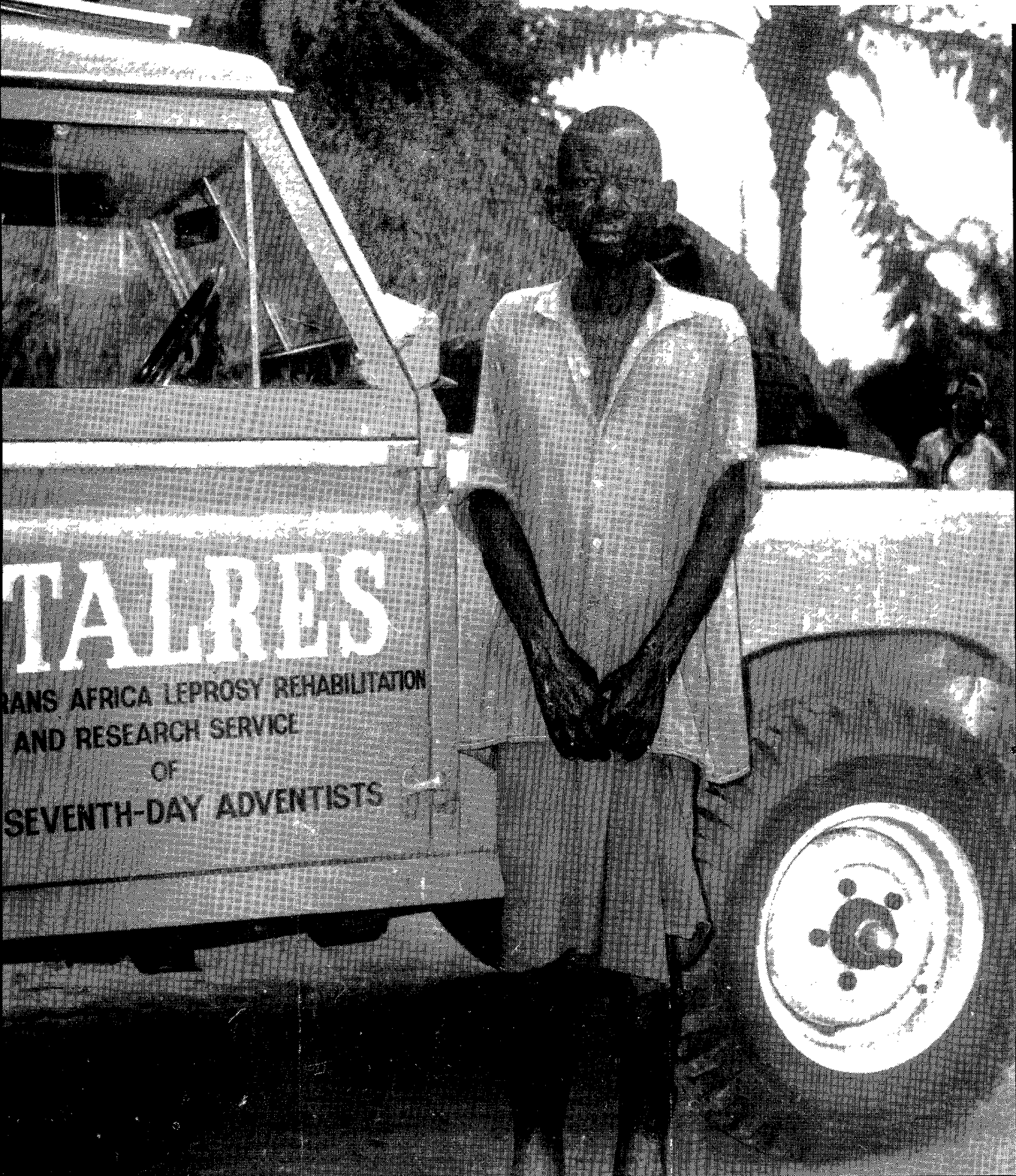


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## TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION

# Concludes 50th Anniversary Year Phenomenal Progress Reported

DURING the past year our Division has been celebrating its fifty years of mission work in southern Africa. The celebrations opened in Blantyre, Malawi, in November 1970 with a pageant highlighting some of the glorious chapters of the Trans-Africa Division. Pastor Alvin E. Cook, former Public Relations director of the Division, and Mrs Jean Cripps were responsible for this feature. Then our history has been ably related by Mrs Cripps in her articles appearing in each issue of the OUTLOOK during the year. Our celebrations concluded on Sabbath, November 20, when, during a symposium, our Division president, Merle L. Mills, gave the introductory and concluding talks, with reports from our six unions in between. Desmond B. Hills, Trans-Africa Division's present Public Relations director, was responsible for this program and also for the fine newspaper feature, excerpts from which appear on pages 6 and 7 of this issue of the OUTLOOK.—ED.

### Introduction

M. L. MILLS: "For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them." Matt. 13:17.

From the beginning of this movement our forefathers were motivated by the deep conviction that the message revealed to this people must be shared with all the world, and even before we were fully established in the country of the origin of this message our church leaders began making aggressive plans to send missionaries to all parts of the world. These were men of great courage and daring. They believed the promises of God. They accepted by faith what was revealed to us by the servant of the Lord, for she said she saw this message would some day encircle the globe like a band of light. Many of our pioneers did not live to see the fruition of their labours. They were not permitted to see and hear what we are able to see and hear today, but the message has taken root. It has found its way around the world and Seventh-day Adventists can be found in every country of earth.

Missionaries came to Africa towards the close of the 19th century. Africa was then quite different from what it is today. The early leaders of our movement in Africa were willing to risk their lives and to face dangers in order that the message might be brought to the unsaved of this country. Many of them never returned to their homes. Today we are reminded of their sacrifice as we stand by their lonely graves in isolated places—the grave of a father, a mother or a child. But these were men who believed and who dared for God. Today we are entering into the fruits of their labours.

A year ago we commenced the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of our Division as we gave recognition to this fact with a pageant, entitled "Days of

These Years" in Blantyre, Malawi, at our Quadrennial Session. At that time we dedicated ourselves to the Lord and determined that with His help we would attempt to do the unusual for Him. We would attempt to do something special for God in honour of our fifty years' jubilee. The Lord has blessed us and we are glad to bring a thrilling story of what is taking place throughout Trans-Africa today. For the progress of the work in Trans-Africa we can only give credit to God. We take no credit to ourselves. It is not because of institutions or unlimited budgets that we have been able to enjoy the success we have during this fifty years of the history of our Division. We are well aware of the fact that it is only through the power of God that this message has taken root and has borne fruit upwards. Although the message started slowly at first and the going was very agonizing and difficult, yet it gathered momentum through the years.

Our brethren who led this work in the early days were men of great confidence, faith and courage. They looked into the future. I suppose some of us would have felt they were visionary to think of establishing a division with only 3 000 members and 44 churches. But that looked big to them back there and they thought it was time to get going and organize another segment of the General Conference in Africa. Great days were ahead. William H. Branson was the first president, and I am happy to have had some relationship with Pastor Branson. He and I conducted a Week of Prayer in the Sligo church, Washington, when he was president of the General Conference, and later he laid hands on me in ordination. He was a man of considerable vision and activity and as our first division president it was no time at all before he was writing to the General Conference in America in 1920, stating that we must move ahead in Africa. He wrote of going into the Congo and into West Africa. He talked about East Africa. Yes, they made big plans back in those

days when we had only 3 000 members and 44 churches.

But what do we have today? I am happy to report, beloved, that our church membership now stands at 228 126, and that after two unions have been dismembered from us. Had they remained in our Division we would have had something like 350 000 members. We now have 1 500 churches and approximately 3 400 workers. The demands being made upon us today are more than we can encompass. We still find Africa is reaching its hands out for the gospel and there is much yet to be done. The Lord has done great things for us. During the past year we received the largest donation we have had in our Division—US\$28 000 or Kwacha 20 000 from a firm given to assisting us with our medical work. I think it can be safely reported that the largest order for our literature was taken this past year. One colporteur took an order for literature amounting to R5 000. We had our largest baptism reported on one day in one union. Pentecost has been repeated this past year as we have attempted to celebrate our anniversary and honour Christ, for more than 3 000 souls were baptized on one Sabbath in this one union. Truly it can be said "that many prophets and righteous men" desired to see and hear what we are privileged to see and hear today. Thank God, we can be workers in the Trans-Africa Division, and we are determined not to rest on our laurels, not to look on the past and be smug with our accomplishments, but to lift our sights for bigger and better things for God and to prepare our people for the day when the church will be ready to meet the coming Christ.

### COVER:

**HOPE FOR THE LEPER—TALRES.** A patient suffering from lepromatous type of leprosy at Songa Leprosarium, Zaire, beside the TALRES Landrover which operates between Songa and other centres.

## Congo (Zaire) Union

## OUR YEAR-END VISITORS

P. F. LEMON: Greetings to you from the 54 000 Sabbath-keepers in the Congo (Zaire) Union. We have some 26 000 baptized members and about 54 000 Sabbath-school members.

I think back to that day 53 years ago when three men found their way into the Congo and attempted to reach the point where later a mission station was settled. Two of them had to turn back because of the influenza which was rampant in the world at that time, and instead established our Songa Mission Station. We have come a long way since then. As we look about us we see the work advancing on all points. Our mission stations which for many years were manned by expatriate workers are now being manned by nationals. Pastor Mills and I spent a few days recently at Bigobo Mission Station. At our Lulengele Mission Station, visited most recently by Dr Dunbar Smith and a group of doctors, we are endeavouring to set up a leprosy control centre for that area. The pastor there wrote me that 114 people have been baptized recently. You have all heard of the Shabunda project where there is the possibility of some 4 000 people becoming Seventh-day Adventists. Pastor A. Ruhuya is visiting Kirundu and Shabunda now and we are anxious to know what his report will be of that area. Then there are Talla and Nebasa way up in the north where our loyal national workers are carrying on even though they have not been visited for many years. In Kinshasa the church is bulging at the seams. People are standing outside on Sabbath for a chance to hear the message. We understand 60 people were to be baptized just a week ago after an effort held by Pastor Sofranac.

I think of the changes of the attitudes of the people. The Congo is open today and is ripe for the message. All the troubles it has passed through have been a means in God's hands to change the attitudes of the people. Witchdoctors have been brought into the baptismal classes. I think back to the days when I was director of Bigobo Mission Station a number of years ago and of how difficult it was to get girls to come to school. Pastor Leonard Robinson tried to take some girls to school in his car and he was accused of kidnapping them. He was taken to court and there was a great case. Girls have had to flee from their villages to get to the mission station which was to them a city of refuge.

We had one young girl named Esteri. She was in a school I visited a year before and was now visiting again. I found the same girl in the same class and could not understand this because she seemed intelligent. I asked the teacher the reason and was told this was her second year in the same class. The day she left school her father wanted her to marry a certain young man. The girl did not want to marry this man because he



Dr B. E. Seton is no stranger to Africa, having spent many years in mission service in Angola, as dean of men at Helderberg College, and as editor of the SIGNS/TEKENS at the Sentinel Publishing Association before moving to the Southern European Division and the British Union. He is now an associate secretary of the General Conference and cares for Trans-Africa Division affairs at headquarters.



Pastor Martin E. Kemmerer is under-treasurer of the General Conference. Although he has spent many years in mission service in Southern Asia, this is his first visit to Africa. He was a classmate of our Division president, Pastor M. L. Mills, at Washington Missionary College.

was of a different religion to hers, and she wanted to continue her schooling. We talked to the old father and suggested he give back the goats he had received as dowry for his daughter. He said the goats had been eaten and could not be given back. So then we went to see the boy. He was out in the gardens and the old headman of the village rapped out a message on the talking drums and this young man came back from the gardens. He had been called by name by the village drums. We talked to him and asked him if he would be willing to give up the girl and let her go to school as she wanted. No, he was not willing to do that. Then we suggested that he come to school. He thought it over and finally agreed. He came to school and lived in the boys' dormitory and she in the girls'. The agreement was that after one year if he did not like the S.D.A. doctrines he would be released from the agreement.

After one year he came to me and said he wanted to join the baptismal class. The girl was already in the class and he also wished to join the class and be baptized, and then be married to the girl and both of them continue their schooling. They have become workers in the cause.

Today, after many difficulties we have a fine girls' school at Bigobo. In fact, the government has just recently promulgated a new law recognizing women's rights, and giving them the freedom to marry whom they wish and to attend school.

The whole country is opening up. God

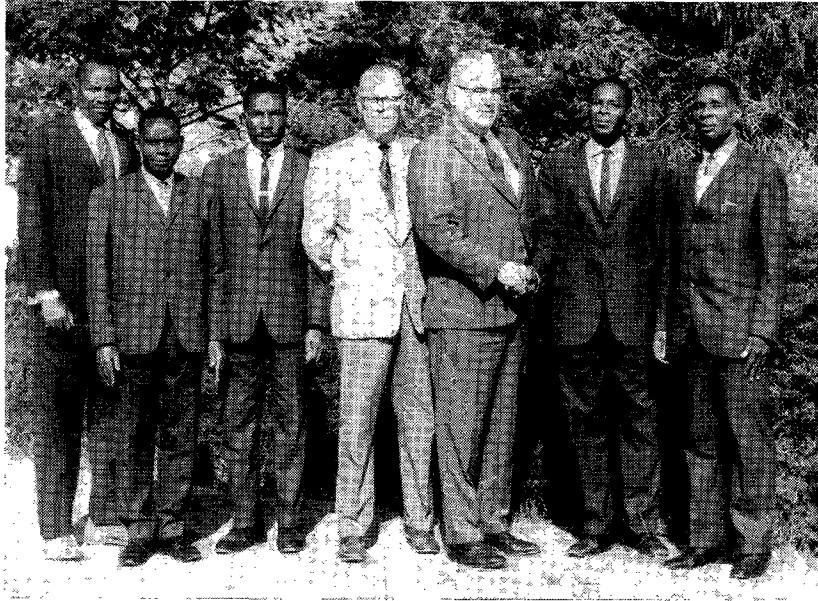
has marvellous ways of working. Please pray for us in the Congo that we will press forward, for there is a great work yet to be done.

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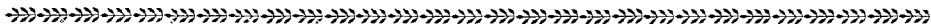
### Prayer

"Too often we start to pray at the wrong place. Prayer should begin not with ourselves but with God—a conscious awareness that we stand before Him as creatures before the Creator, subjects before the King, servants before the Master, children before the heavenly Father. A university student, burdened with a personal problem, spent an hour with Phillips Brooks, the great Boston preacher. When he returned to the college, a friend asked him, 'What did Dr Brooks say about your problem?' The student looked surprised. 'I forgot to mention it,' he said. 'It didn't seem to matter anyway when I talked with Phillips Brooks.' That should be the effect of prayer and it will be the effect if we come consciously into the presence of God. Before ever becoming a recital of our own problems, prayer is a devotional exercise whereby we lose ourselves in God and rise from our mortality to His eternity, our smallness to His greatness, our weakness to His power."—Leonard Griffith, **This is Living**, page 134.





The ordination of Andre Kangetsi took place in Zaire when there were present (from left to right) Pastor Elasto Basaninyenzi, secretary of the Sabbath School and Stewardship Departments, Congo Union, who gave the charge; Pastors Joseph Syatoka, Daniel Kasal, a departmental secretary, North Congo Field; A. W. Austen, Field secretary, Trans-Africa Division, who preached the sermon; P. F. Lemon, Congo Union's president, who gave the welcome, Pastor Andre Kangetsi, and Pastor Levy Lyasweka, Rwese Station director.



## South African Union Conference

F. CAMPBELL: In the SAUC we have four conferences and two fields.

**Indian Field:** There are 620 500 Indians in South Africa, most of whom live in Natal, but we have a small constituency among them, just 300. This year, which is my first year in the union, I had the privilege of visiting extensively among our Indian members. They are a cultured group of dedicated people. There is a wonderful spirit among them. Just 300 of them, but they have four church buildings and one in every 6 of the members is a school teacher or medical doctor. With the help of the General Conference and the Division, we have placed a call for one of the top Indian evangelists

from India. If he comes, then by the grace of God we hope to double our Indian membership during the next three years.

**South-West Africa Field:** Then, jumping clear across the continent we come to South-West Africa, that much contested territory. It has been one of the most difficult territories for many years, because there are all races in S.W.A. But now there is the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees. In January of this year at Walvis Bay there were 4 members. Eight months later there are now over 40. This is a miracle! In the north our first church in Ovamboland goes up next year. We were informed we were the last denomination to be given permission to enter Ovamboland and our building will be one of the first to be erected in Oshikati, the new capital city of Ovamboland. In Windhoek in our Khomasdal church, J. D. Coetzee, the president of the field, has been conducting an effort with our Coloured worker on three nights a week and the hall seating 250 has been filled to overflowing, with people standing around. Nearly 250 children had their meetings in a tent outside. This is unprecedented in S.W.A.!

**Good Hope Conference:** Last year Pastor Ray Kent conducted meetings in Cape Town for our Coloured people, resulting in 250 baptisms in one effort. The field has just finished 15 campaigns in the TELL SOUTH AFRICA series and the president, D. G. Theunissen, reports that the baptismal reports are coming in, reflecting a large number of baptisms.

**O. N. Conference:** Pastor Ron Thompson has just concluded an evangelistic campaign, in which meetings were held in three towns on one day—Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening. Fifteen persons have been baptized in the town of Dundee and another town close by. With one exception all of these people are business people and now their businesses are closed on the Sabbath. Before these businessmen were baptized they paid R2 000 in cash toward their new church building, and a new church congregation has been organized in that place.

**Transvaal Conference:** This is our largest conference in membership. Evangelist Ray Kent opened a series of meetings in Johannesburg at the beginning of this year with three sessions and approximately 7 000 people in attendance. Among them were two Jewish rabbis and their congregations. The report to date is 100 baptisms including a lawyer, two doctors and the matron of a Johannesburg hospital.

**Cape Conference:** Pastor L. C. Cherry of Australia is conducting a campaign in East London. For his opening subject he had to conduct 12 sessions to accommodate the 12 000 people who came. The mayor of the city introduced him on the opening night as a Seventh-day Adventist evangelist but this made no difference to the program. The daily newspaper which formerly had been antagonistic to Adventists opened its columns and actually gave Pastor Cherry a daily news write-up, the first one in colour on the front page, and all free of charge. Thus far 80 have been baptized, and two sessions are held in the church each Sabbath morning in order for the members to attend divine worship.

**Five-day Plans:** The latest report from Cape Town is that 3 000 non-Adventists have given up smoking through this program during 1971, in Cape Town. Among these is the widow of the world's first heart transplant patient, Mrs Louis Washkansky. Contacts were also made with senators and parliamentarians and this led to David de Waal having a 45-minute interview with the State President at his official residence. The President has given up his pipe as a result of the Five-day Plan. He did not attend the meetings but made his decision after reading the newspaper accounts. He said he wanted to set an example to his people throughout South Africa.

Keep praying for us that we may be ready to do for the Lord what He wants us to do in South Africa.

## Zambesi Union

H. C. CURRIE: I consider it a great honour to be in the Union in which the Trans-Africa Division has its headquarters. I also consider it a great privilege, after spending 26 years in the Orient, to be in the Trans-Africa Division. The Zambesi Union includes three countries—Botswana, Rhodesia and Zambia. God is doing wonderful things. Our Kanye Hospital, I am told, is the largest medical institution in the Division, with over 200 hospital beds. There is also a flying doctor service which operates in the Kalahari, tending to the medical needs of thousands in the desert. We are also proud of the work being done at Mwami where we have 150 beds in the hospital, plus a leprosarium. I noticed in a recent report that this leprosarium is the best in the Division. Then, at Yuka Hospital, perhaps one of the most difficult places to reach, for one drives through sand and unless you have four-wheel drive you do not get through. Our doctors and nurses are carrying on a wonderful program and we are told more surgery is being done there than at any other hospital, and under most adverse circumstances.

Ofttimes we hear, Why do we put so much into education, but I have been deeply impressed by what is being done in the Zambesi Union. Just two months ago while I was visiting Mwami Hospital in Zambia, an official of the Zambia Government came to see one of our doctors. That evening I had an opportunity to chat with him and he told me he had graduated from our mission school at Mwami and now he was a minister in the Zambia Government. I asked him how many there are in the Government who might be considered as having attended our schools, and he said of the 80 members over 20 of them came through Seventh-day Adventist schools and are Adventist orientated. The Attorney-General of Zambia was a pupil of Pastor Albert Bristow. Little do we realize the extent of Seventh-day Adventist schools throughout this Division.

A few months ago before I came to the Zambesi Union I was on the island of Bermuda in the Atlantic Ocean. The prime minister of Bermuda made this statement, and I think it is very fitting here. He said, "Seventh-day Adventists bear an influence far beyond their numbers." This is as it ought to be. We have a school system that is training tens of thousands of young people. We are turning out students from our five secondary schools, many of whom will go into a society where they will exert their influence. We have 52 118 baptized church members and 101 176 Sabbath-school members and are recognized as the third largest Protestant church in Rhodesia and also in Zambia.

Recently the choir at Rusangu Secondary School sang at Monze at a special ceremony when the president of Zambia was present. He heard our choir and

afterwards invited them to visit his residence and sing for him. Later the choir received an invitation to put on a half-hour program on television and then on the Sabbath they were invited to visit the president.

Yes, the Church is having its influence but the greatest thing of all is that we are working for the finishing of the work so that we might go home to be with the Lord.

## Southern Union



H. W. STEVENSON: Greetings to you from the members of the Southern Union. As I have listened to my brethren's reports, I realize I should be humbly proud of the fact that my family has been associated with the work of this Division from the inception. The third generation of my family is now serving as workers and the fourth is in school preparing for service. I have also had the unique privilege of serving in all the unions of this Division, and when I returned to the Southern Union it did my heart good as I listened to the stories being told by our laymen of how God was using them to save souls. When I think of the vast number who give their hearts to the Lord in camp-meetings and evangelistic efforts in countries to the north, I almost weep to hear the laymen in our union stand up and tell with great joy of bringing one soul to the Lord. This is how the work goes in the Southern Union. With the peculiar problems we have it is very difficult to progress. We are glad to report that on October 30, baptism day, 557 souls were baptized, every one of whom was hand-plucked.

I am sure you are aware of the fact that there has been established an organization between the Southern Union and the South African Union, known as the Adventist Medical Services. Our two unions have pooled their resources to push forward the work of the "right arm of the message," the medical work. Pastor Pieter H. Coetzee, who was my predecessor, is the executive secretary of this organization. With Dr Karl Seligmann, Pastor Coetzee has recently conducted a number of very successful Five-day Plans in Pretoria and Johannesburg.

Recently an appeal went out throughout this Division to give a special offering on a certain Sabbath to make pos-

sible in the Southern Union the building of churches in those areas where our African populations are being moved. We are very grateful for the offering which was given to us. A significant thing happened on that day. Some of our largest conference churches in the Republic of South Africa invited pastors from the Southern Union to take the divine service. They were very well received. Their messages brought such a response that in some of those churches the largest church offering ever taken was given on that Sabbath.

Recently one of our pastors was invited to give the missions talk at one of the conference camp-meetings on the Sabbath day. His talk was so stirring as he told how God was using meagre facilities and humble servants to bring the message to people in Natal, that the congregation spontaneously decided that there and then they would do something tangible to help the work of that area. A substantial offering was taken up on that day.

One of our fourth-year medical students at the Witwatersrand University conceived the idea that our young people should be doing something useful and valuable to help the mission program. As a result of his idea a group of the students is to go to Swaziland during the coming holiday period and help build a classroom block at Mkwazi school. They have volunteered their time and service at their own expense for three weeks.

In conclusion I wish to say, please pray for the work in the Southern Union.

We do not need more national development, we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power, we need more spiritual power. We do not need more knowledge, we need more character. We do not need more law, we need more religion. We do not need more of the things that are seen, we need more of the things that are unseen.—Calvin Coolidge.

**Excerpts:**

## **Newspaper article in Sunday Mail, November 14, 1971 S.D.A.'s Now Operating in 193 Countries**

According to independent statistics published by the Interdenominational "World Vision" Magazine, October 1971, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the third largest Protestant body in Rhodesia. The "World Vision" survey on religion in Rhodesia reports that Seventh-day Adventists have 29 000 African members in 180 churches in Rhodesia. These figures are the same as the official statistics published by the church.

The first Seventh-day Adventist Mission was established near Bulawayo on land donated by the Honourable Cecil J. Rhodes. Solusi College, a senior training school for Africans, is now located on this property.

Today, this college caters for all grades of education and has a total enrolment of 550 students.

### **RHODES' SEALED ENVELOPE**

The story of how the church received the grant of 12 000 acres is an interesting one. Cecil J. Rhodes gave a sealed letter

to the overseas missionaries who interviewed him in Cape Town in 1894, requesting land in Rhodesia. The letter was delivered to the then administrator of Rhodesia, Leander Starr Jameson. On Rhodes' instruction, Jameson granted the church 12 000 acres of land. One of the two missionaries who interviewed the administrator was A. T. Robinson, from the United States of America.

One of Mr Robinson's descendants is now living in Salisbury and is the assistant treasurer of the Trans-Africa Division.

### **GOLDEN JUBILEE**

Fifty years ago the work of the church in Central and Southern Africa was consolidated in a division headquarters in Cape Town. Fourteen years ago, the headquarters was transferred to its present location. The TAD is one of twelve world divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The present president is Pastor M. L. Mills.

A former president of the Trans-Africa Division, Pastor R. H. Pierson, is now World President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The secretary of the Trans-Africa Division is R. E. Clifford and the treasurer is R. H. Roderick who has recently arrived from a similar post in Korea.

Apart from six administrative officers of the Trans-Africa Division, there are also six secretaries who are responsible for departments of the church as follows: Dr Dunbar Smith, Medical and Temperance; H. W. Peterson, Lay Activities; A. E. Cook, Ministerial; T. V. Gorle, Education and Sabbath School; J. T. Mason, Publishing; D. B. Hills, Youth and Public Relations.

### **A MINIATURE UNITED NATIONS**

Seventh-day Adventism is a miniature United Nations that works remarkably well. Its members live under many forms of government and seek to be, as a matter of conscience, patriotic citizens. Adventists seek without compromising their own convictions, to maintain friendly relationships with those of every religious and political persuasion. However, they do avoid political involvement.

The name Adventist has an other-worldly sound to it. Some might even expect those who call themselves Adventists to suffer from a "Pie-in-the-sky" feeling, content to rest and say their prayers while waiting for the end of the world.

Nothing could be further from the facts. Seventh-day Adventists are not sitting and waiting for anything. Those who know them best will tell you that they are some of the busiest, most down-to-earth people that you can find anywhere. The statistics reveal that they are always building something. They build on all six continents and in most countries of the world. They build with brick and mortar, nails and boards, thatch and steel. They build schools, hospitals, churches, welfare centres, publishing plants and food factories. More important they build health, hope, learning and faith in human lives.

Adventists see no conflict between involvement in the hereafter and the here-

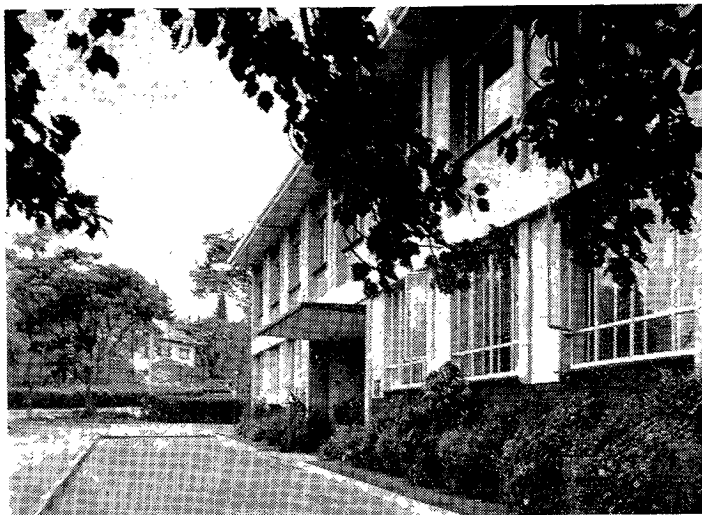


**One of the four planes in operation in the Division. Dr R. J. Harvey and Sister Dunbar Smith treat a patient while on a clinical trip in Malawi.**

now. Their global, humanitarian endeavours never contradict the devoutly-held belief that God will soon intervene in human history. They believe in the literal second coming of Jesus Christ. The same book that assures them their Master will return also tells them who their neighbour is and how to treat him.

Seventh-day Adventists, who now number over two million, are an optimistic people. They believe that they have some excellent things to share with others and they would like to share them with you. They invite you, whether you are at home or travelling abroad, to make use of their 138 modern hospitals should you ever need their services. They invite you to read their books and magazines and to listen to their records. They hope that you will tune in to one of their regular programs like the "Voice of Prophecy" and view one of their telecasts such as "Faith for Today" or "It Is Written." They invite you to try the healthful vegetarian foods produced in their factories in America, Australia, Europe, South America and South Africa. They welcome you to worship with them in any of their 16 257 churches.

**Trans-Africa Division's headquarters office.**



**Right: Trans-Africa Division's president M. L. Mills.**



**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Seventh-day Adventists with their S.A.W.S. organization (Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service) operate some 9 000 welfare or "Dorcas Societies" in local churches around the world, and 1 400 health and welfare centres. Aid valued at over two million U.S. dollars was given disaster victims by the S.A.W.S. last year. People in 41 countries received aid in the form of clothing, bedding, food, tents, trucks, and tools at the time of national disasters.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

"Meals on Wheels" is a community public service program operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This service is now operating in many cities and through it many aged and sick people receive hot meals. The Five-day Plan to stop smoking is another service rendered by the church and, thus far this year, 2 000 people in the Cape Town area alone have quit the smoking habit through clinics, called the Five-day Plan.

**STUDENT MISSIONARIES**

At a time when a lot of young people put premium on getting things, many Seventh-day Adventist young people are finding satisfaction in giving of their time and talents in underprivileged countries. This year, 155 students from thirteen Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities are working without pay in missions all over the world. The young people have accepted assignments on a voluntary basis receiving only board and room for their services as nurses, teachers, chaplains, construction workers, laboratory technicians and accountants. Travel expenses are provided for the young people by the colleges sponsoring them. Recently, two student missionaries reported for work in Malawi and Rhodesia.

*A quick look at*  
**Seventh-day Adventists**

**Their faith and action**

**MEMBERSHIP**

World-wide 1970 figures

Baptized adult church members	1 987 492
Organized churches	16 257
Sabbath-school members	2 484 695
Sabbath-schools	29 555
Ordained ministers, active	7 692
Full-time salaried workers	64 692

**MISSION WORK**

Countries in which church is working	193
(Countries in world as per UN—227)	
Languages in which church is working	915
Publishing houses in the world	46
Languages publishing in	273
Missionaries sent overseas last year	363
Foreign missions offerings	U.S. \$25 147 459

**MEDICAL MINISTRY**

Sanatoriums and hospitals	138
Dispensaries and clinics	193
Nurses graduated in 1968	761
Physicians, dentists, residents, interns	796
Investment in medical facilities	U.S. \$191 133 728
Patients treated	3 833 059

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Schools operated by denomination	4 675
Total enrolment	370 325
Schools above elementary level	494
Academies in North America	80
Colleges in North America	14
Schools of Nursing in North America	10
Universities	2
International correspondence school	1

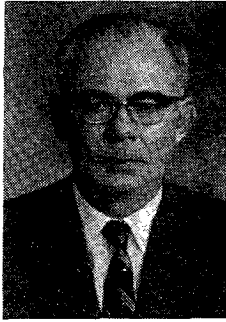


**Above: Replica of pioneer missionary Harry Anderson's house.**

**Below: Pioneer medical missionary Dr A. S. Carmichael rests in Solusi's cemetery.**

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## Central African Union



P. G. WERNER: Rwanda and Burundi arrived on the political scene in 1919, and in those days there was no mission work there whatsoever. But God had His hand in separating these two countries from Tanzania to which they were joined originally, for God had in mind to bring in people at the right time to spread the message. Missionaries came from Europe and from the Congo and from that time to the present the work has progressed miraculously. God has given us a wide-open door in these two countries, and from there many of its sons have gone as missionaries to other territories. One of these is Pastor Jonas Mybirukira, (now associate Field Secretary of the Trans-Africa Division).

At the end of the third quarter of 1971 our statistical report revealed 95 444 baptized members. Particularly in Rwanda the Lord has given us a wide-open

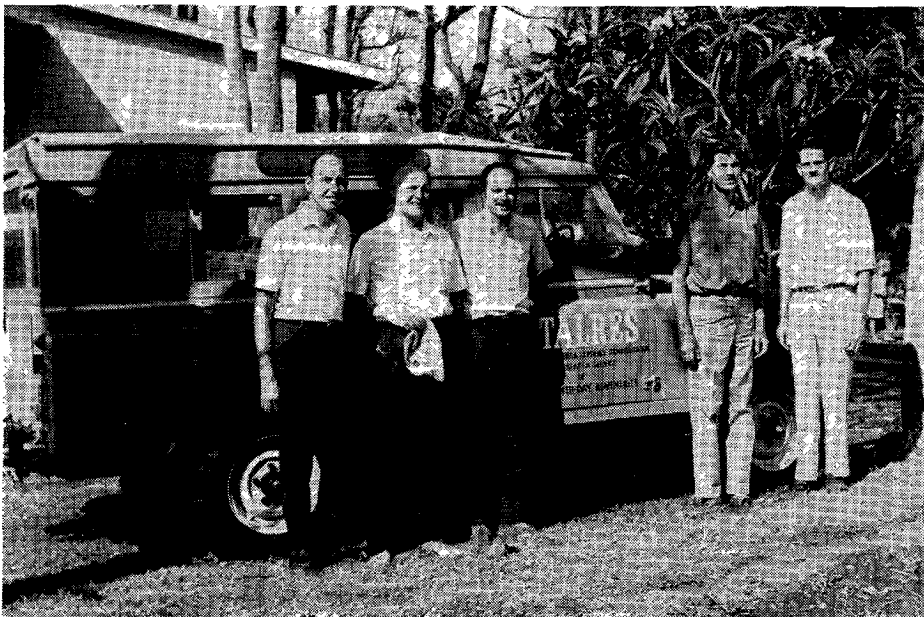
door. Right now we have over 200 000 Sabbath-school members. That is to say, one in every 17 people is a Sabbath-keeper. When it is camp-meeting time one in every 9 or 10 persons in Rwanda attends our camp-meetings. It is a wonderful thing to behold, to watch them coming in single file, their white robes flowing, as they come down the mountainsides and converge on the camp-site, hundreds and hundreds of them.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed the efforts during this past year, the anniversary year of our Division, and I am happy to report a few of these facts. In June 1971, in one of our largest fields, South Rwanda Field, which has a membership of thirty-four to thirty-five thousand baptized members, a very large baptism was conducted when 934 precious converts were baptized on one day in one field. But God has done even greater things for us. Just two months ago, all over our union a baptismal day was held in all of our six fields (we are now preparing to move on to the seventh field in our union), when 3 041 new members were baptized and joined the church of God. In the first three quarters of 1971 the Central African Union has reported 10 912 accessions for the anniversary project.

Many of our church members are young people. Thousands of them attend our schools and God is using this means to prepare these young people to become followers of Jesus and to do His work. Just a few weeks ago, a European school inspector visited our Kivogo College in Burundi and said to Brother Daniel Gutekunst, the principal, "I visit every secondary school in Burundi and I

know what is going on in this country, but I notice that your school is different. Your students look different from the rest of the students in other schools. They look nice and neat and clean and they look contented and happy. There is no rebellious spirit such as I observe in other schools." This is what the Word of God does for our young people. It cleans their minds and unifies their hearts.

Two years ago Pastor W. W. Fordham from the United States held an effort in Kigali, the capital city of Rwanda. A considerable number of people joined the church. Among them was a young man called Raphael Hategegimana. He attended every one of the meetings and was convinced of the truth and notified his priest that he wanted to leave the church and become a member of the Adventist Church. The priest did his best to dissuade him. He threatened him, but Raphael had made up his mind and he took his stand and was baptized. The outstanding thing about his conversion is what the message has done for him. He was one of the greatest drunkards in the city of Kigali. He was drunk on most of the days of every month. Naturally he did not have a happy family life and his wife left him and returned to her parents' home. But after Raphael had made his peace with God he made peace with his wife and brought her back to his home. Now he is a faithful and loyal member of our Kigali church. This is what God's Word can do. Please pray for the work in the Central African Union.



**FOUR DOCTORS AND FOUR PILOTS:** On a recent safari from Songa Hospital to Lulengele Mission in Zaire in connection with a leprosy control project were, from the left, Dr P. W. Dysinger (pilot) of Loma Linda School of Public Health, Dr Dunbar Smith, Trans-Africa Division's medical secretary, Dr Richard Hart (pilot), son of Dr Lewis Hart of the Blantyre Clinic, Dr Ray Foster (pilot), director of TALRES, and Pastor Don E. Thomas (pilot), vice-president of the Congo Union.

## Life's Sparkling Stream

"The going out of friendliness"—I love this golden phrase—"From being unto being;" in unexpected ways. "The greatest thing in life," writes he, a truth-inspired philosophy, is "The going out of friendliness, the flowing out of friendliness from being unto being" as we navigate life's sea.

"The going out of friendliness," a warm and sparkling stream, the source of it within the heart, its spring a beautiful dream. It flows through busy thoroughfare and through an arid life, and bears away a carking care, the sticks and stones of strife.

"The going out of friendliness," it flows through finger-tips, and through the radiance of a smile, through words from kindly lips. This going out of friendliness, we can't define it quite, but oh, we feel it everywhere, it's round about us in the air, springs up by day like blossoms fair, and falls like peace at night.—**Wilhelmina Stitch.**





## South East Africa Union

F. E. WILSON: First of all I would like to say that I thank God for this wonderful truth. As I have had the opportunity when at Solusi College to stand in the cemetery and look at the graves of our pioneers, and as I have done the same at Malamulo, I thank God for our wonderful pioneers who led the way. I want to re-consecrate and rededicate my life to God for the finishing of this wonderful message.

The work began in Malawi in 1891 when a young man by the name of George James, a layman, arrived from overseas, and preached the message of a soon-coming Saviour. George James laboured for a few years, and then he learned that some missionaries had arrived at Solusi. So he set out across country to make contact with these individuals. He never reached Rhodesia, for somewhere along the shores of the Zambezi River he is buried, waiting for the return of Jesus.

Malawi is a beautiful country, as those who have visited it will agree. It is the land of which Livingstone is reported to

have said: "I see the smoke of a thousand villages rising where the gospel has not been preached." As we fly northwards in our 185 CESSNA plane we too can see the smoke of a thousand villages where this wonderful message which stirs our hearts so much is yet to be preached. But, thank God, progress is being made.

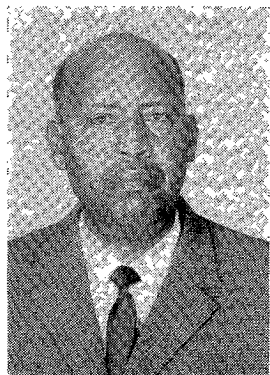
This past year we enlisted the efforts of our laymen. We conducted 335 lay efforts and this netted 1625 converts. Brother J. L. Jennings of Malamulo Hospital gathered a team and went into the nearby tea estates to conduct an effort. As a result there were 27 converts. We have had some wonderful revivals in our churches as well. We had 139 revivals with all our workers involved and this has resulted in 1744 converts. Two colporteur and 7 voice of youth efforts have been held and on October 30, baptism day, we had baptisms in our union along with the rest of the Division when 1093 precious souls joined the church.

I would like to tell you about Mr Kadzombe, a Seventh-day Adventist young man who trained in West Africa and returned to live a faithful life, attending our Soche church regularly and paying a faithful tithe. Very quickly he rose to high responsibilities in Malawi's secondary school program and became principal of the largest school in Blan-

tyre. He was not in this position long before he was requested by the government to take up a high position in the Department of Education. But no sooner had he arrived than he encountered difficulties. His superiors required him to perform certain duties on the Sabbath. This he refused to do, telling them that he had made his position abundantly clear when accepting the post. Pressures were brought upon him, even to calling in some so-called Adventists who were working on the Sabbath. To Mr Kadzombe's question to them: "Are you a practising Seventh-day Adventist?" they had to reply that they were not, and this tactic to force him to give in failed.

Our brother made every effort to appeal to His Excellency, Dr K. H. Banda, president of Malawi, but his endeavours were blocked on every hand. Undoubtedly, had he been able to see the President, his difficulties would have been resolved, for Dr Banda has been known to give favourable consideration to Adventists. In the end he was forced to resign his post and make his appeal as a private citizen. Now he has been accepted as a lecturer in the university and is still faithful to the message.

Please pray for us in Malawi that we will be faithful to the task given us.



## Field Secretary

I too saw wonderful things happening in the district of Shabunda when ten women and seven men walked 500 kilometres through dense forests. They were seeking truth and it was revealed in a dream that there is a church keeping the true commandments of God. They believe we have that message of truth.

I want to tell you the experience of one sister. Under great difficulty and much opposition from her husband, she accepted the message and wanted to be baptized. Her husband forbade her and threatened her with dire consequences if she took this step but her determination held fast. On the day of the baptism, while she was in the water of the river, her husband stood on the opposite bank. His main concern seemed to be that his wife would no longer brew beer for him, and for this reason he was very angry. He decided they would move to an area far removed from their present home and since there were no Adventists there he wanted his wife to brew his beer. "No one will know that you do this for me," he argued. Her reply was that she had

her Bible and the truth with her and that she would remain faithful.

In no time she had gathered interested ones around her and was imparting to them what she had learned. On Sabbaths she would visit in the villages, preaching to the women and teaching them many things. Believing that a woman could not do much, her husband took no notice of her activities until her study group was so large that she went to the chief and asked for land on which to erect a prayer-house. The chief was amazed, but also believing a woman could not do much, he gave a piece of land and permission for trees to be cut down. The women set to work to clear the land and with the help of some men they erected a house of worship.

Then she wrote me a letter asking me to visit her "church" for she had candidates ready for baptism. I too did not believe I would find too many ready for baptism, but I made the trip to her village and found a very fine group, well taught in our message, and best of all, her husband was in this group and ready for baptism.

We Africans greatly appreciate what our brethren and sisters in Africa and other lands have done in giving liberal offerings and your sons and daughters that we might have the gospel. My prayer is that Jesus will soon come and that together we can stand on the sea of glass.

J. MBYIRUKIRA: In these days in Africa there is nothing we need more than to see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven. No matter what we do, we know we cannot have peace in this world but I believe God's Spirit has touched the hearts of many people. I hear our young people praying that the Spirit of God will come into the hearts of their parents, touch the hearts of their pastors, and come into their own hearts and lives and lead them through to victory. It is the sincere desire of our young people to bring others to Christ.

## Conclusion

M. L. MILLS: Fellow-workers and fellow-church members, we have just closed a chapter in the history of the Trans-Africa Division. Fifty years of our history now lies behind us. Our celebrations are over. From henceforth we open a new chapter. What the future holds no one knows. Will it be another fifty years that we must stay here in Africa before the work is done? Will it be another fifty years before the Lord comes? I don't believe so. With a deep conviction in my soul I am firmly of the opinion that little time remains for the church to accomplish its task. Climactic events are crowding in upon this world. There is every evidence to the Bible student that the Lord is soon to come. The most perilous but the most promising days in the history of the church are ahead of us. How will we relate ourselves to these events? These are not to be days of discouragement, nor should they be days of smugness. Fifty years of our history is now behind us. We thank God for the progress that has been made but let us not gloat over the records. We must set our sights towards a more aggressive and more glorious future. We read in the tenth chapter of Hebrews, verses 35-37: "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Let there be no lingering doubts in our minds. The promise is sure. Jesus will soon come. What will you do to hasten that great day? What are you doing to prepare your heart for that gladsome event? In the closing moments of this significant and historic service, as you have had time to meditate, are you not now ready to make a new declaration for Jesus Christ, to stand up in this glorious hour and become an effective witness? Will you not determine to share with others this glorious hope and to surrender your all to Him, so that the Spirit of God can take over and make you an effective tool in the hands of God to finish the work? Is that your desire, beloved, as we close this historic event? If so, would you like to declare it by standing?

(The entire congregation stood in silent rededication.)

I stand with you and desire to dedicate what I have to God so that I may be used to hasten that glorious day when Jesus will come. Let us pray: "Our Holy God, our hearts have rejoiced as we have cast a backward glance on our history during these fifty years from the days of our inception as a Division, and we have realized the vision, the daring and the courage of our early pioneers who brought the message to Africa. Many of them made the supreme sacrifice. But we have been thrilled as we have recounted our history and seen the

**Mrs Du Toit, a descendant of Charles Darwin, has accepted the message and is a member of our Parow church, Cape Town.**



marvellous progress of the work from those early days. But, Father, we are convinced we have been too long in this old world and we have no desire to remain another fifty years. We stand in dedication before Thee this day, surrendering our lives to Thee. We pray Thou will take our hearts and cleanse them of all pride and selfishness and fill them with a spirit of love and compassion. May we be possessed of that determination to witness in every way for this glorious truth and to tell what Christ has done for us. Bless us here in the Trans-Africa Division. We are only the human agents, but we pray that as workers and laity we will be united and will determine that nothing will obstruct the

progress of our work. We desire that self will be laid aside and a passion to win souls will fill our hearts. We desire to contribute to the promulgation of the gospel, looking forward to that wonderful occasion when the kingdom of this world will become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; when sin will be forever eradicated and peace will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Accept our dedication this day and as we enter into a new chapter of our history, sensing the urgency of the times, we give Thee all we have and pray our witness will be effective and productive. Then may we at last be found faithful at our post of duty when our Lord and Master comes to claim His own. Amen.

## Life's Year-book

I turn its pages over  
In retrospective thought,  
The pages of the year that's gone,  
I turn them slowly one by one.  
What has the old year wrought?

Old year-book, tell your story  
Of victory or loss,  
Of sunshine and the cooling shower,  
Of happiness and sorrow's hour,  
Of suffering and cross.

I turn its pages slowly,  
So marred, so stained by sin.  
So soiled and blotted are they all  
A heart pang shoots at their recall.  
Would God they had not been!

I close the year-book quickly,  
I cannot change the past.  
At Jesus' feet I lay my sins,  
Through Him I'll live the life that  
wins,  
Prove loyal to the last.

God help me, guide me, keep me  
From dawn of day till night,  
Though clouds may lower and cares  
distress,  
Temptations come and fears possess,  
Save from sin's curse and blight.

And when the new year closes,  
Its entries are all in,  
May Jesus' blood each stain remove,  
And I be lost in wondrous love,  
Kept from the power of sin.

—Clifford A. Russell.

# News Flashes

Pastor M. B. Musgrave has been appointed auditor of the Division as from January 1, 1972. Presently, Brother Musgrave is serving as secretary-treasurer of the Zambesi Union.

Dr R. Jack Harvey, Malawi's flying doctor, was united in marriage to Miss Bjorg Irene Ingheim, a missionary nurse from Norway, on November 7 in Blantyre, Malawi. The ceremony was conducted according to Norwegian custom, and Dr and Mrs Ben Nelson stood in for the bride's parents.

Pastor and Mrs Frank Unger are connecting with the Division's Treasury Department at the conclusion of their furlough in January. Brother Unger will be an additional assistant treasurer and Sister Unger will serve in the accounts office.

Solusi graduated its largest class of college students on December 4 and 5. Two additional students will complete their courses in the summer session. There were five B.A. graduates with majors in theology, two of whom were from Uganda, one from the Central African Union and two from the Zambesi Union. There were three in the two-year theological course and eleven in the two-year secretarial and commercial courses. One graduated from the ministerial course.

Five young ladies completed the secretarial course, marking a significant step forward in the training of African women. It is hoped these five graduates will form a vanguard of an increasing number of educated, cultured, dedicated Christian women who will bring strength and blessing to our Church.

Around our Division territory, 1972 will be celebrated as "A Century of Adventist Education" since it marks the centennial of the founding of the first Seventh-day Adventist church-supported school at Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A., one hundred years ago.

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in harmony with the Rhodesia Conference's Constitution, that a regular biennial session of the said Conference is called to convene in the Anderson School chapel, Gwelo, at 9.00 a.m. on Sunday, February 20, 1972, to

1. Elect officers, departmental secretaries, the executive committee and other committees as provided for in the Constitution,

2. Receive financial and other reports of the conference for the past biennium, and

3. Transact such business as may correctly be dealt with by the session.

J. B. COOKS,  
President and Secretary

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## IMPORTANT DATES

January 8 ..... Lay Activities Soul-winning Commitment  
January 22 ..... Consecration of Church Officers  
February 19-26 ..... Christian Home and Family Altar Week

## Season's Greetings

*We extend  
our sincere  
Christian greetings  
to all our readers  
throughout the  
Trans-Africa Division  
and beyond.  
We wish  
each of you  
a joyous Christmas,  
and an even  
closer relationship  
with Him  
during 1972.  
God bless you all.*

—Your Editors.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

### JANUARY 1972

	7	14	21	28
Cape Town	8.01	8.00	7.58	7.55
Johannesburg	7.05	7.05	7.04	7.02
East London	7.21	7.20	7.18	7.15
Port Elizabeth	7.33	7.32	7.30	7.27
Bloemfontein	7.18	7.18	7.17	7.15
P'maritzburg	7.04	7.03	7.02	6.59
Durban	7.02	7.01	7.00	6.57
Windhoek	7.41	7.43	7.42	7.40
Bulawayo	6.49	6.51	6.50	6.50
Salisbury	6.34	6.36	6.35	6.35
Gwelo	6.44	6.43	6.42	6.40
Lusaka	6.43	6.42	6.41	6.40
Blantyre	6.17	6.18	6.18	6.18
Lubumbashi	6.38	6.39	6.40	6.42

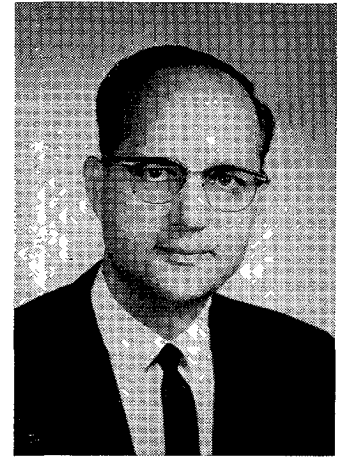
### FEBRUARY 1972

	4	11	18	25
Cape Town	7.49	7.43	7.36	7.28
Johannesburg	6.58	6.54	6.49	6.43
East London	7.09	7.03	6.57	6.49
Port Elizabeth	7.21	7.15	7.08	7.00
Bloemfontein	7.10	7.06	6.59	6.52
P'maritzburg	6.54	6.50	6.44	6.36
Durban	6.52	6.48	6.42	6.34
Windhoek	7.37	7.34	7.29	7.23
Bulawayo	6.47	6.44	6.40	6.35
Salisbury	6.33	6.30	6.27	6.23
Gwelo	6.40	6.38	6.36	6.33
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# Peace on Earth

by MERLE L. MILLS

*President, Trans-Africa Division*



IN THE GOSPEL of Luke one of the most sublime events of this world is depicted for us. It is the angelic announcement of the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

The angels, who ever have been interested in man's redemption, revealed to the world the good news of our Saviour's birth. The inn in Bethlehem was filled to capacity. Some were already dead in slumber. Others were indulging in the spirit of revelry and conviviality which prevailed in the late hours of that little Judean town. It was obvious that in this setting the angels could not find an appreciative and attentive audience for their message of peace and goodwill. But they did find an audience that was prepared for this significant announcement. They located a group of humble shepherds who were still awake and possibly gathered around a camp-fire under the stars in those Judean hills.

As a dazzling light, messengers of joy suddenly appeared before these men. After allaying their fears they informed them of the birth of the Christ-child in Bethlehem. That was a sight never to be forgotten, a scene never to be effaced from their memory. As the messengers completed their announcement they joined in singing a celestial anthem: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," which added all the more to the thrill of this holy scene. This was the event long dreamed of by the prophets through the centuries. For thousands of years the human family had languished in sin. Now, Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace, had come and the glad tidings were wafted on the night air by the angelic choir: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The coming of the Saviour to the world was to inaugurate an era of peace and goodwill. What words of magic, what words of hope! In the midst of a hostile and depraved world would it not be pertinent to ask: Why do we not have peace? Will it never come to our world? Why have the nations of earth not learned from bitter experience to live amicably and harmoniously? Why is bitterness, hate and division rampant throughout the land? All eyes are now riveted on this burning issue. Man's quest for peace is superseded only by his search for happiness. Yet the colossal blunder of all history is his failure to maintain world peace. His attempts to establish peace have been both laudible and multiple but the results have been a fiasco.

The reason for man's failure to find peace is his unwillingness to recognize and deal with the root problem. The prophet Jeremiah tells us that the heart of man is desperately wicked and that he lacks the capacity of directing his steps. Thus it is the incorrigible and carnal nature of man which has been the real obstruction to peace. Considerable effort is made to dress up the external part of man and with pretentious zeal, pronouncements are made in lofty tones lauding the ideals of peace. But the internal part of man is neglected and this has neutralized and counteracted all well-meaning efforts toward the preservation of world peace. For peace to be universal and successfully maintained, for war to be abolished, and bloodshed eradicated forever, the heart of man must undergo a change. The mind alone will not bring peace. Not until the mind and heart are united and controlled by the Prince of Peace can man know peace. The psalmist

has said: "Great peace have they which love thy law." Ps. 119:165. Peace without suspicion, fear, and doubt comes only from knowing and obeying God. The apostle Paul put it in these words: "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." The crux of our problem to world peace, then, is the transformation of the human heart and a new alignment with the Lord Jesus Christ. The announcement of the seraph choir on that first Christmas Eve is still applicable and can be experienced even now some two thousand years later. Notwithstanding the fact that the world is still torn asunder by dissension, and dissolution, the story of the birth of the Christ-child, the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, offers every burdened heart a peace which is both immeasurably profound and inestimably precious. Just as the waters remain calm beneath the troubled waves of the ocean during a raging tempest, so the heart in the midst of a troubled world can enjoy a serenity and security which comes alone through a personal relationship with God. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26:3.

Friend of mine, are you keeping your mind stayed on God? Have you entered into the experience of justification which brings peace to the soul? Only then will you at this Christmas-time be able to grasp the meaning and depth of the words pronounced by the angel choir some two millenniums ago as their music broke the calm of that Judean night and shepherds heard those inspiring words: "... peace on earth, good will toward men."