain View College.

► John H. Horning, mathematics teacher at Loma Linda Union Academy, was among 25 teachers awarded a grant by the National Science Foundation to attend the Mathematics Summer Institute for Secondary Teachers at Andrews University.

► Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nelson, who, respectively, have been teaching in the academy and elementary school at Pacific

Union College the past year, are moving to San Diego, where he will be the principal of San Diego Union Academy.

► W. E. Anderson, for the past several years business manager at Pacific Union College, has transferred to Walla Walla College, where he is serving in the same capacity.

► The new principal at San Pasqual Academy is N. C. Sorensen, who has been principal of the Pacific Union College Preparatory School the past two years.

► Frank Dietrich was recently elected to be the education and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Nevada-Utah Conference.



## Southern Union

Reported by  
Oscar L. Heinrich

► Special Homecoming Sabbath was celebrated in the Panama City, Florida, church on Sabbath, May 8. Former members of the congregation came from great distances to attend. Former pastors present for the occasion included W. M. Abbot, Jr., H. V. Leggett, and W. D. Wampler.

► Fourteen piano students from Bass Memorial Academy of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference who performed in the National Piano Playing Auditions at the University of Southern Mississippi on May 7 received ratings of 90 per cent or better. More than 60,000 piano pupils

across the country have participated in this annual piano-playing event held in 600 music centers. Those who meet the requirements are given a gold or bronze embossed pin and a year's membership in the NFSM and Piano Hobbyists of the World.

► Fourteen new members have been added to the Hickory, North Carolina, church by baptism. This climaxed a three-week evangelistic campaign held by James Wyckoff.

► The Professional and Business Men's Church Development Foundation of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference held a special groundbreaking ceremony May 11 for the new church to be built by the Foundation for the believers in Franklin, Kentucky.

► Eight baptisms resulted from a recent revival at Powderly, Kentucky, held by conference evangelist Rainey Hooper and assisted by Fred Williams.

► Beginning June 1, the Voice of Prophecy became a regular daily broadcast at 12:00 noon in the Memphis, Tennessee, area.

► The Open Door offering for the Georgia-Cumberland Academy that was taken on Sabbath, May 22, totaled \$128,238.71. The doors of this new boarding school, located at Reeves, Georgia, will open in September with E. F. Reifsnnyder as principal.

► Eight converts were baptized in Cross Plains and Ridgetop, Tennessee, as a result of meetings held in that area by district pastor, D. C. Phillips.

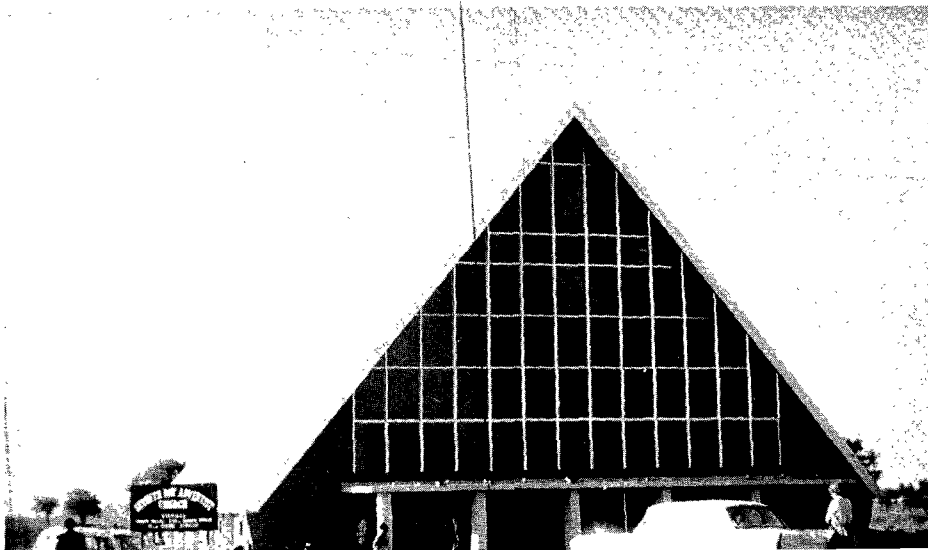
## Trans-Africa's First Evangelistic Center

The Trans-Africa Division's first city evangelistic center, dedicated last year by division president, Robert H. Pierson, has already proved to be the focal point of evangelistic activity and church witness for the whole of the Bulawayo city area. A successful campaign, conducted by the theological students of Solusi College, resulted in 108 new members being added by baptism. A year-round campaign being conducted by the students of the college is providing students with invaluable experience before entering the field as workers.

This large and representative building also serves as the church home for more than 500 members in the Pelandaba and Mpopoma townships, who for more than five years met outdoors while raising funds for the erection of this building.

A four-classroom school, adjacent to the evangelistic center, though only recently completed, is already too small for the large number of pupils wishing to attend.

JOHN M. STAPLES, Chairman  
Department of Religion  
Solusi College



## Southwestern Union

Reported by  
K. C. Beem

► Robert Rider has been appointed secretary of the home missionary and Sabbath school departments for Oklahoma, succeeding W. G. Larson, who recently transferred to the Texas Conference.

► W. F. Bresee, head of the field evangelism department of Union College, and about eight theological students opened a tent meeting in Oklahoma City on June 12. George Reid, pastor of the Oklahoma City Central church, will be a close associate.

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| Pioneer Evangelism and Church               |              |
| Missionary Offering                         | August 7     |
| Oakwood College Offering                    | August 14    |
| Educational Day and Elementary Offering     | August 21    |
| Literature Evangelists Rally Day and Church |              |
| Missionary Offering                         | September 4  |
| Missions Extension Day and Offering         | September 11 |
| MV Pathfinder Day                           | September 18 |

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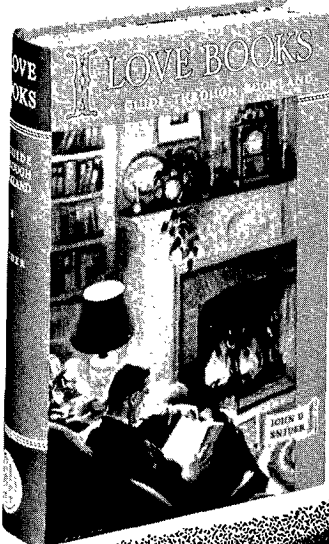
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# News of Note

## Unprecedented Offering in Texas

J. O. Gibson, associate secretary of the General Conference Temperance Department, sent the REVIEW the following telegram while he was attending the Texas Conference camp meeting:

"At Operation Lone Star appeal [on] final Sabbath of Texas camp meeting, \$452,000 [was] committed to God's work. Great ourpouring [of] God's blessing. Ben Leach, conference president, challenged the people to move out in faith and finish the work of God in Texas and throughout the world. Great crusade for souls launched for coming year; 1,000 baptisms minimum goal."

The dimensions of this large offering of \$452,000 for evangelism can best be grasped in the light of the fact that the membership of the Texas Conference is only about 8,200. Truly, as the psalmist wrote: "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power."

## Kansas Flood

From H. C. Klement, president of the Kansas Conference, comes this telegram: "Worst flood disaster in southwest Kansas history. Been on job since June 20. Serving all stricken towns and rural communities."

A telephone conversation with Elder Klement reveals that our Kansas Conference is carrying on a very definite relief work, particularly clothing distribution, under the over-all direction of the Red Cross. Thus far no Adventist families have had to flee from their homes. We hope to publish shortly a story with pictures.

## Church in Spain Officially Opened

The prayers and faithful witness of a young Spanish woman, Juanita Martinez, serving as a maid in Paris, have been honored. She persevered in her pleas that her home church in Coruna, Spain, be authorized officially by the government. Church leaders interceded in her behalf with cabinet officials. After 12 years our church in Coruna is recognized by the government, and our members can sing, pray, and worship with official permission. We thank God for His leading in this providential experience and pray that many more of our churches will receive like privileges.

J. ERNEST EDWARDS

## Midsummer Offering

I want to take this opportunity to express on behalf of the General Conference my sincere appreciation for the very fine Midsummer Offering received in our

churches in July of 1964. This offering amounted to \$100,191.61 and was assigned for use in the mission field soul-winning program.

At present a large number of evangelistic efforts are in progress, and thousands of people are in the baptismal classes in different parts of the world, looking forward to becoming members of the church.

We invite our loyal and devoted people to give generously again this year when this important offering is taken up in all of our churches on July 10. May God bless you as you plan for it. We are hoping and praying that the Midsummer Offering this year will be at least \$150,000.

C. L. TORREY

## New Radio Program in Australia

July 4 was a great day in the Australasian Division. On that day a new radio program was launched—Faith for These Times—featuring Roy C. Naden, well-known evangelist and musician. His new 20-minute program is direct and informative. Pastor Ray Howse is the associate speaker.

Faith for These Times features its own musical ensemble. Four soloists will appear on the program from time to time, as well as a group of 18 voices from Avon-



The following news items are taken from Religious News Service, and do not necessarily express the viewpoint of the REVIEW editors.

MADRID—Protestant leaders reportedly were "not unduly perturbed" at the government-enforced closing of denominational schools in Saragossa and Alicante. Closed by state order were a Seventh-day Adventist school in Saragossa (50 pupils) and a Baptist school at Alicante, which had an enrollment of 30. Closure was directed on the basis of "unauthorized functioning" failure to secure state approval. However, Protestant observers are quick to point out that no Protestant school in all of Spain is currently "authorized" to operate. Yet 12 Protestant schools are "tolerated." They provide education for some 550 pupils, boys and girls.

ROME—Monte Citorio, an Italian news agency, predicted here that Pope Paul VI would visit the United States for five days in October. It said that the Pope would leave Rome October 18 on a flight to Washington, D.C. While there, the news agency added, the Pontiff would

dale College called the Avondale Chorale.

The division is making other plans for the use of radio and television. With the launching of Faith for These Times, the Advent Radio-Television Productions has been set up to produce and handle all programs in Australia. Tentative plans are under consideration for the production of an Australian television program, as well as special hymn programs that can be offered to radio stations.

We also have encouraging reports of the work in the island fields of Australasia, where the broadcasts and Bible schools are reaching out with a growing influence. The church members are enthusiastically securing applications to the Bible schools and advertising the broadcasts.

J. O. IVERSEN

## Awakening Among Moslems in Indonesia

A note of progress and courage is sounded in a letter from Wendell L. Wilcox, president of the West Indonesia Union Mission. Elder Wilcox writes:

"Over in East Java the early part of this year 14 evangelistic meetings were begun at one time. These meetings were held in areas where almost 100 per cent of the population is Moslem. To date, 225 have been baptized and another 150 are in baptismal classes. In one baptism alone in East Java 53 Moslems were baptized. I believe that this is the largest number of Moslems ever baptized at one time here in Indonesia. There is an awakening among the followers of Mohammed, and we expect greater things in the near future."

confer with President Johnson at the White House before moving on to New York for an address before the United Nations General Assembly.

VATICAN CITY—*Osservatore Della Domenica*, Vatican City weekly, carried an article urging excommunication of Catholics who produce or assist in the production of immoral films. Msgr. Ferdinando Lambruschini, a professor at the Lateran University, said there were "far lesser sins" for which the penalty of excommunication was invoked.

LONDON, ONTARIO—The annual synod of the Anglican Diocese of Huron was warned here that discussions on sex morality, unless carefully conducted, can easily degenerate into "erotically stimulating" sessions.

GENEVA—World Council of Churches and Roman Catholic delegates to a historic new joint "working group" agreed here at their first official meeting that there are many fields of common interest in need of further study. The eight WCC and six Catholic representatives met at the WCC's Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, near here. This initial session was aimed at clarifying their mandate to explore possibilities for "practical collaboration" and to determine future work methods.