



## Autumn Council Concludes Its Work

Opening the way for laymen to serve as volunteers in overseas posts, providing a record budget for the church's world-missions program, and reducing the term of mission service between furloughs—these are among the significant developments to come out of the 1968 Autumn Council.

The provision opening the way for lay missionaries is called the Adventist Volunteer Service Corps. A qualifying person 18 years of age or over, who is able to pay his way to the field and back and who does not draw a denominational salary, may apply for a one- or two-year overseas assignment through the Adventist Volunteer Service Corps, 6840 Eastern Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20012, U.S.A.

The voting of the new budget is always one of the high lights of an Autumn Council. This year was no exception. Presentation of the budget on the council floor is held until the last hour, its contents not revealed until that time. Because the funds allocated to various fields make the difference between retrenchment and advance, tears of joy often flow as administrators realize what they will be able to do with funds allotted to them for the coming year. Next year's budget, higher than ever before, is \$46,985,537.51.

Terms of mission service have currently been five years in most cases. Now workers appointed to mission fields outside their home divisions will serve three-year terms with three-month furloughs. Overseas division officers consider this change helpful, for it is expected to attract more qualified workers to overseas service.

The council's days began and ended in a devotional atmosphere. Never, in all the financial and administrative deliberation, did the delegates forget that they are stewards of God, that they are accountable for the spiritual growth of the people in

their fields, and that the work of the church is essentially a spiritual work.

Every day except Sabbath began with a devotional hour, and most of the days ended with reports from the world divisions, so that the business sessions and committee meetings of the day were closely associated with mountaintop experiences with God.

### Toronto's Bank Tower Symbolic

Not more than a block from the Royal York Hotel, where some of the early sessions were held and where George E. Vandeman conducted his

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double-session It Is Written rally Sunday evening, is the Toronto Dominion Bank Tower, a 56-story skyscraper that dominates the city's skyline. In a way, this huge structure, the tallest in the Commonwealth, is symbolic of the Autumn Council.

From its observation tower the visitor has an unrestricted view of Canada's second largest city (Montreal is first), the surrounding countryside, and Lake Ontario. To look down on one of the world's fastest-growing cities, to see private planes landing below you at the nearby Island Airport, to see the well-used rails in the freight yard glimmering in the afternoon sun, and to feel the throb of traffic on the streets far below is an unforgettable experience.

Just so the devotional hours and the report meetings revealed a breathtaking panorama of the potential and the demonstrated power of God. We were taken up to the observation deck of the church, as it were, to see for ourselves the ways in

which God is bringing this movement to a climax of glory. Some of these stories we will share with you here.

But anyone who has listened to the reports from the world divisions and has heard the morning devotionals must also be thankful for the paperwork that goes on behind the scenes, for the resolutions, the actions, the discussions, and the policies. These are the structural members of the skyscraper from which we are able to catch such breathtaking views of the power of God at work through laymen, ministers, doctors, literature evangelists, teachers, technicians, nurses, students, and secretaries throughout the world. If our report here seems to be concerned with the "whereases" of the council, it is because we are seeing the architects and engineers at work. The sounds of rivet hammers and the consultations over blueprints must not dull our vision of the building that is under construction.

For most of the delegates the day began at nine o'clock with a forty-five-minute devotional service. Speakers for these services were L. C. Naden, president of the Australasian Division; Neal C. Wilson, vice-president of the General Conference for North America; B. L. Archbold, secretary of the Inter-American Division; M. V. Campbell, a vice-president of the General Conference; M. S. Nigri, secretary of the South American Division; W. C. Leong, pastor in the Southern California Conference; and W. P. Bradley, associate secretary of the General Conference. The Sabbath morning worship hour speaker October 12 was Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference.

While most of the delegates were having breakfast or were on their way to the meeting place, a few small committees were meeting, among them the steering committee. The

day then was made up of a devotional period, committee work, and business sessions. On five of the evenings the world divisions gave their reports. In addition to these division reports, there were two special evening meetings: on Saturday evening a picture and music program, and on Sunday evening a double-session *It Is Written* rally at the Royal York Hotel.

To those who took a moment to look around the meeting place the first day, the ballroom of the Royal York Hotel seemed reminiscent of the Hellenistic culture that must have surrounded the apostle Paul on his visits to Athens, Corinth, and other cities of Asia Minor. Red, gold, and blue paintings, scenes of Greek mythology, covered the ceiling, circled by other brilliantly colored figures of the Muses, the goddesses of literature, music, and other arts.

### Council Procedures

A visitor to a general session of the Autumn Council might be bewildered by a number of things—the ways in which the men at the chairman's table function, the source of the resolutions that reach the floor of the council, the functions of the various committees that meet daily, and the routing of recommendations both before and after Autumn Council.

Some who see only the proceedings in the main business sessions may feel that everything is cut and dried, but even a brief look behind the scenes reveals that this is not the case. Essentially, the procedure is this:

A new plan or policy may originate with the board of an institution, a union or a division committee, a committee set up by the General Conference officers, or the advisory committee of a department, most often the latter. It is then passed along to the secretary of the General Conference, W. R. Beach, who brings the matter to the attention of the General Conference officers at one of their regularly scheduled semiweekly meetings at headquarters in Washington, D.C. If the recommendation, plan, or policy revision requires Autumn Council action it is placed on the agenda of one of the large committees of the council—the working policy, finance, budget, or the plans committee. Most of the working policy committee's work is usually done prior to the council, as is that of the budget committee, whereas the work of the other two committees is done at the time of the council. Some few items are placed on the agenda of smaller special committees, later to be brought to the floor.

What this means is that any item that reaches the floor has passed under the scrutiny of many eyes. The



PHOTOS BY THE EDITORS

*J. C. Kozel, a General Conference assistant treasurer, comments on a point of financial policy. In the foreground are R. S. Watts, chairman (left), and Robert H. Pierson.*

purpose, the content, and the wording of each resolution have been carefully worked out by many of the same men who will vote on it on the floor. Even so, it is not unusual for an item to be referred back to committee for further work.

At this Autumn Council the working policy committee brought in 35 items, the finance committee 18 items, and the plans committee 24 items. These figures do not represent items added during the council.

After the council the resolutions are mimeographed and copies are mailed overseas for the year-end division councils and are sent to other General Conference committee members. Meanwhile work moves forward in preparing a printed booklet containing the resolutions in final form. Basically, it is the responsibility of each church administrator to take back to his field and to implement the actions taken.

### Special Event for the Women

While all the business sessions were in progress, what did the wives do? Such a gathering provided a wonderful opportunity for long-time friends to get together—friends who had perhaps worked together in the mission field, even friends from Washington who seldom see one another at home.

There were about 135 present. Of course, the women attended the morning devotionals and the evening meetings, where the division reports were given. The Canadian Union and the Ontario-Quebec Conference, wanting to do something special for the women, arranged a tour of Toronto and the Branson Hospital for the afternoon of October 10.

A guide was provided for each bus to explain the points of interest in Toronto, the Queen City of Canada. They were S. E. White, treasurer, Ontario-Quebec Conference; Dan Handysides, pastor of the Kingsview Village

church, Toronto; Les Mohns, departmental secretary, Ontario-Quebec Conference; and Rudy James, pastor, Toronto West church. The women saw the Toronto Dominion Bank Tower, the Municipal Building, the University of Toronto, with its 7,000 students, and Bay Street, the Wall Street of Canada. The guides pointed out Toronto's General Hospital, where 28,000 surgical procedures are done yearly, the Parliament Buildings, and the Royal Ontario Museum.

North York Branson Hospital is 13 miles north of Toronto. A. George Rodgers, administrator of the hospital, gave the wives and secretaries a brief history of the institution. Opened in 1957 with 80 beds, it has grown in less than ten years into a hospital that now accommodates 500 patients. Dr. Erwin Crawford, chief of staff, was the inspiration and force behind the Branson Hospital dream. He reported there now are 156 physicians on the staff, half of whom are specialists. Of these, 11 are Adventist doctors. Not long ago, he said, only one doctor on the staff was an Adventist.

### Outstanding News Coverage

Although an Autumn Council, even a biennial council, lacks the impact and dramatic possibilities of a General Conference session, the biennial council in Toronto drew far more coverage from the media than would have been possible in Washington, D.C. This was true in spite of the fact that the council occurred over a Canadian Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Spearheading news coverage was the story of Dr. and Mrs. Sherman A. Nagel, of Biafra. A press conference with them on the first day of the council won banner front-page headlines with pictures in Toronto papers and set the Nagels on a round of radio and TV appearances that con-

tinued for three days and extended across Canada on the CBC network.

The Biafra story was especially live in Canada because of Government plans to assign two Hercules cargo planes to help carry relief materials into the beleaguered secessionist area. It is doubtful that as much interest could have been generated in the politically surfeited Washington, D.C., press.

Others meeting radio or TV appointments included T. E. Lucas, Roland Hegstad, and W. R. Beach. Also making newspaper headlines were E. H. J. Steed on temperance, Mazie Herin on Adventist diet, and Clark Smith on the church's attitude toward war and noncombatancy.

### Sabbath Services

As the sun sank in the west Friday evening, the delegates joined the 1,000 Adventist believers in the Greater Toronto area in welcoming the Sabbath, each in his own place. The evening service was in the Eaton Auditorium, where several hundred believers from the vicinity joined the Autumn Council family in listening to reports from the South American, Inter-American, and Australasian divisions.

The Eaton Auditorium is situated on the top floor of a prominent department store, and serves as the Toronto home of several lecture series.

Sabbath could not have been a more

J. R. Spangler, associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, gave the lesson study, and F. C. Webster, president of the Middle East Division (recipient of the overflow offering this quarter), made the missions appeal.

The president of the General Conference, Robert H. Pierson, spoke at the eleven-o'clock hour. His topic: "Is the Lord Among Us?" He reminded his listeners that at Kadesh-Barnea, the children of Israel proposed to go on into the land of Canaan, but Moses said, "Go not up, for the Lord is not among you" (Num. 14:42). Why was He not among them? Because of unbelief, disobedience, insubordination, rebellion, idolatry, love of the world, murmuring, and complaining.

We today are at the borders of the heavenly Canaan, said Elder Pierson. Does anything separate us from the Lord? Iniquities, pride, covetousness, or love of the world?

"The most pressing question before us at this Autumn Council is not the voting of a multimillion-dollar budget to operate a burgeoning worldwide church program," he said. "It is not the solving of difficult problems. . . . The most urgent question is 'Does Jesus Christ reign supreme in my heart? Is He first, last, and best in everything in my life?'"

A response to the person of the Lord Jesus Christ and thorough repentance are essential.

The calls at the conclusion of his sermon brought a full and ready response.

The first meeting of the afternoon was a report from Dr. Sherman A. Nagel, medical director of the Northern Ngwa County Hospital, a Seventh-day Adventist institution in Biafra. Speaking of his love for the peoples on both sides of the devastating civil war now in progress in Nigeria, he revealed how thousands of people are dying daily of starvation in Biafra, how overcrowded the medical institution he serves has become, and how dedicated the workers and laymen of the Biafra Mission have been in the face of terrible conditions. The indigenous staff of the mission, he reported, voluntarily took a 35 per cent cut in salary at the beginning of this year in order to continue the work of the church.

The Canadian Union and the Ontario-Quebec conferences provided noon and evening meals for the delegates and their wives, a sack lunch for noon, and a fruit buffet for the evening. One of the GC workers, strolling through the large auditorium after the evening meal, reported later that he could not see a piece of paper or trash left behind.

At the vesper hour the Ministerial



One musical treat was the number by the Branson Hospital School of Nursing Inter-mediate Trio (from left): Jeanette Tkachuk, Jewel Travis, and Bonnie Stansal.

Association of the General Conference presented "Restless Angels," a program consisting of pictures, music, and narration designed to awaken the audience to personal commitment to our world task.

Reports from the world divisions provided a welcome change from the business portions of the session. On three evenings and on Sabbath afternoon the 11 division leaders shared with their colleagues and with Adventists in the area high lights of the past year.

In his report on the Australasian Division L. C. Naden told stories of the manifestations of God's power in the homelands of Australasia and in the island fields. For example, he told how Kevin Moore, Bible teacher at Fulton Missionary College, took a group of final-year ministerial students with him to conduct a campaign in Nuku'alofa, the capital of Tonga. After a week of rain, the first day of their meetings dawned beautiful and clear. Three thousand people came to the open-air meeting that night. So far 75 have been baptized from this campaign, and many more are preparing to join the church, among them the secretary to the king of Tonga.

As in many other places in the world, Gift Bible Evangelism "is going with a swing," as Pastor Naden put it.

Between the Rio Grande River of North America and Tierra del Fuego at the tip of South America are more than 450,000 Seventh-day Adventists, members of the South American and the Inter-American divisions. As an example of growth last year more than 25,000 new believers were added to the church in South America. According to Roger A. Wilcox, 360 major evangelistic campaigns are being conducted this year. In Inter-America large campaigns have been conducted during recent months by visiting evangelists from the General Conference—E. E. Cleveland, Robert H. Pierson, and W. W. Fordham—as well as by



On the council's first day, the GC president (right) introduces R. R. Bietz as a recently elected general vice-president.

delightful day. Unexpectedly mild weather encouraged about 4,000 Adventists to gather at the Queen Elizabeth Building on the attractively designed and planted grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition, the largest annual exposition in the world. Sabbath school, a lay activities segment, the worship service, two afternoon meetings, and a special program in the evening made it a full day.

mission workers and nationals. From Elder Fordham's campaign, for example, about 650 have been baptized and many others are studying.

Both these Latin American fields chose this year to set aside September 28 as youth baptism day. Nearly complete reports arriving in Toronto by both postal service and wire revealed that more than 10,000 young people were baptized in these two divisions on that one Sabbath—6,165 in the South American Division and 4,007 in the Inter-American Division.

couraging news from Czechoslovakia. He reported that some months ago when government policies were altered, 22 Seventh-day Adventist workers who had lost their credentials many years ago because of their faithfulness in not sending their children to school on Sabbath, were reinstated in their positions. Some of them had not been able to work in the ministry for as long as 18 years. Even though conditions have again changed in Czechoslovakia, these workers have been permitted to carry on. Dr. Roy

baptisms in the Middle East Division, according to the report given by the officers of that division, F. C. Webster, R. L. Jacobs, and R. C. Mills. The baptisms for the second quarter alone are more than for any previous complete year in the history of the division. In a village called Baiada, a new Adventist convert returned from meetings he had attended in Fayoum fired with zeal to preach the third angel's message to his village. Farouk Rizk came to help this young man hold meetings. Now it appears that the whole Christian population of this village may become Seventh-day Adventists.

The Trans-Africa Division set a goal for the current four-year period of 125,000 baptisms. Merle L. Mills, president of this division, reported that at the time of this biennial council 62,000 had already been baptized. He drew on the experiences of literature evangelists, young people, and older members to show how God is moving through the deserts and jungles and cities of Africa to bring glory to His name in the last days. "Africa is a country rich in mineral resources," said Elder Mills, "but we are finding diamonds in the form of people."

Dr. R. S. Lowry, president of the Southern Asia Division, said that some local missions (conferences) in his division have a population of more than 100 million. With such staggering numbers to be reached and with the current difficulty of securing permission for new workers to come into some countries, it would seem that the work would move forward slowly. But in the past nine and one-half years the membership has more than doubled.

Elder Lowry told of the need for meeting places. In South India, for example, out of the 300 companies of 25 or more members, 200 have no meeting place of their own, although it costs only \$1,000 to \$1,500 to provide one.

The report from the North American Division, given by Neal C. Wilson, was a potpourri of experiences, achievements, and plans. He spoke of the 1,800 churches engaged in Gift Bible Evangelism, a program that to his knowledge has brought in 3,786 to this time. A high light of his report was his account of what New York City has asked Seventh-day Adventists to do. He said, "Mayor John Lindsay and his various agencies have been impressed with what Adventists are doing, and the city has now asked that Seventh-day Adventists lead out in a city-wide clothing campaign."

Two meetings held in North Amer-



*With resolutions in hand, Marius Fridlin (left) and B. J. Kohler, president and treasurer, respectively, of the Southern European Division, consider a point being discussed.*

Although statistics were not emphasized in division reports, some figures concerning the Far Eastern Division were eye openers. Paul Eldridge, president of the division, said that if he were to visit each one of the mission headquarters in his division, he would have to travel 24,000 miles, a distance equivalent to the circumference of the earth. The spirit of the workers in the Far East is demonstrated by a story he told: "A few months ago W. T. Clark, president of the South China Island Union, was addressing a group of workers in Hong Kong. It was a moving service. Pastor Clark talked about the possibility that someday the vast mainland of China might once more open for work. He wondered whether anyone present would be willing to go if the opportunity should arise. One hand shot up immediately. It was the hand of Dr. Harry W. Miller, who at 89 years of age is in Hong Kong raising money for a new Seventh-day Adventist hospital. Dr. Miller went to China in 1903. He is still ready to go again!"

M. Fridlin, president of the Southern European Division, brought en-

Parsons, who has served in Angola for 37 years, shared the time with Elder Fridlin.

O. Gmehling brought greetings to the Autumn Council from the 39,000 Adventists in Germany, which is the Central European Division. Among the experiences he related was one involving 11 literature evangelists who worked in the university city of Giesen. In one week they took orders for 10,000 marks' worth of books, enrolled 17 persons in the Bible correspondence school, took the names of eight interested persons, and found six families who were willing to have the Adventist pastor call on them. This past July, seven persons were baptized as the first fruit of this campaign.

Public evangelism has taken hold in the Northern European Division as never before. Enthusiasm sparked by J. F. Coltheart's campaign in Stockholm, Sweden, spread to the West Danish Conference, where Pastor Kaj Pedersen planned meetings in Copenhagen. More than 4,000 attended the four sessions of his first meeting.

During 1968 there has been a definite and almost dramatic increase in



**Charles Brooks, departmental secretary of the Allegheny East Conference, sings following the North American Division report.**

ica within recent months, Elder Wilson noted, were the Quadrennial Council of Higher Education and the North American Council on Evangelism. He described the educational council as having a "spirit of great devotion and loyalty." Of the evangelism meeting, he said, "It was one of the most unusual meetings that has been held for a long time."

From Sabbath until Wednesday, when the council closed, the larger committees and the general session met in the Crystal Ballroom of the King Edward Sheraton Hotel. The decor of this room differed significantly from the ballroom of the Royal York Hotel used the previous week. From the ceiling hung huge crystal chandeliers giving the room its name. Influences of the Italian Renaissance were seen in the finely shaped columns and capitals trimmed in gold.

### Much Paper Consumed

At the front of the room on a platform was a long table for the chairmen and secretaries. Below, on the level of the main floor was the recording secretary, Katie Farney, and those who assisted her from time to time. Beside the platform was another long table bearing the copies of committee resolutions. The mimeographing of these resolutions and other such work consumed nearly 100,000 sheets of paper.

Twenty office secretaries from the General Conference came to Toronto to care for the stenographic work of the session. The secretarial pool was directed by Mrs. Fred Sampson. A mimeograph machine operated by Irene Caslow, of the General Conference printing department, was busy almost constantly once the subcommittee reports began to come in.

The actions taken by the council ranged from one on local church and school audits to plans for changing the

scope or format of church publications. Others had to do with appointment of mission officers, adjustments in the wage scale, and the travel and educational expenses of missionaries, to name just a few.

Aside from these and the actions mentioned at the beginning of this article, certain other resolutions were adopted that may be of particular interest to laymen. They dealt with deferred giving, a revolving loan fund for church improvements, ingathering objectives, purchase and building of church properties, a special offering November 30 for East Nigeria, college radio stations, training of textbook writers and illustrators, the hospital retirement fund, health councils, preschool education, cooperation between medical and ministerial students, inner-city work, worldwide laymen's year (1971), Sabbath observance, church music, student missionary program, REVIEW AND HERALD circulation, and missionary literature. Details of these and other actions will appear in a subsequent issue of the REVIEW.

The final day of the council was devoted to the work of the North American Division Committee on Admini-

Delegates spoke of the unity and brotherhood that characterized the 1968 council. B. E. Leach, president of the Southwestern Union Conference, said on the day before the council ended, "I am impressed with the progressive spirit here. I have not seen one manifestation of smallness or pettiness at this meeting."

The delegates to whom I talked also remarked about the spiritual tone of the council. They attributed it in part to the 20 or so prayer bands that met daily, one as early as 6:30 in the morning. The Spirit of the Lord heard these prayers and led the men and women of the council into a noteworthy spirit of unity. Said M. Fridlin, president of the Southern European Division, "The spiritual side of our task was in the foreground."

A. F. Tarr, formerly a division administrator and an associate secretary of the General Conference, noted the sympathy that committee members exhibited toward the interests and concern of fellow committee members. "The spirit of brotherhood seems stronger than ever," he said.

Perhaps the words of W. Paul Bradley, an associate secretary of the General Conference, on the final day re-



**In perfect autumn weather the delegates walk between hotels: W. J. Hackett, a newly elected vice-president of the GC (with brief case), and (left to right) A. B. Butler and C. Sandefur, of the Columbia Union, and the F. R. Millards, of the Atlantic Union.**

stration (NADCA). Evangelism was a key topic; a number of proposals were introduced by both the chairman and the delegates. Among the other items on the agenda was Federal aid to education. As at last year's council, discussion centered around a working paper prepared by members of the Church-State Committee. A number of extended speeches were made as the men sought to thread their way through the complexities of the issue. The matter is to be brought up again at the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee.

flected the attitude of many. In his devotional he spoke of his recent visit to the Far East, where he saw great human need and pathos: "A strong sense of urgency pressed upon me to see the work finished, to see the way prepared for Jesus' return, so He could destroy the works of darkness and give us our promised inheritance. I had a fresh and overwhelming sense of the need to see it done quickly. I felt a new dedication to the finishing of the work.

"Will you join me in that kind of dedication?"



The Northern European Division serves ten unions, including two in Africa, for a combined church membership of almost 85,000.

AS OUR train rolled westward from Warsaw to Berlin we spent considerable time looking out of the windows absorbing the atmosphere of Poland and East Germany. It was harvesttime, and the farm families were working in the fields—the father cutting the grain with a scythe, and the wife and children gathering and stacking it.

Occasionally a train passed us on an adjoining track. Several were loaded with army materiel. At the railroad stations soldiers were numerous. Tension was considerable, especially in East Germany. We did not know why, since we had been out of touch with world news for several days. Later, however, when Prague announced that Czechoslovakia was being entered by soldiers of Warsaw Pact countries, we understood.

After our train had crossed into East Germany, we suddenly remembered that we had failed to inquire which station to use in Berlin in order to be in the Western Sector. Darkness was settling over the countryside, and our ten-hour ride was drawing to a close, so we decided to try to get the information we needed. In the coach with us were four delightful, elderly Germans. I asked one of the men,

“What station should we use to get us off in West Berlin?”

After a quick consultation with his wife, he replied, “You get off at the Zoo station.” At first we thought we had misunderstood, or that perhaps our friend was having a little joke.

“Fine,” I replied, and when he looked as if he was not sure I understood, I added, “Z-o-o.” The troubled look remained on his face, however, and soon he said, “No; zed-o-o—animal gardens.” Apparently my “z” sounded like a “c,” and he thought that when I said “z-o-o” I actually was saying “c-o-o.” He wanted to make sure that I understood and was not inconvenienced by getting off at the wrong station. We continued to converse in broken “Gerlish” (or was it “Engman”?).

Our East German friends got off the train before we did, hence could not be of further assistance to us. Nevertheless, their help was invaluable. We got off at the Zoo station in Berlin, as they had told us to do, and were able to solve our money and transportation problems even though it was 10:00 P.M. and all the banks were closed.

One fact came as a surprise: West Berlin has two Grünwaldstrassen (Grünwald Streets). “Please take us to Grünwaldstrasse 48,” we said to the cab driver. Almost predictably he took us to the wrong Grünwaldstrasse. But where was number 48? We circled the block three times and

were unable to find it. Frustrated and baffled, the driver stopped the car and disappeared into a drugstore. He emerged a short time later with a triumphant look on his face, having learned of the other Grünwaldstrasse.

In a few moments we were at our destination, Pension Rummel, where we spent the night.

Not far down the street at number 39 is Berlin-Steglitz Old People’s Home. Berlin also has an Adventist-operated hospital, with a bed capacity of 186.

Because the city of Berlin is divided politically—as well as physically—by “the wall,” we have a West Berlin Conference and an East Berlin Conference. The membership in the two conferences is nearly equal—about 1,600 members each. West Berlin shows a few scars of World War II—here and there a gutted building, and a lot scraped clean, that once was the site of a building. In general the city gives an appearance of prosperity, newness, and vitality.

In the downtown section the chief reminder of the war is the Kaiser-Wilhelm church. The tower of the pre-war church still stands—spared by the bombs that destroyed the rest of the building—but a modernistic, beautiful new church has been built adjoining it. Elsewhere in the city, not far from the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag building—scene of some of Hitler’s most fiery speeches—

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is being restored. And then there is the plaza where President John F. Kennedy made the famous "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech, renamed in his honor. How fleeting is life, and how uncertain. How necessary that we make every day count for God and truth.

We had hoped to spend some time in East Berlin—and had the necessary visas to do so—but found that we were running behind schedule. So, reluctantly we made an on-the-spot adjustment and hurried to Tempelhof Airport for our flight to London.

We flew through the air corridor over East Germany, and in about two hours were making our way through the crowds at London's Heathrow Airport.

How surprised we were to find Victor Cooper, secretary of the British Union Conference, waiting for us. We had become acquainted with this charming and capable man while we were at Uppsala. Now, weary and near the end of our long journey, we were most grateful to have him take us in tow. He helped us with our luggage, and waited while we changed some traveler's checks into British currency, then drove us to a hotel.

We had hoped to visit the British Union and Northern European Division offices Friday morning (August 2), but the deadline for another story was upon me, so dutifully I spent the morning in my hotel room writing my last report about the World Council's fourth assembly.

*Some war scars remain, such as this bombed tower of the Kaiser Wilhelm church in downtown Berlin, standing beside the new church.*

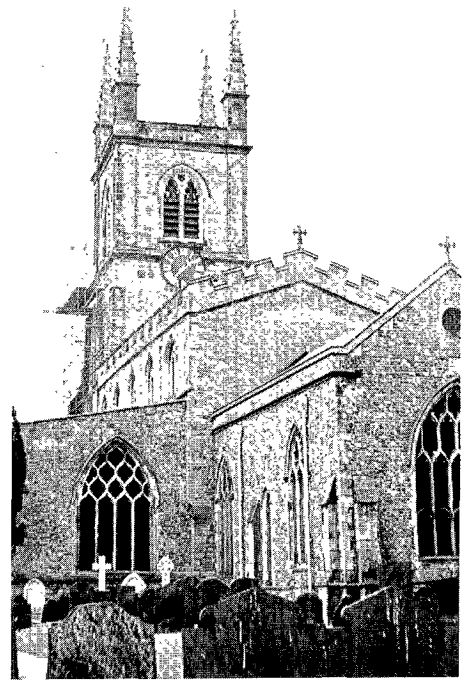


In this connection let me say that the articles one writes on a trip of this kind are sometimes produced under most forbidding circumstances. The story that I began in London Friday morning while sitting on the edge of my bed, I finished on my lap in the Birmingham airport late Sunday afternoon. The environment in hotels and airports is not particularly conducive to concentrated thought or careful organization. Nor does it encourage exceptionally good writing. But publishing deadlines are inexorable, so one presses forward as best he can, endeavoring to capture on paper the various sights, sounds, and facts that have impressed him.

"Concern for Catholicity"—the fifth article about the World Council—was written and mailed in Moscow, far removed from the speech making and committee work at Uppsala. It is to the credit of the Soviet postal system that the story reached our Washington office in six days. An additional day or two in transit would have meant that the article would have missed the August 22 REVIEW, for which it was scheduled.

But back to Britain. Aside from the West African Union, the British Union is the largest union in the Northern European Division, with a membership of more than 11,000. B. E. Seton is the president. The division has a membership of nearly 85,000. W. Duncan Eva is president. Most of our itinerary was in territories of this division—Iceland, West Nordic Union, Swedish Union, Finland Union, Polish Union. Now we were making a few contacts in Britain on our way home.

I was to speak at the Derby and Nottingham churches on Sabbath (August 3), so on Friday afternoon Elder and Mrs. Cooper drove us northward to the beautiful Midlands country of England. En route we paused a few moments at the Northern European Division office in St. Albans, a London suburb. Five years earlier we had seen the site of this building, but since then the edifice had been erected and completed. A feature of this building that has been of particular interest to me is the fibreglas likeness of Revelation 14's three angels on its front exposure.



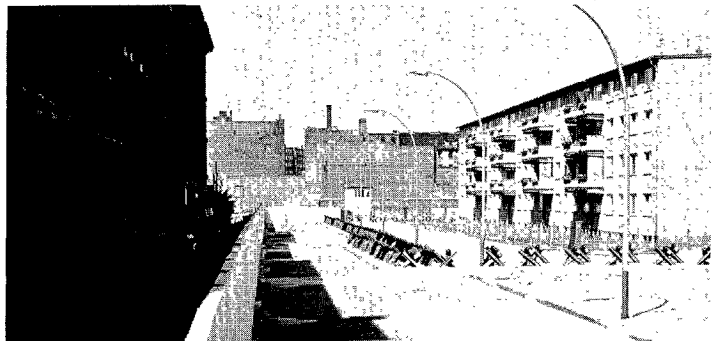
*While rector of the Lutterworth church, Wycliffe translated the Bible into English.*

Alan Collins, a Seventh-day Adventist sculptor, designed and produced this fourteen-foot-high piece of art work. He also made two smaller models about three feet high, one of which is mounted on a wall of my office. The other is in the lobby of the new university hospital at Loma Linda.

On the way to Derby we stopped at Coventry, about 85 miles northwest of London. This city was almost bombed out of existence on the three nights of November 14 and 15, 1940, and April 8, 1941. One of the buildings that was shattered was the fourteenth-century St. Michael's Cathedral. Only the tower and parts of the walls survived. Today the ruins of the old cathedral remain, including the large wooden cross that was charred in the fire. But next to it is a new modernistic cathedral that has attracted worldwide attention.

Sabbath morning we were picked up at our hotel by Pastor and Mrs. C. L. W. Cooke, of the Derby church. Between the service at Derby and the one in the afternoon at Nottingham, we enjoyed a pleasant lunch with these good people. After the Notting-

*A steel blockade, a sentry box, a brightly lighted no man's land, and always the wall—deterrents to a change of residency in Berlin.*



ham service W. J. Newman took us to Grantham, site of our new Stanborough Press, and birthplace of the scientific genius Sir Isaac Newton.

Sunday morning R. D. Vine, editor of the publishing house, took us through this modern plant. Later he and his wife drove us to Birmingham, from whence we would begin the final leg of our trip home. En route we stopped at the Lutterworth church, where John Wycliffe was rector from 1374 to 1384. We felt that we were on holy ground as we walked in the steps of this man who is often spoken of as the Morning Star of the Reformation.

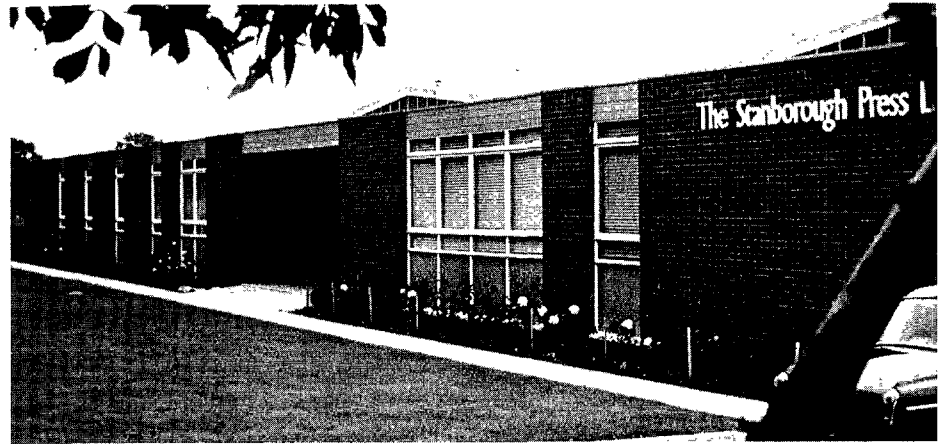
It was at Lutterworth that Wycliffe performed his greatest service for God—the translation of the Bible into English. However, this effort earned him no favor with the Roman Church. Along with his efforts at church reform this project brought down upon him the wrath of the Papacy. He died December 31, 1384, but 44 years later his body was exhumed from the quiet churchyard and burned. His ashes were cast into the river Swift, which runs past the town of Lutterworth. One writer has well said that “this brook hath conveyed his ashes into Avon, Avon into Severn, Severn into the narrow seas, they into the main ocean. And thus the ashes of Wycliffe are the emblem of his doctrine, which now is dispersed all the world over.”

My mind turned toward the glorious heritage bequeathed to Seventh-day Adventists. What a tremendous responsibility it is to be the spiritual descendants of such men as Wycliffe,

Huss, Jerome, Luther, and Zwingli! Seventh-day Adventists are reformers. They are carrying on the work begun by these greats of past ages. This thought must ever be kept sharply in focus.

The Adventist Church is not merely another church. It is not here

Shortly after seven o'clock in the evening our plane took off for Glasgow, where we were to make connections with a flight from Copenhagen, en route to Iceland. The plane was two hours late, hence it was three-fifteen in the morning before we arrived at Keflavik, Iceland. Half an



**This building replaces the one in Watford that burned January 3, 1964. Besides English, printing is done in Swedish, Danish, Icelandic, Dutch, Afrikaans, Hindi, and Urdu.**

to settle down and enjoy the blessings of this world. It is a movement. It is a movement raised up by God to restore all the bright gems of truth that have been buried under the rubbish of tradition. It has been raised up to call earth's millions to choose between the true and the counterfeit, between God's Word and tradition, between Christ and Satan, between heaven and hell. It has been commissioned, as was John the Baptist, to “prepare . . . the way of the Lord.”

hour later we were airborne again, en route to New York and Washington.

After eight hours of droning across the North Atlantic, our plane touched down on home soil. How thankful we were to God for His blessings throughout the long miles and many weeks of our journey. We returned home with deepened impressions and new convictions. Of these we will say more in our editorial next week.

K. H. W.

## A Story FOR THE YOUNGER SET

### Almost a Threshing

By PATSY MURDOCH

“HEY, James! Come here,” called twelve-year-old George from around the corner of his dad's barn. “Wanna show you somethin'.”

James's family was visiting George's family and James, growing tired of playing with the other children, had gone looking for George.

“Whatcha got?” demanded James.

George held out some “roll-your-own” cigarettes. “Here, have one.”

Ten-year-old James, his eyes like saucers, asked, “You mean you *smoke*?”

“Aw, sure! Why, I'm gettin' to be a man,” George said.

James wanted to be “a man” too, so he

took a cigarette. George helped him light it. He tried to puff it just as George puffed his. “Ugh!” exclaimed James, between fits of coughing. He tried to hand the cigarette to George.

“Oh, come on! Take a few more puffs,” George laughed. “You'll get used to it. It won't hurt you. Don't you wanna be a man?”

James took a few more puffs. He felt as though he were on a rocking boat. “I'm getting sick!” Surely no seasick sailor ever felt worse!

Even with this beginning, James continued to try smoking, until one day he no longer got sick. Smoking became a habit, and James even learned to chew tobacco.

The years went by, and the tobacco habit still had James.

When he became eighteen he hired out as a farm hand.

One day James helped Big Bill thresh wheat from a neighbor's barn.

Big Bill was more than six feet tall.

“Say, Big Bill,” James asked, “you got a cigarette? I'm all out.”

“No, James,” Big Bill answered, “I

don't have any cigarettes, but you can try some of my snuff.”

“I've never used snuff,” James said, “but I've just gotta have some tobacco!”

James put some snuff in his mouth and began to work it around. He climbed up the ladder to the loft, and picking up the pitchfork, he began tossing the bundles of wheat down to Big Bill who fed them into the threshing machine.

Soon James groaned and moaned and began to wobble like a dying top.

“Oh-h-h!” he cried, and down he fell out of the loft right toward the long metal fingers that were pulling the hay into the threshing machine!

Big Bill reached up, and with one large hand grabbed James just before the blades caught him.

James was *really* sick this time! And as he rolled around on the ground in pain, he made up his mind: “Never again will I use tobacco. *Never!*”

It wasn't easy, but James stuck by his resolution. He is an elderly Christian gentleman now, and he likes to tell his grandchildren about the time he almost got a threshing for using tobacco.



# ELECTION

By KENNETH OSTER

**I**N THE United States this is election year. Candidates seeking the Presidency are campaigning from one end of the country to the other. The issues are clear in some cases, in others, vague and ambiguous. Each candidate claims to have the answer to the problems of foreign as well as domestic affairs.

Twentieth-century man, with the ability to catapult a man into space, is on the verge of conquering the moon and outer space beyond, but is devoid of the knowledge of how to conquer inner space within his own heart. Recently the students of the world-renowned University of Edinburgh (Scotland) demanded not better teachers, not better educational facilities, but free distribution of the pill and unrestricted use of pot! Malcolm Muggeridge, student rector of the university, resigned with the statement that he believes life is "more

than drugged stupefaction and casual sexual relations." What a complete degradation of mind and morals against which he protests!

The hatred, immorality, and debauchery of a world struggling for survival stands in extreme contrast to the principles advocated by another Candidate whose platform stands on such statements as "Love your enemies," "Blessed are the pure in heart," and "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Election year? Yes. The most important vote that you can cast, however, will not be in the ballot box in November, but in the decision you make today and every day.

Years ago, after World War I, Edward Bok, an editor, offered \$100,000 for a plan to ensure universal peace. More than 22,000 manuscripts were submitted. Someone won the \$100,000, but peace seems to be more

elusive today than it ever was. The shortest manuscript that was received consisted of but two words: "Try Jesus."

In 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 the apostle Paul recognizes that "the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness. . . . But unto them which are called," he said, we preach "Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." It is only as we elect Christ to reign supreme in our hearts that lasting peace will come.

All kinds of speeches will be made for and by various candidates. Every Christian ought to be out "campaigning" too. In word and deed we must urge all to vote for Christ. In this campaign a two-thirds-majority vote is needed. It must be a decisive victory. Satan casts one vote, Christ another. You cast the deciding vote. Let us renew our allegiance to Christ by casting our vote for Him.

## The art of living

*when you're young*

By MIRIAM WOOD

**DRUGLESS JOY** Drug addiction is a subject that interests me a great deal, not from any desire on my part to become a participant, but from my mystification at the number of young people who are apparently involved in what to me seems a never-ending nightmare. When I first became aware of this problem years ago, the unfortunates were called "dope fiends"—a spine-chilling terminology, and certainly not one that would be popular with modern sociologists. It does, though, describe addicts quite accurately, for what happens to people who are hooked on drugs is nothing less than fiendish.

Vast quantities of material are being written on this new and horrifying facet of modern life. It's "new" in the sense that while drugs have always been misused by a small percentage of society, only recently has drug addiction crawled out from under its slimy rock and fastened itself upon an ever-increasing number of people—even young people. My acquaintance with the subject is based entirely on reading; I must confess I haven't talked with young addicts themselves. (That is, to my knowledge I haven't; but my reading has made me so suspicious that occasionally I find myself peering intently at young friends to see if any of the tell-tale signs of addiction are visible. This isn't exactly the way to endear myself to them, I'm sure.)

Outstanding in the material I've read is the declaration by young addicts that they are on drugs because they "feel good" for the period of time the drug is working. Or they "see the world through a rosy glow." Or life "isn't drab any more." Or they feel as though they could "conquer the world." Or their "problems disappear." Of course, when certain drugs begin to wear off, there's the screaming, over-

whelming, all-consuming necessity for more, to the point where common decency, civilized behavior—all that separates man from the animal level—is obliterated. Only one thing exists—the drug, and where/how to get it. Steal, if necessary. Betray, if necessary. Even kill, if necessary.

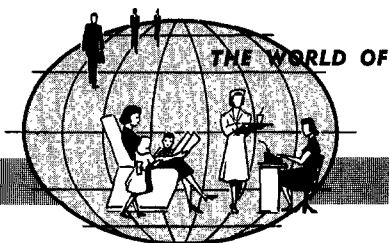
With other types of drugs there seems to be a gradual descent into a stuporous, half-idiotic world where the realities of life, ambitions, desire for achievement, devotion to a cause, blur together and disappear. Addicts become much like the lotus-eaters of Homer's *Odyssey*—no longer interested in returning home, forgetting their struggles to see once more the ones they loved. After eating the lotus they wanted only to sit in the shade, smiling vacantly. Only the shell of the human being remained.

A fundamental point, I think, is this: Life in this world of sin cannot be lived always in a "rosy glow." Any attempt to forget this by a mechanical device such as drug taking can only result in even greater sorrow. In the case of drug addiction the victim can easily lose his ability *ever* to cope with reality; he faces an even worse reality—that of becoming, at an early age, a kind of vegetable.

God's plan for His human creation was, in the beginning, a tranquil, peaceful garden, a pastoral heaven on earth. Having created him, God knew what setting was appropriate for man's nature and his nerves. Nowhere in the Edenic scene does one find records of either a wild euphoria or a mindless "rosy glow." One *does* find a deep enduring happiness before sin entered, a sustained and self-renewing tranquility.

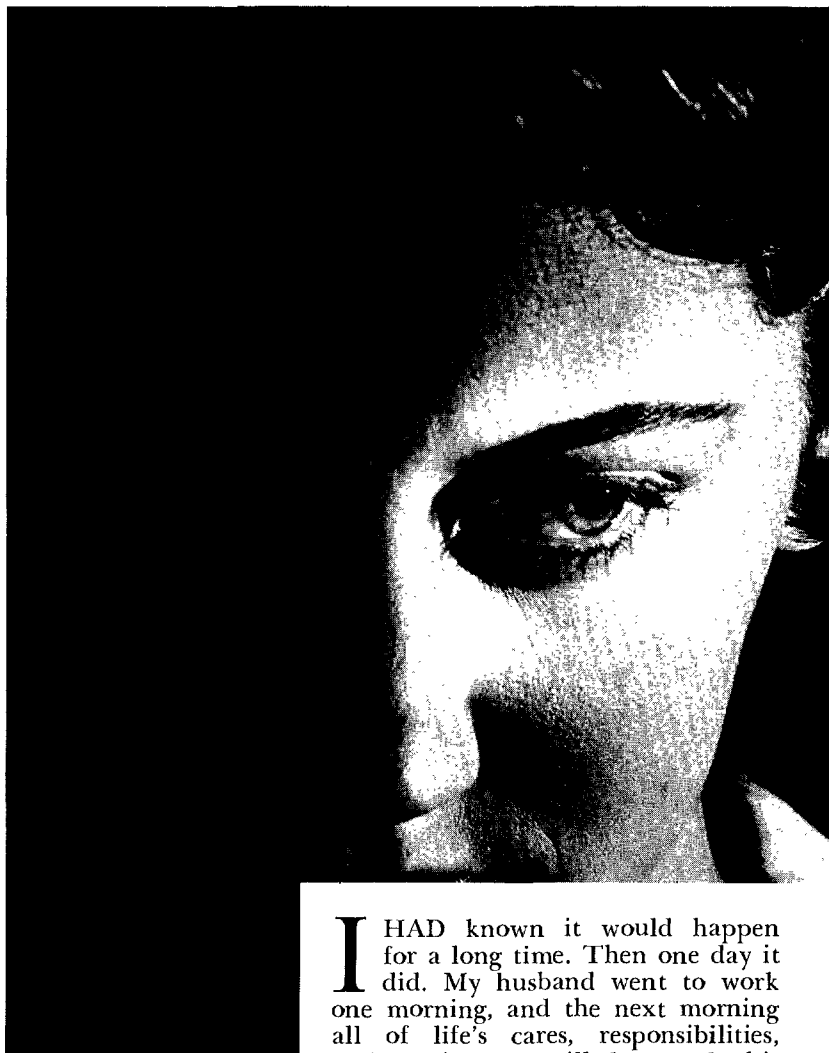
It is reasonable to assume that a personal relationship with God is the only completely satisfactory solution to life's "nitty-gritty" plateau. And it is "nitty-gritty." But anyone who tries to tell you it isn't—well, he'd be suspect in my book.

When God is your answer, it would never occur to you even to consider drugs to alleviate the deadly "dailyness" of living. Like C. S. Lewis, you'll find yourself "surprised by joy"—lasting, eternal joy.



## The Loneliness of Widowhood

By DEANNE SUTTON



*To a widow, loneliness is:*

- an empty hatrack*
- being in a large group and yet by herself*
- walking down the street meeting couples*
- coming home to mail addressed to “Mr. and Mrs.”*
- a bit of good news with no one to share it*
- a handshake with memories*
- an evening with undisciplined thoughts*
- an insurmountable task with no one to help*
- a decision to make without a guiding hand*
- a holiday spent alone*
- a fright without a protector*
- a tragedy without a comforter*
- a need without a provider*
- an empty pillow*

I HAD known it would happen for a long time. Then one day it did. My husband went to work one morning, and the next morning all of life's cares, responsibilities, and worries were willed to me by his death. How grateful I was that I was not left alone to shoulder these new responsibilities; by my side was the One who said, “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee” (Isa. 41:10).

As I stood in the funeral parlor, invisible angels comforted me. I knew then that I would never be left alone. I decided that God had a purpose for me and that I would believe that “God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 224).

Even though after the funeral my husband's brother helped me with necessary final transactions, I was left with the problem of the future. Since my husband and I had spent most of our married life in the mission field, the down payment on our home was

about all the financial assets we had. Our teen-age daughter was in the academy with never a thought but that she would continue and finish college. Somehow tuition and school expenses had to be met; and so plans were made.

With a prayer I applied for work and found that the Lord had already opened the way for me to find the type of work most suited to me—creative work that was not only challenging but held my interest for the best I could give. In fact, there was such an abundance of work that there was no time to feel sorry for myself.

Thus it was that new work, new friends, and a new world came into being only two weeks after my husband's death.

From personal experience I would say that for the widow there is a definite need of service for others whether she needs an income or not. So, if you should suddenly lose your companion, I would suggest that you take an inventory of your qualifications, your interests, and, of course, the opportunities to put these talents to work. But before coming to any final decision, consult the One who is most interested in your welfare. Things always fall into place at the right time and the right place when our will is His will.

Living with yourself and getting to know yourself are also a challenge. If you are one who enjoys living alone, you will have to guard against being alone too much. You will have to make a special effort to be around people either at work or, better still, by inviting friends in for dinner or a social evening. Get involved in church work—youth leadership, Dorcas, or teaching a Sabbath school class. A person should continue to feel actively involved with people. There are endless opportunities that will open up for you to enrich and fill your life.

Entertaining is perhaps a bit more difficult when you are alone, and you will have to do some special planning. Because you were married, your friends have been and still are among the married group. I have found the best way is to invite at least two couples with an extra guest to make an even number. Where I am situated my friends' husbands are often away on long trips and I find these wives are lonely too and welcome an invitation to dinner and stimulating conversation.

Little by little adjustment will be made. It was made easier for me by wonderful friends who have stood by me, who each year have invited me to their family holiday dinners, and who often have included me on their family trips. Then there are those

friends who understand in a special way because they too have had to adjust to being a widow.

In thinking over my experience, I would suggest five helps for overcoming loneliness:

1. Maintain a close companionship with your heavenly Father.
2. Become involved in your church and the work it is doing.
3. Keep body and mind in the best condition—you will need strength for building a new life.
4. Invest time in your friends and make new ones.
5. Pick up your former hobbies and start new ones—creative hobbies are the most rewarding and therapeutic. Eventually you will rise above the loneliness to a degree where your married friends may marvel at your ability to accomplish so much. Some may even envy your independence in transacting business and in making decisions (where to go on a holiday, or where you will retire—alone, of course). You may even be astonished that you have been able to create a new life for yourself and that it is pos-

## Especially FOR MEN

BY ROLAND R. HEGSTAD

### A LOOK INTO THE REARVIEW MIRROR

He was a perfect gentleman—the kind who often is asked to become either an elder or a deacon in the local church. No lady ever had to open the door when he was around. Other men might remain seated while ladies stood; not he! You always looked for him near the end of the line at Dorcas suppers or other church socials; he never joined the rush to get to the serving deck before the dessert ran out (if ever it does, at Dorcas doings).

Yes, he was a perfect gentleman—until he got into his automobile. Then a pedestrian wasn't safe in a crosswalk. Spend an extra half second meditating at a stop light, and his horn would bring you back to insistent reality. Ride with him and you would find yourself slinking farther and farther down into your seat or hiding your identity behind a newspaper.

I've read several articles that suggest that men—particularly men over 40—buy certain models of automobiles for reasons related to such basic drives as aggression and sex. Some psychiatrists evidently believe there is evidence that 4,000 pounds of chrome and tautly harnessed horsepower may have a catalytic effect on aging hormones. Whatever the truth of *that*, I'm still unable to explain why an otherwise

sible again to live a full rich life.

Never lose faith in yourself and in others. Have faith in your capacity to bear solitude and put it to work in discovering yourself and a meaningful plan of life.

I would say to all couples, Live each day so that should the time come for a final parting you will have no regrets. This, with your faith in a loving heavenly Father and the knowledge that the partner you took "till death us do part" would want you to have the best of everything, will give you the incentive and drive to press on to accomplish the unfinished tasks—improving your talents, and above all, caring for, loving, and educating your children for a united home in heaven.

It will be difficult not to have the one who was your comforter, protector, and provider; but with trust and faith in the Saviour's love the unbearable will become bearable, the insurmountable, surmountable, and in time, in place of the terrible loneliness, there will be quiet and peace, though you will always miss him.

polite "Jekyll" became such a "Hyde" behind the wheel.

One can offer the bromides: He needed conversion. He was a hypocrite. Or, more charitably, he suffered from "thruway" psychosis. A Christian psychiatrist, with whom I discussed his case, urged me to forget seeking a motivation and to think in terms of conditioned reflexes. "When he was young, back in his early teen-age years, he may have driven like that," he said, "and he has never been able to kick the habit"—he used a few psychiatric terms that added a professional patina to the conversation, but that's the way it came through to a communications man.

I probably would not have made his driving habits the subject of a column had I not picked up a friend a while back at a motel. My wife was seated beside me as I yielded to a momentary urge to show what fury is confined within 427 cubic inches locked within steel and aluminum. After I let him out, she used only seven words to stimulate some reflection: "Just what were *you* trying to prove?"

If nothing else she got me to analyze my driving habits. A multi-thousand-mile cross-continent drive (at the midpoint of which I am ruefully recording these observations) offered further opportunity for reflection not only on the aberrations evident in "competing" traffic but also on the Christian(?) courtesy(?) being advertised from behind my steering wheel.

"Now we see through a glass, darkly," as Scripture says, but it is surprising what insights into both motivations and habits can be gained by a candid selfward look into the rearview mirror!



## PRESUMPTION OR FAITH?

Four members of a religious sect in southwest Virginia were recently arrested, charged with snake handling and manslaughter. Included in the four were the minister of the sect, the assistant minister, and the owner of two rattlesnakes used.

A member of the congregation, expressing his faith in God, held the two snakes before the congregation. As he did one of them struck the 65-year-old man in the forehead. He died the next day, after many of the congregation prayed all night for his recovery.

The sect takes literally the passage in Mark, "These signs shall follow them that believe; . . . they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (chap. 16:17, 18).

Members of this sect also resort to drinking lye and other poisons as a display of their faith.

We pity those who confuse faith with presumption. Presumption is Satan's counterfeit for faith. Satan tempted Jesus to presumption when he asked Him to cast Himself down from the pinnacle of Jerusalem's Temple to prove that He was the Son of God. Jesus refused, answering, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (Luke 4:9-12). Commenting on this passage, Ellen G. White says, "We should not present our petitions to God to *prove* whether He will fulfill His word, but *because* He will fulfill it; not to prove that He loves us, but because He loves us."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 126.

### Faith and Presumption Confused

Presumption is defined as the taking of too much on oneself; the overstepping of limits of propriety, courtesy, or morality. It takes on various forms in the Christian's relationship with his God.

Ellen G. White was called upon to rebuke a form of fanaticism and presumption in some respects not too different from the presumption practiced by the sect in Virginia. The case was that of those who said, "He who has been prayed for must walk out in faith, giving God the glory, and making use of no remedies. If he is at a health institute he should leave it at once."

Her reply to the confused idea was "I know that these ideas are wrong, and that if accepted they would lead to many evils.

"On the other hand, I do not wish to say anything that might be interpreted to mean a lack of belief in the efficacy of prayer.

"The path of faith lies close beside the path of presumption. Satan is ever seeking to lead us into false paths. He sees that a misunderstanding of what constitutes faith will confuse and disappoint. He is pleased when he can persuade men and women to reason from false premises."—*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 345.

Citing Nehemiah's example of mingling work with prayer, she added, "Nehemiah did not regard his duty as done when he had mourned and wept and prayed before the Lord. He did not only pray. He worked, mingling petition and endeavor.

"It is no denial of faith to use rational remedies judiciously."—*Ibid.*, p. 346.

In another instance she labeled as presumption indolence in making use of simple remedies: "If we neglect to do that which is within the reach of nearly every fam-

ily, and ask the Lord to relieve pain when we are too indolent to make use of these remedies within our power, it is simply presumption."—*Ibid.*, p. 297.

### Wise Above What Is Written

Another form of presumption is to be "wise above what is written." This phrase was used by Ellen G. White to describe a group that strove to be original in their interpretation of Scripture. Concerning them she said, "There are men who strive to be original, who are wise above what is written; therefore, their wisdom is foolishness."—*Ibid.*, book 1, p. 16.

Concerning those who indulge in suppositions and theories of this character she said, "It is presumption to indulge in suppositions and theories regarding matters that the Lord has not revealed. . . . We are not to search into matters on which God has been silent. When questions arise upon which we are uncertain, let us ask, What saith the Scripture? And if the Scripture is silent upon the question at issue, let it not be made the subject of discussion. Let those who wish for something new, seek for that newness of life resulting from the new birth."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 314.

If speculative theories are advanced we ought to demand a plain "Thus saith the Lord." By "plain" we mean that the statements of Inspiration should be explicit. We should not accept as a "thus saith the Lord" conclusions that someone draws from what Inspiration has said. If Inspiration makes a statement A and another statement B, from which someone draws the conclusion C, that conclusion ought not to be labeled as a "Thus saith the Lord" conclusion unless Inspiration has explicitly stated that same conclusion.

If, upon earnest investigation, the Bible does not seem to be clear or definitive upon a certain point, let us accept that fact humbly and be willing to say, The Bible is not clear on this. Apparently the point must not be essential to salvation, else it would have been plainly stated. "Matters of vital importance have been plainly revealed in the Word of God. These subjects are worthy of our deepest thought. But we are not to search into matters on which God has been silent."—*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 173.

"Christ withheld no truths essential to our salvation. Those things that are revealed are for us and our children, but we are not to allow our imagination to frame doctrines concerning things not revealed."—*Ibid.*

Unfortunately some find the explicit statements of Inspiration dull and uninteresting. They feel that these statements need to be embellished by fanciful reasonings and speculative theories. But those who embark on a course of embellishment expose themselves as "wise above what is written" and thus are guilty of presumption. We should never feel that we can improve upon that which has been written. If we feel that improvements are essential we stand as critics of the Word and indict the men who wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

### Situational Disobedience

Another form of presumption is that which caused the ruin of Uzzah. He reasoned that, the situation being what it was, it would be proper for him to disobey a command of God—a sort of a situation-ethics conclusion (see 2 Sam. 6).

But God's command was explicit. No one but the priests were allowed to touch the ark, not even the Kohathites who were to bear it. "The sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die" (Num. 4:15). Furthermore, if the ark was to be moved it was to be borne upon the shoulders of the Kohathites (chap. 7:9).

Uzzah's sin lay in presuming that under the circumstances it was proper for him to touch the tottering ark. "Transgression of God's law had lessened his sense of its sacredness, and with unconfessed sins upon him he had, in face of the divine prohibition, presumed to touch the symbol of God's presence. God can accept no partial obedience, no lax way of treating His commandments."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 706. Of course, King David also was not free of guilt, for it was he who arranged that the ark be transported in an ox-drawn

vehicle instead of on the shoulders of the designated Kohathites.

Satan's temptations to presumption are tailored to suit varied minds. Few could be tempted to participate in the naive exhibitions of the snake-handling sect in southern Virginia, but many fall readily to Satan's sophisticated forms of temptation. We should never forget that "the temptations by which Christ was beset in the wilderness—appetite, love of the world, and presumption—are the three great leading allurements by which men are most frequently overcome."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, p. 576.

But Christ was victorious over presumption. He gained the victory to show us how we might overcome. Divine power is available for the struggle. With every temptation a way of escape is provided. All may be victorious.

D. F. N.

## LETTERS



### SABBATH WORK

EDITORS: I have worked in non-Adventist nursing homes and a hospital, and not once have I been called on to work on the Sabbath. Before I accepted the jobs, I pointed out to the administrators that I would not compromise and that I thought there was enough non-Adventist help who would like to work on the seventh day in order to have their Sundays free. God will help us if we stand firm in our decisions for Him.

EDITH LOVIN

Mt. Vernon, Illinois

### KEEP PROGRAMS ON AIR

EDITORS: Recently we were informed that the major stations carrying our Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today had dropped them in New York City. We ask, Who is to blame? Every member who professes to be an Adventist should profit by this sad experience. We have the most important merchandise in the world to sell the public—the last-day message. In order to keep our message before the public, we as members must show more interest, more willingness to cooperate, and take a little time to tell these stations that we appreciate the programs. This doesn't cost us anything but a little time to send a letter or a card. We may find more of our programs off the air if we are apathetic, complacent, and have little interest in our programs.

AL COSSETTA

Kansas City, Missouri

### TRADE PROGRAMS OFFERED

EDITORS: I wish to reply to Mrs. Ann Kerr's letter published in the September 12 issue of the REVIEW. Her burden for broader programs of post-secondary education for our youth has not been borne alone. For many years a twelfth-grade education was adequate to equip young people for a satisfying vocational career. This is no longer the case.

After several years of study and planning, Union College attempted to build a program that would offer two years of vocational-technical education on our own campus as a di-

vision of the college, yet designed for the needs of the trade-oriented. Four areas of vocational intents were identified, and a small group of students were enrolled in auto mechanics, electronics, office and food services. Enrichment classes in communications, practical problems of religion stressing the responsibilities of the layman in the churches, and practical business problems facing the Adventist layman supplemented the skills instruction received. Eleven members of the academic faculty and the college business manager taught the enrichment classes, specialists in their respective vocations taught the skills classes. In order to make this program financially attractive the tuition was set at a figure far below that charged for college tuition.

Now we are registering students for the new school year. Unfortunately, many Seventh-day

Adventist parents still aspire to have their children graduate from a traditional arts or science program regardless of their personal abilities, talents, or interests. We need more Mrs. Kerrs who have a burden to see our young people in our own schools preparing themselves for an active part in God's work as dedicated laymen. At least two of our schools, Walla Walla College and Union College, are offering trade programs. These programs will succeed only as we have a continuing demand for them by our youth. Such programs are expensive to operate, and when there is only a limited demand for their offering it is difficult to maintain them. There is a place at Union College for those who want a good program of trade education, taught by competent, dedicated teachers using adequate facilities.

LAURENCE DOWNING

Lincoln, Nebraska

### Does It Give You a Lift?—3

## One Goat for the Lord

By C. L. PADDOCK

I landed on a tropical island in Inter-America one lovely spring morning just after a hurricane had swept through the area. There was devastation everywhere. The banana trees had been wrecked. Coconut trees all over the island had been blown down or had had the nuts all shaken off. Hundreds of homes had been demolished and some lives lost.

I stopped in a small town that had been hit very hard. The little Adventist church had been totally destroyed. Nothing was left. Many of the homes of the members were gone too. The leader called the members together so that they might discuss their problems and see who needed help. Should they try to rebuild their little church? Everyone present voted "Yes, positively yes."

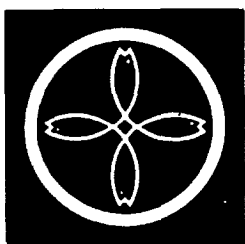
The little home of a young man, his wife, and two children had been destroyed. A few timbers and pieces of corrugated roofing were scattered around nearby. About all they had left was two milking goats. They had made their living by the sweat of daily toil. I shall never forget that young man's speech. It really lifted me.

"We were hit pretty hard," he said. "Our lives were spared, and we have two goats left. I think we can salvage enough from the old house to build ourselves a shelter to protect us from the sun and the rain until we can build another home. My wife and I have talked it over, and we want to give one of our goats to help buy material for our new church."

What an attitude! Willing to give one of their two goats to help build a new church that the message might go on.

That is the spirit of sacrifice and devotion that is keeping this message going and going and going to the ends of the earth. Doesn't it give you a lift?





# Eucharistic Congress in Colombia Turns Many to Their Bibles

By J. G. NIKKELS

Departmental Secretary, Colombia-Venezuela Union

"This is a historic day, and there is nothing left to be desired!" exclaimed a priest-reporter seated next to me in the press area. "I now have seen His Holiness the Pope, and I am ready to die."

Similar expressions were heard throughout Bogotá, capital of Colombia, on August 22 when Pope Paul VI, first pontiff ever to set foot on Latin American soil, received the homage of more than a million persons who gathered along the roads leading from the airport to the Pope's temporary residence.

The occasion was the Thirty-ninth International Eucharistic Congress, the first such congress to be held since Vatican Council II. Celebrated August 18-25 in South America's most fervent Catholic nation, the congress stressed ecumenical unity in Latin America—an area that boasts one third of the Catholic population of the world.

Despite the large Catholic membership, the Roman Church faces grave problems in three areas: the greatest shortage of priests in the continent's history (plus a faction of rebellious clergymen), the threat of Communism, and the age-old dilemma of hunger and human misery, complicated now by the Pope's recent encyclical restating the church's position on birth control. The communicants themselves form the nucleus of a potential revolutionary powder keg. Thus the congress sought to provide solutions to these pressing issues, as well as to maintain the characteristics of the public manifestation of the eucharist.

The eucharist, centered in the sacrificial love of Christ, is seen as a catalyst for fraternal construction of a new world. To this end the second day of the congress was dedicated as Ecumenical Day, and cardinals, bishops, and priests from all over the world celebrated a special mass in 70 parishes of Bogotá.

A special ecumenical service was held in El Templete, a circular open-air chapel seating 350,000 persons—actual attendance fell far short of that figure, however—which was especially constructed for the congress in the center of the so-called Campo Eucarístico. Invitations were sent to all non-Catholic churches, and many responded with varying degrees of enthusiasm.

Choirs of Catholic, Baptist, and Presbyterian congregations, as well as of the United Protestant community, participated in a cultural songfest. Then, an hour later a fleet of cars appeared at the main entrance of the camp, carrying among others Msgr. Lercano, the papal legate, who acted as president of the congress until the arrival of the Pope three days later.

The apostolic administrator of Bogotá, Msgr. Muñoz Duque, welcomed the honored guests and stressed the importance of the meeting as a transcendental step on the road toward Christian unity in Latin America. Then the speeches began. After each dignitary spoke, scripture from Paul's message to the Ephesians was read, followed by a penitential prayer for unity, with all the pilgrims respond-

ing, "Have mercy on us, O Lord," and an ecumenical song.

Most applauded speaker of the afternoon was Dr. Gabriel Dietzfelbringer, spiritual head of 40 million Lutherans in both Germanys. He has worked closely with Catholics in various enterprises. While Dr. Dietzfelbringer added both an international and an ecumenical flavor to the occasion, it is interesting to note that he was brought from Germany because the local Lutherans wanted nothing to do with the congress. "Suffering together during Hitler's regime," he said, "brought us together in one fellowship. That I, a Lutheran, can talk in this congress in a predominantly Catholic country is the work of the Holy Spirit, who is teaching us the forgotten truth that His church is one, holy, apostolic, and catholic. Christ is the great ecumenical force." Dr. Dietzfelbringer concluded his homily with an appeal to Pope Paul VI to call a great universal council of all Christians.

Most outspoken dignity was Bishop Pinzón, representative of the Anglican community, whose words were a fresh breeze in the suffocating climate of unconditional ecumenicity that characterized the conference. He pointed out that his church can enter into communion with others only when this unity is based on the Word of God. Comparing the church of the twentieth century with the first Christian community, he noted that again faith is lacking and that the church suffers from sectarian tendencies. "We

**Soldiers guard the main entrance to El Templete, a circular open-air chapel designed to seat 350,000. It was especially constructed in Bogotá, Colombia, for the Eucharistic Congress. The wired-off sections seen at each site were set apart for paying pilgrims.**





EL COLOMBIANA

**Pope Paul VI tours the field of San José, Mosquera, riding in the open for half an hour in order to be seen by all the campesinos gathered in that place for this special occasion. He was the first Roman Catholic pontiff ever to set foot on Latin American soil.**

must again discover Christ to solve our social, ethical, and economical problems," he said.

In a surprisingly frank manner Bishop Pinzón described the obstacles to Christian unity in Latin America, and especially Colombia. "Not only a political change in structure is needed," he observed, "but even more so, a religious one in the Catholic Church. We Christians of Colombia not belonging to the Roman Catholic community see a great difference between the ecumenical relations developed by the Catholic clergy in Europe and North America and those in Spain, Latin America, and especially Colombia."

Greatest obstacle to Christian unity and fraternity, Bishop Pinzón said, is the Concordat signed by Colombia and the Holy See in 1887, which still dominates relations between Catholics and Protestants. Only two other countries in Latin America have a similar treaty—Haiti and Santo Domingo. Among many liberal Catholics, even in government circles, a movement was started at the beginning of this year to abolish the Concordat as soon as possible. Likely appealing to this liberating force, the Anglican Bishop asked the ten cardinals and nearly 200 bishops present to study the problem during the second general conference of the Latin American Episcopate held in Medellín, Colombia, immediately after the congress.

And then the Pope arrived. Addressing representatives of the diplomatic corps in Bogotá and observers of the congress, he answered the appeal for unity from his "separated brethren" by asking these men of state to promote the union of

church and communities to the benefit of the church and the world. The Pope expressed the hope that the contracts of the Roman Catholic Church with other communities might be fruitful.

Certainly there are immediately noticeable results—both secular and spiritual—of the congress. When it became known that the Pope had chosen the 430-year-old Colombian capital as the seat of this congress and had expressed his desire to honor it with a personal visit, the Government launched a public works program that converted Bogotá

from a large city to a modern metropolis. Its nearly 2.5 million inhabitants are now acquainted with skyscrapers, overpasses, bypasses, eight-lane highways, and an urban transportation system.

Yet the spiritual preparation for this international congress may have further-reaching results than all the material works. At the beginning of this year the National Committee of the Eucharistic Congress organized in every city *asambleas familiares*, a sort of cottage meeting to be held in a private home in every city block. Under the guidance of a Catholic layman trained for these special meetings, some 20 to 30 neighbors gathered for ten consecutive nights to study Bible topics such as Jesus the Saviour, baptism, matrimony, Christian witness. The purpose was to start a dialog between the church and its members. Since these meetings were open to everyone—the meeting place was identified by a yellow-and-white papal flag—our Adventist believers used the opportunity to become better acquainted with their neighbors.

In Medellín, for instance, faculty members and ministerial students of our Instituto Colombo-Venezolano took a lively part in those discussions with varied results. The free dialog led to many questions about the Bible that even the priests and nuns could not answer; the Adventists were able to answer immediately.

On one occasion when our students could not attend an *asamblea*, the monitor-host with the consent of those present called the college and begged for them to come the following night. Imagine the surprise of the students when they met



**Three continents are represented by the cardinals shown here (from left): Ukraine (Europe), Colombia (South America), Africa.**

about 60 people asking them to lead out in the discussions, since they "knew all about the Bible." As a result many have enrolled in Bible courses, and hundreds of branch Sabbath schools have sprung up in all parts of the cities.

At other times priests and monitors confessed that the church had made a mistake in fixing all its attention upon tradition. "We thank the Protestants for having shown us the way in emphasizing the Bible." Comments such as this led some Catholics to doubt the veracity of their religion. One man remarked, "If the church is infallible, how can it permit us now to read the Bible when first

it was a mortal sin? Now what should we believe?"

The slight reformations that the church wants to introduce in Latin America by means of this congress seem to be upsetting some of the faithful Catholics, while others have become far more tolerant in their attitude toward Protestants. It has become much easier to arrange for Bible studies, especially among the better-situated classes of people.

Adventists seem to be accepted as careful students of the Bible. And most important, the Bible has become a favorite Book to be explored and studied.

## Family Shares Faith; Larger Chapel Built

By MARIO NINO  
Pastor, West Venezuela Mission

Julian Nieto and his family, all members of the Adventist Church and farmers by profession, had come to Venezuela from Colombia looking for better work opportunities. With much sacrifice they were able to settle in a Caño Balzán in the state of Barinas, a place named for the many balsa trees that are found in that mountain region.

Since the Nietos were the only Adventists in that area, they began to hold Sabbath school services in their home, and dedicate Sabbath afternoons to missionary work. Among the children in that family one was outstanding in missionary enthusiasm and Bible work. In spite of the obstacles of that region—rain, snakes, and distance between farms—Reinaldo, their missionary-minded son, in a short time was able to interest 15 people in Bible study and to invite them to meet together on Sabbaths. Because of his enthusiasm, they all cooperated in erecting a small chapel.

Not long after, they got in touch with the nearest group of believers, and as a result a layman, Samuel Carreño, traveled to El Sinaí and organized a regular Sabbath school. The trip was in itself interesting. From the place where he had left the bus, Mr. Carreño had to walk for several hours to another place where he took a canoe to El Sinaí, where the group lived.

The group has now increased from the original 15 to 40. These laymen, with Bible in hand, visit their neighbors and get them to enroll in the radio Bible school courses.

One interesting case is that of Mrs. Guillermina. Since she didn't like the Adventists to visit her home, she would leave the minute they would take out their Bibles. But this did not discourage them. They finally came up with an idea: They would continue to visit her during the week, not to read the Bible but to purchase some of the things she was selling. Little by little they became friends, and today Mrs. Guillermina is receiving



The new chapel at El Sinaí, Venezuela, accommodates a fast-growing membership.

## The King's Business

YOUR CHURCH—ITS ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

By W. P. BRADLEY

**THE TITHE—2** As the fruit of his labor man earns money, accumulates wealth, and is tempted to say: "My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth" (Deut. 8:17). Then God speaks to him: "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth" (verse 18).

So the tithe acknowledges God's ownership, the strength He gives. Truly a rich spiritual blessing comes in the train of intelligent, faithful tithe paying.

At first the Adventists, reaching out to find God's way and also seeking to finance the church's work, focused on "systematic benevolence." Each member settled on an amount to be set aside for the Lord every first day, like the example of the early Christians in 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2, and this they practiced in the 1850's. (For a fuller statement on "Systematic Benevolence," see *SDA Encyclopedia*, pages 1287-1289.)

However, in 1878 the General Conference Committee, made up of James White, D. M. Canright, S. N. Haskell, J. N. Andrews, and Uriah Smith, produced a pamphlet, *Systematic Benevolence; or the Bible Plan of Supporting the Ministry*, which advocated the paying of the tenth on one's increase. The plan appealed to the believers as fully Biblical and equitable, and, since its full adoption the next year, the plan has been a great blessing in the church.

Right here I should like to testify that I personally reap a rich blessing in paying tithe. Money is so personal. The tenth of a forty-hour week of labor is four hours, a half day. In human life it measures about 4,000 breaths, 18,000 heartbeats. Seen like that, money isn't impersonal; it represents human life. When the elder says on Sabbath morning, "Let us worship with our tithes and

offerings," he is not repeating an empty phrase. He is extending an invitation to dedication, praise, acknowledgment, commitment.

Our giving doesn't purchase God's favor, like giving a tip to a beauty-shop operator or a taxi driver. If that is our concept God's answer could be "Your silver perish with you!"

Why is giving our tithe and offerings on so high a level of Christian experience? Because it is in the area of the unenforceable, where God alone judges us, where true religion begins. It involves my conscience, my emotions, my will; it comes from my heart, out of which are the issues of life. When I was once asking a question about income-tax procedure a friend said, "See B—; he knows all the deductions." Wonderful deductions, the taxpayer loves them all! But in the sacred area of our individual relation to God no such motive reigns. Rather we devise plans how best to do our part, deriving real pleasure in meeting the needs of God's cause.

The god of covetousness is a cold, cynical, unfeeling tyrant, and we must defeat him in a spirit of dedication of self and goods. It takes a spiritual person to enjoy paying tithe. Remember, it is unenforceable. It is practically a secret between you and God. (The church treasurer knows because somebody has to know.) Be content to know that God marks this loving act of your stewardship. Satan can't do much to a person who refuses to be corrupted with money. In this way we defeat covetousness; we melt it out with the warmth of God's Spirit.

Summing it up, we shall have to admit that the command against covetousness is humanly unenforceable; but let us rejoice that it is, by the grace of God, liveable.

(Next: *The Tithe—3*)

Bible studies in her home. Even more, she has now invited her daughter to accompany her to our meetings.

The hardest obstacle for some of the people has been to get rid of their pigs, which are a source of income to them. Eight people have now been baptized and more are preparing for the rite. The original little chapel is too small and a larger one has had to be constructed.

When the pastors visit this group, it becomes a very special occasion. Once the date is set, these people get together as a team to clear the roads of the underbrush that reaches up to two meters (more than six feet) in height. This has to be done because of the danger of snakes to our visiting ministers (although those who clear the roads are in danger themselves!). The homes of these believers stand out among the rest because they are so clean and neat, with flowers in their ample yards. One is overwhelmed with their enthusiasm when they sing hymns.

After each pastoral visit there is sadness on the part of the people because the missionary's visit is always too short, and on the part of the pastors who visit because they hate to leave a group whose enthusiasm is so contagious.

During our last trip there, Alfredo Gaona and Eliseo Freitas were able to baptize 20 new believers.

## 300 Filipinos Take Up Active Lay Preaching

By T. C. MURDOCH  
President  
North Philippine Union Mission

The largest lay-preachers' congress of the North Philippine Union Mission convened August 20-24 at Philippine Union College. Many of the 700 attendants had to leave their work on farms, in factories, and in other occupations, to join in seriously studying the science of soul-saving in this modern age.

Leaders of the congress were V. W. Schoen, L. A. Shipowick, and J. O. Bautista, who represented the General Conference, Far Eastern Division, and the North Philippine Union Mission, respectively. Earnest devotional meetings, workshops, and instructional sessions marked every hour the large group was able to meet together.

The climax came on Sabbath, when more than 5,000 people gathered. Only about half the congregation could be seated in PUC's large auditorium. All felt the impact of the hour when Elder Schoen invited Lay Preacher Urbano Castillo to give the first testimony. Mr. Castillo humbly stated, "I do not have one centavo in the bank, because all my earnings are being placed in the bank of heaven." We were not surprised that such a lay preacher has successfully raised up his twenty-third church this year, and has won well over a thousand converts.

Next to speak was Rafael Gonzales. He reported that under the blessing of God he had been able to guide 54 prisoners of the Tarlac jail to accept the

## Condensed News

### Finland Union Holds First Public Relations Seminar

Recently 73 church journalists from 35 SDA churches in Finland participated in a two-day public-relations seminar, the first of its kind in that country.

Speakers at the seminar included J. Paul Sundquist, public relations secretary of the Northern European Division; Anja Penttinen, editor from the Finland Journalist Association; and Erkki Kario, the general director of the information center of the state church.

The participants did more than listen to lectures, however. They wrote typical articles, which were professionally criticized by those in attendance. The best news item from the contest held during the seminar was sent by the Finland News Agency over Telex.

TAUNO A. LUUKKANEN  
Public Relations Secretary  
Finland Union

### Ivory Coast Teachers Conduct First Vacation Bible Schools

For the first time this year three Vacation Bible Schools were operated in Ivory Coast, West Africa. They were conducted by our primary school teachers under the direction of the district leaders.

In Divo, six teachers had 86 students, most of whom were not Adventists and did not come from the Adventist school. Some were found and enrolled by the teachers. Others were invited by their friends.

gospel message. Vidal Jabola reported 52 baptized during the first half of 1968. Then another and another lay preacher came up, until there were seven men "of good report" standing shoulder to shoulder with Lay Preacher Castillo on the auditorium platform. And what a thrill it was to see "Gideon's band" of 300 hard-working, dedicated laymen rise to their feet to join Castillo's band, and commit themselves to greater evangelism.

These men were then asked to sign the Send Me scroll. This call was not just for lay preachers to give out a few tracts or give a number of Bible studies, but it was a definite call for laymen to engage in the Castillo type of public evangelism. These 300 men have pledged their time, their talents, their money, and their energy for soul-saving work. These 300 men are now joining hands with our pastors and evangelists to preach the gospel message in the Philippines.

The North Philippine Union committee has already voted to purchase 100,000 Bibles and complete sets of doctrinal studies to place in the hands of these laymen. The plan is to begin immediately with a union-wide reaping pro-

In Daloa there were more than 60 students with five teachers. About 40 of these attended Sabbath school every Sabbath.

In Bouaké there is one school with 15 students run by the teachers under the supervision of the secondary teachers.

These Vacation Bible Schools have helped the children to know God better, and our teachers like this new way of presenting the gospel.

P. HEISE  
President, Ivory Coast Mission

### German Churches Provide Goods to Open Tanzania Welfare Center

A welfare center equipped with 360 pounds of clothing worth 2,000/- (U.S. \$280) was opened at the Mwanza, Tanzania, Seventh-day Adventist church August 16.

This was made possible by our churches in Germany. It will serve not only the needy members of the church itself but anyone in the community whose case has been investigated by the government welfare officer.

At the opening L. C. Robinson, president of the Tanzania Union, and C. O. Franz, associate secretary of the General Conference, pointed out to the guests, who included the representatives of the welfare office and the newspapers, that our church, working in 190 out of the 226 nations counted by the United Nations, always is interested in a good-neighbor program.

Petro Kazi, church elder, and Pastor J. Onyango will be responsible for this new line of activity.

G. M. SCHMIDL  
Departmental Secretary  
Tanzania Union

gram. Money and materials are now being placed in reserve for these active laymen to use.

With such a successful lay congress we can now look forward to a great increase in Castillo's tribe.



At the North Philippine lay-preachers' congress Urbano Castillo testifies as V. W. Schoen listens. Mr. Castillo became the first one to sign the Send Me scroll.

## Atlantic Union

✦ The new administrative-classroom complex at Union Springs Academy, New York, will soon be completely enclosed. The concrete floors have been poured and glass is about to be installed. The building's completion and opening is scheduled for January.

✦ In addition to the four new buildings that have been erected at Camp Lawro-weld, Maine, the headquarters building, which has been sliding off its cedar-post foundation, has now been placed back on a solid foundation. Also, a 7'-by-7'-by-12' walk-in cooler has been added to the kitchen facilities. Next year's plans for the youth camp call for a new nature building, a new craft building, and new dock facilities.

✦ O. J. Mills of the Hartford, Connecticut, district reports that 16 persons were baptized as a result of the recent campaign conducted by the Southern New England Conference evangelistic team. A Five-Day Plan and cooking school have been completed as an adjunct to the soul-winning efforts of the district, and a series of revival meetings were conducted by N. R. Dower, Ministerial Department secretary of the General Conference. Elder Mills has been assisted by Mark Finley, who is in charge of the Rockville church.

✦ The Voice of Prophecy reports that many new students have enrolled in the Bible correspondence course and scores of others have written in to request literature as a result of the Spanish Voice of Prophecy program being aired over WILL, Willimantic, Connecticut, for the past several months.

✦ The Rochester Bay Knoll and Genesee Park churches combined to operate a booth at the 1968 Monroe County Fair held recently at Rochester, New York. More than 100 people registered for a forthcoming Five-Day Plan. A doctor who conducts cancer research at the Strong Memorial Hospital was so impressed with the booth that he volunteered to help with the Five-Day Plan. A man who had lost his voice because of surgery for a cancerous condition also volunteered to give his testimony.

✦ New York Conference literature evangelists' deliveries during August were \$16,463.40, an all-time high, according to Don Orsburn, publishing department secretary.

EMMA KIRK, *Correspondent*

## Central Union

✦ Nineteen literature evangelists and six publishing departmental secretaries conducted a group canvassing crusade in Jefferson City, Missouri, August 25 to 29. Sales amounted to \$6,500, and nearly 200

persons were enrolled in the Bible correspondence course.

✦ W. S. Lee, Central States Conference president, conducted a revival series in the Bethel church in Kansas City, Kansas, the latter part of September.

CLARA ANDERSON, *Correspondent*

## Columbia Union

✦ Construction is going forward on a new church in Findlay, Ohio. The congregation was fortunate in selling their old church to an oil company as a site for a service station.

✦ About 30 young members of the Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, church held weekend evangelistic services in their church. According to Dick Hade, MV leader and coordinator of the meetings, youth between the ages of 10 and 30 have taken part in the special services.

✦ Construction is proceeding on the new Rockville, Maryland, church. The congregation received the first loan from a newly established Columbia Union Conference revolving fund. The fund was set up to enable schools and churches to borrow funds for building projects at less than the prevailing interest rates.

MORTEN JUBERG, *Correspondent*

## COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE

✦ Columbia Union College has added five new religion courses to the curriculum beginning the first trimester of this year, reports M. K. Eckenroth, chairman of the department of theology. The Church and the City will deal with the problems of the ghetto. Missions in the Modern World, Hebrew Prophets, Literature in the Old Testament, and Ecumenics are other courses.

✦ Students from the college served as ushers at the recent Paul Harvey temperance lecture at Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C. The program was sponsored by the National Committee on Alcohol and Alcohol Problems.

✦ Josephine Griffin Benton, assistant professor of speech, has completed the requirements for a Ph.D. degree in speech at the University of Denver.

✦ President W. H. Beaven formally changed the name of the CUC Department of Nursing to the Edyth T. James Department of Nursing during a recent chapel program. The name change capped a weekend of activities in honor of Edyth James Morton, who was chairman of the department for 22 years. Several former students, all holding positions of responsibility in the health program of the denomination, were present and participated in the chapel program. They are Marilyn Christian, Loma Linda University; Leah Griffiee, retired; Metta Hudson, Columbia Union College; Mazie Herin,



## Cleveland Yugoslavian Church Dedicated

Several Yugoslavian and other ministers from churches in the United States and Canada attended the dedication services for the Cleveland, Ohio, Yugoslavian church (shown here). They were M. Randancevic, Greater New York Conference; B. Kanatchky, Toronto, Canada; Jakob Z. Slezak, pastor, Cleveland Hungarian church; and A. H. Schleicher, pastor, Cleveland German church.

Wesley Amundsen, former secretary of the North American Missions Committee, gave the dedicatory sermon.

Other participants in the program included Philip Follett and C. R. Beeler, Ohio Conference president and publicity secretary, respectively; A. B. Butler, secretary of the union; and Joseph Spicer, former pastor of the Yugoslavian church and pioneer in the building program, who presented the church history.

The church, situated in the heart of the Yugoslavian community, is one of six Yugoslav churches in North America. Stephen Manestar is the present pastor. WESLEY AMUNDSEN

General Conference; Helen Thurber, Washington Sanitarium and Hospital; and Eulalia White, Columbia Union College.

ZELLA HOLBERT, *Correspondent*

## Lake Union

✦ A tract of land valued at between \$50,000 and \$75,000 has been donated by Dr. W. H. Otis as a site for a new church at Moline, Illinois. The gift is in memory of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Otis, former members of the Moline church. Among those participating in the recent groundbreaking were Jere D. Smith, at that time president of the Lake Union; W. A. Nelson, the local conference president; E. H. Moldrik, pastor; and officials in the area. The estimated cost of the sanctuary, which will seat 275, is \$140,000. The building will be used as a church school until additional rooms can be added.

✦ Walter Curry, of Carmel, Illinois, has been elected as president of the Illinois



State Nurse Anesthetist Association, a 900-member organization. One problem faced him as he considered the invitation—all meetings were held on Saturday. But when the organization agreed to change the meeting day, he accepted the position. He is the first Seventh-day Adventist to hold the office and the youngest member to be installed as president.

✦ R. P. Robinson, of the Lake Region Conference, has retired after 38 years of continuous service to the denomination. He started as a literature evangelist and later served as associate publishing secretary and publishing secretary. For the past few years he has been Book and Bible House manager for the Lake Region.

MILDRED WADE, *Correspondent*

## North Pacific Union

✦ Dr. Philip A. Pritel, of Vancouver, Washington, has returned to Vietnam for his third term of duty in a volunteer program sponsored by the American Medical Association. One of five American doctors to serve three times, Dr. Pritel will work in a provincial hospital, treating wounded Vietnamese civilians. Mrs. Pritel will join him after his two-month tour of duty, when he plans to set up a teaching program and a surgical clinic for medical students at Saigon Adventist Hospital.

✦ Elder and Mrs. R. Willard Wentland were honored upon their retirement by a special service sponsored by the members of the Puyallup, Washington, church September 8. Through the years Elder Wentland has served the denomination as minister, administrator, teacher, and missionary.

✦ Clyde Payne, Gresham, Oregon, literature evangelist, has joined the ranks of the Thousand-Dollar-Week Club.

✦ Clarence Chinn, associate professor of chemistry at Walla Walla College since 1967, completed requirements this summer for a second doctoral degree, to be conferred by the University of Tennessee at the next commencement. This will be a Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry. Dr. Chinn's first Ph.D. degree was earned at the University of Oregon in the field of agronomy.

IONE MORGAN, *Correspondent*

## Northern Union

✦ Five hundred people signed up for the Gift Bible plan at the State fair booth in Huron, South Dakota.

✦ Eighty-seven students are enrolled in South Dakota's five church schools. Thirteen of these are Indian children attend-

ing the Pine Ridge mission school, which is under the direction of Guy Gatewood.

✦ Literature evangelist sales in South Dakota exceed last year's at this time by more than \$6,000.

✦ Almost \$2,000 was raised by Oak Park Academy students and their adult helpers on their Ingathering field day, September 17.

✦ Daily Voice of Prophecy broadcasts have begun on station KDMI in Des Moines, serving all of Iowa. This program can be heard each evening at six-thirty.

✦ The new school at Muscatine, Iowa, is nearing completion and will soon be opened. A large amount of physical education equipment has been donated to the school by a Cedar Rapids manufacturer.

L. H. NETTEBURG, *Correspondent*

## Pacific Union

✦ Thirteen Hawaiian Mission churches report a record total of nearly 1,000 children attending Vacation Bible Schools in the islands.

✦ More than 100 decisions for Christ were made during the evangelistic series sponsored by San Bernardino, California, area Adventist churches this summer. Bruce Johnston (now evangelist for the Far Eastern Division) was the speaker for three weeks and was assisted by area pastors and 15 Andrews University seminary students. In an experimental training program for college students, four college interns also helped with the visiting.

✦ Tag Day at the Central California Conference camp meeting, with more than 300 Pathfinders calling on those present, brought in more than \$1,200 for improvements at the conference's youth camp.

✦ Melvin E. Rees, stewardship secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, conducted a series of stewardship seminars in the Southeastern California Conference during October.

✦ Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Beck, recent members of the Loma Linda church and now of Escondido, California, recently celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives assembled from as far away as Chicago to join with staff members and employees of the Voice of Prophecy to wish the couple continued good health and service to the Lord.

✦ The Adventist Monument Valley Mission Hospital was featured in the Nevada-Utah Conference booth at the Salt Lake City, Utah, State fair, September 13-22.

✦ "Social Implications of Christianity" were discussed in a televised dialog between Elder Norman S. McLeod of the Las Vegas Westside Adventist church and Pastor Benjamin Franzinelli of St. James Catholic church as part of the local television station's public events programming.

✦ The family of Specialist Willard Johnson, who was killed in action in Vietnam in February, was recently presented with the Bronze Star medal, awarded posthumously to the Adventist combat medic. His mother, Mrs. Pansy Johnson, is a church school teacher at Yerington, Nevada.

✦ President of the newly formed Hospital Personnel Management Association of Seventh-day Adventists is L. L. Dunn, personnel director of the Glendale Adventist Hospital. The new association has been formed to exchange ideas and systems and for recruitment of those interested in health-related careers.

✦ The Chino, California, Spanish church responded to a call for food and clothing from Juarez, Mexico, following a July flood, and distributed hundreds of Spanish *El Centinela* magazines as well as provide material relief to needy families.

✦ During the past summer the Central California Conference hosted 1,256 young people at its Camp Wawona in Yosemite National Park.

✦ Newbury Park Academy in the Southern California Conference recently received a gift of two three-year-old registered thoroughbred quarter horses to augment the school's horsemanship program. Presented to the school by Dr. Arthur Fingerle, Thousand Oaks Seventh-day Adventist physician, the horses' market value is approximately \$2,000, say NPA officials.

RUTH WRIGHT, *Correspondent*

## Southern Union

✦ Capping exercises were held at Riverside Hospital, September 22. Twenty-one young women were capped and two young men received sleeve insignias.

✦ Students at Mount Pisgah Academy, Candler, North Carolina, report having broken all previous Ingathering records by raising \$1,603 on field day.

✦ Sixteen churches in the South Atlantic Conference show a gain in tithe for the first eight months of more than \$2,000. The Atlanta Berean church topped the list with an increase of \$14,400.

✦ Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new library at Southern Missionary College were held September 26. Southern Union officers were guests, and W. M. Schneider, college president, served as master of ceremonies.

✦ South Central members of the Jackson, Mississippi, church met in their new building for the first time August 24. The structure is air-conditioned, has wall-to-wall carpet, and other attractive features throughout.

✦ Eighteen persons were baptized September 7 in Kernersville, North Carolina, the result of evangelistic meetings held

by Ronald Halvorsen, assisted by the pastor, Noble Shepherd.

✦ The Georgia-Cumberland Conference reports new schools at Savannah, Lakeland, Thomasville, and Oglethorpe-Montezuma.

✦ Five of the 22 districts in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference have reported reaching a Silver Vanguard Ingathering goal. Victory date for the 1969 goal is this October.

✦ A new record was established for the South Atlantic Conference during the month of August—650 new members were added to the church in five Sabbaths. A previous high of 607 additions was made during the third quarter of 1967. The 1,000 new members baptized during the first eight months of this year push the conference past the 10,000 membership mark for the first time in its history. This places South Atlantic among the top ten conferences in the North American Division.

J. ROBERT HAWKINS



## Tennessee Church Dedication

The burning of a final \$50,000 note of a \$200,000 mortgage on the sanctuary and furnishings of the Memphis, Tennessee, First church August 24 was the high light of a homecoming and dedication weekend. Dr. B. E. McLarty, chairman of the church's finance committee, put the match to a copy of the retired note.

The ceremony was conducted by E. L. Marley, president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, and Robert H. Wood, pastor of the church. H. H. Schmidt, Southern Union president, delivered the dedication sermon.

Orley M. Berg, former Memphis First pastor, now with the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, spoke at the Friday night service. Past ministers Charles G. Edwards (1958-1963), now youth pastor in Northern California, and E. E. Duncan (1965-1967), now public relations secretary for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, spoke at the eleven o'clock and evening vesper services, respectively.

R. H. Hartwell, former pastor in Memphis and retired president of the Middle East Division, and his wife participated in the Sabbath school program.

LINDLEY B. RICHERT

✦ Opening enrollment at Bass Memorial Academy is reported at 119. John Mayhew is principal.

✦ Youth of the Southern Union participating in MV TARGET 100,000 are leading the North American Division with 432 baptisms. The union goal for its youth in 1968 is 839.

✦ Sixty-six boys and girls from non-Adventist homes in the Florida Conference spent nearly a week at Camp Kulaqua as guests of the Adventist church of their hometown and of the conference.

✦ Ninety-four blind children were recent guests for one week at Florida's Camp Kulaqua. The camp was sponsored by the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Lincoln, Nebraska.

✦ Sp5 William K. Atkins, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal in a special ceremony, September 4, at the Fayetteville church. The award was made by Chaplain C. E. Bracebridge and Pastor J. P. Priest.

✦ The Memphis First church reports that more than 100 children attended the Vacation Bible School and that nearly 50 were from families not belonging to the Adventist Church.

✦ Rainey Hooper, Florida Conference evangelist, ended a series of meetings in Opa Locka with a baptism of 28 persons.

✦ A new South Jacksonville church was organized in Jacksonville, Florida, August 10 with 22 charter members.

✦ In recognition of National Library Week, the Nashville First church presented two local institutions—The Nashville Metropolitan Public Library and the Jordonia Boys Correctional School—with complete sets of *The Bible Story* and other books and Bibles.

✦ Dr. Richard Graham, Dr. Tom Zwemer, and Pastor Richard Shepard recently conducted a Five-Day Plan in Augusta, Georgia.

OSCAR L. HEINRICH, *Correspondent*

## Southwestern Union

### Trophy Hour Highlights Oklahoma Camp Meeting

The Oklahoma camp meeting reached its climax on the second Sabbath afternoon with the Trophies of the Cross hour.

Gift Bible Evangelism trophies were interviewed, and more than 30 laymen were honored with an Impact pin for having won one person or more to Christ through Gift Bible Evangelism since the 1967 camp meeting. Eighteen such converts were baptized.

James D. Schuler, M.D., of the Ardmore Seventh-day Adventist Hospital, was named Layman of the Year.

Forty decisions for baptism were made as a result of F. W. Detamore's nightly evangelistic meetings at the camp meeting. The dedication of the 39-foot disaster-relief van of the Oklahoma Conference, with officials from the Red Cross and civil defense participating, was televised in Oklahoma City.

ROBERT RIDER  
*Departmental Secretary*

✦ The Vinita church is the first one in the Oklahoma Conference to achieve the Silver Vanguard goal for the 1969 Ingathering crusade.

✦ Charles Dart, president of the Texas Conference, and E. F. Sherrill, president of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, have both been active in evangelistic campaigns during the past few weeks. Elder Dart has been holding meetings in Beaumont, Texas, and Elder Sherrill has completed a series in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

✦ Thirty-one evangelistic meetings were planned for the last four months of 1968 in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. In addition, all the pastors in Arkansas will team up with pastors in Louisiana during February, 1969, for meetings in each district. Then the same pastors will work together in the churches in Arkansas during March.

✦ The largest single offering for evangelism in Oklahoma was taken at the conference's 1968 camp meeting. President C. W. Skantz reported that the \$43,000 raised far exceeded what he had hoped for. These funds will be used to enrich the evangelistic ministry of the Oklahoma Conference.

✦ Eight persons were baptized at the end of evangelistic meetings in Petersburg, Texas. The meetings were held by the new evangelistic team of the Texico Conference, Dick Pollard and Singing Evangelist Gary Rustad. Ninety-seven persons have been baptized in evangelistic meetings by Evangelist Pollard in 1968.

✦ Southwestern Union College, Keene, Texas, with opening admissions of 458, has now doubled its enrollment in two years. In the same period, the doctoral degrees of the faculty have increased from two to 12, which is one third of the teaching staff.

J. N. MORGAN, *Correspondent*

## Loma Linda University

✦ Two College of Arts and Sciences graduates are beginning a year of teaching at the Adventist Sam Yuk Secondary School in Hong Kong. They are Deborah Butler and Joan M. Hoatson. Both young women will teach English and religion classes, in addition to helping in extracurricular activities. Only about 20 per cent of the total enrollment of more than 600 students are Seventh-day Adventists.



**Ed Healey**, plate room foreman, Union College Press, from Columbia Union College Press.

**Helen Holm**, patients' business assistant, Glendale Adventist Hospital, from accounting office, Union College.

**Naomi Jungling**, piano instructor, Union College, formerly music teacher, Monterey Bay Academy (Central California).

**Theodore Mohr**, photo-offset, Pacific Press Publishing Association, from same position, Union College Press.

**DeForest Nesmith**, assistant librarian, Union College, formerly librarian, Platte Valley Academy (Nebraska).

**Donald Ham**, assistant chaplain, Porter Memorial Hospital (Colorado), formerly assistant pastor, Denver Central church (Colorado).

**Glenn Nestell**, chief X-ray technologist, Walker Memorial Hospital (Florida), from same position, Porter Memorial Hospital (Colorado).

**Verne Hyland**, pastor, Willmar district (Minnesota), from same position (Kansas).

**Ray Hartlein**, teacher, Takoma Academy (Potomac), from Madison Academy (Kentucky-Tennessee).

**Richard A. Wuttke**, music director, Blue Mountain Academy (Pennsylvania), from Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

**Duane Wardecke**, teacher, Blue Mountain Academy, from Walla Walla College.

**Bernice Pitman**, elementary supervisor (Potomac), from Southern Missionary College.

**Mrs. Isabel Maupin**, teacher (Allegheny West), from southwest Region.

**Bruce Flynn**, teacher (Allegheny West), from Southwest Region Academy.

**Melvin Hale**, Book and Bible House manager (New Jersey), formerly secretary-treasurer (South Dakota).

**L. E. Phillips**, principal, Greater Baltimore Academy (Chesapeake), from Broadview Academy (Illinois).

**Judy Vance**, dean of girls, Shenandoah Valley Academy (Potomac), formerly a secretary at the General Conference.

**Ronald Gordon**, chaplain, Kettering Memorial Hospital, from St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital (Pacific Union).

**Peter Esveld**, assistant publishing secretary (Potomac), formerly a minister (Ontario-Quebec).

**K. D. Davis**, pastor (Chesapeake), from same position (Alabama-Mississippi).

**Kenneth Zarska**, business manager, Mount Vernon Academy (Ohio), from the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

**Richard Rideout**, pastor (Ohio), from same position (Carolina).

**Vernon Hill**, teacher (New York), from Pennsylvania.

**J. E. Turner**, teacher, Milo Academy (Oregon), from Highland View Academy (Chesapeake).

**Mrs. J. E. Turner**, teacher, Milo Academy (Oregon), from same position, Highland View Academy (Chesapeake).

**Ruth Kroschel**, instructor, Loma Linda University, from Highland View Academy.

(Conference names appear in parentheses.)

## From Home Base to Front Line

### North American Division

**Nancy Jane Parker** (CUC '57; LLU '59), to be relief nurse, Bella Vista Hospital, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, of Avon

Park, Florida, left Miami, Florida, August 5.

**Arthur E. Mitchel** (attended AU '60; PUC '63), to be business manager, Lake Titicaca Training School, Juliaca, Peru, and Mrs. Mitchel, nee Carmelita Esther Parks (PUC '38-'40; '62-'63; SHS&H '43), of Bakersfield, California, left Miami, Florida, August 20.

**Calvin A. Olson**, M.D. (WWC '46; LLU '62), returning as physician and medical director, Youngberg Memorial Hospital, Singapore, Mrs. Olson, nee Alyse Helen Hansen (LLU School of Nursing '48), and five children left Los Angeles, California, August 27.

**Dr. Chung-Phing Shim** (PUC '58; University of Maryland '63), to be professor of education, Caribbean Union College,

## These Lepers Remembered to Give Thanks

By G. M. SCHMIDL  
Departmental Secretary, Tanzania Union



Across the seas the people of Germany have heard of these needy people. They have collected clothing and shown their concern for the less fortunate by sharing. Some of this clothing arrived at our mission station at Musoma and awaited distribution. It was for the needy of any denomination, creed, or color.

Mr. Ragaijumu, the minister of welfare in the Government, was delighted with this offer of help, and set aside a distribution day. He provided a list of the camp inmates and an estimate of their needs.

Early one morning the van was loaded with goods. To lend assistance, the local pastor, church elder, and Dorcas leader went along, as well. Mr. Ragaijumu and a Mr. Katoyo completed the party.

The inmates of the camp had been alerted about the visit, and the anticipation was keen. First our pastor gave a short Bible study. Mr. Ragaijumu expressed the appreciation of his department and told how the donors were not rich people, but people with a concern for others.

The doors of the van were opened wide, and the names were called. Everything was well organized. The women quickly judged the size and suitability of the garments and then handed them out. Children were not forgotten. (The picture shows Mrs. Schmidl helping a child.) One man without fingers wanted to feel his new gift. He went away clutching it with joy. One old grandmother hobbled up on her deformed feet determined not to be forgotten.

Many words of thanks were spoken, some in languages or dialects that we could not understand. We wish we could repeat these to all our members who made this distribution possible, either by collecting the clothing or by financing the freight costs for the shipment to Africa.

We laid plans to visit the leper village more often in order to attend to the material and also the spiritual needs of these people.

Every Friday the townspeople of Musoma, Tanzania, prepare for the weekly invasion. On this day the lepers who are able to walk come from their camp three miles away at Mara on the banks of beautiful Lake Victoria.

The storekeepers have piles of small coins ready on their counters. The 40 or so beggars who call in the course of the day know a coin will be theirs for the asking.

The greengrocer sets aside some fruit and vegetables, and the baker some bread. The grocer gives each caller two spoonfuls of sugar.

As the day wanes the lepers begin the long trudge home to their grass-thatched mud huts.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, of Salem, West Virginia, left Miami, Florida, August 28. Mrs. Shim and son are to follow later.

In response to a request from the Northern European Division for a medical team to go to Eastern Nigeria for temporary service, **Donald R. Wilson, M.D.**, of Loma Linda, California, left Los Angeles, California, August 25; **Terry Brown**, a nurse, of Madison Hospital, Tennessee, left Washington, D.C., September 1; and **Ronald E. Rothe, M.D.**, of Banning, California, left Washington, D.C., September 1.

**Emil E. Bietz** (UC '29; Nebraska University '44), returning as medical secretary, South American Division, Mrs. Bietz, nee Sarah I. Suckut, left Los Angeles, California, September 1.

**Andrew J. Robbins** (WMC '31), returning as president, Hong Kong-Macao Mission, Mrs. Robbins, nee Ollie Mae Robertson (WMC '31), left Washington, D.C., September 1.

**Walter Ruba**, to be publishing secretary, South African Union Conference, Mrs. Ruba, nee Ursula Tomozak, and three children, of Nashville, Tennessee, left New York City, September 1.

**Royce C. Thompson** (AU '51), returning as administrator, Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico, Mrs. Thompson, nee Elaine Alice Christensen (AP '52), and two children left Miami, Florida, September 2.

**P. Willard Munger, III** (LSC '66), to be mathematics and science teacher, Kivu Seminary, Rwanda, Congo, and Mrs. Munger, nee Sarah Alice McHenry (attended LSC '64-'66; AU '66-'68), of Berrien Springs, Michigan, left San Francisco, California, September 3.

**Gerald O. Bruce** (attended WWC '46-'48), returning as treasurer, Southeast Asia Union Mission, Singapore, Mrs. Bruce, nee Esther Jean Kephart (SMC '46), and two children left Seattle, Washington, September 4.

**H. Ray Doyle** (CUC '61), to be dean of men, Middle East College, Beirut, Lebanon, Mrs. Doyle, nee Bethel Jean May (WS&H '47), and son, of Weslaco, Texas, sailed on the S.S. *Italia*, from New York City, September 6.

W. R. BEACH and R. R. FRAME

**NOTICE**

**Correction**

In our September 5 issue we inadvertently credited Southern California Book and Bible House with the sale of about \$50,000 worth of paperback denominational literature to physicians for distribution in their offices. This should have read Southeastern California Book and Bible House.

*Church Calendar*

Week of Prayer	November 2-9
Church Lay Activities Offering	November 2
Annual Sacrifice Offering	November 9
Ingathering Campaign Launching Day	November 16
Ingathering Campaign Promotion	December 7
Church Lay Activities Offering	December 7

**Of Writers, Articles, and Miscellany...**

As this REVIEW is in process, three staff members are in Toronto, Canada, for the 1968 Autumn Council. To explain exactly what Autumn Council is, we quote the *SDA Encyclopedia*.

"The Autumn Council reviews annually, in the form of reports, resolutions, and general planning, the work pursued under the general supervision of the headquarters organization. The budgets submitted on behalf of fields, institutions, and general organizations are given careful consideration and yearly budgetary appropriations are voted. Business pertaining to the general policy of the worldwide work is transacted. Policy items intended for insertion in the General Conference *Working Policy* must have Autumn Council approval.

"The Autumn Council gives approval for all general departmental councils, advisory committees, and other general meetings involving attendance from several unions and/or institutions."

This particular Autumn Council marked the mid-point between General Conference sessions; hence, more representatives were in attendance than at

the regular yearly meetings. This group will not meet together again in general session until the 1970 General Conference.

Editor Kenneth Wood, as a member of the General Conference Committee, was involved in the business of the council. Associate Editor Don Yost was the primary correspondent. Assisting was Dorothy Emmerson, one of the editorial secretaries.

The coverage given the Autumn Council in the first five pages of this week's REVIEW is typical of the kind of coverage we like to give our readers around the circle whenever there is a newsworthy occasion. However, even when our staff members are unable to be present, capable, on-the-spot correspondents keep us quickly informed so we, in turn, can inform you.

Unfortunately, mail services are not always everything we could hope for, and telephone expenses are sometimes prohibitive.

But enter the Telex—almost the speed of the telephone, and little more than the expense of the mail. This means of communication, in addition to the mail, was used by Elder Yost for the fastest possible coverage of this session.

Decisions were made at Autumn Council that will affect you in your church. How can you afford to be without the REVIEW when it costs only \$5.95 during the special offer?

**Review and Herald**

In 1849 a company of Sabbathkeeping Adventists began to publish a paper called *The Present Truth*. In 1850 they also published five issues of *The Advent Review*. Later that year, in November, these two papers merged under the name *Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, now titled simply REVIEW AND HERALD. Its editorial objective remains unchanged—to preach "the everlasting gospel" in the context of the Sabbath, the Second Advent, and other truths distinctive of the Advent Movement.

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Worthington 209 has caught the fancy of folks everywhere. "209" is a savory new protein food unlike anything you may have tried before. Thousands already have tried "209" slices and come back for more. Delicious served over toast points or as an entree with vegetables, Worthington 209 also makes exciting meals when barbecued as in the recipe below. You've likely already tried "209," but in case you haven't, why don't you get some soon — pardner!

### Barbecue "209"

Dip drained dried slices of "209" in cooking oil and brown (but do not crisp) on grill or in pan. Drain on towel and break into pieces. Stir into this delicious smoky barbecue sauce.

Sauce: Saute 1/4 cup chopped onion in drippings left from browning "209." Add 1/2 cup water, 1/2 tablespoon soy sauce,

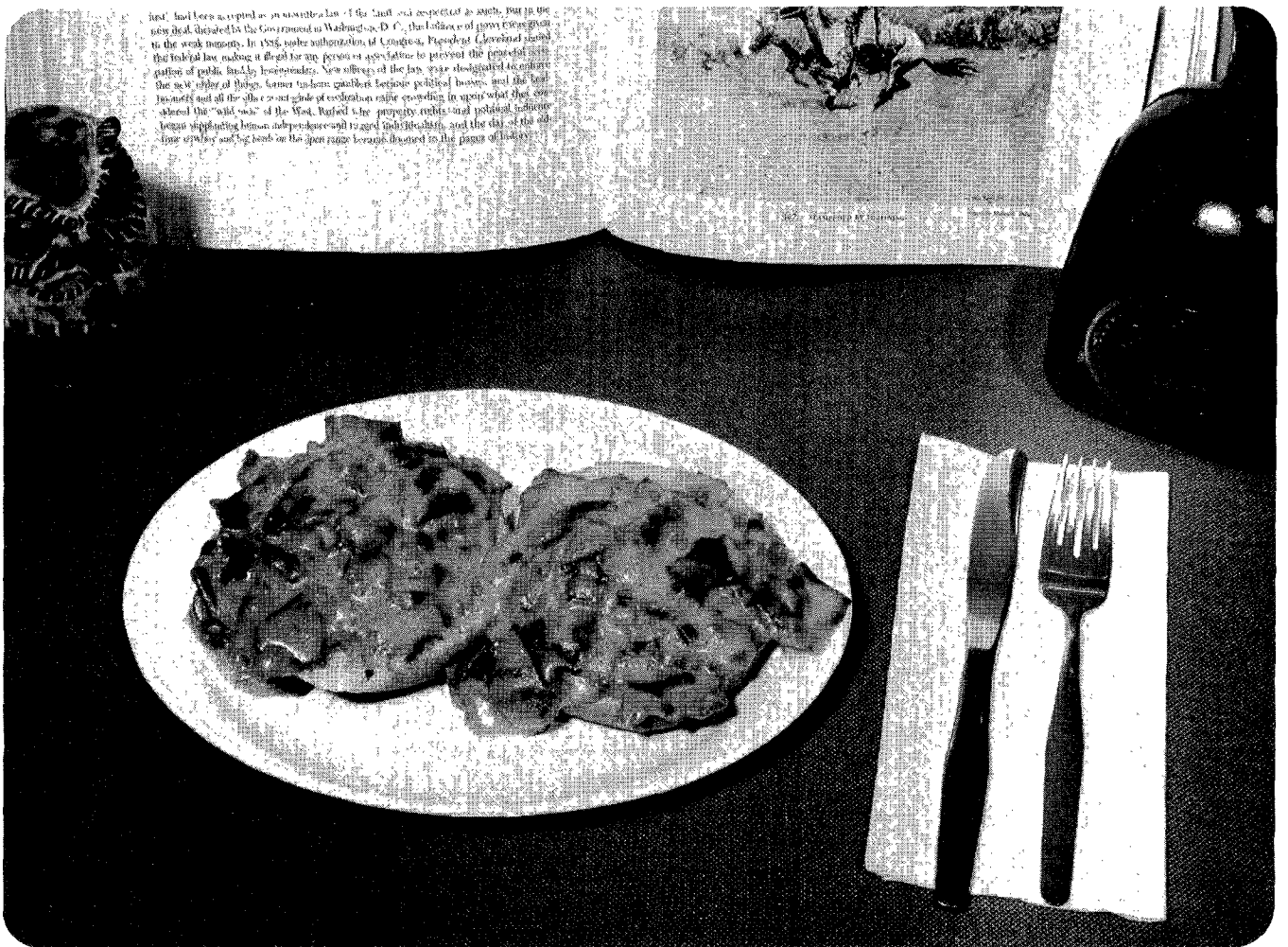


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6 tablespoons lemon juice, 5 tablespoons brown sugar, 1-1/2 cups tomato catsup or sauce, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon paprika and 1/2 teaspoon Wright's liquid Bar-B-Q Smoke. Simmer covered for about 30 minutes.

Serve this mixture over toasted, buttered buns. Serves 4-6.





# News of Note

## Sabbath School Membership Shows Increase in Biafra

Despite the hardship and strife in East Nigeria (Biafra), Sabbath school membership rose from 39,661 to 40,466 during the first six months of 1968.

In reporting this progress, R. H. Surridge, Sabbath school secretary of the West African Union Mission, writes: "Imagine what a joy it was to us at the West African Union when we received this statistical report for the end of the second quarter 1968. The total Sabbath school offering increased in the two first quarters by almost 25 per cent, and 309 Sabbath school members were baptized into the church."

Such a record shows that God does not forget His people in times of trouble.  
G. R. NASH

## November 9 Offering Gives Opportunity for Sacrifice

The offering received November 9 is distinct from all other offerings taken during the year in that the emphasis is on sacrifice. Ellen G. White wrote: "Every sacrifice made for Christ enriches the giver."

Last year the annual Sacrifice Offering from around the world amounted to \$428,186.64, which was less than the year before. We have now another opportunity to show our appreciation to our heavenly Father for what He has done for us and to again give our support for the advancement of the cause around the world.  
O. A. BLAKE

## Special Events in Okinawa and Korea Draw Servicemen

Fifty Adventist servicemen and church members met at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, September 26, for the official groundbreaking ceremonies of the Okinawa Servicemen's Center. Civilian Chaplain Clyde R. Bradley led out in the program, which was held on a picturesque site immediately outside the capital city of Naha. Military personnel taking part in the occasion were USARYIS Chaplain (Col.) Charles J. Murphy and Deputy USARYIS Chaplain (Lt. Col.) W. S. Bennett. The contract for the building has been signed, and construction of the \$60,000 center will begin immediately.

The annual retreat for Adventist military personnel in Korea was held on September 27-29 at the Eighth Army Retreat Center in Seoul. Thirty-nine servicemen joined in the retreat, and over the Sabbath when missionary families attended there was a total of 105 persons. The servicemen were active participants in the weekend services, particularly the Sabbath afternoon discussion period.

The climax of the retreat came Sunday morning when the servicemen joined with the missionaries on the union compound for the dedication of the new Korean Union Servicemen's Center. There were appropriate speeches by church leaders and visiting military personnel. In charge of the program was the director of the center, T. V. Zytoskee. The guest of honor was Chaplain (Col.) David M. Reardon, Eighth Army chaplain.

C. D. MARTIN

## Hundreds Baptized Following Field Schools of Evangelism

Five hundred sixty new members have already been baptized from the field schools of evangelism conducted in North America during the summer of 1968. In addition, about 650 others are in baptismal classes, most of whom will become members of the church.

This report, presented by E. C. Banks, director of field education for the Theological Seminary at Andrews University, covers 14 field schools. Altogether 111 students from the seminary, 26 ministers and a number of students from the various colleges, enrolled in classes taught at the field school.  
N. R. DOWER



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

DETROIT, MICHIGAN—Dr. Gene B. Montague, English professor at the University of Detroit, has been named the first Protestant chaplain of the Jesuit institution.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—The Divinity School of Vanderbilt University here established a student and faculty exchange program with the Graduate Department of Theology of Marquette University, a Roman Catholic institution in Milwaukee.

JERUSALEM—The pavement laid at the time of Herod at the foot of the southern wall of the Temple has been uncovered here after three months of digging by a woman English archeologist. The Herodian pavement, consisting of huge whitish stones, had apparently suffered badly during the destruction of the Temple by Titus, the Roman general, in A.D. 70. Sylvia Nisbet, who uncovered the pavement, is a member of the Archeological Expedition of the Hebrew University and Israel Exploration Society.

## Jamaican Adventist Pastors Give Television Sign-offs

As the result of a contact made by James J. Aitken and local church officials, the Jamaican Broadcasting Company has agreed to use Adventist pastors for its television sign-off each evening. In addition to this, Pastor Aitken, secretary of the GC Radio-TV Department, reports the network's willingness to use local Adventist pastors in radio broadcasting as well.

Radio Jamaica, the second radio network on the island nation, released an hour-long broadcast by Pastor Green of the North Street church in Kingston during Pastor Aitken's visit.

Robert H. Pierson, General Conference president, was the first Adventist featured on this program when he visited Jamaica recently.  
WALTER R. L. SCRAGG

## The Adventist Home to Be Bimonthly Family Magazine

*The Adventist Home* magazine, a quarterly published by the General Conference Department of Education, will appear six times a year beginning in 1969.

The approach and format are also to be changed. It will be a family magazine and contain articles and special features of interest to all members of the family. It will help Adventist homemakers, especially young marrieds, make their home what it should be—a symbol of the home in heaven.

This step results from the department's concern for family unity and a desire to recognize the admonitions of Ellen G. White.  
CHARLES B. HIRSCH

## Finland Reports Large Initial Bible Story Sales

During the first 60 days after the introduction of the ten-volume set of *The Bible Story* in Finland, 400 sets have been sold, reports Bruce M. Wickwire, publishing secretary of Northern Europe. Some customers are paying cash in full. He also reports that the "lead book" system is being started in Finland. He expresses deep appreciation to the Review and Herald Publishing Association for having made it possible for *The Bible Story* set to be printed in Finland.

D. A. McADAMS

## Death of Grace D. Mace

Mrs. J. W. (Grace D.) Mace, who served the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference for 28 years prior to 1947, died October 11 in Silver Spring, Maryland. She was 93.

During her employment as assistant secretary of the department she played a major part in guiding the development of the Dorcas Welfare Societies and their organization into federations.

Mrs. Mace first entered denominational service in 1896 as a stenographer. Later she worked with Uriah Smith and G. C. Tenney, coeditors of the REVIEW AND HERALD.