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## An Appeal to Central Union Youth

THEODORE CARCICH, President, Central Union Conference

We live in serious times. The "time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation"<sup>1</sup> is about to burst on the world. Already the ominous portents of God's wrath are visible on the horizon. The increasing crime, violence, vileness, broken homes, drunkenness, accidents and war scares all indicate that the world will soon be gripped by the death throes of the last days.

At that time everything that can will be shaken. All dross, sham and pretense will be swept away by the awesome judgments of God. Only that which is built on the foundations of truth will remain. Only "those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict."<sup>2</sup>

Young man! Young woman! You will either go through and be saved, or you will be swept away by the universal ruin that engulfs the world. The choice is yours to make. No one else can do it for you.

What about your eternal destiny? Have you in your sober moments reflected on the decision which confronts you? Have you taken occasion to gather with other youth who are heaven-bound? Are you desirous of making a new start in your Christian experience? Would you like to hear what God is doing for youth like yourself? Would you like to hear of avenues of training and service that your church has provided for you? Would you like to see young people who have returned on furlough from mission fields? Would you thrill to inspiring Christian music? Would you?

If you are concerned about these things, you will be in attendance at the opening service of the Central Union Youth Congress, April 22, 7:15 p.m., Pershing Auditorium, Lincoln, Nebraska.

On that evening the youth of the Central Union will come from the east,

north, south and west. They will come by train, bus, car and plane. They will come singly, in small groups, large groups, and in some cases, in droves! What a sight it will be—thousands of joyful, happy, dedicated, yet serious-minded youth meeting in solemn convocation.

The city of Lincoln will be watching. They have heard of such youth. Youth that do not smoke, drink, gamble, dance and that have a disdain for the lustful pleasures of the world. They will be present to watch and observe. What a wonderful opportunity it will afford our youth to witness in the hotels, restaurants, buses, trains and public places.

May I appeal to our youth and parents to begin praying for this important gathering. Along with our prayers let us search our hearts and lives and rid ourselves of anything that would keep us from receiving a blessing at the Youth Congress. Let us come to gain victories, no matter what the cost may be. Time is running out, and soon it will be eternally too late.

May I also suggest that our youth search out other youth in the church who may have become careless and indifferent, and invite them to attend the Congress. If we pray, work and come, God will then add His blessing.

<sup>1</sup> Dan. 12:1

<sup>2</sup> *Great Controversy*, p. 593

## NOTICE

This issue begins a series of important back page articles on religious liberty. Our members may wish to save this material and use it to combat the rising tide of Sunday legislation in our territory.

Editor

## A Great Soul Winner

We have evangelists among us who are recognized as outstanding soul winners wherever they go, no matter in what city, state, or country they labor. The result are always the same—a large addition to the faith. The same is true of some Bible instructors who serve as associates and helpers to these evangelists. They always find souls and lead them over the line, whether they work with evangelists or alone. It doesn't seem to make much difference. They just know how to do it. They simply don't have to be in one place long without stirring up an interest and leading souls to Christ and to baptism. We also have laymen who are never without a good interest. They seem to know where to go to give Bible studies, hold cottage meetings, or church meetings, and come to our soul-winning-experience meetings in connection with our conventions or camp meetings, bringing their trophies with them.

What is true in the experience of these faithful workers is also true in the influence and the success of some of our books, tracts, and periodicals. Among the books that have been wonderfully successful, and which have been blessed down through the years, by the Lord in leading men to Christ and convincing them of this great message and bringing them to a decision, is the book *Marked Bible*. And this book has been with us for over thirty-five years. Wherever we have distributed it through these years, whether in connection with evangelistic efforts, or in follow-up of our other interests created through the sale of books, correspondence schools, Bible studies by laymen, or by anybody else, it has been an outstanding success in soul winning.

It has been reprinted, with a new front cover, new illustrations, and a new plan of follow-up interests created by it. It carries a special insert, different from any other books we are distribut-

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## Sunset Calendar

	Apr. 10	Apr. 17
Denver, Colorado	6:33	6:40
Grand Junction, Colo.	6:46	6:53
Topeka, Kansas	6:55	7:02
Kansas City, Missouri	6:50	6:57
St. Louis, Missouri	6:33	6:40
Lincoln, Nebraska	7:01	7:09
Casper, Wyoming	6:45	6:54

ing for such purposes. This insert is very  
helpful in securing enrollments for our  
correspondence schools, and has a  
unique way of discovering interests by  
offering additional books and other helps  
along many lines in an insert that comes  
to the back page that can be torn off  
and mailed into the offices. The pub-  
lishers are offering it to us at a very at-  
tractive price, that of five copies for  
\$1.00. It is our hope that thousands of  
our people, throughout the field, will  
place large orders for personal use and  
that our churches lay special plans  
through their various organizations to  
undertake a large crusade in behalf of  
this great soul winner, and that this  
book be given an open field everywhere  
to continue to do its heaven-appointed  
task.

It is time to do big things now, for  
tomorrow it may be forever too late.

D. E. REINER

Home Missionary Secretary  
Central Union Conference



## April Is Here-- Are You Ready For Youth Congress?

W. A. Howe, MV Secretary, Central Union Conference

This is probably the last publicity to  
come from my desk with regard to the  
coming Central Union Youth Congress  
to be held in Pershing Auditorium, Lin-  
coln, Nebraska, April 22-25. It has been  
thrilling to watch the enthusiasm from  
over the union grow and increase as  
the preparations for this great meeting  
have been developing. The preparations  
have entailed an enormous amount of  
work on the part of all the Missionary  
Volunteer secretaries throughout the un-  
ion. The Master Guide leaders in the  
churches have also worked tirelessly.  
The academies and Union College have  
gone to extreme measures to co-operate  
in making this congress an unforgettable  
occasion. In fact the whole union has  
been feverishly working to get ready for  
this meeting.

Now the rest depends upon you. You  
must be present if you would get this  
blessing. If you already plan to be here  
you are fortunate indeed. If you have  
not planned to be present, it isn't too  
late to change your mind. Many things

will be happening. A youth panel will  
conduct a program, "This I Believe." Young  
second-generation missionaries will  
participate in another program and a  
devil dancer in costume will appear.  
The music will be outstanding—every  
bit of it by young people. The denomi-  
nation's best in speakers has been  
planned. Almost the entire General Con-  
ference Missionary Volunteer Depart-  
ment staff will be present. There will  
be lots of surprises and, of course, the  
biggest investiture of Master Guides the  
denomination has ever witnessed.

The paramount objective of this meet-  
ing is to furnish the young people of  
the Central Union the spiritual inspira-  
tion and consequent dedication to the  
spread of the gospel in the coming days.

We hope every young person age  
10-30 will be here. Registration will be-  
gin at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 22.  
The first meeting will be at 7:15 p.m.,  
Wednesday. Don't miss the spectacular  
opening at 7:15 p.m. You will want to  
be in your seat by that time.



# Union College

## Eleven Graduates of Union College Religion Department Ordained in 1958

Nine graduates of the Union College Department of Religion who are serving in the conferences served by Union College were ordained in 1958. Two other graduates also were ordained. Those ordained were Benjamin Trout, Nebraska, '49; Hallie G. Glass, Ozark Academy, '51; Eugene F. Armour, recently transferred from Arkansas-Louisiana to Greater New York, '49; Albert L. Ingram, Colorado, '51; Willard D. Beaman, Iowa, '49; G. Herman Guy, Minnesota, '54; Don K. Sullivan, recently transferred from Texico to Bolivia, '53; Eugene V. Schultz, Nebraska, '51; Gerald M. Fillman, Texico, '53; J. Frederick Speyer, recently transferred from Carolina to Georgia-Cumberland, '54; and Kenneth J. Holland, Kentucky-Tennessee, '49.

## Miss Secretary and Mr. Businessman of Union College Chosen

The Business Club annually awards the title of "Miss Secretary" and "Mr. Businessman" to two of its promising students. Those chosen for this year were Miss Ernestina Garbutt, senior from British West Indies, and Mr. Grant Volsch, senior from South Dakota. The awards are granted for faithfulness, efficiency, high skills, and superior office management.

## Student Evangelistic Meetings

Seven have taken their stand for Christ in evangelistic meetings recently sponsored by two groups of ministerial students from Union College. Four accepted Christ in Nebraska City and three in Fairbury.

George Sharpe was speaker for a two-week series ending Sunday night, March 21, in Nebraska City. "A number of church members were able to take an active part in assisting with their musical talents," states Helton Fisher, director of music for the series. The church pastor, M. W. Deming, has been working with the two on visitation.

In Fairbury evangelistic meetings were conducted by Lewis Anderson and Herman Lieske, with Jim Heinrich ar-

anging special music and song services. The Fairbury meetings, held in the church, also ended March 21.

Both groups stated that the strong support both from church members and college students was very encouraging. Over 50 students gave of their time to assist in the meetings, especially with special music.

Working in connection with the field evangelism class and the student conference at the college, these men have not only won souls to Christ, but have gained experience which they believe will prove helpful to them in their future work.

MARVIN MOORE  
Union College Student

## Murdoch Receives Science Grant for Graduate Study

Mr. Warren F. Murdoch, of Union's chemistry department, has received a fellowship grant for graduate study from the National Science Foundation. This grant, given for scholastic achievement, will be used next year at the University of Nebraska for study toward his doctorate degree in organic chemistry.

Charles Slattery, a senior, received honorable mention when he applied to the Foundation.

## Two Union College Pre-Dental Students Accepted by CME

Charles Holman from Davenport, Iowa, and Earl Hornbeck from Wichita, Kansas, have been accepted by the College of Medical Evangelists School of Dentistry. Holman is a senior biology student, and Hornbeck is a sophomore chemistry major.

## Orchestra Presents Concert

The Union College Concert Orchestra, under the direction of Melvin A. Johnson, presented its first concert of the year Saturday night, March 29. Special features of the program included Beethoven's "Coriolanus Overture," "Unfinished Symphony," by Schubert, and a violin solo by Stanley Dickson, "Concerto in A Major," by Mozart.

# Nebraska

## College View District News

\*The joint evangelistic meeting conducted by the College View and Lincoln City church is progressing nicely. Forty-five have been baptized so far, largely through the meeting conducted

## Reservations for Youth Congress

All reservations for rooms should be made directly with the hotel or motel of your choice. Your pastor, your church elder and your MV leader have a list of hotels and motels in the Lincoln area with the type of rooms available and the rates.

**DO NOT DELAY, make your reservation NOW!**

G. C. Williamson  
MV Secretary,  
Nebraska, Conference

by Elders Detamore and Flory during the month of January.

\*Elder James Chase will be at the Capitol Theatre for a one-week "Voice of Youth" meeting beginning Sunday night, April 26. The MV Society of both churches are co-operating with Elder G. C. Williamson in this special youth series. Friendship teams of senior youth will carry on an intensive visitation program. Regular services are being held in the Capitol Theatre every Sunday night.

\*The College View Pathfinders are moving out in front. Mrs. Randall Ochs and her counselors have worked out an ambitious program for the juniors. Special drill teams under the direction of William Nordgren are learning the art of "attention" and "about face".

\*The University Place church has just purchased a house and four acres of land in the northeast part of Lincoln, on the second highest elevation in this area. Union College stands on the highest spot. The house will be used very temporarily for a place of worship while a new building is in progress. This congregation is looking forward to considerable expansion. It hopes to quadruple its present membership within the next year and become a strong church known as the North Side Seventh-day Adventist church with 250-300 members.

\*George Sharpe and Helton Fisher, senior ministerial students from Union College, and their associates held a successful meeting in Nebraska City recently, resulting in four taking their stand for the truth. Nebraska City is on the march.

\*The Senior MV Society is leading the way to other communities that have "new church" possibilities. Ashland and



### SPECIAL NOTICE Time Change

Beginning Sunday, April 12 IT  
IS WRITTEN will be shown over  
KFBC-TV, Cheyenne and KSTF-TV,  
Scottsbluff at 3 p.m. instead of  
2:30 as previously.

Weeping Water with story hours, and Douglas with a branch Sabbath school are the beginnings of greater things in this area.

\*The College View church, with its hundreds of loyal members, is prepared to join the Lord in the finishing of His great work here, and in all the world.

M. W. DEMING  
District Pastor

### York News

We are happy to bring to the readers of the REAPER a few words concerning the blessings God is bringing to the York church. We are thankful for the faithful members attending week after week from Osceola, Stromsburg, Exeter and Fairmont. We have one isolated member in Gresham, and occasionally friends attend from Shickley and Hebron.

We now have twenty children to support the various classes. During the summer of 1958 the first Vacation Bible School was held in the church, attended by twenty-three children. The handcrafts and workbooks were evidence of efficient leadership.

Along with the busy schedule, our greatest need is an additional room for the Sabbath school. The addition has been started, with much of the initial planning done. We hope to have the room completed by early summer.

Under the leadership of Elders Hickman and Elder, the Ingathering goal was reached in one week. There were five adult Minute Men, and eight from the Junior Division.

We appreciate the continued interest from the Nebraska Conference. Our members are scattered and at times the potential for the York church has been anything but gratifying, but we believe things are looking up, as several efforts have been held and we have reason to believe that there are many honest-hearted individuals who have heard the message and will wish to be united with our church.

There is much individual work to be done and we ask for your prayers to keep us faithful.

MRS. P. R. McALLISTER  
Press Secretary—York Church

## Kansas

### Special Notice

Today the message is literally flying in the midst of the heavens as the IT IS WRITTEN program is being released week by week. By this means the truth for these times is entering thousands of homes.

Sabbath, April 18, has been set aside giving all our members an opportunity to help in this program. Will you plan for a liberal offering on that day so this work may reach many other souls?

F. O. SANDERS, President

### I Am the "Signs of the Times"

We are mindful today that there are many thousands of people who are wistfully looking heavenward, longing for spiritual light and truth. How are these people to be reached? How are they to be warned? If the *Signs of the Times* could make reply, I imagine it would say something like the following—

"My pages are filled with divine truth, especially written for those searching for a new way of life. I am a source of light and guidance to those who are wistfully looking heavenward. In me you will find the truths of scripture clearly defined by the best of denominational writers. They make clear the gospel truths essential to salvation. My messages of counsel and guidance are kept abreast of the times, particularly as these messages relate to the soul destiny of the reader.

"I can carry out my mission only as

I am sent to those whom you select to be a part of your missionary list. I go as I am sent. Those who send me are missionary-minded souls who, in their hearts have a desire to see me do my part in finishing the work of God through their help. I want to be sent on my mission of soul winning. I am the *Signs of the Times*, and remember, the more of me that are sent out, the more will be the harvest of souls."

E. E. HAGEN

Home Missionary Secretary

## Enterprise Academy

### Tumblers Tours

The tumbling team of Enterprise Academy will present programs at these places.

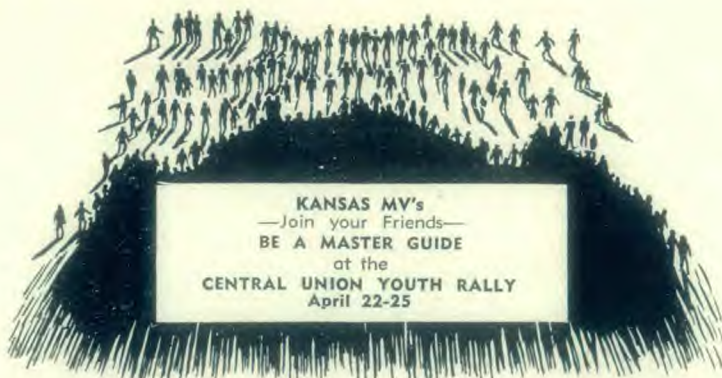
New Haven SDA school  
Overland Park, Kansas  
Saturday night, April 11.

Topeka, Kansas  
Sunday night, April 12  
Place to be announced

Allison School  
Across from SDA church  
Wichita, Kansas  
Saturday night, April 18

Great Bend District  
Rush Center Hall  
Rush Center, Kansas  
Saturday night, May 9

All in driving distance are invited to come to this special program.



PERSHING AUDITORIUM — LINCOLN, NEBRASKA



# Missouri

## New Publishing Secretary

Elder R. L. Chamberlain has accepted a call to connect with the Texico Conference. In giving study to the choice of someone to fill this position our committee invited Elder W. C. Hewes.



W. C. Hewes

Elder Hewes was graduated from Washington Missionary College in 1954, and has since then been employed by the New Jersey Conference as publishing secretary. Brother Hewes engaged in the literature ministry work each summer when attending school. Mrs. Hewes has taught church school for several years.

We welcome Elder and Mrs. Hewes and their two children, Marlyn and Cheryl.

## No Better Than Sacrilege

"That which has been set apart according to the Scriptures as belonging to the Lord, constitutes the revenue of the gospel, and is no longer ours. It is no better than sacrilege for a man to take from God's treasury in order to serve himself or to serve others in their secular business. Some have been at fault in diverting from the altar of God that which has been especially dedicated to Him. All should regard this matter in the right light. Let no one, when brought into a strait place, take money consecrated to religious purposes, and use it for his advantage, soothing his conscience by saying that he will repay it at some future time. Far better cut down the expenses to correspond with the income, to restrict the wants, and live within the means, than to use the Lord's money for secular purposes.—**Counsels on Stewardship**, p. 79

H. C. Klement

Matters pertaining to the publishing department should be addressed to W. C. Hewes at the conference office.

H. C. KLEMENT, *President*

## Public Relations in Practice

There are many people in every community who do not know who Adventists are. What and how shall we help these people to become acquainted with us?

This was the theme of two Public Relations Workshops held in Springfield and Kansas City under the leadership of Elder Howard Weeks, secretary of the General Conference Public Relations Department.

A joint workshop for Northwestern Missouri and Northeastern Kansas was held in the Kansas City, Kansas, church. Elder B. L. Schlotthauer, Central Union Public Relations secretary, gave good help and counsel.

The theme of these workshops produced keen interest among all those who attended the meetings. So practical and helpful was the instruction that all voted to change their methods of public relations.

Plans are being laid to bring this help to all of our churches. So valuable is this instruction that every church member will want to make provision to be present.

H. R. COATS

*Public Relations Secretary*

## Materials Mailed from Conference Office

A new opportunity for reducing our mailing costs has presented itself. A new set of mailing regulations enables us to send much important mail at greatly reduced rates.

Two features that are most helpful is material that can be marked "Educational Material" and "Library Material." Such mail has been granted special rates when sent by churches and non-profit organizations.

This means that mail formerly sent at parcel post rates which begins at 23 cents for the first pound in a local zone, and rapidly increases in price as the weight and distance increases, may now be sent for 9 cents for the first pound



Top: Elders H. C. Klement and W. A. Howe joined with Elder E. Frank Sherrill in a week end Missionary Volunteer officers' meeting in Jefferson City, Missouri. As these officers go back to their churches it is the desire of those who held these meetings that the youth in this area will be drawn closer to God as the result of the help received from meeting with others, learning better ways of helping the youth in the home communities. Lower: Elder Sherrill conducted a Pathfinder Leadership Training class in Springfield, Missouri. It is the desire of our churches to train leaders for our Pathfinder units and by having good leadership keep the Pathfinders interested in church and the religious things of life.



and 5 cents for each additional pound, irrespective of distance, if it falls under this "Educational Materials" classification. Much of our mail is in this classification and it means a great saving because of our large volume of mail.

When you receive mail from the conference office marked "Educational Materials" or "Library Material" give it immediate attention. *It is important.* We are making use of an opportunity to give you service that you want at these mailing rates.

The items that can be sent at "Library Material" rates enjoy an even lower rate of 4 cents for the first pound and 1 cent a pound for each additional pound. If you have borrowed films, film strips, tapes, or books from us, they can be returned to us at these rates. Phonograph records can be sent to us at this rate whether borrowed or not.

H. C. KLEMENT

### The Signs in 1959

Another opportunity for neighborhood, family, friend and business associate evangelism is being presented to us. Our annual *Signs of the Times* crusade will be conducted during the month of April.

Elder T. L. Oswald recently spent several days in our field in the interest of the *Signs*. He brought to the attention of all our working staff the conditions that prevail in various parts of the world indicating that personal freedom is being removed. He presented a total challenge that should awaken the individual mind to the precious promises of the soon return of Christ as well as the

dangers to be increased with the finishing of His work.

All of us who attended these meetings were solemnized by the seriousness of the situation. While we have freedom we should not neglect to do the work that needs to be done. We must use this freedom rightly. We must help our fellow men by placing in their hands the very publications that clearly portray the evidences that we are living in the last days.

Send the *Signs* to those whom you know must have material to read to guide their souls into avenues that lead to heaven. What a privilege it is to share the gospel light through the *Signs of the Times*. Let us be a blessing to our loved ones, our neighbors, our friends and our associates by sending them the *Signs* in '59.

H. R. COATS, Secretary  
Home Missionary Department

### Sunnydale Academy



### Sandefurs to Leave Sunnydale

During the last two years Mr. Manford Sandefur has carried a heavy responsibility on our staff as dean of boys

and physical education teacher. Mrs. Sandefur has been a big booster of our MV Society and has very ably served as sponsor of the MV's.

With the end of the present school year Mr. and Mrs. Sandefur and their three children, Allan, Sharon, and Mike, who arrived just last September, will be leaving Sunnydale and will be returning to school to further their education. Their plans as to a school are indefinite as yet.

Sunnydale reluctantly bids farewell to these faculty members, for their smiling faces and their pleasant personalities have endeared them to our hearts.

IRENE DENNY

### Campus News

✓ Guests on our campus for the Sabbath services of March 21 were Elders J. F. Kent, Central Union Conference publishing secretary, and W. C. Hewes, Missouri Conference publishing secretary. Elder Kent spoke at the MV meeting Friday evening, and also at the eleven o'clock hour on Sabbath. Elder Hewes spoke at the vesper service Sabbath evening, and he also conducted a meeting Sunday morning for the students who are planning to be Literature Evangelists this coming summer.

✓ The student Week of Prayer will begin April 12. Guest speaker for this special week of spiritual emphasis will be Elder W. H. Elder, pastor of the Lincoln City Church, Lincoln, Nebraska.

✓ A benefit program was held in the gymnasium on Saturday night March 21. At least \$100 was cleared at this program. These proceeds will be used to purchase new equipment for the gymnasium.

✓ Redecoration is underway in the girls' dorm on the third guest room. The room has been repainted and will soon be refurnished and ready for the use of guests to our campus.

IRENE DENNY



Left to right: Mrs. Sandefur, holding Mike; Allan, and Mr. Sandefur, holding Sharon.

## Wyoming

### How Do You Impress Others?

One of the many delightful occasions we enjoy in Wyoming is when an official of the General Conference comes to visit us. Such was the case last week when Elder Howard Weeks of the General Conference Bureau of Public Relations





Top left: Part of the group of pastors and public relations secretaries from the southern half of the state meeting in Cheyenne. Top right: Elder Weeks in a serious moment giving much-appreciated counsel to better public relations. Lower: Those meeting in Worland enjoy Elder Weeks' presentation.

conducted press workshops in Cheyenne and Worland.

Among the many good suggestions, inspiration and information Elder Weeks conveyed to us was the fact that good public relations is not just a matter for the press secretary alone, but a task for every member of the church. "Seventh-day Adventists should become aware of the community problems that exist and co-operate with other civic groups to improve the areas in which we live," Elder Weeks said. He went on to tell of the many good contacts the denomination is having with editors and publishers of well-known national magazines.

Truly, the Lord is using every means of communication to spread knowledge of His work around the world. We owe a heartfelt "Thanks" to our many faithful press secretaries as they carry out their assignments to further God's message.

PERRY F. PEDERSEN  
Public Relations Secretary

## Worland District Report

When the bells and sirens announced the beginning of a new year, the folks in the Worland District looked back on 1958 with mixed emotions. We were happy for our tithe and offering increases, we were glad to see one of our churches at the top for Sabbath school offerings, others near the top in Invest-

ment and also see the highest amount ever raised in the Ingathering program. But as we took inventory of our progress for 1958, we knew we were short of the goal for winning souls for the kingdom of heaven.

However, things got off to a fast start for the work in the Basin Area with the *It Is Written* television program beginning January 4. Names for *Take His Word* came in slowly at first but after the survey began, the number jumped from ten to eighty in two weeks! The survey is still in process so many more names will be added yet.

On January 31, three of our young members were baptized by Elder Howard Voss in Greybull and we are sure they will grow into fine workers for the Lord.

During the month of February, Elder Voss and the writer joined hands for one week meetings in the towns of Greybull, Worland and Big Trails. In spite of bad weather, all meetings were well attended. Victories were gained, new decisions made and blessings received by many.

The Worland church has been host to two special meetings this year. The MV Leadership Course conducted by Elder J. L. Dittberner, March 6-7, was an inspiration to all who attended. Besides those needing this course to be invested as Master Guides at the coming Youth Congress in Lincoln, many others at-

## WYOMING IT IS WRITTEN

### PROGRAM PREVIEW

KFBC-TV Cheyenne 2:30 Sundays  
KTWO-TV Casper 4:00 Sundays

April 12  
"The Wonderful One"

April 19  
"The Heavens Are Telling"

April 26  
"The Power of Transformed Thinking"

May 3  
"Atomic Trigger"

May 10  
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May 17  
"Coronation"

May 24  
"Psychic Masquerade"

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tended because of the inspirational way the course was presented.

On March 19, the pastors and press secretaries for the northern part of Wyoming met in the Worland church for a Press Relations Workshop conducted by Elder Howard Weeks of the General Conference and Elder P. F. Pedersen, our conference Public Relations Secretary. Everyone left the meeting determined to have better public relations.

Prospects are bright for the Worland District this year as we work with the names of so many interests from the *It Is Written* program as well as from other avenues and we sincerely ask for an interest in your prayers that the work of God will soon be finished in this area and in all the world field so Jesus can come and take home those who love His appearing.

B. E. JACOBS, Pastor  
Worland District

## Colorado

### Freedom of the Press

I understand that one of our workers in China has recently been sentenced to life imprisonment for attempting to translate one or more Spirit of prophecy books. When I heard that, I realized



that I haven't begun to appreciate the blessings of "freedom of the press." No, I've taken that for granted because that is all I've ever known. How about you?

Not so very long ago, we had publishing houses in China putting out many types of literature in Chinese proclaiming the three angels' messages. Today, there is nothing. Our workers are persecuted. They have no more campaigns. We still have them here. What is your attitude toward them? Are they a burden or a blessing to you?

Suppose Chinese Adventists could suddenly send a missionary journal like *Signs of the Times* to their people as a soul-winning venture—how do you suppose they would feel and react? What is happening in China now will happen to Adventists everywhere some day. It may be brought about in a different way by a different sponsor—but "freedom of the press" will not always be ours. Let's not forget that!

What thrills me is how *Signs* leads souls to the truth. Every year we have a fresh supply of experiences to tell on this thrilling subject. This year's seem better than ever to me. For example, there is one about a Methodist minister and his family from Arizona. He resigned a pastorate of 1,000 members, and he and his family have been baptized. He is now canvassing, and later, plans to be a minister in our ranks. One of our preachers conducted a Catholic funeral because relatives liked *Signs*. They gave him \$14.00 head tax to sponsor *Signs* for other relatives. Then at Grand Junction, we have two families of Griffins who are Adventists now because Mr. and Mrs. Ben Franklin sponsored *Signs* for them a few years ago. These are only samples of experiences you will hear fully when *Signs* is presented in your church this year.

Please consider what is happening in China this very day and decide that your family will sponsor five or more *Signs* this year for others. Please do it while we have the precious gift of "freedom of the press."

BEN J. LIEBELT  
Home Missionary Secretary

### Campo District Report

The Lord is blessing His work in this part of Colorado. With a considerable amount of moisture during the fall and winter, the prospects are good for an abundant harvest. Courage and zeal to do more for the Lord is the spirit that inspires our laymen from week to week.

These faithful ones are endeavoring each day to make the most of every opportunity to have a Christian contact with others wherever they may be found.

Last fall we held evangelistic meetings in the little town of Pritchett. The attendance was very gratifying, and of this number several are showing a true interest in becoming a part of God's remnant church. We thank God for His blessings and with the expectation of more meetings there this spring the prospects are that many will accept Christ and join us in fulfilling the great gospel commission.

This spring quite a number of improvements are being made in the Campo church building, such as a new Communion Set, draperies at the windows and platform, and a new rug on the aisles. Most important of the above mentioned improvements is the new baptistry. Along with the rejoicing of the angels of heaven, our own laity will experience the thrill of seeing those coming into our family "buried with Him in baptism" within our own church building.

As time is fast running out, may we all be faithful within our own ranks and urge others to join the march in the great army of Christ. Let us all work with one purpose in mind; that of hastening Christ's coming. We ask an interest in your prayers that the work in the Campo District will go forward. It is with a great deal of satisfaction we report that God's people in the Campo District are drawing closer to each other and to the Lord, preparing for the glorious day when we shall all enter eternity together.

PAUL CURTIS, District Leader

### Greetings from Colorado Springs

The members of the Colorado Springs District are grateful to God for His leading and blessings in this part of the field. Evangelistic meetings were conducted in the church by the pastor. Willing laymen helped in many ways, such as distributing hand bills, addressing envelopes, serving as greeters, ushers and helping with the transportation of interested people, or whatever was needed to be done.

We are proud of our church school under the able leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jones. It seems the least we can do is to give our children a Christian education. The Week of Prayer was an inspiration to all and

closed with each student dedicating himself to the Lord.

A baptismal service climaxed the evangelistic meetings and the school Week of Prayer, and six precious souls gave public evidence of their faith and joined with the family of God.

The TV program, *It Is Written*, has just begun in this area, and many of the laymen joined in distributing many thousands of leaflets. Hundreds of telephone calls also are being made every week, inviting the people to listen.

Recently some of the members have begun to give Bible studies, although there are only ten studies being given each week now, others have said that they too desire to give studies. We believe this will bear much fruit.

Our whole church was saddened when our first elder, Kenneth L. Colburn, passed away due to complications following ear surgery. He was just a young man, leaving his wife and four children under eight years of age. His was a dedicated and busy life for the Lord, so our sorrow is changed to hope as we look for the great resurrection of which the Lord has promised.

It is the desire of the members of the Colorado Springs District to so live and love and labor that they may be found ready and waiting when the Lord returns.

O. L. McLEAN, Pastor

### News from North Denver District

Greetings from Denver North and Wheat Ridge! The two congregations of this district located in one of the fastest growing areas of the state are working together closely and harmoniously for the advancement of the cause of God.

At the first of the year, these two churches organized a joint Missionary Volunteer Society under the leadership of Brother Howard Sanderson. Meetings are held each Friday evening with the exception of our spring Week of Prayer, with meetings every evening. Our young people are responding enthusiastically in using their talents to keep these programs interesting for all.

We believe our new *It Is Written* television program on Channel 9 will produce results for eternity from this Northwest Denver area. The home visitation reports of our laymen are thrilling. We are ready now to start the second contact with the interested people who have enrolled in the *Take His Word* Bible course. We need the prayers



of all the readers that God's Spirit will go before and prepare the way for these important contacts.

The Denver North and Wheat Ridge churches are pressing forward on a combined ten-grade church school for this district. The property for the new school is being purchased on the corner of 64th & Saulsbury Court. Plans for the building are being prepared. We are anticipating the day when we can actually begin work on this new project. In the meantime we are maintaining a two-teacher eight-grade school in the North Denver church building.

This district is blessed with capable church elders and a lay preacher, Brother R. W. Doss, who give much appreciated assistance in the leadership of the churches. The Dorcas Societies, under the leadership of Sisters Frixell and Grosz, have kept busy this winter providing clothes and food for needy families. We also have an active Pathfinder group led by Sister Roberta Boyer. Our people are of good courage. Our weekly attendance is growing. We feel the Lord's blessing is upon His work in this growing Northwest Denver district.

J. G. ZIEGLER, District Leader

## How God Has Blessed in the Grand Junction District

The close of 1958 was a most busy time for all of our members. Although we are never satisfied, we have many reasons to thank God for His blessings during the past few months. Although our goal is lower, we like to aim at the \$4,000.00 mark in Ingathering. In a short time, with many willing workers we went over the \$4,100.00 mark.

Our school is operated for all members living in the valley and our students come from our three churches of Fruita, Palisade and Grand Junction. Our staff has given wonderful service to our children. We would be happy for the same full staff next year as our parents know we have a fine school. Growth in our school enrollment has been very large the past few years. Enrollment figures show the following increases—1954, there was 57; 1955, 72; 1956, 84; 1957, 93 and this year 107. Because of such rapid growth, we must have additional room next year. A wing will be placed on the north side of our auditorium, thus giving room for the growth we expect to continue. Dr. Ward Studt, school board chairman, and all of the board are working hard to make our school the very best we know how to make it.

Elder Max Torkelsen will again be our principal next year, which will be his fourth with us. Progress has been constant under Elder Torkelsen's leadership.

We expect to be able to begin actual construction of our new Grand Junction church in the near future. We have waited long for this much needed church home. We are facing some problems but with God's help we expect to overcome every one before long.

The past year we have certainly seen God work in the lives of some who have joined our churches. These wonderful evidences are too long to tell here, but again we are aware that God's greatest miracle is conversion. Our final baptism of the year on December 13 was our largest with seventeen coming into the church on that day. Total baptisms for the year were thirty-four. Many of these are already ardent workers who are trying to win others. They have given new inspiration to our entire district.

The first two weeks of March was the time set aside for a series of revival meetings. These were held in Grand Junction but were well attended every night by folks from all three of our churches and many not of our faith. Average attendance was around 200. Elder Schneider's lectures featured many thrilling experiences from life, which had a profound effect on those attending. The week was concluded with a baptism of a fine young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ulibarri. We look forward to many more good experiences as we work with God's help in the months ahead.

D. S. WALLACK



### HANSEN-MAHLO

At a lovely wedding on Wednesday evening, March 4, at the Fremont Seventh-day Adventist church, Miss LaRue Hansen of Blair, Nebraska, and Mr. Calvin Mahlo of Webster Groves, Missouri, exchanged wedding vows, with Pastor E. V. Schultz performing the ceremony. Mrs. John Rogers of Lincoln was matron of honor, Miss Clarice Malone also of Lincoln was bridesmaid, and Miss Linda Rogers, Lincoln, served as flower girl. Best man was Duane Mahlo of St. Louis, Missouri, brother of the bridegroom, and Keith Hansen of Omaha, brother of the bride, served as usher. Organist was Mrs. Charles Ros-

trom of Lincoln, with Miss Barbara Zehm of Lincoln as soloist.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlo, former students of Union College, will make their home in St. Louis, Missouri. May the Lord richly bless this newly established home.

EUGENE SCHULTZ  
District Pastor

## Union College

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Friday, April 17, 8 p.m.

St. Louis Central SDA church

Sabbath, April 18, 11 a.m.

Sunnydale Academy

Saturday, April 18, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph SDA church

Sunday, April 19, 7:45 p.m.

Omaha SDA church

## Voice of Prophecy Sermons

April 12: Hands on the Table

April 19: Preaching Forgiveness

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# Whence Came Sunday Laws?

The right to worship God according to the dictates of the conscience is an American heritage. In this country the full and free right to entertain any religious belief, to practice any religious principle, and to teach any religious doctrine which does not violate the laws of morality and property, and which does not infringe upon personal rights, is conceded to all. This important right has experienced a life span of only 150 years in the United States. In many countries of the world it is not an accepted right, much less an assured fact.

This God-given right did not come to us by accident. It was not brought to this country by those who came over on the Mayflower. Rather, after much misunderstanding, persecution and conflict, it was hammered out and then incorporated *by the people of the United States* into their national Constitution as expressed in the first and fourteenth amendments to that Constitution.

Long before the Constitution and its amendments were adopted, bigotry, intolerance, and persecution afflicted the people of our land. The bigotry, intolerance and persecution were caused by religious laws, some of which were so drastic that they came to be known as "blue laws." It is significant that the very first religious laws imposed upon an American colony *required* church going on a specific day of the week under penalty of death for persistent violation.

The New England colonies enacted and enforced religious laws of which from twelve to sixteen carried death penalties. Of these, the common religious offenses were idolatry, witchcraft, blasphemy, persistent and presumptuous Sunday desecration, and the return of heretics (Quakers and Catholics) after banishment.

The execution of religious dissenters was the logical outcome of the state-enforced religious laws. When a religious law with a mild penalty was persistently disobeyed, zealous churchmen sought to compel conscience by stricter and harsher laws. The Massachusetts laws against Quakers constituted a prime demonstration how religious laws persecuted men unto death in the name of the God they professed to honor.

Many of these "blue laws" persisted after the adoption of the federal Constitution. If such laws exist in any community today, they should be recognized as "hangovers" or "leftovers" of something that

has been repudiated by the American people and that is not in harmony with the principles of their Constitution.

There is no small diversity of opinion regarding the propriety of keeping one day in seven holy. The Moslem looks upon Friday as his day of rest. The Jew, Seventh-day Baptist and Seventh-day Adventist maintain that the seventh and not the first day of the week is the true Sabbath. A large number of sincere persons declare that the first day of the week has supplanted the seventh day as the Sabbath, and because of this must be observed sacredly.

The very nature of the issue makes it evident that Sunday legislation is religious legislation. The argument that Sunday laws are framed to give the working man a day of rest is nothing but pious mouthing to hide the religious character of the law. One might as well argue that since the night was ordained for man to rest from his day's labor, then laws should be enacted forcing man to sleep at night. One is as foolish and futile as the other.

However, God has not given any community, state or government the right to decide religious issues. Man is answerable to the government, state or community for the violation of laws regulating his conduct to his fellow men. Man is answerable to God, and God alone, for his religious beliefs and practices.

To concede that the government has a right to impose *one* religious duty upon a minority against their will, implies that the government can enforce *all* religious duties. This right, once granted, carries with it police action and persecution, and the chain that binds a minority group will in time bind the majority.

Each Seventh-day Adventist church, officer and member should be intelligently informed regarding Sunday laws and their threat to American freedom. The following two tracts should be read by all:

Tract No. 59-1, "Sunday Laws and Your Freedom"  
Tract No. 58-6, "Sunday Laws; What to do About Them"

This material could be used as a basis for discussion in service clubs, town and city councils, church meetings, ministerial association meetings and in formulating letters to newspaper editors.

(To be continued.)

THEODORE CARCICH