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Cultivating Good Will Through Vacation Bible Schools

WILLIAM J. HARRIS

Associate Secretary General Conference Sabbath School Department

Good public relations are today considered as essential as good financial support. Nearly all the large industrial enterprises of our modern world expend vast sums of money in an effort to create good will toward themselves and their products.

Seventh-day Adventists are likewise becoming more conscious of the value and importance of public opinion in relation to their work and belief. No one has ever been won to the truth who did not first greatly appreciate it, and hold in high opinion and great respect every phase of the entire movement. In order to win one's mind we must first remove the barriers of prejudice and obtain his good will. We can not hope to win a man's mind without first winning his heart.

Many of our churches are set in the midst of neighborhoods whose people never enter the church and ninety per cent of whom hold some erroneous belief concerning the "queer" people who worship in that church. Without doubt there are many souls in the vicinity of our churches who might be won to this message if they were to receive a true picture of Seventh-day Adventists and their beliefs.

One of the very finest ways to remove prejudice and secure the good will of our neighbors and acquaintances is to do something worth while for their children. The Vacation Bible School plan affords us opportunity and offers us an excellent means for accomplishing this. With but slight cost and minimum of effort we may enroll the children of the neighborhood into our Vacation Bible Schools and give them a two-week course of character-building Bible instruction and wholesome, Christian recreation. A surprising amount of good will can be cultivated by inviting friends

and parents to a special graduation program at the close of the Vacation Bible School. After the program the parents and friends can be invited to view a display of crafts made by their children, meet the teachers, and view the church and church school. Such work may precede a public evangelistic effort or any other special meetings to be conducted. From such meetings the people of the neighborhood gain a new appreciation of Seventh-day Adventists.

Hundreds of reports have come in telling of the good will this work has accomplished. In one case where prejudice had created an avowed enemy of the church, the Vacation Bible School so surprised and impressed this person that he not only became an important

friend, but also extended very substantial financial support at a critical time when there was great need.

We have been conducting these schools for only a very few seasons but already thousands of non-Adventist children have joined our regular Sabbath schools, enrolled in branch Sabbath schools, JMV camps, and Seventh-day Adventist church schools. Partial reports show that over 100 of these children have prepared for and been baptized. Many parents and children are now studying various Bible Correspondence courses. Vacation Bible School pays in many ways. May we suggest that you get in touch with your conference Sabbath school secretary and plan now for this important work for your church this coming vacation season.

A Light at Eventide

"I tried everything, attempting to fill the void in my troubled heart, even to the panacea which comes in bottles. I had an extra part-time job three evenings a week in an accounting office. One day I noticed a magazine in the wastebasket entitled *Signs of the Times*. I unfolded it and began to read. At the moment I knew practically nothing about Seventh-day Adventists, but in my mind I caught a vision of a peculiar and holy people. In the telephone directory I found the name and location of the nearest Adventist church. I began attending Wednesday night prayer meetings, and became acquainted with the pastor, in whom I sensed a deep love and understanding. Bible studies followed, and in a little while I was baptized and received the hand of fellowship. There is a deep gratitude in my heart for the great deliverance the Lord has so graciously wrought in me. I am now engaged as a part-time Literature Evangelist and have weekly a Bible study class with an attendance of nine or ten visitors. I am endeavoring to sow the seeds of light and truth that indeed "shall make men free."

By Way of Reminder

Sometime ago we published the fact that the local conferences in the Central Union would subsidize Seventh-day Adventist boys attending Camp Desmond Doss, Grand Ledge, Michigan, June 2-16 on their travel to the camp in the amount of \$25.00. The time for the camp is rapidly approaching. The procedure for this would be to write to your local conference MV or War Service Commission secretary and he in turn will give you the proper authorization for taking advantage of this help on your travel expense.

The world situation being what it is there are large numbers who are sending in their applications for this camp. We suggest you take care of this very quickly, and at the same time contact your local conference War Service Commission secretary for this help on the travel.

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Sunset Calendar

	April 24	May 1
Denver, Colorado	6:47	6:54
Grand Junction, Colo.	7:00	7:06
Topeka, Kansas	7:09	7:15
Kansas City, Missouri	7:04	7:10
St. Louis, Missouri	6:49	6:53
Lincoln, Nebraska	7:16	7:23
Casper, Wyoming	7:02	7:11

What a thrilling experience in co-ordinated evangelism in which *Signs* proved to be "a light at eventide!" A depressed, anxious and troubled heart, a copy of *Signs* found in a wastebasket, the convicting and comforting power of the Holy Spirit, sweet fellowship with an understanding Adventist pastor, baptism and the hand of fellowship, and now a life of devoted service in the work of pointing others to the Lamb of Calvary that taketh away the sins of the world.

It is our firm conviction that the year 1959 is a year of challenge and opportunity in literally blanketing the world with the message of a soon-coming Saviour. Unfolding events across a troubled world suggest that it will soon be too late. Through the exercise of His inventive genius man is endeavoring to conquer the barriers of time and space. We are rapidly approaching the hour when darkness will cover the earth and gross darkness the people. This is the hour of man's extremity, when God alone will exercise the power of a mighty leadership, and conquer the last barriers to the gospel light.

Celebrating its eighty-fifth anniversary *Signs of the Times* is scheduled to occupy a large place in this mighty surge of Adventism across the world. The months of April and May are especially dedicated to our annual crusade for erecting thousands of silent pulpits in the homes of those for whom our hearts are burdened. SPONSOR SIGNS for relatives and friends on your prayer list. ENLIST in our fellowship of prayer for those who will be reached through its glorious ministry during the coming year.

H. K. CHRISTMAN
Circulation Manager

Former St. Paulites
Please Note

The First SDA church of St. Paul, Minnesota, is planning a HOMECOMING WEEK END, June 19-21, celebrating its seventy-five years of fruitful existence. We are particularly anxious to have former pastors, members and friends spend that week end with us; but if this is impossible, we would like to have a message of greeting from you, including photographs which will be returned in good order, to be used in this Jubilee program.

Previous to this date, the Barron Brothers' Evangelistic Company from the Texas Conference will conduct a three-

week evangelistic campaign beginning May 10. In preparing for this endeavor, we would like the names of your relatives and friends in St. Paul and vicinity who you would like sent invitations to these important meetings.

Please send communications concerning either of the above items to Mrs. A. W. Kiley, publicity secretary, St. Paul First SDA church, c/o 234 W. King St., St. Paul 7, Minnesota.

Union College

Norman Graham, 1959-1960
ASB President

Norman Graham, a ministerial major from Pueblo, Colorado, was chosen president of the 1959-1960 Union College Associated Student Body in an election held March 30.

Assisting him as vice-president will be Jerry Aso, a history major from Denver, Colorado.

Sharon Chatfield, a social science major from Crowell, Texas, will be the new secretary-treasurer; and Phyllis Foster, a secretarial science major from Angwin, California, will be her assistant.

Seniors from Southwestern Junior
College Visit Union Campus

Over forty students from the Southwestern Union visited the Union College campus April 9 to 12 in the annual Southwestern Junior College visitation program. Members of the group toured the campus and industries, participated in swimming and skating, visited classes, and attended a banquet in the new Home Economics Department. The group presented the Friday evening vespers meeting and participated in a sing-spiration held Sabbath afternoon.

Lickey Featured with UC Concert
Band in Annual Home Concert

The Union College Concert Band, under the direction of H. Lloyd Leno, presented its spring home concert Saturday evening, April 11, in the college auditorium. Appearing as guest soloist with the band was Mr. Harold Lickey, a graduate of the Class of 1950 and a former music staff member of Union College. Mr. Lickey is now director of voice and choral music at Southwestern Junior College.

Outstanding selections from the concert were "On the Trail," from the "Grand Canyon Suite," and a coronet trio number, "The Three Trumpeters," by William Baker, Richard Hammond, and Marvin Borris.

Class in Leadership Taught

Miss Mildred Lee Johnson, assistant secretary of the General Conference MV Department, conducted a leadership course here April 17 and 18. This course is one of the requirements for a Master Guide, and was conducted for those preparing for investment at the time of the Central Union Youth Congress.

UC Alumni to Sponsor Supper

The Union College Alumni Association will sponsor a supper and social during the Central Union Youth Congress. It will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, at the Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln.

Placements

Gleora Conner (2 year certificate)—Teacher, Kansas Conference;
Hilda Flemmer (2 year certificate)—Secretary, Wisconsin Conference;
Albert Hamilton—Dean of Boys, Oak Park Academy, Iowa Conference;
Linda Hayman—Teacher, Missouri Conference;
Martha Hosek (2 year certificate)—Teacher, Iowa Conference;
Robert Hyde—Ministry, SDA Theological Seminary (sponsored by Colorado Conference);
Jean Miller (2 year certificate)—Teacher, Iowa Conference.

College Furniture Manufacturers Increase Sales Over Last Year

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. DeVice have just returned from a two-week trip to the west coast, during which they called on buyers and visited factories and ac-

counts. With a distributor in Los Angeles, the College Furniture Manufacturers are now selling from coast to coast.

A substantial increase in sales is reported for the first quarter of 1959 over the first quarter of 1958. All indications point to the biggest year ever in the history of the College Furniture Manufacturers.

A room divider is the newest addition to their furniture line.

A busy summer lies ahead, for then the furniture market period begins. The College Furniture Manufacturers will show their line in New York, Miami, Minneapolis, Omaha, Denver, Kansas City, and Dallas.

Central States

Camp Reservations

We have received again this year a deluge of reservations for cabins for our coming camp meeting. We say deluge because the request for cabin reservations is greater than the number of cabins that we have. It will therefore be useless for anyone at this time to send in a request for a cabin. However, there are still some TENTS available. We urge the members who have not yet made their reservations to order their tents without further delay so that they can be assured of a place during the coming camp meeting.

It appears that we shall again be blessed of the Lord with a very wonderful encampment. You must plan to be there. Send your tent reservations in now.

H. T. SAULTER

Wyoming

Powell District Reports

The Powell District, in the northern part of Wyoming, is happy to let you know how God is blessing the work here.

It may be of interest to know that our district is bound by the beautiful Yellowstone Park, and Big Horn Mountains. Our towns include Cody, Powell, and Greybull, and we have a church in each place. Our towns are not large when compared with other cities, but each is a progressive and growing clean town.

One of the greatest blessings to our

work here is the fine way our medical work is carried on. We are privileged to have three very fine doctors and their families. Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Kattenhorn, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Balkins, and Dr. and Mrs. David Gregg are real witnesses for God, and the amount of good they are doing may never be known on this earth. Our deepest appreciation and thanks go to our Adventist doctors and the excellent work they are doing.

Another of our blessings is our large group of children, and I know I will speak for the entire membership in Powell when I say that our church school has added strength and emphasis to the work of Seventh-day Adventists in this area. Mrs. Mary O'Neil is conducting a most interesting and inspirational school for our children, and how grateful we are for this. Mrs. Balkins has the children organized into a lovely junior choir which adds so much to our Sabbath services.

Pastor and Mrs. B. E. Jacobs, our good neighbors from Worland, are here to assist us in an evangelistic program during the month of April. Much preparation has been done by the laity for these meetings. May we, in the Powell District, ask you to join us each day in our pledge to:

Pray for power

At the noonday hour.

HOWARD VOSS, District Pastor

Nebraska

Regional Meeting to be Held in Lincoln

At a recent meeting of the Nebraska Conference Committee, we talked over the matter of our Regional Meeting for the eastern section of our conference. For a time we gave consideration to starting the meeting on Thursday evening and running through Sunday evening. But as we considered the matter, we found that it would conflict with some of the evangelistic meetings that will be in progress at that time, and that summer school would be in session here at Union College and the matter of rooms, etc., would be quite a bit of a problem. Our final decision was to have our meeting begin Friday evening, June 19, and run through Saturday night.

I am happy to report that Elder Andrew Fearing, assistant secretary of the Ministerial department of the General Conference will be with us, as well



A room divider—the newest addition to the furniture line of the College Furniture Manufacturers.

as Weiland Henry, from the Northern California Conference. We may have a representative from one of the mission fields here with us, and we will also have union, as well as local workers.

Lay your plans now to be with us at the time of our Regional Meeting here in Lincoln, and pray that the Lord may give us a good day together.

N. C. PETERSEN, *President*

"It Is Written" Meeting

Elder H. M. Williams, conference evangelist for *It Is Written*, opened his series of evangelistic sermons in Holdrege on Sunday night, March 22. From the first he has had a capacity attendance and with a suitable overflow at times. The meetings are being held in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Holdrege. Elder Williams and Brother Heitzmann, his associate, are becoming personally acquainted with many of the *Take His Word* enrollees resulting from the *It Is Written* telecast.

Elder Williams' opening remark was, "The A-Bomb Age foretold the fact that while people are talking peace and safety the world will be preparing for war right up to Armageddon itself."

We called attention to such prophecies as Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:16-21 where such expressive phrases as pillows of smoke and vapors of smoke seem to depict the immediate appearance of the explosion of the A-Bomb in picturesque language. His sermon concluded with the message of the coming of Jesus Christ as the only hope of mankind making a tremendous appeal to those who were present.

His final statement, "Jesus is the only hope for the A-Bomb Age," climaxed his words of warning and admonition.

The accompanying photographs show



The sign pictured is a temporary sign used in advertising the "It Is Written" follow-up series of meetings being held in Holdrege.

the sign which is temporary in the front of the Holdrege church along with the picture from the front of the church showing the capacity attendance.

Be sure to pray for the *It Is Written* telecast and the tremendous program of following through with the names secured in this way. We are looking to the Lord for an abundant harvest from the seed thus sown.

C. R. FRENCH, *Radio-TV Secretary*

A Coming Crisis

"A great crisis awaits the people of God. . . . The most momentous struggle of all the ages is just before us. . . . The question of enforcing Sunday observance has become one of national interest and importance. We well know what the result of this movement will be. But are we ready for the issue?" *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 711.

Recently we who have been reading our church papers and the Spirit of prophecy books have become more and more aware of the fact that this old world is nearing its end. Sunday laws are pressing in from all sides. This, according to the *Testimonies for the*

Church, is to be the last act in the drama. "The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the last act in the drama." Vol. 7, p. 141.

"By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from the very principle of righteousness. When . . . our country shall repudiate every principle of its constitution as a Protestant and Republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near." Vol. 5, p. 451.

Realizing the seriousness of the times in which we are living, our church leaders are deeply concerned about the readiness of each one of you to meet the crisis that is upon God's remnant people. You will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the inspired writings given to the church through the messenger of the Lord, Mrs. E. G. White.

As a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and knowing that there is a time of trouble ahead, isn't it time to make preparation to meet the crisis with a full knowledge of the truth, have our minds fortified with the word of God and the testimony of Jesus, which is the Spirit of prophecy.

May 16 has been designated as Spirit of Prophecy Day by our General Conference leaders. Your publishing houses and Book and Bible houses are making special plans whereby you may obtain the *Testimonies for the Church*, Conflict of the Ages series and other of Mrs. White's writings on a monthly payment basis, with a free *Index* to all of Mrs. White's writings. Write to your Book and Bible house manager and ask him for the details. You need these volumes in your home, along with our church paper, the good old *Review and Herald*. Enrich your Christian experience and prepare yourself to stand firm through the crisis just ahead by reading the books prepared for such a time as this.

REUBEN BECK, *Manager
Book and Bible House*



This picture shows the capacity attendance in the Holdrege church.

NOTICE PVA Alumni Meeting

1 p.m. Friday, April 24
Pershing Auditorium
Lincoln, Nebraska

Teacher Wins Travel Award

A Seventh-day Adventist teacher, Mrs. Ina D. Paulien, of Lincoln, Nebraska, has won the regional award of a vacation tour in the "Bold Journey" television-sponsored travel contest. She was chosen from among 2,500 contestants from this region.

"Bold Journey" is a documentary television series which serves as after-school resource material for 100,000 classroom teachers. The children do research work on the countries featured in the program.

Mrs. Paulien is an English teacher and guidance counselor for 300 ninth graders in the Irving Junior High School in Lincoln.

Travel awards were given to those who are outstanding teachers and who "open windows on the world for their students." We are happy that a Seventh-day Adventist has won this coveted travel award this year.

Mrs. Paulien is the wife of Dr. G. B. Paulien, who is supervisor of a mathematics laboratory of the University of Nebraska and teaches over TV for the University. He is elder of our Lincoln City church.

The national award for the "Bold Journey" contest last year was won by Mrs. Evalina Aitken of Omaha, another Seventh-day Adventist teacher. For her national travel award Mrs. Aitken won a trip to Europe, which she enjoyed last summer.

We are indeed proud of these two fine Seventh-day Adventist teachers who have been accorded these high honors.

Platte Valley Academy

Campaign Closes

At chapel time on Wednesday, April 8, the campaign to raise funds for the Physical Education and Music Departments of the academy came to a close.

Larry Dittberner and Kiff Achord, the

respective leaders of the Rebels and the Yankees, came to the front of the chapel to adjust their rockets to the proper positions on the goal devices.

After everyone had been given an opportunity to turn in his last dollar solicited for the campaign, it was found that the Rebels under the leadership of Larry Dittberner, had won.

Mr. Glenn Wheeler and Mr. Ferman Mock, the sponsors of the campaign, distributed the individual prizes. Larry Dittberner received first prize, a three speed phonograph, for having solicited the largest amount in the campaign. He obtained \$98.50. Second prize went to Carolyn Shively. She received a beautiful table lamp and a gift certificate. Gaylene Kaasa received third prize, a pen and pencil set.

In addition to the above prizes there were prizes given out each week, and everyone who has received a total of \$15.00 will be given a special treat by the school.

We are all looking forward to the improvements that will be made as a result of the success of this campaign. Platte Valley Academy wishes to thank everyone who has helped us to improve the school.

RALPH CARTER, *Principal*

Kansas

A Visit to Wichita Pathfinder Camp

Camping before the advent of spring—that's the going thing in Wichita! The week end of March 13-15 was the time set for the first Pathfinder camp-out at their very own "Wilderness Camp." There were forty-two Wichita junior youth, counselors and cooks who forsook their homes Friday afternoon, March 13 for Wilderness Camp. This was no unlucky Friday for this fortunate group! The weather was ideal,—but what about tomorrow, (?) they were not worried.

It was my privilege to be with them Sabbath morning for the 11:00 o'clock service. The camping site is located some fifteen miles south and east of Wichita, on the bank of the Arkansas River. A kindly rancher has permitted them to lay out their camping site without charge. Permanent rustic installation has been erected after many hundred hours of hard and joyous labor. When spring time comes it will be a sight to behold in its verdure!

MAY 3-7

KANSAS

DORCAS FEDERATIONS

Time 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 3:

Chanute SDA church
Lafayette and First

Monday, May 4:

Ottawa SDA church
9th and Sycamore

Tuesday, May 5:

Salina SDA church
12th and State

Wednesday, May 6:

Harper SDA church
Highway 160

Thursday, May 7:

Bazine SDA church

Guests and Features

Elder H. R. Coats, H.M. Secretary, Missouri Conference

Charles MacIvor, Worthington Foods

Film—"Miracle Middletown"

Every society should be well represented at this spring Federation meeting. It will be packed with good things.

E. E. Hagen, H.M. Secretary

The Sabbath morning worship hour was ideal weatherwise. The sun hung brightly overhead, bathing all in its warmth. The hour of worship was quiet. Even the breeze and the birds seemed to hush their voices as we talked of God's Spirit moving upon the hearts of the youth. When the worship hour passed, the winds began to pick up in the tree tops and before the afternoon came to an end the beauty of the morning had changed to the tune of howling winds and snow! In the evening the camp site had to be abandoned in hopes of a better day. It was great and glorious while the weather was right!

The youth of Wichita are being given training that counts for good character.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a special session of the Kansas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Enterprise, Kansas, on May 10, 1959. This meeting is called for the purpose of studying future development of Enterprise Academy. Each church is entitled to one delegate for each fifteen members or fraction thereof.

The first meeting of this session is called to convene at 10:00 A.M. Sunday, May 10, 1959. All regularly elected delegates from the various churches should be present to be seated at the first meeting.

F. O. SANDERS, President
H. L. HAAS, Secretary

All Students

in grades 8, 9, 10, 11
are invited to visit

Platte Valley Academy

Shelton, Nebraska

on Monday, May 11

for

Academy Day

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Top left: The open air chapel was an ideal spot for worship. It was hallowed ground, dedicated for drawing nigh to God. The pulpit was rustically arranged as were all its environment. Top right: When the dinner whistle sounded the junior boys marched in orderly fashion to the open air dining hall. Brother Grumbein and Brother Owens (camp directors for the day) review the group as they pass by. Lower left: It was ladies first in the dinner line and a happy and expectant group they were as they made preparation for the satisfaction of hunger. Lower right: Immediately following the worship hour, junior boys and girls went to their respective prayer band groups. This group met just outside of the First Aid station, one of the rustic structures that has been set up at Wilderness Camp.

acter building. It will count for eternity. Their leader, Robert Grumbein, is giving unselfishly of time and service along with his corps of advisors and coun-

selors. It's great to see them do what they are doing.

E. E. HAGEN, *Home Missionary and S. S. Secretary*



A good Sabbath school goal device tends to encourage mission giving. Every Sabbath school should endeavor to sponsor a good device to increase mission giving for our responsibility is to carry the gospel to all the world. Mrs. Wesley Winters, Garden City Sabbath school superintendent, looks on as Helen Wilks, associate superintendent, adjusts the flags representing attainment of their \$20 a week mission objective. A light on the top of the mountain lights up when they reach their daily study goal.

The Garden City Sabbath school during 1958 raised a per capita of .509 a week per member. Their Sabbath school reaches the General Conference goal with a little to spare.

E. E. Hagen

**NEW Release Time For
"IT IS WRITTEN"**

10 a.m. Sunday

KTVH - TV

Channel 12

E. E. Hagen, Radio Secretary

Enterprise Academy

First Call

This is the first call to all students in the state of Kansas in grades eight through eleven to attend the Enterprise Academy visitation days beginning Sunday afternoon, May 10, and ending Monday evening, May 11.

Announcements will be sent to all the churches and further details will be given in a later issue of the REAPER. Church leaders are urged to work with young people to make it possible for them to be at E. A. for these visitation days.

E. C. WINES, *Principal*

Colorado

Annual Audit

Article IX of our Constitution entitled "Auditing Committee," reads as follows:

The auditing committee of the conference shall consist of the members of the conference Executive Committee and up to three members not in the employ of the conference, appointed annually by the Executive Committee. This committee acting together with one or more representatives from the union conference shall annually audit the salary and expense of all conference workers and set their salary rate for the ensuing year."

In harmony with this instruction, on Thursday morning, March 26, the Colorado Conference annual audit was held in the conference office committee room.

Following this the audit committee and the conference departmental secretaries drove to Campion Academy and joining the academy faculty and staff, were entertained to dinner in the academy dining room.

The three after-dinner speakers congratulated the principal and his faculty on the progress that had been made and



Pictured are the audit committee, Colorado Conference departmental secretaries and the office secretaries.

the chairman of the board announced that G. G. Davenport had accepted the board's invitation to be the new principal. (A photograph of the new principal and his family, and a brief history will be published later.)

The Campion Academy annual audit was held in the chapel during the afternoon, and the dormitories and industries were inspected.

The accompanying photograph shows the members of the audit committee, the conference office departmental secretaries, and the office secretaries.

Once again we thank God for His blessings that made 1958 a record-breaking year and for the most encouraging gains He has given us so far this year.

R. S. JOYCE

Premiere Showing

There is a new color film entitled, "Miracle at Middletown," which we have just purchased. It is very good and we want you to see it.

It will be shown for the first time at our Dorcas Federation meetings. These meetings will be held during the first week in May. Watch for the place and date in your area. This film deals with the different aspects of welfare work. It centers around a widow whose house burned down. It shows Adventists in action after a tornado. It shows a variety of different scenes in which Adventists are participating. It's thrilling. It has so much heart appeal. It grips you. It gives you a very warm feeling when it comes to the end. If you have done any welfare work, it makes you feel so good that you did. If you haven't, it will make you feel like you want to.

If at all possible, come and be with us when the Federation meeting is held in your area. Watch for the announcement of it in your church.

BEN J. LIEBELT
State Welfare Secretary

Report on Cooking Schools

"Without health, no one can as distinctly understand or as completely fulfill his obligations to himself, to his fellow beings, or to his Creator. Therefore the health should be as faithfully guarded as the character." *Education*, p. 195.

In a study of body health, in regard to nutrition, the Cooking School Classes, held at Denver Junior Academy Auditorium, March 23 to 26, and in the community hall at Loveland, Colorado, March 30 to April 2, by Dorothea Van Gundy, under the sponsorship of the Colorado Conference and the Loma Linda Food Company, were very successful. The attendance was unusually good at all classes, in spite of one of the heaviest snows of the year during the Denver classes. There were 450 to 600 people present most nights.

At the Denver classes those in attendance were from the Denver, Boulder, and Brighton areas, some people coming from as far as seventy-five miles away.

At the Loveland classes one couple were in attendance who came from a Kansas town—a distance of 250 miles, in order to be present.

Men, women, teenagers, their neighbors and friends were all present.

Miss Van Gundy stressed the fact that just as the Lord gave the children of Israel a special diet when they were

about to enter the earthly Canaan, so He has given those who are about to enter the heavenly Canaan a special diet, in order for them to maintain their health and be more efficient workers for Him.

The seven nutritional elements were emphasized: protein, carbohydrate, fat, vitamins, minerals, bulk and water.

We were shown that a good vegetarian diet supplies all the necessary food elements and that the unsaturated, non-hydrogenated, liquid vegetable fats, such as corn oil, are best in the prevention and treatment of certain types of heart disease, such as coronary thrombosis, and also in the condition of arteriosclerosis with high blood pressure.

Scientific men are beginning to recognize what we have known for many years from the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, that the vegetarian diet is best for the maintenance of good health.

"I was again shown that the health reform is one branch of the great work which is to fit a people for the coming of the Lord. It is as closely connected with the third angel's message as the hand is with the body." *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 69.

DR. A. L. MOON, *Medical Secretary*

Grand Junction Sabbath School Members Share Their Faith

Once again we have proof that co-operation smooths the way for successful accomplishments. The Grand Junction church gave heart-warming evidence of their co-operative spirit in meeting the challenge offered in introducing the new telecast *It Is Written*, to the people in the metropolis of the Grand Valley.

Thirty-two hundred invitations to be personally given out, seemed an almost overwhelming task in the light of the usual response to planned missionary activities. But plans were different this time.

The church missionary leader and his assistants, the radio and television secretary, and the Sabbath school superintendent planned the details. Since it was their firm conviction that the Sabbath school should not only be the "church at study," but also the "church at work," it was planned to use the Sabbath school as the organizational medium.

Each class teacher was designated as a band leader, assigned a territory and



These juniors, youth and senior members of the Grand Junction Sabbath school gave out 3200 invitations personally for introducing the new "It Is Written" television program.

allotted a certain number of invitations. The fine, energetic Youth's Division took six hundred and fifty invitations and the hardest territory. The Junior Division asked for seven hundred, and made quick work of their territory.

The accompanying picture is concrete evidence that the Sabbath school members are anxious to have others know this precious faith and that they believe *It Is Written* is a gracious way to reach them. At least thirty members of the Youth's Division are not shown in the picture as they went out an hour earlier.

The weather was beautiful, as it usually is in the Grand Junction area, and the hearts of the Sabbath school members light, as they went from door to door on God's business.

HOMER YOUNG

Campion Academy

Campion Academy Broom Shop

It has been a little more than one year now since the broom factory was moved from the former location into its present quarters. This move was indeed a major step forward in the progress of this industry.

Because of the greatly increased production in our new building, the past year has been one of considerable adjustment all along the line. Much time and effort has been put forth in working out the production problems that naturally arise with such a major change in operation.

Many times during the period of adjustment, Mr. W. A. Bren, our efficient production manager, may have wished that he could wake up some morning and find himself back in the old factory

where he was more familiar with the system. However, Mr. Bren is a man that is not in the habit of letting his problems get him down. He and his local crew of helpers have worked untiringly in building up a fine system whereby we are not only making brooms much more efficiently, but also we are able to produce a higher and more uniform quality of brooms. This has been a big factor in helping us to increase our sales to the point where we can find a market for our steadily growing volume of business.

Presently, we have thirty-five workers employed in the broom factory. Many of them are earning most of their school expenses in this manner. But of even greater value to these students is the fact that they are learning to do a useful task—and do it well. Each student can be justly proud of the duty he is performing.

Why not stop in and visit our factory the next time you are on the campus of Campion Academy? We will be happy to show you through our plant and explain the many steps that go into the art of making brooms. I am sure you will enjoy seeing these students ardently engaged in their work. They will be glad to demonstrate their skills to you.

N. A. COFFIN

Missouri

Dedication of new Central St. Louis Church

The week end of March 28 was a very special occasion for the membership of the St. Louis Central church—it was the occasion of the dedication of their new church.

Elder V. G. Anderson, vice-president

of the General Conference spoke at the Friday evening service, Elder Theodore Carcich, president of the Central Union Conference, spoke at the eleven o'clock hour on Sabbath morning. Elder V. G. Anderson gave the dedicatory sermon on Sabbath afternoon. Those from the conference office who participated were H. C. Klement, who gave the act of dedication, and G. L. Sather.

The work of Seventh-day Adventists first began in St. Louis in the year 1886 when two Literature Evangelists brought our message to the home of Mrs. Rapp and her daughter, Cora. They purchased several books and subscribed to the *Signs of the Times*, and as a result became Seventh-day Adventists.

For a while Sabbath school and church services were held in the home of Mrs. Rapp. The membership grew until a church of twelve members was organized. Finally the number grew so large it was necessary to find a larger meeting place, so a store building was rented on Sheridan Avenue, which was used for the services of the church for more than a decade. Elder Heacock was the first pastor.

It was in 1899 when an individual, interested in the work of Seventh-day Adventists, purchased the church building on the corner of Newstead and Delmar and presented it to our people. This building became the church home for more than thirty-five years.

In 1916 Elder C. G. Bellah became pastor, and served the church until 1922. During this time the church was enlarged and completely repaired. The church continued to grow under the leadership of Pastors Robinson, Werner, and Smith. Under the leadership of Elder E. L. Branson it became apparent that a larger building was needed. In 1935 the church building was sold and the Christian Science church located on Washington Street was purchased.

The church membership was greatly increased under the leadership of Pastors E. L. Branson, Fordyce Detamore, and A. E. Lickey.

This church building was sold in 1948 and another church was purchased located on the corner of Spring and Lindell at the time R. M. Whitsett was pastor. It was on a Sabbath morning, October 1954 the hearts of the church members were made sad to find their beautiful church home in flames and completely destroyed. The faithful membership were not to be discouraged. A well-located lot was purchased and a well-organized, fund-raising campaign



The St. Louis Central church was recently dedicated.

was begun. The lot was purchased under the leadership of Elder G. R. Carter, as pastor, and the fund-raising campaign was begun at the time Elder H. T. Anderson was pastor.

The first meeting in the newly constructed church was held on Sabbath, February 8, 1958. Elder Ray Davidson is the present pastor, and the Lord is greatly blessing his ministry. There were forty-two baptisms in the church during 1958. The membership of the church have sacrificed with their time and means to make such a new beautiful church possible.

It was with joyful hearts the church was dedicated to God, and the members can exclaim with Solomon, "Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to DEDICATE IT TO HIM."

H. C. KLEMENT, *President*

Charter Pupil Visits Oak Grove

What a thrill and inspiration came to me as I visited the sacred environs of Oak Grove, which have been so hallowed to me all these years. It was here, when but a mere lad, that the wonders and possibilities of this blessed truth began to really take shape in my mind and experience. It was also here among this devoted and consecrated community of believers that I first received a partial

vision of the possibilities in a Christian education for me, a green lad from the farm and so new in this message.

It was my honored privilege to help build the first and also the larger school building, the second of which is now being used solely for the church services. Now they have the third school building, with two large rooms divided by a library. Such a splendidly designed and modernly equipped building is a happy sight to me, I can assure you. They still have an excellent school in opera-

tion under the able direction of Brother and Sister Adams.

Surely God's hand has been over the good work of this loyal church group and noble success of Christian teachers, who in the successive years have worked together in making Oak Grove so fruitful in supplying workers and so many faithful church members. It was this combined influence that gripped me in my youthful days. I still thank the Lord for my Oak Grove training.

It was a real privilege to be a member of the first graduating class, which was a small beginning of the continuous stream of graduates who have gone on in many fields of service. I shall always think of Oak Grove as a veritable school of the prophets.

The Lord is still blessing this noble work. But with the new and larger school facilities they have room now for more families with children who do not have church opportunities, to move in and share in all that this school community offers. Parents who are willing to make every effort and sacrifice are the very ones who are holding their children in this message. And too, the sons and daughters of these same parents usually become the workers who are called to the ends of the earth.

Let us keep our church school, academies and colleges filled. After all the years spent in our educational work, and after visiting thousands of homes, I can say with more confidence than ever, that Christian education is the heaven-born plan to prepare our children for these last days.

Offering for Bible School — April 25

A very important offering is to be received in all of our churches for the conference Bible Correspondence School on Sabbath, April 25. Many are rejoicing in the truth today because they took one of the Bible Correspondence courses. Let us make this a very liberal offering so that many more can be contacted.

Here are just a few words of appreciation sent in by Bible students:

"Just a line to tell you I am getting a world of good out of the Correspondence course. I look forward to next lesson everytime I send in my work sheet. I have two sisters whom I would like to see take your course."

"I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed the lessons and how much better I understand the Bible."

"I am so grateful to you, words cannot express my appreciation for these studies and for the little booklets sent. I do feel God has a work for me to do. May God bless you."

Remember the offering on Sabbath, April 25, and let us make it a liberal one.

H. C. Klement, *President*

Dear parents, what will it profit us if we gain the whole world and lose one single child. The Lord has graciously given us those for whom we must give an account as we hear these awful words from the Master, "Where is the flock, thy beautiful flock?"

VERNON P. LOVELL

Sunnydale Academy

ACADEMY AMATEUR HOUR

Sunday evening, May 3

Readings

Vocals

Instrumentals

Visitors are welcome on our campus for this event.

VISIT Sunnydale Academy

on

ACADEMY DAY

May 3 and 4

All academy age students throughout the state of Missouri are urged to be present on our campus for these two days.

Registration —
May 3, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Come and Enjoy

Class Visitation
Christian Fellowship

Recreation Amateur Hour

Welcome to the McGinnis Family

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGinnis have recently accepted a call to join the faculty at Sunnydale for the school year 1959-60. For the past four years Mr. McGinnis has been principal of the Kansas City Junior Academy. Mrs. McGinnis has been working for the past two years in the cafeteria at the Junior Academy.

Mr. McGinnis was graduated from Union College in May of 1955 with a major in history and education, and a minor in English. At present he is securing a minor in biology. He will fill the vacancy left on our staff by Miss Flo Vogan, biology and English teacher, who will be returning to her home state of Iowa next fall. Miss Vogan has taught the upper grades of English and the biology classes during this present school year. Her plans for the future are indefinite.

Central Union Literature Evangelists

J. F. Kent, Union Publishing Secretary
Report for Month Ending March 28, 1959

COLORADO

A. L. Ingram, secretary
J. D. Hagerman, assistant

Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Baer, Orville	113	100.00	388.00
Botti, Carmen L.	10		
Bowman, Ed	158	960.50	1226.75
Buck, Gene	131	985.37	984.36
Field, Frank A.	74	235.70	168.75
Gibson, J. M.	116	803.85	519.25
Hensel, Don	148	594.55	657.75
Hopping, Lucile	97	3.85	218.40
Jones, Ray	148	418.34	418.34
Kyle, Thomas	148	491.08	364.33
Miller, R. W.	168	570.91	468.94
Swift, M. D.	132	985.37	984.36
Taylor, Kenneth	70	244.40	242.40
Willits, G. E.	166	726.45	742.20
Wolverton, Jim	72	256.25	227.75
Clegg, F. E.	122	463.00	463.00
Wallace, H. E.	205	618.00	618.00
Barber, Donald	7	88.75	88.75
Dicken, Wilmer W.	12	29.75	29.75
George, Gale	24	57.00	57.00
Willits, Gladys	73	237.35	223.10
Wolverton, Jim	3		32.50
Totals	2197	8870.47	9123.68
Number of Literature Evangelists			22

MISSOURI

W. C. Hewes, secretary

Atkinson, Ronald	33	32.10	49.25
Berry, W. E.	127	652.55	396.25
Blackburn, B.	39	147.00	118.20
Brandstatter, E. J.	127	627.55	395.15
Burton, W. A.	14	66.50	68.50
Christian, Adele	9	29.96	29.96
Foskett, Roy	131	543.55	543.55
Holmes, R. E.		28.85	47.60
Knight, Arthur L.	89	338.00	149.85
Olmsted, Eloise	114	417.60	400.15
Riedel, Mrs.	162	775.15	775.15
Smith, Wm. Chas.		42.60	78.10
White, Robert	167	1102.25	250.80
Totals	1012	4803.66	3302.51
Numbers of Literature Evangelists			13

NEBRASKA

A. L. Page, secretary
R. H. Blessing, associate

Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Allen, Ray	7	171.45	171.45
Anderson, Lil	30	58.75	58.75
Auge, Esther	39	214.15	214.15
Branson, Mrs.	5	14.00	14.00
Chaffee, Art	73	433.15	418.20
Davis, Earl	93	480.50	555.45
Decker, Bill	33	537.15	524.65
Harmon, Mrs.	3		
Hilde, Al	100	338.00	338.00
Mahabee, Zeph	39	1178.40	1178.40
Meece, Grace	121	545.10	561.50
Mitchell, Fred	32	176.15	176.15
Misc. Part Time	10	147.00	138.50
Nelson, Rose	120	142.80	142.80
Springsteen, J.	31	52.65	42.25
Stern, Ruth	21	206.40	206.40
Wells, Lee	94	95.20	95.20
Totals	851	4790.85	4835.85
Number of Literature Evangelists			16

CENTRAL STATES

P. C. Winley, secretary

Mongo, George	114	289.10	117.00
Wyatt, E.	85	75.00	75.00
Mallory, F. L.	15	23.75	23.75
King, John	10	26.25	26.25
St. Louis, Aux.	40	112.00	112.00
K.C., Mo. Aux.	10	50.75	50.75
Lincoln, Aux.	10	42.00	42.00
Wichita, Aux.	10	35.00	35.00
Denver, Aux.	5	17.50	17.50
St. Joseph	5	17.50	17.50
Totals	304	688.85	516.75
Number of Literature Evangelists			4

WYOMING

P. F. Pedersen, secretary

Loomer, C. Bert	159	143.03	143.03
Misc. Sales		17.50	17.50
Totals	159	160.53	160.53
Number of Literature Evangelists			1

KANSAS

Clark Dilts, secretary

Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Albin, LaVern	105	234.00	259.00
Amos, Jean	28	164.59	164.59
Chrispens, Fred	129	494.05	428.40
Eno, Roger	147		301.91
Gardner, Carl	65	231.82	174.52
Haymaker, J. E.	10	51.30	51.30
Marshall, Russel	8	108.12	107.75
Spearmen, Cressie	114	368.00	368.00
Zeller, Vernon	142	883.90	627.88
Zenoniani, Holly	3	49.60	49.60
Miscellaneous	1	12.50	12.50
Carpenter, Mrs. J. H.	3	18.20	18.20
Gaede, Mrs. G. P.	2	9.10	9.10
Harris, Marvel	6	56.00	56.00
Smith, Evelyn		15.75	15.75
Wiseman, Mrs. R. C.	3	15.05	15.05
Narcotics—WCTU Subs for schools		1460.00	1460.00
Totals	766	4171.98	4119.55
Number of Literature Evangelists			15
Union Totals	5289	23486.34	22058.87
Number of Literature Evangelists			71
Average Deliveries per hour			\$3.70

Attention

All who are interested in working full or part time as Literature Evangelists are invited to write to their respective publishing secretary as listed below:

CENTRAL STATES—P. C. Winley
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COLORADO—A. L. Ingram
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KANSAS—Clark Dilts
Box 267, Topeka, Kansas
MISSOURI—W. C. Hewes
Box 556, Kansas City 41, Missouri
NEBRASKA—A. L. Page
Box 26, C.V.S., Lincoln 6, Nebr.
WYOMING—P. F. Pedersen
Box 599, Casper, Wyoming



Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGinnis and family will be on the campus at Sunnydale this fall. Miss Yogan will be leaving the campus.

We welcome the McGinnis family to our staff.

Voice of Prophecy Sermons

April 26: Bible Questions
May 3: Limiting the Illimitable



THROPP—George Calvin Thropp was born in the year 1881 in Colman Township, Washington County, Kans., and went to his rest at his home here in Lincoln, Nebr., on a Sunday morning, Feb. 1, 1959.

In 1921 he was united in marriage to Hattie May Stratton. To this union were born seven children. His wife preceded him in death in Jan. of 1952.

On Jan. 23, 1958 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Bertha Gehlbach of Seward, Nebr. They established their home here in Lincoln, Nebr.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha, his seven children, two brothers and four sisters.

Brother Thropp was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for many years and was always active in church work.

JOHN HICKMAN
District Pastor

HANSON—Brenda Richelle Hanson, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hansen of Norwood, Mo., was born March 4, 1959, and after living ten hours passed away. Services were conducted by the writer.

H. B. PETRY
District Leader

PARKER—Mrs. Marie Valley Parker was born in Indiana, Feb. 11, 1900, and passed away in Toronto, Kans., March 4, 1959. In 1922 she was united in marriage to Mr. Wallace Parker, to which union two sons and two daughters were born. In 1924 she united with the SDA church and has been a faithful member since that date. She has been laid to rest awaiting the call of the Life Giver.

E. E. HERR

WILTSE—Dr. Clarence E. Wiltse was born Jan. 3, 1914, at Bruno, Minn., to Austin and Mabel Wiltse. He passed to his rest on Thursday, Feb. 26, 1959 at Grand Island, Nebr.

He and Martha Meissner were married June 18, 1938 at Jackson Heights, Long Island, N.Y.

Dr. Wiltse and his family moved to Shelton in July, 1949. In 1953 he entered the army for two years of service for his country. After his term of service he returned to his medical practice at Shelton until he moved to Wood River about three years ago.

Dr. Wiltse served his church as an elder and was always active in missionary and benevolent projects of the church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are four children, his parents, and two sisters. He was preceded in death by an infant son and by a brother, Donald, who was killed in Okinawa during World War II.

He rests in the blessed hope awaiting the call of the Life Giver.

Words of comfort were spoken by Elder Theodore Carcich of the Central Union Conference office.

RALPH CARTER

COLSON—Mrs. Ida Catherine Colson nee Johnson passed away in a nursing home in Oakland, Nebr., March 12, 1959. She was born Sept. 13, 1869 at Sloan, Iowa.

On Oct. 7, 1891 she and Mr. Lindo E. Colson were united in marriage. To this union were born four children, one passing away in infancy. An only daughter, Mrs. Ira Ratliff preceded her mother in death by one month and one day. Two sons survive her, Emmet and Ellis. One son, Ellis, has been in the organized work for nearly 40 years, in America and abroad, at present he is in the Minnesota Conference.

Four sisters also survive and one brother, three grandsons and one granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at the Shafer and Peck Funeral Home with interment in the Adventist cemetery near the Tekamah Rural church. Of her it can truly be said that her works do follow her. The writer officiated at the services.

J. D. JOHNSON

ROBERTS—Mrs. Martha Adra Roberts, born 1874 in Paducah, Ky., passed away in Nevada, Mo., Jan. 26, 1959. In 1903 she was married to Lyall Clark Roberts who preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, two daughters, three brothers and one sister. Services were conducted by Elder French, interment in Moore Cemetery.

Missouri Conference

HAMPTON—Laura Adams Hampton was born Sept. 30, 1882, near Chillicothe, Mo., and died in the Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, Calif., Feb. 27, 1959 after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at Glendale and at Delta, Colo., where she was laid to rest.

Surviving are two sisters and two brothers.

B. Y. BAUGHMAN

ELLISON—John Morris Ellison born in Douglas County, Mo., 1884 and passed away in West Plains, Mo., March 9, 1959. He was a member of the SDA church in West Plains. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Mrs. Bertie Ellison, four children, six brothers and one sister. Interment was held at West Plains. Services conducted by H. B. Petry assisted by the local church elder, O. N. Davidson.

H. B. PETRY

DAY—Anna Barbara Day, born in Sullivan, Mo., 1878 and passed away March 7, 1959 in Atlanta, Mo. She leaves to mourn her loss two daughters and two sons. Services conducted by S. J. Elie assisted by E. J. Hagele. Interment at Atlanta, Mo.

GILL—Perry Gill passed to his rest at the Porter Hospital, Denver, Colo., on March 16, 1959. He was a faithful member of the Colorado Springs SDA church. He leaves one brother, two sisters, seven nephews, five nieces and a host of friends.

L. G. JORGENSEN

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REST HOME—Licensed for 14 patients, built 1955. 8 large rooms, living room, dining & kitchen combined, 2 full and 2 half baths. Good going business excellent location. Sale due to illness. Write P.O. Box 47—St. Helena, California. 16-2

FOR SALE OR LEASE: Good mobile home sales lot and 25 trailers. Must sell due to ill health. Good opportunity for SDA. Closed Sabbath. 3 miles from Loma Linda. Ray Gotfredson, Box 624, Loma Linda, California. 16-1

45 DAY EUROPEAN TOUR departs New York, June 15, via Sabena Airlines for SDA's, their families and friends. Tour rate of \$1,236.-60 includes round-trip air fare, all hotels, meals, sightseeing, transfers, guides, etc. Also Hawaii and Mexico. Write: UKIAH TRAVEL BUREAU, Palace Hotel Lobby, Ukiah, Calif. 16-1

Shall We Have a Preferred Church?

That some Americans choose to be Roman Catholics is none of our Protestant business. That is their right, even though we think their theological views are wrong. But when the Catholic church seeks a "preferred status" position in our nation, that is every Protestant's business.

Under the Constitution, all churches are guaranteed liberty, justice and equality before the law. This has made America great and strong. To remain strong, the preferred position must be denied not only to the Roman Catholic church, but to any other church, Protestant or otherwise, which might seek this un-American status.

Protestants, of all people, should ask for nothing which they would deny to Roman Catholics. Neither should the Roman Catholics hurl the epithet of "bigots" at those who insist on equal treatment of all churches and special favors for none.

In connection with the possible appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, the question has been raised whether this move would give the Roman Catholic church a preferred position in our country. The question naturally creates sides. It cannot be answered by charging improper motives to either side.

The proponents of the plan claim the appointment would greatly enhance the struggle against Communism, while the opposition scornfully points to the church's failure to stem Communism in predominantly Catholic countries like Italy and France. One side argues that if our government ratifies the appointment, it would secure better co-operation in the cause of peace. To refute this theory, the skeptics dig up the Papacy's involvement in European wars. They say, although the Papacy antedates all modern European nations, yet the continent has experienced more organized war and bloodshed than any other section of the world. They further insist that the Papacy's failure to achieve lasting peace in its own backyard disqualifies it to act as the peace-maker for the whole world.

Finally, the champions of the appointment suggest that the Pope has vast stores of information which would be valuable to the American government in its struggle against its enemies. They declare that the highly-efficient and world-wide Papal system of gathering secret information has no parallel.

Admitting that the Vatican is the world's greatest political observatory, the opposers of the appointment note that all major nations, with the exception of Soviet Russia and Red China, have diplomatic relations with the Papacy. Some of these nations, they observe, are not our best friends.

If the information is available to all who are represented at the Papal court, then it is available to our enemies as well. The information is not as secretive as it is made out to be. Our enemies might be exposed to us, but by the same token, we might be exposed to them at this international and religious world-center on the river Tiber. To cap their argument, the opposers of the plan charge that the information gathered at the Vatican is there for the exclusive use and advantage of the Roman Catholic church.

Thus the "'tis" and "'taint" debate rages over the country. Rather than clarifying, the heat of the debate often confuses the main question—would this appointment give the Roman Catholic church a preferred position in our country? The Roman apologists reply that it would not.

"No," we reply, "not immediately!" The Catholic church is too astute and wise to seek this preferred position so soon in a predominantly Protestant country. But once ratified, the church would use the appointment as a springboard to launch a long-range program, a program which would some day legally establish the church's preferred position in the United States of America.

(To be continued)

THEODORE CARCICH

"In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. Nay, more, they are opening the door for the papacy to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the old world."

Great Controversy, p. 573