

This Is Our Hour By Jesse O. Gibson

Today we are receiving unprecedented support in our anti-tobacco campaign from many sources outside our denomination. The National Institutes of Health, the American Cancer Society, prominent ABC radio commentator Paul Harvey, and well-known doctors and surgeons today are backing our program as they have never done before. In view of this, now is the hour for Seventh-day Adventists to advance in the temperance program and keep in the lead in the fight against tobacco and alcohol.

Our literature, such as LISTEN, journal of better living, dealing with alcohol and narcotics, SMOKE SIGNALS, dealing with tobacco, and THE WIN-NER, for grade school children, is considered by many oganizations outside our ranks as the best in the field. Certainly nothing can compare with these pieces of literature in America or around the world.

They are only as good, however, as the use to which we put them. If we increase the circulation of this good literature, our influence will be much wider felt. If we lay it on the shelves, however, it will not change any lives.

Yes, this is our hour, the day when God would have us advance in the cause of temperance. We should be at the head and not the tail. Will you not, each church member, plan now for an unprecedented offering on World Temperance Day, October 24? Will you not accept the challenge that *this is our hour*, and do your part to provide ample funds to distribute our literature to meet the challenge of the hour?

Faith for Today

During the summer Elder James E. Chase of the General Conference Radio-TV Department visited a number of stations in the Central Union in the interests of Faith for Today.

As a result of his contact Channel 4, WDAF, Kansas City, Missouri, is telecasting the program each Sunday morning at 10:30.

Starting in mid-September Channel 10, KBIR, Goodland, Kansas, scheduled the telecast for each Sunday at 2:30 p.m. This was the result of a call by Don Roth, a representative of Faith for Today.

Other stations in the Central Union who are giving free television time to Faith for Today are:

Grand Junction, Colorado	Channel 5, KREX	Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
Montrose, Colorado	Channel 10, KREY	Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
Pueblo, Colorado	Channel 5, KCSJ	Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.
Wichita, Kansas	Channel 10, KAKE	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
St. Louis, Missouri	Channel 2, KTVI	Sunday, 2:00 p.m.
Hastings, Nebraska	Channel 5, KHAS	Friday, 3:00 p.m.
Lincoln, Nebraska	Channel 10, KOLN	Sunday, 12:00 noon

We invite our believers in the Central Union to join us in praying for our "tel-evangelism" work. If you live in one of the areas served by these stations, watch Faith for Today and invite your friends to do the same.

> D. E. REINER, Secretary Radio-TV Department

Copy of Letter to Elder Nash

Yesterday I had the privilege of making a mission appeal again in Sabbath school, We are happy to be at P.U.C. while we wait for our visa to come, but we are getting very anxious to be back in the mission field at work.

Yesterday while I told stories from Africa I had before me the record of the P.U.C. Sabbath school of the week before: Senior attendance 455, S.S. offering \$365.38. In concluding the appeal I said: "If the prayers of missionaries could be answered, our S.S. offerings would be doubled or tripled, and the work of God would soon be finished."

Toward sunset we went out walking and visited a bit with a family we had known in the 40's while we were here on Howell Mountain. As we talked of world conditions and signs of the end, this brother said: "Your appeal this morning caused me to do some thinking. As I considered myself and others that I know, I decided that we could easily double our S.S. offering and still suffer no hardship." We discussed this a bit and decided that so great a step would be a tremendous boost to our world program of missions.

Again he said, "If we knew that much of our world program would be closed out in five years, we would gladly give more, and even begin to reduce some of our holdings." He spoke earnestly and sincerely just as he would discuss some work he planned to do tomorrow. The matter left a deep impression on me and I did some thinking.

We want Jesus to come! Let's show it by our actions. The forces of evil are consolidating their advantages and occupying more territory daily. Look at the Chinese Reds today entering Nepal, Sikkim, and Bhutan where we have been unable to preach the gospel.

May I suggest, Brother Nash, that you bring in your colleagues, Hare, and Harris, and do a little pencil pushing. Don't say much till you have some well laid

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Sunset Calendar

C)ct. 23	Oct. 30
Denver, Colorado	5:10	5:00
Grand Junction, Colorado	5:25	5:16
Topeka, Kansas	5:34	5:25
Kansas City, Missouri	5:29	5:20
St. Louis, Missouri	5:12	5:03
Lincoln, Nebraska	5:35	5:26
Casper, Wyoming	5:08	4:57
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plans. If our S.S. offerings in North America were doubled for the first three quarters of 1960, how much spring in offerings would you have to present at Autumn Council in October, 1960? By that time there would be impetus enough to present it to the world field, and make another tremendous gain by 1961, October, Brother, before that time had passed, the windows of heaven would be opened, and under the guiding and impelling power of the Holy Spirit in the Latter Rain the work could be finished soon to the glory of King Jesus.

Your figures show that we have hung around the \$6 million mark for some years. Haven't we stayed long enough around this mountain? Let's burst the bands-could we aim at ten million in 1960 and fifteen million in 1961, and twenty million if we have another year in which to give! We are thankful to be here to encourage our loved ones and work for them, but we are homesick, oh so homesick for Father's house! We want to spend and be spent that Christ may be lifted up in love, and His glorious character understood by all who breathe.

Forgive me for being excited, Brother Nash, but I believe in our loyal people. I think they are ready to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. They are only waiting for the signal to advance. It will take strong and continuous propaganda. There will be many of little faith to dissuade you. You will be guided in what Divisions should be included in the plan for next year. If after prayerful study you present such a proposal at the Fall Council, it could become the brightest topic of discussion. It would be like lightning reaching out to cheer every overseas worker. It would give our leaders hope of answering some of the calls that have been waiting for years and years. It would give the ranks of our believers faith to believe the work could be finished now! There seems to be a loss of momentum in the lines of march and some plod on wondering if the task will really be finished. Under God can't we do something to quicken the step and inspire deeper faith in the soon triumph of God's great plan of love?

Your articles in the Sabbath School Worker have shown the drop as to percentage in relationship to tithe from 30% to about 15%. Work out some more articles and graphs with a bright red line to show what could happen in each Division if S.S. offerings were doubled. God will give you wisdom and may you be strengthened for whatever moves you shall decide to make.

"Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Our prayers are with you.

> Your fellow-laborer, W. W. CHRISTENSEN

Attention: All World War II and Korean Veterans

A search is underway for the names of all Seventh-day Adventist men who received decorations during World War II or the Korean Conflict. We want the names and addresses of all those who received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Silver Star or any of the many other decorations.

Also, we would like to know of those who gave their lives for their country. Relatives of these deceased are requested to supply this information along with any informations regarding posthumous decorations.

Pastors, church members and others are requested to send any information to:

> Chaplain Davis A. Thomas Second Medical Battalion Second Marine Division, FMF Camp Lejeune, North Carolina



Items of Interest

November Writers' Conference at Union College

A writers' conference, under the sponsorship of the Youth's Instructor, will be held this fall on the Union College campus the week end of November 20 to 22. Host for the conference will be Miss Virginia Shull, chairman of the Department of English, Elder Walter Crandall, editor of the Youth's Instructor, will speak on writing at a number of the conference sessions.

Third and fourth-year English teachers of academies in the Central and Northern Union Conferences, college teachers of writing, interested students and free-lance writers are invited to attend this first conference for writers to be held at Union College, Lectures, panels, and open forum discussions will provide variety and value to the sessions which begin at 7:30 Friday morning, November 20.

Teachers or free-lance writers needing week-end accommodations should write at once for arrangements. Address your letter to Miss Virginia Shull, Chairman, Department of English, Union College, Lincoln 6, Nebraska,

Unionaries Organize

The Unionaires, a select choral group taken from the larger Golden Chords Chorale, has been organized for the 1959-1960 school year. Members of the group are Bobbie Brown, Carolyn Rhodes, Natalie Deming, Mary Jean Hansen, Nadeen Nichols, Ann Silverstein, Daniel Saunders, Richard Pollard, George Fischer, Larry Keller, Robert Bockmann, LeMonte Burns, Jay Neil, and Wayne Judd. Accompanist for the group is Ruth Ann Hagen.

Projected plans this year call for a tour to Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota. A trip also is planned to Southwestern Junior College, Keene, Texas.

Colorado Campus Host to Freshmen Nursing Students

Fifty-six student guests visited Union's Colorado campus over a recent week end. Thirty-five were freshmen nursing students from the Lincoln campus and twenty-one were freshmen nursing students from Southwestern Junior College. High lights of the trip included touring wards of the Porter Sanitarium and Hospital, a sight-seeing tour of Denver, and Sabbath spent in the mountains.

New Student Talent Program Presented

A program of new student talent, emceed by Elder Mervyn Maxwell, new member of the religion department faculty, was held on Saturday evening, October 3, in the college auditorium. Participating on the program were Joyce Anderson, Bobbie Brown, Larry Keller, Donald Nicolay, Audrey Krueger, Judith Fenner, Jeriel Howard, Donald Jacobson, Carole Horst, Nancy Dye, Charlotte Morris, Wayne Rowe, LeMonte Burns, Wayne Judd, and Ernest Zenoniani. Talent represented graduates of Maplewood, Shevenne River, Campion, and Plainview Academies and Southwestern Junior College.

Union Staff Members Participate on Civil Defense Panel

On October 8 five Union College staff members—Mr. George Lewis, President D. J. Bieber, Dean G. L. Caviness, Mr. R. E. Firth, and Mr. R. M. Reynolds participated in a panel discussion dealing with Civil Defense instruction in the college. This panel was a part of a regional C i v i 1 Defense workshop sponsored by the National Headquarters of Civil Defense, Battle Creek, Michigan. Representing eight religious denominations, the meeting took place October 6

to 8 in the annex of the College View Seventh-day Adventist church. The general topic of discussion was "The Place of the Minister in National Emergencies."



A Branch Sabbath School

"Do you have a church in this area?" This is a question often heard when special requests are made of community officials. Many times the only answer is "No." The special request frequently is refused.

How to overcome this question can be easily solved by the Sabbath school. Establish a branch Sabbath school!

For some months we had been wanting to enlarge our work in the Kansas City area. While traveling through various suburban communities likely spots to hold meetings presented themselves. But to hold meetings meant that there had to be the stability of a permanent meeting place. To give this stability it was decided, in conjunction with our Sabbath school, to establish a branch Sabbath school.

We decided to experiment at Grandview, Missouri, We opened a branch Sabbath school under the leadership of Eugene Taylor, our junior academy principal. With the help of our young people we have conducted a branch Sabbath school, made a house-to-house distribution of literature, and at the present writing Brother Eugene Taylor and Brother Ralph Workman are conducting a series of evangelistic meetings.

Everybody in the church is giving

Offering for Evangelism October 31

An offering for Missouri Evangelism is to be taken in all of our churches on Sabbath, October 31. Those little dime bank containers should be brought in then. Many will want to give much more than just the \$5.00. Let us make it the largest offering ever taken in Missouri. Conference church members, kindly send your offering direct to the office. May we all do our very best.

H. C. Klement

loyal support and already two persons have been baptized.

R. E. BREWER, Pastor K. C. Central Church

Evangelism Offering

District pastors, church officers, and members in the Missouri Conference are definitely interested in evangelism. Many public efforts have been held. Where there may not be a public meeting, follow-up work and studies are given. We all recognize that this, too, is a real part of evangelism. To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ is the highest privilege and the most alluring adventure ever committed to man. Short-sighted planning is not in God's program. Truly this is a day of advance.

An offering for *Missouri Evangelism* is to be taken in all of our churches on Sabbath, *October* 31. Little banks containers which will hold \$5.00 in dimes



To enlarge the work in the Kansas City, Missouri, area, a group of laymen with the principal of the school have organized a branch Sabbath school in Grandview, Missouri. Don Long, Jr. is helping with this project as the song leader, Mr. Eugene Taylor, school principal is leading out in the branch Sabbath school and Mr. Don Long is ably assisting in anyway that needs his help.

WRITE TODAY

I would like to encourage our people to write to the radio or television stations that are carrying our programs such as **Voice of Prophecy** and **Faith for Today.** Please write the manager expressing appreciation for the fine programs. You need not indicate you are a Seventh-day Adventist, but rather an interested listener or viewer, and that you have enjoyed the programs. The radio and television stations would appreciate hearing from you. In this way it helps to keep the programs on the air.

Please write the stations at your earliest opportunity.

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have been distributed to all our members. Please plan to have yours filled by *October* 31. We earnestly urge every member to pray for the success of God's work. Remember the soul-winning endeavors in your private devotion as well as in the family worship.

H. C. KLEMENT

Sunnydale Academy Sunnydale Went Ingathering

October 6, 1959. The chapel was a buzz of excitement as one hundred and ten students and seventeen drivers of cars prepared to leave at 8:00 a.m. for their respective locations.

Keen interest was shown by faculty and students at the Ingathering rally the night before. Several persons canvassed our conference Home Missionary secretary, H. R. Coats.

The need of knowing what to say, how to say it, and having an objective was so apparent that everybody got busy perfecting his approach and close. It paid well for the cause of truth.

A spirit of determination could be clearly seen as the several groups left the campus. "We will have \$100.00 before we come back."

Six cars did just that. There were cars with eighty dollars, and of course there were smaller sums. But when it was all in and totaled we passed the \$1300.00 mark, Sunnydale Academy had completed its best day in Ingathering.

We are happy for the fine work being done by our students and faculty in helping to shed abroad the good news of the soon coming of our Lord.

ROY E. PERRIN, Principal

Voice of Prophecy Sermons

October 25: The Rich Man and Lazarus November 1: The Life Everlasting



An October Special With You In Mind

A few days ago the new \$1,000 first prize winning book Livingstone, Trail Blazer For God by Madge and Leslie Morrill, came to my desk. I have always been interested in the lives of great men and the experiences which came to them as they lived their lives in their particular field of excellence. As page followed page, I realized that here was a work most worthy of the acclaim which is being given it at this time. The reader walks beside David Livingstone through the poverty and hardship of his early youth. He shares his first encounter with the African bush and his decision to open the way for Christian missions in the interior. He shares with Dr. Livingstone the bouts with malaria, with superstition, and his deep-seated hatred of the slave trade that was flourishing in the traffic of human beings. The many expeditions through hostile territory through which no white man had ever been, provide adventure which challenges the imagination. The response of love and devotion of the African people to this selfless man touches the heart of every believer in world missions. The reader sorrows with Dr. Livingstone as his faithful wife is laid to rest beneath the African sod. Finally, as his friends carry his body to the sea for return to England, the realization comes that certainly here is a man who merits his resting place in Westminster Abbey among the great men of earth. Surely, you too, will want to relive the many little-known episodes in the life of Dr. and Mrs. Livingstone, their joys and sorrows, and marvel at the fierce determination and tender Christian ministry of this man of God.

To my desk, also, has come an outstanding book written especially for the primary and junior age by Betty Stirling entitled This Is Where They Went. You will enjoy following Mary and Ronnie Alberts through the many visits to missions around the world, experiences relived through the stories of Mr. and Mrs. Albert as they bring to their children the thrill of mission service. From the desert missions of Southern California and early pioneers on the American scene, around the circle of the world to India and William Carey, to Burma with the Judsons, to the Islands of the sea, of many of the early Adventist pioneers, and many, many others, comes this challenge of mission service to the youth of today.

This volume will have particular appeal to Adventist juniors around the world, for Mary and Ronnie are as typical as the juniors in your own Sabbath school, Full of enthusiasm and inquisitiveness, their interest leaps from one mission thrill to another with the agility of a kangaroo.

You and your family will enjoy these two fine selections. To make them readily available to just as many families as possible, the publishers are providing a special combination offer of \$5.45 for the two books, plus postage, and sales tax where applicable. This is a seven dollar value at the regular prices. Order from your missionary secretary or from your Book and Bible House. Offer is good only during October. Place your order today. B. L. Coox,

Book and Bible House

Wyoming News Notes

▶ Word from Elder William Iverson indicates the evangelistic meetings in Newcastle are progressing in an encouraging way. There are several who are showing an interest in the message. In addition to carrying these meetings Elder Iverson and Brother Nathan Sims have been working on the new Upton church building. The walls are almost up and they will soon be ready for the roof. The members of the Upton church are giving wonderful support to this project both with money and labor.

▶ During the summer months the Wyoming Conference arranged for Sabbath services in Yellowstone National Park. On each Sabbath there was either a minister or a layman from the Basin area who organized the service. There were as many as one hundred and fifty present on a Sabbath. At the opening and close of the season, the attendance was much less. At each service a Sabbath school offering was received and on some days this was our largest offering in the conference. A church expense offering was also taken at each service which helped defray the expense of the one traveling to the park to conduct the service. Visitors expressed their appreciation for the arrangements made by the Wyoming Conference for these Sabbath meetings. On the guest register there were people present during the summer from thirty-eight states and several foreign countries.

Before leaving the Powell District, Elder Howard Voss conducted a baptism at which time six individuals received this sacred rite.

▶ Elder and Mrs. L. O. Barnes have arrived in the conference and are getting settled in their new home at Powell. Elder Barnes will be in charge of this district.

Elder J. L. Dittberner spent a week with Elder J. R. Carner in revival meetings at the Lander church. The attendance of church members for all meetings was very good.



Sabbath School Evangelism

Sabbath School Evangelism is a wide open door for soul winning, to every member of the church and of the Sabbath school! There are many ways by which this form of evangelism can be done. Some ways of evangelism through the Sabbath school take a great deal of thought and work, and others can be done in the simplest way. It's this simple way that I want to get you, as a Sabbath school member, to think about and put into practice.

A few Sabbaths back we featured in all our Sabbath schools a great Visitor's Day. It wasn't a hard thing to do. At your invitation, hundreds attended Sabbath school last September 12. This is Sabbath school evangelism that should be carried on more than just one Sabbath in a year! This for many of you could and should be a week by week way of evangelism.

I think of Sister Elsie Monroe of the Winfield Sabbath school. One day she brought Essie O. Jacot of a rural route in Winfield to Sabbath school. She knew something about this people and this truth, but the continuous contacts by Sister Monroe in bringing her to Sabbath school for over a year finally brought its results. At the time of the dedication



Mrs. Jacot is being baptized by Elder R. E. Lunt as the result of being invited to attend Sabbath school by Mrs. Monroe, who is watching this rite with joy in her heart for the part she had in winning this soul to the truth.

of the Harper church Sister Jacot was baptized by Pastor R. E. Lunt, then district pastor. Sister Monroe looks on as the baptism is performed as seen in the picture. Does anyone need to be told that Sister Monroe was made happy over this experience?

> E. E. HAGEN S.S. Secretary

Package Offer

Proudly we announce for October two volumes of special interest to the discriminating reader at substantial savings. By buying both volumes, you are entitled to them for \$5.45.

David Livingstone, Trail Blazer for God (\$4.00) sends you into the remote and savage African interior with Livingstone. Imagine yourself as his companion through the uncertainties of the dark continent as you relax these brisk fall evenings in the comfort of your home. Authors, Leslie and Madge Morrill, won the Pacific Press \$1000 award for this work.

This Is Where They Went (\$3.00) recaptures for those in the primary and junior ages the adventures of Andrews, Stahl and LaRue as they pioneered overseas. Traces their footsteps into exotic

Burma, to China, India and Africa on errands for God. Youngsters will gain a new appreciation of the gospel challenge from this interesting, attractive book by Betty Stirling.

By buying both volumes, instead of paying the \$7.00 you get the two for just \$5.45, plus 20c postage. Mail your order to the Book and Bible House today. E. H. FISHER



The Review and Herald

The time has come when we need to renew our subscriptions for the *Review* and Herald, and other of our periodicals. An attractive combination is being offered this year which includes three of our outstanding periodicals; namely, *The Review and Herald*, *The Youth's Instructor*, and the *Life and Health*. This combination is offered to us for \$12.75. It is a saving of \$4.25 from the regular single subscription new rate as of September 1, 1959, and \$1.75 saving over last year's rate.

Watch the announcements of other combinations to save you money during this special promotion period from October 17 to November 14. Let us remember the counsel given us by the messenger of the Lord.

"Every family should have this paper. . . Those who consent to do without *The Review and Herald* lose much. Through its pages, Christ may speak to them in warnings, in reproofs and counsel, which would change the current of their thoughts, and be to them as the bread of life." Vol. 4, p. 599. C. S. WIEST

San Luis Valley

Report of a District Meeting

It would be impossible to compress into a few pages of printed matter the wealth of inspiration, instruction, and good fellowship which was enjoyed by members of the San Luis Valley churches at their annual regional meeting in Alamosa on September 12, Before Israel had ever been scattered, David prayed, "Save us . . . and gather us together." The pen of inspiration in these last days has exhorted modern Israel, "Let all who possibly can attend these yearly gatherings, . . . Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. . . ." In every sermon, Jesus was uplifted. His transforming, enabling,





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regenerating power was seen in the reports rendered by the various conference officers, reporting progress in their several departments.

Only a high light or two from the splendid messages can be quoted. Elder D. E. Reiner, Central Union Home Missionary and Sabbath School secretary, told a moving story of three Texas rangers who happened by a Community Hall where a religious service was in progress and decided to attend. The Lord touched the heart of the youngest and he went forward among the penitents. Then came the ridicule of his companions as they were galloping away. "You're a fine fellow," they jeered, "Just once at a meet-ing and you give in like that!" Overcome, the young cowboy finally laughed. "I really fooled you," said he. "I saw that preacher was having a hard time and decided to help him." But suddenly he felt ashamed for having denied his Lord. His friends saw his horse riderless. The young cowboy was down on the ground, clutching the Texas grass, and earnestly pleading, "Spirit of God, come

back! Spirit of God, come back!" And the Spirit of God did come back. The young man rode back to the hall to learn how he could keep his Christian experience. Later he became a successful missionary to the cowboys of Texas, "Don't turn back on God!" urged Elder Reiner. "Sure, you'll face misunderstandings and false charges. You can't escape scars when battling with the devil. I have a few myself. But who wants to go to heaven without scars? Take courage from the fact that others have had similar experiences and refused to turn back. Be like them! Never turn back from God"

Speaking of "sugar-coated sinning," Elder Paul M. De Booy pointed out that Satan sometimes comes to us in the attractive guise of a lovely young person, sometimes perhaps as a capable science teacher, but rarely in a repulsive form. At school Elder De Booy and his roommate enjoyed wrestling as a team. There was one young fellow no one would wrestle with alone. If this powerful wrestler could separate Elder De Booy from his friend, he would deal with him and his roommate one at a time and get the better of each. Just the same with us, our safety is in not ever becoming separated from the Lord Jesus. We cannot separate ourselves from all the influences of this world, but we can close our eyes to evil, and stop the devil short in the middle of a doubtful suggestion. If David had cut the devil short, Hollywood would never have had the opportunity of making a hit picture out of his sin. Keep the devil on the run, Elder De Booy urged. Resist him and he will flee from you.

All services were at a rented church near Cole Park. The noon and evening meals were eaten at the park in pienic style. After the evening meal everyone enjoyed moving pictures of Adventist schools and churches in Colorado, the medical work, and scenic views of their colorful State. A booksale, with campmeeting reductions in price, concluded the day's activities.

> ERIC A, BEAVON Pastor, Alamosa District



President Reports

We thought that you would be interested in a little report of our itinerary thus far in the Central States Conference. We have already visited a number of our churches and would like to give a report of our impressions.

Denver, Colorado-We were in Denver the latter part of August. We found our pastor, Elder D. B. Reid, carrying on a very splendid program. The church was crowded, and plans are now underway to erect a much needed building and to evangelize this great city.

Kansas City, Kansas-We later visited our church in Kansas City for an Educational Rally. Even though Elder S. D. Meyers had been away all of the summer in an evangelistic effort in Omaha, the program of the church was well organized and the activities of the church have been moving ahead. The church, under the leadership of Elder Meyers, is moving forward along all lines, and particularly are they giving attention to their educational needs.

Sedalia, Missouri-We made a visit to our church in Sedalia on Tuesday night, September 29, and found a nice group of our believers present. Pastor W. C. Scales, Jr. has charge of the work here, and plans are on the way to improve our building and to increase the membership of the Sedalia church.

St. Joseph, Missouri-On Wednesday night, September 30, we were delighted to see our new church building at St. Joseph. Our believers in St. Joseph are fortunate in that they have such a commodious building in which to worship. And although at this writing we have no pastor in St. Joseph, the program of the church is in good hands. Our local elder and the other officers of the church are carrying on in a very splendid way. However, in order to strengthen their hands, Pastor H. C. Brewer will be moving into St. Joseph shortly as temporary pastor.

Leavenworth, Kansas-It was our privilege to visit the Leavenworth church, Thursday night, October 1. Although it was a rainy night, we were greeted with most of the members present, and we were especially happy to note that this church had almost reached its Ingathering goal. Our church building in Leavenworth is in need of physical improvements, and we plan to do our part in

supporting this much needed project.

Omaha, Nebraska-It was our good pleasure to visit our Omaha church on Sabbath, October 3. We were delighted to see this very fine edifice and to find such a lovely congregation, and to observe a very splendid program in operation under the leadership of Elder G. Herfin Taylor. During the summer Elder S. D. Meyers, joined by Elder Taylor, the pastor, conducted here a very successful evangelistic effort, and as a result approximately forty individuals were baptized into the message.

Kinloch, Missouri-On Friday night, October 9, we met with our church at Kinloch. Elder C. S. Myles, pastor of the St. Louis and Kinloch churches, and Elder H. T. Saulter, our conference treasurer, were also present. Practically all of the members were in attendance. We have a very enthusiastic group of believers in Kinloch, and they are now raising funds for a much needed church building.

St. Louis, Missouri-On Sabbath, October 10, we were happy to visit our St. Louis church, which is the largest church in the conference. It seemed that every seat was filled as we greeted our believers. The pastor is carrying on a very strong program. We were joined in an Educational Rally by Elder W. A. Howe of our union and Elder J. H. Jones, Jr. of the Central States Conference. As a result of that meeting, plans are now underway for a 9th and 10th grade school in St. Louis, beginning in September 1960. In fact, plans are now being formulated and study is now being given to the building of a much needed school. The church is planning to have major improvements in order to make it a more comfortable place in which to worship.

Kansas City, Missouri-On Sunday night, October 11, we were privileged to worship with our church in Kansas City. Elder M. A. Burgess is following up the interest of the evangelistic effort which was conducted during the summer months by Elder Myles, assisted by Elder Burgess. A goodly number of our believers, as well as visitors, were present for this meeting. The pastor reported a very successful Ingathering Field Day and the church is definitely forging ahead in this program. We also noted that the educational program has been strengthened in the Kansas City church.

In view of the fact that it was necessary for me to attend board meetings at Oakwood College and Riverside Sanitarium, I had to take a break in my itinerary among the churches. Nevertheless, it is my aim to visit, as far as possible, every church in the conference before the end of the year. And we will keep the readers of the REAPER informed as to these visits.

We are very happy that it is our privilege to join with the workers and believers of the Central States Conference



Pictured is a portion of the baptismal class in the Wichita church following the effort by Elder J. L. Butler (frant row, third from right). Associated with Elder Butler were Brethren Warner Rice, James Harris and Mrs. M. M. Fitch. At the time of this publication a large portion of this class has already received the rite of baptism.

Elder Butler's effort was one of a series of evangelistic efforts held in the Central States Conference during the summer. in the program of God for this hour. We have but one objective, and that is, to join with you in helping to make ready a people prepared for the coming of the Lord. And to this end we are asking your loyal support and your prayers.

W. W. FORDHAM, President

Club Promotes Scholarship for Handicapped Boy

Many fail to use their talents wisely despite healthy robust bodies and sharp incisive minds. It happens everyday, But it is especially intriguing to see the handicapped surmount the obstacles which beset them.

The Yours For Youth club, a ladies organization of the St. Louis Berean church, arranged a very unique entertainment which climaxed the last Saturday night of September, when George Hamilton, Jr., was honored in a "This Is Your Life" testimonial.

George, a sixteen-year-old boy, is of excellent character and is an outstanding



George Hamilton, a polio victim, was hon-ored with a special program and assistance financially so that he might continue his education in his chosen field

student at the Soldan high school of his city. At the age of three years, he bccame a victim of polio and many of the

remaining years of his life have been devoted to a rehabilitation program, launched by St. Anthony's hospital where he received routine treatment and later underwent four operations. Although the dread disease made definite inroads upon George's young body, he is now in good health and walks rather well with artificial support.

The program for the evening was introduced by the youth choir of the church, and supported by several young people of the church rendering special musical numbers, A special poem written for the occasion by Mrs, Bessie Cloud was recited by Miss Carolyn Reynolds, which told of the aspirations of the youth of today and their determination to take their place in life as worth-while citizens. Narration for the program was provided by Mrs. Laura Mitchell as high lights of George's life were projected upon a screen in pictures. Special guests, as well as George's schoolmates, were present to provide a testimony of their admiration and respect for his successful

Central Union Literature Evangelists

J. F. Kent, Union Publishing Secretary Report for Month ending September 26, 1959 KANSAS

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Forbes, Bob	49		
Hagen, Ruth Ann	14		
Haymaker, J. E.	4	70.44	
Zeller, Vernon	38		
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Carpenter, Mrs. J. H		23.78	
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display of outstanding character achievements. In addition, many letters congratulating George upon his courage and providing further encouragement were received from his many friends who were acquainted with him.

Mrs. Mabel Henderson, chairman of the club sponsoring this special program, reported \$405.00 received and this is to be placed in a scholarship trust fund to assist George in furthering his education in his chosen field of pharmacy. The success of this program reflects the desire of the Berean church membership to assist its deserving youth in greater preparation for Christian service.

MRS. BESSIE CLOUD



BLYSTONE-HUGHEY

John Hughey of Dallas, Pennsylvania, and Eula Blystone of Montrose, Colorado, were united in marriage in the Montrose church on August 1, in a brief ceremony. The bride's brother, T. D. Leech and his wife accompanied the couple to the altar. The John Hughevs are making their home in Montrose, Colorado. May the Christ who hallowed the wedding feast in Cana hallow their home with His presence and joy.

CURTIS-FRANKLIN

On the evening of August 12, Don Franklin of Farmington, New Mexico, and Esther Curtis, of Cedaredge, Colorado, were united in marriage at the Delta Seventh-day Adventist church. The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. L. Curtis of Cedaredge, was graduated from Union College this spring.

Following a brief wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Don Franklin will take up residence in Farmington, New Mexico, and our prayers for heaven's richest blessing on their Christian home follow them.

STARKEBAUM-CURTIS

Alden L. Curtis of Worland, Wyoming, and Janice Jeanne Starkebaum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Starkebaum, of Grand Junction, Colorado, were united in marriage the evening of August 19, in a candlelight ceremony in Grand Junction.

Following the reception and well wishes from the many friends and relatives gathered for the occasion, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Curtis left on a wedding trip that would terminate at Walla Walla College, where Mr. Curtis will continue his stud-

On the fine Christian couple and their newly founded home we ask heaven's blessing and leading.

J. L. EVERETT, JR.

FOX-MCFARLAND

On Sunday afternoon, August 16, Miss Gaylene Fox and Robert Owen McFarland, both of Quincy, Illinois, were married in the new Seventh-day Adventist church at Moberly, Missouri. Elder A. F. French performed the ceremony.

Mrs. McFarland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ren Fox of Salisbury, Missouri. She is a graduate of Southwestern Junior College at Keene, Texas.

Mr. McFarland is the son of Raymond D. McFarland, Quincy, and Mrs. Bertha Fusselman, Plainville, Illinois. After graduating at Quincy High School he served with the U.S. Army in Korea. The couple are making their home in Quincy.

MRS. IRENE MCKEE



ANDREW-Lucretia A. Andrew was born in Mokane, Mo., Sept. 8, 1879. With the fam-ily she moved to Kansas in 1892, and later to Salida, Colo., where she united in marriage to Bennett Andrew, Dec. 22, 1914. As a widow, Mrs. Andrew lived with her sister, Mrs. Nora Alexander at Copeland, Kans. In 1946 she returned to Denver to live with her sister, Mrs. Sadie Webb. She moved to Loveland in 1956 where she lived until her death Aug. 9, 1959. 1959.

She leaves to mourn two sisters, Nora Alex-ander, and Sadie Webb; also two brothers, Lenn Day, and Forest Day; a number of nicces and nephews, as well as a host of friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer and Sister Andrews was laid to rest at the Fair-

mount Cemetery.

J. A. NORDSTROM

FRY-Miss Orpha Fry, who resided in Carth-age, Mo., more than 80 years, passed away at the age of 92 on July 1, 1959. She was a mem-ber of the Carthage church most of her life. Even though she was confined to her home for the past several years, her life continued to radiate cheerfulness because of her confidence in her Lord. She passed to her rest with the "blessed hope" in her heart. P. A. KOSTENKO

HOUSTON-Mrs. Evalyn Houston was born at Lebo, Kans., Nov. 15, 1909, and passed away on June 26, 1959, She was active in many functions of her church located at Jerico Springs, Mo. Her life was a real tribute to Christianity and a blessing both to relatives and neighbors. She is survived by her husband, Virgil Hous-ton, who is a faithful member of the above church, and one sister. P. A. KOSTENKO

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CANTRELL-Lewis William Cantrell was born Sept. 1, 1892, at Dadeville, Mo., and passed away Aug. 1, 1959, at Metz, Mo. He had been an SDA since 1936. At the time of his death he was a member of the Nevada, Mo., church. He leaves to mourn his wife and three sisters: Mrs. Alex Kohltfarber of Gaston, Ore.; Mrs. Alice Bass of Sedalia, Mo., and other relatives and many friends. Burial was in the Antioch cemetery near Nevada, Mo. JACK MARTZ

(Editor's Note: This obituary just came to us but the family would like to have it printed even though Mrs. Williams died last Dec.)

even though Mrs. Williams ched last Dec.) WILLIAMS-Mrs. Mabel Grubb Williams, daughter of Frederick E. and Ada L. Grubb, was born at Galva, Ill., Nov. 8, 1870. On Oct. 22, 1883, she was married to George A. Williams at Burchard, Nebr. Eight children were born to this union. Two children and her husband preceded her in death. Those left to mourn are: Mary A. McIntyre, Pewee Valley, Ky.; Ross, Mansfield, Mo.; Estella Jack-son, Bruning; Mildred Fraley, Hollywood, Calif.; George A., Jr., Chattanooga, Tenn.; Ada Turn-er, Monterey Park, Calif.; 19 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Williams died Dec. 28, 1958, at the home of her son, Ross. Funeral services were held at Fairmont, Nebr., with Elder M. W. Deming bringing words of comfort.

SMITH-Mrs. Lurisa A. Smith was born Sept. 6, 1878, in Mason City, Ill., and died at Red Cloud, Nebr., July 13, 1959. Mrs. Smith was an earnest, consecrated Chris-tian and she will be missed by many. She leaves one brother and several nieces and nephews. She passed away in the hope of the coming of Jesus Christ. R. E. BROWNING

R. E. BROWNING

REEVE-Edith May Reeve was born to John and Nancy Jane Lewis in Des Moines, Iowa, on July 19, 1877. She passed away Aug. 27, 1959, at Altoona, Kans. On May 24, 1895, she mar-ried William Urban Reeve. To this union were born ten children, two of whom preceded their methor in death mother in death.

Surviving Mrs. Reeve are her husband and eight children: Zenella Dannels and Orval of Thayer; Alma Dannels and Hazel Lowrey of Altoona; Jessie Barton of Keene, Texas; Faye Prowant of Centralia, Mo.; Lola Prowant of Sturgeon, Mo.; and Dr. Charles Leslie Reeve of Bridgeport, Washington. There are 38 grand-children and 58 great-grandchildren.

Sister Reeve became a member of the SDA church at the age of ten years and remained a faithful member to her death. Burial services were conducted by Elder E. E. Herr and Carl Beck of the Iola District. F. O. SANDERS

HAHN-Mrs. Alice Hahn was born near South Bend, Ind., April 9, 1859, and passed away at Sedalia, Mo., Sept. 3, 1959. In 1876 she was married to John Hahn, who passed away in 1920. There were three children born to this union, all of whom preceded their mother in death. She is survived by five grand-children and several nieces and nephews. Fu-neral services were conducted by Jack Martz and interment was at the cemetery at Florence.

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To Parents in the Central Union Conference

We live in days of increasing crime and juvenile delinquency. As parents we need to check ourselves to see that we are doing everything possible to help the children in our homes to develop stable and Christian characters.

I would suggest that each parent study these questions prepared by noted educators and determine for himself how efficient he is in the matter of training children. Please do this, and then correct whatever deficiences may be apparent.

THEODORE CARCICH

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

If the child's family life is wholesome, the chances are 97 in a 100 that the child will become a wholesome, normal individual.

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Such are the findings of a survey made by Doctors Eleanor and Sheldon Glueck of Harvard covering 500 delinquent boys and 500 non-delinquent boys over a ten year period. This study now enables parents to have some kind of device by which they can determine the direction in which they are traveling with their children. "Little progress can be made in delinqency control until the home relationships between parents and children can be strengthened."

If you are a parent, sit down right now and answer each question honestly:

Glueck Questions for Parents

- 1. Do you know most of your child's
- friends? Yes () No 2. Are they welcome in your home? . Yes () No
- 3. Are you active in encouraging your
- child's activities, interests, hobbies? 4. Do you *frequently* arrange to spend
- short periods of time alone with your child?
- 5. Do you offer to spend time answering your child's questions about school problems?
- 6. Are you generous in praising your child for trying and accomplishing?
- 7. Does your child carry out assigned household responsibilities? . .
- When you are not at home, do you provide responsible supervision for your child?
- Do you encourage your child to join in organized activities suited to his age?
- 10. Are you careful not to favor one child over another?
- Do you really have confidence in the character and capabilities of your child? Ye
- Do you show affection for your child by holding him, hugging him, kissing him goodnight?
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- Do you really enjoy your child's company for lengthy periods?

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	Within reason, do you keep your promises to your child?	Yes	()	No	()
5.	Are you consistent in disciplining your child rather than harsh one moment and easygoing the next?	Yes	()	No	()
6.	When you punish your child, does he understand the reasons and think you are fair?						
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	Do you avoid dwelling on an unpleasan incident after it's over?		()	No	()
	Do you really try to understand your child's fears, tempers, letdowns so that you can help him work them out?	Yes	()	No	()
9.	Does your family do things together often-play games, plan parties, take trips, share hobbies?	Yes	()	No	()
	Does your family eat at least one meal a day together?	Yes	()	No	()
1.	Does your family attend religious	Yes	()	No	()
	Do you plan ahead for your child's				No		
3.	Do you believe that your husband (wife) is setting a good example?						
	For Mothers Only						
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For Fathers Only

24.	Do you share responsibility for discipline instead of leaving it all						
	to mother?	Yes	()	No	()
	Do you arrange to get home from work early enough to spend some time with						
	your child before he goes to bed?	Yes	()	No	()

Now count the number of "yes" answers.

If you have 18 or more, praise the Lord and keep going in the same direction.

If you have 13-17, that indicates that your child has a better than average chance of turning into a good wholesome citizen. But seek to improve yourself.

If your score is 9-12, pray for Divine wisdom and make immediate changes in your relationships. Let neither business nor pleasure hinder you.

If your score is 8 or less, confess your sin to God and set your house in order. A parent's first duty is to his own child. No amount of missionary work can excuse one from neglecting his own family.

Each parent should analyze his "no" answers himself. Don't be content to let a single "no" answer go without attention.

Seek for professional help whenever needed. If uncertain where to go, write to: Archa O. Dart, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington 12, D.C., for information.

Use Good Business Sense

The world is full of people and plans that promise overnight riches. Occasionally such individuals appear in our conferences soliciting investments in business projects, stocks, bonds or loans. How may one know whether the proposition is sound or shady? Legal or fraudulent?

It should be understood that it is not the prerogative of conference officials to dictate where and how our people should invest their money. Nevertheless, it is wholly proper to suggest a few principles which, if heeded, would save our members many heartaches and much financial loss.

First of all, just because the individual soliciting the investment claims to be a church member does not necessarily mean that the proposition is sound. The soundness of an individual's Christian experience and his business ability may not always be equal. A sound financial investment should be evaluated and entered into solely upon its business merits, and not because the promoter happens to be a church member.

Secondly, after ascertaining all the factors relating to the investment, we would suggest that our people seek wide counsel *before* either signing any papers or parting with their money. Under no consideration should they permit themselves to be pressured into a financial commitment before thoroughly investigating the reliability of the promoter and the investment. If either one cannot stand time and investigation, you can be sure there is something wrong.

Counsel should be sought from your banker. These men are quick to discern fraudulent and illegal practices, frauds, and poor business risks. The counsel costs nothing and may save you your life's savings. Take your banker's advice; he is in business to save your money.

If you desire, you have the right to sit down with your conference officials and discuss the proposition with them. They are in position to give you sound counsel. But remember, the time to seek such counsel is before, *and not after*, you have been separated from your money.

Beware of any sensational projects or plans that offer you sudden and overwhelming wealth. About the only thing that is sudden is the disappearance of your money. That is overwhelming, to be sure. There is no short cut to wealth apart from hard work and sound investment. Neither one is sensational and both take time.

Finally, should you, after being firmly convinced of the investment's soundness and reliability, desire to enter into the proposition, do so with the counsel and assistance of an attorney. Papers should be drawn up clearly specifying the terms and obligations of both parties. Nothing should be left to chance. Everything binding both parties should be clearly stated, signed, and recorded.

Anything short of this is not a sound business transaction.

THEODORE CARCICH

What the Eighth Commandment Condemns and Declares

"It condemns theft and robbery. It demands strict integrity in the minutest details of the affairs of life. It forbids overreaching in trade, and requires the payment of just debts or wages. It declares that every attempt to advantage one's self by the ignorance, weakness, or misfortune of another, is registered as fraud in the books of heaven." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 309.