Vacation Bible School-

Two Weeks in Building

E. E. HAGEN, Sabbath School Secretary, Central Union Conference

We would hardly expect to build a commodious house from foundation to completed structure in two weeks. Yet with an adequate experienced crew of skilled experts, a home could be built, painted, and made ready for occupancy in this period. Records reveal that spectacular things have been accomplished in the world of house building when a group of cooperative and understanding artisans set their will to build!

Each year, June through August, during the peak of vacation planning, men and women of the church, working understandingly and efficiently, build a spiritual program called "Vacation Bible School." All this is being done for boys and girls of the church and community, Much more than we can imagine is accomplished in these schools. In VBS the hearts of boys and girls are being prepared for present and future spiritual growth. We must never forget that the holding of a Vacation Bible School is a work of character building.

The conducting of an efficient Vacation Bible School program demands dedication on the part of leadership and instructional personnel. It requires many hours of consecrated spiritual effort from dedicated Sabbath school members. This commitment of time by devoted adult men and women, and select youth is a necessity if the VBS is to succeed. Daily instruction given to captivated children over a two-week period can be the means of implanting eternal Bible truths into their young hearts that will be felt through eternal ages. Character is being built by truths that come from God's blessed book!

A well-operated Vacation Bible School is packed with Bible-centered, character-building instruction. It is also to have interest-absorbing and captivating crafts. It will have captivating stories that hold junior, primary, and kindergarten children with fascination. These stories are to be heard every day in Vacation Bible School and must be told well if they are to hold the interest of children both in and outside the church. If the pastor is the "continued-story" teller, the attending children will learn to respect,



Mrs. Ruth Rickey, instructor in crafts in the Wichito, Kansas, Vacation Bible School, points out to two of the juniors the technique of making their colored plaques look more realistic. It is crafts such as these that help to copture the attention and interest of boys and girls.

admire, and love him. By good story telling he gets closest to the children. The instructors in crafts and Bible-centered lessons are to gain an equal hold on the children. The love, respect, and admiration VBS personnel seek from the children are not won in one day; but we should expect that by the time the child has been in the Vacation Bible School for two or three days, he usually has been won over. It is from this time on to the close of the two-week VBS that the best work can be done for the boy or girl. It is during these last seven days of VBS programing that eternal values can be planted most effectively in the fruit-bearing soil of the child's heart.

What should be said concerning the plan of holding a VBS for a shorter period than two weeks? Perhaps we should say a short school is better than no school at all, but in the paragraph above we have stated that the last seven days of VBS programing are the most effective days of the school. Therefore, a short-term school loses a great deal of its effectiveness. A two-week VBS represents only ten days of actual child contact. The first three days can be looked upon as "introductory" days; and if the school is of only five-day duration, we greatly shortchange ourselves in doing the most for the children. We begin planning for the closing exercises before we



These are children attending Vacation Bible School in Shiprock, New Mexico. Even in remote areas such as Shiprock, excellent VBS's can be held. Navajo Indian boys and girls helped to swell the total in this school. There were no buildings available in which to hold this VBS. It was held under the trees and the children sat on the ground!

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Sunset Calendar

	May 13	May 20
Denver, Colorado	7:06	7:13
Grand Junction, Colo,	7:18	7:24
Topeka, Kansas	7:27	7:33
Kansas City, Missouri	7:22	7:28
St. Louis, Missouri	7:05	7:11
Lincoln, Nebraska	7:36	7:42
Casper, Wyoming	7:26	7:33

Union College

Vesper Record

The student body of Union College participated in a mass two-hour recording session to produce a stereo record of Union's Friday night vesper singing, April 15.

Included in the album, labeled "Clock Tower Vespers," are such favorites as "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "When Peace Like a River," "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," and the Union College "Vesper Hymn." A vocal solo by Herman Harp and a violin solo by Cheryl Cibbs are also featured with the congregational singing.

The vesper singing was conducted by Bob Bird, senior ministerial student and former MV choir director. Dave Kinsey and Don Duncan, the students who supervised the taping, are award-winning technicians with several years of professional experience in radio and TV.

The pressings are being made by California Research, a company noted for its consistent quality, according to MV sponsor, C. M. Maxwell.

"The whole recording," commented Elder Maxwell, "is simply beautiful, and in some parts, very moving. It indeed sounds like a huge choir."

Those who desire some Sabbath listening are invited to order a personal copy. Write to CLOCK TOWER VESPERS. Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, and enclose \$3.98 plus \$.25 for postage and packaging, for each record desired.

Alumni Week End

A total of 12 scheduled programs and activities kept Union College Alumni and students busy the week end of April 28-May 1. Approximately 300 guests attended as the classes of 1916 and 1941 were honored.

The annual home-coming banquet,

Thursday evening, began the activities for the week end. At the banquet six members of the alumni association were voted to honor positions. Those honored were Dr. E. N. Dick, Mrs. George Stacey. Miss Mertie Wheeler, Elder N. W. Dunn, Dr. Charles Plumb, and Dr. Carl Martin-

Friday morning a total of 172 students 44 seniors, 54 juniors, 36 sophomores, and 48 freshmen-were recognized for maintaining a "B" average. Several scholarships and awards were given. During noon the Golden Club had its annual meeting for all graduates of at least 50 years ago.

A special consecration service for sophomore nursing students was held Friday evening at 6:45. Seventeen prospective nurses were presented.

Following the capping, came the traditional hanging of the golden cords. Twenty-one cords were hung for all alumni who have become overseas workers in the past year. Boyd E. Olson, '39. was the main speaker.

Sabbath school was in charge of the class of '41. Elder Jesse Dittberner, '41. president of the Northern Union Conference, spoke at the church services. A sacred concert in the afternoon featured several campus groups. For vespers that evening, the speaker was Elder James 1. Aitken, '41, president of the South American Division.

After a short business meeting Saturday evening in which new officers were elected, a secular concert by the Concert Winds concluded the day's activities. Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. the ground breaking for the new men's high rise dormitory was held. Dean Peterson, Mayor of Lincoln, was the featured speaker.

Voice of Prophecy Sermons

May 15: Stories of Christ's Return No. 1 May 22: Stories of Christ's Return No. 2

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have really learned to know the children.

The shortening of VBS time is to be discouraged. We believe there are many good and sound reasons why a successful VBS requires at least two weeks time. Here are a few of these reasons.

- A VBS of shorter duration than two weeks does not give instructional personnel adequate time to become personally acquainted with the boys and girls attending the school.
- 2. The pastor, if personally involved in telling of a gripping continued story, needs more than a week's time to learn the needs of the attending boys and girls. It takes the first two or three days of the VBS for the storyteller to wedge his way into their hearts.
- 3. A Vacation Bible School shorter than two weeks is faced with the dilemma of knowing how to plan for the final night's program. They hardly have time to get the children prepared for presentation of a good program.
- 4. Not until the second week of VBS can the children be properly prepared for their parts in the closing night's program to which parents and friends of VBS children are invited.
- 5. If a VBS is held for a shorter than a two-week period, the boys and girls are forced to leave their instructors (the builders) before they have assimilated much from them. They are gone from the school before they have adjusted themselves freely in the teacher's presence.
- 6. The best learning days are between the first and the last of VBS. In a five-day school, there are only three best learning days. In a two-week school there are eight valuable learning days!
- There is too much value in a twoweek school to settle for a school of lesser duration.

Speaking of Books

Jewish Girl's Struggle for Adventism Told in New Book

Emilie felt radiantly happy as she emerged from the water. For her, Judaism held no more meaning. She was now a baptized Christian, a Seventh-day Adventist. But back home in Salonika's Jewish quarter, the words "baptism" and "Christianity" grated harshly against the will of her family.

MCC Training Makes the Difference

M. V. CAMPBELL, Chairman

National Service Organization Committee

Over the past 12 years I have had opportunity to meet Adventist young men in uniform serving their country overseas. I have visited some who were at the time entirely isolated from others of our faith but always hoping that soon, among replacements coming in, other Adventists would arrive.

At other locations there would be rather a large number of Adventist young men, and usually they had arrangements for Sabbath services when at least they would study the Sabbath school lesson together and read an article or two from the Review and Herald or the Youth's Instructor. More often than one would expect, there were young men who were willing to try their hand at preaching or giving Bible studies to the others.

On several occasions I have attended the annual Adventist Servicemen's Retreat at Berchtesgaden, Germany, where large numbers of our servicemen come together for Bible study, prayer, and recreation. It is natural that on these occasions the value of Medical Cadet training is one of the topics of conversation. It was my observation that of the men who remained loyal to their faith and who experienced greater fervency in their devotion to God and to the denomination, a large percentage had taken Medical Cadet training before induction. Almost none of the men I visited who once had been Adventists, or who were sons of Adventists, and had given up their faith while in military service had taken any Medical Cadet instruction.

Several of our servicemen told me that few testing experiences had come to them in service of which they had not, while Medical Cadets, been warned beforehand and given instruction which helped greatly in meeting the situations.

With our nation again in armed conflict, it is particularly important for all of our young men of induction age to receive training at Camp Doss, Grand Ledge, Michigan (the National Medical Cadet Corps Training Camp) which will be in operation May 31 to June 12. This is an opportunity which should not be neglected by men of induction age.

Her mother wrung her hands and wept angrily, "I'd rather die than have my daughter be a Christian."

Her brother laid a gun before her. "You see this revolver? It is for all Adventists. I am not afraid to go to prison."

Emilie's father kicked her and screamed "Get out of my house!"

Her cousin came to warn her. "Emilie, they have decided to tie you with a rope to keep you from visiting your Adventist friends."

The whole story of Emilie's long and bitter struggle on behalf of Christianity is presented in As the Stars Forever, a new book from Pacific Press. Written by Hazel McElhaney Greer, this book carries a stirring story of personal courage in the face of humiliation, persecution, and even imprisonment. It reveals diligent devotion to principle, tells of self-less missionaries, shifts in scene from Salonika to Trieste, then back to Salonika and Athens, and all the while builds to a startling climax reached in the final pages.

But underlying the intrigue and conflict of As the Stars Forever is the basic purity of Emilie's Christian spirit. Somewhere between the book's cover lies answers to the old questions that often loom so big in Christian discussion, questions about theater-going, regular church attendance, Christian association, tithe-paying, etc. Though the reader can't pinpoint the paragraph or page with the answers, Emilie's story helps to quietly resolve the questions in his mind.

As the Stars Forever, one of the paperback "Destiny" series, sells for \$1.50 at your book and Bible house or can be ordered through your church missionary secretary.

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Porter Memorial



CHECK FOR DEVELOPMENT FUND Dr. W. Jacque Yost, left, director of the Marathon Oil Company's Denver Research Center, presents Olof T. Moline, administrator of Porter Memorial Hospital, with a \$1,000 check for the hospital's development fund.

A. W. Vandeman, Director Public Relations for Development

Missouri

Missouri Pathfinder Camporee

Approximately 300 Missouri Pathfinders and staff assembled at Camp Heritage for their annual Camporee from April 21-24. All came prepared to pitch their own tents and prepare their own as they had been trained to do in their Pathfinder Clubs.

On Friday some trial run-offs were held for certain events and then everyone prepared for the major inspection of the camporee. It was amazing the initiative and originality that was used in dressing up some of the camp sites.

Sabbath was a high day with the

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Sabbath sermon presented by Elder Paul De Booy, Central Union Pathfinder Leader. His message on Israel's crossing of the Red Sea stirred the hearts of all present.

Sunday found anticipation running high as the Pathfinders made preparations to participate in the drill team event, which was won by the Bourbon Pathfinder Club as pictured. Other contests were fire-building, balloon burst, pancake frying contest, knot tying race, 100-yard sprint, soft-ball throw, chinning, push-ups, and finally the wood-cutting contest.

Pictured is the grand-prize winning club of Columbia, Missouri. This group received a medallion of honor in recognition of its fine performance. It is being held by the Pathfinder director, Mr. Spivey. Trophy cups were awarded for the winners of each event, three of which are being held by various members of the Columbia Pathfinders. Even though everyone could not receive an award a most wonderful, Christian, sportsman-like spirit was manifested by one and all.

D. E. WRIGHT





Left: Drill team winners at the Missouri Conference Camp Out were the Bourbon Pathfinders, Right: Grand Prize winners at the camp out were the pathfinders from Columbia.

Wyoming

Membership Honor Roll

The following churches have made a gain in membership during the first quarter of 1966 over the first quarter of 1965.

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CHURCH	% OF GAIN
Thermopolis	100.
Rawlins	43.8
Lander	39.
Rock Springs	24.
Laramie	19.
Ten Sleep	13.
Casper	12.
Torrington	8.3
Buffalo	7.5
Cheyenne	3.7
Worland	3.7
Sundance	3.6
Snake River	1.

Branch Sabbath Schools

Very encouraging reports are coming in from at least four of our Branch Sabbath Schools throughout the conference.

The Cody Branch Sabbath School has been going only a short time but the attendance runs between 25 and 30.

The Gillette Sabbath School is a joint project between the Sheridan-Buffalo district and the Newcastle district. Several non-church members are attending this Branch Sabbath School and the prospects look good.

If the Wheatland Branch Sabbath School continues to grow, there is a good possibility that once again we will have a strong Seventh-day Adventist Church in this lovely little town. Their attendance is running from 15 to 20 each Sabbath with a number of non-SDA's present.

The Hulett Branch Sabbath School, which is being sponsored by the Sundance church, is having around 15 in attendance each Sabbath. Quite a few of these are also non-church members.

How wonderful it would be if every church in the conference would sponsor a Branch Sabbath School. This could be a tremendous soul-winning agency throughout the conference.

News Items

✓ The evangelistic effort at Sheridan is still going strong. A very large number of non-Seventh-day Adventists attend regularly. Let us continue to remember this effort in our prayers. ✓ Brother Ben George and Brother Josef Greig report that even though their attendance is not large yet about 50% of those attending services are non-church members. Big Piney is not a large town, therefore we could not expect a large attendance. But even a few members added to the Big Piney Company would certainly be a blessing to our work in that section of the field.

✓ Plans are continuing for new church buildings in Cheyenne, Rawlins, and Riverton. The Worland people are still hoping to be able to purchase another church in their city.

The report reaches our ears that all the junior-camp-age youth at Wheatland have their camp fee in hand. Congratulations. Wheatland juniors, for your financial planning! Torrington junior youth are working diligently to raise their camp fees.

Wyoming Youth, age 9½ to 15, send your camp reservations to the conference office right away. July 3-10 is the date for the Wyoming Junior Camp, which will be the first camp to be held at our new Mills Spring Camp on Casper Mountain.

The Rock Springs church missionary secretary, Mrs. Matt Tolar, reports that the Rock Springs church, as of April 23, has made itself responsible for more than three Signs of the Times subscriptions per member. Rock Springs and Big Piney are also Double Vanguard Ingathering churches.

✓In three minutes, on Sabbath, April 23, the Ten Sleep congregation subscribed to 2.5 Signs per member, and still had more potential donors.

The Wyoming constituency, as of April 21, held first place in the North American Division, for attaining 67.6 per cent of its *Listen* magazine subscription goal. The next closest conference has 43.4 per cent of its goal, as of the same date.

Have you submitted your Signs of the Times and Listen donor list to your church missionary secretary? By the time you read this, it will be the week end of May 14. Time is running out!

Nebraska

You Can See!

Yes, you can see! You can see spiritually as well as physically, but just suppose you were deprived of your natural eye sight. Would you desire that someone



HEMINGFORD DORCAS AND WELFARE

Top: The Hemingford church Dorcas group is just beaming with satisfaction over its new Welfare Center facilities. Its "hole in the wall" has been enlarged to a very adequate situation where the work can be carried on and people can be served more adequately. Pausing in the busy program for a picture are left to right; Mrs. Merrill Wheeler, Mrs. Jack Saulsburg, Mrs. John Pederson, Mrs. Howard Wells, Mrs. Floyd Kohrman, and Mrs. Fred Krejei. Lower left: Mrs. John Pederson of Hemingford, Nebraska, has pieced 18 quilts. The Hemingford Dorcas ladies have finished 10 of these and are working on the others. Sister Pederson attends all of the Dorcas meetings. She is 79 years old, but spends hundreds of hours in service for others. Lower right: Mrs. Howard Wells, leader for the Hemingford Dorcas Society, proudly displays how the clothing is stored ready for use in their new Welfare Center.

would care enough to assist you in finding your spiritual eye sight?

On Sabbath, May 21, a special offering will be taken in all our churches for the Christian Record Braille Foundation which prints the only Seventh-day Adventist literature for the blind to be found. This organization does a large work in general literature for all blind, but it serves in a unique capacity in preparing our testing truths in Braille or on sound tapes to help this group. The general work is supported by generous contributions from many people who are interested in assisting others.

But the only source of funds for the preparation of our distinctive truths is through the offering taken once each two years from our people. Recently at a board meeting we were informed that they had had to cease preparation of truth-filled materials for some 3,600 sightless people because the funds were depleted. Will you not dig just a little deeper for the five dollar, ten dollar, or even twenty dollar bill, or else write a larger check, that those who do not have physical sight may have spiritual sight. Give liberally on Sabbath, May 21, F. O. SANDERS



An accumulation of 380 feet of 4, 6, and 8 foot bandages were knit by the Southwestern Dorcas Federation. Shown displaying the bandages are Mrs. Gerald Meyers, Mrs. Allen Meyers, Mrs. Ron Christiansen, and Mrs. Henry Yost.

Bandages for Lepers

For over a year members of our Dorcas Societies have been using all the spare time possible to knit bandages for the lepers. When the notice of the Southwestern Dorcas Federation was sent out. the Federation president, Mrs. Gerald Meyers, also requested that the completed bandages be brought in. A total of 380 feet of 4, 6, and 8 foot bandages have been knit by the Southwestern Dorcas Federation members. Mrs. Agnes Kennedy of the McCook Society had knit 226 foot of bandages. Since this is a very time consuming work, it is easy to see that Mrs. Kennedy has put in hundreds of hours at this work.

ELDER O. L. MCLEAN

"Operation March" Yields Bible Studies

Assistant pastor, Edwin Eisele, heads one of the Bible studies that grew out of the laymen's visitation probe, "Operation



Left to right: Mildred Stice, Marilyn Christensen, Lynn Eisele, Anna Mae Stice, Cacil Stice, and Pastor Eisele participating in a recent Bible study discussion using the "My Bible Says" procedure.

March," launched March 5 in the Omalia Seventh-day Adventist Church. Contributing to the weekly studies are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil O. Stice and daughter, Anna Mae, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Christensen. The home where the study is given rotates weekly among the three families participating in it.

The Stice family attended Pastor Elden Walter's "Word of Life Crusade" last summer that was conducted at the new Omaha Adventist church. Jim Christensen, assistant church missionary leader, currently heads Bible studies in the home of Mr. Robert Scott, with six contributing to that study.

Presently, the laymen and pastors are presenting seven Bible studies weekly, with nearly 30 in attendance. Three of these studies are the direct result of the laymen's visitation probe, "Operation March." Other studies are being initiated weekly, averaging nearly one new study each week.

EDWIN EISELE

Hastings Plans Complete Coverage

Members of the churches of the Hastings district are in the process of placing the 20th Century Bible Correspondence cards in the homes. They are also giving a special invitation to enroll, and listen to the "Message of Hope" program by Pastor J. C. Zollbrecht, district pastor, on KICS Radio, Hastings.

Eventually we hope to have the area covered, and with our prayers see new members in our churches who with us will be watching and waiting for our Lord's return.

FREENA VOLKMER

Kearney carries FAITH for TODAY

KOHL — Channel 13 Sunday — 2:00 p.m. Invite your friends

to view with you!

"Signs" Can Satisfy

When one considers the rich blessings that are received every day, he like David exclaims "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?"-Ps. 116:12. But is it possible to pay the Lord back for His goodness? On the other hand, a person should consecrate himself to God daily. We can set aside a liberal amount for sharing our hope with others through the Signs. It makes no difference how much he has to say in church, if he is silent outside the church. If a person is not willing to work for souls in some way, he is empty in comparison to the fullness that the Lord intends for him. Our Lord will see to it that even the work, or the help we give to others, in gratitude for His blessings can be enriching and satisfying.

The Signs of the Times will meet the needs of so many who really want to know. It will prove a blessing to them when they can find that there is still something solid and dependable in our day.

See your church missionary secretary and give her your list of Signs subscriptions just as soon as possible. Time is growing short on the Signs crusade.

> O. L. McLean, Home Missionary Secretary



It isn't everyone that receives the bound copy of the "Signs" as a gift. Ray Hixson (left), of the Pacific Press, presented the volume to Elder F. O. Sanders, Nebraska Conference President (right), at the Nebraska "Signs" workshop held in Grand Island.

Central States

Grand Opening At Northside

"And what is faith? Faith gives substance to our hopes, and makes us certain of realities we do not see."—Hebrews 11:1 (N.E.B.)

Through faith the members of the Northside SDA Church were made certain of the realities they did not see before Sabbath, April 2, 1966. The beautiful white ribbon was cut by Elder W. W. Fordham, and then the ministers, members, and guests marched into the auditorium singing, "To God Be the Glory." It hardly seemed possible that in less than two years, the congregation without a church of its own had realized its dream and gone into its own church home. Only through the grace of God, much prayer, and much more work could such a thing be possible.

Among those present as well wishers for the grand opening were Senator T. D. McNeal; Mr. L. Hubbard, the contractor; Elder R. H. Nightingale, president of the Central Union Conference; Elder W. W. Fordham, president of the Central States Conference; and J. E. Merideth, secretary-treasurer of the Central States Conference. Also present were two former members, Sister Beatrice Hampton, a Bible worker, now with the Lake Region Conference, and Sister Eileen Nelson, now teaching at Pine Forge Institute in Pennsylvania.

Elder Nightingale was the speaker for the 11 o'clock service. His sermon dealt with the fact that no matter what goes on in this world, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple." During the morning service, the newly robed choir sang, "A Dream of Heaven," a composition of the choir director, John Elmore.

The afternoon meeting was in the form of a Human Relations Seminar, during which the progress of race relations in the Adventist Church was discussed.

The week following the grand opening service, a week of evangelistic-revival meetings was conducted. Elder E. E. Cleveland of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference was the guest speaker. It was largely through his evangelistic preaching in St. Louis two years ago that the Northside congregation was greatly increased. Ten souls joined the church at the close of the week.

WILMA KIRK, Church Press Secretary



New Haven Church Seeks Bible Students

In a direct effort to involve the Sabbath school members in the Lord's work, Superintendent Bob Brown led a group of seven adults and eight youth to Spring Hill, Kansas, on April 18 to survey that small town for possible Bible study interests.

In one hour, 99 persons were interviewed to learn if they had a Bible in their homes; had ever heard the Voice of Prophecy broadcast; had ever read the Bible from cover to cover; and if they would like to receive a free Bible study course.

Out of the 99 interviewed, 33 indicated a desire to participate in the Bible study



Left: Newly completed Northside SDA church, St. Louis, Missouri. Right: Pastor H. C. Brewer officially "opens" the church as Elder Clarence Hodges, J. E. Merideth, W. W. Fordham, and R. H. Nightingale extend a smiling welcome to waiting congregation.



INVESTITURE AT SHAFFER
Pictured are the seven students of the
Shaffer church school with their teacher,
Mrs. Marie Johnson, and Elder K. W.
Hutchins, MV secretary, at the Investiture Service held on April 15.

plan. In addition to the Bible studies some will receive free *Signs* subscriptions from the Sabbath school member who interviewed them.

Carried to its ultimate fruition, this program is expected to result in the establishment of a Branch Sabbath School.

ED ARMBRUSTER, Church Press Secretary

Evangelism in Great Bend

Among those baptized the last quarter of 1965 in the Great Bend district were Mrs. Martha Oetkins, who united with the Nekoma church; Mrs. Cleora Parker and Mr. Lytle Huling who united with the Great Bend church.

Mrs. Oetkins has attended the Nekoma church off and on for several years by invitation of the members of the Nekoma church. She became quite interested in the Health and Welfare activities and attended several of the Sunflower Federation meetings. From time to time she attended evangelistic meetings, and this past year made her decision to join the church.

Mr. Huling made his first contact with Seventh-day Adventists in California. In his search for the truth of God's Word he visited a number of churches after moving back to the Midwest. Two years ago while visiting relatives in Tempe, Arizona, he suffered a severe heart attack and was admitted to the Seventhday Adventist operated hospital in that city. Elder L. L. McKinley, chaplain of the hospital, devoted much of his time presenting the message to the soul-hungry patient. The interest was passed on to the district pastor after Mr. Huling returned to his home in Larned, Kansas. He responded to the invitation of the





Left: Left to right, Harold Cook, first elder of the Great Bend church; Lytle Huling; Mrs. Martha Oetkins; Harley Seltmann, first elder of the Nekoma church; and Elder C. R. Johnson. Right: Left to right, Mrs. Cleara Parker and her three children who attended the Vacation Bible School; Elder C. R. Johnson; Mrs. Lucille Watts, VBS teacher; and her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Barker.

pastor to attend the church services in Great Bend, and has continued ever since.

Mrs. Cleora Parker was baptized into the Christian church at the age of 14. Since that time she has had several unpleasant experiences, which caused her to do some soul searching. During this period in her life she came in contact with Mrs. Marie Johnson, the pastor's wife, while working in the Central Kansas Medical Center. They became fast friends. By invitation she sent her two older boys to the daily Vacation Bible School, and at the end of the week she attended the closing exercises along with her mother and sister. Shortly thereafter she began attending Sabbath school and church regularly with her little family. Mrs. Johnson enrolled Mrs. Parker in the Faith for Today Bible course. It was during the evangelistic meetings held in the Airatorium in Great Bend that she accepted the Advent message. Since her baptism Mrs. Parker has been very ardent in witnessing to her family. She has enrolled her mother and younger sister in the 20th Century Bible course. and the writer has also begun a series of Bible studies in their home. Mrs. Parker was also numbered among several of our newer members who recently completed the Laymen's Training Course conducted in the Great Bend church.

C. R. JOHNSON, Pastor

News Briefs

Mrs. Al Barlow, Investment secretary for the Abilene Sabbath school, reports that they are having a wonderful Sabbath school Investment year, On April 19 a garage and bake sale was conducted by the Sabbath school to add to their evergrowing Investment fund. Mrs. Barlow announces they have achieved one-half of their set goal for 1966.

Mission, Kansas, a Seventh-day Adventist operated institution, recently opened a new 70-bed wing. This makes a total of 135 beds available for patients in that vicinity.

The Evaluation Committee appointed by the Board of Regents Department of Education spent April 17-20 at Enterprise Academy.

The Larned company reports that since the first of the year they have made shipments of clothing to Farmington,

New Mexico, for the La Vida Mission, and also to Monument Valley Mission. Medicine Hat, Utah. Total shipments amounted to 708 pounds. Included with these shipments were 13 large comforters and 10 small papoose blankets for the Indian babies. A nonmember who is helping with the Dorcas projects in the Larned company, is also attending Sabbath school.

Howard Marshall, home missionary secretary of the Abilene church, reports a unique missionary project. The book Your Bible and You is mailed to newlyweds and new parents in the community as a gift from the Seventh-day Adventist church and Sabbath school. Nearly 50 books have been sent since the beginning of the year. A card file is being kept of the names receiving the books for later follow-up.

✓ Elder W. Melvin Adams spoke to the Wichita churches on Sabbath morning. April 16. He related his experiences in lobbying in the United States Congress during the repeal of Section 14-B. In the afternoon of that day there was a discussion clinic when information was presented on "Seventh-day Adventists' relationship to labor unions."

Enterprise Academy Alumni Week End

On the week end of April 23 alumni of Enterprise Academy from far and near returned to their campus on the plains of Kansas to greet old friends and become reacquainted with old classmates.

Friday evening Elder Herman Guy



These missionaries were in attendance at the Alumni week end at Enterprise Academy. Left to right: Elder and Mrs. Herman Guy and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Peckham and children.

(1948) now president of the Peru Mission was the speaker.

The Sabbath school superintendent was Fred Chrispens (1928) and the Sabbath school lesson was taught by Elder L. G. Barker, former principal.

Elder Ellsworth Reile (1945) present director of Youth Activities in the Southern Union, spoke at the morning church services. MV Sabbath afternoon was high lighted with stories and experiences from Elder and Mrs. Guy, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Peckham, comptroller of Seventhday Adventist Hospitals, Hong Kong, Mr. Peckham was a former accountant of Enterprise Academy. John Felkel (1963), Union College's Student Missionary to Taiwan, expressed the hopes and desires that he will have as he tastes mission life this summer.

In the evening at a business meeting Lewis Brand (1950), a pastor in the Indiana Conference, was re-elected Alumni president and Mrs. Margaret Seltmann (1935) was elected assistant treasurer.

Many of the alumni commented on how good it was to return to Enterprise and renew old friendships. Many wished that others had come.

Believe it or not, plans are already being made for next year's Alumni week end which will be held April 23. We hope you will be making plans to come.

Remember, although faces and buildings have changed on the academy campus, the same Christian spirit prevails.

Colorado

Pastors for Denver South Church

Elder C. L. Duffield and wife, Elsie, of Long Beach, California, have recently replaced Elder O. F. Locke as pastor of



Elder C. L. Duffield

the Denver South church. Elder Duffield graduated from Union College in 1942 and entered the work in Minnesota as a pastorevangelist. He served a number of churches in the East Pennsylvania Conference from 1945-1954

where he was a pastor, but consistently spent more time in evangelism. In 1954-1958 Elder Duffield worked in Ohio; mainly in the larger cities as an evangelist. He served as a pastor-evangelist in Southern California Conference from 1958-1966 of which four years were spent as pastor of the Long Beach church. During the latter part of his stay in California, Elder Duffield spent his time exclusively in evangelism.

His wife, Elsie, is a wholehearted supporter and active worker with her husband.

Elder G. L. Henderson, his wife, Phyllis, and children; Paulette and Gregory have moved to Denver from Long Beach, California, also. Elder Henderson is the associate pastor of the Denver South church and his wife is a secretary at the conference office.

Elder Henderson graduated from Walla Walla College in 1956 and interned in the Washington Conference. In 1957 he accepted a call to the Texico Conference where he worked as a singing evangelist. During the next few years the Hendersons worked in various evangelistic meetings in Arizona, Southeastern California, Michigan, and Southern California Conferences. Elder Henderson was ordained in 1960 while working in Southeastern California Conference.



SAN LUIS VALLEY DISTRICT NEWS

Patrons of the Monte Vista Carnegie Public Library will now have access to valuable historical and inspirational books of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. Pictured here is Elder Brent Border, pastor of the San Luis Valley District Churches, as he presents to the Monte Vista Librarian, Mrs. Lois Stewein, the twenty-two denominational volumes. The gift was made on behalf of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Some of those included in the gift are Desire of Ages, Ministry of Healing, Education and The Great Controversy, by Ellen G. White. Others presented were: The Midnight Cry, Questions on Doctrine and the four-volume set: Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers.

Ida Metz, Church Press Secretary



Paulette, Phyllis, Gregory, and Elder G. L. Henderson.

The members of the Denver South church and the Colorado Conference wish to welcome the Duffields and Hendersons! We are looking forward to some wonderful soul-saving work in the near future. All Denver area pastors are working with the Voice of Prophecy Crusade at the present time. At the conclusion of this series, Elders Duffield and Henderson state it is their desire to emphasize evangelism for the Denver South church!

D. S. WALLACK, Public Relations

Farewell

For over 13 years home missionary and Sabbath school secretary for the Colorado Conference, Elder Ben J. Lie-



Elder B. J. Liebelt

belt has accepted a call to the Southern Union Conference and will take up his new duties shortly after May 1.

Elder Liebelt graduated from Union College in 1945 and worked in North Dakota as a student intern a part of

two summers. After graduation he entered the pastoral work in the Kansas Conference. In 1951 he was called to the Colorado Conference and served as pastor of the Greelev church until 1952, at which time he was called to be conference secretary in the Home Missionary, Sabbath School, Radio-TV, and Temperance departments. During the 13 years that Elder Liebelt has served the conference, he has rejoiced to see the growth in membership from around 5,600 to approximately 9,000 members. During this same period of time, he has seen the Ingathering grow from an annual sum of about \$53,000 to \$118,000 in 1966. Elder Liebelt states he has been thrilled to be a part of the work in Colorado where medical, educational, and all lines of work have grown so consistently

He has watched Vacation Bible Schools grow from 1 to a high number of 55; Branch Sabbath Schools from approximately 6 to 48. Elder Liebelt states that he has been greatly blessed over the growth of the summer camp for underprivileged children. This has been jointly directed by Elder Ted Graves and Elder Liebelt. It was begun in 1961, after much consultation with the State Department of Child Welfare, and has been so successful that a special Welfare Department Award was given the Colorado Conference in 1965 for this outstanding contribution to the needs of underprivileged children in Colorado.

Elder Liebelt asked that his appreciation be extended to the office staff of the Colorado Conference, as well as to the many pastors and lay people throughout the conference, who have helped the Lord's work grow so wonderfully during these years of Elder Liebelt's leadership in these departments. The rest of us who have worked with Elder Liebelt through the years, will be happy to agree with Elder Jack Everett, Greeley pastor, who says, "the best thing about Ben is that he never lost his enthusiasm for the work he was doing even though he remained in the same position for thirteen and a half years."

In the Southern Union Conference, Elder Liebelt will head up the Sabbath School, Religious Liberty and ASI departments. He and his family, who have helped the work greatly through their participation in musical activities, will be moving near the Southern Union Conference headquarters at Decatur, Georgia.

D. S. WALLACK, PR Secretary

Gunnison Company Re-Organized

Sabbath, March 5, was a thrilling day for the believers in Gunnison, Colorado. The number of Seventh-day Adventists there had increased to the point where it was again possible to organize into a company. Brother Don Morford became leader of the group and Sister Myrtle Bobst was chosen as Sabbath school superintendent.

Services are held each Sabbath morning in the Keith Barnes residence where an adequate room is furnished for the purpose. The company was organized with 12 baptized members and 25 Sab-

bath school members. Evangelism is the key word in this happy new group; every meeting is an evangelistic service for adult nonmembers who are in attendance. On Sabbaths when the district Pastor can be present, preaching service is deferred until the afternoon. A guest speaker is supplied on one Sabbath each month by the missionary-minded young men of the Montrose church, under the direction of Dr. Lloyd Wenzel.

It is our prayer that enthusiastic love for the Word will continue to be the guiding influence in the lives of each person involved in this new enterprise. We hope they will soon have the joy of becoming a new church, with their own building, in the sisterhood of churches in the Colorado Conference.

LLOYD BARNES, District Pastor

Youth for Christ Spring Revival

Ten youth from the Grand Junction Seventh-day Adventist Church, members of a "Youth for Christ" team, were speakers at a 10-day Spring Revival that was held, March 25 to April 3, in the Delta Adventist church. The theme for the series was "Making Christianity Work." Steve Lambert acted as song leader. The revival was directed by Bob Leake, a teacher at Grand Junction Junior Academy.

The speakers for the 10 nights were: Trudy Carpenter, Mike Reeves, Russel Kaufholtz, Connie Phillips, Keith Ulibarri, Bonnie Lemons, Jerrel Gilkeson, Claudia Johnson, Steve Schwarz and Dave Burishk. They, along with a group of other Grand Junction young people, made the 90-mile round-trip each evening to conduct the services.

Delta and Cedaredge young people

joined them in acting as ushers and greeters, and furnishing a variety of special musical numbers. The attendance held up well. Two of the Bibles given for perfect attendance were given to people who were not members of the church.

The Delta Missionary Volunteer Society, under the direction of Mrs. Bernice Porter, sponsored a camp meeting type early morning service for their Week of Prayer, March 21-28. Services were held each morning at 6:30 o'clock at the church. Elder M. L. Ritchie, church pastor, led out in the devotionals. The average attendance for those cold mornings was around ten.

HAZEL O. AUSTIN. Church Press Secretary

San Luis Valley District News

Elder Brent Border, pastor of the San Luis Valley district churches, hosted the Alamosa Ministerial Association for its monthly meeting in March. The breakfast was served in the Fellowship Hall of the Seventh-day Adventist church and was prepared by Mrs. Border, Orange juice, creamed eggs on toast, homemadirolls and hot Breakfast Cup made up the menu. Breakfast Cup, which replaced the usual coffee served at these meetings, seemed to be appreciated by some of the brethren, for they asked for a second cup.

The members present were: John Devin, College Heights Baptist; Monsignor Francis Faistl, Catholic; L. J. Stevenson, Methodist; Edward McIncoo. First Christian; Jose Medina, Emmanuel Presbyterian; Edward Acheson, First Baptist, and the host, Brent Border, Seventh-day Adventist.

Mrs. Ida Metz, Church Press Secretary



These were the Youth for Christ speakers from the Grand Junction SDA church who spoke in the Delta church. Left to right: Trudy Carpenter, Mike Reeves, Russel Kaufholtz, Connie Phillips, Keith Ulibarri, Bonnie Lemons, Jerrel Gilkeson, Claudia Johnson, Steve Schwarz. Not shown Dave Burishk.

Cedaredge Youth

The Cedaredge young people sponsored a singspiration on March 19 at the Seventh-day Adventist church for the young people of all the Adventist churches in west Central Colorado.

As part of the program, young people from all of the churches in Cedaredge gave either vocal or instrumental numbers. They represented the Cedaredge Baptist, Methodist, Assembly of God, Eckert Presbyterian and Austin Methodist churches, Mrs. E. M. Stephens of Delta assisted by Pastor M. L. Ritchie gave the reading "The Last Hymn." There was a very good attendance of church members and visitors.

Beulah Neel, Pat Marah and Debbie Bennet planned the program and introduced the numbers. Linda Neel played the piano to accompany the congregational singing and several of the special numbers.

The Cedaredge Adventist young people have represented their church at several musical programs recently when young people from each of the churches in the community took part.

HAZEL O. AUSTIN. Church Press Secretary

)bituaries

HEINBAUGH, Elmer, was born March 5, 1903 in Wheeler county, Neb., son of John Adam Heinbaugh and Elin Anderson Heinbaugh and died Dec. 30, 1965 in the Mobridge, Community Hospital at Mobridge, S. Dak, In Nov. 1829 he was married to Margaret Folger at Rapid City. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder H. E. Preston with Elder M. L. Hale, Elder J. Meade, and Pastor Milton Erhart assisting in the services.

H. E. PRESTON

JOHNSON, Mary Ellen Zimmerman, was born Dec. 8, 1889 and passed to her rest at the Mercy Hospital, Fort Scott, Kan., on Nov. 18, 1965. On June 11, 1913 she was married to Emil Johnson and to this union 1 son, Dorris Calvin was born. Besides her son she leaves to mourn her loss, 2 brothers: August Zimmerman, Arma, Kan., and Henry Zimmerman, Arlington, Calif. Her husband died 4 years ago. Funeral service was conducted by P. W. Kemper and interment was in the Hepler Mt. Carmel cemetery.

P. W. Kemper

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HILL, Mrs. Elizabeth Penelope, Chillicothe, Mo., was born Sept. 29, 1875 near Bolivar, Mo. Her parents, George W. and Elizabeth Mc-Creary Coberly, were pioneer residents of Chillicothe. On Feb. 5, 1898, she was united in mariage to Nathan K. Hill at Kansas City, Mo. To this union were born 4 children, Hazel Gladys, deceased, Alva Lee, Dalphene Joy and Esther. She passed away March 24, 1966. She leaves to mourn her passing, a son, A. L. Hill, Santa Barbara, Calif.; 2 daughters, Mrs. D. F. Wiebe, San Bernardino, Calif., and Mrs. R. W. Bellamy, Chillicothe; 5 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted March 27, 1966 at the Norman Funeral Home in Chillicothe by Elder H. R. Funeral Home in Chillicothe by Elder H. R. Coats, assisted by the writer.

J. R. COYLE

GILWORTH, Mary Marie, was born Nov. 20, 1914, in Putnam County, Mo., and passed away Feb. 19, 1966, at Unionville, Mo. She leaves to mourn her passing, 3 sons-Lloyd and Larry Gilworth of Kansas City, Mo., and Douglas of the home, I daughter, Mrs. Wilma Hill of Des Moines, Iowa. She also leaves her husband, Dwight Gilworth, her mother, stepfather, and 4 grandchildren. Services were conducted by Elder Harold Miler at Unionville and burial was in West Liberty Cemetery. Harold Miler

West Liberty Cemetery. HAROLD MILER
TAYLOR, Caroline Henderson, was born,
Sept. 19, 1876, near Terrell, Tex., died, Feb.
21, 1966, in Albuquerque, N. Mex. On Dec. 25,
1902 she was married to John Franklin Taylor.
They moved to Clovis, N. Mex., and established
a homestead in July 1907; both taught school
in Clovis, Mrs. Taylor is survived by 2 daughters, Mrs. Martha Evelyn Gardner, Takoma Park,
Md., and Mrs. Johnie Margaret Bailey of Albuquerque, N. Mex. Also surviving are 3 grandchildren. Other survivors are 3 sisters. Officiating at private funeral services were Elder John
Hayward of Dallas, Tex., and Elder T. R.
Gardner of Takoma Park, Md. Interment was in
the Henderson Family cemetery, Terrell, Tex.

COPELAND, LeRessa Woodard, was born, May 25, 1885, in Lebanon, Ind., to Florence and Edwin Woodard. She fell asleep peacefully Sabbath evening, April 9, in Keene, Tex., where she resided in the loving care of her daughter, Mrs. Vivien Schram. Sixty years ago last Feb. 3, she married Taylor S. Copeland who, for most of his ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist church, served as an educational superintendent in several conferences: Wisconsin, Illinois, Oklahoma, Georgia, Nebraska and Michigan, She leaves to mourn her passing her beloved husband, Elder T. S. Copeland; a son, Dr. Evan L. Copeland of Gainesville, Fla.; a daughter. Mrs. Vivien Schram; 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; her sister, Mrs. C. W. Marsh of Independence, Mo.; many relatives and friends in Lebanon, and a host of friends scattered in the many conferences in which she and her husband gave devoted service in their ministry in God's cause. She awaits the Master's call on the resurrection morn in the quiet little Mounts Run Cemetery a few miles east of Lebanon, Ind., where she sleeps with many of her beloved relatives.

M. Donovan Oswald

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5,000 Blind-Deaf in the United States and Canada

There are 5,000 people in the United States and Canada who are both blind and deaf. How do you think God looks down upon them? What should Seventhday Adventists do about them?

If you have ever seen intelligent persons who cannot hear the sound of your voice or amplified sound and cannot see to read print or view pictures or observe a single thing of any nature or movement of any kind, then you must surely believe that our merciful God looks down upon every one of them in great pity.



This glove provides a way of conversing with blind-deaf persons. You spell out the words by tapping the letters.

This sad condition is the work of the devil. The Bible says, "God is love." How can a God of love permit Satan to afflict 5,000 children and adults in such a dreadful way? The Creator started the human family in the image of God. Sin has weakened the family. Various health measures and treatments have added years to the lives of citizens of some nations within the last 200 years, but there have never been as many blinddeaf people as there are now.

Helen Keller is often called the miracle human of our age. She has brought the attention of educators and parents upon individuals who are both blind and deaf.

In the USA often people with affliction equal to or surpassing that of Helen Keller have been inspired by Miss Keller's achievements to reach out and learn and

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What joy lights up the faces of these dear people when they understand and catch the heavenly rays of truth and the hope of living in a perfect world with perfect bodies! It is something to behold.

How can you reach the intelligence of these persons? They can be taught the language and number system. Many of them learn to read and write braille and also to operate a typewriter. Thus you might write in braille to them and they would type a response. A simple way to "talk" with them is to spell the words by capital letters in the palm of one of their hands. When you finish a word, gently slap their palm with yours. That ends the word. Another way is to use the "Talking Glove" if they are acquainted with it. This is a white cotton glove into which the blind-deaf person puts his hand. On the fleshy parts of each finger between the knuckles there is a letter, All letters of the alphabet are there. You tap the letters with the end of your index finger and slap his palm with yours when you complete each word. He will respond by typewriter or by shaking his head.

Quite a modern way is to use the Teletouch, a small instrument with a standard typewriter keyboard on one side and a braille cell on the other. The blinddeaf person puts his sensitive finger on the braille patch. As you strike a key, the machine activates the correct braille dots to stick up in the braille cell, and he reads your message. He answers in the same manner as when you talk to him by means of the Talking Glove.



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These people have feelings and emotions. They have terrific patience. How they appreciate every visit and every courtesy.

Look upon one of these amazing individuals and imagine his release from such a horrid prison when Christ returns! Might it be that Jesus, looking ahead, could see such releases and hear the praises from these grateful people and count the travail of His soul as worth

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> C. G. CROSS, Manager Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc.

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