

WHAT--HOW--and WHEN Readest Thou?

J. F. KENT, *Publishing Secretary, Central Union Conference*

Choose ye this day the kind of literature you and your family will read. The choosing of proper reading material is a personal and serious matter. In a true sense there is set before us *life* and *death* as contained on the pages of books and magazines. There are many good books to choose from, and at the same time there are many, many worthless books bidding for our attention and choice. "Satan is busy in this department of his work, scattering literature which is debasing the morals and poisoning the minds of the young."—CS, p. 146.

As a church we are most fortunate in having within our reach a variety of the very best books and journals. It has truly been said, "A man is himself plus the books he reads." Never before has the reading of good literature been so *vital* in helping to develop Christian character. A good book will do at least one of three things: It will give an upward impulse to our ideals, yield us food for thought, or add to our store of useful knowledge. Let us ever remember—good books are like good friends—we can't have too many.

The editor of *The Church Herald* writes, "We need to fill our homes with Christian literature, the best of Christian books and magazines. Yet, look around you—Christian literature in many a church member's home is almost nonexistent. Everything else is there—newspapers, secular magazines, television sets—but where are the Christian books and magazines?"

"The Archbishop of York, writing on *The Church's Task in the Field of Christian Literature*, said recently, 'It is my profound conviction that the Church—and I use the word in its widest sense—must take a new look at the whole mat-

ter of Christian literature. It must plan a new strategy, and that at once, unless we are to see the Christian battle for the mind of the world lost in our generation. Is not this the time to review our strategy? Is not this the time to alert the churches?'

"It must begin with Christian homes



saturated with Christian books and journals. This will not only preserve us against the 'brainwashing' of the mass media, it will also equip us to take the offensive and to invade our secular culture with the truth of the Gospel."

Having made a wise choice in keeping ourselves surrounded with good literature, just how shall we read and train our children and young people to read? We are told that the BOOK of ALL BOOKS should never be read without first asking for the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit. The same author says that when other books are being read that the Lord has inspired His servants to write, the same ministry of angels stands by to help impress the truths of such books upon the heart of the reader. So would it not be timely and fitting that we read all good literature *prayerfully, carefully and slowly*, thus enabling us to lay up in our minds a store of rich thoughts in well-wrought words, thoughts that will be a living treasure of knowledge always with us, from which at var-

ious times, amid all the shifting circumstances of life, we may draw *comfort, guidance* and *sympathy*. Let us in all our reading do so with a definite purpose and aim, deriving the most benefit from our reading.

And may we be able to experience the words of the Master, "Whoso readeth, let him understand." Surely the words of the Apostle Paul are food for serious thought, "Till I come, give attendance to reading."

Everyone will readily admit that he ought to read more, but the simple admission of the fact does not help much. This we know, Satan will constantly and earnestly work from two angles especially—the cares of life and the glaring worldly attractions through the TV, radio and questionable literature, endeavoring to choke out time for the worthwhile reading. Is it not high time that we plan a definite time out of each twenty-four hour period for reading? Perhaps we should carefully *budget our time* for the purpose of allowing *more time* for a *certain time* to read worth-while literature. "Borrow golden hours and bestow them on thy book."

Now that we are soon coming into the gift season of the year, why not think more in terms of BETTER and LONGER LASTING GIFTS? *Think of books*—not only as Christmas presents, but anniversary gifts, wedding presents, birthday presents, etc. Besides the wonderful books written by Sister White there are new and special volumes coming from our publishing houses from time to time. Any one, or all, would make lovely gifts. The books advertised in the REAPER and in special circulars mailed out by your Bible House are books *you can buy with*

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	Sept. 24	Oct. 2
Denver, Colorado*	6:55	6:41
Grand Junction, Colo.*	7:07	6:56
Topeka, Kansas	6:18	6:05
Kansas City, Missouri	6:13	6:00
St. Louis, Missouri	5:56	5:43
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:22	6:08
Casper, Wyoming	6:00	5:45

*Daylight Saving Time

Union College

"Princess Alice" Comes for Program

Union College will feature as its October 2 Saturday evening guest, "Princess Alice."

Princess Alice Siwundhla, from Malawi in east central Africa, came to the United States several years ago through the help of the Ralph Edwards television show, "This Is Your Life." It was the culmination of a long-held dream to receive a higher education in America.

The African girl was raised by Seventh-day Adventist missionaries in Malawi after she was orphaned at the age of eight.

After the missionaries who had raised her returned to the United States they tried to bring the princess here but were unsuccessful. Then Mr. Edwards learned of the project and arranged to have her and her husband flown to the U.S.

Currently the Siwundhlas are graduate students at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Princess Alice, who has spoken before many civic and church groups since coming to America, is now regarded as her nation's most highly educated woman.

Begin now to make your plans to be at the Union College Gymnasium October 2 at 8:00 p.m.

Geology Field Study Conference

For a full month, August 6 to September 6, a group of Adventist scientists, theologians, and administrators made a study of the geology of large areas in the western part of the United States and Canada. This "Geology Field Study Conference" was sponsored by the Geoscience Research Institute, affiliated with Andrews University and was planned so that a number of scholars in science and religion could come together to make an actual field study of significant aspects of geology and paleontology, particularly as they relate to the Biblical record of creation and the flood. It was hoped that this group could initiate a many-faceted approach that might eventually lead to a better interpretation of some perplexing geological problems.

Union College faculty personnel invited to attend were Elder Mervyn Maxwell, Associate Professor of Religion; and Drs. Walter Page and Neil W. Rowland, Professors of Biology.

The conference began its work by studying a portion of the Canadian Rockies in which a number of active

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glaciers give ample opportunity to study the effects of glaciation. These first-hand observations made it possible for those relatively inexperienced in geology to detect the unmistakable signs of glaciation in areas remote from active glaciers.

Next, the area of study was shifted to eastern Washington and Oregon. In this region a total of nearly 10,000 feet of fossil-bearing strata have been exposed by the John Day River and its tributaries. The upper 6,000 feet which are composed of volcanic ash and lava, form the Columbia River Plateau.

Leaving this region, the group moved to the Yellowstone-Absoroka volcanic field of western Wyoming where the famous "successive" petrified forests are exposed. The most recent study indicates a total of 27 forests which have grown one on top of the other as each in turn was buried by volcanic debris.

As the caravan moved southward through Wyoming, Utah, and Arizona, the enormous lateral extent of certain easily distinguishable rock formations became apparent. Navajo sandstone may be cited as an example of a formation that extends for hundreds of miles and which forms the setting for the cliff dwellings in the Mesa Verde area.

The Grand Canyon region furnished the participants with a classic example of the "geologic column" as it begins with igneous and metamorphic rocks devoid of recognizable fossils and rises nearly a mile through layer after layer of sedimentary, fossil-bearing strata to the canyon rim.

In addition to the field observations, papers were read and discussions were held in order to explore new lines of interpretation. The contributions of Elder Arthur White of the Ellen G. White Foundation were of great value in attempting to interpret statements found in the writings of Mrs. White relative to the topic of the conference. It was the consensus that an important beginning had been achieved toward a goal of greater cooperation among those interested in correctly understanding the relationship between revelation and observation.

confidence and own with pride. Your Bible House manager plans to set up displays throughout your conference during the weeks ahead. Watch for the announcement—be there to select your share. Let us be determined to surround ourselves with good literature and read it PRAYERFULLY and REGULARLY.

Voice of Prophecy Lessons Open "A New World"

"In his eyes I was becoming a fanatic—not going to the theater, not dancing anymore (which I loved), not watching certain TV programs, no liquor and no tobacco! He could not understand how a religion could so radically affect one's life." These were the words of Mrs. June Silva concerning her husband's reaction to the new faith she had just accepted.

About six years before, at the age of 17, June, a Protestant, had married a nominal Catholic. Shortly after the birth of their son, in 1958, June was visiting her mother's home. "While I was there, a neighbor friend of my mother came over, also," related Mrs. Silva. "I knew her slightly, and on one or two occasions had heard my mother mention that Saturday was her Sabbath."

During the course of the conversation, religion was mentioned. Being curious, June questioned the visitor, Mrs. Myrtle Specklemer, about her Sabbath. "In her kind, gracious, Christian manner, she tried to explain to me about the seventh day being God's Sabbath," June recalled. "She then asked if I would like to be enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence course. Being the type of person who will not take anyone's word except the Bible, I was challenged to study for myself and search out the answers to what Mrs. Specklemer had said."

When the first lessons arrived, Mrs. Silva read them and discovered things in the Bible that she did not know existed. "It was the way the lessons made everything fall into place—a pattern that helped me to understand the Bible as never before. A new world opened for me!" she explained.

After Mrs. Silva's baptism, in June of 1959, her husband became very intense in his opposition to her new faith. "He became very intolerant with me, to the point of hiding my Bible from me, and destroying all by religious books. I had to keep my VOP lessons locked in a little suitcase," Mrs. Silva remembers. "He threatened my friends when they would



Mrs. June Silva, a VOP convert, serves as a secretary in the health services department of the Southern California Conference.

call or visit, and he even ripped the zippers off my best clothes so that I could not attend church."

After about a year of such mental and emotional strain, June was given the ultimatum of choosing between her husband and her religion. "In my choice I could see no other way but to follow the dictates of my conscience and follow my Lord whom I loved with all my heart."

Mrs. Silva was invited to work as a secretary in Southern California. Even though parents and family disapproved, Mrs. Silva felt that God had opened a way for her, and she accepted the offer. Taking her son who was not quite three years old, Mrs. Silva came to California in January, 1961. As she put it, "A new life, a new job, in a new year!"

For the past four and one-half years June Silva has been employed as a secretary in the Health Service Department of the Southern California Conference.

Voice of Prophecy Sermons

September 26: A New People of God
October 3: The Holy Spirit

Christian Record National Convention High Lights

It may be a surprise to many of our readers throughout North America to learn that their one and only Seventh-day Adventist publishing plant for blind people, located in Lincoln, Nebraska, is the largest publisher of religious braille material in the world.

The Christian Record began its services in 1899 and has grown steadily through the years. Since our last National Convention, five years ago, the Christian Record has published and distributed without cost to blind people enough brailled material to make 40 STACKS OF BRAILLE AS HIGH AS THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING, primarily distributed to blind people in the United States and Canada, but also in 84 foreign countries. This represents a total of 65,000,000 pages of Braille distributed free to blind people.

On June 17-22 the National Convention of the Christian Record Braille Foundation convened in Lincoln, Nebraska. The meetings were held at the new Christian Record publishing house located in College View. We were happy to have as guest speakers from the General Conference, Elder Theodore Carcich, whose morning devotions stirred the hearts of all those present, and Elder George Huse, who represented the worldwide publishing work, its activities and soul-winning experiences among the sighted. Elder R. H. Nightingale, Central Union Conference president, and Elder F. O. Sanders, Nebraska Conference president, were also guest speakers.

From outside the denomination we had representatives such as Mr. Robert Bray from the United States Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., who is



Guest speakers and district representatives who attended the convention, June 17-22, 1965.

in charge of all library work in the United States.

We also had guest speakers from Iowa, Nebraska and Wyoming. These men are in charge of Services to the Blind in their states. Also present were a home teacher, a librarian, and the manager of the Lincoln Better Business Bureau.

One of the high lights of the convention was our soul-winning program given on Sabbath afternoon at the College View church. Plaques were given at that time in recognition of outstanding achievements in three fields.

Tremendous strides have been made in the advancement and expansion of our denominationally owned publishing house for blind people in the last seven years. The work has grown in the amount of free services extended to the blind people, but more important, we are seeing the results of our services as blind people are being brought to Christ, and today are experiencing the joy of being Seventh-day Adventist church members, looking forward to the return of Jesus.

The 50 district representatives and their wives represented all geographical areas of the United States and Canada. They are a truly dedicated group of individuals—not from the floating elements of life, but many of them have sold their business or given up life-time jobs with large corporations, and have decided to lock arms with God's workers in finishing the task of taking the three angels' messages to the world, particularly to the 400,000 blind persons in the United States. The ultimate goal for the Christian Record workers is to reach the 18,000,000 estimated blind persons in the world. With 37,000 people losing their sight in the United States annually, the task is indeed a big one. Remember these faithful workers in your prayers daily. G. C. WILSON, *Field Director*

United States & Canada

Porter Memorial HOSPITAL

News Notes

I. E. Hamilton, assistant administrator, became a nominee to the American College of Hospital Administrators at a special convocation ceremony on Sunday, August 29, in San Francisco at the time of the American Hospital Association convention.

DeWayne Fickess, R.Ph., has returned

after a three year absence, bringing the registered pharmacists to four full-time with Albert Goodwin as chief. Also assisting in the department is Emmet Coleman, extern, and Marian Caruth, apprentice.

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Students returning to college after summer employment or from workers' families include 18 who will attend Union College and 10 who will attend other colleges and universities in America and overseas.

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A new class of 22 students will begin on September 23 in our Program of Practical Nursing.

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The United Fund goal for our hospital workers has been set at \$5800.00 and the drive should be completed early in October, according to Don Bradley, personnel director and co-chairman of the campaign.

A. W. VANDEMAN, *Director*
Public Relations for Development

Kansas

Topeka

Sabbath School Evangelism

The Topeka Sabbath school, under the leadership of Mrs. Edna Burlew, superintendent, is active in all lines of Sabbath school evangelism. Plans are currently being laid for Visitor's Day, October 9, and invitations will be extend-



Left to right: Cheri Sturges, Brad Traxler, Mrs. Mildred Pace, crafts director; and Rhonda Pace, viewing some of their projects completed at VBS.

ed through the children's departments, as well as the senior division.

The Sabbath school conducted its annual daily Vacation Bible School, August 9-20. The attendance surpassed any previous records with a total of 84, half of those attending were from non-Adventist homes. Mrs. Paul Whitlow, director for the school, was assisted by a staff of 28 church members. The two weeks of activities ended with a program on Friday night, August 20.

MRS. S. E. WHITE,
Church Press Secretary

MV Leadercraft At Enterprise Academy

More than 50 students completed the Leadercraft Course at Enterprise Academy the first week end of school, September 3 and 4, to help prepare themselves to become more efficient leaders in the service of Christ during the coming school year.



Primary group singing, "God's Wonderful World," on the night of the program at the close of the VBS. Junior division answering questions during the Bible Quiz.

The instructors for the Leadercraft Course included Elder Paul DeBooy, Central Union MV secretary, Elder James L. Pogue, Nebraska MV secretary, Elder Donald E. Wright, newly elected Missouri Conference MV secretary, and Elder K. W. Hutchins, Kansas Conference MV secretary and Don Weatherall, principal, Enterprise Academy.

It was a real privilege to be able to observe the keen interest and spirit of dedication that was noted on the part of each student who participated in this course. We are confident that the MV Society at Enterprise Academy will have an outstanding year under the direction of Principal Don Weatherall and the MV sponsor, Elder J. C. Gaitens. Definite plans are being laid whereby each student may share his faith during this coming year.

K. W. HUTCHINS,
MV Secretary

Wyoming

Subscribe Now!

As many of you no doubt know, 1966 is the year in which the next General Conference Session is to be held. This time it will be held in the month of June in the city of Detroit, Michigan. Hundreds of our workers will be coming in from all parts of the world field, bringing with them thrilling stories of the advancement of our work and the experiences of our people. It would be wonderful if all of our members of the Wyoming Conference could be there for this series of meetings. We know that you would be thrilled as you would hear these stories of sacrifice and deliverance.

In order that our people throughout North America may have the opportunity to read these experiences as quickly as possible after they are presented at the General Conference, the Review and Herald Publishing Association is going to put out a special issue of the *Review* each day of the conference session. These special issues will go to the regular subscribers of the *Review & Herald* without any cost. This special feature in itself would be well worth the entire subscription price of the *Review* for a year.

We know that our people in Wyoming will want to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity by sending in their subscriptions to the *Review* immediately so that you will be sure and be on the list for 1966! October 9 is the closing

date of this special campaign. The special price for the *Review* during this time is \$4.75.

LEE CARTER

News Notes

✓ The Laramie church is the proud possessor of all new church furniture. This certainly makes a lovely sanctuary in which to worship the Lord from week to week. They also have a church school this year. We are sure that the Lord will continue to bless in the program at Laramie.

✓ Elder and Mrs. Ray B. Wing just returned to Casper after a short vacation. Elder Wing was recently transferred from the Powell district to the Casper district.

PR at Camp Meeting Good

Public Relations for the Wyoming Camp Meeting held this year August 12-17 was as good as ever. It was wondered if the fact that the meetings were being held 13 miles from Casper, at Mills' Spring Camp, would affect the publicity usually given by the Casper press; but the distance away from the city had no effect on the amount of publicity received.

The two Casper newspapers published a total of 99 inches, with four pictures, including those of the principal speakers and one of the new auditorium at the camp grounds.

The radio stations carried their usual daily stories giving the high lights of the meetings. Each station carried at least one story each day, sometimes more than one, so with three stations that was a large coverage.

KVOC radio station interviewed Elder H.M.S. Richards, Jr., for five minutes over its top news report on Friday. KVOC carries the Voice of Prophecy program on Sunday mornings and the station owners enjoyed meeting Elder Richards in person.

Radio KTWQ interviewed Elder R. F. Correia on his daily "Anything Goes" program Friday afternoon. This program usually is 30 minutes long, but that day they extended it an additional 10 minutes, interviewing Elder Correia 40 minutes. So impressed was one of the interviewers that Sunday afternoon he and part of his family came to the camp to hear Elder Correia present a program on his missionary activities in South America.

Public Relations work is as much a part of God's work as any other, for we never know how someone might find

his way to God through a story in the newspaper or over the air. Always remember the PR work and help with it whenever called upon to do so.

ANNA MAY PEARCE,
Church Press Secretary

Central States

Vacation Bible School News

"I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. . . ." could be heard at the Sharon Vacation Bible School in Omaha as 150 boys and girls with bright shining faces repeated their pledge to the Bible every morning for ten days.

Led out by Brother Sidney Burnett and ably assisted by Sister Leone Herrington and Sister Vivian Peebles and a fine staff of teachers, the Vacation Bible School program was held during the month of July. The closing program was held the last Sabbath morning of the two-week session. Many of the children's parents attended church on Sabbath for the first time, as they came to watch their children perform. Many lovely articles were made by the children such as piggy banks from clorox bottles and lovely sewing baskets from strawberry baskets and many other useful as well as artful articles.



BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The St. Joseph Sabbath school has successfully carried on a branch Sabbath school in south St. Joseph for over six months. The class was started by Sisters Blair and Williams, and W. M. Rice, their pastor. The class has grown in number to 36 children with an interracial attendance. Mrs. Blair, director of the school, reports that many parents attend weekly with their children and there are hopes of establishing a company in that section of town.

Shown in the accompanying picture is Sister Kathryn Blair with a portion of her branch Sabbath school group.

Alice Leonard,
Sabbath School Supt.



Oct. 2—Princess Alice

This modern "Alice in Wonderland" was brought from Malawi, a country of hills and tropical growth in east central Africa on a 9,000 mile plane ride through nine "time" zones to Hollywood, where she was unexpectedly confronted with an appearance on the Ralph Edwards television show, "This Is Your Life."

Princess Alice's presentation is vivid. You can almost hear the rhythmic beating of drums of the faraway African Village. She has the ability to provide humorous entertaining accounts of pathetic situations.

UNION

ARTIST ADV

Dec. 18—Union College Speech Department

"The Thread That Runs So True," is a play which will be dramatically presented by the Union College Speech Department. The play comes from a well-known book which many have read and enjoyed. It will star Jesse Stuart in his story and teaching experiences.

Oct. 9—Cleveland Grant

"Camera Gunning Across Africa" was filmed by Cleveland Grant as he safaried across central and southern Africa. He filmed the wild areas of Mozambique, where most of the big game species of Africa still roam as they did a thousand years ago. Forty species of birds, 20 varieties of African antelope, as well as hippo, rhino, zebra, giraffe, leopard, lion, and elephant were filmed.



Nov. 6—Nelson and Neal

Nelson and Neal, America's most popular two-piano team, will return to Union College. The team has played more concerts than any other two-piano team in the world during the last ten years, and over half of their itinerary is devoted to return engagements. They have been featured on NBC-TV's "This Is Your Life" program, and in the *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Coronet* and *This Week* magazines.



Jan. 8—Sunny Liu

Sunny Liu's outstanding tenor voice has won him acclaim. This artist has been heard in Canada, in the Hawaiian Islands, and in various parts of the United States. He has been engaged in music ministry on the radio for many years. His various singing experiences inspired him to dedicate his talents to the glory of God through singing evangelism.

Nov. 13—Ralph Franklin

Ralph Franklin's "Egypt, Gift of the Nile" introduces to the armchair adventurer the fascinating world of wide screen and stereophonic sound. These new production techniques bring realism as you climb the Great Pyramid of Cheops and race through Cairo by taxi in search of the Center of Documentation. You will ride a river boat 3,000 years into the past and witness the remains of a glorious civilization that never ceases to be a wonder and puzzle to our twentieth century.



Dec. 11—Winter Band Concert

The "Concert Winds" will present the Union College Winter Band Concert. The first half of the program will be composed of contemporary music; the second half will feature well-known marches, waltzes, and program music. Plan to hear Union's own outstanding band.

Jan. 22—John Ebert

John Ebert's, "Adventure Across Europe," is a thrilling journey through the scenic heart of Bavaria, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Yugoslavia. This 2,000 mile journey through the back-regions and across Europe's roof-top disclosed charming alplands, superb scenery and exciting outdoor adventures.

COLLEGE

ATURE SERIES



Feb. 5—John Jay

John Jay's feature length color film, "Catch a Skiing Star," is packed with thrilling action, natural comedy and spectacular beauty. Follow fabulous Stein Eriksen "down under" to amazing Alps of Australia and New Zealand—mamboing through eucalyptus forests, schussing great glaciers to the South Seas. Ski America East to West, including Colorado's new giants, Vail and Crested Butte. See the hair-raising '64 Olympic preview in Alaska.

Mar. 12— Choral and Keyboard

The Choral and Keyboard presentation will be composed of the Symphonettes, ladies' chorus, and the Knights of Union, men's chorus. This program is a spring fantasy also featuring advanced piano-ensemble students.

ADMISSION PRICES

Season tickets:

Adult	\$6.00
Children	3.00

Regular tickets:

**Adults	1.25
Student rate	1.00
Children	.75
*Adult	.75
Student rate	.50
Children	.35

Mar. 19—Lincoln Symphony

The Lincoln Symphony Orchestra personnel includes housewives, engineers, dentists, bankers, teachers, and students. The University of Nebraska, Doane College, Concordia in Seward, Union College, and Nebraska Wesleyan University are represented in the orchestra's membership. The orchestra has many fine musicians.



Mar. 26—Ned Riddle

Ned Riddle, the talented creator of the nationally syndicated cartoon, "Mr. Tweedy," casts aside formality to set up a massive sketch pad and draw his way through a fun-filled hour. Riddle's famous cartoon character is always in hot water. Riddle began exhibiting his knack for creating humor during World War II between combat operations while serving on a submarine in the Pacific.



Apr. 9—Gala Festival

The Gala Festival Program will be produced by the entire music department of Union College. Its popularity has been evidenced by a traditional two-night presentation. The program consists of well-known folk and popular music.

Apr. 16—Ray Middleton

In song and dramatically presented stories, Ray Middleton paints a picture of America with all the sweep and color, lights and shadows of our great traditions. Gifted with a stirring voice and unusual acting talents, he has thrilled audiences all over America in his brilliant platform presentations. See "America in Song and Story."



Apr. 30—Spring Band Concert

The Union College Spring Band Concert will be presented during the Alumni week end. The band, called the "Concert Winds," has invited Gordon Halburg, trombone soloist of the United States Air Force Band, as their guest. Be sure to attend this concert.

The 1965-66 Artist-Adventure Series for Union College includes a wide variety of entertainment and culture in its programs and concerts.

Save this calendar of events and plan now to enjoy each program in the College Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

Truly Vacation Bible School was a blessing, and as we met the youngsters visiting later at the tent effort conducted by our pastor, we felt that we may be blessed later to meet some of these loving faces in heaven.

May God bless us all as we continue in His work that we may be a blessing to others as well as to ourselves.

SIDNEY BURNETT, *Sabbath School Supt.*

LEONE HERRINGTON, *VBS Leader*

Nebraska

New Book and Bible House Manager

We are very happy to introduce Brother V. C. Tooley to the constituency of Nebraska as our new Book and Bible



V. C. Tooley

House manager. Sometime ago when Brother Reuben Beck, who had served this conference faithfully for several years accepted a call to Ohio, our committee gave careful study to this important post and invited Brother Tooley, who

was then serving as Book and Bible House manager in the Texico Conference, to unite with the working force in Nebraska. He has already met a number of the folk throughout the state.

Brother Tooley began his work as a literature evangelist. Later he connected with the Pacific Press Publishing house in Mountain View, California, and later served as assistant in the Central California Book and Bible House. Later he accepted a call to the Texico Conference.

With this background of experience, we believe he will continue to give the same good service to the field to which we have become accustomed. We give a hearty welcome to Brother Tooley and his wife and family.

F. O. SANDERS, *President*

Grand Island Church

The Grand Island church has been carrying on several different missionary projects during the summer months. Right now we are in the process of following up our "12 Is My Target" and "Project 65" which we participated in earlier in the year. These projects were especially enjoyable since adults and

young people of the church were able to take part.

Soon after this we took a census within the city to find Bibles dating back before 1900. A Bible study guide sheet was given these people that would help them in their study of the Bible. A nice gift was promised each person with a Bible dated before 1900. Later on we called back asking how they were doing with their Bible study guide and presented each one with a book, *What Jesus Said*, or *Courage for the Crisis*. We have thus far contacted about four people that we could consider good interests.

Our young people—and old—have also enjoyed their literature work. The members of the church have been saving their *Junior Guides*, *Signs*, etc., which are wrapped in colored cellophane packages called "Literature Bombs." The group then goes out in cars on Sabbath to leave these at farm houses along the country roads. We are saving more papers now to take out again.

Under the good leadership of our home missionary leader, Sister Esther Littrell, the church members who are interested gather on Sabbath in different homes to further study the Sabbath



Grand Island members and young people as they wrap literature in colorful cellophane wrappers preparatory to distributing them along country roads.

Fall Dorcas Federation Schedule

Miss Ella May Stoneburner of the General Conference Medical Department will be our guest speaker at the fall federation meetings for Nebraska.

October 3	Lincoln, North Side Church	7321 Lexington
October 4	Alliance Church	423 Sweetwater Avenue
October 5	North Platte	1000 W. 6th
October 6	Grand Island	418 W. 12th

Each of the meetings will be held in the church beginning at 10:00 a.m. and closing at 3:00 p.m.

school lesson and other subjects of interest to them. How wonderful this could work for the Lord if we can bring our friends along. This we hope to work into the plan.

We are now in our fifth week of studying the Prophetic Guidance Correspondence Course put out by the Voice of Prophecy. We are studying this at prayer meeting and it is a subject that every church could benefit by. We recommend it to you. It is the early history of the church and the beginnings of Sister White's role in its early growth.

At the present time our church is doing much remodeling work inside and out. We are grateful for the wonderful support of these members and their willingness to use their talents for the Lord.

E. R. SCHWAB, *Pastor*

Kearney Vacation Bible School

Things were humming in the Kearney church, August 2-12. Even a small congregation has active members when it's time for Vacation Bible School. We are happy for the way God blessed as this missionary endeavor was carried on. Under the excellent leadership of Mrs. George Albers and her corps of workers, a full program was presented to the children every day. Average attendance was 40. Following the traditional march-in of the children, the Bible and color guard opened the exercises with salutes of allegiance to each and an appropriate

SPECIAL REGIONAL MEETINGS

Sabbath, September 25—McCook

Sabbath, October 2—Scottsbluff

Sabbath, October 23—Neligh

All churches are invited to attend the nearest gathering. Bring your lunch and enjoy a special period of fellowship together.



Left: Charlene Feikert with tapestries made in junior-primary division. Right: Kearney VBS junior-primary division—Kendra Sommers, Larry Ruder, Alana Ziegler, and Kelly Sommers. Lower: Group picture of the boys and girls of the Kearney VBS.

song. After a song service, each division was dismissed to their lesson study or crafts.

Mrs. Harold Richardson was leader for the junior-primary group. Mrs. Chester Hinton assisted her. The Wonders of Creation and the stories that followed were received enthusiastically by the children. After this, Mrs. Hinton, in charge of crafts, presented some very fine and different craft projects. Pellon tapestries with beautiful pictures painted on them and hung between two sticks were made. Any mother and father would be impressed as the youngsters brought these home. Turtle banks made from clorox bottles; artificial flower plaques, and lint chasers all kept these ambitious juniors and primaries busy. Mrs. Harold Richardson presented a nature study in this division on mammals. Seventeen of these youngsters passed the final test and will receive the honor badge for this achievement.

Mrs. Allen Rice led the kindergarten group. Her assistants were Mrs. Blanche Weakly, Mrs. Jack Dodd, Mrs. Ben Rayburn and Mrs. Diane Thoen. The youngsters sat spellbound for the stories and enjoyed the lessons of creation. Mrs. Robert Nelson led out with kindergarten

crafts assisted by Roberta Nelson. This group is a real challenge in the making of crafts. Popsicle sticks glued together with pictures of Jesus glued on them were just right for these little awkward hands. Baskets, turtle balls, lint chasers and vases made from bottles finished off the craft session for the ten-day school.

Mrs. Elaine Banik refreshed everyone during those hot days by providing daily refreshments. We are so happy for each of these members who worked so hard. Mrs. Bill Rhode was appreciated for baby sitting so that mothers could take part in the school. Certainly, every part taken is important for the success of God's work.

But Kearney did not finish with their final graduation night when parents were invited to attend and watch their children perform and view their handiwork of craft projects. The children were told that a story hour would be held at the same time on Sabbath afternoon. About 25 youngsters turned out the first day which included seven nonmembers. Songs, stories, film strips and recorded stories of Bible personalities and events were presented. The children loved it.

Kearney is nearly ready to see the results of Vacation Bible School from

years previous. Two children, their mother and grandmother are studying to join our church. Vacation Bible School pays! Kearney church members are positive of that.

E. R. SCHWAB, Pastor

Colorado

One Voice

For 35 years ONE VOICE has proclaimed the "Judgment Hour" message on radio. That voice is the one of the "Voice of Prophecy"—our own beloved Elder Richards. That's a pretty good *Certain Voice*—don't you agree? Yes, we all agree God has had His hand in all the work of the "Voice of Prophecy." Thirty-five years is a long term of service for any worker to work even if this were the total tenure of his service. With Elder Richards its the length of his continuous radio service—to *this point!* He was in the ministry for some time before he started radio. In fact he was a strong evangelist by the time he started radio. Many of you know that Harold Young (our former conference secretary-treasurer) was a convert in one of Elder Richard's crusades and after his conversion urged Elder Richards to go on the air. Elder Richards agreed the message should go on the air—but there was no money. Harold Young said, "You preach and *believe* in faith don't you? Ask the people if they want you on the air—they'll answer with their offerings." Elder Richards was greatly challenged. He presented the idea to the people and the famous "Richards Radio Pocket" came into being. He told the people which of his coat pockets was dedicated to radio and the people responded with their offerings. In fact, even jewelry from new converts and various things went into that pocket. What a small *faith* beginning!

That was 35 years ago! No wonder the poem, "Have Faith In God" was born and has never stopped. And Elder Richards is still going *stronger than ever*. He is now on the air *daily* on more than 60 stations (3 in our conference) in addition to the 600 weekly stations.

Shall we give Elder Richards a vote of confidence with a *special thank offering for Voice of Prophecy* October 9? Yes, I believe you will. I was amazed to learn that 52% of the Voice of Prophecy budget comes to them through the mail from their listeners. Only 13% comes from

this special offering in the churches. Isn't that something? We are not doing too much are we? Shall we see if we can raise that from 13% to at least 15% this year? God bless you as you give.

BEN J. LIEBELT,
Radio Secretary

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A Faithful Couple

A long distance over mountain roads, rain, snow, sleet, or whatever the weather, does not keep Brother and Sister Kershner from attending Sabbath school and church each week.

Ernest Kershner and his wife, Blanche, left Oakwood, Oklahoma, in 1951 and came to the sleepy little mining town of Creede, Colorado. Here Mr. Kershner found work in a mine but no Seventh-day Adventist church. They soon discovered that the closest church of their faith was in Monte Vista, 51 miles away. A 102 mile round trip, mostly over mountain roads, is apt to keep many a person from going to church even on pretty days. But, not so with the Kershners. This did not discourage them nor keep them from attending and being the first



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kershner of Creede, Colorado, and members of the Monte Vista Seventh-day Adventist church, shown as they operate the tape recorder and projector for giving Voice of Prophecy Bible lessons to their neighbors and friends.

to arrive, on most occasions, for the 9:30 service. Though the weather be bad, with wind and blowing snow, (that would give nearer members an excuse for not attending church) the Kershners wend their way over the treacherous roads and the early opening exercises will find them in their customary pews. During the winter this good brother and sister must leave home before daylight to arrive on time.

Mr. Kershner has now retired but Mrs. Kershner still works as a cook in the Creede Hotel. This is hard labor. However, on many evenings, weary though she may be, she and her husband go about doing missionary work by showing the Voice of Prophecy Bible lessons to their neighbors and friends through the aid of a tape recorder and projector.

Truly, the faithful church attendance of this couple, whatever the weather, and their missionary endeavors in their isolated town are an inspiration to the members of the Monte Vista church and the community.

IDA METZ, Press Secretary

The Blessing of Statistics

Numbers are relatively unimportant except as they give us occasion for rejoicing in the blessings of God. When the numbers have to do with souls won, then we have added reason for spiritual happiness. In two recent services conducted in Denver South Seventh-day Adventist church on August 7, and August 8, nine precious candidates followed their Lord in baptism. We are grateful to Christian homes and parents, to Christian schools and teachers, and to the church and its lay workers for helping to make this joyous occasion possible.

Often in the Bible we find God numbering His people. One whole Old Tes-

tament book called the Book of Numbers was dedicated to this divine activity. In it the footsteps of God are plainly discernible, as under His Guidance Israel grew and prospered. The New Testament Scriptures speak mysteriously of the "144,000" and also with added encouragement and clarity of the "great multitude" of the redeemed hosts which no man could number. So we have Bible authority for releasing numbers and for rejoicing over them.

Numbers have been used for various purposes such as conducting business,

Wedding

KERR-LITTLE

Glenn Kerr of Bowman, North Dakota, and Sandy Little of Denver, Colorado, were married at Denver South church, August 22, in the presence of a very large company of friends. It was a beautiful ceremony, arranged by the bride in good taste and Christian dignity. They will make their temporary home at College View, Nebraska, where they will continue their training for the Lord's work. We wish for them God's choice blessings for the future.

BEN J. LIEBELT

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Mrs. Kathleen Piper Debra Sellers
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Our hearts sing with Jesus and the angels as we give credit to our God "from whom all blessings flow," we of the Denver South Seventh-day Adventist church are happy to share the knowledge of our blessings with you.

O. F. LOCKE

Picked and Dried Apricots for Indian Schools

Dried apricots will be available for the La Vida and Holbrook Navajo Mission Schools as a result of work done by a group from the Delta Seventh-day Adventist church.

The John Burritts on Redlands Mesa had several trees of apricots for which they had no market. Mrs. Burritt, who is a member of the Delta church, told the church members she would donate the apricots to the mission schools if they would pick the fruit and help pit it and spread it out to dry.

The church group worked hard several hours and when they were through they had picked about 40 bushels of fruit and spread the pitted "cots" on trays 6 by 12 feet, set up in the Burritt yard. Several warm sunny days dried the fruit and it is now sacked and ready for the first chance to send to the schools.

Those taking part in the project were Pastor and Mrs. Max L. Ritchie and Cathy; Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Addis, Lena Ruth, Donna May, and Luane; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hamilton, Dick and Janet; Betty Howard; Wallace and Tommy Cooper; Ronnie, Carol, and Norman Bradley; Mrs. Ida Hamilton, and the Virgil Price family. Mrs. Burritt cooked lunch for the group and set up the trays.

HAZEL O. AUSTIN, *Press Secretary*



A lake view scene at Glacier View Camp.

"Open" Bibles At A "Closed" Bible Conference

Does there seem to be a conflict in the above heading? Let me explain. From October 6-9 about 160 youth and staff will meet at Glacier View Camp in Colorado for the first "closed" Bible Conference in the Central Union. The youth will be from the junior and senior classes of our academies and from Union College. The Bible Conference will be "closed" to everyone but the delegates. These delegates will be carefully and prayerfully chosen from the student spiritual leaders in each academy and our college. It will be a high honor and solemn responsibility to be selected as a delegate.

From the keynote meeting by Elder R. H. Nightingale on Wednesday night to the closing service on Saturday night by Elder R. S. Watts, of the General Conference, it will be an "open" Bible Conference. Young people will search the Scriptures and they will study and pray together. Bibles will be open everywhere. Eight discussion groups will be conducted in "open-Bible style" by our conference presidents and teachers from Union College and Andrews University.

Elder John Hancock, associate secretary of the MV Department of the General Conference, will be featured in music and the Word at the Bible Conference. Youth will sing in the conference choir and play in the conference orchestra.

The youth will plan and pray as they meet with their school principals and other staff so when they return to their campuses they will be prepared to be more effective spiritual leaders in their schools.

I would like to request each family in the Central Union to pray earnestly for the success of our Bible Conference, whether there is a youth attending the conference from your family or not. Begin your prayers now and keep them ascending. I would particularly like to request each family to spend an extra period of time in prayer at their family altar, each morning and evening, from October 5-10 on behalf of the Bible Conference. Pray for the Holy Spirit's power; pray for our youth as they search the Scriptures with our staff that the Book may live anew in their lives.

There is one more request which I know you will honor. Because this is a "closed" Bible Conference, because our camp will be full to overflowing and the program is carefully planned around selected delegates, we are asking that no one visit the camp at any time during the conference. I know it may be a temptation for some of you who live close to Glacier View Camp to want to drive up for the Sabbath. Please honor our request and remain in your own church and home, but please remember us in your prayers. Next summer, the Lord willing, we will have an "open" Bible Camp for all teen and college youth who wish to attend.

PAUL M. DE BOOY, *Central Union MV Secretary*