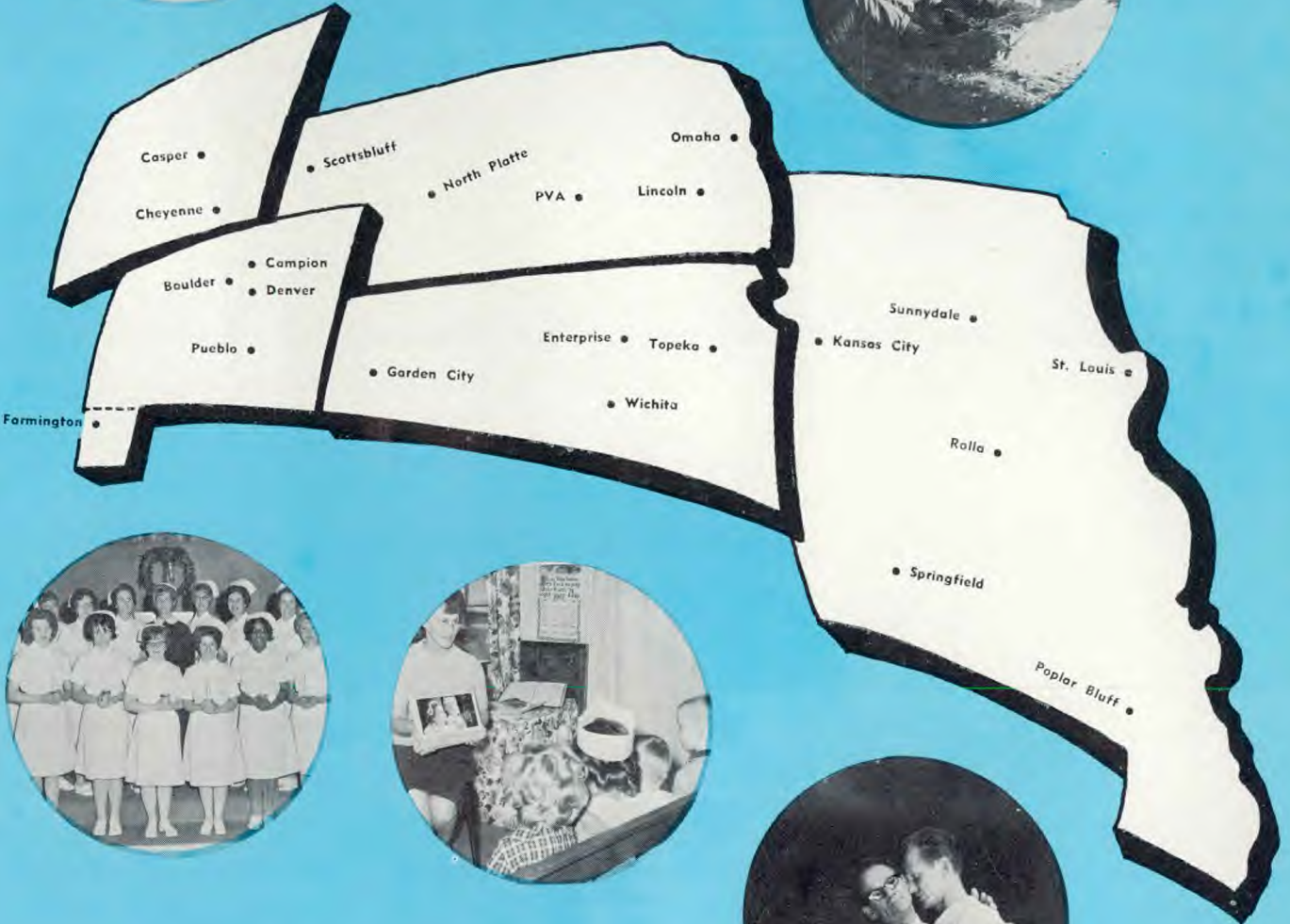


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REPORTS



Elder R. H. Nightingale, left, was re-elected to be president of the Central Union Conference and Elder R. E. Spangle, right, secretary-treasurer.

R. H. Nightingale Re-elected President

R. E. Spangle, Secretary-Treasurer

Elder R. H. Nightingale was re-elected unanimously to be the president of the Central Union Conference, March 6, 1967, by the delegates of the Nineteenth Session of the Central Union Conference. This meeting was held in the Little Theater in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri. To be associated with him, Elder R. E. Spangle was re-elected to be secretary-treasurer. Filling the other departments of the union for the next quadrennium will be Elder E. L. Moore, auditor; Elder E. E. Hagen, lay activities and Sabbath school; Elder L. G. Barker, education and public relations; Elder Paul M. De Booy, MV and temperance; Elder J. F. Kent, publishing; Elder B. Y. Baughman, church development; and W. J. Griffin, Central Credit Association and Associate publishing.

Sunday night, March 5, 1967, the walls of the Little Theater seemed to burst as the voices of those present were led in singing by Elder O. L. McLean, lay activities secretary of the Nebraska Conference. After the opening of the business of the quadrennial session, Elder Nightingale gave

his report for the four-year period. His report and the others presented at the session are printed in this copy of the REAPER for your privilege of reading of the progress made possible by you, the members in each conference.

Several ministers from the General Conference in attendance at the meetings were R. H. Pierson, president, General Conference; Neal C. Wilson, vice-president for North America; D. W. Hunter, associate secretary, General Conference; K. H. Emmerson, treasurer, General Conference; and W. W. Fordham, North American Regional department. Also present were W. R. Wollard and A. R. Mazat from the Pacific Press, and R. J. Christian from the Southern Publishing Association. W. C. Hatch from the Southeastern California Conference was present to present the involvement of the laymen in Gift Bible evangelism for the Evangelistic Council.

Elder Pierson brought the first morning devotional talk Monday, March 6. He challenged us with this thought—the Spirit of Christ in our lives. He stressed (1) The spirit of compassion and tenderness. (2) The spirit of forgive-

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Secretary-Treasurer



E. L. Moore
Auditor

NINETEENTH CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE SESSION of Seventh-day Adventists

March 5-6, 1967
Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Missouri

R. H. Nightingale, President
R. E. Spangle, Secretary-Treasurer
E. L. Moore, Auditor

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This meeting begins the Nineteenth Session of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It is a real privilege and pleasure to extend greetings to all delegates from the Central Union territory and welcome you to this important gathering of God's people. We also welcome the delegates from the General Conference who have come to review the progress of the work in this part of the Lord's vineyard and help conduct the business of this session.

We need to be reminded at the very outset that we are a part of a great world-wide movement that has been commissioned to take the everlasting gospel to all the earth. In fact, the union conference organization is a part

added through baptism and profession of faith since this reorganization, thus giving a total for the first time of over 6,000 for any quadrennial period. The average is better than 1,500 a year during the last four years, a gain over the preceding quadrennium of 642. Our net gain for the past four years is 1,948 bringing the membership to 27,081.

1963-1966	1959-1962	1955-1958
6,070	5,427	4,936

Retirement

In 1964 B. L. Schlotthauer, who had faithfully and efficiently carried on the work as secretary-treasurer of this union, retired after more than 40 years of denominational service. Perhaps I should tell you that in 1965 Miss Angie Mahurin, secretary to seven union conference presidents, served for more than 37 years in the Central Union Office. She retired in March of 1966, and shortly thereafter she and Ben Schlotthauer were united in marriage. We are pleased to have them as our guests at this session. We honor them for their lives of service and dedication to the Central Union Conference and the work of God.

Changes

The Central Union Conference Committee chose R. E. Spangle, who had been serving our union conference as auditor, to become secretary-treasurer. He will bring you a financial report, not only of the tithes and offerings, but of the operation of the conference and the association. E. L. Moore, treasurer of the Missouri Conference, was asked to serve as auditor.

Financial

Another evidence of God's blessing on the work in the Central Union has been manifest in a financial way. The membership of our churches have responded liberally to support the work of God with their tithes and mission offerings.

Our members believe in the world-wide mission program. The Sabbath school, Ingathering, and other mission offerings amounted to \$3,894,944.69. There were other offerings such as Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, Loma Linda University amounting to \$328,602.28.

The tithe during the period under consideration was \$13,812,570.90. This with the above gives a total of \$18,036,117.87, a gain of \$3,416,096.29 for the four years. Add to this the funds for local missionary work, church building, schools, etc., another \$8,171,250.84 and you have the grand total of \$26,207,368.71.

Surely God has honored His promises, and Malachi 3:10 has been fulfilled! The windows of heaven have been opened and the blessing of God has been poured out not only materially but also spiritually.

Departments

Here are a few high lights from the departments:

W. A. Howe was called to the General Conference Educational Department and L. G. Barker was asked to be the educational secretary for the union conference. He is an experienced man who has served three academies as principal and was serving as educational secretary of the Colorado Conference when called to his present work. In his report he will tell you of the building projects and improvements at our six academies. There has been an ap-

Central Union

Progress Report

R. H. Nightingale, President

of the General Conference division of territory. "The union conference organization is a division by the General Conference of its own territory into working groups, called union conferences. No union conference ever organized itself. The whole arrangement grows out of General Conference action. No union conference ever defines its own boundaries or reaches out and arranges its own territory. That is all an arrangement effected by the General Conference, for the union conferences are simply the divisions of General Conference territory, just as in the limits of a union conference territory the local conferences are the divisions of union conference territory, or again just as the local churches in a local conference are the divisions of a local conference territory. The point that I want to make clear is that in bringing into existence these union conference territories, they did not spring into existence by themselves, and of themselves, but it was a division of the whole territory by the General Conference into union conference units."—J. L. McElhaney.

Now it is fitting and proper that every four years we come together in an official capacity to see how we are getting along. Our constitution states, "The object of this conference is to teach the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

So we come as your delegated leaders to give reports, give an account of our stewardship, and transact such business as is necessary to be conducted at the Central Union Conference Session. As we review the past four years and see what God hath wrought, I believe you will join me in saying with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof; we are glad." (Psalms 126:3) and, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." (Psalms 118:23)

Membership

When this union conference was reorganized in 1937, the union membership stood at 13,857. I am glad to inform you that the membership has practically doubled.

The last four years have been the best in members

proximate increase of 20 per cent in the enrollment of our academies and we have 2,505 boys and girls in our elementary schools.

Miss Joyce Morse has been added to the staff of the educational department as elementary supervisor and is meeting a real need in the educational work of our union.

Brother Barker also serves as the public relations secretary and his report states, "The objective of the department has been to educate our ministry, laity, and institutional leadership to the importance of winning community attention, understanding, and confidence."

The publishing department secretary, J. F. Kent, will give an encouraging report. After considerable study a central credit office to carry the accounts for our literature evangelists, was established with headquarters in Lincoln. W. J. Griffin was called from the Columbia Union credit office to start and manage such an office for us. Time is demonstrating the wisdom of this enterprise. Starting from a small beginning in 1963, this office did \$538,988.12 worth of business last year which is a \$203,763.93 increase over the year before.

The total volume of sales for our literature evangelists totaled \$1,891,412.77 for the past four years as compared with \$1,519,519.84 for the years 1958-1962, a gain of \$371,892.93. We believe with the wonderful plan of leadership developed in our union in conjunction with the Pacific Press we should have continued growth. Either this year or next our faithful literature evangelists should deliver a million dollars worth of our truth-filled literature.

Next we call your attention to the department of lay activities and Sabbath school, carried by E. E. Hagen. His report will reveal that \$2,047,804.09 was given through the Sabbath school and \$1,632,416.87 came in through Ingathering. Our faithful laymen, including our youth reported 1,409,015 spiritual contacts for Christ and the truth.

We must realize that "the work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." *Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 117.

The Gift Bible Evangelism program is meeting with success and you will hear much about this in our Evangelistic Council. You will hear reports of what is happening, and further study will be given on how to make this an outstanding means of soul winning.

Brother Hagen also carries the radio-TV work. We are grateful for what is done to bring the message to the people in this way and through Bible correspondence schools. There must be a more efficient use of these modern means of communication; also more Bible school applications must be secured and a better follow-up of interest developed.

Paul De Booy serves as MV and temperance secretary and will render a report of what our army of youth have been doing.

Special attention has been given to the securing and building of our youth camps. Last year in a special project called HUB (Help Us Build), the conference youth and older members together with local conference and union conference help, contributed \$104,092.28 for youth camps.

Missouri is developing a lovely camp on the Lake of the Ozarks; Nebraska has purchased a lovely site near Lexington on the Platte River; and Kansas has also purchased

property near Sedan on which the government is building a dam that will give the camp a 20-acre lake. Wyoming was given a beautiful location on Casper Mountain about 13 miles from Casper, and they have been developing an outstanding camp for youth activities and camp meetings. Of course, Colorado has Glacier View Camp and Central States has Camp Shady Hill.

We should mention the union conference Bible camp with its fine spiritual results conducted at Glacier View Camp in 1965 and tell you that another is planned for in 1967. Strong efforts must be put forth to lead and guide this army of Central Union Conference youth.

For the temperance work, Brother De Booy reports that since the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking in 1963 at Porter was conducted, "The pastors and doctors of our union have successfully conducted 101 Five-Day Plans with other 5,600 in attendance and almost 4,000 stopping the smoking habit."

Another item that has received considerable attention has been the matter of helping our people plan wisely in the protection and disposition of their material possessions so that they will be a blessing to them and to the cause of God. B. Y. Baughman was called to the union staff and is serving as association field secretary, working with our conferences and people. A good start has been made, and indications are, that the next four years should see an increase in members who are setting up their funds and properties, and making out their wills in such a way that much assistance will come to help build up God's work from these sources.

The Sunday Law issue has caused concern and at present is a live issue in Colorado. Let all religious liberty secretaries be on the alert to lead our people to oppose the forces that would curtail our freedoms and liberties and take advantage of the situation to call attention to the true Sabbath.

Institutions

We now call your attention to the two very fine medical institutions in the Central Union, both located in Colorado, one in Denver and the other in Boulder. During this quadrennium Russell Shawver, administrator of Boulder, accepted a call and Mr. Warren Clark was asked to fill this position and is giving fine leadership. We are happy to report that Boulder has had a very fine increase in patronage and that plans are on the drawing board for an enlarged institution. Brother Clark says, "As a Seventh-day Adventist institution, we are not just another hospital, but rather a hospital with a purpose and reason for being. Our every act reflects what we believe and our goal is to awaken a spirit of inquiry in those we serve."

Four years ago we reported that the new addition to Porter Hospital was under construction, representing an investment of over two and one-half million dollars. I am now happy to report that in May, 1964, this institution was officially opened with Governor Love, of Colorado participating. Also, two lovely apartment houses have been built, representing an investment of \$460,000. Current business certainly indicates the wisdom for enlarging our medical facilities at Porter. We are now in the midst of further plans for remodeling and enlarging. I might tell you that the income for the quadrennium was over 15 million dollars. We appreciate the good leadership of Brother O. T. Moline and his staff in the operation of this institution and for what they are doing to make the influence of the Great Physician felt.

We want to express our appreciation to the physicians, dentists, and other medical personnel who are within the borders of our territory. Many occupy places of leadership in our churches and are loyal supporters of the work of God through their tithes and offerings.

We also acknowledge the work of the self-supporting institutions that are endeavoring to be a witness to the truth of God—nursing homes, medical institutions, and clinics.

And what shall we say concerning Union College—the college of the Golden Cords? During this quadrennium, Dr. R. W. Fowler was chosen to take the place of President D. J. Bieber who was called to La Sierra College. Under his dedicated leadership Union College is serving the educational needs of our youth on the college level. The past four years have seen a 25 per cent increase in enrollment and this has called for increased facilities. The building program has provided industrial expansion, a new wing on Rees Hall, a large addition to the science building, and now a new high-rise dormitory is under construction to help take care of the pressing needs for dormitory living quarters for young men; also, a large addition joining the library and music building is under construction which will give much needed space to both. Writing of Union College in the book, *Christ's Last Legion*, A. W. Spalding states it has been "the shaper of men's lives since its inauguration in 1891 as the third college in Seventh-day Adventist history. From its halls have gone forth hundreds of missionaries in both home and foreign lands, leaders and teachers in the counsels and activities of the church."

It is a pleasure to mention two other institutions in our midst. The Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., under the management of C. G. Cross, is located with headquarters at Lincoln and is doing a splendid work in bringing light and blessing to the sightless through its many services. This is a General Conference institution and deserves our continued prayers and support.

The Omaha Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association is now under the leadership of J. C. Kinder. We appreciate what the Pacific Press is doing to supply the needs of our churches and literature evangelists with books and periodicals. We should remember the prediction, "More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications."—*Review and Herald*, Nov. 10, 1885.

Five of our six conference presidents have come to their present places of leadership since the last union session. You will hear the splendid reports the conference presidents will give, but I especially want to call your attention to the large number of building projects that have been carried on. I will show you some of these lovely churches and schools on the screen.

Appreciation

For making this report possible, I wish to express appreciation to the members of the Central Union Conference Committee, my associates in the union office, including the office secretaries; also the institutional boards for their help and counsel.

Since this report represents the combined efforts of our union conference, my sincere thanks and appreciation to you—conference presidents, secretary-treasurers, departmental secretaries, and all our workers throughout the field. I wish to thank all our dear people for their loyalty and lib-

erality to the interests of God's work at home and abroad. I wish also to express appreciation to the General Conference and its leaders for their sympathetic understanding of our problems and their willingness to help us financially.

Forward Look

We have reviewed the past, but we must at this business session and Evangelistic Council seek God's help and challenge our souls for the task that still remains to be done.

We thank God for the "Call to World-wide Revival" sounded at the last Autumn Council. Elder Pierson states, "Let us lead our people into a great fellowship of prayer. . . . With God's help let us electrify our people with a well prayed-over program of soul winning. . . . Let us inspire our laymen, our church officers, our youth, our Sabbath school members, our literature evangelists, our teachers, our doctors . . . with one great obsession—*Soul Winning*." Let everyone respond to this challenge! You will continue to hear about the goals and objectives for the Central Union Conference at this session and council. A union session is not only a time for reflection but also projection!

I am calling on this delegation to set a goal of 10,000 baptisms during the next quadrennium so that we can reach a net goal membership objective of at least 30,000 members in the good old Central Union by the close of 1970.

We must carry on a larger, stronger, soul-winning evangelistic program using all the departments and facilities that we can. Furthermore, we must continue to build representative church buildings and improve our church schools and academy facilities. Let us not be satisfied until every boy and girl and youth among us has the opportunity of a Christian education. We must continue our support of Union College so that our youth may be trained for service and meet the demands of the present hour. We are calling for more doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel to help us strengthen our medical work.

Conclusion

We are living in perplexing times. Obstacles will confront us. We may have money needs, but let us remember—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Our great need is a "revival of true Godliness" and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will bring all other needed blessings.

Let us pray for God's blessing on this session and the Evangelistic Council so that there shall be a spirit of true Christian fellowship, unity, and singleness of purpose among us. May we all be challenged to dedicate our lives anew to the finishing of the work so Christ can soon come again.

Let us go back to our fields inspired to move forward under the blessing of Almighty God for He has promised final victory and the reward is certain. "Long have we waited for our Saviour's return. But none the less sure is the promise. Soon we shall be in our promised home. There Jesus will lead us beside the living stream, flowing from the throne of God, and will explain to us the dark providences through which on this earth He brought us in order to perfect our characters. There we shall behold with undimmed vision the beauties of Eden restored. Casting at the feet of the Redeemer the crowns that He has placed on our heads, and touching our golden harps, we shall fill all heaven with praise to Him that sitteth on the throne."—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 254.

It is my privilege to bring you a report of the state of the union. Unlike the state of the union message which is given by the president of the United States, my report will not be analyzed as to whether or not it is politically good or bad, but rather it will cause a rejoicing because of the way the Lord has guided and blessed us in the Central Union during this past quadrennial period. To Him we are deeply grateful.

We might appropriately ask ourselves at this time if we as a people have progressed or regressed during these critical times in earth's history. Are our believers better prepared for the Lord's soon return, or have they grown indifferent and concerned only with living for the present? A look at the financial picture assures us that many of our people have made a steady progress in giving to God's cause. But you might ask, "Can money solve our problems?" We answer, "No!" "Can goals?" We answer again, "No!" However, we must admit that our giving is an index to our spiritual condition. We could not have done what has been accomplished without the liberality of our believers. At this time as we look back over the past four year, we thank God for the way our believers have given of their means to help advance the cause of God, not only in the far-away mission fields, but here at home in the Central Union as well.

Before any facts or figures are given, it is fitting that we give recognition to Elder B. L. Schlotthauer, who served faithfully as secretary-treasurer of the Central Union for eight years. He retired after serving two years of this quadrennium.

Figures are informative, but so cold! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could clothe them with the story behind them, which would give warmth and tell of the generosity and love of our dedicated church members? Knowing our people as I do, I am sure we need not fear for the continued support of our cause—I believe they will give with even a greater generosity as the end approaches.

We have figures printed in this report which show the financial condition of the Central Union, and I want you to notice especially the increases in various offerings during this past quadrennium. May I emphasize that the following figures show the *increases* and not the totals of these offerings:

Offering	Increase over Last Quadrennium
Tithe	\$2,752,152.40
Ingathering	191,370.63
Sabbath School	386,356.33
Total Missions	593,460.82
Other Offerings	70,483.07

I wish to add that none of these increases include money raised for local building projects or operational expenses. Surely the Lord has been good to us, and He has blessed us with a large number of members who believe in Ma'achi 3.

Many fine new churches have been built throughout the Central Union during these past four years. These have been built to the glory of our Lord, and we know our people will be inspired as they worship God in these beautiful commodious churches. It is of interest to our people, I am sure, to learn that the estimated value of our church properties in the Central Union at the close of 1966 was reported to be \$6,552,148.94.

The members in these churches have been busy about the Lord's work, as they have contributed \$8,171,250.84 for home missions and local work during the four years ending December 31, 1966.

The General Conference has policies which make it necessary that operating capital be available and also cash and negotiable securities maintained at a level sufficient to cover all liabilities and net worth reserves. We are happy to report that these stipulations have been met and exceeded, with a sufficient amount left over to meet unexpected emergencies.

Financial Growth

IN THE CENTRAL UNION

R. E. Spangle, Secretary-Treasurer

During this quadrennium the total assets of the Central Union increased almost \$400,000.00 and our regular net worth increased over \$212,000.00.

It would be well to study the condensed statements shown on the following pages. The picture is clear enough so that you will immediately recognize the very fine increases year by year and the excellent increases over the last quadrennial report.

During the past four years the Central Union appropriated a large amount of funds to our three union institutions—Porter Memorial Hospital, Boulder Memorial Hospital, and Union College—and to our four boarding academies. Large commitments have already been made to help the union institutions during the next four years.

The Central Union Conference was organized some 60 years ago with a membership at that time of 13,200. At the close of 1966, we are glad to report, we passed the 27,000 membership mark—over twice the membership of the union at its organization.

At the close of the last quadrennium, the membership in the Central Union was 25,133. During the past four years we have had 5,571 members added by baptism, 499 by profession of faith, and 7,652 by transfer of letters, making a total of 13,722 new members.

During this same period 8,067 members were transferred out of the union by letters. There were 1,549 apostasies, 672 members missing, and 1,486 deaths, making a total of 11,774 members dropped. This resulted in an increase of 1,948 members.

At the close of this quadrennium, December 31, 1966, the total membership of the Central Union was 27,081. We are happy for this increase in membership.

As our membership continues to grow in the Central Union territory during this coming quadrennial period, more and more funds will become available which can be used under the blessing of God for the furtherance of His cause in the earth. We are grateful for your generous support in the past and hopefully look forward to even greater achievements. May the Lord add His blessing to what has been done and direct each of us as we trust in Him and go forward in faith to our final goal—heaven.

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE OF SDA

Comparative Balance Sheet

1963 - 1966

	ASSETS			
Current	1963		1964	
Cash and Bank	441	455 14	468	847 10
Investments	386	946 62	390	199 19
Accounts Receivable	12	793 92	4	607 90
Notes Receivable	3	680 76	62	445 80
Prepaid Supplies & Expense	2	306 43	2	637 00
Total Current Assets	847	182 87	928	736 99
Fixed				
Office Equipment	10	178 44	10	103 30
Visual Aids and Films	1	025 34		774 00
Grounds and Miscellaneous		896 25		822 17
Total Fixed Assets	12	100 03	11	699 47
Total Assets	859	282 90	940	436 46
	1 011 883 41			
	LIABILITIES			
Trust Funds	36	993 30	53	587 34
Notes Payable			50	000 00
Miscellaneous				350 00
Total Liabilities	36	993 30	103	937 34
	98 755 22			
	280 633 16			
	NET WORTH			
Regular Net Worth	669	362 02	711	001 97
Reserves	152	927 58	125	497 15
Total Net Worth	822	289 60	836	499 12
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	859	282 90	940	436 46
	1 011 883 41			
	1 242 575 83			

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE OF SDA

Comparative Balance Sheet by Quadrenniums

1959-62 and 1963-66

	ASSETS			
Current	12-31-62	12-31-66	Increase	Decrease
Cash and Bank	423 651 50	473 986 42	50 334 92	
Investments	383 717 71	521 490 09	137 772 38	
Accounts Receivable	17 671 38	5 044 13		12 627 25
Notes Receivable	2 500 00	225 470 70	222 970 70	
Prepaid Supplies & Expense	2 985 03	2 990 61	5 58	
Total Current Assets	830 525 62	1 228 981 95	398 456 33	
Fixed				
Office Furniture and Equip.	13 507 25	13 593 88	86 63	
Total Assets	844 032 87	1 242 575 83	398 542 96	
	LIABILITIES			
Trust Funds	73 748 98	213 633 16	139 884 18	
Notes Payable		67 000 00	67 000 00	
Total Liabilities	73 748 98	280 633 16	206 884 18	
	NET WORTH			
Regular Net Worth	606 801 45	819 476 31	212 674 86	
Reserves	163 482 44	142 466 36		21 016 08
Total Net Worth	770 283 89	961 942 67	191 658 78	
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	844 032 87	1 242 575 83	398 542 96	

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE OF SDA

Comparative Operating Statement

1963 - 1966

INCOME

	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total Four Years
Tithe from Conferences	310 831 41	325 554 43	352 537 72	392 333 53	1 381 257 09
Interest Earned	21 978 78	23 466 78	26 553 15	42 404 11	114 402 82
Miscellaneous	125 00	765 42	3 472 54	4 069 41	8 432 37
Total Income	332 935 19	349 786 63	382 563 41	438 807 05	1 504 092 28

EXPENSE

Workers' Salary & Expense	94 471 50	96 914 33	121 314 20	134 676 82	447 376 85
Administrative & General Appropriations	25 702 42	33 899 25	31 223 17	33 269 04	124 093 88
Min. Internship Subsidy	9 886 69	19 100 04	51 957 65	31 983 05	112 927 43
Union College Operating	5 265 00	5 080 00	6 775 00	7 338 75	24 458 75
Tithe Percentage to G.C.	9 108 31	9 255 54	9 525 38	9 940 25	37 829 48
	56 255 08	58 770 21	63 651 13	70 810 07	249 486 49
Total Expense	200 689 00	223 019 37	284 446 53	288 017 98	996 172 88
Subsidies Received	4 639 32	4 639 32			9 278 64
Operating Gain	136 885 51	131 406 58	98 116 88	150 789 07	517 198 04

NON OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS

Union College Bldg. Fund	9 324 94	49 766 63	10 576 13	11 317 29	80 984 99
Exchange of Funds	65 000 00	40 000 00		60 000 00	165 000 00
Enterprise Academy			8 070 62		8 070 62
Campion Academy			3 070 62		3 070 62
Central States-Shreve Ave.			10 000 00		10 000 00
Missouri Youth Camp			2 000 00		2 000 00
Miscellaneous			1 000 00	34 396 95	35 396 95
Total Non-Operating Appro.	74 324 94	89 766 63	34 717 37	105 714 24	304 523 18
Net Gain to Net Worth	62 560 57	41 639 95	63 399 51	45 074 83	212 674 86

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE OF SDA

Comparative Condensed Operating Statement

By Quadrenniums 1959-62 and 1963-66

INCOME

	1959-62	1963-66	Increase	Decrease
Tithe from Conferences	1 106 041 86	1 381 257 09	275 215 23	
Interest	67 392 62	114 402 82	47 010 20	
Miscellaneous	1 428 89	8 432 37	7 003 48	
Total Income	1 174 863 37	1 504 092 28	329 228 91	

EXPENSE

Workers' Salary & Expense	341 385 73	447 376 85	105 991 12	
Administrative and General Appropriations	102 728 79	124 093 88	21 365 09	
Min. Internship Subsidy	23 715 64	112 927 43	89 211 79	
Union College Operating	14 512 50	24 458 75	9 946 25	
Tithe Percentage to G. C.	37 310 42	37 829 48	519 06	
	199 467 94	249 486 49	50 018 55	
Total Operating Expense	719 121 02	996 172 88	277 051 86	
Subsidies Received	17 732 72	9 278 64		8 454 08
Operating Gain	473 475 07	517 198 04	43 722 97	
Non-Operating Expense and Transfers	122 329 42	304 523 18	182 193 76	
Net Gain to Net Worth	351 145 65	212 674 86		138 470 79

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SDA

Comparative Balance Sheet

1963 - 1966

	ASSETS			
	1963	1964	1965	1966
Current				
Cash and Bank	22 560 36	30 081 80	28 451 48	26 523 87
Securities	93 847 70	95 201 74	106 816 83	108 432 26
Prepaid Expense	451 50	285 25	271 00	28 75
Total Current Assets	116 859 56	125 568 79	135 539 31	134 984 88
Fixed				
Real Estate—Land	7 637 23	7 637 23	9 478 49	9 383 29
Real Estate—Buildings	51 240 61	48 416 49	44 761 75	50 715 59
Property Furnishings	657 68	958 17	1 069 74	1 009 75
Total Fixed Assets	59 535 52	57 011 89	55 309 98	61 108 63
Total Assets	176 395 08	182 580 68	190 849 29	196 093 51
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	7 000 00	4 500 00		
Notes Payable	950 00	950 00	950 00	
Trust Funds	500 00	1 000 00	11 000 00	11 000 00
Interest Accrued	152 08	22 00	41 55	
Total Liabilities	8 602 08	6 472 00	11 991 55	11 000 00
Net Worth January 1	161 149 08	167 793 00	176 108 68	178 857 74
Increase to Net Worth	6 643 92	8 315 68	2 749 06	6 235 77
Total Net Worth	167 793 00	176 108 68	178 857 74	185 093 51
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	176 395 08	182 580 68	190 849 29	196 093 51

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Comparative Balance Sheet

Quadrenniums 1962-1966

	ASSETS			
	12-31-62	12-31-66	Increase	Decrease
Current				
Cash and Bank	15 963 38	26 523 87	10 560 49	
Securities	92 546 50	108 432 26	15 885 76	
Prepaid Expense	596 57	28 75		567 82
Total Current Assets	109 106 45	134 984 88	25 878 43	
Fixed				
Real Estate—Land	7 637 23	9 383 29	1 746 06	
Real Estate—Buildings	53 642 54	50 715 59		2 926 95
Property Furnishings	842 94	1 009 75	166 81	
Total Fixed Assets	62 122 71	61 108 63		1 014 08
Total Assets	171 229 16	196 093 51	24 864 35	
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	8 500 00			8 500 00
Notes Payable	950 00			950 00
Trust Funds	500 00	11 000 00	10 500 00	
Miscellaneous	130 08			130 08
Total Liabilities	10 080 08	11 000 00	919 92	
Net Worth	161 149 08	185 093 51	23 944 43	
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	171 229 16	196 093 51	24 864 35	

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Comparative Operating Statement

1963 - 1966

INCOME

	1963	1964	1965	1966
Property Rentals	8 123 66	8 700 00	8 690 00	8 640 00
Interest Income	4 019 30	4 106 62	4 330 06	3 943 86
Total Income	12 142 96	12 806 62	13 020 06	12 583 86

EXPENSE

Property Expense	5 472 04	4 447 39	8 011 58	5 926 67
Interest Expense	22 00	22 00	119 55	430 22
Miscellaneous Expense	5 00	21 55	5 00	4 00
Stewardship Counsel. Exp.			2 134 87	178 75
Total Expense	5 499 04	4 490 94	10 271 00	6 539 64
Non-Operating Income				191 55
Gain to Net Worth	6 643 92	8 315 68	2 749 06	6 235 77

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Comparative Operating Statement by Quadrenniums

INCOME

	1959-62	1963-66	Increase	Decrease
Property Rentals	34 038 42	34 153 66	115 24	
Interest Income	11 969 89	16 399 84	4 429 95	
Total Income	46 008 31	50 553 50	4 545 19	

EXPENSE

Property Expense	22 678 42	23 857 68	1 179 26	
Interest Expense	88 00	593 77	505 77	
Stewardship Counsel. Exp.		2 313 62	2 313 62	
Miscellaneous Expense	62 95	35 55		27 40
Total Expense	22 829 37	26 800 62	3 971 25	
Non-Operating Income		191 55	191 55	
Net Gain to Net Worth	23 178 94	23 944 43	765 49	

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Comparative Tithe and Offerings

	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total Four Years	Total 1959-1962
Total Tithe	3 108 314 07	3 255 544 22	3 525 377 15	3 923 335 46	13 812 570 90	11 060 418 50
Ingathering	392 265 59	406 849 36	412 183 28	421 118 64	1 632 416 87	1 441 046 24
Sabbath School	465 269 04	489 649 63	521 504 70	571 381 52	2 047 804 89	1 661 448 56
Total Missions	913 193 40	941 488 95	983 683 13	1 056 579 21	3 894 944 69	3 301 483 87
Other Offerings	63 442 65	58 421 21	84 920 45	121 817 97	328 602 28	258 119 21

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

To the Constituency of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

The comparative condensed balance sheet and comparative condensed statement of income and expense herewith presented for the quadrennial period 1963-1966 are true summaries of the annual financial statements of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and its related Association as audited by the auditing staff of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Each of the financial statements referred to, during the said quadrennial period, was accompanied by our formal opinion to the effect that, in our opinion as staff auditors of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the financial statements present fairly the financial position at the close of the fiscal years 1963, 1964, 1965, and 1966 and the results of operation during the four-year period in conformity with generally accepted denominational accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with the preceding periods, and in conformity to the applicable policies of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

R. J. Radcliffe, C.G.A., Auditor

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Lincoln, Nebraska

February 17, 1967

Sabbath School and Lay Activities Show Gains During 1963-1966

E. E. HAGEN, *Lay Activities Secretary*

To the delegates of this Nineteenth Session of the Central Union Conference, Greetings:

In this report we shall cover in part some of the activities, accomplishments, and services for God sponsored through the Sabbath school, radio-TV, and lay activities departments. For the successes experienced, we give glory to our heavenly Father. It is by His blessing these works have been accomplished.



E. E. Hagen

We have been told that "In proportion to the enthusiasm and perseverance with which the work is carried forward, will be the success given."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 263. Our departmental men have labored enthusiastically and perseveringly at their assigned duties. To see the work move forward and prosper each man has worked effectively and creatively to inspire this same spirit within the hearts of district leaders and laity. Success in the service of God comes only through the cooperative, helpful, and willing service of ministers, church officers, and loyal, dedicated laymen.

Sabbath School Department

Within the scope of our Sabbath school department, a more intensive program has been put into force to reclaim the host of individual baptized members of the church who

have neglected to claim for themselves the spiritual blessings of the Sabbath school. This soul-reclaiming program within the Sabbath school has been known as "Operation Search." No phenomenal claims can be made as to great increases in Sabbath school membership, but thrilling soul-winning experiences have been encountered in our search. Churches, pastors, and Sabbath school members have been made aware of the great and positive task that lies at our immediate doors. Our Sabbath school membership of 24,636 in 1963 has grown to 25,363 in 1966, whereas church membership grew from 25,113 to 27,081 during the same period. Our concern is that Sabbath school membership has not kept pace with baptized church membership! We have many thousands of unbaptized children who today are loyal and faithful in Sabbath school attendance and are recorded as Sabbath school members.

Central Union Sabbath school members today are enrolled in 306 organized Sabbath schools. The average membership the past four years was 25,158. These Sabbath school members have given marvelously to support our world mission program. The past quadrennium they have given \$2,047,804.09 through the various offerings of the Sabbath school—an increase of \$386,356.33 over the previous quadrennium. This represents an average per capita giving of a fraction more than 39 cents per member per week. Sabbath school Investment has seen a steady increase from \$75,381.86 in 1963 to \$117,706.04 in 1966. Our people have proven loyal in Sabbath school giving. They have been loyal in their sponsorship of the Investment program for missions. The Investment, 1963 through 1966, totaled \$376,023.82 compared to \$228,619.27 the previous four years—a gain of \$147,404.55. Investment has been responsible for 39 per cent of the gain in mission giving through the Sabbath school these past four years.

The past four years have been years of growth in both branch Sabbath and vacation Bible school evangelism. Our conferences have held a total of 373 vacation Bible schools with an enrollment record of 26,272. Of this enrollment, better than 50 per cent of 15,054 were from non-SDA homes. Our branch Sabbath schools reached a peak high of 345 during this same period. Through these avenues of evangelism, the hearts of children, youth, and adults have been turned heavenward.

Lay Activities Department

Since the General Conference Session of 1966, the home missionary department of the church has become known as the department of lay activities. This name more clearly represents the work the church accomplishes through its laymen. The department sponsors such facets of service as Ingathering, literature distribution, Bible evangelism, Health and Welfare Services, lay preaching, Disaster and Famine Relief, home visitation, Bible schools, besides numerous training services.

Ingathering

The second largest support to our world mission activities comes through our yearly Ingathering campaigns. The past four crusades our faithful ingatherers in the churches of the Central Union brought in a total of \$1,632,416.87—a gain of \$191,370.63 over the previous four-year period. The current crusade, just closed, will be the greatest. Our total for 1967 will be over the \$440,000 mark. We marvel at the readiness with which these sums are given by businessmen and neighbors. God's blessing has been on the contacts that have been made. We express our gratitude to God through whom these blessings have come.

We express gratitude and thanks to our workers and laity for their devotion and dedication to service. Ingathering has meant more than soul-winning advances in dollars and cents. Many a soul has found his way into the church as a result of an Ingathering knock on his door.

Literature

Our literature distribution has reached a new high of 6,467,879, representing a quadrennial gain of near a million pieces. These past four years *Signs of the Times* sponsored by our laity reached a total of 139,811 subscriptions, representing 1,677,732 single copies of *Signs*. What a barrage of dynamic truths to convict souls! Thousands of these *Signs* are sent overseas. Our regional brethren of the Central States Conference have sent out 8,719 *Message* magazines to their people. This flood of literature cannot but prepare the hearts of multiplied thousands who will make their decisions for Christ.

In this year of 1967, our conferences have committed themselves to the distribution of one million copies of the penetration tract, "Wake Up, America!" authored by our General Conference president, Elder R. H. Pierson.

Our faithful laymen have reported 1,409,015 spiritual contacts as having been made with neighbors and friends. They also record that 112,889 Bible studies have been given.

Health and Welfare Service

Our church members have not been amiss in extending a helping hand in times of need and disaster. Within the past four years, several major disasters have struck our Central Union territory. Colorado, Kansas, and Missouri experienced disastrous floods. Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska felt the terrors of destructive tornadoes. When disasters strike, our people have put forth the helping hand to those in need. Two major offerings were taken during the quadrennium for Disaster and Famine Relief, totaling \$37,918.15. Welfare and good-neighbor services were given to the extent of 1,214,138 hours. They reported having helped 463,427 persons during the quadrennium. Over one-and-a-half-million articles of clothing, besides cash and food valued at \$495,017.96, were given in love to the needy. Within the union, there are 44 welfare centers and over 120 units in operation. Missouri alone, under the direction of Elder H. R. Coats, sponsors 20 welfare centers.

The past four years, eight welfare camps have been held for 1,045 non-Seventh-day Adventist underprivileged children. Four of these camps have been held in Colorado, two in Nebraska, and one each in Central States and Wyoming. These camps have been deeply appreciated by state, county, and city welfare officials.

Radio-TV

Our conferences have been making use of the greatest means of mass communication known to modern man. Daily Voice of Prophecy broadcasts have been sponsored in all of our conferences, resulting in many baptisms. It Is Written films have been shown on several TV stations. Faith for Today has been released on 21 stations in our union during the past four years. The Voice of Prophecy has been broadcast on more than 60 stations. The baptism total available to us records 212 for Faith for Today and 598 for the Voice of Prophecy.

In support of Faith for Today, our churches have given \$71,567.47 during the quadrennium. A total of \$71,171.47 has been raised for the Voice of Prophecy. For these two evangelistic mediums, over 221,688 logs and applications have been distributed.

No report of this kind can list in accurate detail all the services that have been rendered by the laity for God and His church. Records are not always easily obtained, for there are among the devoted those who feel they must not make known their services rendered for the church.

We offer humble thanks to our heavenly Father for what has been accomplished. We face the future in hope and courage. We have only as it were a few more days or years in which to finish the work God has committed to our hands. We seek only for deeper dedication, and more resolute determination to be faithful to the assigned task, so that when the work is finished we might be eternally in the sunshine of God's love.

To our laity, pastors, church officers, we give our praise and thanks for making this humble report possible.

Advancement Seen In Education and Public Relations

L. G. BARKER, *Departmental Secretary*

To the assembled delegates to the Nineteenth Session of the Central Union Conference, Greetings.

We believe that we have a good report to bring to you relating to the activities and growth in the department of education over the past quadrennium. Much of the credit for this achievement must go to my predecessor, Dr. W. A. Howe, who so ably directed the department from 1955 to 1963. He, with his capable assistant, Mrs. Opal W. Dick, laid a good foundation for a thorough educational program and then built solidly upon it.



L. G. Barker

The present staff in the Central Union Department of Education, in addition to myself, consists of Miss Joyce Morse, supervisor of Elementary Education; Mrs. Bonnie Davenport who, in addition to coordinating the work in the office, is registrar of the intermediate schools in the union and does the certifying of teachers; and Mrs. Mildred Daniel, who until recently assisted part time with the secretarial duties.

We now turn our attention to the men who have worked so hard in the various institutions and conferences to make this report what it is. Dr. R. W. Fowler has given unstintingly of his wisdom and strength to make Union College an outstanding Christian educational institution. Time will not allow for a lengthy elaboration, but suffice it to say that Union is among the best spiritually, scholastically, and in terms of accreditation.

The six senior academies in the Central Union Conference are all administered by capable Christian educators well fitted for their professions both by experience and formal training. All hold the Master of Arts degree and one has the degree of Doctor of Education. I should like to have them stand at this time.

We are proud to be able to tell you that all of the senior academies in the Central Union, with the exception of one, are fully state and denominationally accredited.

The past four years have seen many improvements

made in the physical plants, equipment, teacher housing, grounds and other areas of the academies. Altogether 28 new and separate buildings were constructed, two more were started, and many additions and improvements were made to already existing ones. In addition to the new structures thousands of dollars were spent modernizing and functionalizing the older plants, increasing library holdings, adding needed instructional equipment, and otherwise providing for quality instruction. A great deal of building has also been going on at the college.

Enrollments in the academies have shown a gratifying increase of approximately 20 per cent during the past quadrennium.

Another area worthy of noting is the number of advanced degrees held by the teaching staff and the ratio of teachers having Master's degrees compared to those with the Bachelor's. Although there was a slight decrease in the percentage of teachers with the Master's degree, the number having a Master's degree increased from 26 in 1962 to 31 in 1966. This represented a ratio of 26/38 four years ago and 31/52 at the present time.

Now let us turn our attention to the elementary and intermediate schools. These schools are superintended by a very fine group of men, the majority of whom have had a number of years' experience in the classroom and who have advanced degrees or are on the verge of getting them. I'm going to have these men stand so that you can see them. During the past four years the program of elementary and intermediate education has made gratifying advances under the direction of these superintendents.

Altogether, eleven new school plants were either completed or totally constructed, seven classrooms added to already existing buildings, three gymnasiums erected (this does not include three that were constructed as part of a new school plant), and two public schools were purchased. These new facilities are modern, functional, and efficient, and are contributing much by way of providing better education to the students that they serve.

There has also been continued growth in the area of teacher certification and degrees. The following table indicates that growth.

	Previous Quadrennium	Current Quadrennium	Betterment
Percentage of teachers with Professional, Standard, or Life certification	50.0	58.3	8.3
Percentage of teachers with Provisional (less than degree) certification	39.3	27.6	11.7
Teachers with Master's degrees	14	21	7

Elementary enrollments have shown a steady increase over the past four years. The percentage of increase for this quadrennium is 5.8 per cent with a current enrollment of 2,505 boys and girls.

Another phase of the elementary program that received considerable attention during the past four years was curriculum. Each summer a committee has met consisting of representatives from the Northern, Southwestern, and Central Union Conferences, with specially employed resource personnel when necessary. The results have been new programs in the areas of art, vocations, and lower elementary science. A union-wide testing program has also been adopted which is proving beneficial by giving a

broader base for comparison of pupil achievement, identifying areas that need strengthening, and which will eventually make it possible to establish norms for the entire union.

Our schools are to be centers of evangelism. We are happy to tell you that during the past four years 844 of those attending the elementary and secondary schools have indicated a surrendered life and joined the church through baptism.

During the past quadrennium several changes in policy were made which should strengthen the program of education by increased teacher morale, continuity of service, and better trained teachers. Included in these were:

1. Fifty-two week salary for teachers desiring summer employment.
2. The elimination of the disparity between men's, and women's salaries with the only designation being heads of families or not.
3. Full salary for teachers while attending summer school.
4. Sabbatical summer leave for self improvement for teachers who meet certification requirements and have taught in the same conference for six years and are under contract to return for the seventh.

Let us now turn our attention to another very important department of the church; namely, public relations. This department, like that of education, functioned under the able leadership of Elder W. A. Howe prior to and during the early part of this quadrennium, and again we must say that he directed it well. Our local conferences are manned with men of experience and excellent leadership ability in this area of the work. Will you men stand, please? These men have been busy during the past four years seeking ways to expand the activities of aggressive effort throughout their respective conferences to the end of more effective and favorable community relations. To achieve this goal many activities have been planned and executed such as a series of workshops where instructors from the General Conference, union and local conferences were brought together with representatives from the various churches, including both ministers and laymen. Much good was accomplished by this means.

Last year special emphasis was given to identifying the location of our churches with attractive road signs. Although the uncertainty of federal legislation relating to placing signs along highways dampened the ardor in some areas, and despite the fact that a strong push for signs had been carried out just a short time previously, 44 signs were ordered.

During the quadrennium many activities of the church were noted by the public press; this has been evidenced by the increased number of articles, features, photographs, and radio and TV interviews being reported. One of the widest coverages given to an activity of the church here in the Central Union Conference was the MCC camp held last spring. It was telecast nation wide on NBC's *Today* program with emphasis on the attitude of SDA boys toward military service at a time when so many others were protesting and burning their draft cards.

The PR department functions as a benefit to every department of the church. One activity that it has assisted in presenting to the public is Ingathering. In fact, an entire kit is prepared by the Bureau in Washington with the view of informing the public concerning the nature of this campaign. Camp meeting publicity has also moved ahead

of prior years. The past summer one conference reported five hours of free time featuring outstanding guests during their camp meeting. Fairs have proven to be another source where PR activities can be carried out to inform the public about SDA's.

Other news spotlights have included items about the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, Dial-A-Prayer, cooking schools, health and welfare activities in disaster areas, Union College's parade and celebration of the 75th anniversary, publicity resulting from the proposed Sunday closing bills, work among the Navajo Indians, the work of the Christian Record for the blind, Pathfinder camporees, welfare camps for underprivileged children not of our faith, and others.

The objective of the department has been to educate our ministry, laity, and institutional leadership to the importance of winning community attention, understanding, and confidence. It is felt that the true spirit of our organization can be properly communicated only through a program of personal contact and true public information being passed on to our respective communities. We feel this objective has been, and is being achieved in the fields comprising the Central Union.

Activities in MV and Temperance Forge Ahead

PAUL M. DE BOOY, MV Secretary

To the Delegates Assembled for the Nineteenth Central Union Conference Session, Greetings:

Missionary Volunteer Department

Seventy-five years ago Ellen White wrote, "We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged."—*TM*, p. 32.

What a privilege is mine to tell you what this army has done during these past four years under the blessing of God and the dedicated direction and encouragement of the following youth leaders:

Elder J. L. Butler—Central States Conference
Elder Ted N. Graves—Colorado Conference
Elder Kenneth Hutchins—Kansas Conference
Elders Don Wright and Gene Cherry—Missouri Conference
Elder James Pogue—Nebraska Conference
Elder Dale Aalborg—Wyoming Conference

These are the men who, along with our consecrated church MV officers and Pathfinder leaders, made possible this report today.

Together, the youth of the Central Union form an army of between 6,000 and 7,000. What has this army done in four years?

Gave 18,140 Bible studies—12 each day.

Made 648,141 missionary contacts—an increase of 86%.

Placed 2,047,275 pieces of missionary literature—one piece each minute around the clock.

Won 383 souls for Christ in MV Target Evangelism.

Baptized 663 youth as a result of MV Revival Week.

All of the above figures are a definite increase over the previous quadrennium.

We turn our attention now to the junior youth in our

mighty army. The greatest evangelistic campaigns of the Central Union are conducted each summer in the cathedral of nature, among the quiet quilted meadows and majestic mountains, or along streams and lake shore at summer camps. During this quadrennium 5,028 boys and girls went to summer camp, as compared with 3,626 the four previous years—an increase of just under 40 per cent in camp attendance.



Paul M. De Booy

There were 892 of these junior youth who made the decision at camp to join baptismal classes. Thousands more returned home determined to be more faithful and true to their baptismal vows. Camping builds Christian character!

You helped us build our camps this last year, 1966—the 40th anniversary of Adventist camping. We set a goal to raise \$100,000 in Project Hub. I'm happy to tell the loyal constituency that together we raised \$104,092.28 by December 31, 1966. Our goal is to raise at least another \$50,000 during 1967. Project Hub has enabled us to purchase camp property and to begin building in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wyoming. I know you will continue to loyally support Project Hub. Camping builds character! HELP US BUILD.

May I pay a special tribute to the hundreds of loyal laymen who serve as Pathfinder Club officers; and as they give of their time and talents week by week, they mold the impressionable hearts of our junior youth. Under this dedicated leadership our Pathfinder Clubs have increased to 92, with a membership of 1,562, as compared to 76 clubs with a membership of 1,454 four years ago.

We look forward to a Central Union Pathfinder Camporee to be held June 5-8, 1967.

And now we turn to a very special division of our youthful army—our boys in the service of our country. Slogging through rice paddies and steaming jungles, amid enemy fire and tropical diseases, they answer the cry for help and minister to the welfare of their fellow soldiers fallen in battle, with little or no concern for their own safety. May I ask this entire assembly to pay them tribute in solemn thought. They risk their young lives for all of us. From our own Central Union there are now many boys in the service and in the jungles of Vietnam. Two of this number wrote heroic chapters this last year:

Sp/5, Curtis A. Reed, front line medical aid man, was decorated twice with the Bronze Medal for Bravery and Valor. He is from Gillette, Wyoming.

Pvt. LaVerne Walker, front line medical aid man, was decorated with our nation's second highest award for Heroic Valor, the Silver Star. He is from Greeley, Colorado.

One of our own boys, Samuel Dellos, of Ten Sleep, Wyoming, paid the supreme sacrifice and died in combat on February 5, 1966.

To these young men and the great number who are taking medical training in Ft. Sam Houston or serving in "Operation White Coat," and who are quietly learning to be soldiers for Christ in our ever-expanding Medical Cadet program, we pay a special tribute. May God help us to prepare them to live so they are always prepared to die. You helped us to do this by giving in our two Servicemen's Offerings this quadrennium as follows: In 1964, \$4,660.52; and in 1966, \$5,893.88.

There have been several "firsts" during this quadrennium for which, and by our youth, as follows:

1. First Union Open Bible Camp and Canoe Trip for senior youth, held June 2-7, 1964, at Meramec State Park, Missouri—187 attended.

2. First Union Bible Conference on a delegate basis for college and academy youth, held October 6-9, 1965, at Glacier View—237 attended.

3. First Union Medical Cadet Camp held at a regular military base—Camp Ashland, Nebraska, from March 27 to April 3, 1966—97 boys attended. The camp was given coast-to-coast publicity on the NBC "Today Show."

4. First Gift Bible Evangelism plan launched in the Central Union by Union College youth—launched September 24 in the Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln, Nebraska. To date 325 Bibles have been placed. Weekly follow-ups are now in progress.

5. First student missionaries sent abroad from Union College MV Society:

Jerry Lake spent three months in Peru in front-line mission service, and returned to inspire thousands to give more in thought and means to missions.

John Felkel is now in Taiwan giving one year to practical mission service. We look forward to the time when he will return and to the impact he will make on other youth to dedicate their lives to mission service.

Is not this as it should be? Youth out front! When the battle reaches the crescendo of the end, our youth—the youth of the Central Union—must and will be on the far-front line holding high the banner of Christ and living, as He did, for but one purpose—"to bless others." Please pray for those of us who lead them that no other goal will hinder our work in their behalf.

Temperance Department

It was from the launching pad of the Central Union that the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking reached nationwide orbit during this quadrennium. The first "big" Five-Day Plan in the nation was held at Porter Memorial Hospital in March of 1963 with over 650 attending. Since that time the pastors and doctors of our union have successfully conducted 101 Five-Day Plans, with over 5,600 in attendance and almost 4,000 stopping the smoking habit.

Twenty-one of the Five-Day Plans were conducted at Porter Hospital under the direction of Central Union's "Mr. Temperance," Chaplain Eugene Irish, and 18 were conducted by Boulder Hospital personnel.

From the Central Union were also launched Smoker's Dial, Drinker's Dial, and Slimline—all health education features which have swept the country and were pioneered under the direction of Elder Irish.

Our academy youth have been extremely active in temperance outreach and other activities, presenting hundreds of temperance programs in schools and churches and on radio and television during these past four years. During three of the four years, the temperance chapter in one of our academies has scored second place in the nation in temperance education and outreach.

Listen magazine presently has a circulation within our union of 4,463, or one subscription for each six members in our constituency.

You gave \$25,544.59 in temperance offerings during this quadrennium, as compared to \$17,908.99 for temperance offerings during the previous four years. This money has helped us produce some of the best temperance tools in America, which are now available for our daily use.

When we consider just where we are in the chain of time, much more must be done to stem the tide of evil habits. Intemperance lies at the foundation of all the evil in our world, we are told. Truly we are living in the days of LSD, liquor, smoking, and drugs. May God help us to grasp the realization that the temperance work may be one of the last effective means of winning souls to a knowledge of the full and complete gospel of Christ.

We in the Missionary Volunteer and Temperance Departments of the Central Union take courage in the promises of God as we face the future. We are confident that "He which hath begun a good work with in you will complete it unto the day of Jesus Christ."

Increase Reported in Literature Evangelism

J. F. KENT, *Publishing Secretary*

God's plan for His publishing work has always been and always will be "Forward with Increasing Success." At this moment let me emphasize the fact that the divine blueprint makes it crystal clear that this expression, "increasing success" is evaluated not only in an ever increasing amount of sales which we rightfully envision and expect and rejoice in, but emphasis is placed upon the importance of continuously keeping literature evangelism upon a high spiritual plane in all our promotion, planning, and work. Such statements as "properly conducted"—"It is missionary work of the highest order"—"It is evangelistic in its nature"—are thoughts of great encouragement to us who have dedicated our lives to this most powerful and sacred phase of God's work.



J. F. Kent

As a result of earnest and liberal cooperation on the part of the General Conference Publishing department, the union and local conference committees, Union College, and academies of the Central Union, the Pacific Press (particularly the Omaha Branch), the Central Credit Association, the publishing field leaders, the Book and Bible House managers, the pastors and our literature evangelists, we are able, under the blessing of heaven to bring a report of continuous progress during the past four-year period. As we glance back to the previous quadrennium, we find that during this period of time the deliveries of our subscription literature amounted to \$1,519,519.84—but for the four ensuing years: '63, '64, '65, and '66, the deliveries amounted to \$1,891,412.77—an actual gain of \$371,892.93.

If you should check each year during this past quadrennium with each year previous, you would observe that there has been a gain in deliveries each year. Towards the latter part of '65 and on through '66 we began in a definite way to see the effect of our leadership and advertising funds. With an increased number of leaders there naturally followed an increased number of literature evangelists and a gain in deliveries. (Presently there are 13 publishing leaders and others are being added as needed.) Right here a big thanks to the Pacific Press for its financial

help in this respect and also to our alert and willing officers of the union and each local conference. Then, of course, the benefits obtained through our CCA have been a big factor in helping to enlarge our corps of workers. Thank God for all these material blessings and advantages. Let us always keep in mind that an ever advancing, successful, literature-evangelistic program, in the true sense of the word, is the result of more and better trained literature evangelists. These must be workers who have a deep conviction that this is God's work, who feel they have been divinely called and are willing to be taught as to the best methods of carrying forward His work. Such workers will not only capitalize on the material aids, but will also rely heavily on divine assistance. Today we greatly value the three categories of literature evangelists, namely: Regular full-time, regular half-time and regular part-time.

The one accomplishment above all others that makes this phase of God's work so valuable is the fact that, as we are told, "The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls."—*C.M.*, p. 37. What value does heaven place upon even one soul? "One soul is of more value to heaven than a whole world of property, houses, lands, money."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 22. In the light of this great value placed on souls there are many divine assurances that inspire our hearts. I quote from just two: "More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications."—*C.M.*, p. 151. While the eye of faith envisions a great ingathering of souls in the future, at the same time the physical eye presently sees souls coming into the truth. "The [literature evangelists] will be rewarded by seeing souls converted." During the past four years we have seen 230 baptisms as a result of literature evangelists' contacts. In addition to having seen the tangible fruits of the labors of the literature evangelists, please envision the other missionary activities that have had a tremendous influence upon honest hearts. There were 217,325 tracts and other literature given away, 34,058 were enrolled in Bible correspondence courses, 624 new people attended church and Sabbath school at the invitation of the literature evangelists, 922 former Seventh-day Adventists were contacted and invited to church, 57,400 homes heard the voice of prayer, many undoubtedly for the first time, 14,011 Bible studies were given. Truly, this work properly conducted is "missionary work of the highest order" as well as being "a most successful way of saving souls."

Central Credit Association

Since Brother W. J. Griffin, manager of the CCA office, will be presenting an interesting and encouraging report of the work of this important office, I shall simply pause to express my deep appreciation to Jim and his dedicated staff of workers for what they have, and are doing for the over-all program of literature evangelism. The establishment of the Central Credit Association office has opened the way whereby each conference in the Central Union can continue to recruit and train additional literature evangelists.

Our Book and Bible Houses

It is gratifying to know that our Book and Bible Houses originally came into the picture under the direction of the Lord. They were established for service, and today they are playing an important and necessary part in the evangelistic programs of the conference. We must never lose sight of the fact that our literature has a two-fold effect upon the readers: 1. It brings honest hearts into the

message. 2. It roots and grounds them in the message, thus establishing them against deceptive error. It is true that more literature going out means more souls saved. And just so surely—more literature going into the homes of our people will mean more of our people staying in the message. Today, as never before, all members of our churches need to be rooted and grounded against deceptive error. Let us never lose sight of the fact that one of the most powerful stabilizing influences in this respect is found within the sacred pages of our literature. "The printed page is therefore essential, not only in awakening . . . rooting and grounding . . . and establishing them against deceptive error."—EGW. Our Book and Bible House managers are dedicated to this important work. It is an inspiration to observe how earnestly and seriously these brethren carry this responsibility. Since being relieved of the subscription literature it has given them more time and opportunity to visit the churches and our people in their homes, thus educating and encouraging them to see the importance of buying and reading the literature that the Lord has providentially provided. We salute our Book and Bible House managers, and earnestly commend them for the work they are doing in helping to keep down apostasies through an ever increasing circulation of our literature among our own members. The immediate challenge is for a much larger circulation and a more earnest reading of our literature among those within the fold. Our good Book and Bible House managers are meeting the challenge.

Yes, we are happy with past accomplishments. Let us grasp with urgency the task of the unfinished work that faces us. The greatest days for the Lord's Publishing Work are here. May the Lord give us vision to see—faith to believe—courage to do.

First Report from Central Credit

W. J. GRIFFIN, *Manager*

Nothing is quite so interesting to its parents as a new baby. They love to take pictures, remember his first words, and when he took his first step. Grandparents enjoy child-watching as much or more than the parents. It all adds up to one thing—there are a lot of people giving progress reports on children; but I have never heard anyone begin by saying, "I would like to give you a progress report on Johnny," and it is easy to figure out why they don't. It's just too interesting and exciting to them.



W. J. Griffin

The Central Union Conference has a new baby, and we think you would like to know about some of the wonderful and interesting things it has been doing. About four years ago, study was given to the advisability of having a central credit office to aid the literature evangelists in their work in the Central Union. This office would care for the

financial end of the publishing work for each literature evangelist. Such offices had been operated in other unions with a great degree of success. After careful study, the Central Union Executive Committee officially gave birth to our central credit office on July 31, 1963. They selected as its name Central Credit Association. The name is descriptive as it provides credit for the literature evangelists' customers in the Central Union. We live in a credit age. Everyone uses credit to some degree—some more than others. Our literature evangelists find it difficult to sell our books in large quantities unless they can provide the kind of credit that people are used to receiving. In addition to this, our literature evangelists need adequate inventories in order to deliver their books to the customers as they make sales. It would be inconvenient for them to pay for the inventory as it is received, so credit is needed here. These are just two of the basic services which this office renders to our literature evangelists.

The central credit office officially opened January 1, 1964. We had not been operating too many days until our good union president, Elder R. H. Nightingale, walked in to see how things were going. After being told that our volume was not nearly as high as we had hoped it would be, he made this brief comment: "Despise not small beginnings." As we have watched the growth of this phase of our publishing work, we have remembered many times these words which had a prophetic connotation. Starting from a small beginning that first January, the work has grown until in January, 1967, we had 128 literature evangelists reporting. The first week that we opened, we processed \$2,854 in customer contracts. Now, one week's business can run anywhere from \$12,000 to \$20,000. The first week that we opened, we had a big mailbox at the post office, but hardly a letter in it. We still have the big box, but sometimes it is so full the postman has to wait until we get our mail out to put in the rest of the letters. One day may yield 400-500 pieces of incoming mail. On certain days, we send out as high as 3,000 pieces of mail.

One of the greatest needs in the publishing program is to recruit top-flight men who are wholly dedicated to the distribution of our literature. In order to continue recruiting this type of men, we need to have a plan which will help make the ones we do recruit successful and thereby make it easy for them to continue in the publishing work. It is to this end that the Central Credit Association has been established. The fact that we now have more literature evangelists reporting, in itself indicates that this office

The Central Union Conference has one of the nicest groups of literature evangelists that you will find anywhere, and the heartening thing is that more are being recruited every month. Elder S. L. Clark, manager of the periodical department of the Review and Herald, who has been to many of the institutes in the Central Union, said after the one held recently in January, "This is the nicest-looking group of literature evangelists I have ever seen in the Central Union." With God's blessings, good leadership in our conferences, and a sound finance office, we believe this will continue to be true every year.

The best part is that our publishing secretaries, our literature evangelists, and their customers like this new service. Here are a few brief comments:

"I would like to express my appreciation for Central Credit Association. I feel that there is nothing like it to help finish the work of the Lord." Publishing Secretary

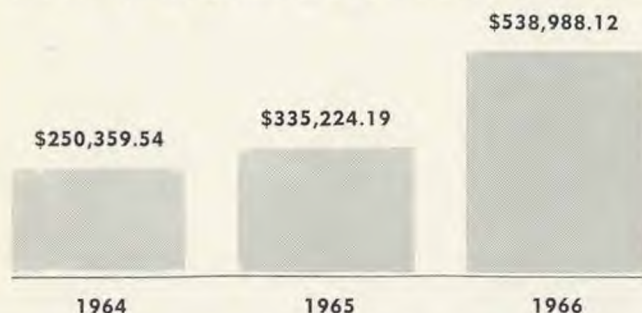
"Just a brief note to let you know how much I appreciate the real efficient way which the CCA has handled my accounts." Literature Evangelist

"Thank you for being the nice people you have been." Customer

"You are very nice to do business with. You have been patient and kind and I thank you." Customer

In the reports of business processed, you will notice a tremendous percentage increase. The careful observer would ask what caused these increases. There have been several things. Elder J. F. Kent, our union publishing secretary, has planned and encouraged a strong recruiting program of regular full-time, regular half-time, and regular part-time workers. The men in our local conferences have entered into this wholeheartedly. Our conference administrators have not only budgeted more money to the publishing program, but they are enthusiastically promoting it. In addition to this, our Central Credit Association has operated on the philosophy that everything which can possibly be spared should be plowed back into our publishing program. It is interesting to observe that the year we spent the most for advertising and leadership was the year our sales were the highest. In 1964, we spent \$157.85 for advertising and nothing for leadership. In 1965, we spent \$218.90 for advertising and \$3,975.61 for leadership. Our sales increase was \$84,864.65, or a 33.9 per cent increase. Then, in 1966, we went all out for advertising and leadership by spending \$9,708.37 and \$15,437.87 respectively. We had a \$203,763.93 increase or 60.8 per cent. On January 1, 1964, we had only six full-time publishing secretaries and assistants directing our publishing program in the Central Union. Today, largely as a result of our leadership funds, we have 13, or a 116 per cent increase. This spells progress!

Most children cost a lot of money, but the Central Credit Association has provided more money for our literature evangelists and at the same time operated at a gain. Our literature evangelists receive 46 per cent commission on time-payment contracts, and 49 per cent on cash sales. These are the highest commissions paid by any central credit office anywhere in the world. Notwithstanding the fact that our office has consistently paid the highest commissions, contributed the most to the advertising and leadership expenses of our publishing program, it has still made net gains. It should be made clear that the purpose of this office is not to make a profit. It is rather a non-profit service to our literature evangelists. It is necessary, however, to make a small gain and set up reserves in a serv-



has helped to cut down turnover. A graph of our yearly growth reveals the same picture.

Year	Business Processed	Increase	Percentage Increase
1964	\$250,359.54		
1965	335,224.19	84,864.65	33.9%
1966	538,988.12	203,763.93	60.8%

ice of this type. As our gross profits increase, we will endeavor to plow more dollars back into our publishing program and do our best to work with our leaders and administrators to increase sales far beyond what they are now.

This office is basically concerned with operating a sound business in order to strengthen our over-all publishing program, but at the same time we share the burden our ministers and literature evangelists have for winning souls. It is for this reason that we have provided evangelistic books free to each customer who sends us three names of people who might be interested. To date, we have gotten 18,000 names in this manner and mailed out 6,000 books. We also have helped to provide a free *Steps to Christ* to every person our literature evangelists contact, even if they do not buy. To date, nearly 30,000 people have the message of love in *Steps to Christ* and a Bible Course enrollment card as a result of this one project alone. Here is what a minister said of *Steps to Christ*: "I'm enjoying the copy of *Steps to Christ* and I'm certainly looking forward to the Bible Course."

The beginning of the Central Credit Association has been small like that of a little child, but the immediate future holds the prospect of even greater accomplishments for the advancement of the work of God.

Advancements Made in Stewardship

B. Y. BAUGHMAN, Association Field Secretary

Because money in coin or kind represents a person's life, strength, and genius, God has been pleased to have it mentioned under one name or another more times in the Bible than any other subject.



B. Y. Baughman

In the use of our money we will follow the course and live a life patterned after the life of our kind and beneficent heavenly Father, or we will walk in the way of selfishness and sorrow and develop the attributes of the Prince of darkness.

God, knowing the tendencies of the natural heart toward selfishness and sin, instituted the system of sacrificial offerings, which was not only to serve as a type and symbol of our Saviour

but the offerings and the tithe were designed to starve selfishness and choke out dishonesty.

In *Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 194, we find the condition of the church today clearly stated, "The greatest sin which now exists in the church is covetousness. God frowns upon his professed people for their selfishness."

Recognizing the importance of faithful stewardship, the brethren with the responsibility of leading God's people have appointed ministers to devote their full time in educating and encouraging our people in faithfulness in stewardship and to establish a plan of finance in our churches that will follow the divine blueprint.

Three of our conferences in the Central Union have

appointed full-time stewardship secretaries and the six secretary-treasurers, as secretaries of the Associations, are also working with faithful effort and good results in helping our members handle their estate affairs pertaining to deferred gifts and cash trusts.

Just a little more than one year ago the Central Union Conference elected a stewardship secretary to assist in the conferences where needed and to encourage and foster the interest of this work throughout the union, and we will bring you a brief report.

WILLS AND TRUSTS

(This report is for the first 10 months of 1966 only.)

Central States	\$ 13,832
Colorado	531,000
Kansas	455,000
Missouri	295,000
Nebraska	54,000
Wyoming	183,000
TOTAL	\$1,531,832

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

COLORADO

Total churches canvassed	53
Total funds received	\$1,875,798
Received for academy	331,977
Received for local needs	648,434

MISSOURI

Total churches canvassed	3
Total funds pledged	\$250,000
Pledged for academy	62,500
Pledged for local needs	187,500

NEBRASKA

Total churches canvassed	32
Total funds received	\$350,296
Total received for academies	108,700
Total received for local needs	241,596

In considering this report, please note that the period reported was time since the Church Development Plan began in each conference. Colorado began its church canvasses five years ago, Nebraska two years ago, and Missouri just this past year; hence we report actual funds received in Colorado and Nebraska and the amounts pledged in Missouri.

This wonderful report is only made possible by the blessing and power of God, the faithful efforts of our stewardship secretaries and pastors, and the faithfulness and generosity of our dear people.

Much more must be done along this line and we have set as our goal for this coming year at least two million dollars in deferred gifts and cash trusts, and our aim is to help each church as rapidly as possible adopt the plan of systematic and regular church finance.

We in this department of God's work have adopted as our motto—

OPEN THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN
IN NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN



New east wing addition of Porter Memorial Hospital as seen at night.

High Lights of Last Four-Year Period, Porter Hospital

OLOF T. MOLINE, *Administrator*

From Denver, Colorado, and 625 faithful workers at Porter Memorial Hospital, it is a pleasure to bring to our constituent members another encouraging report. The practice of medicine made some tremendous strides during these four years with the advent of computers and other new equipment undreamed of before. The essence of Christian service, however, still lies with people; we will never be able to produce it on a Honeywell or an IBM. All our workers send their greetings to you today.



O. T. Moline

We started the quadrennium with a different name, Porter Memorial Hospital, and saw a new milestone take place when part of the east wall of the old building was knocked out to connect it to the new east wing. It was at this time also that we organized our Civic Advisory Council, a group of 15 businessmen from the community who meet three or four times a year at the hospital and serve as an excellent liaison between the hospital and the business community. Through their efforts we were able to raise close to \$100,000 for our development program. The largest gift was \$25,000 from the Boettcher Foundation.

The high light of 1964 took place on May 17 when the ribbon was cut to open our new east addition. Governor Love and other dignitaries were present. This beautiful wing represents an investment of \$2,600,000.

The past three years have proven the building was well designed because it operates very economically. With these new facilities we took a step forward in attaining

that essential end product—high quality patient care. During July, 1965, Porter Memorial Hospital obtained for the fifth time full accreditation from the Joint Commission which is the official accrediting organization for hospitals. During this same month we had open house for our two new apartment houses. These buildings are air conditioned and represent an investment of \$460,000. They contain space for 50 nurses and technicians.

July 1, 1966, another milestone in hospital care appeared on the scene—that of Medicare. During the last six months of the quadrennium, 30 per cent of the patient days resulted from patients whose hospital bills were covered by this new plan.

During the quadrennium there was no significant change in the number of patients admitted, as compared to the previous period, but due to changes in the general economy, and an increase in the average length of stay, the dollar volume of our business increased by five million dollars leaving an operating gain of approximately \$324,000.

Some of the new services we have initiated are as follows: Departments of speech and hearing, electroencephalography, nuclear medicine, a special procedures room in X ray, and a cortical function laboratory. In addition we established an employee credit union and set up a public relations department. No doubt you have noticed the news items which are sent to the REAPER each week.

To keep the practice of medicine at a high professional level, Porter is blessed with a fine medical staff. Approximately 250 doctors bring patients to the hospital, among which there are more than 20 Seventh-day Adventist physicians.

Porter enjoys the benefits of a most outstanding ladies' auxiliary. We cannot use all the teen-age volunteers who would like to serve. During the quadrennium 27,400 hours were donated by the candy strippers and 45,200 by adult volunteers. They paid for \$20,000 worth of hospital equipment through various fund raising projects.

Nursing service has charge of 50 per cent of our employees and I have asked Mrs. Charles Russell, our director, to give a brief report after which our head chaplain, Elder Eugene Irish, has some interesting high lights to present.

Nursing Service

The year 1964 stands out as a high point in nursing service this past quadrennium. It was in April of that year that the surgical unit made the first move into the new addition.

Also in 1964 we established an emergency cardiac resuscitation team which we call the "Bennett Team" and has resulted in saving or prolonging a number of lives.

In 1963 a more comprehensive orientation program was initiated, and this past year we have sponsored an instruction and supervised practice program of up to two weeks for each new employee. The employee turnover in 1966 dropped by 57 and we attribute this in part to the improved program.

The Program of Practical Nursing has graduated 79

	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total
Total Income	\$3,324,891.00	\$3,566,993.00	\$4,003,983.00	\$4,376,156.00	\$15,272,023.00
Total Expense	3,225,905.00	3,568,702.00	3,963,333.00	4,190,313.00	14,948,253.00
Total Payroll	2,212,633.00	2,441,763.00	2,629,927.00	2,775,263.00	10,059,586.00
Capital Improvements	1,778,367.00	3,158,942.00	62,537.00	132,513.00	5,132,359.00
Average Census	184	180	190	197	188

since 1962. Of the 94 graduates to date, 28 have remained at Porter. Twenty-six others contributed part-time service. There are currently 14 students in our eighth class. We have co-sponsored promotional trips to the Central Union academies with Union College Department of Nursing to encourage students to enter the health professions. We have cut back to one class in the program this year because of the difficulty in obtaining qualified Seventh-day Adventist applicants. Last year our school ranked second place in Colorado on state board examinations results.

In an effort to promote nursing careers in 1965 we made a 20-minute film (8 mm) entitled "A Glimpse of Nursing" which has been shown in several academies and to many high school groups.

As our institution enlarges it seems to become more difficult to recruit an adequate number of qualified Seventh-day Adventist personnel. We solicit the help of our constituents in this regard. This past year two RN's and two LPN's were baptized as a direct result of the witness of our Christian nurses.

Last September a change in the Nebraska statutes made it possible for approved Union College nursing students to work 8-12 hours per week in the hospital, thus benefiting both the students, and the hospital.

Participation in the Denver Visiting Nurse Patient-Referral Program has resulted in improved post-hospitalization care for approximately 186 patients this quadrennium.

Our main evaluations of service are gauged by our patient comments like "I enjoyed my stay very much. All the nurses were wonderful and the service very good. Enjoyed the morning song especially. It was such a nice way to wake up," and "Porter has served us 25 years and we have always been satisfied—that is why we go to doctors who are on the Porter staff." While most are highly favorable, we will continually strive to reach those goals and standards outlined in the "blueprint."

Chaplains' Department

The purpose of Porter Memorial Hospital is to serve in the spirit and example of Christ ministering to mankind physically, mentally, and spiritually, To Make Man Whole.

The chaplains' department (two chaplains, a Bible worker and a secretary) is combined with the large team of department heads, employees, doctors, and nurses to bring the more than ten thousand patients each year to the healing of the Great Physician.

Every week the workers of the chaplains' team conduct a chapel service for the employees and another for the students and faculty of Union College. On Sabbath morning a branch Sabbath school is taught for patients and employees. A short study for patients unable to attend is offered over the hospital broadcast system. These two services have been responsible for stimulating an interest in the hearts of our patients and baptisms have followed—one, the father of a Baptist minister. Others are studying to join the fellowship of the church. Fifty-four people have entered the waters of baptism in the last four years.

In harmony with the modern concept of preventive medicine, an active program of health education has been offered under the direction of the chaplains' office. To date, 21 clinics of the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking have been presented to about 3,250 people.

As an expanded part of the program in health educa-

tion, the following three services were developed in this office with guidance of members of the medical staff:

1. Smokers Dial to help people stop smoking took Denver by storm in November of 1964.

2. Drinkers Dial, offering advice for those with a drinking problem, had a quick acceptance in January of 1966.

3. The third program, Slimline, gives proof to the statement that figures don't lie as thousands called for advice on losing weight.

These services have had wide acceptance and have since spread across North America and around the world. All three programs are bringing constant requests for speaking appointments from schools, clubs, and organizations.

Each week workers of this office teach Union College students and those of the Program of Practical Nursing the fine arts of applied Christian service; the textbook is *Ministry of Healing*. The Union College students also spend an additional year studying the life of Mrs. E. G. White in the Spirit of Prophecy class.

The current Gift Bible Evangelism program is having a thrilling response in the hospital from both patients and employees. An organized team of hospital workers, led by the chaplains' group, visit in the homes of these people with the Bible lessons. Surely this program will bear precious fruit.

Tape recordings for the hospital broadcast system supplement the work of this office, bringing inspirational thoughts and music to the bedside of the patient. A lending library offers carefully selected books for all patients and employees and a steady stream of devotional literature brings comfort and hope for the patients. This literature, along with the 13,800 *Signs, These Times, Listen, and Life and Health* magazines distributed each year, offer thrilling subjects to all for the fellowship of prayer, extending the influence of "truth for this time"—To Make Man Whole.

Accomplishments and Goals of Boulder Memorial Hospital

WARREN M. CLARK, Administrator

Boulder Memorial Hospital has just finished four years of progress and growth as once again we pause to look back at what has been accomplished and at the same time set our sights on goals for the coming quadrennium.



W. M. Clark

It is impossible in a report such as this to cover the past four years in detail, but it is desirable to point out particular facets of the hospital's life and work which give an over-all view of what has been accomplished and what is anticipated in the future. Facts and figures of our operation over the past quadrennium are a matter of record and available to anyone who wants to study them. I do not intend to go into numbers to any extent, but I would like to have you take time



Modernization of Boulder Memorial Hospital has improved the efficiency and appearance of the hospital.

to study the trend as shown in the following summary of bed occupancy for the past four years:

Per cent of Occupancy for Quadrennium

	1963	1964	1965	1966
Medical	69%	75%	85%	97%
Surgical	60%	62%	70%	82%
Obstetrical	15%	20%	26%	38%
Psychiatric	41%	52%	33%	34%
Total	55%	60%	65%	75%

Occupancy of medical and surgical services which makes up the major portion of the hospital's work has reached the critical point where we are often running out of space. Obstetrical service is making a rapid rise in occupancy considering that for a number of years it was boycotted by a number of Boulder's obstetricians. We are happy that this trend has changed and that many of these same men are now giving us good support.

Growth has also taken place in other areas. In 1963, a total of 7,527 physical therapy treatments were given—an average of 627 per month. In 1966, the total was 13,100 for a monthly average of 1,091. We are rapidly becoming known as a rehabilitation center, but further growth will be impossible until added beds are available.

Financially, we have greatly strengthened our position over the past four years. Early in 1964, the last of the indebtedness resulting from the 1957-58 building was paid and the hospital became debt free. In addition, efforts have been made to build up and hold in securities of various types of money to be used in future building. As of the end of 1966, we have available \$205,000 in cash. Notes coming due over the next 18 months will add another \$95,000 to bring our total building funds, over and above operating funds, to \$300,000.

During 1966, a decision was made to proceed as rapidly as possible with new construction. A master plan was adopted and as of this date the architect is proceeding on detailed drawings. To be added is a new east wing that will house a clinical laboratory and 68 new medical-surgical beds. Most of the beds in the old south wing built in 1918 will be discontinued and the space will be converted to other use. This will result in a net gain of 31 beds, bringing our total to 120 beds.

Progress does not just happen and the increasing success that Boulder Memorial Hospital is now experiencing is the result of a number of factors and the work of many people. We must ever keep in mind that it is divine leading that has made possible increased success and growth in Boulder, but God works through individuals to carry out His will.

We have a most dedicated group of employees—individuals who have a common goal of Christian service to others and who are aware that their acts and words represent the hospital to the public we serve.

Two other groups have played a vital role in our increased occupancy—our Civic Advisory Council and our Women's Auxiliary.

Formed in 1961, and composed of a group of prominent business and civic leaders, the Civic Advisory Council is in a position to advise the hospital board and administration and also to interpret the hospital to the community it serves. The effectiveness of this active organization increases each year.

Also in 1961, the Women's Auxiliary was formed and it too serves a dual purpose. Thousands of hours of donated service are given annually to the hospital and in addition each year the ladies purchase for the hospital needed items of equipment, using funds they obtain from dues and the operation of a gift shop in the hospital. The value of equipment purchased by the auxiliary and given to the hospital over the past four years is about \$3,500. Of equal benefit to the hospital is the fact that these ladies are loyal supporters and in their homes and social contacts throughout Boulder they serve as good-will ambassadors for the hospital. A number of our Adventist ladies are active members of the auxiliary and render a valuable service.

One other group has had an important role in our increased patronage. That group is the medical staff. A hospital is, after all, only a place for doctors to treat their patients. The support of the medical staff is vital. Over the past four years, the interest and support of many of Boulder's doctors has gradually swung back in our direction. This support is not 100 per cent and we would never expect it to be, but at present 98 doctors hold staff privileges at Memorial Hospital. We do find enough strong support to give confidence that we will continue to progress. Excellent nursing personnel under the very able direction of Miss Yvette Nelson as director of nursing service has done much to impress the doctors. In addition, many dedicated employees in all phases of the hospital's operation have played a part in this change.

Our own Adventist doctors have contributed a great deal to this trend. At the beginning of the quadrennium, we had four Adventist doctors in Boulder. The year 1963 saw the addition of two more and another was added in 1964. Then in 1966, three more were added, bringing the total Adventist doctors now in private practice to ten. These men lend strong support to the hospital and also represent our Seventh-day Adventist church in a very fine way.

As a Seventh-day Adventist institution, we are not just another hospital, but rather, a hospital with a purpose and reason for being. Our every act reflects what we believe and our goal is to awaken a spirit of inquiry in those we serve. We seldom see the direct results of our work and only eternity will show how lives may have been influenced for good by what was seen and experienced in our hospital.

We often wish it were possible to staff our hospital with all Adventist employees but there just are not enough qualified people available. However, this too has in it an opportunity to witness for our faith. Many employees first hear of Seventh-day Adventists when they start work here. Others seek employment with us stating that they

prefer the atmosphere that prevails within our institution. To be able to answer a question as to what we believe; to supply a book, which because it is requested, makes us feel more certain that it will be read; to see a new employee attend our church because they want to learn more about Seventh-day Adventists—such are the bonuses many of us experience and rejoice in.

The past quadrennium saw the closing of two of the health food stores owned and operated by the hospital and the sale early in 1966 of the remaining four stores. The sale was made to an Adventist business man who will continue their operation along the same pattern followed by the hospital.

Medicare, made effective in mid-1966, has made a major impact and is only a forerunner of future governmental participation as a provider of health care for increasing segments of our population. During the first six months of Medicare, patients over 65 accounted for 27 per cent of the total admissions. Older people remain hospitalized longer however, and that same 27 per cent of the admissions accounted for 41 per cent of the patient days of care. Paper work to handle medicare reports and claims has made it necessary for us to add extra clerical personnel.

Federal and state laws are playing an ever increasing role in controlling what we can and cannot do. Questions that used to be considered routine are now illegal for us to ask of a prospective employee. Each year there are more controls on wages paid and hours of work allowed.

Within the last year we have seen a wave of unrest across the country involving nurses and other hospital personnel. Strikes and mass resignations have forced substantial pay increases and have resulted in mass bargaining on many conditions of employment between hospitals and personnel. All these things are signs of the times in which we live. We have expected this for a long time and we are thankful that its only effect on us so far has been in the area of wages we must pay to attract and hold employees.

The net results of this has been a rapid rise in hospital costs, and it follows that rates charged patients must also increase. At the beginning of the quadrennium, for example, the starting pay for a staff nurse was \$350.00 per month and the average semi-private room charge was \$19.00 per day. That same semi-private room now costs \$30.00 a day and the starting rate for a staff nurse has increased to \$475.00 per month with other wage rates throughout the hospital increasing proportionately.

The coming quadrennium should see significant growth in Boulder. We have a good team—a group of employees with a common goal. Still our efforts alone can accomplish little without God's leading and help. It is His work that we are doing and we ask that your prayers will be that we will continue to grow only in a way that is part of the divine plan.

CHRIST SUSTAINED BY WHAT HE SAW. "What sustained the Son of God during His life of toil and sacrifice? He saw the results of the travail of His soul, and was satisfied. Looking into eternity, He beheld the happiness of those who through His humiliation had received pardon and everlasting life. His ear caught the shout of the redeemed. He heard the ransomed ones singing the song of Moses and the Lamb."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 601.

Present and Long-Range Plans of Union College Told

R. W. FOWLER, *President*

Union College, throughout its seventy-five years as the school of higher learning for the Seventh-day Adventists of the Great Plains area, has had as its basic objective



R. W. Fowler

the purpose of preparing its young people for Christian service at home and abroad. Confidence in its program and policies has been reflected in the loyalty, support, and dedication of its constituency; in the cooperative spirit of its Board of Trustees as they have developed long-range plans for the school; in the devoted service of faculty and staff, and in the whole-some acceptance by hundreds of youth that yearly come to the college

because of its concept of Christian education.

In order to present an adequate concept of the material progress of Union College during the past decade, certain comparative statistics covering the two quadrenniums, 1958-62 and 1962-66, are given.

Enrollment at Union College from 1958 through 1962 varied from 776 to 903, with a total enrollment of 3,368 students. During the four years just past, the enrollment increased significantly from 935 students in 1963 to 1,136 students enrolled for the current year, with a total enrollment of 4,206 students—a 25 per cent increase over the previous quadrennium.

A breakdown of these enrollment figures shows that of the 3,368 students enrolled between 1958 and 1962, 45 per cent or 1,517 students came from homes located within the Central Union territory. In contrast, during the four years just past, this number increased to 1,934 students or 46 per cent.

In term of those who completed Baccalaureate programs at Union College, 347 students graduated during the years 1959-1963, while 527 graduated during the past four years, a gain of 21 per cent.

The Board of Trustees and the Administration has consistently sought for and employed faculty who have superior professional preparation and a deep sense of dedication to the principles of Christian education. With the increase of student population, there has been an increase of staff from an average of 88 full-time members during the years 1958-62 to an average of 97 members during the past four years. The growth of professional competency among the faculty is reflected by the increase of doctoral degree-holding members from 10 to 18 for the two periods.

The increase in student enrollment has also necessitated an expansion of physical plant. An on-going master plan of expansion has been accepted by the Board of Trustees and already several units have been completed.

Of prime importance in the three-fold pattern of Union College education, is the training of the hand for prac-



Mr. George T. Gott, Mr. Edwin Eivens and Dr. R. W. Fowler watch the printer on the 1401 IBM Computer.

tical service. Additional industrial expansion for this purpose has been provided in 24,000 square feet of work space for students employed in the furniture and broom shop complex.

Housing has become a critical factor for both young men and women. An additional wing to Rees Hall has given 126 student spaces, but these are already filled to capacity. Overcrowding in South Hall has been a problem for several years, and it became necessary to house many in-coming students in school-owned apartment buildings. However, ground was broken last spring for a new high-rise men's dormitory to house 208 students. Already the structure is enclosed and occupancy should be ready before the new school year.

Academic space has been increased by a recently completed addition to Jorgensen Hall, which houses the natural science classrooms and laboratories. A substantial gift from an alumnus and former teacher, Dr. C. E. Plumb, made possible this new addition which almost doubles the existing floor space. The new facilities were occupied at the beginning of the current school year.

In order to more adequately service the heating and power needs of the new buildings, a thousand foot walkway tunnel was completed by the engineering department this past summer.

Library space has been at a premium for several years now, with shelves occupying former faculty and student study areas. Presently under construction is an addition that will combine the music building and library into one building. When the construction of a new library building, now in the planning state, is realized, the current library-music complex will become the college Fine Arts Center.

Recreation is essential in a balanced program of education. A new tennis court—which may be converted into an ice-skating rink during the winter months has been con-

structed to replace the former courts now occupied by the men's high-rise dormitory.

The financial operation of the college for the past two quadrenniums has been stable and reflects wise management. Increased costs are shown in a comparison of the operating budgets for the two periods. While \$1,873,054 was needed to operate the college for the 1958-59 school year, \$2,975,921 was required for the 1965-66 school year. Quadrennium costs rose from \$6,721,956 by 50 per cent to \$10,051,300 for the past four years.

College policy has always required a solvent operation, and while this has not always been realized, yet during the two periods under study it has been constantly achieved with a 1.2 per cent margin for the former period, and a 3.5 per cent margin for the last four-year period.

During the period 1958-62, students defrayed a portion of their expenses in college industries to the extent of \$1,354,814. This was increased to \$1,727,973 during the ensuing four years.

As we face the future at Union College, we recognize that problems of enrollment, finance, and standards of academic excellence will be encountered. However, we look forward with confidence, realizing that the God who has led us thus far will continue to lead until the day we shall graduate to the school above.

Gratitude to God for His leadership and bounties and to our faithful church members throughout the Central Union who support the college is the emotion we experience as we review the past four years. Our pledge is a renewed determination to give our best in the preparation of your sons and daughters for service in the challenging days ahead.

Central Branch of Pacific Press Reports

J. C. KINDER, Manager

Central Branch, Pacific Press Publishing Assn.

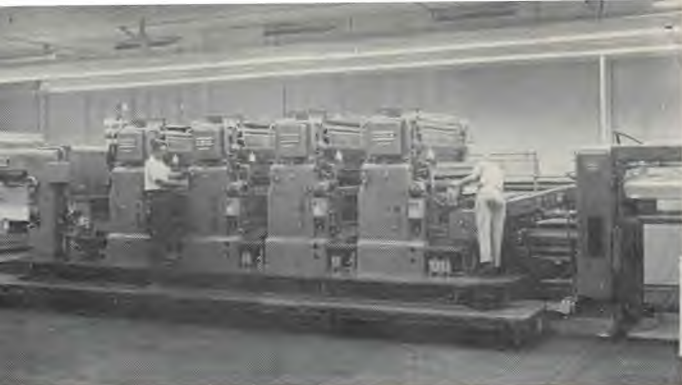
One of the institutions which is an intricate part of the Central Union is the Central Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association. At one time there were many branch publishing houses serving the denomination from the three major publishing houses in the United States. Today only the Central Branch of the Pacific Press located at Omaha, Nebraska, remains.



J. C. Kinder

Serving both the Northern and Central Unions, the Central Branch stocks the publications from all three major publishing houses and whatever other supplies are needed for the Book and Bible Houses, literature evangelists, and conferences of the Central Union.

The Central Union Publishing secretary, Elder J. F. Kent, will give the statistical report on the outstanding sales of the Book and Bible Houses and the literature evangelists, so we will not include sale figures in this report. But perhaps you would enjoy our sharing with you some



This new \$350,000 four-color Miehle press is one of the many pieces of new high-speed equipment installed at the Pacific Press Publishing Association during this past quadrennium.

of the growth we have experienced at the Press through the blessing of the Lord.

God's leading was especially evident in the acquiring of new land. For several years we have felt the need of more space, but because of spiraling prices in land-hungry California where our home office is located, we were unable to purchase new land. Four years ago we had an opportunity to purchase three and a half acres adjacent to our property. But the \$400,000 price forced us out of the bidding. God knew of our need for more space, so last year, 1966, through the leading of God, we purchased the same property for only \$100,000, including two large warehouses.

With the ever-increasing demands for literature by

our church members of the Central Union, as well as elsewhere, we have found it necessary to expand our production through efficiency and new high-speed equipment. A few years ago the average production at the press was 800 books per day. Today we are able to produce 4,500 hard cover books, 10,000 square-back paper books and 25,000 saddle stitched paperbacks, for a total of nearly 40,000 books per day. And still the demand from the churches keeps increasing. Surely the Lord is preparing us for the climactic events which will close this earth's history.

Mr. Paul Turpel who has served as manager of the Pacific Press Central Branch during the past quadrennium has since joined the Southern Publishing Association as associate manager of the book department. Frank LaRose who was assistant manager until 1964 is now working with the Loma Linda Food Company in Riverside, California. Al Denslow, who followed Mr. LaRose as assistant manager, has just accepted a call to manage the Oklahoma Book and Bible House.

The present staff of the Central Branch consists of J. C. Kinder, manager; Clyde Best, assistant manager; Dick Thall in charge of shipping; and Mrs. Ila McCormick, secretary. We join with the nearly 300 employees of the Mountain View office in saluting the church members and workers of the Central Union at this the nineteenth session, and pledge ourselves with you to do our utmost to win more souls during 1967 and the coming quadrennium.

Christian Record Services Explained

C. G. CROSS, General Manager

The Christian Record Braille Foundation is an institution of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, operated for the benefit of blind and visually handicapped persons in the church and the general public.



C. G. Cross

Eight years ago the budget for all services of the Christian Record Braille Foundation was \$186,000. It is now \$600,000. It should be \$6,000,000.

During the first year of this quadrennium we moved into a new plant which was built with work-flow and expansion in mind. When you come to Lincoln, Nebraska, we hope you will visit the plant, the only one of its

kind in the denomination.

Last year the 117 workers of the foundation were grouped as follows: 74 district representatives, 26 plant workers, 12 Braille transcribers, and 5 division field directors. Twelve of the 117 are blind.

All services, tangible and intangible, are free. The foundation produces more free services for blind and visually handicapped persons than any non-government supported organization in the world. I wish it were possible for you to be present during one of our mail-outs. A giant van from the post office backs up to the loading dock and

we cram it full of magazines, books, Bible courses, and other items which are sent to readers in all 50 states in the United States, all provinces in Canada, and to a total of 83 countries around the world.

Our district representatives in the United States and Canada help to find annually between 30,000 and 40,000 persons who became blind during the year. Who are these people? They are children, parents, teachers, tradesmen, farmers, ministers, attorneys, physicians, salesmen, housewives, executives, and many others. If anybody needs a friend, it is an individual who has been active for years, settled and happy in his job, and then loses his eyesight—and his job. Obligations to his family do not change. He and his wife and children must yet eat and wear clothes and heat the house and pay taxes and utilities. The children must be educated. The house loan must be paid back and the house insurance must not lapse. If this man had problems making ends meet while he had his sight, imagine his problems after losing his sight! What would you do?

That is our starting point. We do not ask to what church this person belongs. He almost invariably needs a rehabilitation of attitudes and ways of thinking, and he desperately needs hope for the future. Can you think of any group of people who, by their very nature, can be more helpful to a newly blinded person like this than our happy, sincere district representatives who are trained to do this special work?

After gaining the confidence of this man, our worker will inform him of our many publications. If he wants to learn Braille, we get him and a Braille teacher together. If he prefers to listen to records, we help him secure a record player on a lifetime loan basis from the Library of Congress and then help him order his first recorded books. Suddenly this man realizes that all of life is not gone, but that much yet lies ahead—and he wants it. Later we get him acquainted with other blind people, try to activate



The Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc. is located in Lincoln, Nebraska, and offers services all over the U.S., Canada and many foreign countries.

him and get his mind off himself and onto other people and things.

While serving blind people, the district representatives call on businessmen of the community and inform them of the needs of their blind citizens and the services we provide, and invite them to help sponsor this work financially.

We produce magazines, books, and correspondence courses for children, youth, adults, and elderly persons. We have hundreds of books. We have nine magazines, six in Braille, one on records, one on tapes, and one in large print. We have three correspondence courses in Braille for children and send mimeographed copies of the same to their parents so they know what the children are reading. We also have a selection of correspondence courses in Braille and on records for adults.

In the last eight years we have researched the large print field twice. There is a much greater field of service for large print than for Braille. We have been publishing a large print magazine for youth since January, 1960, and have published two books in large print recently. Three women told me after one of our church services, "We haven't read our Bibles for a long time." I asked, "Why not?" They replied, "We can't see the print." We conservatively estimate that there are at least 4 million persons with that same difficulty in the North American Division. I have seen professional estimates of 7 million.

Books and magazines on records and tapes are in great demand. During the last two years we have been developing a tape lending library. People all over America, as volunteers, are reading our books onto tapes. We edit and duplicate them. At the plant we have a main recording studio and four smaller studios where volunteers read books onto tapes.

Production of full vision books, which for the first time in history bring "story time" into the homes of blind parents with sighted little children, has probably brought as much notoriety to the foundation as any single project.

Opportunities for establishing and developing work for the blind and visually handicapped people in overseas areas exist in many places. We have had the pleasure of helping our brethren start small programs for the blind in several countries.

We cooperate with national and local offices of community-minded organizations. At least once in each four-year period we supply up-to-date information about the foundation, its services, operations, a list of board members, a list of district representatives, and other important information to most of the 4,000 offices of the Chamber of Commerce, and the 120 offices of the Better Business Bureau in the United States and Canada.

We have a 23-member Board of Trustees, an 11-member Board of Management, and a 6-member House Com-

mittee. All members of these groups are SDA workers or laymen. We have an Advisory Board of 35 professionally qualified persons. All but one are non-Adventists. Your union conference president is vice president of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Management.

Each year the foundation receives the Seal of Good Practice issued by the American Association of Workers for the Blind, which is a parents association of all organizations serving blind people in the United States and Canada.

Financial statements are audited annually by the General Conference and by an independent company of certified public accountants.

The regular 1966 Seventh-day Adventist Church offering amounted to a net of \$33,807.61 to be used in 1966, and the same amount in 1967. As you know, this offering pays for all of the doctrinal services. None of the contributions from the general public can be used to pay for doctrinal literature. This money must come from our churches. We urge that you take this message to your church members. We are in a critical condition with this small offering.

The denomination has compassion for blind and visually handicapped children and adults. If you want them to read Adventist literature, send us their names, addresses, and useful information, and we shall be pleased to assist you.

John, the Revelator, declared in Revelation 1:7, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him." Imagine the happy shouts of praise that will burst from the mouths of known and unknown thousands of blind people when they will be given perfect, eternal eyesight when the Saviour comes. Between now and then we are anxious to do all that can be done to get these wonderful people ready for the Christ. This is our goal.

We thank each of you for your helpfulness. We would like to be of assistance in your tasks in any way we can.

Central States President Presents Challenge

W. S. LEE, *President*

The Nineteenth Session of the Central Union Conference marks the fifteenth anniversary of the Central States Conference. Organized as the Central States Mission in 1947, it became the Central States Conference November 9, 1952.



W. S. Lee

It is a great honor to give a brief report of God's blessings to the Central States Conference which is the youngest conference and yet, the most colorful in the Central Union.

While I am presenting this report, the actual work was done under the leadership of Elder W. W. Fordham now serving in the General Conference. Any financial report of any predominantly Negro organization must be accepted in the



Denver, Park Hill Church.

context of the Negroes' economic position in America. The report must include not only *what* has been achieved but the circumstances under which it was accomplished.

From 1963 through 1966, there were 1,127 baptisms. The membership at the end of the last quadrennial session was 2,326; the present membership is 2,917—a net gain of 591. This means 25 per cent net increase in membership in four years.

From January 1, 1959 through December 31, 1962, \$655,332.00 was paid in tithe. In the past four years, \$868,961.76 was paid by our small membership—a gain of \$213,629.76. In mission offerings for the same two periods —\$217,636.39 and \$270,008.92—a gain of \$52,372.53.

These figures represent a special kind of loyalty and sacrifice to the cause of God when we take into account the fact that the Negro income is only 54 per cent of the nations' average and unemployment is 2.5 times that of the majority group.

The following predictions were made March 8, 1964, and accomplished:

1. A school built and occupied in St. Louis.
2. A new church building in Wichita.
3. A new church or major remodeling program in Leavenworth.
4. Acceleration of our church development program for the erection or the securing of new churches in Pueblo and Kansas City, Kansas.
5. Operation of a new school in Omaha.
6. Organization of second church in St. Louis and new building constructed.
7. More literature workers.
8. More children and youth in our schools.

In addition, churches were purchased in Kirkwood, Missouri, and Pueblo, Colorado, and a new church built in Denver. A new church of 40 members has been raised up in Charleston, Missouri, where there were no Negro Seventh-day Adventists. A new church edifice will be constructed in 1967.

There is a real team spirit in Central States. Each member, pastor, teacher, literature evangelist, departmental secretary, and administrator is dedicated to the task of carrying the everlasting gospel to the 700,000 men and women of color in the Central States territory.

This task is a tremendous challenge. The racial revolution has brought about many economic and social

changes. Great gains have been made. However, practically all of the gains have been made by the growing Negro middle class, which still constitutes a minority of the Negro population. While the income of the middle-class Negro rises, that of the great mass of Negroes is actually declining. This has created a profound hostility and distrust among this great mass containing 60 per cent of all the nation's Negro youth. There is frustration and bitterness that only the power of the gospel can alleviate.

We must work for the masses of Negroes as well as the middle-class in large cities—these millions who are demoralized, alienated, and frustrated need the Christ of Peace and Happiness.

The Negro Ghetto is spreading—Negroes now constitute 27 per cent of the population in Chicago, 37 per cent in St. Louis (our own territory), 39 per cent in Detroit, 40 per cent in Birmingham, 41 per cent in New Orleans and Baltimore, 63 per cent in Washington, D.C.

Three-quarters of a million Negroes in Central States territory must be evangelized. Negroes are no longer a race of churchgoers. A recent Gallup survey revealed that only 38 per cent of Negroes attend church on a given Sunday. To get the Negro back into church we must make our *religion live*. This is our dedicated purpose. Small is our membership, limited are our funds but great is the power of God and unfailing are His promises.

Ministry of Healing, page 500, is for our consolation and encouragement: "Man can shape circumstances but circumstances should not be allowed to shape the man. We should seize upon circumstances as instruments by which to work. We are to master them but not permit them to master us. Men of power are those who have been opposed, baffled, and thwarted. By calling their energies into action, the obstacles they meet prove to them positive blessings. They *gain self-reliance*. Conflict and perplexity call for the exercise of trust in God and for that firmness which develops power." (Italics supplied.)

Columbus cherished a vision of another world, and he discovered it; Copernicus fostered the vision of a multiplicity of worlds and a wider universe and he revealed it.

We, in Central States, envision a finished gospel work and the everlasting world of peace and by faith we shall enter into it.

St. Louis Northside Church.



Colorado Reviews Past Accomplishments-Looks to Future

H. V. REED, *President*

It is always with humble gratitude that we review the way God has led us in the past. The future always glows with brighter promise as we contemplate His majestic leading through what we have thought were dark, foreboding clouds of despair. The Colorado working staff gladly submits the following report:



H. V. Reed

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM—Colorado's net membership grew from 8,500 to 9,000 during the last quadrennial period. This was made possible by large baptisms each year through the consecrated efforts of our laymen and ministerial staff. Our workers baptized 517 persons in 1963; 502 in 1964; 449 in 1965, and 511 in 1966—making a grand total of 1,979 precious souls. Our own local conference evangelistic team headed by Elder Harold Williams, held 22 campaigns during the four-year term. To assist the ministers of our field in this great soul-winning undertaking, we were able to secure the services of a number of outstanding evangelistic teams from outside our field. The Barron-Turner team held three outstanding meetings. The Walter-Lange team held two; while Elder G. E. Vandeman, the Voice of Prophecy team, the Duffield-Henderson team, and Elder Floyd Bresee from Union College, held one each. Our own Colorado workers held more than 130 campaigns during these four years of soul winning.

With Elder V. W. Schoen having laid the groundwork for a great layman movement in November, 1965, Colorado has followed with its Project Lamp, as laymen and ministers are banding together for an immense evangelistic thrust as we enter a new four-year period. Colorado's workers in their recent workers' meeting, set a baptismal goal of 1,050 souls for 1967, with every conference worker, including the office staff, involved in holding direct soul-winning evangelistic campaigns. Gift Bible Evangelism will be the big evangelistic thrust for this year in the Lamp Project.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS—Colorado stands as the 12th largest field in North America at the present time, having 72 organized churches and two companies, with 67 congregations having their own church buildings. Thirteen beautiful new churches were constructed in the conference during this past quadrennium. We thank our heavenly Father for these fine additions to our

La Junta Church.



Grand Junction Church at time of dedication.

field. Totalling more than one-million dollars in value, these churches add immensely to the comfort of hundreds of our people and serve as great evangelistic centers to bring new believers into the faith. The churches built or totally revamped in construction, with seating capacity noted are as follows:

Aurora	500	Glenwood Springs	75
Arvada-North	500	Craig	100
Cortez	400	Colorado Springs	650
Canon City	300	Campion	800
La Junta	250	Littleton	500
Rocky Ford	150	Denver Spanish	250
Alamosa	200	Longmont	250

New churches being planned are: Aztec, Thornton, Yuma, Montrose, Pueblo, and Trinidad.

Besides these new buildings, many churches have added additions and remodeling projects. Many churches have also built new schools or added to the schools already established. Some of these are: Brighton, Ft. Collins, Boulder, Arvada-North, Rocky Ford; with totally new schools at Greeley and Fort Collins and other additions at Rulison and Grand Junction. Mile High Academy added a new building for vocational sciences at an expense of approximately \$100,000.

ACADEMIES—During the last quadrennial period, Denver Junior Academy became a full twelve-grade school. Its name was then changed to Mile High Academy. A \$300,000.00 addition is now being planned for this fine school. Four hundred students attend, with more than 100 of them being high school students.

Since last union session the conference boarding academy at Campion has seen the beginning and completion of the construction of a long-awaited administration building which was so badly needed. This building represents an outlay of cash in excess of \$430,000.00 with the furnishings. The second phase of this building program, which will finish the cafeteria and boys' dormitory, will be a project of similar cost for the next quadrennial period.

During the past four years, three strong new industries have been added to the academy campus—the Harris Pine Mills, with a building costing \$156,000.00; the Silver States Packaging Company; and the Bake-N-Serve Frozen Dough Company. These fine industries, along with the broom factory, dairy farm, maintenance, housekeeping and culinary duties, offer student labor opportunities unparalleled in our academies. The student labor earned over the last four-year period totals \$555,468.08.

Besides our academies within the conference, our elementary and intermediate schools and equipment involve an investment of \$1,184,672.86. For the current school term of 1966-67 operational expenditures will amount to \$375,912.10. This shows something of the size of education in Colorado. We welcome an elementary supervisor, Miss

Violet Archambeau, to the educational department staff to help us with this great work. This year's opening enrollment in grades 1-10 was 1,223 students. The opening report also includes 25 schools, including one mission and one self-supporting school in the conference, and 79 teachers. We also welcome two new schools this year; namely, Buena Vista and Sterling.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS—Broader blessings have been poured out upon God's people in a monetary way, as shown from the tithe figures, which total for the four-year period \$5,375,269.63. While this large sum for tithes was received, \$1,285,168.12 came into the treasury for missions. The table below shows these thrilling figures by years during the quadrennium and includes the large amounts that our people have raised through the Ingathering work. Truly the world field and Colorado will rejoice over the soul winning thus made possible.

	1963	1964	1965	1966
TITHE				
\$	1,218,887.89	1,275,904.98	1,365,532.79	1,514,943.97
INGATHERING				
\$	108,498.07	118,070.27	114,796.95	118,291.46
SABBATH SCHOOL				
\$	169,184.64	175,519.48	118,911.87	202,472.97
*MISSIONS				
\$	301,539.78	311,237.71	322,904.54	349,486.09

(*Missions includes Sabbath school and Ingathering.)

DEPARTMENTAL WORK—Besides that work already reported, it would be well to note the blessings of the Lord in various departments.

Our Book and Bible House has grown by leaps and bounds, doing a total business in 1966 of \$255,300.99, showing an increase over the previous year of \$14,648.60. Surely our people are reading the truth-filled books in these final days.

Our publishing work has grown immensely so that we now require the services of two assistants during this quadrennium to help Elder A. L. Page; namely, Ray Flemmer and Richard Beerbower. Our 40 faithful literature evangelists are shooting at a \$200,000.00 delivery mark for this coming year.

Our branch Sabbath schools totaled 150 during the quadrennium.

Our youth camps provide for more than 1,200 young people in attendance each year, and our youth in the Denver area are now being shepherded by a special youth pastor, Elder Ted Wick. He is doing an ever-expanding work in the interest of our youth for God in this area. What an asset these young people are to the total conference program.

Our medical work has grown until we now have more than 120 physicians of all types throughout the length and breadth of the Colorado field. Two new Seventh-day Adventist dentists settled in Colorado in the past year; three new medical doctors also came to our state, with one new osteopathic physician settling in Longmont. The prospects are good for several new physicians coming into Colorado this coming summer.

Religious Liberty is an immense issue with a proposed Sunday law now being contemplated in our legislature again. We pray the Lord will lead, guide, and direct us in this great undertaking to preserve our liberties.

Our church development program, with the "Campion Fair Share," is continuing to help us in the successful con-

clusion to the Campion Building program. Many of our brethren are bringing in wills and trusts, which will help in the building of God's temple in the earth.

Porter Memorial Hospital completed a beautiful new addition during this quadrennium and is now able to provide care for 320 beds. Its staff has now grown to more than 620 workers with a medical staff of about 250 doctors in the community. The Boulder Memorial Hospital is also moving forward toward its construction of a new wing, which will make it one of the finest hospitals in the state. We are happy to pay tribute to all the medical personnel who do such a grand work in this great conference. When we add to these the 19 self-supporting institutions within the field, we say, "What hath God wrought!" The loyal people manning these posts are to be commended for their diligence of effort and purposefulness in holding forth the lamp of truth to those who need the light.

Somehow we must devise ways and means of attaching ourselves more firmly to the source of light and strength. There is no substitute for the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives, and for this we must continually pray. With the slanting rays of the setting sun beaming upon us, let us work while it is day for the night cometh in which no man can work.

Kansas Examines Past Records Lay Plans for Future

S. S. WILL, *President*

I am pleased to present this report to you. It represents the splendid work of others, under the faithful leadership of H. C. Klement as president and S. E. White, secretary-treasurer. The leaders of the departments, B. J. Furst, K. W. Hutchins, and C. G. Yurth, were supported by the pastors and wonderful people in the Christian warfare in Kansas. We salute each faithful warrior.



S. S. Will

Membership

During the quadrennium 768 persons were either baptized or joined the church by profession of faith. This was an increase of 86 or 13 per cent over the previous four-year period which brought the total conference membership to 3,755. We are so thankful for those who have joined the church.

At the close of the quadrennium there were 55 churches and companies in the conference.

Evangelism

The pastors engaged in public meetings throughout these four years. In addition two larger meetings were held in 1966 by the Walter-Lange-Parkhurst team in Wichita and Topeka. These meetings were the means of securing decisions for Christ as well as creating new interest in the church.

Public evangelism is a blessing to our church members as they rehear the prophecies and doctrines of our church and faith is reaffirmed and strengthened.



Enterprise Academy Administration Building.

Faith for Today has been heard in some areas of Kansas, and the Voice of Prophecy has covered even larger areas of our state in its weekly radio broadcast. Frequently names are sent to our office from both of the Bible correspondence schools fostered by these two fine evangelistic organizations. Some of these that enrolled in these courses have united with our church.

Our church members are also a great evangelistic force. Under the leadership of Elder Furst our laity reported the following:

Literature distributed	819,369
Bible studies given	9,844
Bible school applications	36,636
Persons helped	58,297

We believe that these 58,000 persons helped by our welfare agencies have been favorably impressed. The gospel seed has been planted. Someday it will germinate and grow into fruition.

The Missionary Volunteers swelled the evangelistic program. What would we do without our youth? This department reports:

Bible studies given	8,310
Decisions for Christ at camp	159

Stewardship

Our treasurer, S. E. White, reports the total tithe for the period of \$1,785,101.67, a percentage increase of 22% or a gain of \$319,801.75. The mission offerings were \$598,581.09, an increase of 12%.

Great progress has been shown in the annuity contracts and trust agreements written.

1963-1966	\$324,620.37
1959-1962	69,609.00

This is an increase of 366% in annuity contracts written.

We are so grateful to Elder White, our pastors, and our laymen for what has been done. No doubt God will greatly bless as these funds are used to advance His cause.

Christian Education

Our children and youth in a number of areas of Kansas have had the advantage of education in our own schools. Under the leadership of E. F. Armour and more recently K. W. Hutchins and the direct influence of Christian teachers, these children were trained in a clean atmosphere. We have had a total enrollment of 982 during these years.

Enrollment	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66
Grades 1-8	218	234	227	224
Grades 9-10	19	19	20	21

Enterprise Academy has been greatly improved. A rebuilding program began during the previous quadrennium under the leadership of Elder F. O. Sanders, and continued during the four-year period of this report. We rejoice over the functional facilities on the campus now.

Don Weatherall, principal during three of the four years, has given outstanding leadership and has built a good faculty.

The enrollment has grown and this present year we have 140 fine youth in attendance.

The Publishing Department and Book and Bible House

C. G. Yurth has led the literature evangelists during two years of this report and his department reports \$414,924.65 in sales. These Godly men and women, in addition to their sales, have given away 37,137 pieces of literature, received 4,593 applications for Bible courses, and prayed in 10,328 homes.

We cannot measure the positive influence of these literature evangelists. Someday the full story will be revealed.

The Book and Bible House processed \$302,582.61 in literature during this time. Howard Fisher has done some figuring and reports that these pages tied end to end would form a band 2,500 miles long, providing enough ribbon to encircle the state twice. We believe these 20-million pages are bringing comfort and enlightenment to thousands of needy hearts.

Sabbath School

The Sabbath school, the largest school in our denomination, is of inestimable value to us. The Sabbath school is ordained "to strengthen and enlarge the church." This department reports 277 baptisms and \$269,339.61 in offerings for the world-wide program. In addition there are vacation Bible schools, story hours, branch Sabbath schools, and other avenues of evangelism fostered by your Sabbath school department.

The Future

The modern watchword is—"All signs say go." Kansas, under the blessings of God and the united support of all, will move forward. Our goal in membership is 4,000. Our slogan is "Kansas 4,000." May God help His church in Kansas during the next quadrennium.

New Haven Church, Shawnee Mission, Kansas.



Missouri Expresses Gratitude for Quadrennial Advancement

A. V. McCLURE, *President*

The Lord has greatly blessed His work in the Missouri Conference during the past four years. In every department of the conference and every phase of the work in Missouri this has been evident.



A. V. McClure

During this period of time 1,049 people have been added to the church through baptism or profession of faith. Our net gain for the quadrennium is 353, bringing our total membership as of December 31, 1966, to 4,660. During 1966 our baptisms totaled 361, the largest number for one year in our history and we showed our largest

net gain in membership of 222.

In the past four years many evangelistic meetings have been held and most of them have been fairly successful. However, in recent months we have noticed a marked increase in attendance as well as in the results of our evangelism. In February of 1966, Elder Halle G. Crowson accepted our call to come to the Missouri Conference. During the remainder of 1966 he conducted eight efforts and through the blessings of God and the assistance given him by the pastors and the laity, he was able to baptize 153. The most unusual effort was conducted at Sullivan, Missouri, where the Voice of Prophecy daily broadcast had been on the air for eight or nine months, and where three of our dedicated physicians were ministering to both the physical and spiritual needs of the people. As a result of this effort 44 were baptized in this town of 4,000 where we had no church. The nearest church is in Bourbon some eight miles away. We praise God for His blessings and are determined to push forward in evangelism. In many other ways the blessings of God and the faithfulness of our people have been evident.

Our tithe for the quadrennium totals \$2,232,205.68. Notice the steady increase during the past four years.

Year	Tithe	Increase
1963	\$490,956.69	\$32,000.00
1964	524,812.71	34,000.00
1965	571,094.86	46,000.00
1966	645,341.42	74,000.00

We express our gratitude to God and our sincere thanks to our people for this marked increase in tithe.

Normally figures are a little dull and uninteresting, but when they represent the dedication and sacrifice of our people, and when they express progress in God's work they come alive. Notice, for instance, our marvelous gain in Ingathering. At the beginning of the quadrennium in 1963, our Ingathering totaled \$81,960.14 for the year. In 1966 it was \$90,468.52, and our 1967 Ingathering raised in November and December of 1966 came to a total of \$98,650.00. During this period of time our per capita Ingathering increased from \$18.98 in 1963 to \$22.00 in 1966 and the end is not in sight.

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Another most interesting story is the phenomenal increase in our publishing work. In 1963, the first year of the quadrennium, our literature evangelists delivered a total of \$58,490.00. In 1966 our deliveries totaled \$174,949.88 or a gain in 1966 of \$116,500 over 1963 and our regular literature evangelists increased from seven to twenty-two. Please notice, too, that this has resulted in increased sales for our Book and Bible House which is no longer handling our subscription books. These are all handled by the CCA and the publishing house. In 1963 our total sales for the Book and Bible House including subscription books was \$112,525. It was in June, 1965, that we changed over to the new plan. In 1966 the Book and Bible House did \$104,006 worth of business, in addition to the \$175,000 worth of books sold by our literature evangelists and handled by the CCA. This is a phenomenal record and it indicates the blessings of God in the program.

Let us look at another very interesting record of progress. This is in the Sabbath school department, under the leadership of Elder H. R. Coats. During this quadrennium our Sabbath school membership increased by 662, from 3,619 in the first quarter of 1963 to 4,281 at the end of 1966. At the same time our Sabbath school offerings increased from \$73,558 to \$94,558 and the per capita Sabbath school giving from 32.8 cents to 40.8 cents. The Sabbath school is most important to the local church and the mission field, and it is always encouraging to note an increase in membership and in per capita giving.

The youth and the children of the Missouri Conference are very important to the work of God. At the present time, our MV department is under the leadership of Elder G. F. Cherry. During this four-year period 473 of our youth have been baptized. The membership of our MV societies has increased from 1,296 to 1,398, and our Pathfinder membership has increased from 103 to 371. Our youth have been very active in every activity of the church, entering wholeheartedly in the program.

In 1963 the doctors of the Missouri Conference purchased a beautiful camp site for our youth. This camp site consists of 143 acres, with 3,000 feet of shoreline on the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks. Through the sacrificial giving of our constituency and the HUB program we have erected, to date, five new buildings at the camp. At least three others will be built this year and many other improvements have been made. When completed we will have one of the finest camps to be found anywhere.

We are grateful to our heavenly Father for our system of Christian education which makes it possible for our boys and girls to be trained in our own schools under the guidance of Christian teachers. Elder Don Wright, our

Jefferson City Church.





Missouri Conference office, Kansas City, Missouri.

educational superintendent, reports a good increase in enrollment in our elementary schools during this quadrennium. In 1963, 311 of our children were enrolled in our church schools of the conference. Enrollment for 1966 is 436, an increase of 125. Twenty-eight dedicated teachers are employed in 15 church schools in the conference.

During the period covered by our quadrennium new schools have been erected in our two large metropolitan areas. Hillcrest school, serving the St. Louis area, was erected at a total cost of \$175,000. It is a well-planned, ultra-modern building serving the needs of our children in that area.

The Cedarvale school located in Raytown serves the Kansas City area. The total cost of this fine, well-planned, ultra-modern school is \$225,000. Already a large increase in the enrollment has taken place in the Kansas City Cedarvale School. The present enrollment is 125. A fine new school has also been erected in Rolla. Enough property has been purchased so that a new church building can be erected nearby.

Sunnydale Academy, our academy serving the youth of the Missouri Conference, has also made some fine improvements in these past four years. In order to house the new plastic industry, under the management of Brother Ralph Snideman, a new building was erected in 1964. Already the business has grown so that it was necessary to double the size of the building in the latter part of 1966. Silver States Plastics is a real blessing to many of our youth in providing much needed employment to help with their educational expenses. This is also true of the Sunnydale Foods. The building housing our food industry was remodeled and updated in 1963. The Sunnydale improvement fund provided \$26,000 to upgrade the physical plant and the curriculum in 1965 and 1966. Sunnydale is now accredited by both the State of Missouri and the Board of Regents of the General Conference of SDA.

New buildings in the Missouri Conference have not been confined to our educational institutions during this quadrennium. Fine new churches have been erected or dedicated in Columbia, Joplin, Nevada, Kingsville, Kahoka, Jefferson City, and Sedalia; and new church buildings have been purchased at Neosho and Cape Girardeau. In both of these cities we have just begun our work. The Neosho church was organized in 1965. In Cape Girardeau the organization is not yet perfected.

Among the fine new buildings serving the constituency of the Missouri Conference is the new conference office building completed in 1964. It is a commodious well-planned building and serves well the needs of the conference.

During 1966 the church development service was added to the Missouri Conference and is now underway.

Elder G. F. Cherry, the church development secretary, has completed three very successful canvasses in St. Louis, Columbia, and Springfield. Many others are planned. This program will make possible many other new church and school buildings as well as some much needed modernization at Sunnydale Academy.

With 4,500,000 people yet to be warned in Missouri, and with only one Seventh-day Adventist to every 1,000 people, our task is tremendous. But with complete dedication on the part of our members and our workers the task is not impossible.

We began the Gift Bible program in the latter part of 1966. Results are already being seen in many of our churches, and the program is catching on everywhere. We are grateful to God for what has been accomplished in Missouri, but, brethren and sisters, we must arise as one man to finish the work.

Nebraska Tells of Past Achievements and Presents Challenge

F. O. SANDERS, *President*

As a group of workers, we, in Nebraska, feel a very keen responsibility for the one-and-a-third million judgment-bound souls who reside within the confines of our state. While we have one Seventh-day Adventist for every 265 souls, we feel we have not reached the possibilities in this field. All must be warned of the soon return of our Lord and Saviour, and to this end we are faithfully working.



F. O. Sanders

We thank God for His everlasting mercies which have protected our working force during these days and for the measure of success which has attended our labors. At the close of 1966, our conference membership stood at 5,325, a gain of 98 souls for the quadrennium. Our baptisms for this period were 759 precious souls, which is slightly less than the previous period, however, we should note that during the previous period we had a full-time evangelistic team. Plans are being laid to secure a conference evangelist in the immediate future.

We cannot accurately measure success in dollars and cents, yet the faithfulness of our people is demonstrated in the fact that during this four-year period the members in

Neligh, Nebraska, Church





Food service building at Platte Valley Academy, Shelton, Nebraska.

Nebraska gave \$2,934,481.35 in tithe and a total mission offering of \$819,033.66. The Sabbath school offerings were responsible for \$481,547.58 of this amount, and our people are now leading the union in per capita giving with approximately fifty cents per week per member given through the Sabbath school.

This good report speaks of the faithful work done by our Sabbath school department under the leadership of Elder O. L. McLean. Elder McLean, also secretary of the department of lay activities, reports that during this quadrennial period \$284,194.58 was raised through Ingathering, a gain of more than \$14,000.00 over the previous period.

Our publishing department, under the leadership of Elder R. C. Thomas, who recently came to us from Korea, and assisted by Brethren Paul Vercio and Gary Tracy, reports that the book sales for the period totaled \$389,842.25, with bigger plans for the future.

Elder J. L. Pogue reports progress for the youth. For the first time in its history, Nebraska now owns a site for a camp with approximately 250 acres of wooded land and a nine-hole golf course, located on the Platte River, plus another 100 to 150 acres of accretion land, making a total of at least 350 acres. This property is located adjacent to the main East and West Interstate Highway 80, just south of Lexington. It is hoped that within the near future, sufficient funds may be in hand to allow the erection of a basic building to house the kitchen and dining hall.

We have two academies in our state, the College View Academy operated by and for the churches in the Lincoln area, and Platte Valley Academy operated by the Nebraska Conference. In addition we have nine church schools with a total enrollment of 530.

Outstanding progress has been made in the building program during this period. The Lincoln school system has made additions to the Helen Hyatt Elementary school building, and an addition is now under construction at the College View Academy. Many churches have been improved during this period. The Northside Lincoln church was recently completed at an estimated cost of \$70,000.00. The Piedmont Park church in Lincoln completed the second stage of its building which houses its Sabbath school classrooms, at an estimated cost for the entire plant of \$230,000.00. In Omaha, our largest city in the state, a much needed new church building was erected at an approximate cost of \$300,000.00. A church was begun in Valentine and buildings were dedicated in Neligh and Genoa.

A very major construction program has been begun at Platte Valley Academy. Prior to this period, a new girls' dormitory had been erected. About two years ago a new food service building was completed, and at the present time a new administration and classroom building is under construction. One new faculty home has also been com-

pleted at the academy, and other construction is planned as funds are available.

Perhaps many of you have had the privilege of visiting our newly remodeled Book and Bible House, which was completed during this period. Brother V. C. Tooley, the manager, reports its sales for this period were \$484,732.66. Due to the fact that the business formerly done by our literature evangelists is not now being handled by the Book and Bible House, these sales are \$21,044.65 lower than the previous period.

We have appreciated the work being done by Elder Glenn Smith in the area of church development. Funds are being raised for the academy and in helping to establish a systematic program for the churches throughout the conference. This is a new addition in our field within the past two years. It is estimated that during this period more than \$350,000.00 was raised in cash to be used in church programs and in the academy building program. In addition, our conference has been strengthened in its stewardship program.

At present, we have plans to add a conference evangelist to our working force and to launch into an aggressive program of evangelism. We recently had Elder V. W. Schoen, of the General Conference, conduct a lay instructor's training school, and this program is just beginning in our field. Some of our churches are already launching out in the Gift Bible program and we believe the future looks bright in Nebraska. With you, we shall work and pray that the work of God may soon be finished in this territory.

Wyoming Gives Progress Report--Looks to Future

LEE CARTER, *President*

It is a real pleasure to bring to you a report from that section of the Central Union that, because of its extreme beauty and unusually interesting features, is the home of



Lee Carter

America's National Park System. It was Ulysses S. Grant, who, in 1872, was so thrilled by the wonders of Wyoming that he determined that a portion of the state should be set aside for future generations to see it in its natural beauty. Today, more than two million people visit Yellowstone National Park annually.

The purpose of this report is not to extol the wonders of Wyoming but to tell you of the progress of the work of God in this most fascinating field. Although Wyoming lacks only a very few square miles of being the largest state, geographically speaking, in the five state area of the Central Union, yet, in population it is only about the size of Omaha, Nebraska. To help you realize some of the problems that we face in Wyoming, imagine taking the population of Omaha and spreading it over a territory 365 miles long and 275 miles wide, and you will get some idea of how thinly



Auditorium at Mills Spring Camp built in summer of 1965.

populated our state is, and the great distances our people must travel to attend church. Some of our pastors serve churches that are more than 100 miles apart. In spite of these handicaps the work is growing in Wyoming.

In the Central Union, as a whole, there are 2.5 Seventh-day Adventists per 1,000 population. In Wyoming there are 4.2 Seventh-day Adventists per 1,000 population or about twice the average for the Central Union.

Our Ingathering for 1966 was equivalent to 8 cents for every man, woman, and child in this state, while in the Central Union, as a whole, it was only 4.2 cents per person.

Because of a trend among Seventh-day Adventist church members to move to larger centers where we have educational and medical institutions, we find it quite a problem to increase our membership. However, we have made a net gain of 123 members or 9.7 per cent during the last four-year period.

Our baptisms during the last quadrennium totaled 381 as compared with 242 the preceding four-year period, making a net gain of 139 or 57 per cent for this period. We thank the Lord for this gain but feel that it is small compared to what we should be doing.

Our tithe has made an 11.5 per cent increase during the last four years over the preceding quadrennium.

As we compare our Sabbath school offerings for these two periods we find that there is a gain of \$9,396.95 which is about 9 per cent.

The number of church schools during the last quadrennium increased by two.

During the first part of this quadrennium the total sales made by our literature evangelists were quite a bit lower than during the preceding years. However, we are thankful that the trend now is definitely upward. The sales for 1966 increased 44 per cent over 1965.

Even though the subscription sales were taken from

Casper Seventh-day Adventist church completed and occupied in February, 1965.



the local Book and Bible Houses about a year and a half ago, yet, our Book and Bible House is increasing its over-counter and trade sales to the point where it has almost reached what it was with the subscription sales.

The Wyoming Conference has had quite a building program going on during the last few years. During the four-year period, new churches were constructed in Laramie and Casper. New churches were started in Riverton and Worland. These should be in use within the next few months. Present plans call for a new church at Rawlins and one at Cheyenne this summer. This means that by next fall six of our twenty church buildings will be less than three years old. The addition of a conference owned junior camp and camp meeting facilities on Casper Mountain has given a real boost to both our summer camping program and our camp meeting attendance. Even though the camp is a long way from being finished, we do feel thankful for what has been done. We have an auditorium that will seat more than 600 people; a lovely dining hall that will seat about 160 at one time; a multi-purpose building, the upper floor of which is used as a Book and Bible House during camp meeting; and the lower floor, used for a classroom for the kindergarten division. Modern toilet facilities are being installed. A shower building with hot and cold water has been completed, as have two cabins each taking care of eight juniors and a counselor. Another multi-purpose building, with the lower floor used as a nature museum and the upper floor as a departmental room for camp meeting, will be ready at camp meeting time. It is hoped to put up at least one more cabin before camp meeting.

Wyoming is the only conference in the Central Union to pass the goal of two Signs per member in the 1966 campaign. In fact, there were only two other conferences in North America that passed the 2.126 subscriptions per member attained by Wyoming.

We thank the Lord for the progress made in His work in Wyoming during the last quadrennium and we look forward to even greater progress during the four years ahead.

Evangelize

Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power—
A battle cry, a flaming breath—
That calls to conquest or to death—
A word to rouse the church from rest,
To heed her Master's high behest.
The call is given: Ye hosts arise!
Our watchword is—Evangelize!

The glad Evangel now proclaims
Through all the earth, in Jesus' name,
This word is ringing through the skies—
Evangelize! Evangelize!
To dying men, a fallen race,
Make known the gospel of God's grace.
The world that now in darkness lies,
Evangelize! Evangelize!

—Harry Crocker

Union Session Reports

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ness. (3) The spirit of meekness and humility. If we have these we will have the spirit of reformation and revival so needed today.

Following the morning devotional period Elder Spangle brought the treasurer's report of the financial progress of the union during the past quadrennial period. His message was followed with each departmental secretary of the union giving concise reports of the advancements in the areas they represent.

The closing service of the quadrennial session was the rendering of the progressive programs in each of the six local conferences. Under the blessings of God the presidents look to the future with courage and accepted the challenge of their union president to go back to their fields of labor with the watchword, "Forward" as the aim for the next four years.

Tuesday morning the Evangelistic Council was opened with a call for world-wide evangelism and revival from the General Conference president. His message contained the central thought that if we have the love of Christ in our hearts, we will have a love for others and a desire for greater revival in our lives. This will result in evangelism in each area of the work and spread throughout the union.

Elder Wilson gave us further thoughts for contemplation. His challenge was to cease the tinkering on this earth with straws but to go up into the mountain tops and bring back the beams. The trivial things of life consume too much of our time and thought, while the greater needs are bypassed. From these talks the Evangelistic Council was opened for the discussion panels composed of the ministers of the conferences.

It is the wish of your union staff that this short report of the meetings and session reports will inspire you to greater service. We are here to serve you and believe you should know of the progress in the Central Union area. May God bless us each as we look forward to the future. We ask each of you to rededicate your lives for greater service along with the dedication made by your union, conference, and local workers.

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Grand Junction, Colorado	6:23	6:29
Topeka, Kansas	6:32	6:38
Kansas City, Missouri	6:27	6:33
St. Louis, Missouri	6:10	6:16
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:36	6:43
Casper, Wyoming	6:14	6:23

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