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## *A Personal Letter from Our General Conference President*

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Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Central Union Conference:

The pressure of the work is tremendous, but I want to send to each of you a message as personal as I can make it on this occasion.

I am confident that, as a people, we are right on the very threshold of seeing some of the most marvelous advances in soul winning that have been divinely pictured to us. Already this is occurring in some parts of the world. I believe it is about to take place here in America.

Multiplied millions of dollars worth of our message-filled books and papers have been sold to all types of people here in the United States. A very large amount has been sold throughout your conference. Yet the servant of the Lord has declared that "the wider the circulation, the greater will be the demand for books that make plain the Scriptures of truth." So, in every passing year we should find an ever-increasing demand for our literature.

Let us be fully aware that this large variety of our books and periodicals is designed for one purpose namely, "to prepare a people to meet God." Therefore, we have every right to expect greater and still greater evidence that the literature is doing just that. The publishing department leaders are giving much attention to training the colporteur evangelists to be genuine soul winners now. They have their eyes and hearts set on the "harvest." That is exactly where the Lord Jesus asked the disciples and people of His day to fix their eyes, isn't it?

Your union publishing secretary has given me a copy of the Colporteur Evangelistic Scout Plan which the conference presidents, treasurers, publishing secretaries, Bible house managers, and about 30 district ministers in your union recently developed. The forms used for recording vital information about each customer, each person interested in some particular part of our message, and each one needing the attention of our Dorcas or welfare groups are streamlined and easy to use. Surely as ministers, Bible instructors, Bible correspondence schools, and trained laymen take these forms and follow up the precious work of the Scouts we shall be headed for an influx of souls in the Central Union that will thrill us through and through! Something like this we have needed for years. Now we have it!

I learned the other day that in one of the union conferences about 600 have been baptized in the last four years as a direct result of our literature. But I suppose we really will never know whether the sum total is 600 or 1200, because the colporteur work fur-





W. H. Branson

nishes many surprises as we go through life. These books that are sold keep on working, and although 600 may be all we know of right now who have been brought to the point of baptism during the last four years through our literature, those 600 may well bring thousands besides themselves into the truth. And then of course, things begin to multiply. I do not know anything that multiplies like the seed of the gospel; in fact, the Scriptures make it clear that it would be hard to find anything to equal it. It is like a grain of mustard seed.

The promise is, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." That does not mean only the ministers and the colporteur evangelists and the Book and Bible House managers. That means the people, the heathen, the wicked, those out in the world who are not godly at all, for God is going to prepare them by the outpouring of the Spirit to receive the truth. He will stir up their hearts. The logical source for them to turn to for truth will be the books that they bought from some Seventh-day Adventist.

It seems to me that if we want to hasten the coming of the Lord, one of the finest ways in the world to do it is to multiply our work in the distribution of literature, scatter it like the leaves of autumn. The more books from our publishing houses that we can get into the libraries of the people, the more likelihood there is of their picking out one of them, getting interested, and then taking down the others and reading them too. If we can build up Seventh-day Ad-

ventist libraries in the homes of the people, they are almost certainly going to be influenced by this message.

With our literature, and also with the follow-up work of our ministers, Bible workers, and trained laymen, what a harvest we must expect to receive before we finish with this work!

The Lord will override all the difficulties and all the impediments. And under the latter rain and the baptism of the Holy Spirit in these last days, God is going to bring to this people the greatest success, the greatest advancement, that has ever been made by the gospel workers in the history of the world.

The need today in your field is for a vastly increased army of these devoted laborers, engaged in the ministry of the printed page. Many successful laymen should leave their usual vocations, to step with consecrated feet into this furrow of need while the day of opportunity endures. My prayer is that many of you will inform your publishing secretary at your conference office that you desire to discuss this work privately with him in your home. Just write him a short card or letter.

It is a wonderful thing to help in the finishing of God's work in the earth, is it not? We often think it would have been wonderful to be back there with Brother and Sister White, and be under the influence of the prophet as she spoke those stirring messages. A few of us are still living who heard her speak and know something about it. But you know, I would far rather live down here and see the finish, see the harvest gathered in. Oh, I am waiting for that time just ahead of us when more than a thousand in a day will flock in, "most of whom," the servant of the Lord tells us, "will trace their first conviction to the reading of our publications." *As soon as we reach out and lay hold of the divine power of the Spirit of God and the latter rain, we are going to see it—Pentecost witnessed all over again!*

Yours Sincerely,  
W. H. Branson  
President,  
General Conference Of  
Seventh-day Adventists

### Voice of Prophecy Sermons

September 20: The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life

September 27: A Crown of Twelve Stars

### Draft Unchanged by Truce

CARLYLE B. HAYNES

A truce has been agreed to in Korea, hostilities have ended—at least for a time. And the military draft—has that ended? It has not.

The need of required military service for the nation's youth and professional men remains unaltered.

Those in uniform cannot expect to get out ahead of time. Those awaiting their call to service can expect to serve as long as if the fighting had continued.

Draft calls will go on at about the same rate as before the shooting stopped, from about 19,000 to 23,000 men a month for the next ten months. It will then be doubled.

Nor are there any plans to ease deferment policies. It is not planned to reduce the number of men comprising the military forces.

I wish I could say all this differently and tell you it will be easier. If I did, however, I would not be telling you the truth. The draft remains unchanged, regardless of the truce.

### New Advanced Nursing Program Announced by CME

W. E. MACPHERSON  
President of C.M.E.

At the spring council, in Washington, the College of Medical Evangelists was designated as the denominational educational center authorized to offer a program of study in nursing education leading to a Master's Degree.

The graduate council of the college has approved the tentative plans as outlined by the School of Nursing and in September 1954 the first students will be admitted. More detailed information will soon be available upon request. Emphasis in this graduate program will be given to the preparation for supervisors in nursing service and for instructors in clinical and related courses in nursing.

The college wishes in this program to help meet the major needs of the denomination for well qualified supervisors and teachers at home and overseas service. It is not too soon for interested students to make early application in order for credits to be evaluated and programs planned to meet the needs of the field.

Further information may be obtained by writing to the College of Medical Evangelists, Dean, School of Nursing, at Loma Linda, California.



# AFRICA

## Gives to Missions

ERNEST D. HANSON

*President, East African Union Mission*



Pastor M. E. Lind watches the mountain trails as the drummer calls the people to a meeting in the Mountains of the Moon in Western Uganda.

Our members in North America give generously and frequently in behalf of our world-wide mission program. Some may wonder whether or not the converts in heathen lands are also faithful in sacrificial giving.

An experience that came to me during our last camp meeting season will help to answer this question. Pastor R. G. Pearson and I had driven by car 65 miles from Gendia Mission to a point on the shores of Lake Victoria. For many miles the trail was merely a footpath that had been widened by the local chief by cutting and removing some of the grass and bush. Stones and stumps remained a hazard that we had to accept philosophically. For several miles I walked in front of the car to find a way around the largest rocks. For the last mile an African guide led us along a footpath and across an open field to a mud walled, grass-roofed school building where we were to camp.

As it was nearing sunset and the mosquitoes were beginning to buzz, we quickly unpacked our food boxes and bedrolls. When our camp cots and mosquito nets were set up and a rope line had been strung up for our clothing, we lighted the lamp and prepared some supper.

The next morning we inspected the camp meeting place which consisted of a large wild fig tree. The African members had cleared the tall grass and vines from under the tree and had erected a grass sheltered rostrum for the speakers. Rough logs had been arranged as seats and a fence made from Kaffir corn stalks had been placed around the enclosure. I measured the diameter of the area

covered by the branches of this one tree and found it to be 180 feet.

From the camp site we looked across the waters to two islands where we had five churches and some schools. Late in the afternoon we saw a number of 30 foot canoes and two dhows (sail boats) coming towards the bay by which we were camped. Over the waters floated the sound of drums and joyful singing. I asked about the drums and learned that in the shallower waters of the bay there were many hippopotami. They often walk submerged on the lake bottom and might come up under a boat and capsize it. The drums were used to frighten them away.

When the people gathered on Sabbath morning under the green canopy of the giant fig tree with its 50 foot-high arched leafy dome, we discovered that they represented six churches with a total membership of 467. Only one church with a membership of 100 was located on that isolated bit of mainland. The members of each church had brought children, friends, and interested ones, so that the attendance on that Sabbath morning was 837. Fully half of these were children.

For many weeks in their home churches they had been planning for their camp meeting offering of millet, eggs, corn, and cash. For months they had been talking to heathen friends and relatives about the coming camp meeting where the white bwanas (chiefs) were going to bring them a message from the Great Spirit, the God of the earth and the starry heavens.

As the consecration message was pre-

sented they listened with close attention, and when a call was made for those who wanted to prepare for membership in the remnant church to come to the front, men and women and young people stood up in all parts of the congregation and walked towards the rostrum. When this group was gathered near the front the remainder of the congregation stood in reconsecration while the African pastor offered an earnest prayer.

Then the pastor and teachers separated the new converts into groups according to the church area from which they came. Those who were enrolled in the baptismal class for the first time numbered 69. Besides these in this area the churches were preparing 215 for baptism.

In the afternoon we gathered on the lake shore where canoes formed a semi-circle of protection against hippos and crocodiles while three pastors led 82 dear souls through the watery grave. Then with singing, all followed the winding trail back to the camp site.

Then came the camp meeting offering, all of which goes into the mission offerings. A blackboard was set up and the names of the churches written down. One by one the leaders of the churches stood up and reported how much their churches had brought as a camp meeting offering. What they reported gains significance when one learns that the cash income of the heads of families does not exceed three dollars per month, and most of this is earned by toiling with their nets as did Peter and John.

The leader of the Kaswanga church (membership 95) reported \$53; then



Wanyama (membership 51) reported \$57. No one knew how much a church had raised except its elder and treasurer. We could see the intense interest on every face as leader after leader reported. Finally the leader of Kakimba (membership 78) arose and announced that their offering was \$114. A great sigh arose as the people realized how much this meant. When the totals were added they found that \$401 had been contributed.

The shadows were lengthening and the people were anxious to catch the favoring evening breeze to get across the bay to their island homes. But before leaving, each school presented special songs that had been composed and prepared by the teachers and pupils. A little prize was given to the school judged to have sung the best. So keen was the singing that some schools had to sing their songs twice. After a closing prayer all hastened to load their belongings into the canoes, and head for home. As we watched the silhouettes of the boats in the gathering dusk and the lantern lights begin to flicker, as we heard the drums roll out their rhythm and the Advent songs float over the quiet waters, we rejoiced that God had raised up such

faithful witnesses in this dark corner of Africa.

When you give your Thirteenth Sabbath offering on September 26, remember it will help provide urgently needed buildings and equipment for Kendu Hospital which though seventy miles from these faithful members, is their nearest hospital.

### Union College

H. C. HARTMAN, President.

### News Notes

✓ An all staff family picnic was held in Pioneer Park Thursday evening, September 10. At this time recognition was given by Dr. E. N. Dick to Dr. L. W. Welch and Dr. R. K. Nelson for obtaining their doctor's degree and to Mr. Ralph T. Carter and Robert M. Reynolds for their master's degree this past summer. An

### If You Have Withheld Your Tithe, Confess Your Sin

"If you have sinned by withholding from God His own in tithes and offerings, confess your guilt to God and to the church, and heed the injunction that He has given you: 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse.' Mal. 3:10." CH 374.

enjoyable climax to the outing was a singfest led by Mr. J. Wesley Rhodes.

✓ Elder and Mrs. P. C. James, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Leno and Miss Iris Donaly, have arrived on the campus ready to take up their new duties.

✓ Miss Pearl Hall, who has spent several months traveling through Egypt and other places of interest, returned to the campus Wednesday, September 2.

✓ Elder and Mrs. E. E. Cossentine, two grandchildren and Mrs. Keld Reynolds were visitors on the campus the week end of August 29. Elder Cossentine, former president of Union College, spoke during the church service on Sabbath.

✓ The faculty and staff welcomed President Hartman back to the campus Wednesday, September 9. He was present at the first staff meeting on Thursday, September 10.



The new residence for men at Union College was begun May 1, 1952. The completed sections will house 170 men plus the college dining room and temporary quarters for the kitchen facilities of the college. The cafeteria was moved to its new location September 8th, 1953, and the first of the students began to occupy their section the same day. Work on the additional wing of the building will await the demolition of Old South Hall which will be started this fall.



## Our Last Call

October 1 is the closing date for the special price on the new junior paper entitled the "Junior Guide." It can now be secured at \$2.75 but after October 1, it will go up to \$3.75. Sabbath school officers, teachers, MV leaders and parents should make an extreme effort to get the subs in through the book and Bible house before the date expires.

We have waited for this junior paper for many years. It promises to be the best paper ever published by us as a people. So hurry your orders along.

D. E. REINER



Kansas City Junior Academy teachers are: Left to right—Miss Velda Lorenz, Mrs. Betty Koudele, Mr. Roy Perrin, Mrs. Fern Perrin, Miss Thelma McBroom, and Mrs. Ruby Higby.

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## Opportunity For a Church School

In the beautiful Ozarks is a really thriving small city, Rolla, Missouri, surrounded by rich grape vineyards, cattle raising, farming section, and many work opportunities because of a 30,000 army personnel not far away. This small church is determined to have a church school this year.

We invite good Adventist families who desire to have their children in a church school to get in touch with the pastor, R. J. Roy, 610 West 7th Street, Rolla, Missouri, for further details and information of work advantages. Those interested can be assured of an experienced teacher, a good building, and all the beauties the Ozarks can provide. Your inquiry will be appreciated.

R. J. Roy

## Items of Interest

✓ Word received from Elder J. Howard Matthews tells of his plans to open a series of meetings in Cassville on September 13. Brother O. R. McLean will assist.

✓ Brother G. L. Sather, our conference treasurer, had the privilege of visiting in the Rolla area in connection with the auditing of the Bourbon and Owensville church books. He also met with the Owensville church on Sabbath, August 29 and reports he was delighted to find such a beautiful church building located there. The church is of brick construction partially covered with vines, and makes a picturesque setting for a place of wor-

ship. This area promises to be one of the fastest growing in our conference. Three medical doctors have recently located in this district.

✓ Elder and Mrs. J. B. Bogle were indeed welcome visitors when they called at the conference office recently. Elder Bogle was the former publishing secretary in our conference, and is now connected with the Colorado Conference in the same capacity.

## Notice

Friday evening, September 25, the film, "What God Hath Wrought," will be shown at the Eureka church. This Sabbath school film will be one to inspire you. Bring your friends to this meeting; they will enjoy the picture. The time, 7:30 P.M. Elder D. E. Reiner will be there.

## Educational Advantages Improved

The Kansas City junior academy and elementary school opened this term with excellent prospects for a good school year. Mr. Roy Perrin, M.A., is principal. He is ably assisted by Mrs. Betty Koudele, M.A., Miss Thelma McBroom, B.A., Miss Velda Lorenz, B.A., Mrs. Ruby Higby and Mrs. Fern Perrin. A total of 126 students are enrolled to date in all grades. It is anticipated this figure will be increased as the school gets under way.

The teachers and students were more than pleased over the complete renovation which the classrooms received this summer. Each room received special attention in the selection of appropriate colors for the re-decorating process. The floors of the entire building were covered



Ordination of Brother Franklin Hudgins, Lay Evangelism Secretary of the Missouri Conference, at the camp meeting, Sabbath, August 1, 1953. Elder W. B. Ochs, Vice-President of the General Conference, North American Division, gave the ordination sermon; Elder A. A. Esteb, Home Missionary Secretary of the General Conference, offered the ordination prayer; and Elder W. A. Dessain, President of the Missouri Conference, gave the welcome.





# CALLS OF

## 50 Scouts Needed In Kansas

Within the boundary of this great state there are approximately 82,276 square miles. This is the heart of America.

The potentialities of the literature ministry in our state are unlimited. Today we could use fifty regular full-time colporteurs. If those fifty would dedicate their lives to the Lord to be led by the Holy Spirit and follow closely the Colporteur-Scout program, it would be the means of hundreds more accepting our message each year.



Great cities in our state are barely being touched. Saying nothing of the vast country territory where a colporteur has never entered! Yes, Kansas could absorb fifty to one hundred colporteurs today. There is a place for you in the Colporteur-Scout program here in the state of Kansas. G. C. WILSON

## Colorado's Vision Of Evangelistic Scouts

"Let the tracts, papers and books go in every direction."—*Review & Herald*, 1880. In the August 25, copy of the REAPER you read Elder Petersen's article, "Colorado Passes The 6,000 Mark." He said, "If conditions remain as they are at present, it will not be too long before Colorado will have 7,000 members."



With our population of 1,325,000 surely our vision should see a doubled membership. To realize this, our vision must include doubling or tripling our force of Colporteur Scouts.

Later as our ministers hold efforts and our laymen give Bible studies, the people will have had a sound foundation upon which to build. Then we will see our fondest dreams come true: more than a thousand converted in a day, most of whom will trace their first conviction of the truth to the reading of our publications. Let us each help speed up the pace of baptisms, thus hastening the great day of Jesus' coming. Give yourself to full-time or part-time colporteur-scout work. The cause needs you now.

J. B. BOGLE

## Missouri's Cities and Rural Areas Look to You

The voices of Missouri's more than four million people call you to service. Can you hear them? Listen!

"I've given up. Don't talk to me about the Bible!"

"I'm dying of cancer. What hope have I?"

"My son was just killed in an accident. Oh, why did God let it happen?"

"The preacher said my son who died in the service is now suffering the tortures of hell. Does the Bible really teach that?"

"Jesus must have sent you here!"

These and many others call to you. Voices from the great cities, voices from our 87 counties. Listen to them. They need help. Come, and help us save them!



Be a Colporteur Scout and thus join a growing army of men and women who search every apartment, every house, every store in our state for those whom Jesus died to save. We need you today!

C. B. WATTS

## Are You Fulfilling

Where our denomination is well organized in foreign fields, similar to the way it is organized here at home, believe, we can truthfully say that we conduct our work much more intensively than we do in the states.

Here is an example: On the continent and in the Southern European Division, our church sends men and women into every home and shop at least once each year. In numerous places these evangelistic colporteurs enter two and three times a year! Furthermore, those of you who are acquainted with some of the conditions over there know that perhaps ninety-eight per cent of the people are either Catholics, atheists, or agnostics. Our workers are shot, stoned, stabbed, clubbed, and thrown into miserable prisons. But as soon as they recover from the experience, they start in again searching for souls and sowing the territory with Seventh-day Adventist literature.

Whole countries of Adventists trace their beginning to the self-sacrificing work of these who might properly be classified as God's "Scouts." They willingly risk life every day for the hope of winning some to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Timid? Embarrassing? Difficult? What if the Young Man of twelve should have shrunk from duty when the part in the plan of salvation first dawned on Him? What if the Young Man of thirty should have turned aside to defend His own personal dignity in preference to a three and one-half years of ministry that He knew would end in the most shameful type of death?

Friend, you and I are in this world to do a special work. Whatever it is, it is for the express purpose of extending the kingdom of God among men. Seriously ask yourself if you really are fulfilling God's purposes for you. Literally hundreds of our people in these six continents of the Central Union must come to the point in their Christian experience when they will say from the bottom of their hearts, "Lord, for many years I have done what I have wanted to do. But now I want to



**WOULD YOU CONSIDER BECOMING AN EVANGELISTIC SCOUT, SEARCHING FOR SOULS, AND COMING AT THE SAME TIME? IF SO, WRITE TO THE PUBLISHING SECRETARY**



# THE FIELDS



## What's Purpose for You?

"I will do what you want me to do." And, if you see the needs of all of the so-called Christian and un-Christian people around you, a large number of you are going to offer yourselves for work as God's Scouts—Colporteur Evangelistic Scouts. How we do need you now!



Do you know that right here in our territory are whole counties and even patches of counties in which no Seventh-day Adventist minister, Bible instructor, colporteur evangelist, church school teacher, doctor or nurse, or even a trained layman has ever called on one solitary house for the purpose of arousing an interest in Bible study, selling our literature, or holding any meetings? How can we have the heart to pray that the Lord will come soon?

Do you know that many of the largest cities and the great majority of that spray of smaller towns throughout our fields have literally multitudes of people in them who have never had the opportunity to learn about the simplest rudiments of salvation? Should the bombs fall on America, these are the people whose lives would be melted up in a twinkling. You and I are responsible for them.

Pray that God will give us hearts of compassion for the lost and give us the holy boldness to dare to stand on the promise of Christ our Lord and say now, "Here am I. Send Me." Friend, this is no ordinary call. We are playing a mighty dangerous game with the Lord if we say "I am thine, Oh, Lord," but are not.

The Lord will cut His work short in righteousness. I believe it with all of my heart. But we must get the truth to the people so that He can cause the people to decide. If they have no knowledge of the truth they have no decision to make. They are lost, eternally. May the Lord help us to see things as they are, hear His voice calling, and answer, even feebly. "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord." Become a Colporteur Evangelistic Scout now.

C. G. CROSS

## What Colporteur Scouts Are Doing In Nebraska

Nebraska's courageous Colporteur Scouts' all-absorbing purpose is to help men and women prepare for eternity. They have helped bring more souls into the truth thus far in 1953 than in any previous full year. They have reported helping bring more than 40 souls in in just eight months. Thank God that the prophecy declaring "1000 converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first conviction to the reading of our publications" is beginning to be realized.



A medical student, G. J. Gelford, sold a *Bible Readings* and *Modern Medical Counselor* to the Hartwig family two summers ago. He also enrolled them in the Bible course. Elder S. A. Reile conducted meetings a few months later and followed up this interest. This whole family now rejoices in the truth.

Sister Rose Nelsen, veteran Colporteur Scout from Minden, met a sincere lady in Fairmont several months ago. She was manager of a fine, clean nursing home. She sold her our health journal and then *Great Controversy* and *Desire Of Ages*. Sister Nelsen stayed in her home, and in the evening they studied the Word of God together. Brother Kannenberg prepared her by further studies, and in August she was baptized. Each Sunday Brother Kannenberg studies and conducts worship for the patients in her nursing home.

Surely God is leading in this great work of scouting for souls. He needs many more Scouts in Nebraska! Souls are waiting for you to come.

Resolve now to have a part in this holy task and write your publishing secretary today.

J. N. HUNT

## What Wyoming Could Do With Ten Colporteur Scouts

The real question is not as it is phrased in the title, but rather "What Ten Colporteur Scouts Would Do To Wyoming!"

Ten *consecrated* Colporteur Scouts could kindle a flame of evangelism that would leap from border to border spreading a mighty revival. The devotion of these scouts would be apparent to all who would meet them.

Ten *enthusiastic* Colporteur Scouts would go into their home churches on the Sabbath and renew the missionary spirit of their fellow church members as they would relate thrilling experiences of God's leading. The contagion of this enthusiasm would be reflected in increased missionary activities.



Ten *praying* Colporteur Scouts could cause the blessings of a willing God to be poured out to hungry, waiting souls and the Holy Spirit would draw these men and women closer to the hope of eternal life.

Ten *earnest* Colporteur Scouts would place books, magazines and tracts in hundreds of homes and the blessing of this literature added to the hundreds who would enroll in the Bible correspondence school would result in a mighty tide of new believers.

May God give us ten consecrated, enthusiastic, praying, earnest Colporteur Scouts now! Answer this call, brethren and sisters.

MORTEN-JUBERG

**FOR SOULS, AND UNDER THE BLESSING OF GOD EARN A REASONABLE IN-  
YOUR CONFERENCE OFFICE. DO IT NOW, TODAY, BECAUSE WE NEED YOU.**



with asphalt tile. The lawn and playground are also receiving special attention which greatly improves the outside appearance of the school. New modern desks have been purchased for two rooms to replace the older type. The library has been completely catalogued and many antiquated volumes discarded. There is great need for up-to-date books in the library. Anyone wishing to contribute books or cash should contact the principal for a list of suitable volumes.

Two of the teachers are engaged in teaching non-Adventist children who have attended the kindergarten and whose parents desire to have them remain in an S.D.A. school. The kindergarten employs two supervisors beside the teachers named above. A modern cafeteria provides lunch for faculty and students. Those who have sacrificed to make possible the improvements in the school should find encouragement in these words: "No other work committed to us is so important as the training of the youth, and every outlay demanded for the right accomplishment is means well spent." *Ed. p. 218. (Italics Ours)*

G. C. WILLIAMSON

## WYOMING

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### Evangelism Flashes

Elder B. J. Furst baptized one candidate in the hot springs west of Cody. With the help of Brother Allen Isenminger, Elder Furst has organized a Sabbath school in Cody and reports a good interest in the meetings being held in the KODI studio.

Brethren Perry Pedersen and Norman Harvey have completed the installation of a beautiful baptistry in the Lander church and the first baptism was conducted in it on Sabbath, August 29, when Elders Leiske and Juberg visited Lander. The attendance at the Riverton meetings is constantly increasing. On the opening night there were 13 non-members among the 62 present. The attendance of the non-members continued to increase. Let us pray that the Lord will bless these brethren as they bring the message to Riverton.

The Central Union evangelistic team, Elders C. F. Kearbey and Earl Patton

have moved to Cheyenne and are making preparation for the erection of the tabernacle for a series of meetings in Cheyenne. Welcome to Wyoming, brethren! I can assure you that all of us will be praying for the success of the effort.

LEROY J. LEISKE

## ATTEND THE BIG YOUTH RALLY

AT  
Sheridan, Wyoming  
All day Sabbath, Sept. 26  
Sabbath school, 9:30 A.M.

Elders C. F. Kearbey and Earl Patton, Central Union Conference Evangelistic Team in charge of the Morning Worship Hour

- Singing
- Workshops
- Projects

Other Ministers present include Central Union Youth Leader, Elder G. R. Fattic and Elders LeRoy J. Leiske, Morten Juberg, George M. MacLean and Brother William Iverson

OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW  
EVANGELISTIC AND YOUTH  
CENTER

### Douglas Company

Several days ago we received this good news from Brother Gregg in Douglas. "Last Sabbath afternoon, in a beautiful setting of God's own design, among the pine trees along a trickling little stream; we sat on rocks, for our stools, and organized our little Douglas group into a Seventh-day Adventist company."

Although a Sabbath school has been conducted in the home of Sister West for some years, this is the first time that a company has been organized.

The officers chosen were as follows: missionary leader—Harry Gregg; secretary-treasurer—Frances Johnson, Sabbath school superintendent—Don West, Asst. Sabbath school supt.—Lois Hollinger, clerk—Fay West, and young people's leader—Esther West.

Let us pray that the soul-winning efforts of this company will prosper so that we may soon see a church organized in the city of Douglas.

LEROY J. LEISKE

### Welcome!

Nine more members were added to the Wyoming constituency by baptism and profession of faith during the month of August, bringing the total added to the church thus far this year to 113.

In Cody Elder B. J. Furst baptized Mrs. Rachel Fields and accepted Mrs. Cora Lewis on profession of faith. Brother Allen Isenminger assisted Elder Furst in the work there.

Elders D. H. Miller and Byron Chalker baptized Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Wilkins and their daughter, Sylvia in Laramie.

Elder George MacLean baptized Mr. Roland D. Streeter of Kaycee and Elder Leiske received Mr. and Mrs. D. Johnson into the conference church by profession of faith.

Mrs. Dorothy Aden was baptized in the new baptistry in the Lander church.

We welcome these new members into church fellowship. LEROY J. LEISKE

### Youth Rally—Worland District

Sabbath, August 22, was a special day for the youth of the Worland district. About one hundred and ten members from the six churches in that district gathered in the Worland Town Hall for Sabbath school, and remained for a day of helpful inspiration.

The Sabbath school was conducted by the youth of the district, with Duane Curtis leading out. During the eleven o'clock hour Elder LeRoy J. Leiske helped the children and youth to realize that they are never too young to begin serving the Master.

A workshop in the afternoon was one of the high lights of the day. During this time Elder Leiske introduced the MV classes and Pathfinder Club activities. Elder Furst told of some other interesting activities that can be carried on in the Missionary Volunteer department. Along with these activities our youth want to carry on a Share Your Faith program, and Elder Juberg suggested a number of ways that young and old alike can do this. The enthusiasm of these men was contagious, and a number of our juniors and youth are eager to begin work on the MV class activities and build a strong MV organization.

In the evening several films were shown, and Elder Leiske arranged a Book and Bible House display for the convenience of the members.

EVELYN GROULIK



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### Farewell

For a number of years Elders Clyde Kearbey and Earl Patton were engaged in evangelistic and district work in the Colorado Conference. About four years ago they accepted a call to connect with the Kansas Conference, where they labored until about a year ago, when they accepted our invitation to return to Colorado to engage again in evangelistic and district activities. Since their return they have held two successful efforts; one at Grand Junction and the other at Montrose.

Just recently the Central Union Conference committee invited Elders Kearbey and Patton to become a Central Union evangelistic team. This invitation was accepted by the brethren and they entered upon their new responsibilities the first of September.

We greatly regret having Elders Kearbey and Patton leave our field, but we hope that since they will be doing evangelistic work in the union, we may have them back in Colorado for a campaign from time to time. We wish for them much of the Lord's blessing as they enter upon a larger program in the field of evangelism.

N. C. PETERSEN

### Thanks for Your Liberality

After checking the returns of the Sabbath school offerings for the two Sabbaths at camp meeting, we find that there is an increase of almost \$2,000 over last year. For this we thank the Lord, and also want to thank the constituency of the Colorado Conference. It seems that the entire spirit of the camp meeting session this year was a spirit of determination to help finish the work quickly. This spirit was certainly prevalent during the two Sabbath school hours of camp meeting this year. Elder Nickle, from the mission field, and Elder Esteb, from the General Conference, stirred our hearts to respond to the great call of the unfinished task. When the returns were counted, we discovered a fine increase for the work of the Lord. It certainly makes our hearts happy, and appreciative. Again, we say "thank you."



The ladies of the Denver Health and Welfare Service are busy preparing packages for the needy.

No doubt many of you dear Sabbath school members are anxious to know this information, and thus we are passing it on to you. Our earnest prayer is that the Lord will richly bless you in your individual Sabbath schools. We trust that this 13th Sabbath offering will be larger than any we have ever had. The year 1953 is passing swiftly, and what we wish to do in this year, we must rise up and do quickly. May God help us to accomplish that which we wish to be recorded for eternity through the Sabbath school.

BEN J. LIEBELT

### News Notes

✓ Brother H. A. Young introduced Elder J. G. Ziegler to his new congregation in Delta on Sabbath, August 29. Elder Ziegler has been in the Washington Conference for a number of years and we are happy to have him as the new leader of the Delta district.

✓ An interesting week-end meeting for the Spanish believers was held at Monte Vista, August 28 through 30. Elders N. C. Petersen, B. J. Liebelt, Ellsworth Reile, and Brother R. W. Dunn were in attendance and assisted Brother Freddie Bargas with the meeting. Elder Gabriel Arregui, from the Texico Conference, was welcomed as a guest speaker.

✓ At a recent meeting of the conference committee it was voted to make a few changes within our field. Elder R. E. Kepkey, who for several years has been in charge of the Loveland-Fort Collins district, is being transferred to Denver, where he will be pastor of the York Street and Byers churches. Elder R. B. Wing, who has been in the Delta district, is being transferred to the Loveland-Fort Collins district.

### Denver Health and Welfare Service

The Denver Health and Welfare Service has been of real service to the community during the first six months of its existence. The center was in operation for some months before its official opening last February. At that time it was received into the sisterhood of welfare organizations of the city. At the same time the Bureau of Public Welfare of Denver assigned a certain number of needy cases to the center, which, with the many other calls coming in, has taxed its resources to the limit.

The center is an attractive, homey place where kind, courteous treatment welcomes all who apply for aid. The ladies of the Denver churches, under the leadership of Mrs. O. R. Swearingen, are doing a good work, the results of which will be known only in the judgment. It is the delight of all to clothe the naked and feed the hungry, thus seeking to win souls by following in the footsteps of the Master.

During the opening months an accurate record was not kept, but the following are the figures, as nearly as it is possible to give, for the six months ending, June 30, 1953:

Families helped	196
Follow-up visits to families helped	28
Articles of clothing given	2,896
Cans or packages of food given	1,809
Hours of donated work	1,003
Pieces of literature distributed	250
Pounds of clothing shipped to Korea	Over 2 Tons

The organization is striving to be ready in case any emergency arises. Pray for us.

CLAIRE MILLER



## Cedaredge Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary

At the Golden Anniversary held at the Cedaredge church on August 22, Elder N. C. Petersen spoke on the faith and courage of the pioneers. He closed with a call for consecration to the faith this church has held for 50 years. The Spirit of God was felt as the congregation responded.

After a bountiful dinner which was served at the noon hour, the history of the church was given. Irving E. Baker, 88, of Angwin, California, the only one present who was here when the church was organized, August 15, 1903, told experiences of the pioneer days. His brother, Judson A. Baker, 82, who is the oldest of the members living at Cedaredge, was also present and told of his work with the church through the years.

D. T. Snideman, of Olathe, Colorado, told of the courage and cooperation of the 32 members attending when the church was built and dedicated in August, 1915. The history of the church school was read by Mrs. Hazel O. Austin.

The church was packed for both services, with about 150 present. The need for a new church was stressed and the offering for the day will be added to the fund for the new church building now being planned.

MRS. HAZEL O. AUSTIN

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## Welcome

We want to welcome to our Kansas churches another group of new members who have just recently accepted this third angel's message. Our constituency will rejoice with us that the work of soulwinning has made such progress. Listed here are the new members: Mrs. Wilda Albertson, Edward D. Armbruster, Mrs. Edward D. Armbruster, Vern Baker, Mrs. Lola Bever, Albert D. Bright, Mrs. Mae Canaday, Mrs. Francis Coler, Mrs. George Davis, Miss Sharon Lee Drake,

Clifford Wayne Erhart, Calvin Ford, Margaret Amelia Gaede, Carroll Hamilton, Dean M. Hamilton, Jerry Hill, John Hill, Dale Hollister, Wayne Hollister, Mrs. Leota Huff, Ben Lee Jackson, Mrs. Ben Jackson, Jess Jones, Mrs. Jess Jones, Kenneth Lockwood, Sharon Elaine Long, Mrs. Ellen McDonald, and Mrs. Maxine Meckling.

Let us remember these in our prayers and in our association to encourage them to be faithful.

DON R. REES



## Association Meeting and Baptism at Iola

On Sabbath afternoon, August 29, two more were baptized in Brother Dale's district, making a total of 22 baptisms in his district for this year. These two juniors, Nancy Brown of Eureka (being baptized) and Karen Sue Whitson of Thayer (standing) are two of 53 juniors who made their decisions at junior camp and camp meeting under the leadership of Brother William Hadel.

Sabbath evening of the same day the Neosho Valley Sabbath school association met at Chanute. All Sabbath schools of the district were represented at this gathering with the exception of Kincaid. Brother Brown of Eureka, association president, led out in the discussion of Sabbath school investment. Reports of progress were given by each group. Most of the evening was given over to the study of junior program planning. The association meeting closed with the showing of a Faith For Today film on juniors solving their own discipline problems.

E. E. HAGEN

## Sunset Calendar

	Sept. 18	Sept. 25
Denver, Colorado	6:04	5:53
Grand Junction, Colo.	6:18	6:07
Topeka, Kansas	6:27	6:16
Kansas City, Missouri	6:22	6:11
St. Louis, Missouri	6:05	5:54
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:32	6:20
Casper, Wyoming	6:12	5:59

## Our Boys and Girls Need Your Help

Enterprise Academy this year has a most encouraging enrollment. The dormitories already house 130 students. The girls' dormitory is full to overflowing. It cheers our hearts to see the sons and daughters of our constituency within the sheltering walls of our academy homes.

Each year it is the plan of our conference to set aside one offering for the sake of certain of our boys and girls at Enterprise. This offering, known as Worthy Student Fund, will be taken Sabbath, September 19.

We appeal to our people to give liberally to this fund. In no better way can we carry on a noteworthy and soul-saving program than to invest in the boys and girls in our academy. There are those at Enterprise that need your financial help. This annual offering will be one way in which you can give aid.

DON R. REES

## Foot of Dimes

In the REAPER of September 1, we featured the new "Save a Foot of Dimes" for Thirteenth Sabbath of September 26. This foot of dimes was to be over and above the regular Thirteenth Sabbath offering that our members would bring to Sabbath school that day.



How is it going with your foot of dimes? In Topeka several Foot of Dime savers have already been filled and Sabbath school members are asking for more. Our supply is gone. In the picture Miss Bonnie Syfert, one of the secretaries at the conference office, is shown holding two of the savers filled with a foot of dimes each. These belong to someone else, she says, but at home her own Foot of Dime strip is filling up!

How is it with the dime saver strip in your home? Are they filling day by day that on Thirteenth Sabbath each



one will be filled to the full measurement of a foot? We hope so! Save this extra bit for this Thirteenth Sabbath, and besides this, bring your envelope with the regularly planned *double day* offering.

E. E. HAGEN

### Rally Day at Oswego

On Thirteenth Sabbath, September 26, it will be the writer's privilege, with Elder D. E. Reiner of the Central Union Sabbath school department, to spend the day with the believers at Oswego. The afternoon service will be a discussion of how better we might use the Sabbath school in winning others to the truth of God.

The churches of the surrounding area are invited to come to the afternoon Sabbath school rally at Oswego. Come and make it a great day of preparation for greater service.

E. E. HAGEN



In one week this group of Nebraska Colporteur Scouts concentrated in two dark counties and influenced at least 3000 souls for Christ.

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### Dark County Team Work

During the week of August 16-21, 17 enthusiastic colporteurs labored together in Columbus and in dark Platte and Colfax counties. There are only two or three S.D.A. members in this entire area and not even a Sabbath school in Columbus with a population of 8,884. Surely God wanted the light of truth in this large territory. Accordingly every morning we assembled together to ask Him to direct us to those looking for help and to thank Him for sending His angels before us. Wednesday evening we met for special prayer and testimony. It was gratifying indeed to see how our prayers were being answered.

In spite of large Catholic and Lutheran membership, God wonderfully blessed with unusual accomplishments. In 760 hours \$2852.63 worth of literature was delivered and 94 families were enrolled in the Bible correspondence course. As a result of this one week's work at least 3000 souls were influenced by personal contact, prayer, free literature, and the colporteurs' sermonettes. Every book or periodical sold may be used of God to start a chain reaction ultimately resulting in hundreds of souls

## NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

### Five Great Days of Fellowship and Officers Meetings

COME and enjoy these all day regional meetings.

BRING your lunch and share with others.

STAY and enjoy all the meetings.

If you live too far away to arrive in time for Sabbath school, please ask your district leader to arrange for the district leader in whose town the meetings will be held to find accommodation for you.

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.—2:00 and 3:45—7:00 p.m.

Area	Place of Meeting and Hall	Districts	Date
Central	North Platte church	Benkelman North Platte	September 19
E. Central	Platte Valley Academy auditorium	Broken Bow Grand Island Hastings Holdrege P.V.A.	September 26
Northern	Norfolk church	Lynch Norfolk Walthill	October 3
Eastern	Omaha church	Fremont Omaha	October 10
S. Eastern	College View church	Beatrice College View Falls City Lincoln York	October 17

We urge all our members to attend the regional day of fellowship for their district.

**WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU!** R. S. JOYCE



in the kingdom. Only the records of eternity will reveal the influence of this week's activity by 17 faithful colporteurs.

Including the reports of all Nebraska colporteurs, the deliveries for this special week totaled \$5318.83. This is the largest weekly report in the history of the Nebraska Conference. But we have only begun to realize the possibilities. In Jamaica there are sufficient colporteurs to contact each family every 4-6 months. Hundreds are coming into the truth as a result. According to this ratio Nebraska needs 300 colporteurs, or 20 times the present number. God is calling for many more workers now. Write today regarding the available positions in the most heart warming, thrilling work in the world.

J. N. HUNT

### Revival Appointments

✓ Elder R. C. Remboldt will begin a series of evangelistic meetings in Neligh, Nebraska, September 20. His meetings will be conducted in the Legion Hall. He will be assisted by H. L. Reiner.

✓ If you have friends or relatives living in or near Omaha, Nebraska, please send us their names and addresses and we will invite them to our fall meetings in Omaha. R. A. Bata, 509 South 41st Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

✓ The Heralds of Prophecy begin a series of meetings in Cozad, Nebraska, September 20. We are very anxious to receive all the names of your relatives, friends, former members and any other who might be prospective interests in our truth who live in and near Cozad, Gothenburg, Lexington, etc.

Please send all names to Elder A. R. Lickey, 814 E. 3rd., North Platte, Nebraska.

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### Denver Beth Haven Church

Again, we of the Beth Haven church report on our activities. This includes our delegates to the Pan American Youth Congress, Misses Dolores Dean and Vinnie Mae Love. These young ladies reported very interesting and inspiring meetings as most of you have already heard.

A summer Bible school was held, beginning April 12 and ending with graduation exercise on July 26. Diplomas were given to over one hundred persons. Classes were held on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Attendance was very good. Most of those receiving diplomas were visitors, who are now members of the church. Our pastor, Elder Xavier Butler, who worked so faithfully during these many months, was rewarded by baptizing eleven souls on July 25, all members of the Bible school.

Our former pastor, Elder G. H. Taylor, and family visited in Denver for two weeks during the month of July. He greeted many old friends and saw many new faces at Beth Haven. We were all happy to see the Taylors and enjoyed the wonderful message brought by him. Elder Taylor is now officiating at the Omaha and Lincoln churches.

More small chairs are being solicited by the Sabbath school leader of our junior division. This shows that our membership is increasing rapidly. Beth Haven has indeed much for which to be thankful.

CAMELIA A. OLIVER

### News Items

✓ Recent baptisms by several of the pastors have begun to sum up the results of the summer's evangelism. Brother J. L. Butler has baptized eight persons from the Atchison effort. Elder Reid baptized seven converts from the Sedalia tent effort and four from the Kansas City Beacon Light church. He states that there are more individuals in the class at Sedalia preparing for baptism. Elder C. E. Bradford baptized 31 souls as his first fruits of the St. Louis effort. This number represents less than one-half of those in the class of preparation. Elder Xavier Butler's Bible school in Denver is bringing good results. He recently baptized eleven souls and reports more interests. Elder G. H. Taylor led four souls into the watery grave. There were baptized as a result of the efforts of laymen working closely with Elder Taylor in Omaha.

### Business Notices

FOR RENT—193 acre dairy farm in Minnesota. R.E.A. Complete set of farm buildings including good dairy barn and tile silo. Partly equipped if desired. Six miles from Adventist church and 17 miles from junior academy. R. K. Nelson, 3120 So. 44th, Lincoln 6, Nebr. 35-2

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FOR SALE—40 acres on highways 44 and 86, new modern house, garage, workshop, poultry house (28 x 60) also tenant house. Six miles from Cassville, S.D.A. church, hospital, and church school. Owner, George W. Carroll, Exeter, Mo. 36-1

WANTED—Married man with two children wants farm work near church school. Prefer Wyoming or Colorado. References. S. E. Cawthra, Route 1, Rolla, Mo. 36-2

FOR SALE—New, all modern, two bedroom home, two blocks from Campion Academy and four blocks from church school. Will sell with or without one and one-half acres of land. Good land and good location. Write Fred Neisner, Route 2, Loveland, Colo. 36-1

FOR SALE—225 acre farm, two and one-half miles from S.D.A. church and church school. Good road, electricity, plenty water. Young Stark Orchard beginning to bear. \$27.50 per acre. Will also sell herd three-year old Holstein cows. Write to: Fred Page, Wyaconda, Mo. 36-1

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