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PLEDGE SIGNING

By W. A. SCHARFFENBERG

On Sabbath, March 22, by action of the General Conference, every Seventh-day Adventist is to be given an opportunity to renew his temperance vows and his membership in the American Temperance Society, to distribute *Smoke Signals* and the *Alcohol Facts*, and to invite his friends and neighbors to take the pledge and become active members of the society.

The instruction in the Spirit of prophecy regarding pledge signing, becoming a member of our temperance association, distributing temperance literature, and developing public sentiment against the liquor traffic is clear cut, as the following statements indicate:

"From the light God has given me, every member among us should sign the pledge and be connected with the temperance association."—*Temperance*, p. 197.

"Let no excuse be offered when you are asked to put your name to the temperance pledge, but sign every pledge presented, and induce others to sign with you."—*Ibid.* p. 199.

For years I wondered just how I might approach men in high positions and invite them to take their stand for total abstinence. I prayed about it, and I discussed it with my fellow workers. Gradually an idea began to take shape which was later crystallized into action.

Surveys that had been conducted in certain regions indicated that 90 per cent of the people who had acquired the drink habit did not enjoy their first drink, and that 57 per cent did not like the taste of alcoholic beverages. The question arises, then, Why did they drink? Primarily because of the social pressures they were under. In other words, the fashion, the customs, and the habits of the group they associated with largely determined their own way of life. They took it because it was served, and did not want to offend the host or hostess.

If, some of us reasoned, we could lift these social pressures, there would be a large number of people who would never drink. Who sets the social pattern in any particular organization, community, or country? The leaders of the organization, the community, or the country are no doubt responsible for the social trends in any given area. If these leaders could be induced to change their ways, their precept and example would have a tremendous influence in society.

We have, therefore, launched a movement to desocialize alcoholic beverages. An attractive statement, referred to as the "Declaration of Purpose," has been prepared. We are presenting this statement to heads of state—kings, presidents, and prime ministers—inviting them to take the lead in launching a movement to desocialize alcoholic beverages by banning the serving of alcoholic beverages

at all social parties and state functions for which they are personally responsible.

One leading official, after hearing of this plan to desocialize alcoholic beverages by enlisting the support and endorsement of heads of state to ban the serving of alcoholic beverages at all state functions, declared, "This is the sanest approach to the solution of the alcohol problem that I have ever heard of."

To the President of Burma goes the honor of being the first head of state to sign the "Declaration of Purpose." Therefore, Burma has the honor of being the first nation to endorse this movement to ban the serving of alcoholic beverages at all state functions.

Five governments have taken official action banning the serving of alcoholic beverages at all state functions, and more than thirty-five prominent officials, of cabinet rank or up, have signed the "Declaration of Purpose."

Plans are now on foot to prepare a similar "Declaration of Purpose" for university presidents, high school principals, and other educational leaders.

Another movement will soon be launched among clergymen. If every clergyman will ban the serving of alcoholic beverages at his personal social parties and at all church functions, we are confident that in time a stigma will be placed on the alcoholic beverage industry that will develop a public sentiment demanding lawmakers to eradicate the traffic completely.

I am proud to be connected with a church in which not only the ministers but the lay members have banned the serving of alcoholic beverages at all their social parties and church functions, a church that has consistently taken its stand and maintained its historical position for total abstinence, for "total abstinence is the only platform on which God's people can conscientiously stand."—*Temperance*, p. 165.

It will not be difficult, therefore, on Commitment Sabbath for a Seventh-day Adventist to renew his temperance vows and his membership in the temperance society, and to promise to distribute temperance literature and invite his neighbors and friends to take the pledge and enlist as active members of the American Temperance Society.

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We are confident the members of the Central Union will respond to this invitation to renew their temperance vows and their membership in the American Temperance Society.

Four types of membership are offered. Life members contribute one hundred dollars; sustaining members contribute ten dollars a year; contributing members contribute five dollars a year; and regular members contribute two dollars a year. All members of the Society will be placed on our regular mailing list for *Listen* magazine which, beginning with January, 1958, is published bimonthly. A special family membership has been made available this year. Under this plan, however, only one subscription to *Listen* will be sent to the entire family. The names should be clearly indicated on the regular envelope that will be distributed on March 22.

We trust that the Central Union, on Commitment Sabbath, will enlist a minimum of 2500 active members in the American Temperance Society.

Special Announcement General Conference Accommodations

Many requests have come to Washington concerning information on housing for the coming General Conference session in Cleveland, Ohio. The Housing Committee of the General Conference session is making this special announcement in the CENTRAL UNION REAPER so that everyone will know the situation concerning hotel space for the session.

The Housing Committee has been working closely with the Cleveland Housing Bureau. All arrangements for rooms for delegates and non-delegates both are being handled through the Bureau.

All hotel rooms in Cleveland for the duration of the General Conference session are being held for *delegates only* until March 31, 1958. Arrangements are being made by the Housing Committee with the union conference secretary-treasurers for all of the official delegates.

Beginning with April 1, 1958 non-delegates may be able to send in reservations for available rooms *direct to* the Housing Bureau in Cleveland.

No reservations will be accepted by the Cleveland Bureau for non-delegates until after April 1. We would like to urge all of our members to wait until the third week of March when complete information will be given in this union paper.

The dates for the General Conference session, as announced in a recent issue of the *Review and Herald*, are June 19-28.

C. H. KELLY

Nazareth a Thirteenth Sabbath Project

M. V. CAMPBELL, President
Southern European Division

One of the projects depending on our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, March 29, is a mission station and evangelistic center in the city of Nazareth, in Galilee. At the present time we have but

one mission station in all of Israel. It is located at Jerusalem, but just as Jerusalem is the logical center from which to evangelize the southern part of Israel, so Nazareth is the strategic point in Galilee. It is the geographical center of that territory. It is also the point where the north-south and east-west highways cross. It is the mid point of the highway between the great city of Haifa, on the Mediterranean, and Tiberius, on the Sea of Galilee.

Can you imagine any project which would be more interesting to Adventists around the circle of the earth than to bring Jesus to Nazareth? Is it possible that the evangelization of any other city on earth would be more interesting to Jesus Himself? He as a boy walked up and down all of the streets of that city. He spent more time there than in any other town or city on earth. He was its first Christian missionary. Nazareth, however, rejected Jesus two thousand years ago. He was without honor in His own city. Now, in 1958, we have the privilege of bringing honor to Jesus in His old home town.

No mention is made in the mission quarterly of this project, for it was added after the quarterly was printed. It is a plan, however, which will greatly appeal to our people. Each Sabbath during the quarter, in addition to reading the appropriate article from the mission quarterly, it would be well to say a few words regarding the mission station and evangelistic center at Nazareth which will depend upon the Thirteenth Sabbath offering. Let us make it the largest offering ever given in our history. We trust that it will be the means of bringing Jesus, the Nazareth carpenter, into the hearts of that city's inhabitants that He may also be Nazareth's Saviour.

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News Notes

✓ June Cole, senior music major, appeared in the second of the senior recitals Sunday night, March 9. She presented approximately an hour of piano, ranging from Bach to Dohnanyi. The principal work was the first two movements of Beethoven's Sonata in D.

✓ Three Union College students were included in the top four student literature evangelists who led North America in the sale of books for 1957. Nathan Sims delivered \$10,114, Harold Heath \$6,228, and Marvin Moore \$5,139 worth of books in the summer. Other Unionites who grossed over the \$2,000 mark were Sherwood Jones, Cecil Bromfield, Zephaniah Mahabee, Jake Knight, Carroll Knauss, Seng Chai Wu, Gideon Chen, Marilyn Krein, Robert Forbes, Don Bunch, Elmer Grahne, and Jerry Schnell.

✓ The Union College physics department has been expanding its facilities. Courses in electricity and magnetism and modern physics have been widened in their scope and now are two-semester courses. With a new converter for the "Ham" station, Union's student physicists now can receive the broadcasts from the U.S. satellite "Explorer" and radio waves reflected from the moon as broadcast by the army.

✓ Dr. E. B. Ogden, academic dean of Union College, attended a meeting last week at Chicago for officials of higher education. The purpose of the meetings held March 3, 4, and 5, was to discuss problems of education as seen by the National Education Association. For specific discussion was the subject, "Higher Education—Strengthening Quality in the Satellite Age."

✓ An inspiring Spring Week of Prayer was held at the Union College Academy February 28 to March 7. Mr. Reuben Beck, manager of the Nebraska Book & Bible House, was the speaker.

✓ Elder P. C. Jarnes, professor of religion, spoke to the student Ministerial Association March 3 on the subject of getting back to preaching the Word of God. Elder Jarnes is working at present

on his B.D. degree at the Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

✓ The Union College Concert Band, under the direction of H. Lloyd Leno, will begin its annual spring tour on March 20.

Their first concert will be Thursday morning, March 20, at Platte Valley Academy, Shelton, Nebraska, after which they will present concerts at Hemingford, Nebraska, Thursday evening, March 20; at Campion Academy, Loveland, Colorado, Friday evening, March 21; and at Boulder, Colorado, Sabbath morning, March 22. Their final concert will be at the Denver Junior Academy, Denver, Colorado, Saturday evening, March 22.

Special features will be a clarinet quartet composed of David Grayson, Donald Allen, James Wilmot, and Donald Duncan; a trumpet solo by Mary Wenzel; a clarinet solo by Laurell Peterson; a French horn solo by Elwyn Rexinger; and a vocal solo by Jacqueline Schimke.

✓ A two-weeks series of evangelistic meetings conducted entirely by students will be held in Fairbury, Nebraska, beginning April 12.

The effort, sponsored by the evangelism department, in co-operation with the nursing and home economics departments, will feature Union College students in a new approach to field evangelism. It will include, in addition to conventional programing, a half hour civil defense and home-cooking demonstrations as a prelude to eight of the services.

Nathan Sims, senior ministerial student, will be the speaker for the seventeen-meeting series, which will be called the "Survival Through Faith" community services. Directing the music will be Jimmy Upchurch, and Marvin Moore will be general co-ordinator.

The meetings will be held in the Woods Theater in Fairbury. Three highway billboards will be used in connection with the advertising of the two-week campaign.

✓ During the month of February and the first part of March, Miss Alice Smith, chairman of the Department of Nursing, was away from the campus.

At the University of Kansas School of Medicine she spoke on "Integration of Disaster Nursing in the Basic Curriculum." Then at Battle Creek, Michigan, the national headquarters for the Federal Civil Defense Administration, she attended a briefing session for consultants to discuss the reorganization of the Fed-

eral Civil Defense Administration, which has been brought about as the result of a new administrator and the intercontinental ballistic missile.

At their request, Miss Smith visited Purdue University and the University of Indiana for consultation visits in the interest of preparation for disaster. These visits were sponsored by the Indiana State Civil Defense.

In Chicago she attended a meeting for the National League for Nursing, Department of Baccalaureate and Higher Degrees. The subject of these meetings was the articulation of the baccalaureate program in nursing with the master's program in nursing.

✓ Walter E. Page, assistant professor of biology, was recently granted a leave of absence for one year by the Board of Trustees to work on his doctor's degree. Mr. Page will major in zoology and will do research in tissue culture.

✓ The ten seniors who applied for entrance in the College of Medical Evangelists have been accepted. Hubert Watkins of '57 also was accepted.

The successful medical school candidates are LeRoy Moore from Oklahoma; Jerry Nelson from Louisiana; Franklin House from Texas; Gaylen Johnson from Arkansas; Arthur Dick from Nebraska; George Carlson from Oklahoma; Bud Siebenlist from Oklahoma; James Maxwell from Colorado; Harley Miller from South Dakota; and John Evans from Nebraska.

✓ The annual spring tour of the Golden Chords Chorale will take the group into the four states of the Northern Union March 27 to April 1. They will present concerts at the four academies of the union, as well as at various churches in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

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Investment Miracles

It was just a little calf—only four weeks old. But it was sick—very sick with pneumonia. Even the veterinary said that there was no use to try to help it; it just couldn't live. His little brother, the same age, was in the same condition. Both had been purchased in the dead of

COMING DORCAS FEDERATIONS

Guest Speaker —
Elder N. C. Petersen, President Nebraska Conference

MEETING SCHEDULE

Hemingford, S.D.A. Church Monday, April 7
McCook, S.D.A. Church (unless otherwise notified) Tues., April 8
Grand Island, S.D.A. Church Wednesday, April 9
Omaha, S.D.A. Church Sunday, April 13

All Pastors, Dorcas officers and members are urged to attend the meeting for their area. Meetings all begin at 10:00 a.m. Bring a covered dish and sandwiches for lunch.

C. R. French

winter and been kept in a cold barn. This was the result.

He was an Investment calf and had been dedicated to God. Brother Jack R. Watts, of Lincoln, Nebraska, had paid \$5.00 for it as an Investment project. Brother and Sister Watts and the children just couldn't believe that God was going to let this calf die. In faith, the family prayed and administered medications. They pointed out to the Lord that the calf was His—wouldn't He perform a miracle if necessary to justify their faith and assure His mission cause of a good Investment harvest?

Two days later its brother, not dedicated to God, died. Brother Watts was experienced in stock raising, but he couldn't save his own calf. But he was not really surprised to see God's calf begin to regain its strength. They had prayed, and had really expected just that. In one week the Investment calf was completely well—and grew until at the time he was sold he weighed five hundred pounds and sold for over \$50.00. Brother and Sr. Watts and the family turned in the entire amount plus an addi-

tional one cent a pound for the baby for Investment.

The accompanying picture shows Brother Watts and Brother Don Prowant, also of Lincoln, recounting their Investment experiences.

As Brother Prowant listened to the Sabbath school Investment secretary of the Lincoln City church, Brother Paul Versaw, make the spring appeal for every member participation, he wondered what he could do. He was a painting contractor. Looking down to the pink Investment covenant slip which was passed out, he noticed one suggestion—bad debts. Surely he couldn't lose on that one. He chose one of the most unlikely of them all. A debt that was three years old.

In 1954 Brother Prowant had contracted to redecorate a certain Lincoln home. He was to be paid in cash upon completion of the work. But when the work was finished, the owner asked for a delay. Each time a statement was issued, some flimsy excuse was forthcoming. Further efforts at collection seemed to be but wasted time and effort. Brother Prowant dedicated this bad debt to God for Investment.

Then, of course, he set about anew to make collection. The next Tuesday a statement was sent. Thursday, Brother Prowant received a telephone call—from his Investment debtor.

"Will you please stop by my place tomorrow morning? I would like to see you," the voice said at the other end of the wire.

"I will, indeed," was Brother Prowant's unhesitating answer.

Friday morning, less than one week after making his Investment bad debt pledge, Brother Prowant, true to his promise, made the requested call. Awaiting him was the full amount owed him—\$56.50, in the form of one fifty dollar bill, one five dollar bill, a one dollar bill and a fifty cent piece.

Why don't you make your Investment pledge with God this very next Sabbath? These miracles can happen to bless you and your project too.

C. R. FRENCH, Secretary
Sabbath School Department

New Voice of Prophecy Location

Word has just reached us to the effect that the Voice of Prophecy can now be heard on Sunday over KODY, North Platte, Nebraska. The North Platte church and District are sponsoring this broadcast.

Members and friends living in this area will want to listen themselves and should notify their friends of this new station time.

C. R. FRENCH, Secretary
Radio-Television

Students Active in Community Services

The active Missionary Volunteer Society of Union College has recently launched a new phase of activities, Community Service. What is Community Service? It is the giving of one's time and service where he is needed in the community. During a recent MV program 400 hours a week were enthusiastically donated by students and faculty members of the college. These hours, with a heavenly blessing from above, can and will accomplish much for God in the future.

The idea of such a service is to "share our faith" through a helping hand in the community; a helping hand serving young and old, rich or poor, small and great. Community Service is a large open field that gives each student a better opportunity to spend some time for God. There are many varieties of work, many days and evenings in which to serve, and many folks who need the helping hand Community Service renders.

To each God has given talents. Some may sing, others teach, yet still others use their hands in the skillful service of manual labor. To each God has given



Jack Watts (left) and Don Prowant discuss the Sabbath school Investment projects they had and making plans for another year.



The story hour group of Indian children is a part of the Community Service carried out by the MV Society of the College View church and composed mainly of Union College students. These students enjoy giving of their time and sharing their faith at the same time.

the command "Go!" This command uttered so many years ago still means exactly what it says "Go!" Not only does it speak to the minister, but it speaks to each one of us, you and me. We are to obey the command by giving loving service to the Master who spent so many hours in our behalf. This is why the MV Society has organized bands with leaders to go and give service where it is needed.

Come, let us slip quietly into our chairs and observe a usual story hour. Are you surprised to see the Indian children holding new Bibles in their small laps? These boys and girls earned their prized possessions by learning the books of the Bible in order. We smile as we notice the happy faces of these children, their eyes growing wide with interest and excitement. "Is there really a Jesus?" asks a wide-eyed youngster. Then the story of Jesus is retold and many other Bible stories are told with the same enthusiasm as the one before. Not only do we observe happiness and expectation in the children, but the students are bubbling over as they feel each part of the story they tell. Moment by moment seeds of truth are being sown into the hearts of these little ones who possibly hear of Jesus only during the story hour. Will not these seeds of truth sown in little hearts now reap an hundredfold in the future? All too soon the last story is told, the last song is sung, and the last goodbye said. As we watch the last smiling youngster leave, the words "Will you come back again next week?" linger in our ears. Yes, these

students WILL go back next week, and the next week, and still the next week to tell the precious Bible stories to the young wide-eyed Indian children who come so faithfully to hear.

Everyone has a part in this phase of the Missionary Volunteer Society for if you could visit each band you would find young men plastering, cleaning yards, and doing a multitude of other jobs; girls on hands and knees scrubbing floors, adding clean white paper to cupboards, and giving home permanents to the older Indian girls. Another band is active in mailing sympathy, get well, and birthday cards to those living near the college. Still another band helps retarded youngsters catch up on their schoolwork.

Yes, this is Community Service. Union College is on fire for Christ and by the grace of God this fire shall never go out until Christ appears in the clouds of glory!

BEVERLY REYANT,
Union College Student



Week of Prayer

The spring Week of Prayer at Platte Valley Academy was conducted during the week March 1 to 8. Pastor R. G.

Wertz, of Scottsbluff, was the speaker during this week of spiritual emphasis.

Elder Wertz spoke at the beginning of the week on the importance of permitting the touch of the Master's hand to mold and direct our lives. Teen-agers, as well as everyone else, should realize the necessity of accepting Christ as their personal Saviour. This course is the only means of acquiring real happiness and lasting peace of heart and mind.

The need of prayer was pointed out by Elder Wertz, not because God has no knowledge of our needs, but because it is necessary for each one to establish a personal relationship with his heavenly Father.

Sometimes it seems that Christians suffer more than worldly people do. However, it should be kept in mind that the trials of life are a means of polishing the Christian and of helping him to develop a character that will be sufficient for eternity.

One evening was devoted to answering the question: "Should a teen-ager be concerned with little sins?" Yielding to temptations in little sins prepares the way for being overcome by greater sins. Many a young person has had his life snuffed out suddenly in some accident after he has been overcome by the snares of Satan.

On Friday night the last evening meeting was conducted. Pastor Wertz discussed the last prayer in the Bible, which says, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." When the discourse was concluded and the call for testimonies was made, Bruce Eskildsen, the president of the senior class, stood and said that the senior class wished to testify as a group. They came forward and faced the audience as they gave their testimonies. After the seniors had testified, every student in the academy offered a testimony. As far as we know, this was the first time that every student had taken part in a service of this nature. It would have thrilled the hearts of the fathers and mothers if they could have been present, to hear their children giving their testimonies.

In addition to the two regular meetings held each day, Elder Wertz also spent many hours in personally counseling with the students. Altogether he had 146 separate consultation periods during the week.

Please pray for Platte Valley Academy that the strong spiritual tone will remain with us and that God will continue to guide us in all of our activities.

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Few Seventh-day Adventists want to be another Carrie Nation and break up the saloons and smash bottles of whiskey and wine. Seldom do we note among us someone who has such a burden to prevent the liquor traffic that he or she will stand on the street corner and preach against this hideous evil. No doubt, all of us sort of inwardly cringe in disgust at the sight of a drunken man or woman stumbling down the street in the disheveled and revolting manner of the common drunk. None enjoys the odor of the barroom as he passes one when the door is open and the air is wafted out with its stink of stale smoke, beer and wine.

No, we don't like the misery and pain caused by liquor and we realize that it is directly opposed to the Bible teaching regarding the care of the body, but what can we do? Isn't there something we individually can do?

Yes, we *can* do a great deal. First, we can come out boldly against the evils of this business by signing a pledge never to let a drop of beverage alcohol pass our lips. Next, we can become a member of the American Temperance Society which is actively fighting the liquor interests. Memberships come in several classes: Life member, Sustaining member, Contributing member, and Regular member. With an offering given for one of these classes we not only supply funds to carry on the work through the American Temperance Society but we also receive the most outstanding temperance journal in the world today, *Listen* magazine.

Thus, day by day, month by month and year by year, we *can* do our part in saving men and women from the shame, disgrace and death of the drunkard's fate. Not as Carrie Nation with an axe, not with a soap box on a corner, not by calling your saloon-keeping neighbor one of Satan's helpers, but by supplying the means whereby, peaceably and sensibly with dignity and tact, the truth about liquor can be brought to the brilliant glare of reality in the minds of every judgment-bound soul.

On March 22, you will be asked to enlist your name and money in this great cause when our annual commitment pledges will be made. Do YOUR share. Those you have a part in saving from the devil's grasp will thank you throughout the ages in the heavenly kingdom.

PERRY F. PEDERSEN

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"Go and Do Thou Likewise"

The most effective religion today is visible. Jesus recognized the value of demonstrable religion and its effect in bringing men and women into a knowledge and likeness of the goodness of God. He set this in operation when he illustrated the principle in Luke 10:37, and saith to the church today "Go, and do thou likewise."

The welfare work is one of the means which God has given to the church to demonstrate one of the principles of the third angel's message, which can be readily understood by those who are seeking eternal life.

"The God who in the wilderness gave the children of Israel manna from heaven still lives and reigns. He will guide His people and give skill and understanding in the work they are called to do. He will give wisdom to those who strive to do their duty conscientiously and intelligently. He who owns the world

is rich in resources, and will bless everyone who is seeking to bless others." *Ministry of Healing*, p. 200.

The Bethel Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Kansas City, Kansas, and Elder S. D. Meyers, pastor, for sometime have been thinking of ways and means of demonstrating to the city that the church recognizes its responsibilities to those who are less fortunate in some of the material things of life. These thoughts were passed on to his home missionary department and the Dorcas Welfare leader. These facts were also brought to the church and the church became burdened for a special welfare center.

Mrs. Ida Rollins, the leader of the Welfare Society, with her officers set in motion plans which called for co-operation of every member of the church. The pastor and officers worked hard and February 23, 1958, the conference president, secretary-treasurer and the other officers of the conference were invited to take part in the opening of the Bethel Seventh-Day Adventist Welfare Center. After a few remarks by the pastor, Elder F. L. Bland, conference president, prayed thanking God for the pastor and members whose faith in God enabled them to go forward in this phase of evangelism in Kansas City, Kansas.

This is the second one of these centers operating in the Central States Conference. We hope as you read this article you will realize there is a need for this type of center in your city. May the Lord give you faith, courage, and the willingness to work hard to, "GO, AND DO THOU LIKEWISE."

P. C. WINLEY



Elders Bland and Meyers officiate at the opening of the Welfare Center of the Bethel SDA Church in Kansas City, Kansas.



These people completed the Bible lessons through a Bible school in the Omaha church.

Baptism Result of Bible School

Elder G. Herfin Taylor, pastor at Omaha, reports that there has already been one baptism as the result of a Sunday night Bible School recently concluded in his church. Made up of church members and visitors, the class received the formal instruction of the 20th Century Bible Course. There are fur-

ther prospects of baptisms. The writer was present for the closing exercises and delivered the "commencement" sermon. Sister Blanche Allison served as assistant instructor to the class.

Temperance Jingle

Don't drink while driving
If you plan on arriving,

—Bell and Pemberton

Youth Evangelism

F. L. Bland, conference president, passes to the constituents the following action of the conference committee concerning youth evangelism in 1958:

Whereas: There are unparalleled opportunities existing for our youth today for community service, and

Whereas: The preparation of the youth of our church for their eternal destiny and high calling in the Lord Jesus Christ is immeasurably enhanced by their response to the overwhelming challenge for Christian service, and

Whereas: Their testimony at our forthcoming Central Union Youth Congress in April of 1959 would provide dynamic and positive inspiration to all youth everywhere who would be influenced by their example should they have living trophies to present as the result of their "Share Your Faith" activities; Be it resolved: That the Central States Conference Committee wholeheartedly recommend and endorse the following plan in behalf of the youth of the Central States Conference:

1. The MV Secretary of the conference work closely with the pastors and youth leaders during 1958 to promote, and assist in the successful planning and operation of "Youth Evangelism" projects throughout the conference.
2. The pastors with their church boards provide sufficient co-operation with the youth leaders and youth of their respective churches for the planning and actual participation by the youth in some type of "Youth Evangelism" during 1958.
3. The youth leaders of every church plan with their respective MV executive committees and society membership for special projects in sharing their faith in "Youth Evangelism," which enables them to secure trophies in souls won to present as a testimony of the Lord's enabling power at the Central Union Youth Congress in April of 1959.

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Bible School Offering

March 22 is the date for the BIBLE SCHOOL OFFERING. This is in no way connected with the Voice of Prophecy, but is for our Missouri Conference 20th Century Bible School. There is considerable expense involved in connection with a Bible School, as I am sure our people all realize. Aside from the lessons we use a great many tracts and several small books. Quite recently we have added an additional course in the Prophesies of Daniel and The Revelation. With this course it is necessary for us to operate a lending library for those who do not have the book or who cannot or do not care to purchase it, so it has been necessary for us to purchase several of these books. Compared with the interest that is being manifested in the study of God's Word and the many students who are finding the way of salvation the cost is small. You will count it a privilege to have a part in this phase of the Lord's work of bringing the light of truth to the many honest souls scattered throughout Missouri by giving a liberal contribution at this time. Our students contributed \$174.00 the first two months of the year.

In one recent mail we received four letters which brought real joy to our hearts. Following are portions of these letters:

Bible School Offering March 22

On Sabbath, March 22 we are asking all of our members to participate in a liberal offering in behalf of our TWENTIETH CENTURY BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL.

In 1957 there were 35 to unite with the church who had taken the Bible lessons. Our Bible School is a real evangelizing agency, and let us give very liberally to this offering on Sabbath, March 22.

H. C. KLEMENT, President



Two sisters enjoy the Bible Course given by the Missouri Conference and look for their lessons at the mailbox.

"Words cannot express what wonderful help I have had in finding the true facts of the Bible, things no one ever took the time to help me understand before. My husband hasn't taken the lessons so he does not understand many things yet, but I believe he will. We would appreciate your prayers for us, please."

"Enclosed find another little freewill offering. I went to the little church Saturday and they were all very glad to have me."

"I have enjoyed this Bible study course so much, I am sorry it is over, and have learned things that I never knew were found in the Bible. I am grateful to learn about God's true Sabbath. Am enclosing a small offering. May He who blessed the loaves and fishes, bless and multiply this little offering to send the truth to others who need it as much as I do."

"Just a few lines to tell you how much I enjoyed the little book *Straightening Out of Mrs. Perkins*. I had not thought much about the Sabbath coming on Sunday, but since taking the Bible Lessons I have done quite a bit of thinking. I wish the Bible Lessons could go on and on for I have learned a great deal about my Bible."

It seems we have reached the time which Sister White referred to when she said "Many are waiting to be gathered in." Surely with the Lord's help the Bible Schools will have a part in that GATHERING IN.

We want to do all we can to increase our enrollment, and appreciate the names

you send us. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to enroll. This may be the means of their salvation.

KATHERINE KLEMENT,
Instructor

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Denver South Side Pathfinders Have Banquet

Denver South's Pathfinder Club, The Trailblazers, exhibited their culinary skill to their parents at an informal banquet on Sunday evening, February 16, in the Denver Junior Academy Auditorium. The food was prepared and served by the Trailblazers and their counselors, with each of the eight units being responsible for part of the menu.

The parents were pleased and delighted with the delicious food and the well-organized corps of waiters and waitresses. The menu included baked potatoes, frozen peas, cottage cheese, carrot and celery sticks, homemade rolls with butter, punch and ice cream.

After the dinner a short program was presented with each unit participating as a group. Three of the units which were especially well received were the "Explorettes" (girls), the "Pioneers" (boys), and the "Happy Hikers" (girls).

The "Explorettes" with Mrs. Gordon Gates as counselor, gave an excellent demonstration of tying difficult knots with an explanation of each knot and its use.

The "Pioneers" displayed their agility in a number of calisthenic exercises with the help of their counselor, Dr. John Davis. The boys moved together in a dexterous manner and with perfect timing.

The "Happy Hikers" under the leadership of Mrs. Paul Wenzel, showed a series of colored slides on mammals. Each girl had a turn narrating along with the pictures, and each did a fine job.

Other units participating were: the "Guiding Stars," the "Sacagweans," the "Nightingales" and "Frontiersmen" and the "Daring Mountaineers."

At the conclusion of the program the boys and girls blazed a trail around the gym as they drilled and marched under the direction of Counselor Bill Clark.

During this operation the parents were called into an adjoining room by Miss Norma Wolters, South Pathfinder Director. Dr. Davis, Assistant Director, acted as chairman of the meeting. Parents, directors and counselors together studied future plans for the '58 Trailblazers, and a mutual responsibility was felt for the advancement of this important project.

The young adults of the Denver South church are trying to meet the challenge



The Denver Pathfinder Club had a good time preparing the banquet for their parents and giving them a program showing their accomplishments.

of their junior and teen-age youth. By offering them an understanding hand through the adolescent years they hope to guide them to a fuller Christian life, and in the doing they believe they too will achieve a rich experience in Christian living.

Denver Welfare Center Report for 1957

On December 31, 1957, the Denver Health and Welfare Service registered its 3401st client. The year closed with the workers at the center, the officers and church constituency maintaining the same creditable type and amount of service they had given in 1956.

In 1957 through 1374 interviews, 8104 items of food and 9796 articles of clothing were given away serving the needs of 4264 persons. This took over 5000 hours of actual work at the center. This was the equivalent to three persons working a forty-hour week throughout the year. In addition, officers and board members spent many hours in meetings, committees, secretarial and public relations work.

The volume of applications continues to follow the same pattern each year with November, December and January having double the number of requests as the months of May through August. The extremes this year were 55 in August and 180 in December.

In 1957, 3634 pieces of literature were taken which is about 1000 more than the previous year. No record was kept of the number of Bible Course Enrollments or home visits made, though there were many of both.

PAULINE HART



Pathfinder Guides Prepare for Future Service

It was three o'clock on a Friday afternoon at Campion Academy. There seemed to be a great deal of excitement behind the administration building. Come with me and let's see what it was all about. We found that a cheerful group of 54 Pathfinder Guides were eager to begin a week end packed with activities at Olympus Lodge, Estes Park.



These youth from Campion Academy enjoyed the leadership course given them in such relaxing surroundings.

By time for sundown worship given by Miss Delphine Watson, everyone was settled in his own motel room or cabin and ready for a hearty meal. After vespers and the first part of the leadership training course presented by Elders Lee Carter and J. L. Dittberner and Miss Watson, everyone joined in a moonlight hike across Olympus Dam. Taps at 11 o'clock reminded us all that it was time for peace and quiet, with a full day ahead tomorrow.

Sabbath morning dawned bright and clear, and as we awoke to the dawn of a new day, we thanked God for His bountiful blessings and the privilege of being here in His great out-of-doors. Two students, Dave Gramlich and Ann Silverstein, had charge of the Sabbath school, and an inspiring song service was led by Dick Martin. Everyone enjoyed Elder Dittberner's sermon on the true value of service.

After a short rest period, the afternoon was spent in studying how to be better leaders of youth. We noticed that during the entire camp period everything possible was done to help the Pathfinder Guides know how to lead their fellow youth towards fuller service in God's cause.

Saturday evening found cars and bus filled again as everyone prepared to attend the Audubon lyceum on the academy campus. Back at camp and after a delicious snack, Courtney Allen played "Taps" and all were quiet, content with a well-spent evening. Sunday promised to be a big day at Hidden Valley, with skiing, ice-skating, sledding, and the like.

Following worship and Sunday morning breakfast the ski equipment was loaded, and we were off on a wonderful adventure in the snow. Towards evening

we turned again for camp and a warm supper before going on to Campion. We realized nothing could have run as smoothly if it weren't for the able leadership of the Nesmiths and the Coffins. It is their earnest desire that our leadership training will lead other youth along the right paths in years to come.

NANCY PALMER,

Campion Academy Student

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The Life That Counts

"The Life That Counts" was the theme of the Literature Evangelist Rally held in the Wichita church on March 1st.

The rally opened Friday evening with



In spite of the inclement weather many people attended the colporteur rally held in the Wichita church on March 1.

the showing of the film strip "Let There Be Light." Elder F. O. Sanders spoke Sabbath morning about a "finished work." Using statements by Christ and the apostle Paul to show how they finished the work assigned to them by heaven, our conference president appealed to everyone to find his place of service in finishing God's work on earth in the shortest possible time.

"Literature evangelism," Elder Sanders pointed out, "is an organized, God-ordained method of helping to finish the work of the remnant church."

Sabbath afternoon seven colporteurs related experiences they have had in living the life that counts as literature evangelists. The high lights of the program were the "march of the books" and the enthusiastic demonstration Jerry Lambert gave for the beautiful set.

By means of a large poster the members were constantly reminded that "CANVASSING IS THE FRONT DOOR KEY TO THOUSANDS OF HOMES. LET'S USE THE KEY MORE."

D. L. CHAPPELL
Publishing Secretary

Signs for Soul Winning

As we write this brief article we are mindful that another year has slipped by and in the days ahead we shall be giving consideration to the *Signs* crusade for the year 1958.

Our goal for this year is based on two *Signs* per member. We are aware that many individuals will take well above two *Signs* but if every member would dedicate just two *Signs of the Times* for a portion of his missionary activity for 1958, how quickly and easily our goal would be in hand.

In 1957 over 7,000 *Signs* subscriptions were processed through the book and Bible house. We ought to be able to do equally as well in this year of 1958. Begin now to make up your *Signs* list for this year and pray that the Lord's blessing may be upon your dedication of *Signs* to the salvation of these souls.

E. E. HAGEN
Home Missionary Secretary

Kansas Sabbath School Giving

The need for greater sacrificial Sabbath school giving was demonstrated to the Topeka Sabbath school members on Sabbath, February 22. At this time Sabbath school secretary, Lois Orr, revealed the total 12-Sabbath, Birthday-Thank, Investment, 13th Sabbath offer-

ings, and grand total given by Sabbath school members in the entire state for 1957.

A device with five spools of tape aided in revealing the totals. Each inch of this tape represented \$50 given to missions. The greatest share of our offerings, of course, comes in through the 12-Sabbath or regular mission giving. This should be based on \$.50 a week per member. If every Sabbath school member in the state of Kansas would live up to this goal, Lesta Secrist, as she unrolled this tape would have walked 374 feet. But we are sorry to say that she was privileged to walk only 135 feet to reveal the \$32,507.59 total.

Next Lois Haas unrolled the Birthday-Thank roll and we hoped to see her go for a long walk, for truly we do have much to be thankful for each time another year passes. But she had to stop at a very short distance. Kansas' Sabbath school members last year gave a total Birthday-Thank offering of only \$841.75. She could pull the tape out only 3½ feet.

Norene Oldfield next unrolled the tape to reveal the Investment offering. We wished that she might even pass Lesta with the 12-Sabbath offering for truly our dollars can grow and grow if only we give God a chance to let them. But she was permitted to go only 13 feet. Now is the time to begin planning for next year's Investment and let us determine that our 1958 sum will far exceed the \$3,198.43 which was given in 1957.

Our next offering is 13th Sabbath which we like to call Double Dollar Day. We were sure that Jim Fullerton would go for a long walk as he revealed this total to us. But all too soon—a distance of 39 feet—he had to stop and reveal a

total of \$9,355.67 given on the 13th Sabbath in 1957. This represents a 13th Sabbath per capita of 83 cents.

Our total Sabbath school offering including 12-Sabbath, Birthday-Thank, Investment, and 13th Sabbath offerings amounted to \$45,903.44 which permitted Bob Finnerty to walk 189 feet. This represents a total per capita giving of \$.24 for Kansas Sabbath school members during the year. Let us strive to come closer to the stipulated goal of \$.50 a week per member.

LOIS ORR
Topeka SS Secretary

Enterprise Academy

Week of Prayer

The spring week of prayer was conducted on the campus of Enterprise Academy from February 28 to March 7. Elder M. W. Deming, pastor of the College View church in Lincoln, Nebraska, was the speaker and used as his theme, "To Know Him."

At the first meeting, held on Friday evening, the entire school family responded to an altar call for special prayer that a blessing would attend the services of the week. This prayer was answered as the week progressed and victories were won for Christ. The climax came on Thursday evening when students stood individually and expressed their desire to be ready for His coming.

"To Know Him When He Comes," "To Know Him as a Counselor," and "To Know Him When You Stand Alone" were a few of the many messages presented by Elder Deming during the week. Each meeting started with the singing of the theme song:



Members of the Topeka Sabbath school assist the secretary in revealing the offerings given through the Sabbath school during the year 1957.

"Coming soon, yes, He's coming soon:
He went away to prepare us a place,
And we'll all gather there
Saved by His matchless grace:
And He's coming soon, yes,
He's coming soon:
He'll shout from the air
And we'll all meet Him there,
For, He's coming soon."

Following the morning services prayer bands were conducted by the student leaders. Students also furnished special music for each service, and three different members of the senior class appeared on the platform each morning to lead out in the program.

During the afternoon and evenings, Elder Deming was available for counseling by those desiring special help. The Holy Spirit could be felt on the campus as wrongs were made right between students and teachers, as letters were written to parents urging THEM to deepen THEIR Christian experience, and as individual hearts were drawn closer to Christ. Such manifestations as these substantiate in one's mind the truth of the statement: "There can be no more important work than the proper education of our youth." *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 89. Enterprise Academy is striving, with God's blessing, to carry forward that work.

WINIFRED METZ, *Dean of Girls*

Sunset Calendar

Mar. 21 Mar. 28

Denver, Colorado	6:13	6:18
Grand Junction, Colo.	6:27	6:34
Topeka, Kansas	6:36	6:43
Kansas City, Missouri	7:31	6:38
St. Louis, Missouri	6:14	6:21
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:40	6:47
Casper, Wyoming	6:20	6:28

Voice of Prophecy Sermons

March 23: Somebody Cares
March 30: Where's Your Excuse?

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE Annual Alumni Homecoming

APRIL 11-13, 1958

- Dedication of New Library
 - Vespers and Map Lighting
 - Business Meeting (Sat. night)
 - "Sprung Springs"
- and many other events

Notice

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of William and Beulah Waitts, please notify J. O. Goodman, Box 155, Pollock Pines, California.



VOEGLE - HEISER

Loren Heiser and Viola Voegle were united in marriage at a beautifully simple ceremony in the Leola Seventh-day Adventist Church Sunday night, February 23.

The church was filled to capacity with friends and relatives of the bride and groom. The reception following in the American Legion hall was a manifestation of the vast number of friends they have. The groom is a native of La Crosse, Kansas, and the bride was married in the church of her childhood.

The couple will make their home in Denver, Colorado.

We wish the richest blessings for this new home.

M. L. SAMPLE



NELSON—J. F. Nelson was born in Soderkoping, Sweden, May 18, 1873, and went to his rest on Jan. 6, 1958, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Esther Loso of Lincoln, Nebr. In 1894 he came to Lincoln, attended Union College and graduated with the class of 1901. In 1897 he was united in marriage to Erika Lovisa Larson.

He leaves to mourn their loss, five daughters, twelve grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in the College View church.

Interment took place in the College View Cemetery.

JOHN HICKMAN

JENSEN—Lawrence J. Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jensen, was born near Herman, Nebr., March 13, 1900, and passed to his rest at the University Hospital in Columbia, Mo., Sept. 16, 1957.

On Dec. 28, 1922, he was married to Florence I. Thomas of Tekamah. Seven children were sent to gladden this home.

Besides his companion he is survived by four daughters, two sons, and 14 grandchildren, two sisters, two brothers, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in Sunnydale Chapel on Sept. 18, and at the Tekamah Rural Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sept. 20. Burial was at the Tekamah Cemetery.

Words of comfort were spoken by Elder Lloyd Barnes assisted by Elder and Mrs. William Hinton, W. C. HINTON, *District Pastor*

SLOOP—Mrs. Belle Wilson Sloop was born May 3, 1871 at Poplar Bluff, Mo., and passed away Jan. 4, 1958 in Sedan, Kans.

She was united in marriage to Alvah Wilson

in 1893, and to this union three children were born. Her husband died in 1938, and she was reunited in marriage to B. L. Sloop in 1952. He preceded her in death in 1954.

Surviving are one brother, three sisters, 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Moore Prairie Cemetery near Sedan, Kans.

O. L. MAIZE

RAMSEY—V. Allen Ramsey was born on Feb. 22, 1887, in Mo. and died on July 22, 1957, at Wichita, Kans. He became a member of the church during the year before his death and died in the blessed hope. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, of Wichita, four stepdaughters, and two stepsons, as well as a number of other relatives. Burial services were conducted in Wichita.

A. R. HAGEN

ORTNER—Minnie Neufeld was born March 16, 1887 in Marion County, Kans. She passed to her rest on Jan. 12, 1958. On Dec. 1, 1906 she became the wife of John J. Ortnier.

Her companion preceded her in death four years ago. Also preceding her in death were three sisters, one brother and one half-brother. She will be greatly missed by her son, granddaughter, and three great-grandchildren, two brothers, two sisters, and a host of other relatives and friends. It is a comfort to know that she sleeps in Jesus, awaiting His call to Life Eternal.

JACK MARTZ

AMES—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ames was born in Laclede County, Mo., Dec. 22, 1873. She was united in marriage to Mr. John Graven. To this union were born three daughters and one son. Years later after Mr. Graven passed away she was united in marriage to Dr. A. C. Ames, a retired medical doctor in Mountain Grove.

Jan. 14, 1958, she suddenly died of a heart attack.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband Dr. A. C. Ames; three daughters, and one son.

Pastor H. B. Petry conducted the funeral rites and she was laid to rest in the Mountain Grove Cemetery and awaits the resurrection morning.

H. B. PETRY

SNOOK—Herman Snook was born in Warren County, Iowa, on March 25, 1883, and passed away in Wichita, Kans., on Oct. 12, 1957. He was a member of the church for many years and had great faith in God. No living relatives are known to the church. Burial services were conducted in Wichita.

A. RUSSELL HAGEN

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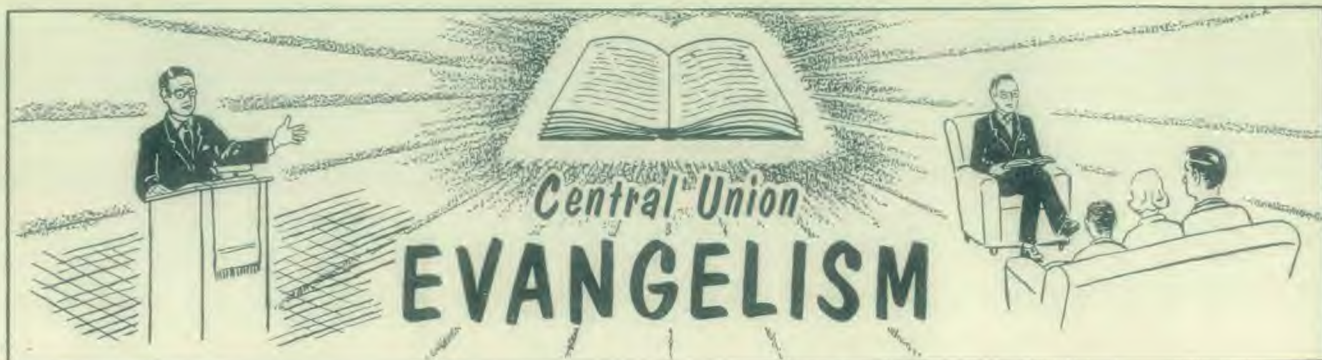
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Visit Your Protestant and Catholic Neighbor

From March 1 to April 6 your Protestant and Catholic neighbor observes a season known as Lent. During this period, the sincere observer meditates on the meaning of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Consider carefully that during the forty-day period prior to Easter the nominal Christian world is conditioned by the pulpit, press, radio, and television media to devotional reading, especially to reading dealing with the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord.

This being a fact, let us ask ourselves this question: Have we done all we could to give our neighbors and community members the benefit of our wonderful reading materials? We grant that the origin and activities of the season are un-Biblical, but that does not detract from the fact that the sincere observer of Lent and Easter is seeking for a fuller understanding of Christ's passion and death.

Shall we sit idly by while men spend forty days searching for a deeper meaning of Christ's sacrificial ministry? Shall we turn our faces away from men and scorn them while they supplement their seeking by fasting, prayer, and devotional reading? Shall we sit with hands folded during this most intensely religious season of the year, simply because it has pagan involvements? On the contrary, the theme which the season presents gives us a wonderful opportunity to direct the minds of sincere seekers for light into channels of truth.

Since the theme of the season centers around the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, and the nominal Christian is encouraged on every hand to meditate, reflect, and read on this theme, what can we do about it?

Of all people, Adventists have the most wonderful

commentary on the meaning of Christ's suffering and death. As we all know, this is found in the latter chapter of *Desire of Ages*. By General Conference action, extracts from these chapters have been compiled in a tract entitled, "That Ye May Live Also." The message of the tract stresses the true significance of Christ's passion and how it blends into His second coming.

To be of utmost value, the tract should be distributed before Sunday, April 6. Through the active support of all Adventist churches in the United States we can reach from eight to ten million people with this tract. This could be the largest and most extensive evangelistic endeavor ever undertaken by us.

In addition to systematic community distribution by churches, let each one courteously offer the tract to people in stores, shops, offices, trains, busses, and planes. During the Lent season when men's thoughts are on things religious, let us urge the truth upon them in this printed form. Kindly and courteously help them to find the truth they seek—a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Lord!

THEODORE CARCICH

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