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Our Schools

OUR schools are beginning. Thousands of our young people will soon be pursuing a course of study in our academies and colleges. Thousands of our children will be entering our church schools. Interest in our educational program never has seemed greater in spite of financial difficulties. Educational secretaries and superintendents write encouragingly concerning the prospects in their respective fields. Our people are coming more and more to sense the importance of the admonition found on page 401 of the book "Counsels to Teachers, Parents, and Students," as follows:

"The subject of education is one that should interest every Seventh-day Adventist. The Lord says to us, Seventh-day Adventists are not to place themselves under the counsel and instruction of teachers who know not the truth for this time. The moulding and fashioning of minds should not be left to men who have not comprehended the importance of a preparation for that life which measures with the life of God."

While the outlook for a good attendance at our schools of all grades appears encouraging, we are thinking of those other thousands who long to be in one of our resident schools, but who for various reasons are prevented from doing so. Now is the time for all such to be thinking in terms of home study. The Home Study Institute, which is the extension department of our educational system, is meeting the needs of hundreds, yes thousands of those who are prevented from taking work in a resident school.

No doubt there are many who have finished the work in one of our church schools, but who cannot go to one of our academies. Such may not know that the Home Study Institute allows a very liberal discount to students who arrange to do their work at the church school under the eye of the teacher. It means little if any additional work to the teacher, but much advantage to the student who thus is assured of regularity

in his work and a real school atmosphere in which to accomplish it.

Do not consider high school as the only alternative when unable to attend a resident school, but send at once to the Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, D. C. for a catalogue of this, our largest school.

C. A. RUSSELL.

Associate Secretary,
Department of Education.

Means Taken from Some; They Are Cut Down; Nothing Left

"I SAW that some of God's professed people are like the man who hid his talent in the earth. They keep their possessions from doing good in the cause of God. They claim that these are their own, and that they have a right to do what they please with their own; and souls are not saved by judicious efforts made by them with their Lord's money. Angels keep a faithful record of every man's work, and as judgment passes upon the house of God, the sentence of each is recorded by his name, and the angel is commissioned to spare not the unfaithful servants, but to cut them down at the time of slaughter. And that which was committed to their trust is taken from them. Their earthly treasure is then swept away, and they have lost all. And the crowns they might have worn, had they been faithful, are put upon the heads of those saved by the faithful servants whose means was constantly in use for God. And every one they have been the means of saving, adds stars to their crown in glory, and increases their eternal reward."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 198.

Something Interesting

BECAUSE of the *Signs of the Times* many are inquiring for more light, and if the paper by that name is placed in the hands of the people, many will be turned from darkness. The color edition of October 3 will contain an article by Alonzo L. Baker on "What Is the Adventist Thought Concerning the NRA?" "Is the NRA in fulfillment of Revelation 13?" "Is the NRA to be the mark of the beast?" are questions which will be answered in this article. The price of the paper will be four cents single copies. "NRA and 666" will be the title of the article.

We are passing on some very interesting experiences with the *Signs* in the Central Union:

From Sterling, Colorado, August 15: "Recently I chanced to pick up a two-year-old copy of *Signs of the Times*, and liked it. I have tried to find a late copy at the news stands, but have failed to find one. One news dealer told me he thought you had suspended publication, so am writing you direct. If still publishing this magazine, please send me a sample copy of a late edition. If it is what it appears to be from the old copy, I want to subscribe for it."—W. W. B.

From Oshawa, Minnesota, August 12: "I am wondering with the deepest concern whether you are still publishing that wonderful magazine called the *Signs of the Times*. Would you please let me know, and let me know what the subscription price is? I want to subscribe for it if you are still publishing it."—E. L.

Recently a brother told me that Brother Merck gave old copies of the *Signs of the Times* to a blacksmith by the name of Mr. Williger, who is now a Sabbath keeper.

Let us keep the *Signs* in the forefront in this great battle for right and for truth.
S. T. SHADEL.

Harvest Ingathering Report for Week Ending Sept. 9, 1933

It will be remembered that the conferences began to work earlier last year.

but we hope now with every church organized into bands, with a determination on the part of every officer and member to reach the one-dollar-per-member-per-week goal, we will soon see the complexion change to one of health and vigor.

"There is no help for man, woman, or child, who will not hear and obey the voice of duty; for the voice of duty is the voice of God."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 402.

September 14	1933	1932
Colorado	1716.87	3179.11
Iowa	452.02*	538.13
Kansas	519.51	1455.88
Minnesota	693.59*	2785.79
Missouri	1542.27	4588.89
Nebraska	998.31	2314.88
North Dakota	422.11*	19.05
South Dakota	478.96	539.05
Wyoming	17.80*	73.78
	6841.36	15494.56

Less than same date, 1932 8653.20

*Indicates treasurers' report to September 1, as these conferences failed to report to us Wednesday the 13th.

S. T. SHADEL.

No. Dakota Conference

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North Dakota News Notes

EARLY Sunday morning, September 10, Elder and Mrs. Oswald left Jamestown with their children, Aaron and Miriam, to take them to Union College. They expected to be back the middle of the week.

Brother C. A. Edwards, our field secretary, has been assisting Brother Philip Kabanuk at Killdeer in the colporteur work. Brother Kabanuk is planning to sell books until the first of the year, and then plans to take school work at Sheyenne River Academy. At this writing, Brother Edwards is assisting Brother D. K. Olson in his delivery around Grand Forks.

Brother R. R. Bietz, our educational, Missionary Volunteer, and home missionary secretary, is leading out in the Harvest Ingathering work at Fargo at this writing.

Elder A. A. Leiske recently passed through Jamestown, and during his short visit informed us that he conducted a baptismal service at Lisbon last Sabbath, when ten souls went forward in this sacred ordinance. He expects to have another baptism the last of this month, when he hopes to baptize more than twice this many. The attendance at the last

Sabbath service at Lisbon was something over eighty, and the prospects are very encouraging for a strong church to be organized, at the close of Elder Leiske's effort.

Splendid orders are coming in for additional Harvest Ingathering papers, and we are happy to know that our brethren are getting into the campaign in a strong way. We trust that the Lord may bless the efforts put forth in this campaign this year so that large sums may be raised for the support of our mission work.

The Sabbath school *Quarterlies* for the fourth quarter have arrived, and we trust that every church will order its supplies now so that they may have their *Quarterlies* on hand to pass out in time for people to begin the lesson study promptly beginning with the new quarter. The book recommended as a lesson help for the fourth quarter is the good book entitled "Ministry of Healing." This book should be in every Seventh-day Adventist library all the time, and so we hope that those who have not already secured one of these good books in the past will improve the opportunity now of having the use of it in connection with the Sabbath school lessons, and the splendid instruction it contains for general use in the future. The price is \$2.25 in the cloth, and \$3.25 in the red limp leather, postage prepaid.

A number of our colporteurs are at the present time making their deliveries. We solicit the prayers of our people in their behalf that the Lord may give them abundant success. We are glad to state that those who have thus far delivered, have delivered above 90 per cent of their orders.

So. Dakota Conference

Gorden Oss, President
B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary
Drawer 586 - - - Watertown

Baptisms

As a number of baptisms have been waiting for the arrival of a worker, the writer went to Kyle on September 1. Here a few meetings were held at the home of Brother and Sister Marley, and on Sunday evening at sunset, three Indians were baptized in the American Horse Creek. These were all grown people and good representatives. For several years Brother and Sister Marley and their children have been studying and praying with these natives of the plains and their hearts were truly happy over

this event. From Kyle we went to Tut-hill. Here we spent a few days with the believers, and the Christman sisters were baptized on September 7. Our brethren at this place are anxious to forward the cause of truth and offer to care for a worker, board and room, this winter, if someone would come to that vicinity. Is there not some aggressive, consecrated brother, who knows this truth and can present it, who will volunteer his services for a few months that the work at Tut-hill might be strengthened? If so, please correspond with the writer. We believe more and more will respond to calls like this before the work is finished. Our next stop was at Wood. The scattered believers were called together and the Lord blessed in our meetings and associations. Two were baptized, Sister Belmont of Winner, and Mary Grabel of Wood. We believe others will be baptized in Tut-hill and Winner before long. Our next stop was at Burke. Here Sister Stroup united with the church on profession of faith. We are happy to welcome these eight new members. Should there be other candidates for baptism, perhaps isolated, desiring to be baptized this fall, kindly notify the writer at once.

GORDEN OSS.

Plainview Academy

OUR enrolment on the first day of school reached 85, and a number more are expected a few days late. We appreciate very much the splendid cooperation our people over the state are giving the school, and the interest they manifest in the Christian education of their children. As teachers and students, we will do our very best to make this one of the most outstanding years Plainview has ever had.

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We can accommodate a number more students. We would like to see our enrolment reach 100 or more. So we extend a hearty welcome to any others that can arrange to come.

Come and be one of Plainview's 100 for the 1933-34 school year!

H. C. HARTMAN, *Principal.*

South Dakota Sunbeams

THE following word comes from Elder Youngberg, of Huron: "Mrs. Mabel Nelson and I worked in the Ingathering yesterday forenoon two hours and this afternoon. We received \$76.75, just a few dollars more than was received from the same donors last year. To God be the glory."

The Harvest Ingathering at Swan Lake is going very nicely. Almost everyone is taking an active part and to date they have received about the same amount as last year.

We wish that everyone would write in as soon as he reaches his goal, as we plan to run a list of those names in the REAPER the following week.

Word has reached the office of the wedding of Brother Charles Scriven, of Colman, and Sister Bagley, of Madison.

Sister Amburn, of Montrose, writes that she has made her \$7.00 Ingathering goal.

Tune in on KSOO every Sunday afternoon at 5:30 and hear the Adventist Half Hour with the Bible.

Plainview Academy opened its doors September 12. That night there were 82 enrolled, the strongest enrolment we have had the first day for many years.

Brother Estey writes that there are fourteen awaiting baptism at Glad Valley.

Elder Hein is busy Harvest Ingathering in his section. Brother McKinley has been assisting the brethren at Swan Lake. Mitchell is busy. Brother Hills writes that the work goes as well as last year at Aberdeen. Elder Youngberg and his helpers are having good success at Huron. Now is the time to press the Ingathering work. Is everyone up to date on his \$1.00 a week per member?

Mr. George Bieber and Miss Bertha Stotz, members of the Tolstoy, S. Dak., church, were united in marriage in the Tolstoy church, September 5, at 10:30 A. M. Mr. Dave Bieber, brother of George, and Miss Eva Mae LaFave were married that evening at the home of C. D. Hein, in Aberdeen, So. Dak. We wish these two young couples much of God's blessing, and a happy married life.

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Iowa Conference

R. S. Fries, *President*
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The NRA

SEVERAL of our people have written in to the conference office at various times asking what the attitude of the conference is on the NRA. We have replied to such individuals as best we knew, but at our last meeting of the workers of the conference this discussion was crystalized into a recommendation which was unanimously adopted. This resolution reads as follows:

"We, the ministers of the Colorado Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in council assembled, at Denver, Colorado, this 28th day of August, 1933, do hereby pledge our support to the National Recovery Act, and express our sincere appreciation to the President of the United States for his efforts to bring back prosperity.

"And, furthermore, we direct that the secretary of the conference transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States."

A copy of this resolution was sent to the President of the United States by the writer, in harmony with the last paragraph of the resolution. We have received a reply from the President's secretary, which is very cordial and which reads as follows:

"Your letter of August 31st with enclosed copy of a resolution adopted by the Colorado Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, has been received. The President has asked me to thank you and through you everyone concerned for the words of approval and assurance of support which it conveys.

"Very sincerely yours,

"(Signed) Louis McH. Howe,

"Secretary to the President."

We are printing this in the REAPER for the benefit of all our people who may be in doubt as to what attitude the conference is taking toward the NRA plan, thinking that this information may be helpful.

W. I. MONTANYE.

Special Notice

ALL believers in and near Craig are invited to be present at a special meeting, Sabbath, September 30, at the Craig church.

E. L. PINGENOT.

Changes

THE Iowa Conference made some changes at its recent session. J. H. Nies was elected secretary-treasure of the conference and secretary of the Book and Bible House. Brother Nies will still continue to be business manager of the Iowa Sanitarium.

Elder B. S. Scherr, of North Dakota, was elected home missionary secretary. He is also Sabbath school secretary for the conference. Elder Kenneth Gant, of Oklahoma, was elected educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary.

All mail for any of these departments should be addressed to these new names. We welcome these new members of our office force. As our members in the conference get acquainted with them, we know they will appreciate the strength they individually bring to each department. May the rich blessing of God rest upon their labors.

Tenure of office affected two of our devoted workers. Sister Flora V. Dorcas, Sabbath school secretary, and G. A. Nystrom, secretary-treasure.

Elder J. C. Nixon went to Minnesota some weeks ago. Elder K. L. Gant is now actively engaged in organizing church schools all over our field.

Elder J. C. Christenson went to the Minnesota Conference, while Elder R. E. Griffin, of Kansas, comes to us for evangelistic work about October 1.

Our prayers go up to God for these workers who have served our conference so long and faithfully. May they be prospered in their new fields. For these new workers we solicit the prayers and cooperation of every member in every church in Iowa.

R. S. FRIES.

The Iowa Camp Meeting

THE seventieth annual camp meeting and sixty-seventh conference is now history. It was truly a good meeting; many said it was the best they ever attended. An intense seriousness took hold of people as they sensed the meaning of, and our spiritual need in, these closing days of probation, as presented by General, union, and local conference speakers. From the early morning devotional meetings to the evening service in the big pavilion, there was a reaching out after God. One very

noticeable thing was the large attendance of youth and juniors at the early morning services, which often exceeded the number of adults in the large pavilion. Of the 37 souls baptized in Oak Park Lake by Elders C. H. Miller and Stemple White the last Sabbath afternoon, the vast majority were youth and juniors,—significant evidence as to the last stage in this world-wide "Elijah movement."

At the first Sabbath morning service, Elder Branson preached a powerful sermon on the efficacy of the blood of Jesus, and Elder R. S. Fries was the speaker the last Sabbath morning. On both occasions the stately stepplings of our God were manifested in camp, as scores were stirred by the deep movings of the Spirit of God to go forward, many for the first time, to join the baptismal class. Others will be baptized in the home churches.

Elder J. F. Piper, of the union, and his staff of able assistants led out in a strong way, as all departments were given due consideration, and the special studies and helpful counsel given by Elder Piper and our General Conference brethren was greatly appreciated. Elders Nichol and Fries made the question-box services both interesting and practically helpful, as queries concerning local problems in the home churches were considered. Mrs. R. S. Fries conducted most interesting and helpful parent meetings and Mrs. Christofferson, of Council Bluffs, gave several health talks and featured demonstrations on practical nursing. It was a pleasure to greet again and hear Elder J. G. Lamson, formerly of Iowa, and builder of Oak Park Academy. He spoke on the Eastern Question. Union College was represented by President M. L. Andreasen and Professor T. R. Larimore.

The Sabbath school services in camp were truly inspiring, and cannot be measured in these times in dollars and cents alone, though the Sabbath school offerings exceeded \$461. After 26 years of faithful and continuous service in this line of the work in Iowa, Sister Flora V. Dorcas retires from such long, efficient, and appreciated ministry with the love, respect, and prayers of the entire conference. The results of her ministry, eternity alone can reveal. The tenure of office also effected Brother G. A. Nystrom, who has faithfully served Iowa, and whose beautiful Book and Bible House exhibit in Oak Park Academy chapel was highly commendable. Elder and Mrs. J. C. Christenson answered the call to the Minnesota Conference, and were given a farewell by the Iowa Con-

ference workers and members at Nevada after the camp meeting.

The business of the conference moved along harmoniously. Elder R. S. Fries was unanimously elected president, and J. H. Nies secretary-treasurer and Book and Bible House manager. Other members of the executive committee are: T. H. Jeys, J. R. Nelson, L. C. Christofferson, J. L. Neal, and K. L. Gant. Members of the Oak Park Academy board are: Chairman, R. S. Fries, Paul Ford, J. H. Nies, T. H. Jeys, J. R. Nelson, L. C. Christofferson, J. L. Neal, and K. L. Gant. Members of the legal association are: R. S. Fries, J. H. Nies, T. H. Jeys, J. R. Nelson, L. C. Christofferson, J. L. Neal, and C. H. Miller. The board of managers for the Iowa Sanitarium and Hospital are: R. S. Fries, J. F. Morse, J. H. Nies, T. H. Jeys, J. L. Neal, K. L. Gant, and L. C. Christofferson.

L. P. Knecht was re-elected field missionary secretary, and the following departmental secretaries were elected: Sabbath school secretary, B. A. Scherr; home missionary secretary, B. A. Scherr; Y. P. M. V. secretary, K. L. Gant; educational secretary, K. L. Gant; medical secretary, Dr. J. F. Morse; and religious liberty secretary, R. S. Fries.

Everybody appreciated the wholesome and appetizing food served in the Oak Park Academy cafeteria by Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Klinger. Extensive writeups and sermon reports of stirring sermons delivered by Elders Branson, Nichol, Baker, Piper, Fries, Smith, and others appeared in the *Nevada Journal*, the *Des Moines Tribune*, and other city papers.

The tented city has again been wrapped up and stowed away. The sanitarium continues its good work on the hill with its efficient doctors and nurses. Near by the school bell of Oak Park Academy is being heard. Are all our own children in our own church schools? Money jingles in Harvest Ingathering cans and bills quietly slip on their way to mission lands. How many more camp meetings are to be held? The answer trembles upon the tongue of time. Let us all be faithful!

STEMPLE WHITE.

Still Opportunity

THERE is still opportunity to enroll at Oak Park Academy for this year. Will you be among those who enter within a few days and enjoy the privileges and blessings of a Christian education? Are you attending high school because you feel that you cannot come to Oak Park,

or because of indifference on your part? We earnestly invite you to give serious consideration to the words of inspiration as found in II Cor. 6:17: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." Many more of our Seventh-day Adventist youth could be in our schools if they really wanted to. Are you one of this class?

Dear parents, are you doing all that is within your power to give your children a Christian education? If not, then why not? Can you afford to gamble with the devil over the souls of your children? Think it over and pray earnestly for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our first day of school found forty-eight academic students present with others expected shortly. We were indeed sorry to learn that some who had planned for so long on being with us this year could not come. To you I would say, Don't give up. If you or your parents can get at least \$100 and you are willing to work faithfully, let us hear from you at once and we will endeavor to help you solve your problem of a Christian education. While we would like to see twice as many here, yet the blessing of the Lord or scholarship is not dependent upon numbers. Pray for the work of Oak Park Academy and that those young people who should come will come.

PAUL FORD.

Ingathering in Des Moines

THE Harvest Ingathering campaign has been launched in Des Moines. The writer, together with Elder C. H. Miller, held a Harvest Ingathering rally program in the church last Sabbath, and as a result the church board met and appointed district leaders to cover the city of Des Moines. Each district leader has the names of the members in his district, and will try and cover the territory and raise the quota as designated by the General Conference. The business section has been given to the direction of Mrs. N. F. Reed, and the band leaders are under the direction of Elder Miller and Brother Corkham.

In canvassing the business section in the first two days, two groups raised \$105. Miss Evelyn Davis approached one business man and in just a few minutes received a check of \$25. We were very much impressed with what one banker said as he handed Mrs. Reed a check for \$15. He stated that all the charity ought to be under the direction of the church instead of under the different organizations.

While the work is going slow, we are happy to report that we are getting money for the Harvest Ingathering, and we trust that all of our people will keep working until they reach their goal.

B. A. SCHERR.

Kansas Conference

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Greetings

THROUGH the medium of the REAPER I wish to extend my greetings to the members throughout our conference. It was indeed a privilege to meet in person so many on the camp ground, and I look forward to meeting others at churches visited.

I sincerely invite your suggestions and prayers as I unite my efforts with yours in the interests of God's work in this great field.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

President's Address

(Delivered at the Camp Meeting)

It is with a degree of joy that we are privileged once again to assemble ourselves in another conference session. These occasions mean much to the people of God as the troublous times are increasing. With fondest anticipation all of us have looked forward to this hour when again we may enjoy this yearly convocation.

Just seven years ago this last 3rd of August I came to Kansas as your president. Year after year you have trusted me with this highest office in the conference, and as my acquaintance among you grew, my friendship also increased; and today my love for Kansas far surpasses the interest I had on that first day. These seven short years have been freighted with many cares and perplexities, mingled with many joys and pleasantries. But now in harmony with the General Conference tenure of office this conference session terminates my eligibility for re-election.

In the choosing of your president and future executive, I hope he be chosen by mutual consideration and counsel with the local, union, and General representation present at this conference. The local conference president is not alone the presiding elder and chief executive over the churches that elected him through their delegation; he not alone stands as the leader of a constituency in a prescribed territory, but he is a chosen official in

the superior organization in this great cause. Therefore this particular officer and your chief executive must not only be acceptable to you delegates, but must equally be acceptable to other organizations in our work; viz., the union and General Conferences. The local conference president is a member, by virtue of his office, of the union conference committee, and sits on various committees and boards of institutions within the union. He is the connecting link between the General Conference president and the local church elder. He stands as the communicating agency of all messages sent from the highest officers to be delivered to the rank and file of this great people. However, these executives are not chosen to be lords over God's heritage. David, the greatest ruler among men, realized this when he recorded the following: "The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me. He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God, and he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain." II Sam. 23:3-4. So I trust that this delegation in counsel with union and General representatives will be led to the man whom heaven has appointed for this important office in your conference.

A Few Achievements

Seven years ago the conference operating fund was \$10,333 in arrears. On account of a decrease in tithe of almost 60% and the uncontrollable expense of the Wichita evangelistic effort in the winter of 1929 and 1930, amounting to \$7,800, we have never overcome this deficit in our operating fund.

The financial condition of the Association and school, however, is much improved. We all remember the financial struggle caused by the sanitarium at Wichita, the indebtedness of which increased until it reached the amount of \$105,000. After an untiring effort to keep the Kansas Sanitarium open by the support of the Kansas Conference, it was transferred to the Central Union Conference. However, even with this larger support and influence we found the institution losing ground. After this faithful endeavor, and being unable to meet its financial needs, and having the opportunity to sell the entire property, the board of management accepted it as an act of providence in successfully disposing of the financial responsibility resting so heavily upon them. It is now the property of Sedgewick County, being a

home and hospital for the aged and poor. By this transaction the debts of the institution were all paid and \$8,000 surplus applied on the indebtedness of the Enterprise Academy.

In 1926 the indebtedness of the Enterprise Academy amounted to \$27,355.09. This has been reduced \$20,848.19, so the present indebtedness stands at \$8,506.90.

In 1926 the Association indebtedness stood at \$51,421.41. Today it stands at \$34,551.99.

Evangelical

With a degree of joy do I point to the soul-saving work, which credit is due to the faithful ministers, church leaders, and lay-members of the conference. The good spirit prevailing throughout the conference has much to do in soul saving. During the four-year period of 1924 to 1927 there were added 761 souls to church fellowship by baptism and on profession of faith. During the five years from 1928 to 1932 we added 1,275 souls by baptism and profession of faith, or an average of 255 souls each year. The net gain of membership has constantly increased until today our membership stands at 2,746.

Our record shows that in 1920, with a tithe income of \$86,940, there were added to the church 142 by baptism and profession of faith; and in 1932, with a tithe income of \$32,031, there were added to the conference 269 souls—a gain of 127 souls with \$54,909 less income. This shows that God is not dependent on prosperous times and much money to gather His people and to finish His work. God does His most marvelous work at the time of great human difficulties.

Finances

The foremost perplexity came during the years of 1930 to 1933. In 1930 our tithe dropped \$14,000 over the previous year. Then we had another drop in 1931 of \$13,500, and again in 1932 another drop of \$7,781. It was difficult to operate on a balanced budget and do no injustice to long-experienced workers. After a number of committee meetings we met our level one year ago by greatly reducing the wages and expense allowance and making adjustment among workers.

It may be of interest to you delegates to note the way our mission funds have been sustained in relation to the tithe income. I will begin from the beginning of the present administration, which is the year 1926.

	Tithe	Missions	Per Cent
1926	\$62,786.56	\$39,359.72	60
1927	61,893.54	37,079.60	59
1928	63,654.24	40,165.21	63.1
1929	67,435.38	40,458.56	59.9
1930	53,436.34	37,595.38	70.5
1931	39,812.80	30,335.72	76.1
1932	32,031.63	24,028.90	75

With every dollar tithe paid, there was also 75 cents given for missions.

You notice that our offerings in relation to the tithe show much more favorably during the lean years than during the more prosperous years. Our offerings in 1932 were 15% better than for the year 1926.

During the past six years we have organized six new churches. During this same period we purchased, built, and rebuilt eleven church homes. Very nearly all of these are free from debt.

The Departments

On account of the general financial conditions our departmental work has been greatly weakened. No one person can carry three departments as efficiently as if this responsibility were more widely distributed. Neither is it practicable for the conference president to permanently carry a department with his many general duties. But circumstances forced us to carry on the work in the most strict financial economy, so some of the departmental work has suffered under the heavy work of the men carrying it.

I want to say a word in reference to our publishing department. If we could keep a dozen energetic, faithful, God-fearing men in this department selling this divinely chosen literature, they would be the forerunner of many a soul won for the kingdom. Shall we not pray for God to impress upon the hearts of men this kind of gospel ministry?

The changes since the beginning of 1933 give additional evidence that we are living in a day when movements are rapid and changes come suddenly. I look for a few favorable years to proclaim the message, nevertheless the present trend of prosperity will have its climax again. Wickdness and crime cannot be silenced by a purchasing value; it cannot be satisfied in dollars. Truth and righteousness have nothing in common with sin and unrighteousness. Lawlessness has swept over this fair earth until "judgment is turned away backward; and justice standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." But knowing the day of our visitation, let us improve the time, and walk honestly as in the day, witnessing for the Master until the day of our redemption.

C. S. WIEST.

Harvest Ingathering

I AM still out in the field and have received only a portion of my mail, so do not yet have the good reports and experiences from the various churches. In a short time we will make a list of all churches and companies in Kansas and send it to all church leaders. In this list we will show you how each church stands to date with Harvest Ingathering funds. It seemed best to give this notice to all so that all will have an opportunity to make an extra effort to show up properly on the list. May God bless all who take part. I have been having some blessed experiences from day to day.

E. H. MEYERS.

M. V. Rally

A MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER rally and youth's congress will be held at Oswego, Kans., from Friday night, September 29, to Sunday, October 1, for the young people of southeastern Kansas. An interesting program is being prepared. We desire to have as many young people attend as is possible. There will probably be groups from Galena, Columbus, Farrington, Girard, Ft. Scott, Chanute, Parsons, Thayer, Pittsburg, and Independence. Elder Gordon Smith, of the Central Union Conference, and A. M. Ragsdale, of the Kansas Conference, will conduct the meetings.

A. M. RAGSDALE.

Kansas Notes

ELDER J. F. PIPER spent one day at the office, September 7, at which time he met in counsel with the committee.

Elder A. H. Rulkoetter met with the Kansas City I church Sabbath, September 9.

Brother A. K. Phillips has two new colporteurs stationed at Columbus, Arthur Reed and E. L. Calkins. He reports that they are doing well. Three more new men will begin as soon as Brother Phillips can help them to get started. Brother Theodore Torkelson has written Brother Phillips as follows: "I have completed my eleven weeks' work and have a half scholarship, so my goal is reached and I am very happy over it."

Elder F. S. Chollar writes that the Wichita I church has already raised \$150 in the Harvest Ingathering.

Brother A. M. Ragsdale left for Enterprise Friday, September 15, to conduct the week of prayer services at the academy.

The Topeka I church held a Harvest Ingathering field day Tuesday, Septem-

ber 12, at which time members of the conference office force assisted.

The household goods of Elder and Mrs. Rulkoetter arrived Wednesday, September 13, and they are now nicely settled at 500 Horne Street.

Minnesota Conference

V. J. Johns, President
B. C. Marshall, Secretary
1854 Roblyn Ave. St. Paul

A New Worker

NEW to us and yet not new is Elder J. C. Christenson, for he was born and reared in Minnesota. His aged mother still lives on the old homestead out in Fergus Falls. We welcome Elder Christenson to our field as secretary of the home missionary and Sabbath school departments. Our Minnesota churches will enjoy his unbounding enthusiasm, his friendly smile, and his earnest Christian service. As you plan for aggressive soul-winning in your corner of this great state, write to Brother Christenson for suggestions. He will be glad to visit your church and help you in the greatest work ever entrusted to man.

V. J. JOHNS.

Missouri Conference

Charles Thompson, President
I. H. Harrison, Secretary
616 So. Second St. Clinton

A Good Report

LAST Wednesday our office was visited by three members of the chamber of commerce of Clinton. These men came voluntarily to express their thanks and the appreciation of the citizens of Clinton for the splendid camp meeting we held August 18-26, and the great benefit it was to their community. They were urgent in inviting us to hold our next meeting in their city, offering us any assistance within their power in making our coming worth while and the gathering successful. We feel pleased to know our meeting this year was thus gratifying to the city in which it was held.

Obituaries

RUSSELL.—Ona May Russell, nee Boggs, was born Dec. 8, 1866, at St. Clairsville, Ohio; and departed this life at the home of her son, Frank T. Russell, near Minatare, Neb., Monday Aug. 28.

She was united in marriage to Elder E. T. Russell at St. Clairsville, Aug. 20, 1889. Her husband, who preceded her in death, held executive positions in several local conferences, and was president of two union conferences. He was the first president of the Central Union Conference.

Under the able preaching of two pioneer ministers, Elders Underwood and Van Horn, Sister Russell was converted in early life to her Saviour, was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at the age of 17. She held firm to the gospel truths taught in the Bible and expounded by her church, and departed this life rejoicing in the blessed hope of the soon coming of Jesus Christ with power and great glory.

Sister Russell was a very patient sufferer. The malady that preyed upon her physical being constantly, reduced her strength until she became a helpless invalid; and yet she bore up bravely through it all. She wished to live, but was entirely resigned to God's will. Loving hands and loyal children did all they could in ministering to her needs in the last hours of her earthly pilgrimage here.

Surviving her are four children; Bessie Naomi Reid, Inez Russell, and Frank T. Russell of Minatare, Nebr., and Marjorie Russell Pulkrabek, of Glencoe, Minn., three brothers, two sisters and ten grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Williard Wentland, in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Minatare. Interment was in the Minatare cemetery. ROSCOE T. BAER.

COOPER.—Susan S. Cooper, nee Holmes, was born at Smelzer, Wis., Sept. 6, 1859, and died Sept. 6, 1933. Feb. 28, 1878, she was married to Marshall T. Cooper. To this union were born eight children, four of whom survive.

In 1897 she became interested in the truths of the Seventh-day Adventists, and identified herself with them, joining the Dubuque, Iowa, church.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. Interment was in the Dubuque, Iowa, cemetery. T. H. JEYS.

SWEENEY.—Helen Agnes Sweeney was born in Minnesota March 28, 1888, and died at St. Mary's Hospital, Duluth, May 31, 1933. She is survived by her husband, John M. Sweeney, one son, Burton, and one daughter, Margaret; her mother, Mrs. Hattie W. Hartley, all of Duluth; three brothers, Willard, Milwaukee, Earl and Clinton, Duluth.

A. H. HAYSMER.

SHEPHERDSON.—William VanPelt Shepherdson was born in Lexington, Ky., March 7, 1860, and passed away Sept. 4, 1933. His early life was spent in Jefferson County, Kentucky. May 22, 1888, he was united in marriage with Miss Ida Jenkins, of West Point, Ky. Two children blessed this union, Ouida, now Mrs. Charles M. LaRue, and Dr. Lloyd Shepherdson. The family lived in Louisville, except for five years spent in Central

America. For the past seventeen years Dr. Shepherdson and his wife have made their home in Minneapolis. About two years ago he was baptized and joined the Seventh-day Adventist church, and has been happy in the Lord's work. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Elder L. E. Niermeyer.

V. J. JOHNS.

BOSS.—Amanda L. Boss was born at Decatur, Ill., July 13, 1858, and passed away Sept. 4, 1933. Sister Boss had lived in Kansas City, Kans., 45 years, and had been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church 35 years.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur Boss, one daughter, Mrs. Grace Hird, one son, Archie T. Stephenson, two step sons, Clyde H. Boss, and Ralph M. Boss, and one granddaughter, Helen Frances Hird.

Funeral services were conducted by R. E. Griffin, assisted by F. C. Clark.

R. E. GRIFFIN.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 9, 1933

	Book	Hours	Sales	Total
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Secretary				
*E. C. Aaby	OD	50	1.00	
W. A. Burton	BR	43	158.25	
Eliz. Crawford	RJ	27	7.50	
T. F. Helt	BR	18	5.75	
W. E. Helt	BR	29	12.50	
Sallie Halmes	RJ	21	17.45	
Georgia Kemp	HP	9	.25	
Alex. Kohltfarber	OD	9	7.25	
Mrs. Lola Love	BR	21	27.75	
Floyd Mathews	BR	47	94.50	
John Sessor	BR	27	43.50	
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	40	38.75	
Mrs. A. F. Meyers	Mag	25	10.90	
Mr. & Mrs. Murray	Mag	16	20.00	
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	Mag	13	6.00	
Della Rice	Mag	22	17.90	
Mrs. C. E. Stanley	Mag	3	1.00	
Mrs. V. Warner	Mag	3	1.10	
Total		423	471.35	

MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Secretary				
*Karl A. Evenson	BR	62	156.00	
B. O. Engen	Misc	43	13.30	
H. A. Hanson	BPS	34	23.25	
Tessie Aeling	RJ	33	4.50	
Francis Crofoot	HW	31	25.75	
Dorothy Boyko	RJ	15	5.50	
Grace D. Shumway	RJ	21 1/2	12.00	
Nina Magnuson	BR	15 1/2	18.60	
Mrs. M. Ludvigson	RJ	1	.50	
Clara G. Rust	Mag	41 1/2	10.30	
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag	35 1/2	9.70	
Mrs. Viola Boehrig	Mag	33	9.90	
E. Dufstrom	Mag	22 1/2	5.00	
Mrs. Ida Johnson	Mag	10	2.00	
Patricia C. Liers	Mag	7	6.20	
Total		405 1/2	302.00	

KANSAS: A. K. Phillips, Secretary				
E. L. Calkins	RJ	51	8.00	
Mrs. J. Gardner	Mag	20	20.50	
Ruth Gardner	Mag	20	13.90	
J. T. North	GC	25	76.25	
Arthur L. Reed	RJ	46	34.00	
Annabell Rumpf	Mag	20	8.30	
Theo. R. Torkelson	BR	40	27.50	
Total		222	139.20	

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Secretary			
J. W. Simmons	RJ	30	36.00
H. G. Biggers	Misc	22	21.00
Florence Maurath	RJ	9	16.60
Ruby Guishard	Mag	40	13.00
R. A. Gibson	RJ	28	12.25
E. R. M. Cox	OD	25	6.75
Elva G. Wilcox	Mag	27	6.50
Clarence Wiltse	RJ	21	6.25
H. G. Biggers	Misc	14	6.00
E. W. Frederickson	RJ	28	5.25
Raymond Hircok	OT		2.50
Anna Will	Mag	2	1.40
Total		246	133.50

NORTH DAKOTA: C. A. Edwards, Sec.			
Pearl Briggs	RJ	5	3.75
Frank Christy	DR	10	4.75
Phillip Kabanuk	HP	34	70.70
John Meckler	OD	1	4.75
F. Arthur Wheeler	RJ	46	12.20
Total		96	96.15

COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Secretary			
Mrs. P. Jenkins	BR	20	4.75
H. E. Looker	RJ	43	17.00
Mrs. S. McGrew	HW	17	2.75
Mrs. L. Storey	HW	6	3.75
Home Workers	Mag		2.50
Miss Halvorsen	Mag		2.50
Daisy Jones	Mag	40	5.00
Greta Nelson	Mag	11	1.80
Total		187	92.05

WYOMING MISSION: Henry Preston, Sec.			
Henry Preston	DR HW	21	47.00
J. D. Springer	DR		6.25
Orpha Edgerton	Mag	30	3.80
Misc.		2	.20
Total		53	57.25
Grand Total		1,632 1/2	1,291.50

*Two week's report.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED.—Representatives for our health foods, used by Union College. Jern Nature Foods Co., 4800 Pioneer Boulevard, Lincoln, Nebr. 32x

FOR SALE.—Twenty acres of land, part in alfalfa. Two good houses, hay barn, cow barn, other buildings. Two good cisterns, two cellars, three young orchards, apples, peaches, apricots, plums, concord grapes, raspberries and strawberries. It is two miles from Rifle, near church and ten grade school in S. D. A. village. Good soil. First water rite. George W. Winn, Route 2, Rifle, Colo. 36-8

WANTED.—Four strong men for topping beets. \$1.00 a day and board. About twenty days' work. Start Sept. 18. Nels Larsen, Rt. 2, Crookston, Minn.

WANTED.—Work caring for invalid or other work among Seventh-day Adventists. Iowa preferred. Miss Edna S. Jensen, General Delivery, Lake City, Iowa.

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, September 22

Denver, Colorado	5:58
Des Moines, Iowa	6:12
Topeka, Kansas	6:21
St. Paul, Minnesota	6:11
Jefferson City, Missouri	6:07
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:25
Bismarck, North Dakota	6:41
Pierre, South Dakota	6:44
Casper, Wyoming	6:06

Used Bible Texts Wanted

OUR mission schools in the tropics have special problems with their books because of climatic conditions and tropical insects. These can be remedied by re-binding in insect, mildew, and water-proof covers and formaldehyde treatment, hence we wish to secure a good supply of worn Bible texts and readers to be re-bound to meet these conditions. Even extremely delapidated books can be used to supply missing pages in other books. We have an inquiry from Professor W. L. Adams, Balboa, C. Z. Panama, asking if we can secure books for the Inter-American Division economically. If you can help us fill this need, write us a card and we shall arrange to get them.

BOOK BINDERY, BETHEL ACADEMY,

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Special Number of "Good News" Series

A SPECIAL number of the new tract series, "Good News," has been prepared featuring "A Century of Progress." In keeping with the distinctive "Good News" style, the front cover of this special issue is entirely pictorial. It illustrates the contrast of the last hundred years in the development of the railroad locomotive, printing press, architecture, etc. Many of the pictures used are official Century of Progress photographs.

The center spread is devoted to an article entitled, "The Century of Marvels,—Why should the greatest inventions and scientific achievements of all time come into being in this brief period of man's history?"

The article describes the fair, shows this increase of knowledge is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy, a sign of the soon second coming of Christ, that these inventions have come about to help quickly carry the gospel to all the world, that God has called a people to accomplish this great task, and also shows from Bible prophecy that Seventh-day Adventists, themselves a product of this "Century of Progress," since there was not a people known as Seventh-day Adventists 100 years ago, are the people God has chosen to do this work. This is followed by a resume of our worldwide work today and the article is concluded with a strong appeal to be ready to meet Jesus when he comes.

A Bible study is on page four, entitled, "As the Bible Sees 'A Century of Progress.'" Space is left at the bottom of page four for printing or stamping an invitation to meetings or for more literature.

Every church should thoroughly and systematically distribute this special issue of "Good News" to every home in its territory. This Century of Progress number of "Good News" can well be distributed in connection with the Ingathering campaign, as the Ingathering paper is given out. Or it may be used by the singing bands where the territory will be covered later by individual solicitors with the Ingathering *Watchman*.

"Good News" is only \$3.50 a thousand. A sample copy of this special issue will be mailed gladly to each church elder or missionary secretary who wishes a copy to present the plan to his church. Place all orders through your Book and Bible House.

G. A. HUSE.

The Best for Boys and Girls

FOR the 100,000 boys and girls who read *Our Little Friend* a very fine program of educational stories is coming. At any time that you might meet with Elder Ernest Lloyd, the editor, you are inspired with plans he and his corps of writers are making. Here are the serials scheduled for the autumn months:

"The Wonderful Bamboo and Its Uses," by Bertha Shanks Chaney.

"Uncle Jerry's Health Club," by Helen Lake.

"The Childhood Days of Great Artists," by Helen Grauman.

"Ten Little Black Things," African stories, by Mrs. Leonard Lane, of London, England.

"My Cat and Dog," by Madge Haines Morrell.

Every Seventh-day Adventist boy and

girl should have *Our Little Friend*. And in many other homes parents are eager to place character building literature in the hands of their children. We should tell them about *Our Little Friend*. There is nothing better.

In non-Adventist homes, as well as our own, *Our Little Friend* may have an unlimited field for service. Many of our church members are now including it in their plans, and introducing it to parents they are visiting. This is a fine move, one that should be encouraged everywhere.

World's Fair "Watchman"

To assist our people in taking advantage of the vital truths for this time, the August *Watchman* presents a most attractive appeal. No effort has been spared, from the specially designed cover illustration through to the back cover, to make this issue of the *Watchman* an appealing soul-winning number. It presents the Century of Progress Exposition in its true light—this generation's greatest fulfillment of Daniel 12:4.

In addition to the feature articles directly applying the events and facts of the Fair to Bible prophecy, there has been added an extra four-page pictorial supplement, displaying in all thirty-nine official artistic pictures of the fair. This supplement is so placed in the magazine that it may be easily removed and kept as a souvenir.

Every Seventh-day Adventist will want to order and sell from ten to a thousand of this number. It is not dated on the cover, so it may be sold during the entire period of the fair. The retail price is now only 10 cents a copy. Yet in lots of ten or more copies coming to one address you may get them at the extremely low cost of only four cents a copy. The profit thus earned affords an excellent opportunity to raise your mission offerings or church expenses. Place your order with your church missionary secretary or the Book and Bible House.

L. L. SKINNER.

IF circumstances beyond your control hinder your attending a resident school, then it may be that the Lord has some other plan for you. Perhaps it is His plan for you to remain at home for the present and take several courses under the guidance of the Home Study Institute.

A request will bring our calendar to you, with full information as to studies, tuition fees, and credits for each course.

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