

# Central Union Reaper

Official Organ of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

VOLUME VII

COLLEGE VIEW, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, FEBRUARY 1, 1938

No. 5

## United Effort Necessary for 1938

By R. J. CHRISTIAN

Central Union H. M. Secretary

THE annual *Signs of the Times* campaign opens February 5 throughout the North American Division. We of the Central Union are vitally concerned with the campaign this year. I feel confident that the conviction is deepseated in the hearts of all that the time has definitely arrived when we must arise to finish the work that has been assigned to us.

We are told, "Were every one of you a living missionary, the message for this time would speedily be proclaimed in all countries to every people and nation and tongue."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 438. "The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given to us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them."—*Ibid.*, Vol. IX, p. 19. "The work of

God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with ministers and church officers."—*Ibid.*, p. 117.

As we approach the time of the annual *Signs of the Times* campaign, let us individually give careful consideration to our responsibility in the winning of our many friends and those whom we meet day by day. What better medium do we have than that provided through the pages of the *Signs*

of the *Times*? The editor of *Signs of the Times* assures us that its editorial policies will keep the magazine up-to-the-minute in the presentation of prophecy fulfilled and fulfilling in our day. That the *Signs of the Times* is eminently fitted to win souls in our particular fields and communities is testified to by the large number of people accepting the truth each year through the reading of this splendid prophetic weekly.

During this *Signs of the Times* campaign let us do our utmost to increase the circulation of the *Signs of the Times* that through the reading of its pages many hundreds may accept the truth. Can we not have as our slogan this year, "Ere it is too late, win them through the *Signs* in 1938"?

## Periodical Is Peerless in Ministry

By STEEN RASMUSSEN

Secretary, General Conference Home Missionary Department

ACCORDING to the reports presented by the statistical secretary of the General Conference at the Autumn Council of 1937, there are in North America 161,271 Seventh-day Adventists, and throughout the world 438,139. These believers are not scattered over North America and over the world by chance, because the Lord has planned that "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations" before the end comes.

We are definitely told that the Lord has His eye upon every one of His people and that He has His plans concerning each. "The Lord now calls upon Seventh-day Adventists in every locality to consecrate themselves to Him, and to do their very best, according to their circumstances, to assist in His work."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 132.

What is the work in which God requires the assistance of every Seventh-day Adventist? We have been told that the publications sent forth from our printing houses are to prepare a people to meet God. "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the

Scriptures."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 80.

Literature is one of the most wonderful agencies of God for extending the message of a soon-coming Saviour into all the world. Marvelous are the results of transforming power of the gospel message in printed form. Thousands of people now rejoicing as members of God's remnant people owe their acquaintance with the great fundamental truths of the Bible to their reading of our periodicals such as the *Signs of the Times*.

The blessed ministry and influence of this pioneer missionary periodical will never be known in this life. In the kingdom to come there will be a host of people who will have words of gratitude and praise to express because someone placed the *Signs* in their hands.

Throughout its many years of service the *Signs* has kept true to its soul-winning objectives. We believe that as an exponent of the great fundamentals of the last message of warning and salvation it is without a peer. It should enjoy a circulation far in advance of its

(Continued on page eight)

### A SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER

To be a Sabbath school worker does not mean simply to meet all of the outward requirements of being punctual, or regular, or willing to do just what you are asked to do, and to study your lesson every day, to give liberally of your means.

"Our teachers need to be converted men and women who know what it means to wrestle with God, who will not be at rest until the hearts of the children are tuned to love, praise, and glorify God. Who will be earnest workers for souls in our Sabbath-schools? Who will take the youth separately, and talk and pray with them, and make personal appeals to them, beseeching them to yield their heart to Jesus?"—*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, p. 15.

We would have many more of our youth as good members of the church if more of this kind of work was done.

J. F. Piper.



## Workers in Harvest Are Needed

By J. F. PIPER

President, Central Union Conference

"HE SAID to His disciples, the harvest is abundant, but the reapers are few; therefore entreat the owner of the harvest to send out reapers into His fields." Matthew 9:37, Weymouth's New Testament, modern speech.

There are seventy-six ordained and licensed preachers in the five states of the Central Union Conference devoting all their time to gospel work.

If the people of Colorado were equally divided among the twenty-five ordained and licensed ministers of that state, there would be practically 50,000 people for each Seventh-day Adventist preacher to approach with the message God has given to us. For the sixteen ministers of Kansas Conference, there would be 117,500 people for each minister to meet with the message. Missouri's sixteen workers would have 226,835 people to be responsible for. The fourteen ministers in Nebraska would each have 98,500 people to whom they should bring the message. Our five ministers in Wyoming would each have 45,100 people to warn.

You can readily see that it would be quite impossible for each of these ministers to give to such a multitude

the message of a crucified and soon-coming Saviour, with all the truths of the third angel's message to prepare people for heaven. So there is another provision made to carry the message to these millions of people of the Central Union with but little effort.

One of the most successful ways to give them the full message is to send them the *Signs of the Times* for three months, six months, or a year. Sending this wonderful paper to the home address of five or ten people would make no special burden upon anyone. What joy it would bring to know that some to whom you had sent the paper had accepted the truth!

If the fourteen thousand Seventh-day Adventists of the Central Union would pay for just two *Signs* per year, what great possibilities there would be of large numbers being brought into the truth. Special prices are allowed on *Signs* subscriptions during February. Speak to your missionary secretary, and order a subscription for your own home, and one or more for some relative or interested neighbor. Do it now while you have it in mind.

## Prophetic Weekly Good Medium

By R. E. BOWLES

Omaha Branch, Pacific Press Publishing Association

SOME months ago a gentleman came into our office to inquire if we are the same Pacific Press that prints the *Signs of the Times*. Assured that we are, he told us that the paper appealed to him and that he would like to send it to others. He had been a constant reader for many years, and he was in harmony with its teachings. In a few months' time he purchased books and subscriptions to the *Signs* totaling nearly three thousand dollars. He was not a man of wealth, but he felt that his money could be invested in nothing better than in bringing the truths contained in the *Signs* to others.

This man's conception of the value of the *Signs* gives the publishers courage to carry on with the same high standard that has marked the *Signs* from the beginning. There are good magazines in the world today, but that is

not enough. We must bring to people something that is out of the ordinary, something that will prepare them for the troublous times in which we live. This is the sincere desire of the publishers. Confidence in the *Signs of the Times* is growing throughout the field. Its weekly visits are found to break down prejudice and establish in the mind of the reader a desire to know more concerning world conditions in the light of Bible prophecy.

It is a source of satisfaction to know that, in spite of the increased cost in the price of material and workmanship, the publishers have made no advance in the price to the field. Thus our dollar has the same purchasing power that it has had in years previous. We believe that the church members in the Central Union are going to take advantage of this fact and invest as never before.

Two for \$2

**DID YOU KNOW** that you can have two wonderful journals, the "*Signs of the Times*" and "*Health*," for a whole year for only \$2? (\$3 outside the United States.)

**DID YOU KNOW** that these can be sent to one address or to two separate addresses just as you may choose?

**DID YOU KNOW** that the "*Signs of the Times*" is our foremost missionary periodical?

**DID YOU KNOW** that "*Health*" is a most beautiful, four-color-cover magazine, brimful of the Adventist message on diet, hydrotherapy, and other phases of healthful living?

**DID YOU KNOW** that at this time of the year when tens of thousands of "*Signs*" subscriptions are being taken it is a splendid time to combine your order with "*Health*" and get the two at a saving of \$1? (The list price is regularly \$3.)

**DID YOU KNOW** that if you will send two \$1 bills (or your check for \$2) to your Book and Bible House today, together with the address or addresses you want the magazines to go to, very soon these two great journals will be bringing their message into your home or into the homes of your friends?

"Those who seek to be conscience for their fellow men, place themselves above God."

### Central Union Reaper

Official Organ of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

VOL. VII FEBRUARY 1, 1938 No. 5

MRS. HARRY C. TURNER . . . EDITOR

Published weekly by the Central Union Conference at College View Station, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Entered as second-class matter June 6, 1911, at the post office at Lincoln, Nebraska, under the Act of Congress of March 8, postage provided for in section 1103, Act 1870.

Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in section 1103, Act of October 8, 1917, authorized August 20, 1920.

Subscription price, fifty cents a year. All checks and money orders should be made payable to the Central Union Reaper.

Both old and new addresses should be given when a change is requested.

All copy for publication should reach the Reaper office by Thursday preceding the date of the issue.



# 1937 Highlights Are Encouraging

By J. R. FERREN

Pacific Press Periodical Department

THE story of the *Signs of the Times* and its ministry for souls during another year can never be fully told until eternity's records are opened. The editors know of the hours and days with articles and pictures and reports sent in for publication, and with all the editorials, news, and comments. The linotype operators will not forget the many days they have sat at their machines putting this copy into type. In the pressroom two large presses have been kept running almost full time to get ready the large edition necessary to supply papers for the mailing list of clubs and singles. This has averaged more than 70,000 copies a week throughout the year.

It is an interesting fact that these presses have transformed more than 160 tons of beautiful, fresh, white sheets of paper into messengers of truth and light in the form of the *Signs of the Times*. It took nine large freight carloads of paper for the *Signs* during the year—a car every six weeks.

More interesting, however, is the work our people and churches are doing in distributing these transformed sheets of paper to those who need their messages of mercy and truth. On Sabbath morning you see the church missionary secretary in the church quietly passing among her associate members, giving to this member five *Signs*; to another, ten; to another, two. During the week these members go to non-Adventist families with them. Into the missionary services from time to time they bring their interesting reports. A portion of the club of papers is probably used by the mailing band. These are sent out in the good old-fashioned way, accompanied by letters written by various ones. The correspondence band, the home Bible study league, or whatever group is in charge of the mailing, finds that the *Signs* arouses interest. The letters they get in response thrill the members and others privileged to hear them.

Only eternity's records, we say, will ever fully tell the story.

## East to West

Before me is a torn cover page from the November 20 *Signs*. A nicely written letter from a lady in Westfield, Massachusetts, accompanies it. She says that she has found part of a copy of this paper on the street. She is so impressed with what she could read that

she is anxious to have a complete copy of the *Signs* and expects to subscribe.

In a North Dakota home a few months ago the parents were called upon to lay away in death a beloved fifteen-year-old daughter. Just after that, the father now writes, while they were in deep sorrow, the *Signs of the Times* began coming to their home. "It has been a lot of help to Mrs. S. and myself," he says, "and we look forward to its coming each week." He is anxious to thank whoever sent them the paper.



Don Ignacio Ortega and daughter.

The *Signs of the Times* was sent this past year to friends in Chicago by a lady in Iowa. It has changed their whole attitude toward Seventh-day Adventists, she writes. Visiting them recently, she found them enthusiastic about the *Signs*. Even their meals, they told her, are now free from pork, hamburger, and other things they had learned to discard.

The manager of a large power company in a Midwest city was sarcastic and bitter toward our church work two years ago when a local worker called on him for a Harvest Ingathering offering. After a short visit the minister offered

to send him some literature, including the *Signs*, which went for a year. This year when he called on this businessman again he found him very friendly. The manager had enjoyed the *Signs* so much that he had greatly missed it when it stopped coming. Said that he had been passing it on to others; that he had also purchased a number of our Crisis Series books.

In Salt Lake City a leading businessman, high in the circles of the Mormon church, had subscribed for the *Signs* and was receiving it at the time of the visit of one of our brethren during Harvest Ingathering. He gladly gave five dollars because of his appreciation.

## North to South

A retired Army captain in Alaska, there because he saw trouble brewing in the States, told Elder H. L. Wood, superintendent of the Alaska Mission, that he reads the *Signs* with great interest, and sends it around to five neighbors in his vicinity. He likes its explanations of what is taking place in the world.

And from Elder C. E. Moon, superintendent of the Gulf Mission in Mexico, comes the accompanying picture of Don Ignacio Ortega and his daughter, who, he says, are regular readers of the *Signs*, deeply interested in the truth, but not as yet baptized. Ortega, now a rich cattleman, was the owner of the stage line between Batipela and Chihuahua in 1910, when the notorious Pancho Villa held up his stage and took it from him.

## Facing Ahead

The *Signs* News Sheet to be passed out to every family contains more of them. Everything is in readiness for a great *Signs of the Times* campaign during the weeks of February set apart for it. Conference officials, ministers, church leaders, and all are anxious to see thousands more non-Adventist families added to the lists of *Signs* readers during 1938.

Some of the clouds looming upon last year's world horizon which called for more *Signs of the Times* have since then brought storms in various parts of the world. While the outlook for 1938 doesn't suggest more peace and easier times, it offers mighty opportunities for service, and the very conditions call more definitely for the message of the *Signs of the Times*.

We are most earnestly working and praying at the *Signs* office that the Lord may enlarge our visions and so direct the energies here and in the field that His plans may be met in every church in carrying out a program with the *Signs* that will mean that many more thousands of people will receive its saving message during 1938.



### SIGNS OF SERVICE

WE KNOW comparatively little of the results of the work of the *Signs*. We do learn of many encouraging results here, but only in heaven will the true and full story be told. We do learn of experiences now and then which are a sign of what the *Signs* is doing.

A colporteur gave a lady a single copy of the *Signs*. She later ordered a book, stating that she thought the paper was a good sign that the book would be all right.

A Wyoming colporteur one day recently was stopped on the street by a lady. She said she saw a copy of a magazine he had left at someone's house. She didn't remember the name of the paper. When the colporteur asked "*Signs of the Times*?" she said, "Yes. That is the best paper I ever read, and I want to subscribe for it."

Just last week I helped to prepare a lady for baptism who first read the *Signs*. It has been my privilege to study with several *Signs* readers this last year. Several more are corresponding with us.

Let us swell the *Signs* list of subscriptions. The *Signs* is just about the lowest priced literature we have, considering the amount of reading material, and the host of illustrations, contained in a yearly subscription. It comes each week and is current enough to hold the attention at once. Anyhow, people everywhere really read the *Signs*. Let us swell the list of readers.

E. H. MEYERS,

Superintendent, Wyoming Mission.

### SILENT MESSENGERS

WE ARE informed in Revelation 18:1 that at the proper time an angel is to descend from heaven, clothed with wonderful light and power, to unite his voice with the third angel in proclaiming the fall of Babylon. In connection with this announcement a call is issued to God's people to come out of Babylon before the seven last plagues fall.

It will be literally impossible for the living preacher to visit the millions of earth personally to warn them, but there is a silent messenger called the *Signs of the Times*, the denominational missionary magazine, through which the announcement of the fall of Babylon is being made. The call is being given to the honest in heart to take their stand upon the commandments of God under the blood-stained banner of Prince Immanuel, uniting their efforts with the remnant church to prepare the world for the second coming of our Redeemer.

During the month of February all our

churches are being called upon to cooperate in rolling up the largest subscription list ever sent in by the conference for the *Signs of the Times*. I am sure you all will be ready to help us find the honest in heart through this agency, that the thousands in our cities and those scattered over the vast plains of our conference will have the opportunity of knowing the truth and deciding intelligently on the right side.

T. B. WESTBROOK,

President, Kansas Conference.

### THE "SIGNS"

THE *Signs of the Times* magazine has been established by God to disseminate the light of truth for these last days of earth's history. The world is fast going down to ruin; souls are being lost because of our delay in reaching them with the light. Surely it is high time that we use every available means of saving those who still have the opportunity of turning to the Lord.

The first issue of the *Signs* was published June 4, 1874. Through the many years that have followed that date, the Lord has been winning thousands of men and women to the message of salvation through the influence of the *Signs*. Surely here in Nebraska it would mean much in the finishing of the work in this great state if we could have a large subscription list for 1938.

The conference committee has been and is laying plans for a strong evangelistic, soul-winning campaign, and we plan to hold as many efforts as possible. However, when you send the *Signs* to a home each week, doubtless there will be more sermons preached and more Bible studies given in that home than would be possible in any other way.

I hope you will give serious consideration to taking as many subscriptions as possible. We believe the Lord will bless abundantly your efforts. Would you not rejoice if at the end of 1938 you had won someone to the Lord through your sacrifice? Send the *Signs*!

O. T. GARNER,

President, Nebraska Conference.

### SOUL WINNING

GOD has given to this people the task of winning thousands to the truth during the closing days of this world's history. It is a wonderful thing that in God's providence the *Signs of the Times* is published.

Some years ago, I received a letter from the Pacific Press Publishing Association stating that in a certain field a man had written that he was keep-

ing the Sabbath. We had no church within forty miles of the town where he lived; so I made a special trip to visit him. I found that he was a section foreman and was out working. I walked up the railroad track until I found a group of men. I introduced myself to the foreman and stated that I was a Seventh-day Adventist minister. He was so happy that he threw both his arms around me and said, "I want you to know that I love Seventh-day Adventists." He told me that he was keeping the Sabbath and was doing the best he could to interest other neighbors and friends. His brother in a far-off state had been sending the *Signs of the Times* to him for nine years.

If you have been sending the *Signs* to a relative or friend one year, be sure to do it again next year, because we will never know until the judgment day the influence of these good papers.

We want every member in every church to do his best in this year's *Signs of the Times* campaign.

V. G. ANDERSON,

President, Colorado Conference.

### AN OZARK READER

WHAT IS the influence of the *Signs of the Times*? Are people really brought into the church by this prophetic journal? A letter just received in our office answers the question most satisfactorily.

"I want you and the Seventh-day Adventist people to know that I have been receiving the God-sent *Signs of the Times*, which is as welcome in our home as the Bible. I cannot express how I appreciate this wonderful *Signs of the Times*. The longer it comes to our little hill farm home, the stronger it makes me in the Seventh-day Adventist faith. I got in touch with this above address three years ago and asked for the *Signs of the Times* to be sent to me free of charge, as we are very poor folk. I have been receiving it weekly for three years.

"I want the dear Seventh-day Adventists to know that I would be lost and lonesome without this wonderful paper. I want them to know further, even if they do not hear from people like us here in the hills, that sending those Seventh-day Adventist papers free of charge is doing good. I love to read them. They brighten the pathway for me, and give me a new hope. I also pass them on to others who I think will be interested in them. I gave a large roll of them to a member of the Methodist church some time



ago. She says she loves to read *Signs of the Times*. I have a large bunch on hand at present and am going to send them to a friend.

"You good people are doing worlds of good in every way, foreign and home work. If you don't hear often from us who receive the wonderful papers and literature, do not think that they are not doing good. For they are! How could they but do good? The *Signs* keeps one who reads it in touch with things he should know these latter days. It warns us of the nearness of the second coming of Christ. My greatest desire is that I will soon be among Seventh-day Adventist people and be one of them. I am asking the prayers of those good people who are real, true Christians of that faith."

We plan to hold some meetings in the town where this lady lives, and no doubt she will soon be one of us. It pays to circulate the *Signs*. Let us give away more of them. The investment will bring rich dividends.

E. L. BRANSON,

President, Missouri Conference.

### SOUL WINNING

"Now I have told you before it came to pass." These words of Christ reveal the secret of the absolute confidence and the entire rest and calm in the soul and attitude of Christ as He walked among men and met both foe and friend. He knew the future because He had searched the scrolls of the prophets. He had identified Himself and His mission in the divine blueprint of God. He knew where He was going; He knew what He was doing, because He took time to wait upon God.

An understanding of the future is what makes the Adventist people the head and not the tail in the spiritual leadership of our world. Any and all can read and teach history. Prophecy fulfilled becomes history. That is common property. Our distinctive field is in the prophetic gift. The prophetic gift is manifested not only through a living prophet but also in correctly understanding and interpreting written prophecy.

"Before it come to pass" gives the value to our message of the coming of Christ. After it come to pass will be too late. Before it come to pass—let us warn the world of the coming of the blessed Lord; let us warn the world of the seven last plagues; let us tell of Armageddon. The *Signs of the Times* holds a unique place in God's providence for warning the world of coming events and the end of all things. Soon it will be too late.

Let us seriously push the *Signs* campaign. What joy it will be to meet Christ and the redeemed after having done our duty in this valley and shadow of death. At least two subscriptions per member is the goal. That is not too much, because the price is greatly reduced for club rates. One can take subscriptions from friends if he is unable to pay personally.

The *Signs of the Times* correctly interprets prophecy, makes missionary endeavor fruitful. Circulate it far and near. The Lord bless all in this great soul-winning endeavor.

A. E. HAGEN,  
Nebraska, H. M. Secretary.

### MORE SIGNS, MORE SOULS

THAT the *Signs* makes friends and wins souls has been proved so many times that the saying "More signs, more souls" is justifiable.

In one corner of Missouri a hard-working brother called for some literature. Many kinds came, but we sorted and used the best. I added a bundle of *Signs* that I had gathered, and these also were given out. As people read, many questions arose. Bible readings followed. Then a short series of meetings was held, and nine souls were baptized. We have sixteen members there now, almost that many more interested and reading, and a call for a church building.

A teacher called for help. Since this could not be given he went into still more aggressive work, and now he reports an interest that has grown beyond his ability to handle, with four requesting baptism. Wherever the *Signs* is used we see signs of an awakening spiritual life. When the personal touch is added, the response is quickened and the harvest greater.

F. E. THOMPSON,  
Missouri, H. M. Secretary.

### TODAY'S MEANING

What do these things mean?

THESE words are on every lip today? Everybody is ready to listen to someone who knows something about our time. The great men of the nations do not know. Kings, emperors, presidents, dictators, statesmen, and educators have no solution. Right here we introduce the *Signs of the Times*. H. L. Mencken, the noted *American Mercury* editor, says: "The Seventh-day Adventist brethren, alone among the divines of the country, have something to say officially, . . . and what they have to say is singularly clear and simple." Our periodicals, among which the *Signs* leads, are read by editors, statesmen, businessmen, and all classes of people.

The *Signs* is making a profound impression upon thousands every day. It answers the question "What do these things mean?"

This year, during the special campaign, many hundreds of friends and businessmen ought to get the *Signs*. Why not compliment with a year's subscription those who contributed five dollars or more to the Harvest Ingathering?

After providing a number of businessmen with the *Signs* for some time, one church in Kansas visited them at the time the club was made in the church, and almost without exception these men gladly paid for their own copy for that year. So the church members were free to provide other names for the following year. Thus the work may be expanded.

Kansas is going forward in faith that every church will increase its *Signs* list in 1938. The *Signs* is a great Win-One aid.

H. WENTLAND,  
Kansas, H. M. Secretary.

### AMONG ALL CLASSES

THE *Signs of the Times* is a soul winner of the highest type. There is not a day that requests do not come to the office for reading material of this kind. Some of these requests are followed up by the local churches and some direct by the conference office. Each request is a signal that a soul is seeking for light and truth. The *Signs* carries the message of hope and peace for which the soul is hungering and thirsting.

Hundreds of *Signs* should go to the businessmen who contribute to our Ingathering work each year. Much good can be done by sending them the *Signs* or delivering it to them personally each week. In Colorado the *Signs* is appreciated by men and women in high positions and those in ordinary walks of life. A copy left on the doorstep of a certain house in Boulder was read by the housewife. She became interested and sent her name to the local conference office. We sent her name to the church missionary leader, and he, in turn, began giving Bible studies. As a result, that woman became a member of the church. She immediately began giving Bible studies to her neighbor, who also is now a member of the church.

The *Signs* is a soul winner among all classes of people. May our 2,800 subscriptions, the goal for Colorado, be the means of winning many precious jewels for the Lord in 1938.

L. G. JORGENSEN,  
Colorado, H. M. Secretary.





# The CHALLENGE

*Fresh Evidence of the Approach*

*British battleships plow through raging seas in the Mediterranean, where England is holding fast her "life line" to India and Australia.*

INTERNATIONAL



AS WE enter the shadowed portals of 1938 we all know in our hearts that we have begun to live in a great new time, in a period of history more tense, more perilous than ever, and pregnant with terrific possibilities.

The stupendous happenings of the past few months have not only changed the face of the earth, the map of the world, and the destiny of untold millions; they have altered the balance of power, turned the course of political thinking into new and unexpected channels, uprooted a thousand ancient landmarks, and set mankind adrift again upon a wild, uncharted sea.

"There has been a huge transformation of all former proportions and values in world affairs," writes that veteran author and editor, J. L. Garvin. "A new epoch has opened. We must be guided by a new sense of relativity; and let us see well to it that we are so guided in time."

There was a time when men were paramously concerned with the fate of Austria and Czechoslovakia and the Free City of Danzig. Hungary made headlines, as did the Tyrol and the Balkans. But all these dangerous issues—even the Spanish civil war and the problems of Palestine—have shrunk into insignificance before the tremen-

dous new issues breaking open before our eyes in the Far East.

And what we see today, fearful and ominous as it is, is but the gigantic prelude of a development unparalleled in the annals of man—the establishment by one nation of political and economic ascendancy over the whole vast resources of the most populous country on earth, the uniting of the yellow races in one huge hegemony controlling more than one fifth of the population of the globe.

## YELLOW PERIL LOOMS

"The Emperor is marching from the Island of the Rising Sun," writes General Sir Ian Hamilton. "His fighters drink up the great rivers of China. The smoke of their bombs makes dark the air. His road is clearly marked—Hankow, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bhamo, Burma, Assam, Bengal. That is the prospect if nothing is done. Nothing less than Europe can definitely hold up the army."

The so-called bogey of the yellow peril, so long laughed to scorn by many, is actually taking form and substance before us!

"World peace," according to Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu, Japan's home minister, "awaits the liberation of the

colored races from the shackles of white supremacy." "I am determined," he says, "to eliminate all obstacles, whatever they may be, in attaining this sacred mission. The white races should not carry on trade in the Far East based solely on their own self-interest. A three-power entente of Japan, China, and Manchukuo can alone establish peace in East Asia. Whether or not this means the immediate exclusion of the white races constitutes one of the most serious questions facing the world."

The "kings of the East" have clearly prepared their program. And they are not only marshaling their forces to accomplish it; they are already sending them into battle, with sweeping victories that have amazed the world.

Thus the very developments that Seventh-day Adventists, for many years, have said would take place before the end are now—on a scale far beyond our feeble imaginings—coming to pass in grim and terrible reality.

And if, besides looking at the Far East, we consider the rise of the new autocracies of the Right and Left in Europe, the alliance of the Fascist powers, the passing of democracy,





# GE of This Great NEW TIME!

*and Demands Renewed Consecration to Service*

*"Signs" Campaign of 1938  
ould Be the Greatest in  
Our History*

ARTHUR S. MAXWELL

the decay of freedom, the collapse of the League of Nations, the feverish preparations for war, and withal the increase of crime and divorce and the fading faith of Christendom, we are constrained to say, in the words of the prophet Jeremiah: "Certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it. The Lord hath done that which He had devised; He hath fulfilled His word that He had commanded in the days of old." Lamentations 2:16, 17.

## NEARING THE END

Unquestionably we are living today upon the very eve of those final, rapid movements that are to bring us to the closing scenes of earthly history. We stand upon the crumbling crags of Time in sight of the eternal deep.

And these tremendous facts, these mighty issues, challenge us one and all as never before.

They challenge us to examine our innermost hearts and search out those

hidden weaknesses that may cause us to sink in the swelling of Jordan.

They challenge us to a complete rededication of our lives to God that we may be cleansed from all sin and strengthened to walk boldly through the valley of the gathering shadows.

They challenge us to rekindle the fading embers of our zeal for the Lord's service, and with hearts aflame with enthusiasm go forth to warn mankind of its impending doom.

They challenge us to make use of every avenue the Lord has placed in our hands wherewith to accomplish this holy purpose. Books, tracts, papers,—message-filled literature of every kind,—should be scattered like the leaves of autumn before freedom's flickering torch goes out forever.

And above all, at this particular moment, they challenge us to consider the unique and powerful possibilities of witness made available to every member in the form of our great prophetic weekly. Surely today the *Signs of the Times*—the revitalized, scintillating *Signs*—with its strong, progressive program for 1938, should be circulated on a scale never yet contemplated by us as a people. The world is waiting for it. The world needs it. The world must have it.

This great new time demands that we shall do something greater than we have ever done in the *Signs* campaign, something commensurate with the magnitude of the issues at stake, something truly splendid in the eyes of God.

He is expecting us this day to do our best. We must not disappoint Him.

*Under the shadow of this  
reveille gun, thirty pur-  
suit planes of the Seven-  
teenth Attack Squadron  
take off at March Field  
for maneuvers in Imperial  
Valley, California. The  
whole world is under the  
shadow of mighty arma-  
ments today.*





## CHURCH MAILS MANY "SIGNS"

THE *Signs* mailing band in the College View, Nebraska, church is enjoying the rich blessings of the Lord in its correspondence with many becoming interested in the truth. The members meet every Sabbath afternoon to wrap the papers and carry on the correspondence. The large numbers of good letters coming back keep up the inspiration, and the joy of service grows as the weeks go by. Brother Robert W. Leach, missionary leader, wishes to share with you some of their letters received.

"Thank you for sending me a copy of the *Signs of the Times*," writes a leading member on the state planning board. "I have read it in its entirety, and I enjoyed it very much. This is the first time I have had the pleasure of reading it."

A radio pastor writes: "Someone has been sending me the *Signs of the Times* for quite a while. I appreciate getting it. We cannot go through all of the publications we get, but I do go through the *Signs of the Times* quite well when it comes. I get some good ideas that I can use in my work as radio pastor and news commentator of this station."

A university professor expresses this thanks for the *Signs*: "I like particularly the cosmopolitan attitude and your fine treatment of matters that deal with foreign countries. I thoroughly enjoy your magazine."

A young man who is evidently conscious of his need of spiritual help wrote these words of appreciation: "The *Signs of the Times* is a fine paper, and I enjoy reading it. I would like to have the church pray for me that those papers will do me lots of good from now on."

The teacher of a Sunday school class says: "I have read all your *Signs of the Times* and have appreciated your sending them. I have gained much information from the *Signs* to help in my Bible work."

It pays to keep sending the *Signs*. One member of the College View church was about to drop the name of a friend to whom she had sent the *Signs* for eleven years, without seeing results of its influence. Just then her friend wrote that she has decided to accept the truths that she has been learning and to keep the Sabbath.

Our church is receiving almost 300 copies of the *Signs*, and our hope is to strengthen this branch of our work. The outlook is bright for the new year.

MABELLE SHERRIG,  
Church Missionary Secretary.



Back Row: Ruth Adams, Mrs. Oscar Larson, Christine Erickson, Martin Lushbaugh, Mrs. Martin Lushbaugh, Percy Nelson. Front Row: L. S. Barger, Mrs. R. W. Leach, R. W. Leach, Mrs. Mabelle Sherrig, Mrs. Hazel Church.

## OUR FOREIGN PERIODICALS

OF THE many and unfinished tasks which confront this denomination, none is of more vital importance than the giving of this message to the millions of foreigners in this country. That these foreigners are here is evidenced by the fact that in the largest cities of our land the foreign population exceeds the number of native born. That they still read their own language is proved by the fact that there are 353 foreign papers published in this country with a combined circulation of 5,124,784. Figuring about five readers to each would give a foreign-reading population upwards of 25,000,000.

And the foreign population in this country is increasing rather than decreasing, in spite of the restricted immigration. There were more foreigners living in the United States when the 1930 census was taken than were living here when the 1920 census was taken. The total is over 10,000,000 in the principal states of our country. Counting the children, we have a foreign population of between 30 and 40 millions.

One of our foreign colporteurs who works in the foreign settlements told us that some of these people had come to this country more than fifty years ago, but they have never heard of Seventh-day Adventists, nor have they ever had an opportunity to read our literature. Think of a situation like this in this enlightened country!

Within the great central states there are many people who read another language besides the English. This is

especially true of the German and Scandinavian languages. We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that God's hand was in their coming to this country. Is not that a challenge to us to heed the admonition given us by the servant of the Lord?

During this campaign, when the attention of our people in all our churches will be directed to the circulation of our literature, won't you remember these strangers among you? If you have none to send our papers to, we have here at our office in Brookfield the names of hundreds of people who would like to read this message in their own tongue. May God help us to finish quickly this long-neglected task!

B. L. GRUNDSET,  
Brookfield Branch, Pacific Press.

## Periodical Peerless

(Continued from page one)

present list. We hope that the year 1938 will mark a decided advance in the present mailing list.

In our plans for a greater Win One movement throughout North America, we would suggest that the *Signs* be made a strong cooperative agency in making the year before us the best we have ever experienced in spreading the glad tidings of the kingdom of our Lord.

Be not too ready to condemn the wrong thy brothers may have done; Ere ye too rashly censure them for human faults, ask, "Have I none?"



## KANSAS CONFERENCE

T. B. Westbrook, President  
T. C. Nethery, Secretary  
Telephone 2-4141

Box 267 - - - Topeka

Make wills and legacies to the Kansas  
S. D. A. Conference Association.

### COLLEGE LIBRARY FUND

WE BELIEVE that the readers of the REAPER are aware of the fact that a library building is now in progress at Union College. Money is needed to keep the work going, and it requires an average of one dollar per member to finish and equip the structure. Let all the members of the Kansas Conference respond to this worthy enterprise and send in offerings for this much needed improvement. Some cannot give a dollar, others can give only a dollar, but others can and should give five, ten, and twenty-five dollars, and other sums. Send in your gift, please, that other conference funds will not have to be used in meeting our share of the amount required.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

### HONOR PENNANT SCHOOLS

TEN Sabbath schools in Kansas reached their goal of twenty-five cents per week per church member the last quarter of 1937 and have been awarded a felt pennant which is theirs as long as the record is maintained. These schools are as follows:

Oswego, 71 cents per week per member; Manhattan, 43 cents; Horton, 32 cents; Smith Center, 31 cents; Shaffer, 28 cents; Emporia, 28 cents; Atchison I, 27 cents; Kansas City II, 26 cents; Herington, 26 cents; Independence I, 26 cents.

Manhattan, Atchison I, Kansas City II, and Herington also reached the other goal of one dollar per church member on the thirteenth Sabbath.

We congratulate these schools and their faithful members and leaders, and we trust that they may long keep their banners.

H. WENTLAND.

### "REVIEW AND HERALD" OFFER

WORD from the publishers informs us that the *Review and Herald* will be sent to new subscribers three months for fifty cents. We hope all our members who are not now subscribers will take advantage of this splendid offer and send in the name and the fifty cents at once. There is no paper like our denominational organ, and every member should be a regular reader to keep informed on the progress of our work.

### EVANGELISTIC PLANS

THE conference committee, auditing board, and Enterprise school board meet at the conference office January 23 and 24. The report of the principal, Professor R. R. Newman, revealed that there is an increase in the enrollment this year over last, and also that the academy has made a gain in operating. Plans were laid for some needed improvements, and the outlook for the school is very good.

The financial statement rendered by the treasurer of the conference showed a gain in operating for 1937, and we were glad that the legal corporation debt was reduced about \$3,000 for the year.

The Lord is blessing the efforts and encouraging the leaders to lay larger plans for evangelism for 1938. Elder J. W. McComas is now located in Kansas City and will conduct an effort just as soon as arrangements can be completed. Elder Clarence Smith and Brother H. D. Jeffries will hold a tabernacle effort in Independence beginning the first of March. Elder A. A. Dirksen will hold a tabernacle effort in Dodge City which will start about the middle of February. Elder C. L. Vories, from Michigan, will arrive in Hutchinson the



Elder  
M. N. Campbell  
says:

THE "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" has been the means of bringing thousands of people into the truth. A sister sent it regularly to the wife of a minister. She and her husband read it carefully, with the result that they both accepted the truth, and most of his congregation did likewise. The sowing of the seed by this method has been most effective in leading inquiring souls to the truth. The message is set forth in the pages of the "SIGNS" in a very appealing way, and our people would do well to use it freely as a missionary agent.

M. N. CAMPBELL,

General Conference Vice-President  
for the North American Division.

first of February and join Elder N. J. Aalborg in a city effort in the Masonic Temple February 13. Elder E. S. Dillett is planning to open an effort in the Wichita II church February 6. We plan one or two other efforts as soon as suitable locations can be found and arrangements made.

We hope the readers will remember the workers in prayer, that success may attend the preaching of the word and that many may be added to our churches. To accomplish the plans will cost something, and we appeal to our members to send in an honest and full tithe for the support of the work.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

### ENTERPRISE ACADEMY

THE following students have enrolled for schoolwork for the second semester: Harold Chrispens, Jimmie Porter, Marietta Hart, and Harold Hart. This brings the total enrollment to date to 171.

Elder A. A. Dirksen visited the school on Friday, January 21, and spoke to the students on Friday evening. Mrs. Dirksen was also here.

Elder H. Wentland, the home missionary secretary of the conference, spoke to the church on Sabbath, January 22.

The boys held their annual open house on Sunday evening, January 23. The students and friends were ushered through the dormitory and from there they went to the dining room, where a variety program was given by the boys. Refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served.

The gospel seminar was reorganized for the second semester with the following as officers: leader, Lloyd Sutter; assistant leader, Charles Lickey; secretary, Freda Wammack; assistant secretary, Esther Torkelson.

### NEW NOTE IN ACHIEVEMENTS

KANSAS Sabbath schools in Kansas contributed \$13,250 to missions in 1937, compared with \$12,756 in 1936, a gain of \$494. This represents a per capita per week of eight and one-half cents, a gain of one-tenth of a cent over 1936. Although these figures are but small, we are glad that they are on the gain side. Our Sabbath school investments, not yet figured completely, are almost \$1,500. Incomplete as yet, they already exceed the figures for last year.

H. WENTLAND.

Send the "Signs" to your friends.



## WYOMING MISSION

E. H. Meyers, Superintendent

M. E. Hagen, Secretary

Telephone 1053

Box 803 - - - Casper

### SHERIDAN CONVENTION

WE MET with the Sheridan believers in a Sabbath school convention on Sabbath, January 22. "The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and one of the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ," was the keynote in talks given by Elder Meyers, Sister Wertenberger, and Brother Davis. Plans to make this possible were presented, and we were made to realize a little more fully the place the Sabbath school holds in our organized work.

The various goals of the Sabbath school were discussed by Sisters Senecal and Miller and Brethren Nelson and Reed. How we could enlist every church member in the Sabbath school and aid them in a systematic study of the lesson was given emphasis. The devices used in the Sheridan school are effective and will show from week to week the progress made in offerings, attendance, and daily lesson study. The duties of the various officers in the Sabbath school were given consideration by Sister Pointer, Brother Helzer, and Sister Congdon, of Story. Truly, the Sabbath school holds an important place in our lives.

There was an excellent attendance for the convention work, as approximately eighty were there, with three Sabbath schools represented. We feel that it was a profitable meeting, and we hope the Sheridan Sabbath school will grow spiritually and in numbers as the result of the inspiration gained in this meeting.

MRS. M. E. HAGEN.

### NEWS NOTES

ROCK SPRINGS and Reliance Sabbath school ordered another thousand *Present Truth* for distribution in Rock Springs and vicinity.

The members of the Big Trails group recently ordered a supply of "Signs" leaflets for distribution in their locality. They also purchased a senior Missionary Volunteer reading course set, along with other supplies. Missionary activity is evidence of belief in the doctrines of the nearing second advent.

Elder B. T. Senecal, of Sheridan, made a trip to the west coast to purchase a carload of lumber for the new church building. He reported that he found some excellent bargains. It will be only a short time before actual work begins on the foundation.

During the month of February there will be a special price on subscriptions to *Signs of the Times*. Follow up interested individuals with this wonderful missionary periodical.

The Casper Dorcas Society has been active in their organization. They prepared twenty-two pounds of bandages for the needs in China and have already sent them on their way. The Sheridan Dorcas Society has done well in providing almost \$250 for the church building fund. This commendable work has meant much on the part of the members.

## COLORADO CONFERENCE

V. G. Anderson, President

F. W. Schnepfer, Secretary

Telephone Cherry 1767

1081 Marion Street - - - Denver

### WORD FROM MASSACHUSETTS

THIS leaves us well settled in our new field of labor. Coming from Boulder, Colorado, to Melrose, Massachusetts, we felt somewhat like strangers in a strange land. But we have been made to feel very much at home here, and we think that we will like both the location and the people with whom we labor.

The New England Sanitarium is most beautifully situated in a suburb of Boston and is right in the midst of a state park consisting of about thirty-five hundred acres. This reservation is mostly wooded and is interspersed with well-kept, paved roads. It must be beautiful here in the summertime.

In attendance at the meeting of the Southern New England Conference workers recently held at South Lancaster, it was our privilege to meet a number of old friends as well as to make many new acquaintances. Though we greatly miss the dear workers of Colorado and the Central Union, as well as our loyal people of the central West, we rejoice to know that this blessed truth makes the same kind of people wherever it is proclaimed.

We are comfortably located in Sunset Cottage right on the sanitarium grounds. As the sun sets across the lake to the west of us, we often wish that it were possible through some magic power to follow its glowing orb as far west as Colorado, where thirty happy years of service bound many cords of friendship to our hearts. These feelings, however, only cause us to redouble our efforts to aid in quickly finishing the work so that we may all be gathered home.

ELDER AND MRS. W. M. ANDRESS.

## BOULDER, COLORADO

SEVERAL interesting items were presented at a recent business meeting of the Boulder church. The tithe received for 1937 was \$15,148.62, or an increase over 1936 of nearly \$1,800. The total Harvest Ingathering was \$1,847, or an increase of \$150 over 1936. Besides raising \$22,050.12 in tithe and other conference and mission funds, the church raised \$3,293.10 for local expenses.

The missionary secretary's report revealed that 17,283 copies of periodicals were given away, not including a club of 200 *Signs of the Times* which the church has taken, as well as a club of *Watchman* and *Liberty* magazines. There were 600 hours of Christian help work reported and 520 missionary visits made.

One of the most encouraging reports given was a net gain in membership of 68, making the present membership total 465.

EARL AUSTIN,  
Church Elder.

### SCHOOL OFFERING

PASTORS and church elders, please remember that the regular eleven o'clock service offering on Sabbath, February 12, is for elementary schools. There is a need for better equipment in every church school in Colorado. Many of our schools need supplementary readers. The situation as it is, is lamentable.

There is no greater need than that of building up our church school equipment in this conference. Won't you come to church Sabbath, the 29th, with a quarter? There are only four church school offerings in a year. We have set as our goal "Every member a quarter every quarter." Let us do our best.

R. R. BIETZ,  
Educational Superintendent.

### COLPORTEUR WORK

THE writer with three colporteurs, spent Sabbath at Campion Academy, where more than a dozen students mentioned that they are interested in doing colporteur work this coming summer.

Each week we find people who show a definite interest in spiritual things. We are living in a time when people are either making a decision for right or turning their backs on Christianity. We find few who are lukewarm. Many are anxiously hunting for something and waiting for our colporteurs. They express appreciation for their calls.

C. M. NORMAN.



## WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

J. M. JACKSON - Field Secretary

"Molder of human destinies am I. Peace, hope, and life on my footsteps wait. Cities and field I walk. I penetrate desert and seas remote; and, passing by hovel and mart and palace, soon or late, I knock unbidden once at every gate."

## COLORADO CONFERENCE

C. M. Norman, Secretary

Week Ending January 22, 1938

Colporteur	Book	Hours	Orders	Deliv.
Victor Hall	BR	46	67.00	
Eric Ristau	BL	41	65.40	4.00
G. W. Northrup	WB	40	25.00	
M. S. Moen	GC	40	45.50	5.00
H. R. Prentice	BL	38	33.75	5.25
Mil. Kneeland	Mag	32	10.95	10.95
L. D. Buck	OWB	30	35.50	
Myrna Schade	BR	23	26.25	10.50
Mrs. L. Jones	Misc	3	7.25	7.25
Mrs. Kicenski	Mag		12.50	12.50
Totals		293	329.10	55.45

## NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

R. J. Thomas, Secretary

Week Ending January 22, 1938

Colporteur	Book	Hours	Orders	Deliv.
Mrs. J. B. Aitken	Mag	9	6.00	6.00
B. Y. Baughman	BR	38	25.25	8.00
L. A. Baughman	BR	39	24.30	
R. A. Bishop	BR	20	26.25	
L. E. Green	RJ	37	1.25	12.00
Mrs. L. E. Green		7		.50
H. J. Higby	BR	9	2.25	1.50
Louise Reid	Mag	11	2.95	14.70
R. J. Thomas	PP	45	105.00	105.00
Totals		215	193.25	147.70

## MISSOURI CONFERENCE

P. E. Shakespeare, Secretary

Week Ending January 22, 1938

Colporteur	Book	Hours	Orders	Deliv.
Sam Dunn	BR	43	34.75	3.00
Mrs. Erickson	Misc	5	.50	13.00
John Minear	BR	38	39.25	5.00
Mrs. A. Myers	Misc	20	15.70	15.70
John Ogren	RJ	40	8.25	1.00
Delmar Saxton	BL	42	16.00	.25
Lonnie Thompson	HW	30	37.50	9.00
Mrs. Blackburn	Mag	5	2.50	2.50
Mrs. Stanfield	Mag	12	7.60	7.60
Mrs. C. Stanley	Mag	11	5.60	5.60
Totals		246	167.65	62.65

## KANSAS CONFERENCE

E. F. Coy, Secretary

Week Ending January 22, 1938

Colporteur	Book	Hours	Orders	Deliv.
W. E. Helt	PP	49	19.00	6.75
*Geo. E. Oblander	PP	43	2.10	4.25
W. M. Ladd	BR	40	21.75	3.25
Ramey Good	Mag	39	27.00	6.00
Nerene Stevens	BR	35	5.75	1.25
*Mrs. J. Gardner	Mag	53	47.60	47.60
Blanche Griffith	DND	23	6.25	3.50
J. T. North	PG, GC	8	19.00	
Mrs. B. Spears	Mag	6	6.00	6.00
*Mrs. Vera Taylor	BR	5	6.50	2.25
Totals		301	160.95	80.85

\* Two weeks.

## WYOMING MISSION

L. E. Loomer, Secretary

Week Ending January 22, 1938

Colporteur	Book	Hours	Orders	Deliv.
Mrs. A. V. Forbes	BR		3.50	3.50
Ruth Hensley	BR			5.25
Mrs. G. Kingman	WB	27	6.50	3.75
C. B. Loomer	RJ	43	28.75	22.25
Lois West	RJ	22	23.75	1.00
Totals		92	62.50	35.75
UNION TOTALS		1,147	913.45	382.40

## OBITUARIES

"Sweet be they rest, and peaceful thy sleeping;  
God's way is best. Thou art in His keeping.  
O blessed sleep, where ills ne'er molest thee!  
Why should we weep? For heaven hath blessed thee.  
Sweet be they rest."

**Didrickson.**—Augusta Peterson was born in Varmland, Sweden, September 23, 1853, and she died in Boulder, Colorado, January 14, 1938. She came to America and settled in St. Joseph, Missouri, at the age of sixteen years. On January 17, 1876, she was married to Olaf Didrickson, who was a widower with two sons. To this union three children were born.

She became interested in the truth through the efforts of a colporteur distributing the *Signs of the Times* and began keeping the Sabbath in 1877. She became a charter member of the St. Joseph, Missouri, church in 1894. Her membership has always remained there.

She labored faithfully for her family and neighbors and carried heavy burdens in the church which she loved so much, until declining health made this impossible. Her husband was laid to rest October 10, 1927, and in June, 1934, she came to Boulder, where she has made her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Green. Another daughter, Mrs. O. H. Hahn, has been most faithful in assisting in caring for her mother the last two years. Besides Mrs. Green and Mrs. Hahn, two sons remain, Dr. F. G. Didrickson of Montrose, Colorado, and Harry G. Didrickson, of Eggers, Colorado, and six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous other relatives.

W. B. Johnson.

**Meyer.**—Mrs. Fred Meyer was born July 14, 1876, in Butler County, Nebraska, and died January 20, 1938, in Columbus. Mrs. Meyer was a member of a pioneer Butler County family, having been born only a half mile from the place where she and Mr. Fred Meyer resided continuously after her marriage. She was preceded in death by her husband, just two weeks to the very night. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church and died with full confidence in the Lord. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Henry Ruyle, of Columbus, a son, George, of Arlington, California, a brother, four sisters, and five grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and burial was made at Columbus.

A. J. Reisig.

**Gray.**—William Gray was born in Gradsaw Keldrummy, Scotland, September 26, 1843, and died near Abilene, Kansas, January 10, 1938, at the advanced age of ninety-four years. His wife and two sons preceded him in death. He died in the faith of the third angel's message. Left to mourn are two daughters, Mrs. R. A. Wood, of Clifton, Colorado, and Mrs. Eva Arkebauer, of Tempe, Arizona, ten grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

A. S. Bringle.

**Crouch.**—Herman Willis Crouch was born December 25, 1885, in Clark County, Kansas, and he died December 25, 1937, in Baca County, Colorado. He was united in marriage with Lura Odella Gant June 17, 1914. To this union two children were born, Lowell Emrie, who preceded his father in death, March 3, 1917, and Joy Ollie. He is survived by his wife and daughter, four brothers, and two sisters, besides other relatives and a host of friends. He was a patient sufferer in his long illness, and he enjoyed a sweet Christian experience until the last. He was laid to rest beside his son in the Minneapolis cemetery at Blain, Colorado.

N. T. Sutton.

**Wiswell.**—Edgar Wiswell was born at Fort Smith, Arkansas, August 5, 1881, and he died at his home in Joplin, Missouri, December 23, 1937. He was married to Rose McCullaugh, of Columbus, Kansas, on September 1, 1918, and two sons were born to them, one of whom died in infancy. His wife, the son, John, the father and mother, a sister, and other relatives mourn.

Brother Wiswell will be remembered in Missouri as a former colporteur who gave several years of his life in going from door to door until the ailment which finally caused his death became so acute that it was necessary for him to give up the work he loved. Those who knew him best recognized in him a true follower of the meek and lowly Jesus.

C. J. Metzger.

**Peterson.**—Mrs. Hannah Peterson, seventy-six, resident of Fremont, Nebraska, for sixty years, died at a local hospital January 7 after a brief illness. Born February 16, 1861, in Moen, Denmark, she came to the United States with friends at the age of fifteen. After a short stay with an aunt in Washington County, she came to Fremont, where she made her home since. She was united in marriage to Chris. Peterson in 1878. Being of a sunny disposition, she was a great favorite in her church and neighborhood, and a worker in her church and Dorcas society. The husband preceded her in death January, 1918. A son and daughter and two grandchildren mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Revelation 14:13 to a large assemblage of friends and relatives at the funeral home, and we laid our sister to rest until the call of the Life-giver.

E. W. Wolfe.

"Christ . . . showed that our neighbor does not mean merely one of the church or faith to which we belong. It has no reference to race, color, or class distinction. Our neighbor is every person who needs our help. Our neighbor is every soul who is wounded and bruised by the adversary. Our neighbor is every one who is the property of God."

## ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements and business notices are not solicited but are published only as an accommodation. They must be sent to the local conference office to be approved by the conference president before being published in the *Central Union Reaper*. For each insertion the rate is two cents a word, with a minimum charge of fifty cents. Cash should accompany the advertisement.

**Blood tested chicks that live and lay, guaranteed.** Six popular breeds, three grades: AAA \$6.90, A \$5.90; prepaid. Free price list. Ortnor Farms, Clinton, Missouri.



## DIRECTORY

### CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE

4547 Calvert Street, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Telephone 4-2182

#### Officers

President ..... J. F. Piper  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... S. J. Lashier  
Auditor ..... S. J. Lashier

#### Departmental Secretaries

Educational ..... A. H. Rulkoetter  
Field Missionary ..... J. M. Jackson  
Home Missionary ..... R. J. Christian  
Missionary Volunteer ..... R. J. Christian  
Religious Liberty ..... J. F. Piper

## NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

O. T. Garner, President  
G. T. Burgess, Secretary  
Telephone F-2171

1405 South Seventh Street - Lincoln

### THE FIRST BAPTISM

It was a real pleasure to visit Falls City the week end of January 22 and conduct a baptism for Brother H. N. Bresee, who has been holding an effort in one of our tabernacles there.

Brother Bresee has a splendid interest. The sixteen baptized were the first for the Falls City effort and also for the Nebraska conference in 1938. We believe that there will be at least as many more baptized later. The tabernacle was well filled Sabbath for the baptismal service. The Spirit of the Lord has been working mightily in Falls City, and definite victories have been won for God in overcoming the tobacco habit and other hindrances. We rejoice with Brother Bresee in the fruitage that is being gathered for God in this effort.

Remember to pray for our brethren who are out in evangelistic work.

O. T. GARNER.

### ITINERARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following itinerary should be noted by the churches concerned. Kindly make plans for meetings accordingly.

Alliance, Friday evening, February 4, at 7:30 o'clock, and Sabbath, the 5th, at 11:00. Hemingford, Sunday, the 6th, 7:30. Marsland, the 7th, 7:30. Crawford, the 8th, 7:30. Chadron, the 9th, 7:30. Gordon, the 10th, 7:30. Willow Lake, the 11th, 7:30. Ainsworth, Sabbath, the 12th, 11:00. Lynch, the 13th, 7:30. Petersburg, the 14th, 7:30. Fullerton, the 15th, 7:30.

Because our field is large, and because the number of times that a worker can get over the field in a year is limited, we know that all will try to attend and bring others.

A. E. HAGEN,  
S. S. and H. M. Secretary.

### A STRONG RIGHT ARM

It would seem, from the abundance of light and counsel, and from the abundance of opportunities for training, that we would have a well trained church constituency to carry on every line of our missionary work. Such is not yet the case, but we rejoice in what is accomplished in every line.

A remarkable report from Falls City just came to my desk from Sister H. N. Bresee, who has been training a class in nursing. The list contains the names of eighteen women, nine single and nine married, who have completed the work with a good passing grade. The average grade for the class, over 86, shows both efficient teaching and applied study. Twenty other women attended part time but did not finish. However, these received light and blessings.

Sister Bresee mentions that a sympathetic attitude was shown by the businessmen of the city, who gave supplies free. I think that such a report speaks for itself. It represents much hard work and careful planning. It represents prejudice broken down, doors opened to the entrance of the truth. It means the dissemination of knowledge on rational health measures. Only the books of God will reveal the many persons helped and blessed as the circles of knowledge and blessing go out in ever widening spheres of influence.

May the Lord of the harvest bless and increase these unselfish efforts to bring joy and gladness to humanity through better health and contact with the third angel's message. May every church in Nebraska organize and execute such work. Give the "right arm" of our message exercise and work. It will do wonders.

A. E. HAGEN.

### NEWS NOTES

BROTHER R. J. THOMAS and all the colporteurs and prospective colporteurs in Nebraska are in Kansas City, Kansas, attending the colporteur institute. Elder O. T. Garner and Brother M. A. Wyman will spend some time with the colporteurs in this session.

Two names that should be added to the Harvest Ingathering Victory Honor list are those of Elder H. Langenberg, \$50, and Elder J. F. Piper, \$25.

*"The only way to grow in grace is to be disinterestedly doing the very work which Christ has enjoined upon us,—to engage . . . in helping and blessing those who need the help we can give them."*

### SUNSET

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4, 1938

Denver, Colorado	5:23
Topeka, Kansas	5:48
Jefferson City, Missouri	5:25
Lincoln, Nebraska	5:48
Casper, Wyoming	5:20

"God's love has set a limit to the demands of toil. Over the Sabbath He places His merciful hand. In his own day He preserves for the family opportunity for communion with Him, with nature, and with one another."

### UNION COLLEGE

WORK on the new library building is showing marked progress as indicated by rising walls and the digging of a steam tunnel from the library site to the powerhouse.

D. Glenn Hilts, librarian at Union College, will go to the University of Illinois at Urbana for the second semester to take advanced work in library science for six months. The library will be under the supervision of Paul Whitlow, with the library committee in general charge.

Dr. J. E. A. Alexis, of the University of Nebraska, author of language textbooks, spoke to the students of Union College Friday morning, January 21, on the difficulties of evaluating world problems, and the general results in Europe growing out of the Versailles treaty.

Dr. H. K. Schilling attended the meeting of the Association of American Colleges in Chicago January 20 and 21.

The College View Fine Arts Guild is sponsoring an exhibition of water colors from the Lincoln Artist Guild. This display will continue from January 30 to February 10. During the first and second weeks in February, each afternoon from Sunday to Thursday, two to five o'clock, the exhibit is open to the public in the Union College art room.

Elder Otto Christensen, missionary from Mongolia attending Union, addressed the International Relations Club of Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, Wednesday evening, January 19, on the causes of the war between China and Japan. Elder and Mrs. Christensen also presented an illustrated program on Mongolian life and the work among Adventist missions in the Union College chapel Sunday night, January 30.