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Literature Evangelists Accompanied by an Angel

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"He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Psalm 91:11.

N ONE of the remote municipalities on the east coast of Davao, where there was considerable opposition to our work, four literature evangelists were driven out because they had not secured a permit from the mayor. They left with heavy hearts, aware of the dangers that beset their journey to a distant village. With night approaching, they kept their courage and pleaded for God's care and protection.

When at last they entered the village, it was already dark. People were suspicious of them. After asking for information, the group went directly to the barrio captain. Learning that they had come to sell books, he became prejudiced toward them. The leader of the group, Brother Maunes, pleaded for shelter in the house of the captain that evening, but he refused.

Where would they go? Once more they pleaded with the captain and told him they were willing to sleep beneath his house. Finally he took them to an abandoned house where they were told they might rest until morning.

Did God forsake them? By no means, He sent an angel to minister to them. They spent the night in earnest prayer, and as a result of their midnight prayer service the mighty arm of Providence sent help.

Early in the morning the four colporteurs approached the head teacher of the village school, who entertained them cordially. They were astonished when the teacher asked, "Where is your other companion? I saw you passing by yesterday, and there were five of you." The colporteurs insisted that they were only four. Nevertheless, the teacher replied, "No, you were five. I saw your group with my two eyes. One was dressed in white, and he was with you." Our colporteurs realized that the angel of the Lord was with them.

Immediately after the incident the group decided to canvass by pairs. They believed that the Lord was with them, and were richly blessed. They received large orders, with handsome deposits. When lunch time came, Brother Maunes and his companion, Brother Napone, approached a certain house with a request that food be prepared for them. There was no restaurant in the village. The owner gladly consented. When they began to eat they were surprised again when the host set three plates on the table instead of two.

These demonstrations of God's care and guidance give evidence that God is fulfilling His promises. Our faithful literature evangelists firmly believe that the fifth person with them on the way and the third, who was with the two at the table, were angels of heaven accompanying them in their literature ministry.



An interview with the Prime Minister of South Vietnam. Left to right:
Dr. F. A. Mote, medical director, Saigon Adventist Hospital; Prime
Minister Ky; H. D. Johnson, treasurer, Far Eastern Division; D. R. Guild,
president, Southeast Asia Union; Le Cong Giao, manager, Signs Press.

RULERS and KINGS

By DANIEL R. GUILD President, Southeast Asia Union AS HE spoke, the words of Jesus kept ringing in my ears: "Ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake."

His bright, sparkling eyes, his slight but radiant face, his impeccable dress, all make Le Cong Giao a man you would be willing to have represent you anywhere. He is the kind of man who can rightly represent the King of kings. So we had chosen him to be our spokesman, and there he stood in able command of our delegation.

We were in the restored presidential palace in downtown Saigon. As we entered the palace grounds we noticed a helicopter on the roof, and binoculars peering down, following our every step as we were escorted from our cars to the palace entrance. A doorman opened a large plate-glass door, and we entered the palace. An imposing stairway about 30 feet wide led to the audience chamber of the Prime Minister. The presidential pal-

ace is now occupied by Nguyen Cao Ky, Prime Minister of Vietnam. It has been completely restored, after being bombed several years ago. The décor is Oriental-modern.

As we entered the audience chamber my eyes circled the room. Plateglass walls and doors stretched out the full length of both sides of the large room. A widely spaced row of overstuffed chairs formed two straight lines on an inch-thick, deep-red Oriental carpet that covered most of the room. At one end of the room large Vietnamese lacquer paintings hung from walls that stretched up 50 feet to an inlaid ceiling with French cutglass chandeliers. At the far end of the room stood an imposing carved teak desk.

The protocol officer seated each of the 11 members of our delegation, taking care to locate its leaders near the place where the Prime Minister would sit. Upon entering, Prime Minister Ky circled the room, extending a friendly hand to each of the men in our delegation. He did not sit behind the imposing desk at the end of the audience chamber as I had expected, but chose a place on the couch beside H. D. Johnson, treasurer of the Far Eastern Division.

Le Cong Giao, manager of the Vietnam Signs Press, gave a brief introduction. Then Pham Thien, departmental secretary of the Viet Nam Mission, told the Prime Minister of the hope and aims of Seventh-day Adventists, of our desire to help his people. As these two young men stood there witnessing for their faith, the scripture kept ringing in my ears: "Ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake." I breathed a silent prayer for them and for the Prime Minister.

Ralph Neall, the mission president, presented a copy of *A Century of Miracles*, inscribed with the Prime Minister's name.

H. D. Johnson, who sat next to the Prime Minister, mentioned that we were honored at his choosing to send his daughter to our hospital for treatment.

"Oh, your hospital is very well known," he said. "So many go there and talk of it, that is why I sent my daughter there. But you need more space."

Pastor Johnson explained that though our facilities are meager, we have plans for a new hospital with more space and in a cleaner, quieter location. Then Dr. F. A. Mote, acting medical director of the Saigon Adventist Hospital, presented an album of photographs made from a model of the proposed new hospital.

We felt it was time to leave. But the Prime Minister began to speak. He spoke to us for about 20 minutes of his hopes, aims, desires for his people, and of his efforts to bring about peace for his country, ravaged by 20 years of war. He expressed his appreciation for our efforts to help his people, especially the sick and needy, and promised his full support.

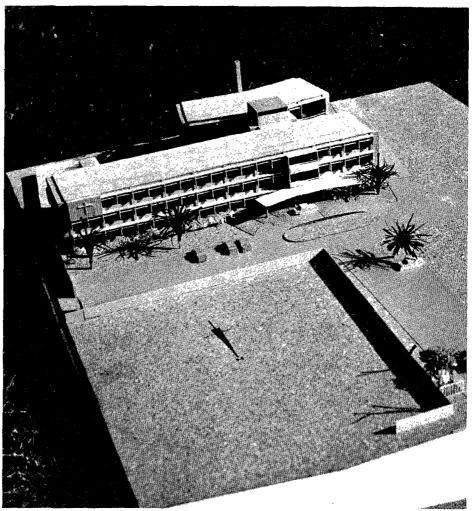
Pastor Pham Thien then offered an earnest prayer for peace in Vietnam, and for comfort and heart peace for its war-beleaguered people.

Our hospital sits on one of the busiest, noisiest, and dustiest corners in Saigon. The building is a remodeled house. Hallways are narrow. There is no elevator. The outpatient waiting room is so small that usually there are more patients waiting outside the building than inside.

Our hope and prayer is that soon we will be able to begin the modern hospital that is planned at our new location.



The Saigon Adventist Hospital is located on one of the busiest intersections of the city. At times more people are waiting outside the building than can crowd into the waiting room.

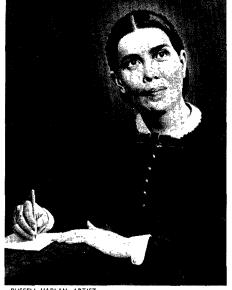


Architect's drawing of proposed new hospital, which will meet urgent need for more space.

The heart-warming story of finding a hitherto unknown personal message from Ellen G. White.

A LETTER From the Long Ago

By MRS. JOHN F. BROWNSBERGER



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FEW months ago there came into our home a collection of letters and documents from the long ago, and it fell to me to select what would be of permanent value. I found the letters to be an excellent review in denominational history, for many of them were written by pioneers in the message. There were letters from James White, George I. Butler (then president of the General Conference), S. N. Haskell, Dr. J. H. Kellogg, W. K. Kellogg, W. C. White, and many others. Those letters revealed facets of the hopes, aspirations, and problems of the church in that earlier day.

One day I came across a letter written in longhand, yellow with age, and frayed at its folds. The familiar handwriting startled me, for I had long been familiar with the script of Ellen G. White. This letter, sent from Denison, Texas, and dated March 22, 1879, was addressed to "Dear Sister Edith" and signed "Mother."

The closing signature puzzled me, for I had never seen a letter by Sister White addressed to a nonmember of the family in this way. I felt sure the letter was genuine, but I wanted verification. When my husband and I went to Washington in the summer of 1966, Dr. Brownsberger called on Elder Arthur White, of the White Publications office at the General Conference, and left the letter with him. In a few days a letter came from Elder White, which I quote in part:

"I want to thank you for bringing in the original letter which Sister White wrote to your mother, Edith Donaldson, while Sister White was in Denison, Texas. It helps to fill in some of the history, and also gives a nice little letter to a schoolgirl who was apparently a bit homesick. We have made a photocopy of this and are returning the original to you in harmony with your request. We are placing the letter in our files of E. G. White letters."

Counsel to a Young Woman

Since no part of this letter has ever before been published, I felt an urge to share it with others. I tried to locate Denison, Texas, on the map and found it to be a town 65 or 70 miles north of Dallas and near the Oklahoma line. In 1879 it was three days' journey by wagon from Dallas. But let me quote from the letter:

"We held quite a number of meetings in Dallas but could not remain long, as would appear best, on account of the promise to speak to the people in Denison. We left Dallas last Wednesday morning with two heavy wagons, loaded, two two-seated wagons called hacks, and our phaeton. . . . We had our large family tent and pitched it and for two nights occupied it. Fifteen composed our caravan: Elder Kilgore and his brother Scott, Brother and Sister McDearman, their two children—Hattie and Joseph—their niece Nettie Cole, and grandson Homer Salisbury, Brother Moore and his son Willie, Brother and Sister [A. G.] Daniells, Sister Davis, Brother and Sister White. . . .

"We arrived at home in Denison before Sabbath and were well arranged before sundown."

The above brief recital interested me much. I could readily visualize the journey, for in my childhood we often traveled by horse-drawn vehicles, usually by covered wagon, to the annual camp meetings, no matter how distant or how difficult the way. I knew what it meant to search for a campsite where water was obtainable, to eat our meals about an open campfire, to make up beds on the ground with quilts and blankets. (There were no air mats or sleeping bags in those days.) I can still hear the flapping of the canvas as the night winds blew, the patter of rain over our heads, and the muffled whispers of parents trying to still restless children so others could sleep. Then in the morning there was the dismantling of the tent, reloading of the wagons, and another meal by the campfire

In this particular caravan there were five vehicles, which probably meant ten horses. To us the life of the pioneers looks hard, but both laymen and ministers traveled in this primitive way. There was no murmuring or complaining because of difficulties; in fact, we didn't know we were having a hard time!

The second portion of the letter consists of personal counsel to a young student who was apparently discouraged, and troubled with homesickness and ill-health. Sister White

wrote in part:

"Now, Edith, we do not want you to leave Battle Creek. . . . Do not be the least bit discouraged. Lighten up on your studies and take things easier. Be of good courage and do not let anything trouble you. You must write me fully in regard to yourself and your purposes; but we will see you in the course of two weeks. We feel a deep interest that you should succeed in your plans in regard to education. . . . If it is the will of God for you to remain in Battle Creek, He will preserve you. And if it is best for you to take things more moder-

ately, and build up physically as well as mentally, God will bless and make

your efforts successful.

'Now I beseech of you to cast all your care, my dear child, upon Him who careth for you. Do not be of a doubtful mind, but trust the dear Saviour fully, implicitly. He loves to have us trust Him and He will respond to the confidence we give Him. . .

"Dear Edith, may you, my dear child, have strength, fortitude and courage, and perfect trust in God. Jesus lives. He will cheer, He will bless, He will give grace. Only trust Him. He loves you and He doth not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men. He loves to see us cheerful, hopeful, and happy.

'And now I will say farewell till we meet you. Do not leave Battle Creek till I shall see you.

"In much love, "Mother"

Edith did stay, and graduated from Battle Creek in 1881.

This letter written in the long ago, still carries a message to us today, not only to our youth who are tempted to be dropouts but to all who are treading the pathway to the city of God. All who have a heaven to win can find comfort and courage in this message to guide them through the troubles ahead. Soon the journey will be ended. Soon the gates to the city of God will open wide to receive those who are ready to meet their Lord and hear from His lips the words, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you."

An Old Rag Doll By EUNICE F. PHELPS

HEN I was a wee lass of about five, my parents left Canada and came to the United States. This was my first trip, and I was so thrilled that I could hardly wait to board the boat.

In my arms I held my most precious possession—a doll. How I loved her! But in the eyes of others, especially friends who came to see us off, she was just a dirty old rag doll that should be left behind. With the consent of my parents, a friend took the doll and when I was not looking threw her away.

Of course, at the time I was heartbroken, but soon amid the thrills of a boat trip and train ride and with a lovely new doll my father purchased at the first opportunity, I forgot my

loss of the rag doll. I do not even remember the pain of disappointment over losing it.

Now I am expecting to make another trip, a much longer, more exciting trip-to my heavenly home. Again I hold in my arms much-loved possessions—the things of earth. But I cannot take them along with me either. As I leave this old world they will have to be tossed away like my doll was more than 50 years ago.

But I do not mind. My heavenly

Father and my Elder Brother will give me something that is far better, something much more beautiful—a harp, a crown, a home, and, best of all, the privilege of being with them always.

Yes, the old rag doll will be entirely forgotten amid the thrills of this trip, for no human eye has seen, nor has any human ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the wonderful things God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Cor. 2:9).

The Art of Living.....when you're young YOUR PRAYERS

IT SEEMS to me that when you're young you're easily antagonized by "stylized" phraseology. And this can have a real bearing on your inability to communicate with God in a personal way. If you grew up in a "Now-I-lay-me-down-to-sleep" world, and a "God-is-great,-God-is-good,and-we-thank-Him-for-our-food" this was all to the good, and reassuring in your lisping years. But when you graduated to the "Thee" and "Thou" pronouns used by most people in addressing the Deity, perhaps a small rift opened up. I imply no criticism of any family prayers, for a young person should give fervent thanks that he grew up in a home where prayer was a part of life. Yet it is true that many families use a kind of hackneyed jargon-"We thank Thee for the rest of the night;" "Bless the colporteurs and the missionaries;" "Help us to set a watch upon our lips." All of these expressions are good and if the sentiments are meaningful to the people saying them, then that's all that's necessary. Perhaps these are expressions that are used in public prayer, while your parents and other adults use a much more personal approach in their private devotions.

Let's look at it this way: Usually one does not feel particularly comfortable in talking with strangers. Often he cannot think of anything to say, or he fears he may say "the wrong thing." But with a close friend-how dramatically different it is! There's no constraint, no selfconsciousness. Practice has produced ease and serenity of relationship.

That's exactly how it can, and should be, in your prayer life. If God is a stranger, you'll have little to say to Him -and even that "little" will be couched in the most stilted terms. But when God is your friend, a vital part of your life, you'll not be groping for words. For that matter, communication with Him is both possible and desirable without words.

It's important, I think, to bridge the

gap between childhood's simple, sometimes rhyming prayers, and the deeper prayers of maturity. It must be done if the tragedy of eventual prayerlessness is to be avoided. If you've labored under the misapprehension that you should never pray unless you feel like it, allow me to dispute that idea. Do you express gratitude to others for good things only on the impulse of feeling? Do you greet others only when you feel like doing so?

Prayer can't ever depend on something so unreliable as human emotion, for prayer is one element that nourishes the soul. Without it we may starve to death spiritually. You have a right to your spiritual food-who wants to be a "have not"?

Regular times for prayer, an attitude of closeness to God, a definite program in your life to produce this closeness-all these things will help produce that shining "oneness" with the universe, that sense of completeness, which has eluded you. Gone the old sensation of being "a stranger and afraid, in a world I never made."

I've always loved what Alfred, Lord Tennyson, said about prayer:

"More things are wrought by prayer Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice

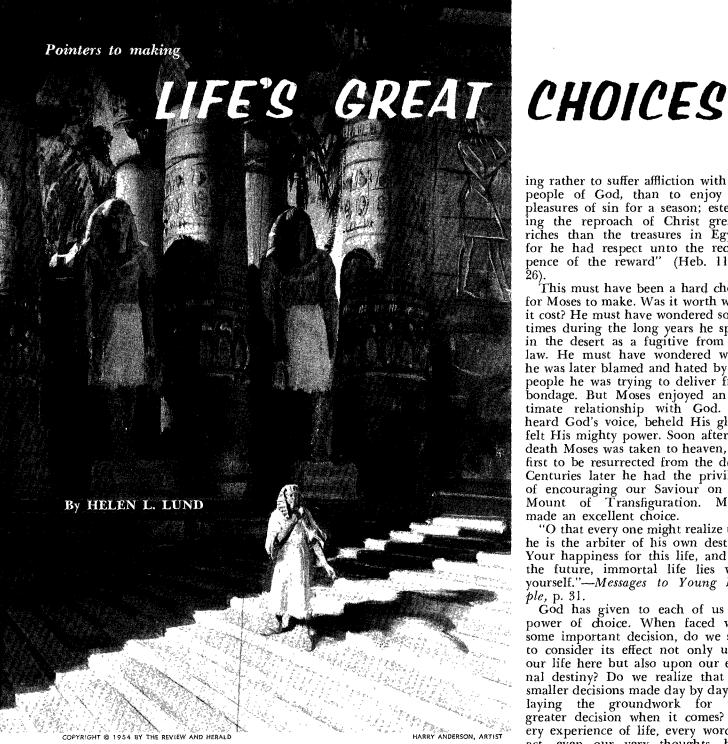
Rise like a fountain for me night and day. For what are men better than sheep or

That nourish a blind life within the brain, If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer

Both for themselves and those who call them friend?

For so the whole round earth is every way Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.'

Miriam Hood



N THE year 1936 Edward, the Prince of Wales, succeeded his father, King George V, to the throne of England. As a prince, Edward had been popular all over the world, and his own people looked forward to his reign. But after he took the throne it became known that he was in love with a woman who was not considered eligible to become queen. The new king was faced with a choice between his prospective marriage and the throne. In less than a year he abdicated in favor of his younger brother, who became George

Long ago in the land of Egypt another young prince renounced his right to the throne. This prince also was popular with the people over whom he was expected to reign. "Of great personal attractions, noble in form and stature, of cultivated mind and princely bearing, and renowned as a military leader, he became the nation's pride. . . . Egypt at this time being still the most powerful and most highly civilized of nations, Moses, as its prospective sovereign, was heir to the highest honors this world could bestow."—Education, p. 62. Like Prince Edward, Moses was

faced with a dramatic choice, between the throne of Egypt and the leadership of his own downtrodden people. Moses made a noble decision: "Choos-

ing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward" (Heb. 11:25,

This must have been a hard choice for Moses to make. Was it worth what it cost? He must have wondered sometimes during the long years he spent in the desert as a fugitive from the law. He must have wondered when he was later blamed and hated by the people he was trying to deliver from bondage. But Moses enjoyed an intimate relationship with God. He heard God's voice, beheld His glory, felt His mighty power. Soon after his death Moses was taken to heaven, the first to be resurrected from the dead. Centuries later he had the privilege of encouraging our Saviour on the Mount of Transfiguration. Moses made an excellent choice.

"O that every one might realize that he is the arbiter of his own destiny! Your happiness for this life, and for the future, immortal life lies with yourself."—Messages to Young Peo-

ple, p. 31.

God has given to each of us the power of choice. When faced with some important decision, do we stop to consider its effect not only upon our life here but also upon our eternal destiny? Do we realize that the smaller decisions made day by day are laying the groundwork for that greater decision when it comes? Every experience of life, every word or act, even our very thoughts, have their effect in the development of our character, either for good or ill.

> Sow a thought, reap an act; Sow an act, reap a habit; Sow a habit, reap a character; Sow a character, reap a destiny.

How important, then, that we choose carefully even the subjects on which we allow our mind to dwell. If we would build good character we may well take the advice of the apostle Paul: "Whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, what-soever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

If we take this counsel to heart, realizing that it is for our own good, we will ask ourselves questions such as these: In making choices day by day, am I choosing what is best for my character? What kind of radio and television programs do I indulge in? Are they educational and beneficial for body, mind, and soul, or are they the opposite? What kind of music do I listen to or play? Is it really good music? What kind of conversation do I enjoy-the beneficial kind? Or do I delight in mere gossip, lightness, and frivolity? What do I like to read? There are many wonderful books and magazines and many that are decidedly harmful. What kind do I usually choose?

A young couple of my acquaintance were married, years ago, and supposedly began to establish a Christian home. The wife had long been a church member, but somewhere along the way she had acquired the habit of reading stories in popular magazines. Since the husband had only recently been converted, he looked to her as an example.

This habit of hers had greatly weakened her Christian experience. Now it made her neglect her home duties, causing friction between the two. Eventually the spirituality of both grew less and less, and they finally left the church and took up with all the ways of the world. Today they are still far away from God, with no hope of eternal life. One of the important factors in their decline was that choice of unwise reading.

What are our leisure-time activities? Do they build up or tear down? Everyone needs some form of relaxation—is ours the type that truly re-creates?

"There are modes of recreation which are highly beneficial to both body and mind. An enlightened, discriminating mind will find abundant means for entertainment and diversion, from sources not only innocent, but instructive. Recreation in the open air, the contemplation of the works of God in nature, will be of the highest benefit."—Testimonies, vol. 4, p. 653.

There are many types of good recreation from which we may choose, but *how* do we choose? The ability to make good choices can be developed in children from their earliest years.

"Every child should understand the true force of the will. He should be led to see how great is the responsibility involved in this gift. The will is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or choice. Every human being possessed of reason has power to choose the right."— Education, p. 289.

Moses no doubt learned his ability to choose well when he was but a young child in the home of his own mother, Jochebed. She trained him until he was about 12 years of age. How carefully, prayerfully, and faithfully she must have done so, realizing that his future destiny lay in her hands.

Choices in Childhood and Youth

Mothers of young children today are often tempted to take a job outside the home in order to increase the family income, and leave their little ones to the care of others. They should consider well before making such a choice, for they are leaving them when they most need a mother's loving care and training.

Later on, the parents must choose where their children will attend school. Christian schools have been established for the purpose of saving our boys and girls from worldly influences and false theories. Yet, far too many Christian parents do not see the need of placing them where God is honored and where religious instruction is part of the daily schedule. What chances they are taking in the destiny of their children!

There comes a time when young people themselves must make serious choices. Often they can choose to attend a Christian school if they are willing to help earn their expenses. They must choose a lifework—an important decision if they are to be happy and successful. They need the counsel of parents and teachers; they need to discover their own capabilities; they need to pray much for God's guidance.

"To do our best in the work that

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lies nearest, to commit our ways to God, and to watch for the indications of His providence—these are rules that ensure safe guidance in the choice of an occupation."—Ibid., p. 267

Choosing a life companion is another choice that may change the whole course of life, determine future success and happiness, and affect one's eternal destiny. Here the emotions alone must not be allowed to dictate the choice. One should consider the character of the individual and the personality traits, the compatibility of ideas and interests, the goals of life, and especially the depth of Christian experience. If ever a choice is made the subject of prayer, this one should be. God is interested in every detail

in the lives of His children, and He will certainly guide in this decision if we ask Him to do so. Yet, how many young people want no interference, not even of their heavenly Father, when this important choice is to be made!

In this day of advanced education many older youth and adults must choose a school of higher learning. This too should be made a subject of prayer, for even the adult mind can be influenced by the philosophies and theories of the world. Years ago in Walla Walla College one teacher, a godly woman and former missionary, told how she felt this tremendous influence in the university she attended. She said that more than once she fought with all her strength, in prayer, in order to maintain her faith in God. The constant atheistic reasonings of her professors were almost more than she could resist. Now that we have our own universities and theological seminary, it is so much wiser if our youth and adults choose to obtain their higher education there.

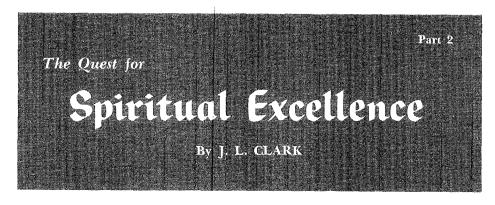
Choosing Christ

The most important choice of all life is, of course, the choice of Christ as one's Saviour. What a blessing when this choice is made early in life and becomes the core around which all the future is planned. But even a child reared in a Christian home must come to the place where this choice is really his own. No one will find salvation in an inherited religion; he must have a personal experience with God.

Loving service for others is perhaps one of the greatest blessings to the Christian, whether this service takes the form of a church office faithfully filled, a missionary project lovingly carried out, or regular employment conscientiously executed. To choose to love and help others is to choose the life and method of Jesus Himself. He lived to bless others, and so can we if we choose to do so.

"In every experience of life, God's word to us is, 'Choose you this day whom ye will serve.' Everyone may place his will on the side of the will of God, may choose to obey Him, and by thus linking himself with divine agencies, he may stand where nothing can force him to do evil."—Ibid., p. 289.

The safe plan is to kneel before our Maker each morning and place our life in His hands. If we ask Him to help us in making our daily choices, whether they be important decisions or minor ones, we can be successful. Then each choice will be a help and not a hindrance in our formation of a Christlike character.



HEN Solomon was young he was humble and teachable. His wisdom became the admiration of the world. People came from many lands to learn of Jehovah, and many were converted. But as his reign progressed, prosperity came. Riches, luxury, and his heathen wives turned his heart from God, and he became a profligate tyrant. What made the difference? The

things of this world.

Modern America in the 1960's is undergoing a period of unprecedented prosperity. This prosperity is seen in our church. Year by year our tithe and offerings increase, breaking all previous records. New church buildings, schools, hospitals, and other institutions appear. The value of these buildings and these institutions mounts into the millions of dollars. Material prosperity has come to God's people. No longer are we a simple, humble people concentrated in a small geographic area. Our name is known all over the globe. The fame of our medical work, of our fight against tobacco and alcohol, of our missions, our publishing houses, our welfare work, and our schools has spread to the four corners of the earth. Our denomination is publicized in the newspapers, magazines, and on radio and television. Our public relations image is good. Generally speaking, people like us and admire the work we are doing.

All of this is good. Yet there is a danger here, a danger that we will come to look to our work, to our institutions, to our offerings, to our contributions to the moral, physical, mental, and spiritual uplift of mankind, as ends in and of themselves. There is a danger that we will come to feel that we are all right spiritually so long as we are a part of all these activities. But such is not the case.

We are not saved because we are a part of a growing denomination that is thriving materially and increasing its membership and institutions. We are not saved because our parents are Seventh-day Adventists. We are not saved because we have attended an Adventist church school,

academy, and college. We are not saved by anything we can do or say. We are saved only by Jesus Christ. We must give our hearts completely and unreservedly to Him, and we must do it every day. We cannot enter the kingdom of heaven on the basis of a spiritual experience we once had with the Lord. We can only enter that kingdom of grace if we daily surrender our lives to Him.

It is because of this need for a daily surrender of self that our prayer life is so important. Each day, each morning, we need to surrender our hearts and lives anew to Jesus Christ. Yesterday's experience will not suffice for today. Today is the only day we have. We may never have another. So, today, surrender your heart. Do not wait for tomorrow and do not de-

pend on yesterday.

The Christian life is a journey toward the New Jerusalem. The perfection for which we strive is a relative thing. We may be perfect at every stage of our journey toward the Holy City. A green apple in the month of June is perfect at that stage of growth, but a green apple in October would not be thought perfect. In order to be a perfect apple it must progress, it must grow. So it is in the life of the Christian. We must grow, we must progress in the Christian way. Yesterday's spiritual experience will not suffice for today.

When we first come to Christ we are spiritual infants. As spiritual babes we are not ready for the strong meat of the Word of God, but must be fed on milk. Says Peter, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). But we cannot live continually on milk. There comes a time in our spiritual experience when we must be weaned, when we are ready to study into the deeper things of God's Word, when we should begin digging down to find new nuggets of truth. We should not be satisfied with a knowledge of the truth of God that is limited to what we knew when we were converted. If we are not continually learning new things about God and His Word; if we are not continually progressing in our appreciation of the beauty of the character of Jesus; if we are not continually becoming more sympathetic, more understanding, more tactful, more kind, more thoughtful, and more lovable, there is something wrong with our Christian experience. The spiritual experience we once had, no matter how precious it may have been, will not suffice for today.

The Bible studies we once used may not be sufficient for today's needs. In our work for souls we need to be continually changing, adapting, molding our methods to the needs of the people with whom we are working. The message of truth will ever remain the same, but our understanding of it, our appreciation of its depth, height, length, and breadth, will change with the passage of time. Experience will give us a new outlook. If it does not, our spiritual life will stagnate and die. We need to be continually progressing.

"Those who embrace the truth should seek a clear understanding of the Scriptures and an experimental knowledge of a living Saviour. The intellect should be cultivated, the memory taxed. All intellectual laziness is sin, and spiritual lethargy is death."—Testimonies, vol. 4, p. 399.

Notice that the servant of the Lord says that intellectual laziness is sin. There is no excuse for a lack of progress in knowing God's Word and the Spirit of Prophecy writings. If we neglect to study them we will be the losers. Our lives will reveal our lack of spiritual power. We may be very active in doing things for others, but unless we are continually learning new things about God and His Word, our lives will "have a form of godliness" without "the power thereof." If we are to grow spiritually we must exert every energy of mind and body in order to grow.

Just as the physical body needs exercise, so does the spiritual body. "The more you exercise your powers for the Master, the more apt and skillful you will become. The more closely you connect yourself with the Source of light and power, the greater light will be shed upon you, and the greater power will be yours to use for God."—Ibid., vol. 5, p. 458.

The more closely we connect ourselves with Christ, the more light we will receive. The more we exercise our powers of mind, of body and soul for Him, the more skillful we will become. As we renew our spiritual perceptions at the Source of all power—Jesus—we will be charged with spiritual energy. We will then go out and work for others, sharing with them the experience that has been ours.

(Concluded)

Tor Homemakers



RANDMOTHER was just the age I am now when my father took me to visit her at the big, old-fashioned family home in Nevada, Iowa.

Fifty years of hardship had softened the glow in her dark eyes, and dusted her heavy coils of dark hair with silver. Her once-slim young softness had long since turned into a woman's mature figure.

She had reared her seven children with two aims in view—to see that each one got the best education a widow's limited finances could provide, and to prepare all of them to meet her in heaven.

The girls and little Paul were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church early in life. But it was different with John, the oldest son, young Dave, and Tom, who became

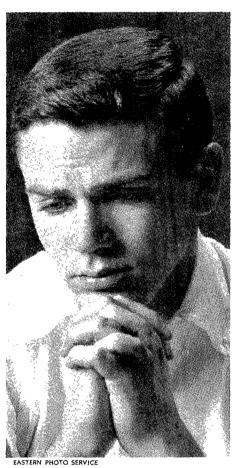
my father.

Through the years of their boyhood and manhood, and to the very end of her life, "Gramma" prayed for the conversion of these boys. Her most precious possession, besides her children, was her Bible. In it was the promise she quoted so often: "I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children."

When I was five she came to live near us in the San Joaquin valley of California. It was there, sitting in my little chair beside Gramma's rocker, that I heard the story of the blue velvet suits. Gramma had made the suits for Davy with the dark curls, and Tommy with the fair ones, when they were three and five years old. A stranger visiting in the community had complimented her on the careful work that had gone into the making of the little suits. Then Gramma, rocking gently and dreaming of the long ago, said that the woman had told her the velvet was just the color of the little boys' eyes.

"Such bonny boys, so beautiful," Gramma's voice was rich with pride as she repeated the long-ago words. One knew she agreed with the woman.

As the boys grew to manhood they became less and less like their mother's ideal. They left home early to make their own way in the world, and saw rough times and situations that would have shocked their mother. Along the way they also acquired habits that weren't easy for them to break.



Gramma had prayed for the conversion of her boy, Tom, during his youth and manhood.

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PROMISED

By LOIS HANSEN

These they tried to keep a secret from their mother, but Gramma knew more than they thought she did. Her heart was sick within her, but she could still pray for her sons, and that she did. Sometimes the boys heard her, her voice thick with tears, as she pleaded with God to save her dear ones. Their hearts were touched when they saw her sweet face contorted with spiritual pain, but not to the extent of giving up their bad habits. The devil's hold on them was strong, very strong.

In 1927, when Dave died a sudden, violent death by his own hand, Gramma clasped her Bible closer and found comfort in its precious promises. From the time of that deep sorrow she lived for five more years, but her heart wasn't really in it. Davy was gone, John was too busy even to write home, and Tommy was still not converted. Gramma's belief in God's promises was as strong as ever, but she had been praying for so long, and her body was worn and tired. Just before her seventy-sixth birthday, on a cold November night, she quietly went to sleep.

After her death, good friends spoke to Tom of her great desire to see her boys saved. Through the tears of his loss he answered them, "Not yet; I can't see my way clear yet."

In 1932, when the depression came, Tom, like many of his farmer neighbors, went under financially. Worry and strain brought on a severe stroke. During the next eight years it tore his family's heart to see his trembling, crippled movements, and to hear his garbled speech. But we were thankful his mind remained clear.

His mother's Bible was always beside him in those days. He read and reread the precious promises that she had loved, and at long last he began to realize that they were meant for him too. The rest of us couldn't see how Gramma's prayers for him could ever be answered, but we were wrong.

As Tom read his mother's Bible he must have heard echoes of her voice praying for him. He must have remembered the look of pain on her face as she pleaded with God to save her boy. He must have remembered, too, how tired she had grown waiting for her prayers to be answered. Finally the warmth of his mother's love and God's melted Tom's proud old heart, and he asked for baptism.

He was too weak to go to the church and publicly make known his decision, so his pastor, Elder Harry

Wescott, came to him.

They made a sanctuary of the bathroom, and there on a Sabbath morning in January, Elder Wescott baptized Tom in his own bathtub. There seemed to be the brush of angel wings in that white-tiled room, and I'm sure God smiled His approval.

Two weeks later, at peace with God and himself, Tom went to his last long sleep. A pale sun broke through the clouds like a benediction as kind friends laid him under the new spring

grass beside his mother.

Now we are looking forward to the day when the voice of Jesus wakens Gramma and the boy for whom she prayed for a lifetime. What a surge of joy will fill her heart when she turns and sees her bonny son, and hand in hand they rise to meet Jesus.



A Special Sabbath Afternoon-1

By HELEN KELLY

JO ANN KNEW this Sabbath was going to be a special one for her and her younger sister May, for their friends, Miss Florence and Miss Pearl, were going to spend the afternoon at their home. After dinner they would all go for a walk along a nature trail.

Miss Florence and Miss Pearl had lived a long, long time. But they seemed to know so many interesting things about the birds and other little creatures of the wild, and about all the flowers and trees. It was fun to be with them.

After dinner, while mother stacked the dishes in the sink and put the food away, Jo Ann and May skipped outside. When they returned a few minutes later, each of the girls had one hand behind her back.

Jo Ann walked over to where Miss Florence was seated. "This is for you," she said, handing her guest a small bouquet of wildflowers. May went to Miss Pearl and placed a bouquet in her hand. "This one is for you," she said.

"Thank you so much," they both said, and the happy sound in their voices told the little girls that Miss Florence and Miss Pearl liked their little surprise.

The two women examined the flowers. "Here's some clover." Miss Pearl pointed to a reddish flower.

"And this is shepherd's-purse," said Miss Florence, touching the little seed purses on the plant.

"And of course, these are violets, and this is a buttercup," continued Miss Pearl.

Soon mother had the table cleared. "I guess we can go now," she said, turning to daddy. "Do you have the binoculars?

'I'll get them from the closet," he said. Miss Pearl looked out of the living room window. "There's an orchard oriole in the apple tree. Its color is not as bright as that of a Baltimore oriole."

"Where is it, Mother?" Jo Ann looked where Miss Pearl pointed. "Oh, yes, I see it now.'

"You can see it better through the binoculars." Daddy handed the glasses to Miss Pearl. Mother took the bird book from the shelf and found the picture of the oriole.

"If you hadn't shown it to us we probably wouldn't have noticed it," said mother.

"Are we ready to go?" daddy asked, opening the door. Jo Ann and May followed mother and their guests outside while daddy locked the door.

"We'll drive over to Mount Clement Park," daddy said as he backed the car out of the driveway.

"Everything is so green and pretty now that summer's almost here," Miss Florence said, looking out of the window on her side as the car sped along the shaded drive. "Oh, see the bluebells!"

The two girls peered out the back window. After a while daddy pulled the car to the side of the road, and everyone got out to admire some bell-like flowers growing up the grassy slope.

They really look like bells, don't they, Mommy?" May bent over the dangling

blossoms. "What are these?" Jo Ann looked down at a small white flower with

rounded leaves on long thin stems. 'That's rue anemone. Over there are some spring beauties, and here's May apple." Miss Pearl pointed out the flowers she had named.

Miss Florence picked up a small green plant and rubbed its stem with her finger. You see the fuzz on its stem," she said. "This helps to keep it warm on a cold day, like fur on an animal.'

"I wonder what else we will see in these woods," Jo Ann said as she and May ran down the path ahead of the others.

(To be continued)

LETTERS TO THE

Fellowship of Prayer

SAVED FROM LIQUOR BUT STILL UNSAVED

EDITORS: Will you be so kind as to once again put our son's name on your prayer list? At one time he was a hopeless, helpless alcoholic with his health about gone. You prayed for him then, and thanks be to God, he has not touched liquor for almost four years. But he has never given his heart to the Lord. He is still smoking, and is very unhappy. His little boy, seven years old, whom he loves dearly, is going blind. He has been to the best specialists in this country, but each time the verdict has been the same -an unusual and hopeless case. Now he is in a school for the blind, but he does have just a trace of sight left. If God will spare him that tiny bit, it will help him so much. I would not ask for prayer that his sight be restored, because God may be working through him to win his father. Please pray that he will remember the things I have taught him and that he will always love Jesus. Please pray that his father will be truly converted. This must be so for both their sakes, and surely it must be God's will.-Mrs. T., of Virginia.

PRAISE THE LORD

EDITORS: I asked that you pray for my husband to accept the Lord. He is now studying with our pastor and plans to be baptized soon. Praise the Lord. I am so thankful for your prayers, and I thank the Lord for answering them. He is very kind.-Mrs. P., of California. EDITORS: Please pray that my dear husband may lose his desire for tobacco, so that he will want to stop smoking and that he will have the will power from God to stop smoking. Also pray for my dear son-in-law that he will stop drinking liquor and that he and all my family will give their hearts to our blessed Lord. This is a large order, but nothing is impossible to our dear Lord.

In answer to a prayer request to you about two years ago, my two daughters are now coming to church, Praise His name above all names.-Mrs. L., of California.

OTHER CONVERSIONS

EDITORS: I would like to share the good news with you that my daughter-in-law accepted the truth and was baptized recently. Thank you so much for supporting me by your prayers, which our merciful Father in heaven answered. Continue to pray that she will grow in grace.-Mrs. W., of California.

EDITORS: About four or five years ago I asked you to pray for my two sons. One was out of the fold 26 years and was a chain smoker. I could not talk to him. He would just say, "Pray for me." I want to thank you all for your prayers. Today he is rejoicing in the third angel's message and is living for Christ. My other son hasn't taken his stand yet. My granddaughter has left the truth. It breaks my heart, as I know we haven't much time to lose. Please pray that I may see her again rejoicing in the message.-Mrs. A., of California.

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.

From the Editors

INTERNAL V. EXTERNAL SINS

One thing is certain: The externals of religion are of intense interest to a large segment of the church. One need only read the current mail of the Review editors to discover that opinions of readers are anything but indefinite on the tendency of some church members to follow

prevailing dress fashions.

All of the letter writers—those who are disturbed by the shortness of skirts, by high heels, or by sleeveless dresses—have a real point. They feel that God's people should not imitate immodest or unhealthful fashions. They are concerned lest Adventists slavishly follow the world and thus lose their distinctive character. Ellen G. White herself wrote at one time:

"I was shown that some of the people of God imitate the fashions of the world, and are fast losing their peculiar, holy character, which should distinguish them as God's people. . . . In these last days fashions are shameful and immodest. They are noticed in prophecy. They were first brought in by a class over whom Satan has entire control, who being past feeling (without any conviction of the Spirit of God), have given themselves over unto lasciviousness to work all uncleanness with greediness.' "-- Spiritual Gifts, vol. 2, pp. 227, 228.

Some members who have no great burden on the question of dress specialize in concern about jewelry, excessive

make-up, and extreme hair styles.

Now, externals are important. Often they reveal attitudes of mind and heart. We think, however, that it is possible for Christians to be concerned about some aspects of Christian living to the almost total exclusion of others. They may be overly occupied with motes when they should be concentrating on beams.

Christ, in His earthly ministry, endeavored at one time to point up the need for balance in following God's will. Said He: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matt. 23:23). Jesus did not minimize the need for paying a faithful tithe; He pointed out that this was important; but He declared that to do this to the exclusion of the "weightier matters of the law" was a mistake.

Equally Serious Sins

The same holds true today. We must not ride religious hobbies. We must emphasize all aspects of faithfulness to God's will. For example, are all of us as concerned about sinful pride as we are about how we and our fellow church members should dress? Are we as concerned about self-will? Ellen G. White says that "self-will and pride are evils that turned angels into demons and barred the gates of heaven against them."-Child Guidance, p. 178.

These sins, if not conquered, will effectually bar the gates of heaven against us also. Yet how seriously do we take these evil traits in our own lives? How often do we pray for our children, as we see evidences of these characteristics developing? How often do we write to our denominational leaders to express concern over the appearance of self-will and pride in the church?

Think also of the sin of covetousness. In Scripture we have proof not only that covetousness destroys an individual who indulges it but also that it may bring disaster and defeat upon the entire church. "Anciently, Achan coveted a golden wedge and a Babylonish garment, and secreted them, and all Israel suffered; they were driven before their enemies."—Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 140.

This record reveals for all time God's attitude toward covetousness, and the result of cherishing it. Surely this sin should be put away today when Israel needs to be strong in standing for right, in this day when a special outpouring of the Spirit of God is needed for fulfilling the gospel commission. The presence of this sin among us should cause alarm and should drive us to our knees in repentance and confession.

Doubt and unbelief are other evils that, though seldom warned against, are deadly. We read, "God gives sufficient evidence for the candid mind to believe; but he who turns from the weight of evidence because there are a few things which he cannot make plain to his finite understanding will be left in the cold, chilling atmosphere of unbelief and questioning doubts, and will make shipwreck of faith. . . . Jesus never praised unbelief; He never commended doubts."—*Ibid.*, vol. 4, pp. 232, 233. Without question, it is serious for one to dress in a

manner that is out of keeping with Christian principles. But is this more serious than to express doubt concerning the great truths of God's Word? In the long run, which will do more damage—to look like the world or to think like the world? How awful will be the results of expressing unbelief and doubt, particularly about such questions as the inspiration of God's Word, the authenticity and historicity of the Creation record in Genesis, and the reliability of the old landmarks!

We might mention other sins that, because they are "internal" rather than "external," receive comparatively little attention and awaken only minimum concern. Think, for example, of jealousy, a sin that brought disaster to Lucifer and his followers in heaven. Think also of the kindred sin of fault-finding. And think of self-righteousness, a sin that places one almost beyond help.

Satan at Work

As Adventists, we believe we are on the very verge of the eternal world. We believe that Jesus is coming soon. We believe that Satan has come down with great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time. The enemy is doing all that he possibly can to blunt the force of truth, to lead men to feel that they are better than they are, and then to hurry them along to destruction.

'The powers of Satan are at work to keep minds diverted from eternal realities. The enemy has arranged matters to suit his own purposes. Worldly business, sports, the fashions of the day—these things occupy the minds of men and women. Amusements and unprofitable reading spoil the judgment. In the broad road that leads to eternal ruin there walks a long procession."—Ibid., vol.

But so far as God's people are concerned, the picture is not hopeless. It is filled with promise. "At this time—a time of overwhelming iniquity-a new life, coming from the Source of all life, is to take possession of those who have the love of God in their hearts."—Ibid., p. 44.

How encouraging this is. The people of God are to receive new life from above. They are to experience revival and reformation.

The concern that many church members feel regarding some aspects of Christian living doubtless is an evidence that the Spirit of God is stirring their souls. But let us all beware lest we concentrate merely on those sins that are readily observable. Let us not become so involved with deviations from right in dress that we ignore great sins such as pride, covetousness, and evil-speaking. In penitence for our personal failings, let us gather at the foot of the cross. There we shall see everything in right perspective. There we shall receive power to transform us into the divine likeness—both internally and externally.

K. H. W.

A PLANNED LIFE

Moon spacecraft Surveyor 3 is currently at rest on the gentle slope of a small crater near the eastern lunar shore of the Ocean of Storms. Upon earth command, its accordionlike arm and its robot fingers dig a narrow furrow a few inches deep into the lunar surface, to determine the nature of the lunar soil, and a close-up television camera records the operation. To make such an out-of-this-world feat possible, Surveyor 3 was equipped and programmed in advance to carry out certain missions when a radio reminder from Goldstone, California, jogs its electronic memory.

Before the Saviour came to this earth, we are told, He saw the full length of the path He must travel in order to redeem what had been lost as a result of sin. The plan for His mission to earth lay open before Him, perfect in every detail. Each event of His life took place in fulfillment of that plan, and each had its appointed hour. Every act of His ministry was far reaching in its purpose, and comprehended more than appeared in the act itself. Every deed, every word, had its purpose in the work of our redemption, and each was calculated to produce its own result.

But when the Son of God came to walk as a man among men He voluntarily laid aside His independent knowledge of that plan, as He laid aside other prerogatives of Deity. On earth He was guided step by step by the Father's will as the plan was unfolded to Him day by day. From time to time the Saviour devoted entire nights to prayer. In each instance the context reveals that each night so spent immediately preceded some crisis or other important event in His life and ministry—as, for instance, the night before His selection of the twelve, and the night before the crisis in Galilee (Luke 6:12, 13; Matt. 14:23; cf. John 6:66). Every season of prayer brought Jesus into direct contact with the Father, that He might know the Father's will.

(These comments are based on *The Desire of Ages*, pages 147, 208, 209, 265, 393, 410, 451.)

An Ideal Plan for Our Lives

Just as surely, the heavenly Father has an ideal plan for our individual lives, and if we rely on Him as the Saviour did while on earth, our lives, like His, will be but the simple outworking of the Father's will for us. If we submit to Him and trust in His strength and wisdom, He will guide our feet in safe paths, to fulfill our part in His master plan for us.

God does not compel us to do anything. We are not like Surveyor 3, robots with no power over our actions and our destiny. God endowed us with intelligence and gave us the power to choose whether to follow where He points the way or to go our own way to destruction. We have all made mistakes, perhaps grievous ones. But however far we may have wandered from His master plan for our lives, He is ready to begin again, at any moment, with a revised plan that will be best for us from that

moment forward. He does not reveal the plan all at once, but if we keep the channel of communication open He will provide us with the necessary instructions hour by hour and day by day.

God's way is always the best way. His perfect plan for us is infinitely better than anything we can devise ourselves. It will bring us the truest satisfaction this life has to offer and the highest happiness that can come to us this side of heaven. We may have spoiled the original pattern, but the ruin is never so complete but that the Master Craftsman can take the tangled threads into His own skilled hands and still make a thing of beauty out of it. He asks only that we cooperate with Him.

Jesus repeatedly expressed the thought that He had come to this earth, not to do His own will, but the will of the Father (John 5:30; 6:38; etc.). Upon one occasion He told His disciples that His food—that which sustained Him—was to do the will of the One who had sent Him. This life offers no greater satisfaction than the knowledge that we are where God wants us, and that we are doing what God wants us to do. This sense of partnership with God brings strength, courage, and success. How often we pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We can open the way for God to answer that prayer in our own lives by willing that His will be done in us.

It is our privilege to be in permanent and continuous radio contact with God through prayer. It is also our privilege to do, intelligently and by our own free choice, that which God knows is best for us each hour of each day. As Surveyor 3 kept its eye on the star Canopus throughout its flight to the moon, let us keep our eyes of faith fixed on Christ, and let us ever be ready to alter course or to carry out any other mission that He sees is best for us. Thus we shall arrive safely at our desired destination.

R. F. C.

MAN'S SELF-DESTROYING ACTIVITIES

Despite the widespread concept that man's answers will soon catch up with the world's problems, a perceptive person here and there notices that some aspects of human life are degenerating.

A number of such thoughtful persons gathered not long ago in Washington, D.C., for a Smithsonian Institution symposium on "The Quality of Man's Environment." An observer at the sessions came away feeling that "man is learning almost too late that he is about to destroy the very roots of his being, something called nature. . . . He must adapt his technological skills to a closer relationship with the natural environment."

The headline over the report read like the title of an Adventist sermon: "Time Running Out—Man's Self-destroying Activities." But unlike an Adventist sermon's conclusion, this symposium did not suggest a supernatural solution. "What is needed," the newspaper report said, "is long-range planning unified by an orderly system." We doubt that this phrase, "an orderly system," means God.

In some ways and in some countries life is definitely more comfortable now than it was a decade or a century ago. Technology has provided shock absorbers for almost all life's physical bumps. Even elevators stop more gently.

But life is not necessarily better because it is more comfortable. Not all life's bumps are physical. Tension and stress are not relieved by additional home appliances. Crime does not decrease as the speed of travel increases. Poverty does not shrink as the gross national product rises. The paradox of modern life is that mankind is not only making his lot miserable by the time-honored means of war, dishonesty, and greed; he is now using the

technology that brings him creature comforts to press misery deeper into his own existence. More cars on the highways mean more jobs and greater mobility, but they also mean more air pollution and vaster landscape-blighting junkyards. Increased manufacturing means more consumer goods and a healthier economy, but it also means additional industrial waste and larger city dumps for what people throw away.

The decay of cities and the destruction of war are but the accumulation of petty neglects and incipient jealousies totaled across families, tribes, communities, and nations. Every rat-infested house, every grassless yard, every empty cupboard, every littered street, every knife-slashed face witnesses to greed and hate. Blindly, unwittingly, the Christless world is turning upon itself, stabbing itself in the back.

Blight, decay, contamination—these are the signs of sin, in a man and in a world. And the destiny of sin is destruction.

When the end of time arrives, the punishment handed down by the divine Judge will not be an arbitrary sentence as though from a god whose feelings have been hurt. It will be the outworking of the plan of destruction, devised by Satan and accepted by those who favor selfishness above service, lawlessness above obedience. It will be the fruitage of man's self-destroying activities.

F. D. Y.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

EDITORS: It was with much interest and approval that I read the letter of Roselyn Edwards in the Review of March 30, regarding standardized dress, or uniform, for our schools. The points she mentions seem to really have merit. I am quite sure that those of us who have sent children through our schools can testify that a program such as she outlines would be beneficial to all concerned.

One additional benefit might be added. The students would immediately be identified as Adventists. This could be good, or not so good, depending upon the conduct of the wearer, but most of our young people are well behaved, and I feel the uniform or type dress used would act as a deterrent to those who would be inclined to "act up" a little.

Personally I am for it.

Fred N. Varney Barboursville, West Virginia

EDITORS: I noticed in the March 30th issue of the Review a letter to the editor in regard to uniforms for school children. I am in hearty agreement with Roselyn Edwards on this subject. I believe our academies and church-sponsored elementary schools could greatly benefit from a program like this. I'm sure I am not wrong in saying that most if not all the conference-sponsored academies are not meeting the Spirit of Prophecy standards for dress. What girl when she sits down has her knees covered?

In Puerto Rico—and possibly other countries where we have academies—our young people wear uniforms. Why can't they here?

RUTH B. POTTS

Florence, Alabama

EDITORS: Being a room mother, I recently sat in on a meeting of the mothers, principal, and eighth-grade teacher. We were discussing proper dress for eighth-grade graduation. At that time I brought up the subject of uniforms and was pleased to have some agree with me. (I realize each of us has his own ideas and you'll seldom get one hundred per cent agreement.) I surely say a big Amen to Roselyn Edwards' letter in the March 30, 1967, Review. The only thing I could add to

her splendid letter is a thought from Counsels to Parents and Teachers, page 302: "In the professed Christian world enough is expended for jewels and needlessly expensive dress to feed all the hungry and to clothe the naked." From the style shows I see in the schools now, I fully agree!

BARBARA COX

Ceres, California

EDITORS: I am writing in regard to the letter written by Roselyn Edwards in the Letters From Readers. I agree with her concerning uniforms in our schools, I am a young mother with one school-age and two preschool children. Every mother I have ever talked to has agreed with school uniforms. When I was in academy all of us girls were occupied with the idea of clothes-every penny went for clothes, we were envious of the rich, scorned the poor. It's no different now in our schools. Fashion is a big thing in our world. It scares me to think of how I'll have to sew and sew for our children, so they will be able to compete with the fashions in school. I realize fashion shouldn't be such a big thing in our lives, but it is always there hounding us.

Every time I see Catholic children on their way to school, I admire the way they always look so neat and clean in their uniforms.

I vote for uniforms!

I also agree on the idea of one lesson (Sabbath school) for the whole family. It would bring the family closer together in religion.

MARILYN BEACH

Yucaipa, California

SECOND GENERATION OF BIBLICAL ILLITERACY

EDITORS: Your editorial on Biblical illiteracy in the February 9 issue was not a surprise except for the fact that it represented freshmen in a Christian college. During the last three decades we have seen similar reports from universities pertaining to their freshmen.

When in 1908 I began to hold public efforts, we could use Biblical illustrations with telling effect by merely referring to the incident. Facial expressions of both young and old indicated definitely that they got the full benefit of the illustrations used. Not much change was noticed during the second decade of this century, but during the 1920's some of the younger ones present did not seem to get the full impact of Biblical illustrations. In the next decade it was necessary to tell the whole Bible story to avoid blank looks on many faces.

In 1931 an attorney asked me to translate

a will for him. In it occurred the expression: "I hope what little there is will be as oil in the widow's cruse and the meal in her barrel."

"What does he mean by this?" asked the attorney. I told him the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath. "That's interesting," he said, "I'm going to use that story in my work. I have never heard it before."

This indicates that we are living at least in the second generation of Biblical illiteracy. Seventh-day Adventists must make increased efforts to acquaint people with the Bible and its teachings.

H. O. OLSON

Glendale, California

EVILS OF FASHION

EDITORS: "Fashion is deteriorating the intellect and eating out the spirituality of our people. Obedience to fashion is pervading our Seventh-day Adventist churches, and is doing more than any other power to separate our people from God. . . . There is a terrible sin upon us as a people, that we have permitted our church members to dress in a manner inconsistent with our faith. We must arise at once, and close the door against the allurements of fashion. Unless we do this our churches will become de-moralized." "Simplicy of dress will make a woman appear to the best advantage. . . . A refined taste, a cultivated mind, will be revealed in the choice of simple, appropriate attire." I believe these words from the messenger of God apply to the times in which we now live.

Dora Rogers Martin

Danville, Indiana

LONGER INDOCTRINATION

EDITORS: So many things to commend in the REVIEW! One could write every week.

I'm too long in writing appreciation for the report from R. H. Pierson in "The Forward Look in Northern Europe," January 12 issue, and of J. F. Coltheart's procedure in expecting candidates to "attend church five or six months before baptism, and other care . . . to assure conversion and careful indoctrination."

We would frown on a three-week courtship before marriage; I never understood the three-week efforts before baptism, except perhaps for those who already had long acquaintance with truth.

I would like to see our baptismal reports the year after. Then we could judge better the success of an effort.

Heflin, Alabama J. F. Vogt, Jr.

Reports From Far and Near

Medical Missionaries at Vellore Win Converts

By CARROLL S. SMALL, M.D.

For about 15 years the Southern Asia Division has sent Adventist young peo-ple to Christian Medical College at Vel-lore for their medical education. At first we had one student, then three, then more and more. Various overseas doctors and their families have served on the staff of the college and acted as foster parents to the students and as leaders in mission

In November, 1958, E. L. Sorensen, then president of the South India Union, organized the group into a regular church. Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Patt, who served at Vellore from 1954 to 1966, were charter members, along with Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Small and their daughter Mary. The church then included 13 medical students and six local members not connected with the school.

The growth of the church at Vellore during the intervening years was indicated on Communion day in January when 58 shared in the Lord's Supper, a far cry from the two or three of 15 years ago. The latest additions were five converts baptized December 31. They were brought in through the work of Pastor D. Balraj and his Tamil church helpers and were baptized by Pastor M. Thavasimoney from nearby Ambur town.

The five baptized were, with one ex-

ception, fresh converts from Hinduism. They, together with two students sent by the Vellore church to our boarding schools near Thanjuvur and Bangalore, are the first fruits of evangelism by Ad-



D. Balraj (at left) listens while M. Thavasimoney examines the five converts who recently joined the Vellore, India, church.

ventist students and others near Vellore. Christian Medical College was founded by Dr. Ida S. Scudder, daugher and granddaughter of missionary physicians in India. Located in South India, this

college is the center of Christian medical education for more then 60 mission bod-

ies in India.

Twenty-five Seventh-day Adventist young people have graduated from the medical course here. These students and the overseas staff members who have been their teachers and church leaders have sponsored an active missionary program in the villages near Vellore. Over the years the membership has grown. More students, not only of medicine, but of nursing, laboratory technology, and pharmacy, have come. Several nurses have joined the working staff of the Christian Medical College Hospital and added to our numbers.

When a Tamil-language pastor was stationed at Vellore by the Tamil Section (conference) committee, more active evangelism began in nearby villages. The results are now evident in baptisms from the local people with more to come, as well as four baptisms to date among Tamil children sent to our boarding schools.

The program of sponsoring boarding school students has an interesting history. Early in his 12-year stay as a teacher in the college, Dr. Albert J. Patt with his wife, Donna, saw that the village of Chiteri, a mile from the college campus, needed spiritual help. They and the Seventh-day Adventist students, with other Adventist staff families, organized a branch Sabbath school, which has had as many as 70 children enrolled. As the children grew, our believers saw that they needed Christian education.

At first one girl, Kasthuri, went fear-fully 250 miles from home in 1962 to our E. D. Thomas Memorial High School near Thanjuvur in Madras State. Her fears allayed, she convinced three of her village friends to go in 1963. The next year 14 applied to the Vellore church for financial help to attend the school. In 1965 about 30 applied and 14 were chosen to go, and in 1966, of the 40 applicants, 14 were chosen, some going to E. D. Thomas High School to study in Tamil, the local language, and the older ones to our English-medium Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School at Ban-

The expense of educating these young people, mostly from Hindu homes, is met by the Vellore church. To pay fees and board and room for a student costs about Rs. 400 per year.

The first girl to be sponsored, Kasthuri, was baptized in April, 1966. Another, Rani, was baptized a month later, along with Yesumany and Violet, children of Adventist parents in the Vellore church. Four more are in the baptismal class at Lowry Memorial School now.

The Vellore church members are greatly encouraged at the results of this plan of sending village children to school. We hope that a continuation of the plan may yield a continuing harvest, and that some of these may become active in giving the Advent message in India.

Teen-age Murder Suspect Baptized in Montevideo

By GASTÓN CLOUZET President Uruguay Mission

Francisco Varela Gorga, a young man sent to jail for participation in a theft and a murder, was ready for baptism. Several months of fervent and steady work by two Missionary Volunteers had pre-pared him to begin a new life free from crime and sin.

The Central church in Montevideo, Uruguay, was packed for the baptismal service. Every seat and aisle was occupied by church members, visitors, and reporters of several city newspapers.

During the meeting Francisco gave his personal testimony of God's power to deliver from sin and to give peace and salvation to the human soul. This is a portion of what he said:

"Four years ago I was going to and fro in the world with a broken soul, with a broken will, without hope, without peace; I had transgressed God's and men's laws. On October 25, 1962, the police found me and I was sent to jail. What a difference four years has made; I am in a temple, ready to submerge my sinful life in the baptismal waters and to begin a new life in Christ.

"I was only 18 years old when I was sent to prison. My relatives had made great sacrifices to help me gain a good education, and that was my pay to them. My mother, a fervent Christian, prayed unceasingly, asking the Lord to give me light and guidance. How distraught she

"She cried. Her tears burned my soul. But sin was stronger than I, and I was not able to conquer it. I had the good intention to begin the way of regeneration, but I was not able to follow it.

'The cell destroyed the last resources of my soul. I was the prey of terrible remorses. I felt that my life was useless. One night I tied a sheet to the window; I tied the other end to my neck and tried to



Francisco Varela Gorga, who had spent four years in prison on a theft-and-murder charge, testified before his baptism: "My will is to die to the world and to be born again in Christ Jesus, awaiting His return."

kill myself. But the Lord had different plans for me. One of the jailers heard the noise of a bottle which I knocked to the floor accidentally, and he found me unconscious. When I became conscious again, I was in an ambulance going to another jail.

"My mother was very ill then. I loved her, and her illness shook me. I wrote her hundreds of letters during the year and a half of her illness. But on October 9, 1965, she went to rest in Jesus. When for the last time I kissed her face, cold in death, I prayed the Lord that my mother's prayers about me would at last be fulfilled.

"One day an Adventist Missionary Volunteer came to the jail and invited me to attend the meetings they were going to hold. The first Sabbath I refused, but two or three weeks after that, I began to attend. There were some 15 prisoners around the young men. When they sang, the prisoners sang also, but as a joke. All of a sudden, I identified myself with the young men and became angry with my fellow prisoners.

"That Sabbath I went back to my cell with a Bible in my hand and new hope in my heart. Some weeks after that I told my cell mate what was happening to me. That night I knelt by my bed and asked the Lord to help us to have the same spiritual joy that was apparent in the missionaries' faces. I prayed particularly that my mate would have the same experience and receive the same faith that was brightening my life.

"I prayed also to be able to conquer tobacco, and from that moment on I didn't smoke any more. That night I went to sleep thinking that someday I would be able to go to a church, and I would be able, by the Lord's grace, to see my mother again in the kingdom.

"I went to every Adventist meeting. I took the Bible correspondence course. It was very helpful.

"One night while I was praying, my cell mate asked me: 'Francisco, please let me kneel by you. Pray for me too.' How happy I was! The Lord had answered my prayer. I thanked Him with tears of joy. Now my friend is preparing himself for baptism too.

"Our lives changed. Both of us began to study. He is completing the primary course. I am finishing the third course of the Uruguay high school. My friend and I are working now in the offices of the jail, helping with administrative work. The gospel seed had not fallen on hard soil; thank God, it has been receptive and fruitful.

"We feel that we must share our faith also. Some time ago I saw my friend talking with a fellow prisoner in the prison yard. Though I could not hear them, I knew what they were talking about; he was presenting Jesus as the Saviour to that poor man submerged in the darkness of sin and error.

"We wrote to the director of a radio program, asking him to give our addresses so we could receive letters from the listeners. We received hundreds of letters. We sent a radio log for our Adventist broadcast to each person who wrote. To the most interested we sent Bible correspondence lessons. Some of them are receiving Bible studies. Some are preparing for baptism. It is possible to work for Jesus though we are behind prison walls.

"I want to testify that my will is to die to the world and to be born again in Christ Jesus, to live in harmony with our heavenly Father's will, waiting for our Lord's return in the clouds of heaven. I want to glorify Him eternally. I am ready to be baptized."

Honduras School Gains Despite Difficulties

By LORON T. WADE Director Adventist Educational Center

More than 180 young people have enrolled to study at the Centro Educacional Adventista this year. Approximately 90 per cent of these are Adventist youth who come from our churches in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala.

In spite of limited facilities and other problems there is a loyal, optimistic spirit among the students. If it were not for this school, very few of these young people would have the privilege of a Christian education. Centro Educacional Adventista stands as a monument to what can be accomplished when a vision is coupled with initiative and hard work.

The vision appeared first in the hearts of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Youngberg and

of Mrs. Youngberg's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. DeWitt, of Elsa, Texas. These missionary-minded couples had heard of the great need for a school in Honduras, and they decided to do something themselves to help fill that need.

In August, 1961, they bought a tract of land near the shores of Lake Yojoa in the central part of Honduras. News of the project spread rapidly among nearby churches, and almost at once students began to arrive. Soon there were 130 of them. At first the only shelter available was the old farmhouse and several large tents. The kitchen consisted of a kettle placed over three large rocks.

As quickly as possible a large building was erected which served as dormitories, classrooms, chapel, kitchen, dining room, and teachers' quarters all in one. Classes began February, 1962.

Dr. DeWitt sold his interests in Texas and planned to devote his full time to the new school. However, this plan was not to be fulfilled. As he was traveling toward Honduras with his wife, he was stricken with a heart attack and died in Querétaro, Mexico.

During the months that followed, serious problems arose that made it difficult for the school to continue as a self-supporting institution. In December, 1963, the directors of the nonprofit corporation which Dr. DeWitt had formed, met and voted to donate the school to the Adventist Church organization. It is now operated by the Central American Union Mission.

At present, the original building is still serving as boys' dormitory, dining hall, classrooms, and chapel. Another temporary structure houses the young women, and several teachers' homes have been secured. Adonías Alvarez, an experienced builder, has joined the school staff, and foundations are being laid for a new cafeteria building.

During the past school year James Bechtel, who is in charge of the school's industries, installed more than a mile of pipe line to bring in a permanent supply of water, which runs by gravity flow. The United Fruit Company made available 8,000 feet of five-inch cast-iron pipe for only a token payment to make this possible.

Just a week before the beginning of this school year (1967) the national elec-

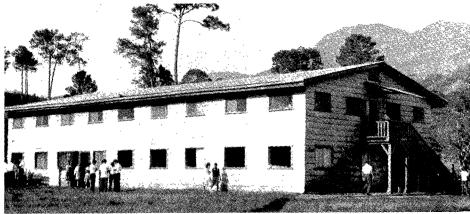


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Administration building of the Centro Educacional Adventista at Pena Blanca, Honduras.

tric company connected the school to their power lines. Now the old Diesel generator is silent, and the electric power flows through the lines day and night.

Also in February the Honduras Ministry of Education extended full accreditation to the secondary section of the school. The primary school was accredited during 1966.

The next few years are sure to be busy ones in this place. There are still many difficulties to surmount, but as we have seen God's hand leading and opening the way before us, we are sure that He will continue to bless and prosper the work that He has begun here.

New Mission Plane Flies Through Sarawak Skies

By V. L. BRETSCH Departmental Secretary Southeast Asia Union

Old Charley was lost to service more than eight months ago, but recently a new Cessna 180H, named the Messenger, took its place.

Charley was the plane R. C. Hall owned and operated in Laos and Thailand before moving to Sarawak several years ago. While landing on a new airstrip in a primitive jungle area in central Sarawak, the plane flipped in the loose sand. Later, as it was being towed by helicopter for repairs, the sling holding the main fuse-lage gave way, and the plane fell from four hundred feet to the ground.

Pastor Hall had used Old Charley on hundreds of mercy missions, and as a result countless lives had been saved. The gospel also advanced more rapidly, for jungle villages could be visited much more often by plane. Village landing strips dot the countryside, having been cleared and prepared by those eager to hear the gospel and at the same time take advantage of the services of the plane.

And so it was a sorry day when our workers learned that *Old Charley* was gone. Prayers ascended that God would

provide a replacement. And God did not disappoint His children.

On March 24 nearly 200 people gathered at the Singapore Flying Club head-quarters building to help inaugurate the new plane. The officers of the Far Eastern Division participated in the ceremony.

G. O. Bruce, secretary-treasurer of the Southeast Asia Union, was master of ceremonies. The brief program included remarks by Dr. Merle Peterson, union medical secretary; Pastor Hall told how funds for the new plane were raised; and Paul H. Eldridge, division president, gave the dedicatory address. H. W. Bedwell offered the prayer of dedication asking Heaven's blessing upon the work of the Messenger.

Soon after the service ended, Pastor Hall flew the new plane to Sarawak, where it is now serving our people and those who need Christ.

Atlantic Union Ministers Challenged at Council

By DON HAWLEY
Departmental Secretary
Greater New York Conference

General Conference president Robert H. Pierson extended an eleventh-hour challenge to the workers of the Atlantic Union in his keynote address, opening a ministerial council March 28 in the New York Center. He pointed out that times are never so troublesome but that God is able to cope with the situation. The handicap lies not with God but with our own need for wholehearted consecration and the reception of His Holy Spirit.

This ministerial council followed the two-day twentieth quadrennial session of the Atlantic Union Conference, at which time F. R. Millard was returned to office as president along with his secretary-treasurer, K. W. Tilghman, as well as the various departmental leaders.

N. C. Wilson, General Conference vicepresident for the North American Division, stressed the need for uniting every



Paul Eldridge, Far Eastern Division president, gave the dedicatory address at services inaugurating the Messenger, a plane devoted to medical evangelism in island jungles.



Three men were ordained at the recent ministerial council of the Atlantic Union in New York City (from left): Howard A. Munson, James J. Londis, and (far right) Leonard Westphal. R. H. Pierson (center) and N. R. Dower participated in the special service.

department in the church organization in one grand design for the finishing of our Lord's work in all the world. Others who spoke before the assembled workers included R. S. Watts, W. P. Bradley, N. R. Dower, H. D. Singleton, A. L. White, and W. A. Fagal.

A high light of the meeting was an ordination service. Those ordained were James J. Londis of the theology department of Atlantic Union College; Howard A. Munson, administrator of the Adventist Home in Livingston, New York; and Leonard Westphal, pastor of the Portuguese-American church in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

In pointing out sources of power for the Christian worker, General Conference vice-president R. S. Watts stated, "The church is always looking for better methods, but God is looking for better men."

A. L. White, of the Ellen G. White Estate, spoke convincingly of the "Adventist advantage." He was referring to the measure of health, longevity, and other advantages Adventist church members enjoy as a result of the instruction and admonition given them through the pen of inspiration.

The closing address for the council was presented by N. R. Dower, head of the church's Ministerial Association. His challenging message, "For Such a Time as This," drew attention to the fact that Christ's few followers at the time of His trial remained silent. His sworn enemies, though few in number, were highly and effectively articulate. Thus the large undecided crowd of observers did not have a proper chance to make their decision for or against the Lord.

Elder Dower's admonition for Christ's loyal supporters today is that they speak unceasingly on behalf of Jesus Christ from a heart overflowing with His love.

German Cities Feel Impact of Five-Day Plan

By ERNEST H. J. STEED Associate Secretary GC Temperance Department

Another world division has launched the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking with excellent success. "The Central European Division would have begun sooner," reports O. Brozio, division temperance secretary, but they had to wait for German translations of the films One in 20,000 and Time Pulls the Trigger as well as translation of printed materials.

Frankfurt am Main was the first city, and the press, radio, and TV showed great interest in reporting the program. Of the 306 taking part, 90 per cent indicated they had overcome the tobacco habit. Four other Five-Day Plans were conducted in Hanover, Augsburg, Wiesbaden, and Düsseldorf. In these cities the figures show between 81 per cent and 88 per cent of the participants successful.

Serving fruit juices at the conclusion of each night's program has been a feature of this plan in many other overseas areas, but in Germany another idea was born. "The smoker sitting without a smoke develops a merciless thirst," said Pastor Brozio. "Usually he would reach for a cigarette—simply a reflex action. In order to distract him from the habit, we gave each participant a small bottle of mineral water each evening. This quenched not only his thirst but also the desire to smoke. After each meeting, the participants enjoyed fruit juices provided free by the manufacturers."

Another new feature reported by Pastor Brozio was the financial aid offered by other organizations, such as hospitals. Adventists will run the Five-Day Plan for them while they meet all expenses. The first such plan was held with good success at Bad Nauheim, a spa town in the Taunus district of Germany.

The Wamaza Call

By S. W. de LANGE President, South Congo Field

For years the doors to the Moslem community near Wamaza in the Congo have been closed to the Advent message. All attempts to preach there had failed. But a prison experience has changed the picture.

Some time ago Pastor Philippe Kijana, district leader in that area, was taken prisoner and held captive in the forest for nearly 18 months. While a prisoner he met other prisoners, of the Moslem faith. His faithfulness to his God and his religion, his kind treatment of those who were sick, and his prayers made a deep impression on these Moslems.

Some months after Pastor Philippe and other prisoners were set free a visitor called on him. It was one of the Moslem prisoners. "Please come over and preach to us." He promised to do so as soon as he could make arrangements. At the close of the camp meetings he and the station director, Pastor Muhune, traveled up the Lualaba River for 250 kilometers to Wamaza. They spent a week in the Moslem village studying the Word of God with the people. On Sabbath a special meeting was held, and 50 persons renounced Mohammed and accepted Jesus as their Saviour.

Not All Elmshaven Visitors Are Adventists

By ERNEST LLOYD

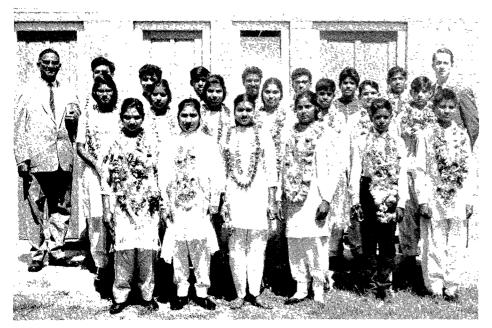
An increasing number of non-Adventists have been visiting Elmshaven, Ellen G. White's old home near the St. Helena Sanitarium, making inquiries that have shown genuine interest in the life and work of Mrs. White. This is good news.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Aaby, who are in charge there, share Elmshaven with about 7,000 visitors a year. Mrs. Aaby wrote recently about some of their non-Adventist guests: "One day recently we had ten visitors who were not members of our church. In one group of five was an Adventist woman. After I had taken them through the rooms and shown the picture slides on Sister White's life, the Adventist stepped back as the group was leaving and remarked: 'My sister left the church some years ago. She came with us today. I felt the Holy Spirit working with her as you took us about, and I am so glad we came.'

"A Catholic family with three fine lads came one day. I asked the mother if they had any connection with Adventists. She told me her husband had an aunt who is an Adventist. She had often told Bible stories to the three boys and incidents about Ellen G. White. So the boys wanted to see her old home. They were interested in reading the Bible and wanted to know more about the Lord's second coming. Then we gave them a copy of Elder D. A. Delafield's little book about Ellen G. White and the Adventist Church.

"One Sabbath while we were eating lunch, I noticed a couple walking in the front yard. I went out to greet them and invite them into the house. By the way the woman was dressed I knew they were not Adventists. She began to ask questions. 'Who was this Mrs. White? And what did she do? We have lived in this area about nine years and have never heard anything about her.' We went into the house and spent some time in Mrs. White's study and workroom. Here I showed them the nine books that she wrote during her 15 years at Elmshaven.

"The gentleman asked if he could leaf through Education. He was much interested in it. Then I showed him The Ministry of Healing and read a few quotations from the first chapter to show how beautifully she wrote. Next, I took volume 9 of the Testimonies and read a few portions on the conditions in our great cities and also on the last crisis. He remarked as they left: 'What I have seen and heard here today convinces me that Mrs. White was a prophet.' When this man, who is in government service,



Baptism at the Pakistan Union School

Twenty young people, all students of the Pakistan Union School, Chuharkana, Mandi, in the Punjab Section, were baptized into church membership, March 18. The baptism, which took place in the baptistry of the school's assembly room, was

performed by the church pastor, Richard W. O'Ffill.

According to Principal E. R. Hutchinson, the baptism is the result of two years of Bible study and of weekly classes conducted this year by Yaqub Khan, the assistant principal.

Following the baptism, the church pastor led the congregation in a reconsecration pledge and invited those not yet baptized to join the preparatory study class.

As the 12 boys and eight girls were welcomed into church fellowship, they were garlanded by their classmates. Among the visitors were parents of several of the candidates and the president of the Pakistan Union, Oliver Lange.

MRS. RICHARD O'FFILL

comes for the next visit, we shall give him more literature.

"While we were working in the back yard one afternoon, a car rolled in and an elderly man stepped out and remarked that his wife was an Adventist and would like to look through Mrs. White's old home. With this elderly couple were a son and his wife and four lovely young girls. As I was telling them about some of the pictures on the walls, the grandfather said he had been reared an Adventist but had left the church. After we had toured the rooms and shown our slides on the life of Sister White, I remarked: 'Now, would you like to kneel here with me in prayer? There are so many accidents on the highways, you know, and you have these four dear girls growing up.' When we arose, the old gentleman said with tears in his eyes, 'It was good to be here. God bless you.'

Mrs. Aaby closed her letter with these words: "The work here at Elmshaven is interesting, and our own hearts are blessed by the contacts with visitors desiring to know more about Sister White's life and work and influence."

Illinois Pastor on YMCA Interfaith Panel

By ROLAND A. LEHNHOFF Pastor Bloomington, Illinois

"Revelation and Reason—the Source for Understanding Man's Ultimate Questions" was the general theme of a YMCAsponsored interfaith discussion series,



Clergymen on the YMCA panel discussing "Revelation and Reason" were (from left):
Dr. Robert Reed (Unitarian), Dr. Charles Smith (Methodist), Roland A. Lehnhoff (Adventist), Richard Watts (Presbyterian), George Remm (Catholic), and Gerald Schuster (Jewish). Panel moderator was James Rhoads (Baptist), senior director of the local YMCA. Sessions were well attended.

which included six clergymen of Bloomington, Illinois.

On the panel was Dr. Charles M. Smith, Methodist minister who has become nationally known through his recent best-seller, How to Become a Bishop Without Being Religious.

Other clergymen on the panel were: (Father) George Remm of the Holy Trinity Catholic church, Pastor Richard Watts of the First Presbyterian church, Dr. Robert Reed of the Unitarian church, Rabbi Gerald Schuster of Moses Montefiore temple, and Roland A. Lehnhoff of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Moderator for the discussion was James Rhoads, a Baptist minister who is senior director for the YMCA.

Geared to businessmen and other leaders in the community, these discussions took place Wednesday noons, March 29 to April 26. They were well attended.

The five specific questions discussed were: "Man's Beginning—the Question of Creation," "Man's Nature—the Question of Original Sin," "Man's Hope—the Question of Redemption," "Man's Behavior—the Question of Religious Motivation," "Man's End—the Question of Eternal Life."

It was a significant opportunity for me as the Adventist representative to introduce the first question on Creation, for none of the other clergymen accepted the Biblical account of Creation. In these discussions I have been impressed anew with the strength and consistency of our message and beliefs. A number of the laymen and ministers present commented on the strength of the Seventh-day Adventist position on these Bible doctrines.

Our current series of evangelistic meetings in Bloomington, coupled with this discussion series, has given us special help in proclaiming God's truth.

It's Clinic Day on Tsuken Near Okinawa

By RUTH ANSPACH KUESTER

A team of medical workers from the Adventist Medical Center on Okinawa had planned a trip to one of the nearby offshore islands to hold a free clinic for the people, who have no doctor among them. My husband, the medical director, and I were among those who loaded medicines, lunches, and Christian literature into a small boat and headed over a fairly calm sea to our island destination

Tsuken Island is a beautiful dot in the Pacific surrounded by lovely sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters, which abound in fish of every size and color—a veritable skin diver's paradise. Its population is about 1,300. The homes are rather typical Okinawa-style houses with practically no furniture except a low table around which the family sit on their knees to eat, a little kerosene stove, and a few pots and pans in the kitchen, a few pictures high up on the walls, and wide porches on the front and sides with overhanging roofs made of tile, supposedly typhoon-proof construction.

As our crude launch rounded the southern tip of the island, we were attracted by a group of people waving large pieces of cloth in greeting. Soon our Okinawan Adventist pastor appeared, and in his arms he carried a crippled girl, who had spent three months at our hospital after a former clinic was held at this place. She was overjoyed to see us return and also to greet the nurses and doctor who had cared for her. Before she came to us she was so crippled with arthritis that she could not feed herself, but now she is much improved and has already been baptized. The spirit worship objects have been removed from the small shrine or tokonoma in their home, and she is eagerly looking forward to the meetings that Elder Arakaki is holding on

A Scrap From the Garbage Can

By NEAL C. WILSON Vice-President, North American Division

Alex Zsiros, of Toronto, Canada, was reading his Hungarian newspaper one day when his eye fell upon an advertisement of the Hungarian Bible correspondence school. His curiosity and interest were aroused, so he clipped the item and placed it in the drawer of his desk intending to send for the lessons. Days and weeks passed by, however, and he neglected to send in the request.

Then one day he was strangely prompted to put it off no longer. When he looked in the desk drawer for the clipping it was not there. Feverishly he emptied the contents of the drawer, but to no avail. He called his wife and asked her whether she had seen the clipping. She admitted that she had cleaned out and arranged his desk that very day and had thrown some scraps of paper in the garbage can.

"Where is that can?" cried Mr. Zsiros,

"Out on the street waiting for the garbage-removal men," she replied.

Down the stairs and out to the street he rushed. "Thank the Lord they have not carried the rubbish away," he breathed.

He continued to dig in the garbage can, examining every scrap of newsprint until near the bottom of the can he found the wet, crumpled, defaced piece of paper he was searching for. With joy he dashed back into the house and in minutes prepared a letter to the Voice of Prophecy office, where the Hungarian Bible correspondence courses are processed.

Together with his wife he studied the lessons. For three years he testified to the members of his church that he had found beautiful new truths in God's Holy Word, but his enthusiasm was frowned upon, and eventually he and his wife were disfellowshiped.

When Charles J. Sohlmann, pastor of the New York City Hungarian church, arrived in Toronto in April, 1966, at the invitation of the Ontario-Quebec Conference, he found Mr. and Mrs. Zsiros and a number of their Hungarian friends studying the Scriptures and convinced them that they had found present truth. They were all baptized.

This unusual story of Alex Zsiros is but one exhibit of how our message is reaching and satisfying sincere hearts among the foreign-speaking people of North America.

An enrollment coupon offering a free Bible course in Hungarian, which had been thrown into a gabage can, became the silent instrument in the hands of the Lord to bring a number of Hungarian people into the remnant church.

The people here make their living mainly by fishing. Their boats are lined up on the leeward side of the island, some with interesting hand-painted decorations. We see fields of sugar cane and of course the staple sweet potato, which is rather dry and tasteless to the Western palate. One man was setting out some lush-looking pepper plants. We understand that the islanders have a contract with the United States Government to furnish fresh vegetables for servicemen.

The village in which everyone on the island lives is fairly well laid out. The lanes are wide enough for two carts to pass. As far as we could determine, there are no motor vehicles on Tsuken. A group of three curious little girls followed us about for a part of the day, and we gathered that children may apparently wander about without interference from worried mothers.

Our medical supplies were hauled by a handcart made from two old bicycle

tires, from the dock to a small block building that serves as the city hall and community center for the island. Soon the makeshift examining table was set up, and the medicines, charts, and literature were in readiness. Already there was a line of waiting, expectant people. We paused for a moment of prayer.

Something about the first patient looked familiar. She was the grateful mother of the crippled girl who welcomed us so warmly. We accepted her invitation to eat our lunch at their humble, immaculately clean home.

Here was a mother with a little one strapped securely to her back. His head fell back, wobbling back and forth, but contentedly he slept.

A young mother caught our eye-vivacious, full of fun. She must have been telling small jokes to the little group around her.

Now our Bible instructor, Mrs. Tsukayama, was telling a Bible story while everyone listened attentively. Soon a dear old woman stepped forward, and patting her face affectionately, said, "I love everybody.

All morning long they came, and in the afternoon they were coming still. As we looked into the faces of these kindly folks who know not the Saviour, we asked for wisdom from above to bring not only healing to their bodies but light to the hearts of those who for generations have been spirit worshipers.

Late in the afternoon we received word that our boatman had returned and was anxious to leave, for a storm was moving in and the sea was rough. It was not without a touch of sadness that we left these dear people and gingerly climbed aboard the tossing boat that would take us back to the island of Okinawa and the comforts of home.

How grateful we are that already there is a light shining on this small dot of land in the Pacific Ocean.

Condensed (News

New SMC Radio Facilities and Remodeling Cost \$37,000

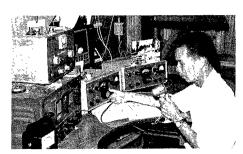
Total cost of the new facilities of WSMC-FM at Southern Missionary College is \$37,000, with \$32,000 being spent on new transmission equipment for increased power. An additional \$5,000 has been spent for improvement of studios and control rooms in the communications department. A large portion of the money was donated by members of the Southern Union Conference and friends of SMC.

The station's 200-foot guyed tower, a gift from WRCB-TV, reaches 1,422 feet above mean sea level. Dr. Dewitt Bowen, an Adventist dentist, gave the land for the tower and the transmitter building. WILLIAM H. TAYLOR

Mountain View College Operates Amateur Radio Station DU9MVC

One of the latest additions to Mountain View College is an amateur radio station, DU9MVC. It has had regular contacts with Adventist stations in Guam, Okinawa, Africa, New Guinea, New Zealand, the United States, and other coun-

This station operates on the following



Job Tanamal operates amateur radio station DU9MVC at Mountain View

schedule and frequencies, with the antenna facing the continent shown:

SUNDAY—
1300 GMT, 14.270 MC, North America
MONDAY—

MONDAY—
1300 GMT, 14.170 MC, Africa
TUESDAY—
2330 GMT, 21.405 or 14.150 MC, North America
WEDNESDAY—
1300 GMT, 14.150 MC, Europe

THURSDAY— 1100 GMT, 14.250 MC, Sked with KG6APW

FRIDAY— 2330 GMT, 21.405 or 14.150 MC, North America

Job G. Tanamal is the licensed operator. It is hoped that beginning with the school year 1968 the college will have a licensed commercial station.

BIEN CAPULE Assistant Business Manager

Unusual Rescue Among Recent News of Columbia Union College

Six CUC students hiking at Great Falls on the Potomac River heard cries for help from a 14-year-old girl clinging to a rock 65 yards away. These young men ran into the water, according to the report of the U.S. Park Police, and formed a chain from the shore to the girl. But first they huddled together and prayed-loud enough for the girl to hear-to bolster her confidence. The girl was passed from student to student back to shore. The young men were: Edmund R. Peters, Wyoming, Pa.; Hampton E. Walker, Jr., Takoma Park, Md.; Roger D. Cain, Mannington, W. Va.; Micky Maybrook, Swedesboro, N.J.; Steve D. Ervin, Buckhannon, W. Va.; and Starling M. Nicholas, South Lancaster, Mass.

Three Columbia Union College seniors marked a historic milestone when they graduated in April as the first straight trimester graduates-finishing college in two and two-thirds years. Each of these graduated with honors. Roger Hyatt of Takoma Park, Maryland, received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. Lee Williams of Takoma Park, Maryland, and Sally Ashbaugh of Plainfield, New Jersey, have been accepted by the Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Two senior nursing students, Julianne Peeke and Elizabeth Myers, have made the highest possible score on the National League of Nursing Comprehensive Examination. Six of the 27 CUC nursing students were above the ninetieth percentile, and more than half the class was placed in the top fifth in the nation.

ZELLA HOLBERT

Japan Missionary College Opens New Auto Mechanics Department

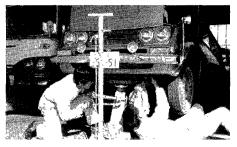
A new auto mechanics department has been established at Japan Missionary College and has the official approval of state (prefecture) car inspection authori-

Professor Chida, an experienced mechanic with a second-degree license, heads up the training program. After two years of training, students are eligible to take the third-class auto mechanics examination.

The department occupies a new \$5,000 auto shop, accessible by road from three sides. It now houses \$1,500 worth of equipment, including a hydraulic press, brake liner, air compressor, chain block, garage jack, and air lift.

The prefecture automobile inspection department has authorized the college auto mechanics shop to prepare cars for the annual or biannual required inspection.

> NORMAN R. GULLEY Chairman, Theology Department



Repairs and adjustments are made by young men in JMC's auto mechanics department.

Brief News of MEN AND EVENTS



About 200 persons graduated from Sabbath school training courses held in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, and in Cartagena, Barranquilla, and Cali, Colombia. Instructors were Tulio Haylock, Sabbath school secretary of the Inter-American Division, who promoted branch Sabbath schools and Investment, and J. G. Nikkels, Sabbath school secretary of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, who presented the course "Teach."



Middle East Division

Reported by

A groundbreaking ceremony, April 13, marked the beginning of the construction of a modern elementary school in Teheran, Iran. F. C. Webster and R. C. Mills, officers of the Middle East Division, along with leaders of the local field, took part in the service. These men expressed appreciation for the liberal second quarter, 1966, Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow given for this project.



Northern European Division

Reported by

- A three-day seminar on leprosy was recently held at Magburaka, Sierra Leone, West Africa, to inform those in out-clinic work of the latest treatment methods. Participants came from all over Sierra Leone. Demonstrations and lectures were given by David Gronert, physiotherapist; Dr. A. M. Owens, medical director of Jengre Hospital; and Dr. L. N. Magnussen, medical director of Masanga Leprosarium.
- Masanga Leprosarium in Sierra Leone, West Africa, has recently put its new surgery theater into use. Dr. A. M. Owens of Jengre Hospital, North Nigeria, spent three weeks helping to set up the surgical program. Since Masanga Leprosarium is the only hospital where a leper can be admitted for treatment in Sierra Leone, this facility fulfills a great need.



Atlantic Union

Reported by Mrs. Emma Kirk

The Nashua, New Hampshire, church joined the sisterhood of churches in the Northern New England Conference on Sabbath, March 11. Nashua had been without a church for many years, but recently several new families moved into the area, and now there are between 35 and 40 at

the services. The local elders are Robert Stanley and Elder M. A. Wyman, who recently moved from California. The pastor is Robert N. Edwards.

- Speakers at the 1967 Northern New England workers' meeting were F. R. Millard, president of Atlantic Union Conference, and Andrew Fearing of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference. Both speakers gave practical help on both public and personal evangelism.
- ► G. H. Rainey has returned to the Atlantic Union Conference from Port of Spain, Trinidad, where he has been conducting evangelistic meetings. He reports 401 baptisms so far and expects a total of 500 as a result of the meetings.
- Recently the MV leaders from the upstate section of Greater New York Conference met in the Middletown church to organize a second branch of the United Youth of Greater New York. The five churches represented were Poughkeepsie, Port Jervis, Newburgh, Pearl River, and Middletown. Wayne Griffith, union MV secretary, challenged the youth to continue marching forward in evangelism, and E. L. Taylor, conference MV secretary, led out in the meeting. Arthur Schumacher, pastor-teacher for Poughkeepsie and Newburgh, was elected president of this upstate section. The first goal of this new organization is to win 17 souls for Christ in 1967.
- United evangelism mass rallies were held in the New York Conference during March and April. The four regional meetings held in Syracuse, Buffalo, Elmira, and Albany each featured a special guest speaker and outlined special avenues of soul-winning evangelism. A. J. Patzer, president, led out, presenting various departmental men who outlined soul-winning plans. Theodore Carcich, vice-president of the General Conference, was the featured speaker at the Syracuse meeting. J. J. Aitken, secretary of the Radio-TV Department of the General Conference, was at the Buffalo rally. W. A. Fagal, director and speaker of Faith for Today, brought the message at Elmira; and F. R. Millard, president of Atlantic Union Conference, challenged those attending the Albany meeting.
- For the first time in its history the Nassau County Department of Correction has inaugurated religious services for the female inmates. The MV Society of the Bethany church in Westbury, New York, was chosen to conduct these services on the second Sabbath of each month.
- Representatives of the Southern New England and Atlantic Union conferences took part in an informal groundbreaking April 10 for the new South Lancaster Academy administration and classroom building. Those taking part were: Fred Stephan, conference educational superintendent; Donald D. Lake, principal; Donald Siver, chairman, building committee; Francis R. Millard, president, Atlantic

Union Conference; Lowell L. Bock, president, Southern New England Conference; Lawrence E. Smart, Atlantic Union secretary of education; Arthur E. Harms, conference secretary-treasurer; and A. L. Sherman, contractor. The two-story brick structure, housing five classrooms, a vocational shop, a library, a science and home economics room, as well as administrative offices and a multi-purpose room to be used as a chapel, is expected to be ready for the next school year.

The Browning Memorial School, an Atlantic Union College campus landmark since 1913, was demolished April 5-6. The G. Eric Jones Library will be built on the former grade-school site. The cornerstone and name sign were saved. Inside a box in the cornerstone were found copies of the academy catalog (1912), The Student Idea, leading denominational papers, and a number of other documents, which will be on display in the library.



Central Union

Reported by Mrs. Clara Anderson

- Angeline Matthews, instructor in music at Union College, won third place in the piano auditions for the Denver Symphony.
- More than 200 Missouri Pathfinders and their club leaders attended the annual camporee at Camp Heritage the latter part of April. G. F. Cherry, conference MV secretary, conducted the Friday evening services. The Sabbath services were given by Paul M. DeBooy, union MV secretary. Pastor Ronald Wham also assisted.
- Members in district 13 of the Kansas Conference met at the newly organized La Crosse church for an all-day rally recently. S. S. Will, conference president, was the 11-o'clock speaker. In the afternoon the conference departmental secretaries held a symposium on the activities of each department. A half-hour musical program presented by a choral group from Enterprise Academy, under the direction of Ray Greeve, climaxed the day's program.
- The 17 members of the Ten Sleep, Wyoming, church have placed more than 30 Gift Bibles in the homes of friends and neighbors. Two have completed the study guides, and plans have been made for follow-up advanced courses and Bible studies. One young woman has asked to attend Sabbath services with her instructor.
- Golden Cords were hung April 28 for 26 former students or faculty members of Union College who have gone into mission service during the past year. A. E. Gibb, class of 1942 and an associate secretary of the General Conference, was the speaker at this special service.

- ► Pastor R. E. Barron, of the Claremont SDA church in Pueblo, Colorado, was the guest speaker for the special weekend of spiritual emphasis at Allon Chapel in Lincoln, Nebraska. Pastor Barron is the newly elected MV secretary of the Central States Conference and will be assuming his new duties in June.
- Oliver J. Pogue, M.D., Lincoln, Nebraska, recently flew to Georgetown, Guyana, South America, for the dedication of a new hospital. Dr. Pogue broke ground for this hospital in 1964 and was instrumental in its erection before his return to the States.



Columbia Union

Reported by Morten Juberg

- Nine young people were recently baptized into the Beltsville, Maryland, church, as the first fruits of meetings conducted by the Carney-Clark-Bierly evangelistic team. Others will be baptized soon.
- Eight baptisms and a 15-member baptismal class climaxed the recent series of meetings in Roanoke, Virginia. The speaker, J. Ernest Edwards, lay activities secretary of the General Conference, brought international features nightly and stressed the urgency of decision for Christ.
- Ground was recently broken for the second unit of the new Seventh-day Adventist church in York, Pennsylvania. Participating in the ceremony were Mrs. Samuel Reese, Dorcas Society leader; William Harkins, first elder; Bruce J. Fox, pastor, who designed the building and prepared the blueprints; E. M. Hagele, secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania Conference; and William Horvath, principal of the York church school.



North Pacific

Reported by Mrs. Ione Morgan

- The dedication services of the church in Choteau, Montana, were attended by approximately 225 people. The church is designed to seat 150 and contains a mothers' room, library, division classrooms, Dorcas room, and health food storeroom. W. J. Hackett, union conference president, preached the dedicatory sermon.
- An informal pastor-laymen effort in Fellowship Hall of the Pathfinder club-house at Corvallis, Oregon, has proved fruitful. Pastor Clyde Mundy reports that an average of 15 non-Adventists a night attended the fireside studies. Conducted across the street from Oregon State University, the clubhouse meetings attracted six university students—one a Japanese Buddhist
- A recent Week of Prayer at the Milton-Stateline school in the Upper Columbia Conference was conducted entirely by the students. Under the theme "Christ Supreme" the daily topics were presented by students in grades five through eight; students in grades one through four recited verses. The pianist was a student, there

- was a different student song leader each day, and the special music was given by students representing each grade. The final consecration service was conducted by the pastor, Estel D. C. Richardson, who also conducted a daily question-and-answer session. Luke E. Bunch is principal.
- Three young men—Tony Henneberg, Ernest Furness, and J. Tim Gallagher—have been granted ministerial internships by the Washington Conference.
- A field school in evangelism, to be conducted by Kenneth Mittleider and his team at Sandpoint, Idaho, will give college credit in two courses to be offered both summer session terms by Walla Walla College. The courses, public evangelism and field evangelism, are designed for young men planning to enter the gospel ministry.
- Eleven persons have been added to the Wapato and Toppenish, Washington, churches as laymen have assisted their pastor, Lloyd D. Herr, in an evangelistic effort in Wapato. Another baptism is being planned in June.
- Seven young people at Magic Valley Junior Academy, Twin Falls, Idaho, were baptized by the pastor, John W. Boyd, on March 11 as a result of fall Week of Prayer services.



World Mission Exhibit at Andrews University

The new department of missions at Andrews University held a worldwide artifact exhibit at James White Library recently. Nationals and returned missionaries dressed in the costume of their respective countries added color and life to the exhibit room.

M. O. Manley, director of the department of missions, planned the exhibit; and David Baasch, associate secretary of the General Conference, was present at its opening, following a four-day emphasis on world missions which he directed.

Sharing a look at the world with David Baasch is Mrs. Jaime Cruz. In the background is C. Y. Kyereme, principal of our college in Kofuridua, Ghana, West Africa.

Founded in 1874, the same year Seventh-day Adventists sent their first missionary overseas, and named for him, Andrews University, formerly Emmanuel Missionary College, has continued to send a steady stream of missionaries to all parts of the world.

HORACE J. SHAW



Northern Union

Reported by

L. H. Netteburg

- A training school for new literature evangelists was conducted in Minneapolis at the Northern Union Conference office, March 13-15, with 11 new workers in attendance. C. M. Barnes is the union publishing secretary.
- Recent evangelistic meetings in Knoxville, Iowa, conducted by E. B. Lundin, resulted in 15 baptisms.
- An icy-water baptism was conducted March 11 in Lake Ahquabi in Iowa, when Luther May baptized three people as a result of Gift Bible Evangelism.



Southern Union

Reported by Oscar L. Heinrich

- Ellsworth Reile, youth director of the Southern Union Conference, joined Don Aalborg of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference in conducting a spring MV Leadercraft course at Georgia-Cumberland Academy. Forty-four certificates were awarded those completing the ten-hour course.
- Leadership courses for Vacation Bible Schools were conducted in Atlanta, Macon, and Waycross, Georgia, and in Knoxville and Cleveland, Tennessee. B. J. Liebelt, Sabbath school secretary of the Southern Union Conference, and J. L. Price of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference directed these courses.



Southwestern Union

Reported by

- ► Groundbreaking services for a 62-bed nursing home were held recently at Weslaco, Texas. This new Adventist institution not only will serve the community but also provide work for Valley Grande Academy students.
- A Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was completed in Yukon, Oklahoma, April 7. E. D. Clifford, assisted by Philip Lindsey, M.D. and John Labaron, D.D.S., conducted this Plan, which was televised each day on channel 9, KWTV, in Oklahoma City. Besides the regular telecasts, five-minute televised reports were given four evenings during the 6:00 P.M. newscast, with a viewing audience of 175,000.
- Even persons were recently baptized in Elk City, Oklahoma, by Alfred J. Webb, five of whom came into the church as a direct result of Go Tell Thy Neighborhood evangelism program.
- The academy at Southwestern Union College, Keene, Texas, has been officially renamed the Chisholm Trail Academy. This action of the board is an important step in separating the academy functions from the college. Approximately 65 per cent of the students of the Chisholm Trail Academy live in the community of Keene.



Robert T. Hirst, pastor, Clovis church (Central California), from public evangelism (Arizona).

A. D. Wetmore, pastor, Greenville, North Carolina (Carolina), from Potomac.

David Parkhurst, stewardship secretary (Texas).

Willard G. Loewen, district pastor (Iowa), from Missouri.

Melvin S. Lang, associate professor of mathematics, Walla Walla College, currently on the faculty of Minot State College in North Dakota.

Merton L. Vincent, instructor of engineering, Walla Walla College, currently employed by Sperry Rand Corporation, Phoenix, Arizona.

Nathan Moore, assistant professor in English, Walla Walla College, from doctoral study at the University of British Columbia.

Richard Beck, assistant to the business manager, Walla Walla College, formerly part-time assistant to the director of student finance.

Milton E. Thorman, educational superintendent (Greater New York), formerly principal, Bellflower Elementary School (Southern California).

Wayne Clark, assistant treasurer (Greater New York), formerly with the General Conference Transportation Bureau in New York City.

John Heikirk, assistant publishing secretary (Ohio), formerly literature evangelist in the northern part of Ohio.

(Conference names appear in parentheses)

CAMP MEETING SCHEDULE

Atlantic Union

Greater New York			
English, Berkshire Camp, Wingdale Spanish, Berkshire Camp, Wingdale	June	29-July	1
Spanish, Berkshire Camp, Wingdale	-	July 9-1	l:
New York			
Union Springs Academy			
Union Springs	June	30-July	1
Northeastern	-		
Camp Victory Lake			
Hyde Park New York	June	30-July	1
Northern New England	•		
Pine Tree Academy, Freeport, Maine	June	29-July	1
Southern New England			
South Lancaster, Massachusetts	June	29-July	ł
Canadian Union			

BOUTH Dancaster, Massachusetts	June 25-July 0
Canadian Union	
Alberta Canadian Union College, Lacombe Peace River and Beauvallon, Lacon British Columbia Hope, British Columbia, SDA Camp Nelson Street Annitoba-Saskatchewan	mbe July 27-30
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, SDA Cam Herman Avenue Clear Lake, Manitoba, SDA Campg Riding Mountain National Park	July 7-15
Maritime Pugwash, Nova Scotia Gulf Shore Road Newfoundland	August 4-12
St. John's SDA Church Queen's Road Ontario-Quebec	August 11-13
Oshawa, Ontario 1148 King Street East	June 30-July 8

Central Union

Central States		
Edwardsville, Kansas, Camp Shady Hill		
8726 Osage Drive	June	15-24

Colorado Campion Academy, Loveland	June 23-July 1
Kansas Enterprise Academy, Enterprise	May 31-June 3
Missouri Sunnydale Academy, Centralia	June 16-24
Nebraska Platte Valley Academy, Shelton	June 6-11
Wyoming Mills Spring Camp, Near Casper	July 12-16
Columbia Union	
Allegheny East Pine Forge Academy, Pine Forge Pennsylvania Allegheny West	June 22-July 2
Mount Vernon Academy, Mount V	July 2-9
Chesapeake Catonsville, Maryland 24 Fustings Avenue	June 22-July 1
New Jersey Tranquility	July 21-29
Ohio Mount Vernon Academy Mount Vernon	June 22-July i
Pennsylvania Warren Indiana (Jr. High School Auditoriw Blue Mountain Academy, Hamburg	June 16, 17 m) June 23, 24 June 30, July 1
Potomac Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Virginia	w Market June 8-17
West Virginia Parkersburg	June 9-17

Lake Union

Illinois Broadview Academy LaFey	June 9-17
Broadview Academy, LaFox Little Grassy Lake, Makanda	June 9-17 August 9-12
Indiana	_
Indiana Academy, Cicero Lake Region	June 16-24
Cassopolis, Michigan	June 29-July 8
Michigan	
Grand Ledge (SDA Campground) Wisconsin	July 21-August 5

July 20-29

North Pacific

Portage

Arizona

Gem State Academy, Caldwell	June 14-24
Montana Mount Ellis Academy, Bozeman	June 21-July 1
Oregon Gladstone Milo	July 5-15 June 7-11
Upper Columbia Walla Walla, Washington	June 7-17
Washington Auburn Academy, Auburn	July 12-22

Northern Union

Oak Park Academy, Nevada	June 9-17
Minnesota Hutchinson	June 23-July 1
North Dakota Harvey	June 16-24
South Dakota Huron	June 9-17

Pacific Union

Prescott	August 3-12
Central California	A
Soquel	August 3-12
Hawaii Hawaii	September 8, 9
Honolulu (State-wide)	September 29, 30
Kauai	September 1, 2
Maui	September 15, 16
Molokai-Lanai	September 22, 23
Nevada-Utah	
Lake Tahoe	July 7, 8
Monument Valley	July 14-16
Provo, Utah	July 26-30
Northern California	
Lodi	June 15-17
Philo	July 12-15
Qakland	July 22
Sacramento	July 29
Fortuna	August 1-5 Aug. 11-13
Paradise Auburn	Aug. 11-13 Aug. 19
Auburn	Aug. 15

Southern Union

Alabama-Mississippi Bass Memorial Academy Lumberton, Mississippi Carolina	June 2-10
Mount Pisgah Academy, Candler North Carolina	June 23-July 1
Florida Forest Lake Academy, Maitland Georgia-Cumberland	June 7-11
Albany, Georgia Atlanta, Georgia	June 3 June 10
Southern Missionary College Collegedale, Tennessee Greeneville, Tennessee	June 17 June 24
(Regional meetings, weekends) Kentucky-Tennessee Highland Academy Portland, Tennessee	June 2-10
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South Atlantic Conference Camp, Hawthorne, Florida South Central	June 15-24
Oakwood College Huntsville, Alabama	June 8-17

Southwestern Union

Arkansas-Louisiana Baton Rouge, Louisiana Gentry, Arkansas	June 1-3 June 7-10
Oklahoma Oklahoma City July Southwest Region	28-August 5
Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas Texas	June 2-10
Southwestern Union College, Keene Texico	June 2-10
Albuquerque, New Mexico	June 16-24

NOTICES

Correction

On page 23 of the Review for May 11 the statement was made that Virgil Robinson is "a great-grandson of James White and of Cyrus Farnsworth." It should have read "William Farnsworth."



Bible Correspondence School Enrollment	Day May 27
Home-Foreign Challenge	June June
Church Missionary Offering	June 3
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	
(Northern European Division)	June 24
Medical Missionary Day	July 1
Church Missionary Offering	July 1
Midsummer Service and Offering	July 8
Pioneer Evangelism	August 5
Church Missionary Offering	August 5
Oakwood College Offering	August 12
Educational Day	range as
	August 19
and Elementary School Offering	
Literature Evangelism Rally Day	September 2
Church Missionary Offering	September
Missions Extension Day Offering	September 9
	Sept. 9 Oct.
JMV Pathfinder Day	September 16
Bible Emphasis Sabbath	September 30

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Cairo Effort Produces Largest Middle East Baptism

The largest baptism in the history of the Middle East Division added 38 to the church as C. D. Brooks, ministerial association secretary of the Columbia Union, concluded his nine-week evangelistic effort in the Cairo, Egypt, center. Chafic Srour, division evangelist, with a group of workers, is following up the interest with public meetings and personal visits.

RAY L. JACOBS

Northern Europe Secretary

Alf Lohne, for 16 years president of the West Nordic Union, has been elected secretary of the Northern European Division. He replaces B. E. Seton, who recently became president of the British Union. W. Duncan Eva

Millions Along East Coast Must Not Be Neglected

Did you know that the chance of a non-Adventist's meeting a Seventh-day Adventist as a neighbor, business associate, or friend is lower in New York City than in any other place in the United States? We have fewer than 12,000 church members in the Greater New York Conference and in that portion of the Northeastern Conference.

The great metropolitan areas of the eastern seaboard, centering in New York City, constitute one of the greatest mission challenges the Adventist Church faces today! Think of it—one out of every ten Americans lives within the shadow of the Empire State Building. One out of four lives within a comfortable half day's drive of New York City. More people live in this great metropolis than in Canada, more than in the entire Australasian Division.

Little wonder the servant of the Lord wrote: "I point you to the city of New York. One hundred workers might be laboring there where now there is but one. How many of you have taken a practical interest in the work in this city? We have scarcely touched this field with the tips of our fingers."—General Conference Bulletin, April 7, 1903.

We have some wonderful opportunities in this great metropolitan area now! There are Faith for Today telecasts, It Is Written telecasts, and daily Voice of Prophecy broadcasts airing the Advent message at this time. We can and should increase this coverage. We must arrange for follow-up workers to join the thin line of pastors in the area, to visit, instruct, and eventually baptize interested persons who have made contact with our New York Center. Such plans have been laid. When funds are available we can

move forward in a great soul-winning thrust!

When the special offering is taken in your church on Sabbath, June 10, won't you help meet the challenge of reaching the millions in New York City and along the eastern seaboard?

ROBERT H. PIERSON

Youth in Southern Europe Strengthen Lay Program

Lay evangelism courses in Southern Europe are bringing extraordinary results, according to a thumbnail sketch of soulwinning progress that has come from S. Monnier, division lay activities secretary:

"The last week of March we closed our first lay instructors' school in Switzerland with 82 regular delegates. It was conducted by the lay activities secretaries of the Franco-Belgian Union. At the close of this one-week session 11 joined the baptismal class, 18 decided to prepare for the ministry, and 48 young people dedicated their lives to serve in God's cause. The 200 members present on that last Sabbath gave an offering of \$2,200. Most of the 105 members of the church where the school was held are now visiting homes in a systematic literature program.

"In Spain all 70 workers and their

wives, with the 30 students from the Bible school and 125 laymen, have laid plans together for coordinated evangelism. Again at this gathering God's Spirit moved upon hearts. It was an extraordinary experience. Sixty people requested baptism, 38 young men expressed the wish to be-

come preachers, and 78 young people offered their services in some capacity in God's cause. At this school more than \$5,000 was given for the local church. Now all over Spain we have these lay evangelism courses directed by preachers and the lay instructors who participated in the Zaragoza school."

I. ERNEST EDWARDS

Southwestern Youth Enjoy Bible Conference Blessings

Another first for the Southwestern Union—a Youth Bible Conference. H. E. Haas, union MV secretary, and his team of local conference MV secretaries invited youth delegates from every conference and academy and from Southwestern Union College.

Spiritual blessings were beyond expectation. Never have I heard such youthful testimonies born of Heaven's conviction. Conference presidents led the discussion groups, along with D. W. Holbrook, president of Home Study Institute, Arthur White of the White Estate, and Lawrence Nelson from the General Conference MV Department.

Nature's wonders added much to the spiritual environment of this encampment near San Antonio, Texas.

Another Youth Bible Conference is planned for next school year.

LAWRENCE NELSON

Yellowstone Services Begin

Adventist church services at Yellowstone National Park will be held in the Old Faithful Lodge recreation hall at ten o'clock each Sabbath morning from June 3 through September 2, 1967. Visitors who will be in the park on any of these Sabbaths are cordially invited to attend.

LEE CARTER



Servicemen's Center for Washington, D.C.

Construction has begun on a \$160,000 servicemen's center in Takoma Park, Maryland. The brick and stone building, scheduled for completion in November, will serve some 200 Adventist men in the Washington area.

Gound-level facilities include dormitory sleeping area for 70, three rooms for married servicemen and their wives, a recreation center, and an apartment for the caretaker. Upstairs is a lounge that can double as a meeting place, a kitchen-snack bar, prayer room, library, and a three-bedroom apartment and office for the chaplain. The present civilian chaplain is Thomas A. Green.

The center is being built in a wooded area behind Takoma Academy and Sligo Elementary School overlooking Longbranch Park. It is within a mile of Sligo church, Columbia Union College, and the Washington Sanitarium. Such centers as this one are a welcome change from barracks life and provide Adventist fellowship and atmosphere during weekend leaves.

Other servicemen's centers are in San Antonio, Texas; Frankfurt, Germany; and Anchorage, Alaska. Land has been secured for a fifth center on Okinawa.

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