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Rights of Discharged Service Men

CARLYLE B. HAYNES

FROM the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, 1,450,000 veterans of World War No. II have been discharged and come now under the general supervision of the Veterans' Administration. Over half of these discharges were for medical reasons. The rest were discharged for various other causes, the largest single reason being over-age.

Every honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces is legally entitled to the following rights at the present time:

To get his old job back again under certain conditions:

1. If he is physically or mentally qualified to go back to his former work.
2. If he applies within forty days of his discharge for his old job.
3. If the employer's circumstances have not changed, making it impossible for him to rehire the veteran.

There are at least two Re-Employment Committee men attached to each draft board to assist returning veterans to get their jobs back. The Department of Justice can be called upon to assist if necessary.

Veterans of the armed forces are entitled to assistance in obtaining new jobs. The Re-Employment Section of Selective Service has designated to the Veterans' Employment Service the task of placing discharged veterans in new jobs. The Veterans' Employment Service is part of the United States Employment Service. Stationed in United States Employment Service offices throughout the country Veterans' Employment Service representatives work with the Re-Employment members of the local draft boards with industry, labor unions, civic groups and veterans' organizations. The Veterans' Employment Service is working especially with disabled veterans.

Special training is open at the present for returned veterans. Training for skilled jobs is provided under the War Manpower Commission's training-within-industry program. The trainees are paid while learning at fixed wages.

Vocational training for disabled veter-

ans is available under the Veterans' Administration. It is open to men who must have vocational rehabilitation to overcome the handicap caused by disability. They may receive up to four years' training with the government paying all fees and tuition. While in training they receive a disability pension of \$80 a month if single, \$90 a month if married.

Discharged veterans who cannot qualify under the Veterans' Administration Program, because their disabilities were not incurred while in service, are eligible for training under State Boards of Vocational Training. Services of the State Boards include vocational training, medical treatment, occupational and physical therapy and artificial limbs.

Every state is participating in this program and the state and the Federal Governments share the expense equally. Assistance is provided on the basis of the individual need.

All veterans are entitled to free hospitalization and medical treatment in Veterans' Administration Hospitals whenever they need it, provided beds are available.

Finally, every honorably discharged veteran disabled in the line of duty is entitled to a pension for life, or as long as he is seriously disabled. This disability must be determined by the Veterans' Administration as at least ten per cent disability. Pensions range from \$10-\$250 a month, the average being \$40 a month. The higher pensions are paid only to extreme disability—only a veteran who is blind in both eyes and has lost both hands and both feet is eligible to the \$250 a month pension.

ATTENTION!

Are You Moving?
Please Send the REAPER both Your Old
and New Address.

Attention! Church Clerks

WE ARE endeavoring to keep a complete list of all our young men who have gone from Seventh-day Adventist homes and churches in the Central union into service of their country.

The only way we can get this information is from our local churches, and we are reminding our church clerks at this time to notify us regarding any young men whose names and addresses have not previously been sent us. When any young man leaves your church in the future, do not forget to send us his name and address. It would also be helpful if you would notify us regarding any changes of address which come to your attention.

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Sabbath School Investment

WE ARE pleased to note the interest that our Sabbath school members are taking in the Sabbath school Investment. Mr. Harold Dowdall, one of our colporteurs, and his wife planned to give all the pennies they received to the Investment fund. The next day he sold a book to a lady, and she paid him over \$8.00 in pennies.

Mrs. Frank Swofford of Fort Scott writes us that last year she purchased a bank, and for every day the sun shone she put a nickle in the bank. From April until they had their fall Investment program the last Sabbath in November there were 241 days and just 14 of these days were completely sunless. This made Mrs. Swofford's total Investment for eight months \$11.55.

Perhaps there are others who have ideas that will help the Investment fund.

B. A. SCHERR

Garden City—February

ATTENTION, young people in Dodge City, Liberal, Garden City, and vicinity! A youths' rally will be held at the Garden City church beginning Friday evening, February 25. All the young people who can are invited to attend.

J. M. ACKERMAN

Nekoma-Bazine Convention

A SUCCESSFUL church convention was conducted over the week-end of February 12, when both the Nekoma and Bazine churches assembled at Nekoma to study ways and means of advancing the message. Elder S. A. Reile, district leader, was on hand to counsel and direct in the meetings. Elder J. H. Roth, conference president, delivered a timely message at the Sabbath morning service.

The work of the departments of the church was dealt with during the afternoon and evening and Sunday morning under the direction of Elder B. A. Scherr, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary, and Elder J. M. Ackerman, educational superintendent and M. V. secretary. Judging from the questions asked and the spirit of co-operation given, we can safely say that all these meetings were greatly appreciated. The old-time spirit of hospitality still exists in western Kansas, and all the workers enjoyed visiting with our people in their homes. Mr. P. W. Ochs audited the church books Sunday morning.

Both the Bazine and Nekoma churches rallied to the appeal for Signs subscriptions. When all the records are made up, they will greatly exceed their goals. May God richly bless this section of His vineyard.

J. M. ACKERMAN

Responsibility of the Missionary Secretary

WE ARE receiving many questions in regard to the handling of funds by the missionary secretary of the church, and we would like to say that the missionary secretary is the business agent of the church to deal with the Book and Bible house, and all supplies for all departments of the church are to be ordered through the missionary secretary. The missionary secretary is to keep record of all these accounts in her cash book and to know what each department owes her for sup-

plies which are ordered from the Book and Bible house.

The first Sabbath offering is an offering for missionary purposes only and should not be used to pay the bills for any departments of the church nor for individuals. A correct account should be kept of all these things so that everyone knows where the money goes.

The church treasurer is the banker for all departments of the church. All home missionary money should be placed in the hands of the treasurer, but the treasurer does not pay the bills. When the missionary secretary wants money to pay bills at the Book and Bible house she gets it from the treasurer and pays the bills for the church. In other words, the missionary secretary of the church does the business with the Book and Bible house for the church and orders and pays for all supplies.

B. A. SCHERR

"Signs of the Times"

WE ARE pleased to note the way the churches are taking hold of the Signs of the Times campaign this year. We are receiving word from different parts of the state that the churches are reaching even more than their goals. The last church to report was Bazine, and it has reached its goal.

The supplies are now in the field, and we trust that our conference church members will avail themselves of the opportunity of the special price during this campaign. We would like to call your attention to the foreign department of the Signs. They are asking the Central union to supply 3,000 foreign Signs to be distributed as follows:

1. Fifteen hundred German and Italian Signs for the German and Italian prisoners in camps throughout the Central union. Subscription price for this is \$1.00. The Central union is trying to raise \$1,500 for this important work.

2. Five hundred Signs in various languages for the foreign seamen who touch American ports. Subscription price \$1.00. Funds raised for this purpose will be sent direct to the Brookfield press, and they will see to it that the seamen receive the Signs in their own language.

3. One thousand German, Italian, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish Signs to be sent to the foreign speaking people in the Central union territory. This brings our total to 3,000 foreign Signs for the Central union conference. The German and Italian prisoners will not always be

with us so now is the time to help them.

We would also like to secure means to send the English Signs to the people who buy books from the colporteurs. Our colporteurs are doing an excellent work at the present time in selling books, and if our people will help to supply Signs for these colporteurs we would greatly appreciate it.

Then there is the Voice of Prophecy. We are sending out several thousand Bible lessons through the Voice of Prophecy. It would be well if we could follow this up with the Signs of the Times.

We would also like to have our people, as far as possible, send the Signs to the ministers of all denominations, including Catholic priests. These names can be secured from your telephone or city directories.

Let us strive to reach our Signs goal in the Kansas conference this year.

B. A. SCHERR

South-west District

ON SABBATH, February 5, the Hooker, Oklahoma, and Garden City churches united with the Liberal church to sing praises and worship. The church was well filled by the time the 11 o'clock hour arrived.

Elder S. A. Reile, who spoke at the morning service, brought to our attention some stirring passages which brought a fine response in the consecration service. Our hearts were again made happy to see several gather at the front row of the

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church and make a full surrender.

In the after-dinner service, conducted in the Liberal Baptist church, the writer gave a short address on the life after baptism; after this Elder Reile baptized five persons. Six new members were united with God's commandment-keeping group, five by the act of baptism and one by profession of faith. Above all the joy of this day we are happy to say that the interest is not exhausted in this city. There are still others who have become interested through the effort that has been put forth, and I feel confident that they will soon be members of God's remnant church.

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Colorado Comments

CHURCH school boards in various places are holding annual elections and hiring teachers for next year.

Ted Mohr is doing the work of press secretary for the La Junta-Las Animas area, and Mrs. Barnell Brady has been appointed to that place for the Grand Junction church.

Elder Eichman visited Pueblo on Sabbath, February 12.

"I would rather that our young men be captive of the Japanese or the Nazis if their faith in God is strong than to be them captives of Satan." With these words E. E. Cossentine, president of Union college, opened his address on Christian education at the Denver Central church Sabbath, February 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ristau and daughter visited the Ft. Morgan church Sabbath, February 12. Mr. Ristau reported that the church exceeded its Signs goal.

Dr. G. D. Hagstotz visited the Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and Canon City schools, February 15-16. He met with the school board in Colorado Springs, February 15.

Carl Zomar and the Olinger Male Quartette were scheduled to give a program at the Porter sanitarium young people's meeting on Friday night, February 18.

The Denver Central young people's society is aiming to be an A society this

year. The way the officers are working and the society is responding indicates that they will succeed in their goal.

Eric Ristau reports that three more men plan to enter the literature ministry within the next month.

Elder and Mrs. R. H. Wentland attended the business meeting of the Canon City church Saturday night, February 12, and met with the Dorcas society in Colorado Springs the next afternoon.

Three colporteur evangelists have been ill for several weeks, but in spite of sickness the colporteurs of Colorado have delivered more than \$1,000 per week since the first of the year.

Colorado is fortunate in having many visitors at this writing as a number of board meetings—the Boulder and Porter sanitariums—and committee meetings—the Central union and Colorado conference—are being held in this state.

Dr. George Nelson of the Boulder sanitarium showed moving pictures of India at the York street young people's meeting Friday night, February 11. Special music was furnished by the students of the Denver junior academy.

Dr. G. D. Hagstotz spoke to the Boulder young people Friday evening, February 11. He reports a very active, wide-awake society.

Radio Evangelistic Campaign

THE conference committee recently voted to carry on a radio evangelistic campaign for all the churches in Colorado east of the Rockies. The central unifying part of this campaign is a half-hour broadcast every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock on RADIO STATION KFEL in Denver. The program is called THE CRUSADERS. Elder Raymond Cales is the speaker, and he is assisted by Elder S. Horton McLennan and the Crusader Male Quartet.

The purpose of this broadcast each Sunday is to promote a general Bible crusade throughout the community of each of our churches, encouraging individual study of the Bible by radio listeners, offering them the free Bible correspondence course conducted by the home missionary department of this conference, and assisting our district leaders and their churches in local soul-winning campaigns. We believe that with the whole-hearted cooperation of our district leaders and church members, this radio project for 1944 in Colorado will prove, under the

blessing of God, a very definite step toward the finishing of His work in our field.

The program began Sunday, February 20, at 10 a. m., Station KFEL, 950 kilocycles. THE CRUSADERS will be on the air every Sunday at the same time, same station. Will you pray for this radio campaign that souls may be added to all our churches?

G. F. EICHMAN

Here and There

THE writer, accompanied by his wife, visited the Colorado Springs church Sabbath morning, February 12. The church rallied to the appeal for more Signs for 1944 by going over its goal.

In the afternoon he visited a small family Sabbath school at Cotopaxi. This school is the fruit of the work of M. M. Rabuka, one of our fine lay preachers. The community of Cotopaxi is anxious for evangelistic meetings.

It was the writer's privilege to address a large congregation of men and women at a monthly Dorcas meeting held in the I. O. O. F. hall in Pueblo Sunday night. All the women responded to the call to enlist in the work of the society. Mrs. Ray Bean, Dorcas leader, is working hard and has the respect and confidence of all the women in the church.

R. H. WENTLAND

Another Sabbath Keeper

IT WAS my privilege to deliver a certificate to a woman who has completed the Bible study correspondence school. Never before had this woman talked to a minister of our denomination. She was not only keeping Sabbath, but she was attending church 25 miles distant.

She has interested her husband in the correspondence course. On her table lay a copy of *Bible Readings* and of *Patriarchs and Prophets*, sold them by a faithful colporteur many years ago. These were now greatly enjoyed. She also ordered *Daniel and Revelation*.

Enroll your neighbors in the Bible correspondence school; it may mean another member added to your church.

R. H. WENTLAND

It is only the fear of God that can deliver us from the fear of man.—Witherspoon.

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More "Signs," More Souls

FOR years the Seventh-day Adventist believers have been engaged, with gratifying results, in the distribution of the *Signs of the Times*. Just a few more weeks and we will once more give our time and energy to the circulation of this paper which has led many people to God. The goal for Wyoming is 1,200 and we appeal to every church member to do his utmost to get a *Signs* subscription. People will gladly give attention and read the material that has been prepared for this great missionary periodical. Recently the writer has been presented with some names of people who have read the *Signs*. At first they were somewhat disinterested, but as time went on and they realized the appealing articles of that convincing message they became profoundly interested and are now keeping the Sabbath and are planning to be baptized. Surely we can all participate in the circulation of the silent messenger which has done faithful service in past years and which will continue to lead men and women into this truth while they have opportunity to read the messages. Again let me appeal to you as members of the remnant church to do your utmost in providing the *Signs* for your neighbors. The price is very reasonable. In spite of all the advances that have been made in everything else, you may still have a subscription at \$1.35. Really, dear brethren and sisters, we can do no better than to invest our means in this valuable literature prepared for soul-winning work.

E. H. OSWALD

To Sabbath School Officers

FEBRUARY is an important month for all Sabbath school teachers and officers. On the back page of the January *Worker*, the General conference Sabbath school department gave considerable information about the Sabbath school worker's reading course for this year. The course begins this month and runs for six months, ending in July. The assignments for this course of study have begun in the February *Worker* on page 8, and new assignments which will appear each month until

the course is finished, may be taken in a group or individually. I do not think I state it too strongly when I say it hardly seems possible that Sabbath school teachers or Sabbath school officers can operate 100% strong if they do not follow this plan, for somehow it brings into your school the very heart of spiritual things. It prepares more efficient teachers, and more efficient teaching means deeper spiritual life in your school and more souls will be won for Christ.

Do I hear some say, "We are too busy"? Please, dear officers and teachers, if the church elected you it expects you to make the Sabbath school a success, and it is your duty to take time to inform yourself and feed your heart and mind with the things that will help you to operate your school in the most efficient way possible. This is your duty before God and your church. I hope you already have the *Worker*, thus making the only additional expense right now the little book called *The Supreme Objective*, price 50c. A little later another little volume will have to be purchased about the same size in order to finish this course. Notice the information about this little volume in the March *Worker*.

One sister who took the Sabbath school worker's reading course last year wrote the following letter:

Dear Sister Oswald:

At last I have finished the Sabbath school worker's reading course. I am glad that I have been able to take this course. It is full of valuable instruction. The difficulty is to remem-

ber all of it.

I have marked and underlined the reading as I pursued it, so it will not be hard to locate what seemed best to me. I am glad the whole course leads to the one great object of the Sabbath school—the salvation of souls.

God grant that the teachers who have the privilege of helping train the children in our Sabbath school realize the sacredness of the work. To me it seems a blessed privilege.

I want to renew my subscription to the *Sabbath School Worker* soon. It is full of helpful material.

Most sincerely,

Nettie LeFors

I am sure you will be ready to say the same after you finish the course for this year.

Please notice the following minutes of the Central union Sabbath school council held in the Kansan hotel in Kansas on January 9, 1944:

Voted: "To recommend that the assistant Sabbath school superintendent assume the responsibility of promoting the Sabbath school reading course in each school as a definite portion of his or her regular responsibility."

Superintendents, help your assistants to get the ball rolling and then let him or her keep the thing going. We want all that take the course to finish it so they will receive their certificates.

Yours for better Sabbath schools,

MRS. E. H. OSWALD



Choir at the V



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Venden-Turner Meetings

MUSIC plays an important part in the evangelistic meetings conducted in the Union college auditorium by Elders D. E. Venden and H. R. Turner.

The meetings are held every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evening, at which time a choir of approximately seventy-five members effectively renders old familiar hymns under the able direction of H. R. Turner, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. H. R. Turner.

Another regular feature that adds interest is an ensemble of piano and solo-vox; Mrs. H. R. Turner; marimba, Mrs. E. E. Bietz; vibra-harp, Reatha Venden; violin, Felix A. Lorenz, Jr.

A variety of additional musical treats have been furnished by the Gospel Male Chorus, composed of fifty men of the College View church and students of Union college, under the direction of Mr. H. A. Miller, head of the Union college music department; violin ensemble, Mr. C. C. Engel, Felix A. Lorenz and Russell Hagen; marimba solo, Harriette Sherard; vocal solos, Mr. H. A. Miller, Anna Lee Lyon; vocal duets, Elders D. E. Venden and H. R. Turner, Elder and Mrs. H. R. Turner; male quartette, Ernest Herr, Paul Shakespeare, Lawrence Rahn and Bennie Liebelt; cornet solo, Genevieve McWilliams; trumpet trio, Stanley Kirk, Delmer Holbrook and Bob Compton.

The majority of the large crowds attending the meetings come early to enjoy all the good music provided by Elder Turner, and join heartily in the congregational singing and in learning new, short choruses.

MRS. E. E. BIETZ

This Closing Hour

"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. We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals . . . preach the word . . . that the world may understand the message." *Christian Service*, pp. 145, 146.

Mankind is now in need of the truth-filled literature issued by Seventh-day Adventists. This literature will bring souls to the kingdom, for the servant of God states that she "saw them holding papers and tracts in one hand, and the Bible in the other, while their cheeks were wet with tears; and bowing before God in earnest, humble prayer, to be guided into all truth—the very thing He was doing for them before they called upon Him. And when the truth was received in their hearts . . . their countenances were all aglow with happiness and joy." *Life Sketches*, pp. 214, 215.

It is our God-given responsibility to use our literature to find souls for the kingdom. This past year we have been

using over 3,680 Signs to bring the message for this day to as many homes. This work is not being done without results. Just recently word has come that another Signs reader who in turn has been taking the Bible correspondence school lessons is about to connect with the church. Elder Grunke brings to me a cheering report of his contact with her.

One of our Signs readers in the northwestern part of the state has signified her wish to join with the church and observe God's holy Sabbath. We must use more Signs to awaken a greater spiritual interest in thousands of homes. Our Signs goal for 1944—a momentous year—is 4,987, with a super goal of 6,668.

Some member will desire to cover an entire county with the Signs. If this is your desire, please write me. Many can and should do this. What better home missionary service can you do in this, the closing hour of God's work?

E. E. HAGEN

Investment in 1944

MAN's gifts to the cause of God are greatly needed in this day. "Not only are the gifts and labors of Christ's followers desired, but in one sense they are indispensable. IV T., p. 475.

The needs of missions require the enlargement of our Sabbath school Investment plans during the year before us. Our isolated believers and those of our organized Sabbath schools should all strive to expand greatly the Investment plan of giving. Investment bonds are available to all Investment-minded individuals, bearing values of from five to one hundred dollars. Plan your 1944 Investment project early.

E. E. HAGEN

District 1

WE ENJOY reading the reports from other districts in the conference, but to give a report of the work in this farthest west district in the conference is not so pleasant; however, we feel it our duty to give a brief report. While we are not satisfied with what we see being accomplished, yet we have much reason to thank God for His mercy toward us. There is real activity in all the churches and Sabbath schools in the district, and good work is being done. We thank God that we can work together as brethren, and that we do not need to spend precious time trying to settle difficulties between

brethren. God grant that we may all continue to walk in the way of peace.

Thus far the Lord has blessed abundantly in our radio broadcast over KGKY each Sunday at 1 p. m. About 600 have enrolled in our Bible correspondence school, and while many have failed to go on with the lessons, yet a number are working hard to finish the course, thirteen have received their certificates, and a score or more are about to finish. Eighteen have thus far promised to obey God in all things, keep His commandments, and go all the way with their Saviour. About six of these are now enjoying the Sabbath services with our people; others of the number are not where they can enjoy this privilege, but we trust that they, too, will go all the way in this truth, though it may be they will have to worship alone in their own homes.

It has taken money to carry on with the weekly broadcasts, the lessons, and the material being mailed out twice each week. Thus far all the money needed has come in. We wish to take this opportunity and say a heartfelt thank you to our many friends that have contributed so kindly.

Just now we are holding meetings in Scottsbluff twice each week. We hope to have three meetings each week during the month of March. Mr. Baysinger plans to begin a short series of meetings in our church in Alliance on Sabbath, February 19. It seems very difficult for us to get people to come to the meetings here in Scottsbluff, at this time. The last few weeks the weather has not been the best, but all this is known to God. We ask an interest in the prayers of the REAPER family that God may give us His Holy Spirit so that we may be witnesses for Him, laboring in a way that is pleasing in His sight, and that will build for eternity.

A. A. DIRKSEN

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Newsletters

ELDER H. K. Christman, circulation manager of the *Signs of the Times*, was the guest speaker in the St. Louis churches on Sabbath, February 5. In meeting with the three churches in that city he presented the importance of circulating a large number of *Signs* during 1944. Prospects are good for a large *Signs* subscription list. Elder J. H. McEachern was with Elder Christman for these appointments.

Elders Cross and McWilliam, Mr. Lee, and Miss Lindsio were in St. Louis with the colporteurs on Sunday, February 6. After this meeting they proceeded to Kansas City where they spent some time with our colporteurs.

The conference committee held its annual audit and committee meeting in Rolla on Sunday, February 6. Elders Wilson, Schnepfer, and Fattic of the Central union conference were with us for the entire day. We were made happy to have Brethren Payne and Kieser of the Kansas City Central church, and Brethren Fehlenberg and Hubert of the St. Louis Central church with us for this important committee meeting.

Watch the columns of the REAPER for announcements concerning plans for evangelism throughout the different districts in the conference during 1944.

During the last meeting of the conference committee it was voted that in harmony with the requests which have come to us from many of the churches through-

out the conference we hold a state-wide camp meeting in our conference during this year. It is the plan to hold this meeting in the Junior college building in Jefferson City sometime during the month of August. Just as soon as possible we will give you further information regarding camp meeting plans. Watch the REAPER for such announcements.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Williams met with the Bourbon church on Sabbath, February 5. They report that the brethren are of good courage and are actively engaged in missionary work.

Elder F. A. Mote spent Sabbath, February 5, with the brethren in Lebanon. At the close of the service when the *Signs of the Times* campaign was mentioned, the brethren responded with enough *Signs* subscriptions to more than reach their goal of two per member. Elder Mote also visited several of the isolated believers throughout the central part of the state during the week-end.

Elder D. C. Butherus met with the Goldsberry church on Sabbath, February 5. Mr. H. G. Turner and Elder C. M. Babcock accompanied Elder Butherus to Rolla where they attended the committee meeting on Sunday, February 6.

Recent letters from Elder Meyers, and Brethren Kearbey and Ward indicate that the building work on the Joplin, Taneyville, and Poplar Bluff churches is progressing very nicely. They have taken advantage of the good weather, and expect to have their work completed in the near future.

Elder A. E. Webb, the union secretary for our colored department, spent the week-end of January 29 and 30 with our believers at the Berean church in St. Louis. The pastor, Elder Dilleat, and his members were grateful for this visit. Elder Webb is very busy with his work in Kansas City and in giving council for help to our colored evangelists throughout the Central union conference.

Elder Leon Robbins and his corps of workers in the evangelistic effort in St. Louis report a fine interest which they are following at present with Sunday night meetings, and in addition to this work they are holding Bible schools in different places throughout the city. Many of the interested people are opening their homes for such Bible schools where their neighbors may be invited in to take part in the study of the doctrines. Elder Harrison,

Central Union Conference

STATEMENT OF FIFTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND
For One Month (Five Weeks) Ending January 31, 1944

| Conference | Member-ship | Amt. \$2.50 Per Member | Amount | | Cents Per Member | |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|------|
| | | | Received | Short | 1944 | 1943 |
| Colorado | 4,848 | \$12,120.00 | \$ 5,329.48 | \$ 6,790.52 | .216 | .159 |
| Kansas | 3,246 | 8,115.00 | 2,736.11 | 5,378.89 | .169 | .131 |
| Missouri | 3,751 | 9,377.50 | 4,650.07 | 4,727.43 | .248 | .188 |
| Nebraska | 3,380 | 8,450.00 | 3,523.58 | 4,926.42 | .208 | .132 |
| Wyoming | 907 | 2,267.50 | 731.64 | 1,535.86 | .161 | .273 |
| Totals | 16,132 | \$40,330.00 | \$16,970.88 | \$23,359.12 | .210 | .160 |

Brethren Hickman and Gibb, together with their wives, are kept busy, with Elder and Mrs. Robbins and Sister Robinson in following up the many hundreds of interested people.

MR. AND MRS. P. L. Williams, from the Missouri conference office, spoke to the Parent-Teachers' association in Jacksonville on the evening of February 7. They reported a very profitable time. Men, women, and children attended the meeting. Refreshments were served.

Elder G. F. Eichman, president of the Colorado conference, was a visitor at the office last week.

Miss Esther Lindsio, associate field secretary of the Missouri conference, has just returned from a trip out in the field where she has been assisting colporteurs in their book work.

Elder F. A. Mote left the office last week for Colorado where he attended the Porter and Boulder sanitarium committee meetings.

Miss Sue Russell, a student of Union college, stopped off at the office on her return trip to Lincoln, Nebr., after having visited with her relatives in Arkansas.

Elder J. R. McWilliam, field missionary secretary of the Missouri conference, visited colporteurs in Joplin, Springfield, St. Louis, and Jefferson City. He was accompanied by Elder C. G. Cross, the union field secretary. They report that every colporteur is doing excellent work and is of good courage.

Ben Nelson, formerly a Union college student and now serving in the armed forces, recently visited the Missouri conference office.

Elder J. H. McEachern visited the St. Joseph and Bethany churches the week-end of the twelfth. He held a service at the St. Joseph church on Friday night, the St. Joseph colored church, early Sabbath morning, preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour at the St. Joseph white church, and spoke at Bethany in the afternoon.

Elder C. R. Harrison, pastor of the St. Louis Central church, visited the office last week.

Elder D. C. Butherus spent the week-end of the twelfth at Jefferson City attending the M. V. rally in the church there. We are sure this was a real spiritual uplift to all who attended.

About three hundred members were assembled for Sabbath school on Sabbath, February 12, in the church at 721 Linwood boulevard, in Kansas City, when a fire broke out between the basement ceil-

ing and the main floor, and filled the entire building with smoke shortly after 9 o'clock. From the basement classrooms came the children with their coats on. They watched firemen chop a hole through the floor to get at the flames. Actual damage was slight, but the Sabbath services were ruled out in the chilled building. Al Cossetta, assistant superintendent of the school, sought to assemble classes belatedly at the Athenaeum, 900 Linwood, and the 11:00 o'clock worship was conducted by Elder R. W. Numbers, the pastor, at which time he spoke on "A Christian's Relationship to the War Problem."

Mr. P. L. Williams spoke at the Lions' Club in Macon, Mo., on February 9. Representatives from several nearby towns were present, as well as the club members of the town.

Missouri Churches Early in "Signs" Campaign

IN ADDITION to the St. Louis churches, the Kansas City Central, Kansas City Beacon Light, Goldsberry, and Lebanon churches have taken advantage of an early start in the *Signs of the Times* campaign.

Enroute from Lincoln to a Missouri conference committee meeting in Rolla, Elder Schnepfer, secretary-treasurer of the Central union conference, very kindly accepted an invitation to speak at the Sabbath services of the Kansas City Central and Beacon Light churches. His message called for a good response and these two congregations registered a good beginning toward the rather large *Signs* goals of these two missionary-minded churches.

The Goldsberry church was visited by Elder D. C. Butherus. In proportion to the attendance, the per capita response of the believers was encouraging and it is believed that when all the membership have been made acquainted with the opportunity to use the *Signs of the Times* in their evangelism Goldsberry will be among the first churches to reach the campaign goal.

Lebanon has the honor of being the first church in Missouri in 1944 to surpass the suggested *Signs* goal of an average of two annual subscriptions per member. Elder F. A. Mote made this phase of soul-winning evangelism the burden of his message to Lebanon Sabbath morning.

February 26-March 4, has been designated by the General conference as *Signs of the Times* week. We are happy to see some churches spring into action even before the time and we trust that all the believers in every church will respond to the full extent of their ability before March 4.

It is a tested fact, proven by thousands of experiences all over the world, that the *Signs of the Times* mailed regularly for fifty weeks in the year makes a deep impression on its readers and many hundreds of men and women are led to accept this blessed truth through the influence of these silent messengers. Five thousand *Signs* mailed to five thousand families in Missouri will yield a rich harvest of souls. It is one way to secure maximum results in evangelism at minimum expenditure.

"He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."—II Cor. 9:6. "In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thine hand," is the command of God. At all hours of the day make it possible for postmen to deliver *Signs* from door to door for you. Great will be your reward.

J. H. MCEACHERN

Let Us Act in Concert

RIGHT faith has thus been defined: "The essence of all right faith is to do the right thing at the right time."

The leaders in God's cause are spoken of as, "Sons of Issachar," "Men that had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do," and of the believers it is written: "All their brethren were at their commandment."—I Chron. 12:32.

This scripture has a direct bearing upon campaign dates. Over and over it has been demonstrated that believers and churches are blessed and prospered when there is uniformity of action—when all unite in doing the same thing at the same time.

The date appointed by the General conference for the *Signs of the Times* campaign is February 26-March 4. The goal suggested by the Central union conference for each church is an amount equal to two subscriptions per member. Many with larger means may be able to pay for 100 subscriptions, others lesser amounts according to their ability. All can be assured that the *Signs of the Times* regularly mailed to a friend or relative for a year is one of the most fruitful ways of winning that soul to an

acceptance of this saving message.

May we appeal to every church and every believer to reach the suggested goal during the week of February 26-March 4.

J. H. McEACHERN

A Day In St Louis

THE city of St. Louis, with its million population, has three Seventh-day Adventist churches; namely, the Central church with a membership of 515, the South Side church with a membership of 85, and the Berean (colored) church with a membership of 218. Each of these congregations had as their guest speaker for Sabbath, February 5, Elder H. K. Christman, circulation manager of the periodical department of the Pacific press. Pastors Harrison, Robbins, and Dillett very kindly adjusted their programs so that the Central and South Side churches could have the help of Elder Christman in their forenoon services.

There was a large attendance at the Berean church at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to hear the message on the Signs. Although the suggested goal of an average of two subscriptions per member was not reached, yet a good beginning was made and the pastors expressed confidence that their people would yet rally to this important phase of evangelism and would go "over the top" before the close of the Signs campaign. Elder Christman presented a stirring message in each church and his visit to this large center of population was greatly appreciated.

Following the meeting at the Berean church, Pastor Dillett called the Lay Bible Workers' Training class for its regular session. Eighteen are enrolled. It was a pleasure to observe the splendid training the members of this class are receiving. They will qualify for the General conference certificate and will become real helpers to Elder Dillett in his evangelistic endeavors.

In the evening we met with the Berean Sabbath school council. The officers have broad plans laid for an aggressive year in Sabbath school work.

Sabbath, February 5, was indeed a good day in St. Louis. Never in all my travels have I found a more spiritual, friendly, and loyal people than those who assemble in those three churches of St. Louis. We are confident that they will continue to uphold the hands of their leaders in pushing the work forward in 1944.

J. H. McEACHERN

BUSINESS NOTICES

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. Zone numbers must be given for all zoned cities.

OFFER NO. 14: Fortify against deficiencies. Use Victory Vitamin Rations; the ALL IN ONE Vitamin Tablet. Contains high potency B. complex, A-C-D-E, calcium, phosphorus, iron, iodine and food copper. 60 day supply, regular price \$3.75. Send only \$3.00. Generous sample of Ve-Bro powdered vegetable concentrate for broth. Tax and postage prepaid. La Sierra Vitamin Co., Arlington, Calif.

LEARN TO PLAY hymns and favorite songs in 19 lessons. This easy postal plan approved by denominational leaders now at only \$15.00. Enroll today before price increase. CREATIVE HARMONY, P. O. Box 898, Glendale, Calif.

WANTED: Reliable man for farm work. Separate house; good wages. Charles Evans, Marsland, Nebr.

WANTED: Good girl for general housework. \$5.00 week. Fred B. Peterson, Underwood, Iowa.

FOR RENT: One mile from Underwood, near No. 64, 11 miles from Council Bluffs, good six room house and cellar, garage, small chicken house and garden spot. \$15.00 per month. Fred B. Peterson, Underwood, Iowa.

WANTED: Married man as tenant or farm hand. Liberal offer to willing worker. W. R. Grant, Nonpareil, Nebr.

\$50.00 per month for Adventist girl if efficient, good with chickens, housework, garden, help milk. Pay more if extra good farm help. Church privileges. Man wanted for truck farming; shares. References exchanged. Box 455, Coffeyville, Kans.

A GOOD S.D.A. Texaco Filling Station is located at 1394 W. Alameda, Denver 9, Colo. Stop and buy.

SPECIAL FOODS COMPANY would like to contact an Adventist family interested in moving to Worthington, Ohio, for work in the Worthington Health Food Co. Have steady employment for all adult members of the family. Permanent. Write at once to: Special Foods, 656 High Street, Worthington, Ohio.

SOVEX. Perhaps you like hot drinks, and who does not? Here is one. A teaspoonful of Sovex in hot water or milk. Your favorite drink. Frank Cushing, Box 131, C. V. Sta., Lincoln 6, Nebr.

Sabbath Begins

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| Friday, February 25 | WT |
| Colorado, Denver | 6:47 |
| Kansas, Topeka | 7:11 |
| Missouri, Kansas City | 7:06 |
| Nebraska, Lincoln | 7:13 |
| Wyoming, Casper | 6:48 |

Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program

| ASSIGNMENTS FOR NINTH WEEK, Feb. 27-March 4 | | | |
|---|---------|-----------|--|
| Volume: Christ's Object Lessons | | | |
| Pages 202-218 (203-221) | | | |
| Feb. 27 | 202-205 | (203-205) | |
| Feb. 28 | 205-207 | (205-208) | |
| Feb. 29 | 207-209 | (208-210) | |
| Mar. 1 | 209-211 | (210-213) | |
| Mar. 2 | 212-213 | (215-217) | |
| Mar. 3 | 213-215 | (217-219) | |
| Mar. 4 | 216-218 | (219-221) | |

Literature Ministry

A Year From Now—What Will You Wish You Had Done Today?

Union Field Secretary C. G. Cross

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1944 COLORADO CONFERENCE

| ERIC RISTAG, Secretary | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Book | Hours | Orders | Deliv. | | |
| Butler, Mrs. G. | MC-BR | 6 | 40.80 | 121.80 | |
| Freitag, C. G. | HP-BR | 41 | 78.96 | 62.68 | |
| Greenley, Matt | MC-Misc. | 38 | 174.20 | 94.80 | |
| Nero, Freda | MC-BR | 34 | 90.80 | 96.70 | |
| Reeder, Marvin | MC-BR | 40 | 248.86 | 49.69 | |
| Scarborough, W. | MC-BR | 36 | 112.50 | 145.50 | |
| Yarnell, Clifford | MC-BR | 44 | 162.35 | 114.65 | |
| Chavez, Julian | BR | 30 | 92.70 | 92.70 | |
| Dupper, Ramond | BR | 20 | 8.95 | 9.95 | |
| Hayer, Mrs. | MC-GH | 30 | 103.00 | 23.00 | |
| Fitch, Mrs. | BR-Mess | 36 | 128.80 | 118.70 | |
| Austin, Mrs. E. | | 6 | 21.00 | 10.50 | |
| Randolph, Mrs. K. | | 34 | 68.90 | 68.90 | |
| Totals | | | 359 | 1326.82 | 1009.57 |

KANSAS CONFERENCE

| C. B. WATTS, Secretary | | | | | |
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| Book | Hours | Orders | Deliv. | | |
| Bogle, Jack | HS | 31 | 133.35 | 133.35 | |
| Dowdall, Harold | BR | 32 | 40.70 | 40.70 | |
| Gallager, J. W. | HS | 36 | 40.50 | 40.50 | |
| Garver, George | BR | 27 | 47.80 | 47.80 | |
| Kongorski, Ray | HS | 14 | 53.85 | 95.65 | |
| Lindsay, Frank | BR | 44 | 112.45 | 112.45 | |
| Reed, Arthur | BR | 25 | 67.30 | 67.30 | |
| Pearson, Neil | BR | 38 | 13.85 | 30.85 | |
| Totals | | | 247 | 508.50 | 568.60 |

MISSOURI CONFERENCE

| J. R. McWILLIAM, Secretary | | | | | |
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| Book | Hours | Orders | Deliv. | | |
| Barker, A. C. | BR | 21 | 20.45 | 58.75 | |
| Boborsky, John | BR | 36 | 79.70 | 59.30 | |
| DeGroat, Jim | BR | 49 | 22.80 | 22.80 | |
| Dennis, A. A. | BR | 41 | 20.40 | 16.20 | |
| Hinton, Frank | HPS | 15 | 101.30 | 101.30 | |
| Hoss, Austin | BR | 17 | 44.50 | 16.20 | |
| Kieser, W. D. | BR | 30 | 38.40 | 119.85 | |
| Krause, Raymond | BR | 37 | 34.10 | 170.80 | |
| Porter, S. W. | BR | 38 | 59.80 | 39.40 | |
| Powell, W. H. | BR | 32 | 44.70 | 37.45 | |
| Saxton, D. D. | BR | 35 | 115.60 | 122.55 | |
| Scott, J. K. | BR | 28 | 67.47 | 67.47 | |
| Tewksbury, Geo. | BR | 38 | 213.15 | 211.05 | |
| Van Scoy, Clarence | BR | 16 | 38.95 | 22.70 | |
| White, Robt. | BR | 40 | 269.90 | 269.90 | |
| Bangher, Mrs. H. N. G. | H | 2 | | 22.50 | |
| Bunch, L. E. | BR | 37 | 93.25 | 100.45 | |
| Burton, W. A. | BR | 8 | 35.00 | 35.00 | |
| Cooper, Mrs. Dora Misc. | | 31 | 12.30 | 3.85 | |
| Jones, Rhoda | NC&H | 6 | 18.10 | 13.40 | |
| Wakeland, L. | NC&H | 21 | 40.60 | .70 | |
| Boborsky, Mrs. J. | Mag. | 16 | 14.30 | 14.30 | |
| Bray, Lottie | Mag. | 21 | 19.50 | 19.50 | |
| McDermott, L. | Mag. | 16 | 46.80 | 46.80 | |
| Porter, Vivian | Mag. | 8 | 15.00 | 15.00 | |
| Saxton, Leola | Mag. | 5 | 22.25 | 22.25 | |
| Totals | | | 644 | 1588.32 | 1629.47 |

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

| L. E. LOOMER, Secretary | | | | | |
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| Book | Hours | Orders | Deliv. | | |
| Aitken, J. B. | MC | 31 | 86.00 | 107.90 | |
| Baughman, B. Y. | MC | 32 | 101.70 | 101.70 | |
| Burley, Eugene | MC | 22 | 98.10 | 81.90 | |
| Mead, Miss C. | BR | 32 | 41.70 | 31.80 | |
| Mead Miss C. | BR | 17 | 97.50 | 73.50 | |
| Plumb, M. D. | MC | 40 | 94.74 | 67.29 | |
| Reeder, C. W. | BR | 19 | 32.30 | 36.50 | |
| Nelson, Rose | BR | 30 | 72.00 | 68.55 | |
| Pitchford, M. | MC | 30 | 134.10 | 138.65 | |
| Pitchford, M. | MC | 10 | 64.95 | 13.75 | |
| Warner, Ruth | H | | 7.80 | 7.80 | |
| Totals | | | 263 | 830.89 | 729.34 |

WYOMING MISSION

| KENNETH WENBERG, Secretary | | | | | |
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| Book | Hours | Orders | Deliv. | | |
| Burris, Albert | MC | 41 | 255.90 | 112.70 | |
| Brothers, L. | MC&H | 33 | 122.22 | 91.42 | |
| Totals | | | 74 | 378.12 | 204.12 |

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