LAUNCHING

Ingathering

1970
Go Ingathering
... for Christ’s Cause

PLAY IT
SHOW IT
DELIVER IT
CAROL IT
SHARE IT
USE IT
FOLLOW IT

Rescue Souls
Down the Street
and Overseas
"It’s sharing time again!" "It’s what?" someone asks. "It’s sharing time!" "But what is there to share?" Plenty.

Let’s talk about it for a few minutes. This is the time of the year when Seventh-day Adventists go visiting more than at any other time. Ah! You’ve guessed it. It’s Ingathering time! But, about this sharing idea. You know like I do, that this old world of ours is discouraged, the people have seen so much war, there is so much heartache, so many broken homes, such unhappiness and dissatisfaction, that many are taking a hopeless attitude.

Do you have anything to share with such people, many of whom may be your own neighbors? Certainly you do! Just remember what Jesus has done for you, for all mankind. Think of His being willing to step down from the throne of the universe and come to this world in rebellion and show us the way, the truth, and the life. Oh, yes, this is not particularly new but there are many people out there who either do not know about it or do not know how it relates to their lives. This information is something you can share with them.

You have hope in your heart. Why? You have confidence in the future? Why? You are not worried about the outcome of this world's struggles. Why? All right then go and tell those around you. Take the little Ingathering leaflet and show them what Seventh-day Adventists look forward to; what gives them hope; why they are willing to sacrifice in order to send missionaries overseas; why they build hospitals and schools; why they go to the trouble to teach people about the good things that are ahead for those who find Christ as their Saviour and hope.

You say, "But I thought Ingathering was going from door to door asking for money?" It is; but it’s much, much more. It gives each of us an opportunity to talk with our neighbors and friends and share our faith with them, and then to invite them to participate in these good things by making a donation to this work of helping others find the real joy of living.

Certainly you do have something to share! What about the gift Bible and the study guides? Take along some cards inviting your community friends to enroll in "the modern way to study the Bible." Tell them about the way they may obtain a free Bible. Tell them how these study guides are paged to match the gift Bible and how easy it is then to find where things are in God’s Word. Yes, after you have told them of the hope of Seventh-day Adventists, explained what that hope does for you, invited them to share of their money for this great work, then tell them about the Bible study plan that will give them an entirely new outlook on life. See, you do have something to share!

And sharing is a wonderful experience. It makes you feel so good when you come back home and know that you have helped someone else find the secret of a happy life. Try it! Soon!
The Third Annual Youth Bible Conference for the Southwestern Union was held at Camp Yorktown Bay, October 1-4. The following pictorial high lights tell the story of a successful meeting for and with our youth.

Third Annual Southwestern Youth Bible Conference

1. Elder H. E. Haas, Southwestern Union MV secretary; Elder Paul Debooy, associate secretary, General Conference MV Department; and Elder Euel Atchley, associate secretary, General Conference Temperance Department, talk over plans for the four-day Bible Conference. Elder Debooy and Elder Atchley led out in group topics and discussions on problems of youth interest.

2. Chosen young people from Southwestern Union academies and Southwestern Union College listen attentively to lecturers and youth leaders. The young people declared the meeting to be the best Bible Conference ever held.

3. Youth participate and listen to discussions of Bible topics. The Bible was the central theme and book of study.

4. Pavilion where the presence of God was very definitely felt by young people in meetings of study, personal witness, and conse-

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College Student Accepts Christ Solely Through Influence of Faith for Today

Reading her Bible carefully, Miss Linda Knodel was convinced that the seventh day was the Sabbath. She was perplexed as to why so many worshipped on the first day of the week.

Later she dialed Faith for Today; when she learned of the Bible correspondence course, this seemed to her an ideal method of discovering what the truth was about the Sabbath.

When she moved to Minot, North Dakota, to attend college, she looked up the Seventh-day Adventist church and attended the worship service. Providentially, an evangelist there was preaching his last sermon in an evangelistic series. At the conclusion of his message he gave a call for those who would like to indicate their interest in baptism. Linda responded.

When the pastor visited her, he found that she had accepted all the teachings of the church and was ready for baptism as a result of the faith for Today Bible Course.

At the baptismal service, the pastor made the statement: “It isn’t often that a minister has the privilege of baptizing someone who has come to a full knowledge of the truth without personal effort on his part. But this young woman has come to a complete understanding and acceptance of the message through the Bible correspondence lessons of Faith for Today.”

Southern Publishing Association Appoints New Book Editor

Robert W. Nixon, former assistant editor of These Times, has been named book editor of the Southern Publishing Association. The Board of Directors voted to elect Nixon at their quarterly meeting held in Nashville recently. He will assume his post immediately.

Nixon joined the Southern Publishing Association staff in 1968. Before moving to Nashville, he was assistant director for the General Conference Bureau of Public Relations. Nixon graduated from Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, and received his master’s degree in journalism from Boston University in 1964. He holds membership in the Associated Church Press.

“Our immediate purpose, as we plan our publishing program, is to find out what our readers want and need,” states Nixon. “We want to work directly with some special groups within our church, and especially with high school and college young people, so we can produce books which will appeal to a wide variety of readers.”

Voice of Prophecy Offers Free Christmas Greeting Cards

If you could give only one gift this coming Christmas, and that gift had to be the best possible one, what would it be?

The Voice of Prophecy suggests that gift is Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of this troubled world.

To help you give that “best possible gift” this Christmas, The Voice of Prophecy is offering to you, free, two professionally prepared Christmas cards which may be sent to friends enclosed with another Christmas card, or singly.

The attractive cards open to tell the familiar story of Jesus’ birth as the Babe of Bethlehem. They declare His way the answer to the problems which

Looking Forward to Atlantic City – June 1970

More than three years have slipped by since the last General Conference Session convened in Detroit, Michigan. Within a few months thousands of God’s people from most of the lands of earth will be heading toward Atlantic City, New Jersey, for the 1970 Session, to be held June 7 - 20.

Brethren and sisters, this next gathering must not be just another General Conference Session. The hour is too late. God’s people are too needy. There is too much work yet to be done. The 1970 Session must, under God, be a gathering characterized by its spiritual impact upon our lives individually, and upon the church as a whole. It must be a time of repentance, of revival, and of renewal. Atlantic City must be a place of great power as well as effective planning. May God make Convention Auditorium a place of Pentecost where the last spiritual thrust begins for a finished work!

Prayer — earnest, persevering prayer — is the key to revival and power. We appeal to our people around the world to commence praying NOW for a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the Atlantic City meetings. Remember your leaders who are now planning the program. Plead with God to make this Session all that, under His blessing and guidance, He would have it be.
Elder Ben Leach, President  
Elder G. M. Schram, Lay Activities Department  
Southwestern Union Conference  
Box 400  
Richardson, Texas 75080

Dear Brethren:

We want to thank you for the outstanding aid that you folk gave as you came in with vans and materials and personnel from the various conferences of your union following Hurricane Camille. We hope that you will pass on to the appropriate people the thanks of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference.

We feel that a great deal of good was accomplished there by the combined efforts of the conferences of our union and your union. Many favorable comments have been made regarding the outstanding assistance that Seventh-day Adventists have given. Many thousands of dollars worth of food and clothing and other supplies have been distributed to those in need.

We think that it was outstanding that the Arkansas-Louisiana van was in and on the spot so early there in the Bay St. Louis area where the needs were so great. We have heard wonderful comments regarding their assistance to the stricken people. Even after serving the other areas of the coast for a couple of weeks, there has been a request for additional aid over in that area, and we have been happy to have a center opened to continue to give assistance.

We feel very fortunate that our properties were spared from any severe damage. We did have rather heavy damage at Bass Memorial Academy, but most of this has been cared for and school has opened and things are moving along nicely.

Thanks again for your assistance and help.

Sincerely,

W. D. Wampler, President

The president of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference sent this letter to the Southwestern Union office expressing appreciation for relief efforts following the Camille disaster.

The two 3” x 5¾” Christmas cards contain the same message and the same invitation to enroll in the “Light of the World” Bible course. Card “A”, however, is adapted to younger persons with its contemporary lettering and format, while Card “B” is rendered in a more traditional art and lettering style. Both cards are surprisingly colorful and of excellent quality. Envelopes are not provided.

If you want to give the “best possible Gift” this Christmas, write for your free Christmas cards to: Department FS, The Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles, California 90053.

Be sure to specify which cards you want—Card “A” with modern styling, or Card “B” in traditional style. Orders for the cards will not be honored after December 10, so be sure to place your request immediately.

HERBERT FORD,  
Public Relations Secretary,  
The Voice of Prophecy.

Southwest Represented on Voice of Prophecy’s Counseling Committee

Five Southwestern Union laymen have recently returned to their homes following participation as members of the 45-member Committee of Counselors for The Voice of Prophecy at the radiobroadcast headquarters in Glendale, California.

They are: Harold Collum and James W. Gilley, of Dallas, Texas; and Oakley H. Callicott, Fletcher Judge, and W. Brooks Findley, all of Reene, Texas.

Purpose of the Committee of Counselors is to provide to The Voice of Prophecy the business expertise of the committee’s members at no cost. The counselors even pay their own way to attend the annual sessions of the group.

During the recent two-day gathering of the group, discussions were held with all administrative leaders of the radiobroadcast. Counsel was given on fund-raising, record sales,
new station possibilities, printing, and other areas vital to The Voice of Prophecy operation.

At past meetings of the Counselors the concept of a youth broadcast was developed. Within the next two months The Voice of Prophecy will begin field testing the youth broadcast that is a direct result of this concept.

During the Glendale session new officers of the Committee of Counselors were elected. Chairman of the group is Dr. Marion Barnard of Bakersfield, California. First vice chairman is Harry Hartsock, Chicago, Illinois; second vice chairman is Dr. Reuben Matiko of Vancouver, British Columbia. Named secretary was Harold Collum of Dallas, Texas; and Dr. Harold Conner of Silver Spring, Maryland, is the committee's assistant secretary.

HERBERT FORD,
Public Relations Secretary,
The Voice of Prophecy.

The Voice of Prophecy's Committee of Counselors, church laymen from across North America, gathered for this photograph in front of broadcast headquarters in Glendale, California, recently. From left front row the counselors are: Harold Collum, Dallas, Texas; Harry Hartsock, Western Springs, Illinois; Dr. Marion Barnard, Bakersfield, California; Dr. Reuben Matiko, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; Dr. Harold H. Connor, Silver Spring, Maryland; Oakley H. Callicott, Keene, Texas. Second row: Don Loveridge, Eau Gallie, Florida; Dr. H. M. S. Richards; Fletcher Judge, Keene, Texas; Dr. Donald J. Davenport, Long Beach, California; W. C. Starkey, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Alvin G. Munson, VOP manager. Third row: James J. Aitken and Walter R. L. Scragg of the General Conference Radio-TV Department; Gordon Henderson, Glendale, California; H. M. S. Richards, Jr.; James W. Gilley, Dallas, Texas; Douglas V. Pond, Glendale, California. Fourth row: Dr. Archie E. King, Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada; W. Brooks Findley, Keene, Texas; Dr. Webster Prince, Redlands, California; and Dr. Leland McElmurry, Lansing, Michigan.

NEWS

Check under this head for announcements of interest to all and for news of the coming events in your conference.

GENERAL INTEREST

★ It's Time to Start Shooting

If you're handy with a camera, have you been shooting for your church? Have you been shooting for the North American Division Photo Contest, which closes December 31?

Someone will win the grand award of $100, or one of the other 11 cash prizes—and serve his church too! It might be you.

There are still a couple months left to shoot, and perhaps you have already taken some prize-winning photographs this year. If you do not have a copy of the rules and categories, write today to Bureau of Public Relations, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012.

Anyone in North America may enter the contest. Even if you don't win a prize, your picture may be just the one needed sometime to help your church tell its story, and you will receive remuneration for its use at that time.

OKLAHOMA

★ Oklahoma Holiday Book Sale Schedule

Muskegee
Tulsa
Jaw and Ketchum (at Jay)
Bristow
Shattuck
Guymon
Elk City
Altus
Durant
Shawnee
Tahlequah
Sallisaw
Wagoner
Ardmore
Stillwater
East Cooper

Arkansas-Louisiana

★ Arkansas-Louisiana Book and Bible House — Mobile Extension Service, 1969 Schedule

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Please note the date and place nearest you and plan to stock up on books for holiday giving, as well as for your own library.

B. PAGE HASKELL, Manager.

SUC

★ Saturday Night Programs at SUC

November 8 — Mr. Cotton, Classical Guitarist — Lyceum Series
November 22 — SUC Band Concert
November 29 — Thanksgiving Vacation

★ SUC Band to Be Featured on Fort Worth TV

The SUC travelling band, The Collegians, have been invited to present a program on channel 11 KTVT in Fort Worth. The program is entitled "Perception" and will be from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 16.
Little Rock Is Down on Smoking as Nearly 200 Kick the Habit in 5-Day Plan

Mr. Allen Weintraub, who quit smoking after a heart attack some years ago, is concerned about the harmful effects of smoking. As administrator of St. Vincent Infirmary, he felt he should inaugurate a three-step program against smoking.

STEP 1. He had 300 signs about the size of the no parking signs and of the same porcelain material made and posted all over the hospital grounds. The signs stated: "Warning! Cigarette smoking is dangerous to health and may cause death from cancer and other diseases."

STEP 2. All cigarette vending machines were removed from the hospital.

STEP 3. He put into operation a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking at the hospital.

The plan was conducted by Dr. Wayne McFarland, co-founder of the Five-Day Plan and currently professor of physical medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Elder Harold E. Haas, temperance secretary for the Southwestern Union. On the first night over 200 people were present. Some of those present were lawyers, state officials, doctors' wives, those working for radio and television, and some of the St. Vincent Infirmary employees.

Dr. McFarland was assisted by some of the local doctors—Dr. Frank Kum puris, secretary and medical director of Arkansas State Cancer Commission; Dr. William E. Harville, pathologist at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center; and Dr. James W. Wilson, cardiologist. These doctors gave pertinent information on the effects of smoking to the body.

The group was inspired and impressed with the nightly counsel given by Elder Haas. Some said his illustrations and sincerity of purpose stimulated them to say, "I know I can," "I will," and "I choose not to smoke." Elder Haas conducted the group therapy sessions which gave an opportunity for all to share their experiences. On the third night one man said that he had been smoking for 40 years and that this was the first time he had ever gone for two days without smoking. One of the lawyers said he was happy for the program and that he had talked his teenage son into taking the Five-Day Plan.

Mr. James Graves, manager of Custom Sound, Incorporated of Shreveport, gave an excellent testimonial as to how the Five-Day Plan had helped him "kick the habit." Jim says, "I was trying to quit 20 out of the 23 years of smoking. The Five-Day Plan wasn't easy, but there's something about the plan, the program, the group therapy, and the buddy system that gives you the strength and courage to do it. Physically, since I've taken the Five-Day Plan, I've never felt better. I haven't taken a drag in a year and a half and don't plan to ever again."

The real reward came on the last night when 195 people raised their hands indicating that they now felt they had "kicked the habit." Mr. Weintraub gave an excellent speech of praise for what he had seen take place during the week. He ended his remarks by saying: "Of all the things that I've done at St. Vincent Infirmary in the last 15 years — and we've built coronary care units, intensive units, we've just completed a psychiatric care unit and a seven-and-a-half-million-dollar addition — and all this elates me, because as I said to you earlier as you started the program, the health of a community is a lot more important than the wealth of a

Opening night of Five-Day Plan in Little Rock, Arkansas.
On closing night hands indicate they have "kicked the habit."

community and when I see all this, it warms the cockles of my heart because this program has meant more to me than all this refinement that we've had at St. Vincent.

A great big "thank you" goes to Elder E. D. Clark, pastor of the Little Rock church; Dr. Marlin Mathiesen, and other members of the church for their help in making this program a wonderful success.

Richard W. Bendall, Temperance Secretary, Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

Shreveport Evangelistic Crusade

July 26 was a very important date for the Adventist churches in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Elder Elden Walter, the Southwestern Union Conference ministerial secretary and evangelist, began a series of meetings in the new Seventh-day Adventist church. The meetings were well attended right from the start.

By the end of the meetings on August 22, seventeen individuals had been baptized, plus another group who have made their decisions and are now preparing for baptism.

In connection with the meetings, a field school was also conducted for the purpose of training young men to do evangelism. There were four young men from Andrews University and one from Libya, North Africa, besides the pastor and his associate who attended these classes.

The meetings were a great blessing to the members, also. Many remarked what a blessing the meetings had been to them.

We want to pay tribute to the many members who worked so faithfully which helped to make the meetings a success.

May the Lord continue to bless us all as we continue to work for Him.

Vernon L. Chase, Pastor, Shreveport Church.

Vacation Bible School Evangelism in Oklahoma During 1969

Jay Church Holds VBS

Under the leadership of Mrs. L. E. C. Joers the Jay church conducted their very first vacation Bible school this year with 72 youngsters enrolled. Fifty-three of these boys and girls were non-Seventh-day Adventists. Jay has a church membership of 69, thus proving that a small church can have a large and successful VBS.

The members of the church gave wonderful support to the vacation Bible school, with the following individuals as division leaders: juniors: Miss Sandy Hancock, Elder and Mrs. W. S. Hancock, Mr. Ralph Boyer; primary: Mrs. Helen McMullen, Mrs. Ralph Boyer and Mrs. Leveta Smith; kindergarten: Mrs. Lynn Tidwell, Mrs. Billie Beesley, Lynda Joers.
Opening exercises with the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag, the Christian flag, and the Holy Bible were done with precision.

David Means; crafts: Mrs. Gracebell Weed, Mrs. Vergie Vanhoose; music, John Tidwell.

The final program was by the various departments in giving memory verse drills and singing songs learned during the week. The many different crafts and neat workbooks were an evidence of the diversified activities carried on during the VBS. Sixty certificates were presented at the graduation program.

The key to a successful VBS is the follow-up. At the present nine of these youngsters are attending the regular Sabbath school; a story hour which meets each Sabbath afternoon is attended by 15 of the children; two boys attended the friendship camp; and a number of the parents are showing an interest in the church and its message.

Report of VBS Across Conference

Child evangelism through the vacation Bible schools was on the march in the Oklahoma Conference this past summer with 16 vacation Bible schools being sponsored by the following churches:

- Achille
- Ardmore
- Bartlesville
- Bristow
- Choctaw
- Enid
- Jay
- Ketchum
- Lawton
- Muskogee
- Okeene
- Ponca City
- Shattuck
- Shawnee
- Tahlequah
- Tulsa

A statistical report never tells the full story of any phase of God's work but it does give us a progress report. Our 16 vacation Bible schools this past summer tell the following story:

- Total enrollment: 825
- Number of children from Adventist homes: 345
- Number of children from non-Adventist homes: 480
- Number of persons assisting: 775
- Certificates issued: 234
- Number enrolled regular Sabbath school: 43
- Number Bible story hours organized: 8

Number enrolled in church school: 10
Number attending JMV camps: 10
Number enrolled in Bible course: 16
Number of parents interested: 7

We salute the 234 teachers and leaders who thought enough of their own children and the children of their community to invest one week of their time in conducting a vacation Bible school. The friendly smile; the Bible lessons; the character-building stories; and the follow up through the local church will do much in influencing these youngsters for the cause of Christ.

Children and teachers of the Shawnee VBS.
Oklahoma and Ardmore Welcomes Pastor and Mrs. David Morris

We are happy to welcome to the working force of the Oklahoma Conference Pastor and Mrs. David Morris. David has recently graduated from Andrews University and has been appointed the assistant pastor for the Ardmore district.

His good wife, Gail, is teaching in the Ardmore school. She has a B.A. degree from Walla Walla College and has specialized in secondary education at Andrews University.

This devoted couple has already made an impact in their new district. Let us pray that God will bless them abundantly as they take up their career in the gospel ministry.

C. W. Skantz, President, Oklahoma Conference.

Farewell to Oklahoma

We find it very difficult to say "good-bye" to Oklahoma—because of each one of YOU who have supported the programs of the Lay Activities, Sabbath School, and PR Departments the past four years in such a remarkable way. Your loyalty has been more than "surface" and we appreciate the privilege we have had of working with you.

Mrs. Rider, Lori, and Marcia, join me in saying, "Thank you, sincerely" for the many personal kindesses shown us. We shall miss the many good friendships formed and look forward to the day when there will be no more partings.

The fairest rose in the garden of life
In the fellowship of friends;
Time but glorifies its beauty
With a fragrance that never ends.
No cloud can shade its loveliness
No storm its petals part
For the flower of friendship dwells
forever
In the shrine of the human heart.

May God grant you health and peace within, and an enlarged vision for a finished work in Oklahoma.

Robert Rider
333 Victorian Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76134.
After a splendid vacation Bible school in Texarkana conducted by Mrs. J. E. Harris, two story hours developed in the homes of Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. E. Williams. To date 11 young people have been baptized into the church membership, a direct result of child evangelism.

At the recent North Texas Health and Welfare Federation Mrs. E. Neely was elected as the new federation president; Mrs. M. Minor, vice president; Mrs. L. Jackson, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. M. Wedgeworth, public relations secretary.

J. C. Hicks of the Lake Charles district began his radio ministry in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He has been on the air for several weeks, and all indications are that the interest is good. He is using the series of tapes from the General Conference Ministerial Department and preparing the field for an evangelistic effort next summer.

Three new Region workers, W. J. Cleveland, Jr., Helvis Thompson, and Robert Lister, attended their first workers' meeting and were all eyes and ears to see what comes next. We had devotional periods, messages on evangelism and stewardship, and reports from departmental secretaries. We welcome these men to fellowship among the workers and wish for them the blessings of God as they enter into service.

W. J. Cleveland, pastor of Ephesus, New Orleans, Louisiana, surprised the ministers at workers' meeting with a report of $10,000 at the initial Ingathering report. A total of $24,000 was the initial report—the largest Ingathering start ever in the history of the conference. The goal this year is $75,000.

At the beginning of the annual Ingathering drive in Shreveport four persons were announced as the first members of the Century Club of the conference. They are Mrs. Betty Pennywell, Mr. and Mrs. L. Taylor, and Mrs. O. Murff.

W. C. Jones, PR Secretary.

New Jefferson Hospital Now Opened

On Sunday afternoon, September 7, 1969, city and state officials were on hand to officially open the newly constructed Marion County Hospital at Jefferson, Texas. Operated by the Seventh-day Adventist church with P. D. Mitchell as administrator, this 38-bed hospital will be the main medical facility in the Jefferson area.

The Jefferson High School band played for the ceremony and the Daughters of the American Revolu-
tion presented a large American flag.

Congratulations messages were given by R. L. English, assistant director, Texas Hospital Association B. E. Leach, Southwestern Union Conference president; and G. C. Dart, president of the Texas Conference.

Master of ceremonies for the special occasion was Allen Burt, president of the First National Bank of Jefferson. Three local Protestant pastors—Mark Lewis, A. N. Tiller, and Bill Beckham—participated in the afternoon program. R. C. Connor, president of the Marion County Hospital District, presented the keys to Mr. Mitchell and officially cut the ribbon which opened the hospital for all visitors to examine.

W. G. Larson Accepts Call to Missouri

After more than four years in the Texas Conference where he directed the Lay Activities and Sabbath School Departments, Elder W. G. Larson has accepted a call to serve the Missouri Conference in the same capacity.

Elder "Woody" Larson, as he is known to his many friends, will long be remembered for his valuable contributions to the work of God in the Texas Conference. During and following Hurricanes Inez, Beulah, and more recently Camille, Elder Larson organized welfare and disaster relief operations which gave emergency aid to tens of thousands.

Elder Larson's continual optimism became a proverbial part of his personality, and this was especially prominent during the months of November and December when the Ingathering program was in full march. Every year, under his direction, Texas became a Silver Vanguard conference, which signifies that every member raised at least $25 for our world missions program.

Happy smiles come to "Woody" and Edna Mae Larson as they open the card which accompanied the gift from their companions in the conference office.

Working closely by his side was his capable wife and secretary, Edna Mae. Her creative ability, coupled with her devotion in caring for the needs of the churches, made her greatly appreciated by everyone.

Elder and Mrs. Robert Rider have accepted the call to continue the work Elder and Mrs. Larson have organized, and a picture of their family with a welcome will appear in the next RECORD.

We wish Elder and Mrs. Larson the richest blessings of heaven as they take up their new duties being certain that God will continue to work through this devoted couple.

G. CHARLES DART, President, Texas Conference.

REMEMBER!

November 22 Is the Apostolic 500 Meeting in Austin . . .

Elder Theodore Carcich Will Be the Guest Speaker — ALL ARE INVITED.

The Friday night meeting will be in the Austin church, 301 Anderson Lane. Sabbath meeting, (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) will be in the Del Valley High School Auditorium, near the entrance to the Bergstrom Air Force Base, southeast of Austin.

Saturday night the Barron-Turner meetings will begin in Austin, so plan to attend this opening service.

Double Appeal Featured at Keene 13th Sabbath Program

On the 13th Sabbath, September 27, the Keene senior Sabbath school had a unique double appeal for a liberal offering.

A. E. Krogstad, assistant treasurer of the Far Eastern Division, who is on furlough, presented, with his family, the regular mission appeal. Mrs. Krogstad, formerly Donna Wolfe and a teacher in the Keene Elementary School, was in typical costume, as were the children, who sang "Jesus Loves Me" in Malay. The Krogstad family stressed the needs and oppor-
The Arlington church was filled to capacity many nights of the Barron-Turner crusade.

Max Trevino receives mission appeal call direct from Manila, Philippine Islands.


tunities present in this great section of the world field.

The second part of the appeal was a trans-Pacific telephone call direct from Manila, pre-arranged to come through during the Sabbath school hour. Max Trevino, general Sabbath school superintendent, was in conversation with Ray Bailey, ministerial secretary of the North Philippine Union Mission of the Far Eastern Division, and also a former pastor in the Texas Conference. The conversation was audible on the loud-speaker system of the church. Again, the needs and opportunities of this great field were presented, and confidence in the liberality of the Sabbath schools in the homeland was expressed.

The results of this inspiring double appeal were apparent in the Sabbath school offering for that day. The total offering from all the divisions amounted to over $1,000 — almost twice the normal 13th Sabbath offering.

CALVIN G. GORDON.

Barron-Turner Arlington Crusade Closes This Weekend

More than 300 people attended the opening meeting Saturday night, October 18, conducted by the Barron-Turner team. With the Arlington church normal seating capacity being approximately 200, it was necessary to use many chairs, even placing them in the hallway.

Average nightly attendance has been very excellent with near-capacity crowds on every occasion.

God has richly blessed our devoted evangelistic team in their many crusades this year. Already 420 souls have been baptized during 1969 as a result of their work.

We are thankful that our own evangelistic team can again be with us, and plans call for at least nine crusades during the next 14 months. We solicit your prayers and support in their soul-winning work.

The next meeting will be held in Austin beginning November 22.

Names of interested persons in this area should be sent immediately to the local pastor, Elder Gaston Wallace, 301 Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas 78752. DON R. CHRISTMAN, Evangelism Coordinator.

The Arlington church was filled to capacity many nights of the Barron-Turner crusade.

Texas Evangelism

- Elder Victor Zuchowski baptized nine persons at the Fort Worth First church Sabbath, October 18. Several others are planning to be baptized on November 8.
- Elders Norman Martin and Art Hempel concluded a two-week revival series in the San Antonio Highland Hills church with a baptism of five on Sabbath, October 18. Elder Hempel will hold an eight-day meeting with Brother Kenneth Oliver in the New Hope church beginning November 8.
- Elders R. R. Alonzo and Pascual Pena concluded a two-week meeting for our Spanish-speaking people in Elsa October 25. Elder Pena reports 25 very interested persons, and a baptism is planned for early December.
- Elder Harvey Bristow baptized two persons for Brother Kenneth Oliver in the Jefferson church.
- The Barron-Turner team began a four-week meeting in Austin Saturday night, November 2. God richly blessed the crusade just completed in the Arlington church. Bap-

ish-speaking services are planned for two Sabbath services in November.

CALVIN G. GORDON.
New Mexico Constitutional Change Affecting Religious Liberty Is Defeated

Word has recently come that the Educational Committee at the New Mexico Constitutional Convention has turned down a proposal for the new constitution that funds be allowed to non-public schools. This brought to a successful conclusion a controversy which saw many citizens of New Mexico, including members of the Texico Conference, contending that such aid would weaken the religious freedoms which we enjoy in America.

Elder M. N. Skadsheim coordinated the effort to clarify our position before the New Mexico Constitutional Convention. At the Texico Camp Meeting last summer, the Texico Conference went on record as opposing the constitutional amendments which would allow aid to parochial schools. A rally was held in the Albuquerque area at the Albuquerque Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church under the auspices of Protestants and Others United for the Separation of Church and State. That same year, the Texico Convention delegates, or sending telegrams to them so that our freedoms can be retained a little longer. As we see the Lord's hand holding back these developments, let us all unite to both preserve our religious freedoms and to give to and support God's cause as never before while it is day, "for the night cometh when no man can work."

TOM CARTER, 
Religious Liberty Secretary, 
Texico Conference.

Isaac Lara Elected Spanish Evangelist

Isaac Lara, pastor of the Santa Fe district, was elected conference evangelist for the Spanish-speaking people of our conference on October 2.

Elder G. H. Rustad, Texico president, in announcing the appointment, stated that there are many cities and towns in Texico with large populations of Spanish-speaking people and he left that this would give an added impetus to the work for these people.

Elder Lara has successfully pastored the Santa Fe district for several years, and under his ministry many new members have been added to his churches.

A new church building is nearing completion close to Dixon, and a new company of believers was raised up in the Taos area under the leadership of Elder Lara and his good wife, Mary.

We know that God will bless the efforts of Elder Lara, and we solicit your prayers in his behalf as he takes up this new work.

JOSEPH ESPINOSA, 
Texico PR Secretary.

Texico's Lady of the Month

Mrs. Lucille Berneus, faithful member of the Pampa church receives the honor of being named lay worker of the month.

Sister Berneus carries about 25 to 30 Bible lessons in her community at this time and she faithfully visits...
Mrs. Watkins, lay worker in the Pampa, Texas, church with Pastor Joe Reynolds.

these people each Sabbath afternoon, pays a short visit with the family, picks up the completed lessons, and leaves the new lessons with them.

Sister Berneus is an active member in the church and is always ready to do her part in any church program. Recently she assisted with the effort that was held in Pampa. She was there early each evening to act as hostess, greeting the people and perforating their cards, etc.

We appreciate the loving and willing spirit demonstrated by Sister Berneus in doing the work of the Lord as it comes in her hand to do.

JOSEPH ESPINOSA, Texico PR Secretary.

Mrs. Joe Willa Watkins Honored in Golden Age Club

Mrs. Joe Willa Watkins of Deming, New Mexico, was one of those who saw the need of an organization for the elderly and retired of that city and so did something about it. In January, 1964, the Golden Age Club was born and she, a charter member, has continued her services faithfully to the club since its organization.

Mrs. Watkins, who is a devout member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, retired from her teaching work in 1960. Her service list is long and imposing.

We salute Sister Watkins, who, as the Deming Graphic newspaper puts it, “has been very active in all the civic affairs in Deming, always striving for the betterment of the community, always ready to help those in distress and in need of a friend.”

Dr. L. J. Larson is New Academic Dean

Dr. L. J. Larson, newly elected academic dean, arrived on campus in the middle of the summer and has taken up his responsibilities with the academic affairs of the college. He came to SUC from Oakwood College in Alabama where he served in the same position.

Dr. Larson graduated from Auburn Academy in 1930 and attended Broadview College and Walla Walla College, and graduated from Madison College in 1938 with a B.S. in English and education. While attending these colleges he was an instructor in speech and English and has also been a principal of both intermediate and secondary schools.

From 1939 to 1961, with the exception of one year, he served in India where, among his responsibilities as an educational administrator, he was principal and manager of a secondary school, superintendent of education and MV secretary, and chairman of the departments of English and education of Spicer College.

He received his master's degree in 1947 from George Peabody College in Tennessee, and his doctor of education degree—in the area of college and university administration—from the same institution in 1964. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa honor society.

Dr. Larson is married to Mary Ninaj and they have two children—Karl, who is a senior business major at SUC; and Elizabeth Ann, a student at Walla Walla College.

Dr. Larson is working closely with the faculty, the administration, and the representatives of accrediting institutions.
bodies with the objective of SUC receiving full status as a senior institution of higher learning.

**Dr. Ralph Bailey is New Education Department Chairman**

The new chairman of our Department of Education is Dr. Ralph Bailey. He comes to us from Alabama where he recently received his doctor of education degree in the field of educational administration and curriculum development. Dr. Bailey has served the denomination's educational system since 1950. He has been principal of both junior and senior academies, his last principalship being at Bass Memorial Academy in Mississippi. Dr. Bailey's undergraduate work was taken at Madison College where he graduated with a B.S. degree in 1950, and his master's degree was received from Memphis State University in 1954. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa honor society.

Dr. Bailey is married to Dorothy Patterson and they have two children—Doris Ann, a secretary in Atlanta; and Dwaine Lee, in the seventh grade at Keene Adventist School.

The Bailey's moved to Keene during the summer and have established themselves as an integral part of a growing college. Mrs. Bailey is completing her B.A. degree and plans to graduate at the close of the present school year.

Dr. Bailey is studying carefully every aspect of the Education Department in order that it may continue to develop and serve the Southwestern Union effectively.

**A Need for Student Aid**

Many times there are students who wish to attend Southwestern Union College who have need of some financial aid. Although excellent work opportunities exist at the college, there are occasions when because of unforeseen circumstances a student does need some cash assistance in order to continue in college.

Frequently individuals or organizations will offer to assist students if we at the college are able to provide additional funds to go with the amount being given. At the present time the college funds for student assistance of this nature are completely depleted. There is no regular means whereby these funds are replenished except as individuals elect to make a direct gift to the college, to be used at its discretion.

Such gifts would be much appreciated and could be used most profitably at the present time. They may be sent either to the president or the business manager with a note attached as to the purpose for which they are intended. Such gifts are tax deductible if the donor does not specify any particular individual who is to receive the gift but permits the college to make such a choice.

E. C. Wines, President.

**Adventist Books Shown and Sold at Catholic Teachers' Institute**

Over 1,200 Catholic teachers from the Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio Dioceses were shown Seventh-day Adventist books the first week in October. These teachers represent 140 Catholic schools in these areas.

Each diocese holds an annual teachers institute to which all Catholic church school teachers are invited. Russel Walker, Ted Ramirez, John Hope, and W. D. Woodall, arranged the exhibits at these meetings. *Desire of Ages, Your Bible and You, Steps to Christ, Bible Story,* and *Bedtime Stories* were proudly displayed. Over $600 worth of these books were sold for cash during the three institutes.

**IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE**

Every diocese has given us detailed information concerning each of the 140 schools with an invitation to visit each one for the purpose of selling our books.

At this time more than a dozen schools are already using our books in their libraries.

R. E. Appenzeller, Secretary, Publishing Department, Texas Conference.
Did you listen to Bob Thrower preach the message last night?
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AT REST

LEACH, Hallie Metcaif, was born near Parkersburg, W. Va., Nov. 18, 1889, and passed away June 8, 1969, in Takoma Park, Md.

She was married to Clarence V. Leach in 1911 in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and through this, in 1914, to her Oakland, Calif. home three years ago, in loving companionship devoted her life in the Master's service. The children graced this companionship, most of whom are still living to cherish the memory of a devoted mother, who literally saddled her life in the lives of her children and sang the praises of "one of the world's real sweethearts," as stated in a beautiful tribute from the pen of her son, Ben, president of the Southwestern Union Conference. The other six children are: C. V. Leach, Jr., of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Lois Zagri of Silver Spring, Md.; Mrs. Esther Foley of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Naoma Lenheim of Silver Spring, Md.; Dr. E. E. Leach and Dr. Arthur Leach of Silver Spring, Md.

The spirit of Adventism shone with peculiar brilliance in the Leach home across the span of three generations, from grandparents to grandchildren, who are now making a fine contribution to the cause. Ministers, nurses, a dentist, an attorney, and other professions are represented in the circle of this family of 10.

Sister Leach kept the home fires burning through many years of her husband's ministry, as he served with high efficiency in General union, and local conference lines of endeavor. For more than 40 years, from college days until his death, we enjoyed an intimacy of fellowship in service, the memory of which will linger as long as life shall last.

Following a memorial service in Parkersburg, Sister Leach was laid to rest beside her husband in Evergreen Cemetery, Parkersburg, W. Va., to await the great reunion in response to the voice of the Lifeguard.

"Heard are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours: and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13

H. K. Christman.

ORTNER, Uriah H., was born July 25, 1911, in Arkansas City, Okla., and passed to his rest on Sept. 23, 1969, in Tulsa, Okla. Uriah was baptized into the Adventist church as a youth. He was a veteran of World War II. In 1946 he came to Tulsa where he participated in the construction and real estate industries.

Survivors include his wife, Ocie J.; three brothers, two sisters, and other relatives and friends.

Gary D. Grimes.
Old Ship Zion — Sailing Well — Almost Home

Every time I attend Autumn Council I come home with my heart full of new strength and new courage! As I see God's men in business session, meeting the great challenges the church faces, as I see the wonderful spirit of fair play and brotherly consideration and at the same time, the forthrightness and fearless expression of conviction—I know once more that the God of heaven is in this great movement—a movement ordained of God to finish the work of God in this generation. My confidence in the church has never been greater. My courage is good. I believe the leadership of this denomination is fully dedicated. They are Godly men, in earnest as they carry on the most important business in the world—God's business. As I see the officers of the General Conference perform for God under tremendous stresses and strains, I am impressed with their calmness and their humility, their trust in God, and their urgent desire to see the work advance soon to a glorious climax in the coming of Christ in glory.

Are these Fall Council church business meetings “cut and dried”? I didn’t miss a meeting. I was in some kind of committee meeting or session 12 to 14 hours every day—and I will say they may have been cut, but they sure weren’t “dried!” The democratic processes of this church function. There is plenty of free expression, give and take in discussing policies and plans. But above all, there is unity and brotherly love. And there is effective, dynamic leadership at the helm of God’s church as we sail toward the heavenly port.

I wish you could have all been there. A number of laymen were official delegates. These men entered into the business of the church with interest and with vigor. Some of the best contributions were made by these men.

It was a great conference; great, because God is great, and His church is precious and dear to His heart. I have not one doubt that heaven is leading this movement and that old Ship Zion will soon sail into the heavenly port and will dock at a place called The Holy City, the New Jerusalem. Unworthy as I am, I fully plan to be on board that ship and by the grace of God, be among that number who will hear the sweetest words human ears will ever hear: “Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world.” “That will be glory, yes, glory for me.” —and for you. Just stay on board.

Yours for heaven and home,

B. E. Leach.

OFF THE RECORD

There were many wonderful reports rendered at the recent Autumn Council, but none caught my ear more than this one—

THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION IS THE FASTEST GROWING UNION IN NORTH AMERICA!

Yes, it’s a fact. According to the statistical report rendered by Elder Jesse Gibson, the Southwest grew fastest on a percentage basis than any other of the 10 unions in the North American Division (July 1, 1968 to July 1, 1969.)

Many actions were taken, but none warmed my heart more than these two:

VOTED to publish a new up-to-the-minute youth journal—a colorful, appealing relevant weekly, starting next spring.

VOTED to appropriate a special $50,000 for Southwestern Union College expansion—just the boost we needed!

For a full report, read the official church paper, the good old, new “Review and Herald.” Every Adventist home needs the “Review.”

B.E.L.

INSPIRED . . .

“On those peaceful plains, beside those living streams, God’s people, so long pilgrims and wanderers, shall find a home.” Great Controversy, p. 675.

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