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Spotlight on Soul Winning

in the Texico Conference

Members of the Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, English church decided to share their faith by working for the Spanish-speaking people in their community. After a time, they invited Elder Max Martinez to hold evangelistic meetings there.

Max's brother, Martin Martinez, age 76, of the Albuquerque Spanish church, gave his brother a helping hand during the meetings and then stayed at the conference's request to follow up the interest in that area. There was no Spanish pastor close by and Martin happily responded to the invitation.



Martin Martinez

Using Ministry of Healing as an entering wedge, he tries to help the people physically, and then begins Bible studies with them. Through his efforts, God has increased the attendance at church services. Many are studying the Bible; homes are being strengthened. Recently Elder Max Martinez returned to baptize three more. Eight others are looking forward to being baptized soon.

Not only in Truth or Consequences, but in other places, Martin's spirituality and his desire to find those who will respond to God's wonderful message of love have been a real blessing.

We thank God for giving us men like Martin Martinez. We are thankful for his dedication to God and for the souls being led to Jesus and salvation.

D. K. Sullivan, President, Texico Conference.

General News

Special Concert Coming to the Southwest



King's Heralds and Heritage Singers will present a "God and Country Celebration" on Sunday, August 30, 8 pm, at the Leiske-Pultar Auditorium on the campus of Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, Texas.



Health Happenings in the Southwest . .

Fred Murray, Directo

Elvin Adams, M.D., M.P.H. Associate Director

Huguley Hospital Receives New Advanced Lab Equipment

Recently Huguley Memorial Hospital received \$25,000 from the J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation and \$3,000 from the G. R. White Trust for new laboratory equipment.

A Freezing Point Osmometer was purchased with the \$3,000 from the White Trust. This equipment tests for suspected

kidney failure. The tests take two minutes each compared with the 45-60 minutes required when using the old equipment.

According to Leon Adams, M.T. (ASCP), who is the administrative director of the laboratory, "This equipment can save us \$2,000 the first year and it is significant to patients who suffer from shock, trauma, diabetes, comas, or drug overdoses because of the speed in which it can determine kidney malfunctions."

The Mabee Foundation grant will go toward an Automated Electrolyte Analyzer. This machine does chemistry tests and math calculations from blood samples. The electrolytes it keys on are potassium, sodium, chloride, and carbon dioxide.

The analyzer will be used an average of 700 times per month for 2,800 test results. Every patient entering the hospital will use the analyzer at least once. Some require its use four times daily to analyze the effectiveness of therapy.

"Both machines' main advantage is a savings of time (which results in a savings of money). The automation of the machines frees technologists to do other vital and pressing duties. The savings in labor will be about \$9,000 the first year," explains Adams.

Both the Mabee Foundation and G. R. White Trust have a history of giving to Huguley Hospital. The White Trust gave \$5,000 in 1977 and \$2,500 in 1979 besides the grant of \$3,000 this year. The Mabee Foundation contributed \$250,000 to Huguley's capital campaign. Since then, they have given \$10,000 in 1977 and the \$25,000 this year.

Huguley Memorial Hospital is very fortunate and appreciative for the good relationship it enjoys with the community and its leaders.

Doug Bendall, Correspondent.

Confernce PR Director Receives RPRC Lifetime Membership



Charles R. Beeler, right, receives a certificate of lifetime membership in the Religious Public Relations Council from Tom Brannon, president of the council. The award was made at a dinner meeting in Oklahoma City at which Brannon also presented the charter authorized by the council for the new Sooner Chapter just organized. RPRC is a national, interdenominational association of persons involved in public relations and communications for their church organizations. Beeler, who has served as a communication department director for the Florida and Ohio conferences, and for the Columbia and Central Union conferences before coming to Oklahoma, has been a member of RPRC for over 20 years. The life membership was voted by the council at its last annual convention soon after Beeler's retirement from the Central Union Conference.

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Southwestern Adventist College

SAC Physics Instructor Presents Paper

"One-Dimensional Self-Gravitating Stellar Systems" was the title of a paper presented in March to the Texas

Academy of Sciences at the University of Texas in Austin by Harold Wright, instructor in physics and dean of men at Southwestern Adventist College.



H. Wright

Wright's presentation during the annual meeting of TAS, a professional organization

of scientists, detailed part of the research he has conducted at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, for his doctoral dissertation.

Wright, who joined the Southwestern faculty in 1978, was also recently nominated and elected to Sigma Xi, a national scientific research society. The prerequisite to membership in the society is a demonstrated ability in scientific

In addition to his duties as dean of men. Wright will teach two courses for the college department of mathematical and physical sciences during the coming year: general physics and "Environment of Man," a combination of physics and astronomy for the non-science major.

"The best-kept secret in education is the 'romance' of science," laughed Wright. "'Environment of Man' will present that romance without the scientific mathematics that is irrelevant to the lib-

eral arts student.'

Before joining the SAC faculty, Wright worked for 10 years as a nuclear physicist for the United States government at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. During that time he published over a dozen papers concerning nuclear physics in scientific journals.

'My doctoral research now is on the cosmic scale, while my atomic research for the government was on the scale of the infinitesimally small," he commented.

SAC President Appointed to ICUT **Board of Directors**

Dr. Donald R. McAdams, president of Southwestern Adventist College, has been appointed to a two-year term on the

board of directors of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Inc., a group representing Texas' 40 private colleges and universities in their state and federal governmental relations programs.



Dr. McAdams

At their recent annual meeting in Abilene, presidents of the ICUT schools approved plans to open an office in Austin with a full-time president as chief executive officer and an administrative staff for research, education and governmental relations.

Announcement was made at the meeting that Dr. Robert D. Hunter, executive vice president for ICUT, had resigned his position to return to full-time administration for Abilene Christian University, He will serve as acting president for ICUT

until a president is named.

During Hunter's service with ICUT, the state's Tuition Equalization Grant program became law — providing grants to qualified, needy students in accredited independent colleges and universities in Texas. State funding for the program has totaled \$80.1 million with \$13.7 million in matching federal funds.

The new organizational structure of ICUT includes an executive committee and board of directors. With the addition of a full-time president and staff to oversee its operation, ICUT is also eliminating its six working commissions: admissions and student recruitment, governmental and legal affairs, legislative relations, public information, research, and student financial aid.

Arkansas-Louisiana

J. WAYNE HANCOCK, Correspondent

ABC Branching Out

Last fall a branch of Adventist Book Center was opened in Gentry, Arkansas, to service the Northwest Arkansas area. Since then many students from Ozark Adventist Academy, their parents, and friends who visit the campus from time to time have enjoyed the benefits of the



Gentry branch - Adventist Book Center

ABC. The ABC is conveniently located across from the entrance of Ozark Adventist Academy in a mobile home. The mobile home was donated to the ABC by Mrs. Dorothy Johnson of Gentry. Many have enjoyed the blessing of

Mrs. Johnson's gift.

A special Back-to-School sale is planned by the branch manager, Mrs. Millie Carlson, for Sunday, August 23, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Gentry Church Youth Center. Free rulers and erasers will be given to all who come by during this sale. A special free gift will be given to all academy students who come by the ABC during the month of September.

Whenever you are in the Northwest Arkansas area, be sure to stop by the Adventist Book Center branch.

Plans are being made to start the next branch store in the New Orleans area. Be praying for this to be a reality soon.

> Dennis R. Carlson, Manager, Ark-La Adventist Book Center.

A Father's Tribute to His Daughter

Dear Daina.

This is a letter I shall never mail nor you will ever read. It can't begin to tell you how much we loved you nor how much we miss you. If only I could have had five minutes to tell you "good-bye," the pain would be so much easier. I am trying to remember all the good times we had together. Daina, you were so beautiful, so loving and kind. Even as a child you were always smiling. Your singing blessed our home on many occasions. I shall never forget the many times you and your sister, Debbie, would sing for the patients at the nursing homes. To see their smiles of approval brought joy to my heart.

It seems only yesterday you were asking me if you could be baptized. We lived in Hammond, Louisiana. Elden and Arlys Walter were there for an evangelistic crusade. You were only nine, but your love for Jesus was so deep and strong. Your faith was an inspiration to me. I shall never forget the happiness that shone from your face as you came from that watery grave.

Daina, you were always a good student in school. You took your assignments so seriously. I know your teachers appreciated you as a student. You were so much anticipating receiving your R.N. in the spring of '82. You would have made an excellent nurse.

You were almost 21, but I still think of you as my little girl. Wherever you went you always identified with a child. I wish I could count the times I have seen you stop, talk to, and encourage a little child. You loved the youth camp and your work with the children. Gary Rust said you were the number one girls' counselor. The children loved you, Daina.

Your death was so sudden and unexpected. I never once thought that the week we were together at Lake Ouachita, June 21-26, would be the last we could spend together on this earth. I cherish the memories of our swim across the lake, the supper cooked over an open fire and eaten there on the picnic table by the lake. You had prepared most of the food yourself. I remember the trips to town. You needed things for your return to college July 24.

You had left on Friday, the 26th, to visit friends at Bentonville, Arkansas. I didn't even know you were on the highway July 1, 12:00 noon, the day you were killed. On that Wednesday we had gone into Hot Springs. Kimberly was at camp. We were going to do some washing and spend a relaxing afternoon in town. While we were at the laundromat a summer storm came over the mountains. Dark clouds hovered, wind and rain came in sheets. After the rain we drove through the mountains and valleys south of Hot Springs. The sun was setting in the western sky. The rain had bathed the valleys, and the picture that met our eyes was one of indescribable beauty. That night at 10:30 when we got back to the Youth Camp, Bill Wood told us of your death. The reaction was something like the storm. The cruel dark clouds, the rain, the wind, fill our hearts with sorrow. By faith we look to the time just ahead when Jesus will come. There will be no dark valley, only light and beauty. There will be no pain, only pleasure. There will be no tears, only smiles.

Daina, there will be no more calls when

Daina Griffin, born September 28, 1960, died July 1, 1981. She was killed instantly in an auto accident on Hwy. 71, near Winslow, Arkansas.



Daina Griffin Memorial Scholarship Fund

In Daina's rememberance a memorial fund has been established as an endowment to assist worthy students pursuing a nursing career. The scholarship will be awarded annually from the income of this fund to one or more students selected by the staff of Ozark Adventist Academy. Contributions may be sent to the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, P.O. Box 31000, Shreveport, LA 71130.

the operator says, "I have a collect call from Daina Griffin; will you accept?" There will be no more happy reunions at the airport. There will be no more joyful singing by you to greet me when I come home.

We always ended every telephone call with "I love you." I wish I could hear you say it once more. I wish I could say it once again.

Good-bye until we meet again.

Love, Father

Dear Reader.

If the kiss of death has not touched your home, learn from our experience. Live every day as if it were your last. Take time to shower your children with affection. Daina's death has made us determined to be more tender-hearted, loving, and considerate of the living. I want to see Jesus come soon!

Shortly before Daina's death, she read "The Desire of Ages." The pages have many markings. I share with you two prayers that she penned in the margin.

"God's love is so immense and beautiful. We think we love, but we don't understand the half of it. We think we sacrifice, but what have we really given up. Dear God, please teach me to love as only You know how."

"Dear God, thank you for having enough compassion to want to give up your life for my sin-sick soul. Please take my character and fashion it anew. Amen."

> W. J. Griffin, Daina's father.

Oklahoma

CHARLES R. BEELER, Correspondent

Give Church School a High Priority

Where does Christian education stand on your list of family priorities?

You buy a new car for dependability in getting to work. A new refrigerator seems necessary to keep food from spoiling. You get a new television to keep informed, and new clothes to maintain a good self-image.

Do you then look at the cost of church

school and decide that the good public school around the corner is good enough, and costs less?

Now, really, can we afford the cost of Christian education? The Scripture supplies the answer: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33. God knows our needs before we ask; shouldn't we trust Him?

In setting priorities for our list of needs, let us ask ourselves: can we take our children or our car to the Kingdom? Is it more important to provide a new refrigerator, or to have our children feed on the Word of God? Is it better to have our children well clothed, or to lead them to be clothed with Christ's righteousness?

There were no church schools for many miles from my home church in South Dakota, but when it came time for the academy, my mother had her priorities clearly in mind. Dad was not a church member and thought my help was needed on the farm. However, Mother took my place on the tractor, in the hay field, and in the barn milking cows. She did without new clothes for herself, but all three of her children spent four years in that little academy and graduated, and all three are in the church today.

Duane and Doris Nash of Oleta, Oklahoma, believe so strongly in Christian education that during the 1979-80 school year they drove 160 miles daily round trip to keep their three boys in church school. Last year the Hugo church opened a new school, and they only had a 52 mile round trip to make. Church school, as a means of helping their children to prepare for the kingdom of God clearly stands high on the Nash's family priorities.

Have you given Christian education a high place on your list of priorities? Are your children going to church school this new school year? If you do not have children of your own, are you helping to make it possible for others to provide Christian education for their children? Our material wants are transitory — only character may be taken with us to heaven.

Darrell Beyer, Educational Superintendent.

Duane and Doris Nash





Summit Ridge Retirement Center — at the left is the new church, in the center is the Activities Center, and on the right is the new room-and-board wing.

Summit Ridge Erects New Wing

Construction of the room-and-board facility at the Summit Ridge Retirement Center moves steadily ahead. Most of the framing is done, and the roof is nearing completion. V. O. Schneider, Oklahoma Conference trust services director, expects the unit to be completed by January.

This wing will house 32 persons. The one-room living-bedroom units will be roomy and will have private baths. It will also include a physician's examining room and a dentist's office, a nurses' station, and a beauty parlor, with provision for a physical therapy unit. The anticipated total cost of the unit is \$480,000.

Residents of the room-and-board facility will have easy access to the dining room, store, director's office, all located in the Adventist Center, and will be able to go to the new sanctuary through the Activities Center without having to go outdoors.

The growth of the retirement center continues. The community includes 19 homes, eight one-bedroom efficiency apartments, and 13 mobile homes, all occupied. The Activities Center contains eight rooms (single or double occupancy) for room and board residents. The Summit Ridge church has an attendance of about 95 persons. Its sanctuary is nearing completion, and will be ready for full use in October.

This project has been developed by the Oklahoma Conference Corporation, under the direction of V. O. Schneider, and V. L. Roberts. Elder Roberts, recently retired former treasurer of the Southwestern Union Conference, has been appointed administrator.



New room-and-board wing at the Summit Ridge Retirement Center.



ORDINATION AT CAMP MEETING — Three young pastors were ordained to the ministry on the first night of the Oklahoma Camp Meeting. They are: Frank Jenkins, pastor of the Ada, Coalgate, and Madill-Oakland churches; Dan Jensen, newly appointed pastor of the Enid and Elk City churches; and Robert Streib, pastor of the Guthrie, Perkins, and Perry churches. They are pictured here with their wives and those who officiated in the ordination ceremony. From left to right: Bill Liversidge, B. E. Leach, Sally and Robert Streib, Jonelle and Dan Jensen, Cathy and Frank Jenkins, Hattie Lee and Robert D. Rider, W. R. May, and Jerry Schnell.

Southwest Region

W. C. JONES, Correspondent

Hammond Members Build a Monument by Sacrifice

It all began in 1918 when two families started meeting on the Sabbath in Hammond, Louisiana. Over 50 years have slipped by since this small beginning. The Emmanuel church developed and grew until the need for enlarged facilities became apparent.

In a day of "run-away inflation," counsel was sought, savings were drained, skills were donated, and equipment lent to bring a long-looked-for dream into fruition. The believers in Hammond have always been a zealous body, and they entered into a building program with a congenial spirit of sacrifice. The noble example of Brother and Sister Walter Ard will not be easily forgotten. This couple felt impressed to mortgage their home for \$30,000 so the church building project could be completed, on time. Never in the history of the Southwest Region have we witnessed such faith as the Ard family.

September, 1980, the groundbreaking ceremony was held and the Hammond church was completed in record time, and the doors were opened to the new sanctuary, May 9, 1981.

It was a day to remember, a police escort directed 200 cars to the new building site (since Sabbath School was conducted at the Methodist Church — next door to the old church — due to larger facilities). The celebration began with a vesper service Friday evening with M. V. Singleton, a former pastor, delivering the message.

What a joy to worship in the spacious new edifice with the following features:



New Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist sanctuary.

W. C. Jones, president, gave the spoken word and commended Pastor Morris and membership for an outstanding contribution.





A part of the membership who worked on the new edifice.

seating capacity to accommodate 600 on the main floor and balcony, a spacious vestibule, baptismal dressing rooms, pastor's study, secretary's office, adequate Sabbath School rooms, social halldining area, central cooling and heating, plus carpeting throughout. The purchase of a baby grand piano and organ brought the grand total to approximately \$250,000.00. Among the 1,000 persons present for the beautiful occasion were: W. C. Jones, conference president, who delivered the spoken word; Pastor Morris followed with a baptismal service; M. L. Baez, conference treasurer; J. C. Hicks, conference LA secretary; Tom Gott, president, Denominational Building Services & Contractor; L. Battles, conference builder; Maurice Robinson, candidate for Mayor for the City of Hammond; David Vernon, Presbyterian minister; W. G. Downes, former pastor from Alexandria, Louisiana; and E. W. Shepperd, director, Southwestern Union Youth Department.

Hammond Cherub Choir presented special music along with the Berean Chorale from Baton Rouge, closing the morning services. The visitors and members mingled together over the fellowship dinner, and then hurried into the afternoon services with J. M. Phipps as speaker. Visiting choirs furnishing music included the Presbyterian church from Shreveport and scores of groups from the city, with Sandra Jackson serving as coordinator.

You should have seen the happy faces of Pastor Morris and all the faithful members who sacrificed so untiringly for this special week. We rejoice with Pastor Morris and the dedicated membership of the Emmanuel church of Hammond for an outstanding accomplishment to the glory of God.

Doris Jones, Reporter.

Jan Youngblood smiles with M. L. Baez, right, because he just received his MA degree from Southwestern University. Jan was coordinator for the music for this weekend.





Maurice Robinson, candidate for mayor for the city of Hammond, commends the pastor and congregation for the lovely building.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ard mortgaged their home for \$30,000.00 to make possible the new sanctuary.



Mrs. Doris Chisum gave history of the church. She stands with Lucy Jackson.

Visiting choirs came for the grand celebration: (Top) Echos of Zion from Shreveport, Sandra Jackson commends her brother and the group for their presence and participation; (Center) Senior Choir, Presbyterian church, Hammond, (Bottom) Chorale group from Baton Rouge.







"Southwestern Union Youth Action Line: (8

There is a program that has been going forward in the Southwestern Union for more than 10 years now that is a real dumb dumb. In fact, it is one of the dumbest outfits you ever heard of! It could easily win the "Un-Nobel Prize" as one of the dumbest programs in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.







This crazy program is basically run by the three preachers named "Shep" Shepherd, Dick Bendall, and Ben Leach, all fellows who hold responsible positions and who ought to know better. And it is backed up and supported by some otherwise smart people who never seem to learn. When this dumb "Youth Action Line" calls on them, they just crumble and do things that indicate not only "bad judgment: but sometimes no judgment at all!"

This dumb program, widely known for its sometimes unorthodox actions, is dedicated to helping out in a lot of seemingly impossible situations and "hopeless" young people. Why would people do such a thing? This dumb "Youth Action Line" takes hours and sometimes days in an all-out effort to save some "unworthy" kid who has gone astray - and (horrors!) it spends thousands of dollars in the process. You would think somebody would step in and put a stop to such a "waste" of time and money! (Pause! pause!) This program is carefully controlled and audited, so don't get any wrong ideas! You church cleaner-uppers out there, don't start racing your motors until you read the rest of this article.

It's unbelievable — but that "YAL" (Just "YAL" is our motto) gets kids out of jail, (with a clear record sometimes) off drugs, and into places where they can get help. One kid would be dead today (he had squeeled on some dopers) if a taxi hadn't picked him up in minutes at the phone booth where he called us, whizzed him off to the airport where a plane ticket was waiting, and (the plane) flew him off to the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. (He slept in an SAC dorm

that night and enrolled in college the next day) - a great kid, by "YAL" standards, just got in with the wrong crowd. That ain't all. Everybody knows when you have an unpaid bill (sometimes monstrous) at a school you are "frozen." You can't get your credits, and you can't go on to college. You are stuck. Talk about dumb - the "Youth Action Line" seemingly hasn't ever heard of that rule! And some of the "deals" they've made, releasing and, not only that, helping them get into academy or college are so wild you wouldn't believe it if I told you so I won't tell you. Why make an unbeliever out of you and a prevaricator out of us! I don't expect you to swallow this, but last year "YAL" helped get 81 kids into our academies and Southwestern Adventist College! At least 50 of these would never have made it without that dumb, dumb "YAL". More than that, kids have been saved from committing suicide; some rushed to hospitals for desperately needed medical care (most of the doctors, when they hear the story, get "dumb" too and won't charge a cent!) Hospitals have done some "dumb" things too! Run away kids have been found and brought home or where there wasn't such a place worthy of the name "home," into one of our schools. Some of these school educators and administrators have been awfully, awfully "dumb" too! What is more, "YAL" has a terrible memory. It forgets who it helped and sometimes helps the same young person two or three times! And "YAL" totally forgets the mistakes you've made - just can't remember a cottonpickin' thing bad about you.

Whaddya say about a program like "YAL?"
Think — consider for a moment — have you ever heard of such a dumb program before?
Times up. The answer: — There isn't any other union-sponsored program that dumb, anywhere else! Who would stand for it?

The "YAL" program — those who lead it and those who support it — love Isaiah 58 and the words of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren (My precious young people) ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40. "YAL" also truly believes prayer is the answer to every problem and, with Christ, no person or no situation is hopeless. "YAL" loves these inspired words:

"Prayer is the answer to every problem in life . . . So often we do not pray in certain situations, because from our standpoint

295-0476" You Are a Real "Dumb Dumb!"

the outlook is hopeless. But, nothing is impossible with God. Nothing is so entangled that it cannot be remedied; no human relationship is too strained for God to bring about reconciliation and understanding; no habit so deep rooted that it cannot be overcome; no one is so weak that he cannot be strong; no one is so ill that he cannot be healed. No mind is so dull that it cannot be made brilliant . . . If anything is causing worry or anxiety, let us stop rehearsing the difficulty and trust God for healing, love, and power." Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, Oct. 7, 1865.

Who supports "YAL?" Last summer the union budgeted \$10,000. "YAL" volunteers gave \$71,000! Who are these people? Great Christians. That's who they are. They love young people. They come to us. Once they volunteer, we go to them and we have yet to be turned down. The "barrel" gets almost empty at times (it is now!), but the Lord keeps filling it up. Want to be a "YAL" supporter? When we call, most give \$100 to \$1,000 (even more) — depending on the need. We keep calling our wonderful list of "YAL" volunteers until we get what we need. But you must first volunteer.

Priceless young people have come to Christ

(scores of them) through the work of "YAL." There's nothing dumb about that! That is heaven's greatest joy! That is beautiful!

Want to be a volunteer? Call "YAL" — 817/295-0476 or write Southwestern Union, Box 4000, Burleson, TX 76028 (Attention Ben Leach).

And you kids out there — we love you: no matter who you are, or what you've done, or how great your problem or need (We're so dumb we can hardly tell "good" kids from "bad" kids. You all look almost alike). So, if you're in a mess, S.O.S.! If you need help yelp! (We're too dumb to give excuses.) And, if you want to be in a Christian school, don't rant and rail, JUST "YAL!" The prospects are better than 90% that we'll be able to help you. We're so dumb! Call collect 817/295-0476. (Night numbers: 817/641-9498, 817/645-3135, and 817/645-8411.) Ask for Ben Leach, Dick Bendall, or Wayne Shepperd. We'll drop everything and go to work for you. We love to win especially for you. Now that's not dumb. That's one of the "brightest" things we ever do! (Note) "YAL" is in spirit a Faith -Action - Advance type program. But we've never had the nerve to ask for official acceptance. But "Brad" Bradford is the kind of man that just might take us

Want to Help?

Today's teenagers use the term "Dumb dumb." I hear it often because I have a teen-age daughter, Lori. I asked Lori and her friend, Doreen Bicek, what "Dumb dumb" means. Their reply: "A crazy kid," "Doesn't know the score," someone whose "Got it all wrong." It reminded me of the Youth Action Line!

The foregoing article may be written "tongue in cheek," but it is dead serious business. The souls of our young people are imperiled by today's loose standards — prevading every strata of society and even affecting the church.

The devil has his big, old dazzling program "on the road" day and night around the clock. Parents and churches that are complacent at a time like this need a revival. It can't come too soon.

What can you do? Plenty. Start by taking a personal interest in young people—in the home and in the church. Get a loving, moving program going for youth.

Your heart may be moved to become one of our sponsors of the Youth Action Line. We need help. Scores of young people will be calling in for help during July and August. We like to respond with ACTION — not excuses.

Your help can make the difference. A "YAL" call may be only an incident with you (and with us) but it can change the whole life of some young person. If your heart has been moved — respond by calling "YAL" (817/295-0476) or fill out the enclosed response sheet. Do it now. The hour is late.

"YAL" Response Sheet is on page 12M - this issue of the RECORD.

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Texas

WARREN SKILTON, Correspondent

Report from Ken Cox Crusade in San Antonio

The Kenneth Cox Crusade, held in the Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University in San Antonio began Saturday night, July 11, and continued until August 15. There were 3,000 in attendance the first night. After three weeks, 912 had accepted Christ, and 223 desired baptism. The meetings were held five nights a week.

Larry Cooke, Correspondent.

(Photos by Larry Cooke)







(Left) Benny Moore, Ken Cox Crusade manager, (Center) Gary Venden, director of music for Ken Cox Crusade. (Right) Phil Draper, Ken Cox Crusade organist.







Jesus loves you — Betty Marsa from Florida "Signs for the Deaf" — Ken Cox Crusade.

Dr. Gary Golden and Eric Greentree count the evening offering at one of the Ken Cox Crusade meetings. There is something for everyone to do.





Evangelist Ken Cox and his team have traveled throughout the United States, the Caribbean, Central and South America, sharing their message of hope and revealing the truth about our turnultuous times with thousands. This is their first time in San Antonio.



Unlike the olden days when an evangelist tied his horse to a tree, and word of his arrival was word of mouth, the Ken Cox Crusade is run by computer. The complex slide presentation utilizes 12 slide projectors, two motion picture projectors, and is shown on four large rearview screens. The "brain" that keeps everything running is a programmer capable of operating 27 pieces of equipment. Changes are activated from the podium with a small wireless device Evangelist Cox holds in the palm of his hand. About 30 ministers from the Texas Conference working force assisted in visitation. Computer print-outs with their list of people to visit was another aid to make this gigantic project possible.





(Left) Joey Draper, soloist, Ken Cox Crusade. (Right) Marilyn Venden, soloist for the Crusade.

North Texas Music Festival

Excitement stirred on the campus of Southwestern Adventist College on Thursday, May 7, as boys and girls from elementary schools and junior academies began to arrive for the Annual Texas Conference Music Festival for North Texas. All over the campus you could see cars, vans and busses unload-



Children's meetings for different age groups take place simultaneous to the Ken Cox Crusade. Shown here is June Ackermann with the primaries

ing suitcases, sleeping bags, pillows, flutes, trumpets, band uniforms, and most of all — students. They came from Santa Anna, Wichita Falls, Dallas, Fort Worth, Burleson, Keene, and Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Band practice began early Thursday morning under the baton of W. A. Schram, professor emeritus of Southwestern Adventist College. Immediately you knew these students had done their homework as the sound filled the large Leiske-Pultar Auditorium.

On Friday evening as the handbell choirs from Keene Elementary School began the program with a "fanfare," the band members took their places and the choir members walked down the aisles and into their places. All dressed in white and blue or black and singing "Beautiful Saviour" the musical, spiritual feast began.

If you were there — you know that Christian education pays! The fellowship, recreation, practice, and performance will be remembered by these young people for a long, long, time. Next year there will be another music festival. Will you and your student be there?

New Highland Lakes Church to Be Dedicated in October

Just a little over 10 years ago Brother and Sister Melvin Starr moved to the beautiful Highland Lakes area between Marble Falls and Kingsland. They purchased land, started visiting their neighbors and holding Sabbath School and church in their home.

Soon other Seventh-day Adventist families moved into the area, and the





Melvin Starr and Larry Cooke inspect the walls of the new sanctuary.

Starr's built an addition onto their home to accommodate all the members at the Sabbath services.

The Lord kept blessing their efforts so that in a few years the members purchased a portable building, and moved it onto a lot behind their house. For a number of years they have been meeting in this building every Sabbath.

Now the building is too small, and the members purchased some land on High-



Our Conference President Says . . .

"It's Good to Know...

ADVENTIST THRIFT STORES OPEN —A new ministry designed to reach families with limited incomes has been started in San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and Cleburne. We salute our members who have ventured to help their neighbors.

ENCOURAGE SELF-RESPECT — Many needy and deserving people will not ask for charity unless driven to the wall. Our thrift stores permit them to come back again and again without embarrassment. They hold heads high and beem with joy when a family member is outfitted for quarters, 50 cent pieces, or a few dollar bills.

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ARE THRIFT STORES EXPENSIVE? — No! In fact, they make money for use in other missionary programs of the church. The medical van ministry and Bible correspondence school in San Antonio is supported in part by the thrift store.

YOUR CHURCH CAN TOO! — Yes, any church, large or small can be successful. One retired family opened Adventist thrift stores in Fredericksburg and New Braunfels to help start dark area work. You can too! It will stir up a lot of missionary spirit in your church and help reach many outside the church for Christ and His kingdom.

FLASH! The Texas Conference exceeds 15,000 membership at the end of the second quarter.

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way 1431, five miles west of Marble Falls. Two brothers from Canada donated a month of their time to assist the Highland Lakes members in building their new church. The members sincerely thanked Elder Lyle and Konrad Bergey for their help.

Dedication services for the new church are planned for October.

Summer Outdoor School Camp — NVR

Children eagerly leaning forward to read word cards, hoping to be the first to pronounce a word correctly, or helping their teacher measure the length and width of the room is the sight that would have met your eyes if you had been at Outdoor School Camp.

Thirty-six children and eight teachers from the Texas Conference participated in the school-camp at NVR, June 14-28.

Upon arrival, students were tested to find their level of instruction. Each day the boys and girls had classes for three hours. Students were enrolled in either reading or math classes.

Camp wasn't all work though. The children also participated in swimming, canoeing, horseback riding, and other activities.

On the last day of classes, each child was retested to determine how much progress had been made during the two week period. The range of progress was between two months and two years.

If you're interested in having fun and improving reading or math skills start planning now for next summer's Outdoor Camp.

Brendia Bennett, Teacher, Rusk, Texas.

VGA Students Go to the Polls

Valley Grande Academy students went to the polls twice this year to elect their president. In the fall all eligible students were registered by the principal, a deputy voter registrar for Hidalgo County, to vote in the November U.S. presidential election; and on May 13, with the assistance and cooperation of the Hidalgo county voting officials, a voting machine was delivered to the academy for use in the Student Association election. The next day, the students and staff were instructed in the use of the

polling booth and the election for the Student Association officials was held.

Hans Zambrano was elected as president of the Student Association. Hans is the son of Dr. and Mrs. E. Z. Zambrano of Harlingen, Texas. Hans' election broke a recent string of three straight VGA Student Association presidents being from Dallas.

Brad Reeves, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bill Reeves of Wimberley, Texas, was elected vice president; Debbie Pflugrad, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Chester Pflugrad, Weslaco, was elected treasurer: Donna Charlton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Charlton, Weslaco, was elected secretary: Ric Doss, son of Mrs. Elois Doss of Fort Worth, was elected religious activities coordinator; Tim Gleason, son of Elder and Mrs. Jim Gleason of San Marcos, was elected sports coordinator; Suzanne English was elected social director and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse English of Houston. Robert Saldana was elected Sergeant at Arms and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Heliezar Saldana of Alice, Texas.





(Left) Hans Zambrano, president-elect for the 1981-82 VGA Student Association. (Right) Brad Reeves, vice president-elect for the '81-'82 SA.



Mr. Clif Simpson, S.A. Sponsor and Chuck Hesler, '80-'81 S.A. President standing at the polling booth.

Texico

DON SULLIVAN, Correspondent

Texico Students Are Active LE's

The week of July 20 to 24 was a special one for the student literature evangelists in Texico, for it was the week of their group canvass. Sales amounted to a total of \$5,500, thanks to the Lord's blessing.

The summer's efforts have resulted in sales of \$13,774.55 so far. The group hopes to reach a total of \$20,000 before they return to classes this fall. Each of them has had sales of about \$2,000 or more.

Not only have they had good sales, but they have done a lot of missionary work — giving out free literature, inviting people to church, and giving Bible studies.

The students are all doing a good job and we are very proud of them! One of them, Bonnie Sanders, was baptized only about a year ago.

We really believe in students taking part in the literature ministry and look forward to having many more next summer. Plan now to be with us. You, too, can have the joy expressed by Luz Ruiz, originally from Peru, who says, "The canvassing work is the greatest experience we ever had (my mother and I). We asked for miracles, worked hard, and God did it. It really has been a great summer!"

Ron Johnson, Publishing Director.



Texico student literature evangelist group. Front row, left to right: Luz Ruiz; her mother, Wilfrida; Bonnie Sanders from Truth or Consequences. Back row, left to right: Texico publishing director, Ron Johnson; Paul McGraw, student leader; Gary Williams and Debbie Williams, both from Amarillo.

Part of the student LE group pose with Southwestern Union publishing director, C. L. Williams.



Camp Texico Report

Cool mountain air, beautiful tall pine trees, nature and craft classes, water skiing, canoeing, swimming, hiking, horseback riding and recreational activities, plus a strong spiritual emphasis — these made up the successful camping program recently enjoyed by 74 junior-age youth from the Texico Conference.

None of this would have been possible had it not been for the 22 staff members who volunteered their time and talents for the Lord and the youth of the conference.

Seven decisions for baptism were made on Sabbath as the Holy Spirit led Elder Wayne Shepperd and the young people who decided to follow Jesus. Let us remember them, as well as all our youth, in our prayers.

If you did not attend camp this summer, why not make plans now to join in the fun and spiritual growth next year? Sergio Hernandez, Youth Director.



Sally Hethcox provided horses and taught horsebacking riding.



Canoeing was one of the pleasures.



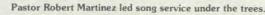
Campers enjoyed boating and water skiing, thanks to Sam MacLaughlin and his boat.



The beautiful pool provided fun for everyone.



Janice Lane and Marilyn Park taught plaster craft to interested campers. The young people learned leathercraft from Cindy Mae Hallock (not pictured).





Texico ABC Bookmobile Schedule

Special orders over \$15.00 may be called collect to: 806-353-6351

August 21

Roswell - 9:00-11:00 a.m. Alamogordo - 1:00-3:00 p.m.

August 22

El Paso Spanish - After Sundown

El Paso English - 8:00-12:00 noon Five Points Spanish - 1:00-3:30 p.m.

August 24

Van Horn — 8:30-9:30 a.m. Balmorhea Store — 11:00-12:00 noon Saragosa Church — 12:30-2:00 p.m. Pecos — 3:00-4:30 p.m. Odessa English — 6:30-8:00 p.m. Odessa Spanish — 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Big Spring — 9:00-10:30 a.m. San Angelo — 12:30-2:00 p.m. Abilene — 4:30-6:00 p.m.

August 26

Plainview — 10:00-11:00 a.m. Littlefield — 12:30-1:30 p.m. Manhattan Heights — 3:30-5:00 p.m. Lubbock - 5:30-7:30 p.m.

August 30

Borger - 8:30-9:30 a.m. Dalhart — 11:30-1:00 p.m. Clayton — 1:30-2:30 p.m. Raton - 4:30-6:30 p.m.

September 3

Hereford - 8:30-9:30 a.m. Clovis - 10:00-11:30 a.m. Melrose — 12:30-1:30 p.m. Portales — 2:30-4:00 p.m. Lovington — 6:00-7:00 p.m. Hobbs — 7:45 p.m.

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Harry Husband hurries to answer.

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"Yes, why of course! Sure," he purrs. "That's wonderful. No problem at all. I appreciate that so much. You are so thoughtful. Thank you very much."

Sound familiar? I hope not. But this little bitter-sweet-talk scenario is not altogether fiction. Now is it?

The apostle James has a few words for any of us who may be bitter-sweets: "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? My brethren," James declares, "these things ought not so to be" (James 3:10,

I think James knew considerable about husband-wife relationships, don't you?

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Name of Church

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At Rest

HAMMACK, Lou, was born Tommy Lueva Wat-son on Jan. 24, 1925, in Henryetta, Okla., and died Jan. 13, 1981, in Altus, Okla. She was married to Wilbur Hammack in 1946, in Henryetta, but they have lived in Altus since 1958. She was a member of the Altus church.

Survivors include; her husband, Wilbur; two sons: Wilbur Jr., and Leslie W.; four grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Marie Watson; three brothers, and two

HERRINGTON, Lillian, of Nederland, Tex., died recently in Port Arthur after an illness

A native of Lufkin, she lived in Nederland 35 years. Survivors include her husband, W. B. Herrington; one daughter, Emma Fuston; one son, Walker Herrington; one sister, one brother, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Pastors Otis Parish of Beaumont and Herman Griffin of Houston conducted the funeral services. Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

STEVENSON, Wilma Pleasant, was born July 12, 1904, in Diville, Tex., and passed to her rest on July 3, 1981, at Huguley Hospital, Ft. Worth, Tex. During her lifetime she taught in both public and churchrelated schools. She was married to W. H. Stevenson in 1925. One year after marriage she became a Seventh-day Adventist and was a loyal member of that church until her death.

Wilma and her family lived in Fort Worth for a number of years, moving on to Keene in 1976. She was preceded in death by her only two children,

Clois and Billy.

She is survived by her husband, W. H. Stevenson; one brother, Thurston Smith; a number of nieces and nephews; and many, many friends. Interment was at the Laurel Land Cemetery in Fort Worth.

WESTERMEYER, Elizabeth Bertha Wernli, was born May 30, 1892, at Monticello, Iowa, and died June 26, 1981, in California. She was married in 1920 to William H. Westermeyer, a schoolmate at Clinton Theological Seminary (Missouri). They served in pastoral and departmental work in Wisconsin, and in several conferences in the Southern and Southwestern unions. Survivors include her husband, Elder Westermeyer; a daughter, Virgene (Mrs. Donald Buck); five sisters, one brother, 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

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Sept. 19 and 26	
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Aug 21	Aug 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 11
Abilene, Texas 8:17	8:08	8:00	7:51
Amarillo, Texas 8:29	8:20	8:10	8:00
Brownsville, Texas 8:00	7:53	7:46	7:39
Dallas, Texas	7:57	7:48	7:39
El Paso, Texas	7:35	7:27	7:18
Fort Worth, Texas 8:08	7:59	7:50	7:41
Galveston, Texas7:54	7:46	7:38	7:30
Gentry, Arkansas8:00	8:51	7:42	7:32
Keene, Texas 8:08	7:59	7:50	7:41
Little Rock, Arkansas 7:50	7:41	7:32	7:22
Muskogee, Oklahoma 8:03	7:54	7:44	7:34
New Orleans, Louisiana 7:35	7:27	7:19	7:11
Oklahoma City, 8:12	8:03	7:53	7:43
San Antonio, Texas 8:08	8:01	7:53	7:44
Santa Fe, New Mexico 7:47	7:38	7:28	7:18
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on the record

a heart-to-heart chat with your union conference president

"Guaranteed Christian Education"

Christian education for our fantastically wonderful boys and girls is not optional. It is an absolute MUST. If we are dead serious about their spiritual welfare and their eternal salvation, we will move heaven and earth in order to see them have the benefits of what it means to receive their entire education in a school that knows what to teach — that knows what is really important in life — one that puts heaven first.

I have never been disposed to run down or depreciate our public educational program in order to build up our own Seventh-day Adventist school system. I am a tax-paying citizen and know that it is important for our country to have a good public educational system. Through the years I have been proud of the public school system. But today, more than ever, I must say I would have a genuine fear of sending my children or seeing any of my grandchildren be enrolled in one of these schools "down the street." In all fairness though, I must still say there are some notable exceptions. The Cleburne public schools (where I live) are far above average, and I think the same could be said of Keene (Texas).

But you don't have to do more than read the papers and news magazines these days to be informed of the fact that far too many of our public schools are not even worthy of the name "school." Some of them are an absolute nightmare for teachers and students. Things are almost totally out of control, and good teachers are abandoning them in droves — some for fear of being maimed (or worse). Nervous breakdowns and lost health have been the lot of too many fine teachers in too many places in this great nation of ours. The situation has reached crisis proportions in some areas; and the kids are learning practically nothing, educationally speaking. They are learning the worst vices — big majorities involved in drugs and all that goes with it. It is a sad story. What is the future of our beloved America? It is frightening to think about.

But even at the very best, the public schools cannot do for our children what we as Seventh-day Adventists want done. What do we expect as Adventists when it comes to the education of our children? The answer is very simple: teach and uphold the Truth. Witness the example of a Godly teacher. Tell them where they came from, why they are here, and most important — where they are going. In good Seventh-day Adventist Christian schools children learn about God. They take a class every year K-1 through 12 called "Bible." What a blessing that is. High standards of conduct are upheld. They learn there is a purpose in life, there is a living God and a living Jesus. They start school every morning with worship, yes, worship of God; they hear stories of a world-wide church and of missionaries now spreading the gospel in nearly every nation

on earth. The disciples asked the Lord, "Teach us to pray." Well, you can know your child will learn to pray—if he goes to church school. Prayer is a daily exercise. These (most of them) are children who will grow up and become solid Christians. They are the ones who will lead the church; and they are the ones who will help us finish the work; and they are the ones who will finally hear those beautiful words of approbation, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Oh, how wonderful that will be. There is nothing more important—nothing in this world. It is worth everything. Don't you agree?

If you Seventh-day Adventist believers don't send your children to church school (where there is one) (and if there isn't one, do what they are are doing in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference — start one; they have doubled their church schools in the past five years!), and if you don't establish a church school, remember this — you will not be doing everything you can to save your children, and God will hold you responsible!

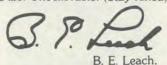
Because so many public schools have become veritable dens of iniquity and in some places totally out of control, Christian schools throughout this nation are springing up by the thousands — some of them "overnight." People are waking up. They cannot stand to see their children ruined and lost.

Seventh-day Adventists are "pros" when it comes to Christian education. Our schools are not perfect, but they're the best there are. And they are getting better.

Our five academies in the Southwestern Union are all working diligently to become better and better. And they are. Our college, Southwestern Adventist College, is reaching new heights. It is stronger now than it has ever been. SAC is now recognized as one of the very best in the Seventh-day Adventist system and in the State of Texas. Don McAdams, the president, has one goal: spiritual excellence, educational excellence, and excellence in financial strength.

These schools are for you. Your children can go. If you put them first and if you are willing to sacrifice, it can be done. You must take the attitude that "it shall be done."

I can hear some of you dear people saying right out loud (and perhaps with some "justifiable irritation), "We have a small church in a small district and we have no church school — what are we to do?" I want to tell you what happened in the Ashtabula, Ohio, district (four small churches). They did something about it. In fact, they instituted a program there known as "Guaranteed Christian Education." It is one of the most thrilling experiences of my entire life. Unbelievable! (Stay tuned)



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"He who co-operates with the divine purpose in imparting to the youth a knowledge of God, and moulding the character into harmony with His, does a high and noble work." Education, p. 19. GOD HONORS FAITH