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## Union Literature Evangelist of the Year

Eugene R. Ryan, Central Union Literature Evangelist of the year, accepts the honor trophy from union president R. H. Nightingale. It was one of the great moments during the million dollar victory banquet and Literature Evangelist Institute at Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Brother Ryan won five souls last year and delivered more than \$21,000 worth of literature—third highest in the Central Union.





Central States Literature Evangelists sing from heart and soul! They were the institute favorites for special music.



Associate Publishing secretary Boyd Tishaw chairs the institute panel on praying in the homes of customers.

# Central Union **MILLIONAIRES!**

"Millionaires" spelled out in letters of gold marked the special reserve banquet tables. One hundred seventy-six distinguished-looking guests filled the Palomino Room banquet hall. The famous Glenwood Springs Village Inn had never served such outstanding millionaires! No cigar smoke, clinking of cocktail glasses, nor smug overstuffed looks of affluence marred the proceedings. All faces instead reflected the light of heavenly riches, the deeper joy that only literature evangelists truly understand.

A beautiful 20-foot mountain range mural on the wall of the banquet hall entitled "The Million-Dollar Highway" immediately gripped the attention of everyone present. The master painter was Literature Evangelist Lee Fredrick of Colorado! Veteran publishing leader, A. L. Page, then painted a word picture of the Central Union's climb from \$188,384 worth of literature delivered in 1960 to the grand total of \$1,013,970 in deliveries for 1968. Even more important were the 85 souls baptized through our literature evangelists' faithful ministry. Considering the priceless

worth of a single soul they were indeed true millionaires and deserved a million-dollar banquet!

This marvelous million-dollar victory was more than double the union deliveries of just three years ago and \$281,234—38%—more than literature deliveries of 1967. Everyone present praised God and pledged themselves by His power to win more than 300 souls and deliver more than \$1,400,000 in 1969.

During the banquet highlight—the unveiling of the honor roll—37 trophies were presented to literature evangelists in the above \$10,000 delivery category. The inscription on the trophies read, "For faithful service—member of the \$1,000,000 club, 1968." With mounting excitement the conference presidents and publishing secretaries announced their literature evangelists of the year. Central States—William Morris; Colorado—Albert Powell; Kansas—Charles Jones; Missouri—Glenn Willits; Nebraska—Clair Pettit; Wyoming—Mrs. Lois Boyd.

All were eagerly waiting for the big climax of the evening—the presentation of the Central Union Literature Evangelist of the year. Then Elder R. H. Nightingale, amid approving applause, introduced Eugene Ryan of Missouri Conference as the Central Union Literature Evangelist of the year. Brother Ryan is a real soul winner; five of his customers were baptized this past year. He was third from top in deliveries, reaching over \$21,000 worth for

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Literature Evangelists, Publishing leaders and their wives enjoy the Million Dollar Victory banquet. It's a privilege to belong to this growing happy family!

Elder Herbert H. White, associate publishing secretary for our world conferences, stirred the minds of all to deeper thinking and to the higher privileges of success in selling.







Dr. R. L. Osmunson of Loma Linda University challenged literature workers to a better knowledge of God and a deeper consecration to His service.



The million dollar climb! Elder A. L. Page tells how it happened. The figures on each flag and mountain peak show Central Union deliveries for each year starting with 1960.

1968. Like the Willits, Brother and Sister Ryan have dedicated their lives to this great literature ministry.

Wherever literature evangelists meet together there is enthusiasm, fellowship and communion with God. Our five-day institute at beautiful Glenwood Springs, Colorado, brought even more. Every hour literally overflowed with challenges from our leaders, thrilling experiences, helpful ideas from literature evangelists, and interesting films. The spirit of soul winning and preparation for the latter rain pervaded the entire meeting. Dr. Robert L. Osmunson of Loma Linda University keyed the convention with the challenge "Zero Hour and Holding" and other deeply devotional messages. God's Spirit met with us right from the beginning. Elder Herbert H. White of the General Conference Publishing Department lifted our thoughts each day to the higher principles of salesmanship and success.

On Thursday, the presidents' day, Elder R. H. Nightingale and the conference presidents challenged us to a deeper consecration and to greater achievements during the new year. Publishing house representatives, W. R. Wol-lard, J. C. Kinder and Clyde Best of the Pacific Press and C. K. Okuno of the Review and Herald, presented the latest facts on new publications, new ideas in selling, and guidance in managing finances.

Through the helpful service of district pastor, Ken Schelske, our Sabbath meetings were held in the Methodist church. It was an unforgettable picture—a Methodist church filled with Seventh-day Adventist literature evangelists! A large map of the Central Union with the words "Light the Central Union with His Glory" gripped the attention during the afternoon soul-winning trophy hour. Literature workers told their stories then placed the pictures of souls won on this large map. During the closing appeal each worker came forward, placed a red banner on the map pinpointing his territory, and thus indicated his resolve to win at least one family for the truth during 1969.

Special prayer lists with top lines reserved for customer families whom they wish to see baptized were placed in the hands of every worker. Our hearts were full as we saw each literature worker from every conference of the Central Union make this pledge and again in the final service promise to stay true without looking or turning back until Jesus says, "Well done." Please pray for this great colporteur army and especially that a hundred new workers may join them during this coming year!

J. N. HUNT, *Publishing Secretary*  
Central Union Conference

"Tips from the Top Ten" brought ideas on managing time and a successful daily program. David Haugsted, tells how he delivered over \$26,000 during his first year as a Literature Evangelist.

The honored members of the Million Dollar Club—all Literature Evangelists who reached above the \$10,000 mark in deliveries last year. The seven holding larger trophies (seated front row) were the Literature Evangelists of the year.





# It's Here!

In your mail during the week of  
February 3-8, 1969.

Look for a Buff Striped Envelope.  
It's very Important to you!

## CENTRAL STATES

### Steady Progress Made

It has been my privilege during the past three years, to work with some of the finest literature evangelists in the world. We have seen steady progress of the work in the Central States area.

In the past four years, we have seen the sales increase from \$26,000 in 1965 to \$121,288.92 in 1968. In 1965, we had no credentialed workers. In 1968, we have seven credentialed workers and one licensed worker, plus part-time literature evangelists.

We are thankful that God has given us such good workers. Sister Mattie Robinson gave up full-time work in her beauty shop to be a full-time literature evangelist. We have dedicated our lives to Him for 1969. Each literature evangelist has pledged to work for more souls baptized this year. Our literature evangelists have had the privilege of seeing 74 persons baptized into the message. For this, we give God the glory.

R. L. LaGRONE, Publishing Secretary



Each of the full-time Central States Literature Evangelists delivered more than \$10,000 worth of books.

### Give God a Chance—Wm. Morris Did!

Two years ago, we set up a point system in Central States to determine each year who would be selected as the literature evangelist of the year for our conference. Points were granted each worker, according to his faithfulness in hours, deliveries, Bible Studies, VOP Enrollments, souls won, etc. We wanted to honor the best all-around worker. In checking our records at the end of the year, we found that Brother William Morris had the highest record of honor points. It is a real privilege to honor Bill. He is one of our better workers.



William Morris, Central States Literature Evangelist, is congratulated by Elder W. S. Lee, conference president, and R. L. LaGrone, conference Publishing secretary, as he was presented the trophy.

Brother Morris has canvassed for over eight years and in the past three years has done exceptionally well. He is our oldest worker in this service. In addition, he is a real leader in his church, working with the pastor and with the literature evangelists in the St. Louis area. Last year, Brother Morris set the record in deliveries for Central States—\$20,290.90 worth of our truth-filled books were delivered.

No doubt there are workers in cities like Denver, Omaha and Wichita who could be as successful as Brother Morris. Why not give God a chance?

R. L. LaGRONE, Publishing Department

### St. Louis Northside Reaches Ingathering Goal In Three Weeks

Recently, the outstanding Ingatherers of Northside received special recognition and awards. There were ten who received the Jasper Wayne Award: Eunice Foley, Marcella Tanksley, Clarence Hodges, Ada Cooper, Helen Williams, Doris Joyner, Benjamin Olds, Jr., Mae Davis, Emanuel Bullock and DeElla Morris. Four others exceeded

Top: Jasper Wayne Awards were presented to these St. Louis Northside members. Center: Those who raised \$100 or more. Lower: These received recognition for raising \$50 or more.





## Central States Conference Church Officers' Meeting 1969

TIME	PLACE
<b>February 8, 1969</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>WICHITA DISTRICT</b> Wichita Independence Wellington

<b>3:00 p.m.</b> <b>ALL OFFICERS</b>	Wichita
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<b>February 15, 1969</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>CHARLESTON-SIKESTON DISTRICT</b> Sikeston Charleston
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<b>3:00 p.m.</b> <b>ALL OFFICERS</b>	Charleston
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the \$100 mark: Ann King, Ossie McRath, Sylvester Collins, and Pastor H. W. Kibble, Jr.

Brother Emanuel Bullock, the lay activities leader for 1968, and Brother Lloyd Kirk, the Ingathering leader for 1968 and lay activities leader for 1969, received special gifts for their faithful and fruitful direction. Pastor Kibble beamed with joy as he praised the Lord for His blessings and the members for working in an efficiently organized manner.

CLARENCE HODGES,  
Church PR Secretary

### St. Louis Northside Sabbath School Continues To Set New Records



For the year 1968, each Thirteenth Sabbath offering at Northside has been the largest ever raised. Class teacher, Brother Daniel O'Kelley usually has the largest class offering. For the fourth quarter his class had an offering of sixty-

four dollars. Brother O'Kelley was congratulated by Sabbath school superintendent, Doris Joyner.

CLARENCE HODGES, Church PR Secretary

## COLORADO

### From Reserved Layman to Literature Evangelist of the Year in Less Than Two Years!

It was a pleasure at Glenwood Springs recently to present the award, Colorado Literature Evangelist of the year, to Mr. Al Powell of Greeley.

Back in January, 1967, Al and Floy Powell felt the impelling urge to do something more for their Master in winning souls, and he entered the work as a regular part-time Literature Evangelist. They were faithful to their covenant and God was true to His promise to make up for our deficiency with His own Divine merit.



Mr. and Mrs. Al Powell were honored as he was selected as Colorado Literature Evangelist of the year. Elder H. V. Reed, conference president, made the presentation.

In April, 1967, Al made the big decision to go all the way; he gave notice to General Motors that he was giving up his good regular job and entered the field as a full-time Ambassador for Christ. He has been blessed in a marked way, and his good wife has prayed and encouraged him at all times. He was selected this year as our Colorado Literature Evangelist of the year because it was felt he represented a good balanced sales and soul-winning program.

During 1968 he placed over \$17,000 worth of our truth-filled books and journals in the homes of judgment-bound souls. It is wonderful what God can do through a humble surrendered servant.

A. L. PAGE,  
Publishing Secretary

### Co-ordinated Evangelism Pays

Adventists can never forget that it takes all lines of soul-winning endeavor to spread the wonderful gospel message we bear to the world. A recent letter illustrates this point. Read about the experience in the Faith for Today notice of special offering.

This story illustrates how each avenue of evangelistic approach strengthens all the others and thus a large and strong aggressive work for God can be accomplished. This dear person would never have learned of Faith for Today had the Voice of Prophecy Crusade not been held at Phipps Auditorium.

Let us strengthen our faith from experiences like these and give a very excellent offering on February 8 for the continuation and expansion of Faith for Today telecast.

H. V. REED, President

### 50 Souls!

The year 1968 has been a banner year for growth in the Colorado Conference. The number of licensed and credentialed workers is now double what it was a year ago, and now stand at 13. In addition to this number there are several now aiming for these credentials, as well as three new full-time workers and some regular half-time workers who started right after the great Glenwood Springs Institute. Our gains in 1968 were \$26,000 in deliveries

Colorado Literature Evangelists won 50 souls during 1968.







#### FRUITA CHILDREN AT WORK

The junior-primary division of the Fruita, Colorado, SDA Church has been working diligently to raise money for its new classroom.

A supper and the film, "Legend of Lobo," held in November and the sale of candles this month have netted them \$216.13. This money will be used for carpeting the Sabbath school room.

In the accompanying photo three members of the division are shown handing the funds to C. R. Franklin, building committee chairman. Mrs. Sam Dupper and Mrs. John Welker sponsored these projects.

Goldine Franklin, Church PR Secretary

over 1967 and the goals that were set point to a gain for 1969 of well over \$100,000.

Best of all, we reached our goal of 50 souls baptized as a result of Literature Evangelists' contacts in 1968. We will see new gains in this field in 1969!

It is most rewarding to see that almost every Literature Evangelist set a goal of \$400 or more deliveries per week and never less than \$300 per week.

With such goals and dedication as we find among the Literature Evangelists of the Colorado Conference, surely the latter rain experience can come!

A. L. PAGE, Publishing Secretary

### FAITH FOR TODAY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

- ★ Oldest, continuous religious telecast.
- ★ Almost every church in Colorado can view it.
- ★ Brings results. Half a million have enrolled in the Bible Course. 14,187 baptisms since May of 1950.

#### Recent Experience from Denver, Colorado

"When the Voice of Prophecy Crusade was held in Phipps Auditorium in Denver, I learned about Faith for Today. I began to view and found the program inspirational. I was particularly in need of spiritual help and encouragement at the time. I was baptized June 25 by Pastor Arthur R. Lickey."

N. D. T. — Denver, Colorado

ANNUAL FAITH FOR TODAY OFFERING

**February 8—Give Liberally**

## EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

Spanish Church

44th & Pecos, Denver, Colorado

**February 8-March 1**

Every night but Thursday

**SPEAKER: Elder G. H. Nelson**

**MUSIC: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bird**

Visiting Spanish Interest:

**Elder H. G. Vences & Pastor J. Valentine**

Visiting German-Japanese Interest:

**Elder G. Kiyabu**

Please, if you know any Spanish, German, or Japanese families, bring them along to hear the gospel or send their names and addresses to the Evangelism Department, Colorado Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 2520 So. Downing, Denver, Colorado 80210.

**A Smoking Clinic is also planned during the meetings.**

### Slide Rule Class

The basic essentials of slide rule and the theory of trigonometry will be taught in a special slide rule class second semester at Campion.

The class originated as a hobby of Mr. Cleon White, math instructor, and he felt that it would help students interested with Chemistry and Physics here in the academy and also those wanting to follow science, medical or engineering courses in college.

According to Larry Vercio, junior, it cuts out a lot of extra steps in math leaving more time for other things.

## KANSAS

### Blessings in 1968

Pictured are five of the six new literature evangelists who won the "1968 greatest achievement award for the Kansas Conference." Of these six workers, three are assisted by their life companions and work as a team, Brother and Sister Abbey, Brother and Sister Pearson, and Brother and Sister Parker. Brother and Sister Abbey have over \$14,000 in deliveries of our truth-filled volumes sold in the city of Wichita. Brother Tate reported that the first contact that he made as a literature evangelist resulted in two baptisms. Truly this is the greatest reward of a literature evangelist. We believe that over one hundred thousand dollars of our books will be sold in the State of Kan-

Left to right: Clifford Petersen, Steve Abbey, Gary Parker, Delbert Conrad and Bob Tate are all stalwart Kansas Literature Evangelists.





CAIRO

"As he looked at the vast crowds he was deeply moved with pity for them, for they were as bewildered and miserable as a flock of sheep with no shepherd." Matthew 9:36 (Phillips)





# MILLIONS DESPERATELY SEEK

## God's Call Goes Out: "Who Will C

### Faith For Today Films Overseas . . .

A challenge to every believer in Christ's second coming is the fact that millions face the possibility of going down to Christless graves.



President Barry L. Crabtree of the Fiji Mission states:

"About six years ago our work in Fiji was rather slow and dead. After 70 years' mission work we had about 1,000 church members. Opposition was so strong against our work that it was almost impossible to get people to listen to our preachers. To help our Fijian evangelists, we bought a 16mm movie projector with a mobile lighting plant. We got 45 of your Faith for Today films and started

in. These together with some other films we borrowed became a real attraction. People were amazed that we really did preach the truth.

THE RESULTS! — today we have close to 3,000 church members."

But far more calls come in for telecast films from mission stations overseas than can ever be met. Are these urgent pleas to go unheeded; Again a voice can be heard saying, "Who will go for me? Whom shall I send?"

### They Seek Faith for Today Telecast

#### From Chicago a viewer appeals:

"On the West Coast I used to view Faith for Today every week. Now it is no longer available. I myself am a member of the church; my husband and family are not. I wish they could view the program."

#### From Boston the hope is expressed:

"A while back Faith for Today was televised in Boston. I was grateful for the program and would invite friends to watch. Now the telecast is off the air.

"Can anything be done to televise Faith for Today here? Surely the cities of America need the gospel today. So many are unwilling to attend church worship services but they will at least occasionally watch Sunday television.

"I hope it will be possible to get Faith for Today on the air again."

#### Progress in Advancing the Gospel 1950 - 1968

Baptisms .....	13,828
Bible Course Diplomas Awarded .....	133,570
Enrollments .....	488,655
Baptized Sabbathkeepers .....	13,828
Interest Reports Sent .....	68,523
Lessons Graded .....	7,101,051

Television is rapidly carrying its tongue and people.

Faith for Today is now featured in nine overseas countries. Overseas countries include Korea, Liberia, Nigeria, the Philippines, and the Virgin Islands.

Take a look at the following cities where we have access to Faith for Today. The millions to receive gospel tidings through these are willing to view television, but an evangelistic meeting or a church w

Tucson, Arizona .....	245,000
Phoenix, Arizona .....	520,000
Chicago, Illinois .....	3,520,000
Topeka, Kansas .....	127,000
Louisville, Kentucky .....	392,000
Shreveport, Louisiana .....	171,000
Boston, Massachusetts .....	670,000

It takes thousands of dollars to maintain a television station. Additional funds are needed to stay on the air.



### A PERSONAL APPEAL

All of us rejoice over the more than 13,000 Faith for Today baptisms that have taken place in the last 19 years. Surely God has wonderfully blessed! This has come because He has poured out His Spirit in a marked way. Many have given sacrificially in the past. May God bless you as you make your gift to television evangelism this year a matter of earnest prayer.

Pastor & Mrs. Wm. J. Jager



# WEEK SALVATION'S TIDINGS

## Go For Me, Whom Shall I Send?"

the gospel to every nation, kindred,

ed on 276 stations in North America  
as outlets include: Bermuda, Guam,  
ines, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and the

es and their populations. They do not  
re is no opportunity for their teeming  
ough television. A large number of  
at will not leave their homes to go to  
orship hour or a cottage meeting.

New York City .....	8,080,000
Knoxville, Tennessee .....	181,000
Houston, Texas .....	1,100,000
San Antonio, Texas .....	645,000
Spokane, Washington .....	184,000
Cheyenne, Wyoming .....	50,000

get on stations in metropolitan cities.  
n after the first year.

Cementing Faith for Today viewer interest is the telecast Bible School, which presently offers eight courses—"Faith for Today," "Life at Its Best," "Adventures in the Holy Bible," "Life of Christ," "Drama of the Christian Faith," "Healthful Living," and "Israelite Heritage." One out of six Bible course graduates becomes a baptized church member.



A Faith for Today convert, Pastor Jackson is returning to New York City. It was here that he prepared for the ministry in another denomination at the time he had his first contact with the telecast and carefully studied the Faith for Today Bible Course. He states: "I am grateful beyond words for Faith for Today's ministry and the fact I have an opportunity to return to the city of New York to launch an active program of evangelism. Already we have a number of interested individuals attending our worship service, and I am hopeful that with God's blessing we can penetrate the religious indifference of the city."



## How Faith for Today Films Are Used in Soul Winning

### In Prison . . .



San Quentin's Penitentiary in California features Faith for Today films on the fourth Sunday of each month. Comments Byron E. Eshelman, prison chaplain: "We have utilized these films for many years and have been indeed grateful for this generous outreach which provides both a diversion and an inspiration for the inmates." Franklin W. Hudgins, director of station relations, comments: "Faith for Today is glad to make these films available to San Quentin and hopes they will continue to prove a blessing."

### On the High Seas . . .



The U.S.S. Hancock is now showing Faith for Today films to its 3,200-man crew. Provided by Faith for Today have been 15 of its 30-minute television shows plus "Miniatures" and "Music for Listening"—both 15-minute radio programs. B. W. Mattison, area representative for the telecast, made arrangements with Lt. JG Peter D. Saverbrey (center) and senior Chaplain, Commander L. A. Bevan, while the "Hancock" anchored in San Francisco last summer.

### In the Mission Field . . .



Pastor Franklin W. Hudgins, director of station relations, Karsten Aasheim, former director of the Church Transportation Office in New York City, and Finn Bjerbe, chief purser of the ship "Sagafjord," discuss the shipment of Faith for Today films to Pitcairn Island on the Norwegian American Line. Forty films were carried to this island in the South Pacific at no charge by the "Sagafjord" at the request of Mr. Aasheim. Films, now in Pitcairn, are already in use by church leaders.



Centuries ago Jesus said: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me . . . For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Hearts that are breaking for loneliness, for fear, for lack of assurance of Christ's love through gospel tidings — these need the inspiration that can come through viewing Faith for Today.





# February 8, 1969 . . .

## Your moment "to strike" for Christ

To speed gospel tidings by land, sea and air, through television, a Faith for Today offering of \$350,000 is urgently needed. Miracles have been accomplished in the past through your sacrificial giving.

But with multiplied millions unable to view gospel tidings through television, a tremendous challenge faces God's people. In the meantime, the sands of time trickle away. Truly we are to work, for "the night comes when no man can work." Doors that are now open will soon be forever closed.

One-third of the people of the earth cannot be reached by gospel tidings over television or through any other media. Doors to evangelism have closed in some countries.

If every church member in North America would contribute \$3.00, more than a million dollars would come in for television evangelism! Many can give \$10, others \$100 and some \$1,000. Ask the Lord what He would have you do.

## For the millions seeking Christ in America's great cities, coming Faith for Today telecasts offer color, as well as range and variety



Interview with converted headhunter Chief Ray and flying missionary Richard Hall tells a gripping story of gospel advance.



America's favorite hymns are featured on a coming Faith for Today telecast. Hymns carry their own message of Christ's love.



Christian medical work during Biafra's recent agony constitute a classic pictorial documentary with Dr. and Mrs. Sherman Nagel.

## Faith for Today in your area . . .

### Your Gift Will Accomplish the Following:

- \$5,000 will add 100,000 viewers to the telecast by strengthening station coverage.
- \$1,000 will pay for twelve color films for a broader coverage.
- \$500 will still buy 60 minutes of time in some areas not showing Faith for Today.
- \$25 will take a student through 25 lessons of the Bible Course, thus bringing Christ closer to him.
- \$5 will pay for 1,000 Bible course enrollment cards to help find souls seeking Bible truth.

COLORADO							
Colorado Springs	11	Sun.	9:00 am	St. Joseph	2	Sun.	8:00 am
Denver	7	Sun.	9:00 am	St. Louis	11	Sun.	7:00 am
Durango	6	Sun.	9:30 am	Sedalia	6	Sun.	3:30 pm
Grand Junction	5	Sun.	9:30 am	Springfield	3	Sun.	7:30 am
Montrose	10	Sun.	9:30 am				
KANSAS				NEBRASKA			
Dodge City	6	Sun.	11:30 am	Albion	8	Sun.	12:00 m
Wichita	12	Sun.	9:30 am	Hastings	5	Mon.	2:00 pm
				Hayes Center	6	Mon.	12:00 m
				Kearney	13	Sun.	12:00 m
MISSOURI				North Platte	2	Sat.	12:00 m
Jefferson City	13	Sun.	3:00 pm	Omaha	3	Sun.	10:30 am
Joplin	16	Sun.	7:30 am	Superior	4	Sun.	12:00 m



## The Central Union Conference

### Evangelist

# Ben L. Hassenpflug

Is Coming to Kansas City, Kansas

For a City-wide Campaign

**February 8-March 23, 1969**

Meetings every Sabbath and Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**C O M E -- Bring a Friend along**

as by these six additions to our literature corps of workers in 1969. We ask an interest in your prayers for these new workers as they unite their efforts along with our veteran literature evangelists.

C. G. YURTH, *Publishing Secretary*

### Charles Jones—Literature Evangelist of the Year

Brother Charles Jones was voted 1968 Literature Evangelist of the year for the Kansas Conference. We feel that Brother Jones, with his more than 15 years of experience in the publishing work merits this award. Brother Jones has worked the past five years in Kansas. Prior to this he worked for more than ten years as student literature evangelist, literature evangelist, and publishing secretary of Honduras. Brother Jones was born and raised in Honduras and showed signs of tremendous adjustment in being able to sell our truth-filled literature to people in Kansas.

Brother Jones, like our other fine literature evangelists, is always interested in souls and is a very faithful soul winner and always has fine missionary reports.

Brother and Sister Jones have three children, Chuck 7, Annie 6, and Sheldon 5. They recently purchased a home in Enterprise and will be a fine addition to the work in the north central part of the state.

C. G. YURTH, *Publishing Secretary*

Kansas Conference president, Elder S. S. Will, congratulated Charles Jones, Literature Evangelist of the year for Kansas.



Top: Randall Whitney, one of the Pathfinder boys assisting with the food baskets at Christmastime. Lower: Mrs. Wiseman and her corps of Dorcas ladies preparing fruit plates and food baskets.



### Wichita Welfare Activities

The Wichita Welfare center helps hundreds of families every year with food supplies but especially at Christmas and Thanksgiving time they provide generously filled food baskets and delicious fruit plates for needy individuals and families throughout the city.

Mrs. Ralph C. Wiseman and her corps of dedicated workers, assisted by the Pathfinder directors and boys and girls in the Pathfinder clubs, did an excellent job again in 1968 in bringing real happiness to hundreds of people during the holiday season. It reminds us of the quotation in *Desire of Ages*, p. 86, which reads: "Jesus worked to relieve every case of suffering that He saw. He had little money to give, but He often denied Himself of food in order to relieve those who appeared more needy than He."

LAY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

### Church Officers' Meeting

Well over 300 church officers from the State of Kansas met at Enterprise Academy on Sunday, January 12, to discuss plans for evangelism and improvement in the conference for the year 1969 and also to study the specific duties of the officers of the church.

The meeting opened with a message from Elder S. S. Will, conference president, who used the text in John 15:1-4 to impress upon the minds of the people that they needed to have a living connection with the Lord Jesus, in order to be fruitful in all the activities of the church program.

"Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 109. Elder Will emphasized that for this reason we need to be constantly on the alert to extend a helping hand and word to those who live around us, that they may find their way into the kingdom.

In his summary at the close of the day's meeting, Elder Will emphasized that in these days of great crisis, God's people need to have that living connection with the true Vine that they may be strong in their own experience,





Left to right, top to bottom: Elder S. S. Will introducing Brother Marvin Griffin, Book and Bible House manager. Elder E. E. Hagen talking to the Sabbath school officers. Elder Keith Wiseman and Brother J. R. Kunau of Enterprise join with many others in fellowship and visiting. Elder C. J. Owens, MV and educational superintendent for the conference, eating his noonday meal along with 280 others who were served in the cafeteria.

and that they may share the blessing of the kingdom with those who are without the fold.

In addition to the regular conference officers and departmental secretaries, there were two union departmental secretaries in attendance. Elder J. H. Harris, MV and Temperance secretary, and Elder E. E. Hagen, Sabbath School and Radio-Television secretary, gave to the officers the benefit of their knowledge and experience.

The tasty noon meal, furnished by the conference, was served in the academy cafeteria, which is under the direction of Mrs. G. H. Glinsman.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

## MISSOURI

### Soul-Winning Literature Evangelist

Brother Glenn Willits from Kansas City was surprised at the recent Literature Evangelist Institute in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, to be chosen the Literature Evangelist of the year 1968 for the Missouri Conference. He was the Literature Evangelist of the year for the Central Union in 1967.

Brother Willits has been a faithful Literature Evangelist for the past 17 years. This year God let Brother and Sister Willits see eight of their contacts baptized and join the remnant church. They saw nine baptized last year.

God, also, blessed him in delivering \$20,286.03 worth of our truth-filled books and magazines. He enrolled 102 people in the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, had prayer

Brother and Sister Glenn Willits were surprised as he was honored as Missouri Literature Evangelist of the year. Elder A. V. McClure, conference president, and R. A. Sellers, conference Publishing secretary congratulated him.



with 417 families, and gave 548 pieces of free literature in the homes of the good people in his area of God's vineyard.

Brother Willits will tell you, if you ask him, that it is wonderful to be working full time to help finish the work so that Jesus can come, and that it is so good to have a devoted and true wife to stand with him in his ministry.

The Missouri Conference is glad that you and your good wife are outstanding members of the team, and may God bless your efforts even more in 1969.

R. A. SELLERS, *Publishing Secretary*

### Rewarding Ministry

Under the blessings of God, the Literature Evangelists of the Missouri Conference for the year 1968 delivered 3,238 Spirit of Prophecy books, gave 6,000 pieces of literature, had 8,445 prayers in non-Adventist homes, enrolled 5,268 people in the Bible course. They tell us at the Voice of Prophecy Bible School that out of every 77 enrollments, one is baptized, so this gives us 68 baptisms, then add the 22 that we saw baptized, this makes 90. With His help we plan to have more than 10,000 enrollments in 1969.

More than \$348,000 worth of the finest books God has ever impressed men to write was placed in the hands of the people in our state. This is a gain of \$122,148.87 over 1967, and think of the thousands more souls that will come forth as they read and study this literature.

We will start 1969 with four assistant Publishing secretaries to give help to the fine team already working.

Please pray that God will send many more fine, dedicated SDA Christians into this most rewarding ministry.

R. A. SELLERS, *Publishing Secretary*



Missouri champion Literature Evangelists delivered almost \$350,000 of books in 1968.

### Ingathering at the St. Joseph School

In the summer of 1968 the St. Joseph church purchased a school from the city of St. Joseph, Missouri. This greatly improved the school plant for this church.

The boys and girls of the school with their teacher, Delmar, Saxton, were ready when the Ingathering program was announced.

They participated in the caroling program every night. They also did business Ingathering.

The upper grades consisting of five students and the teacher raised \$821.16. Sixty dollars of this amount was





St. Joseph, Missouri, students were active in Ingathering. These are left to right: Tom Davis, Emmett Pendergras, Mr. Delmar Saxton, Connie Saxton, Kathy Saxton and Roselle Ingersoll.

raised in one afternoon from small businesses on the outskirts of St. Joseph.

Special training was given the children by Elder Mitchell A. Tyner. By training them to ask for Christmas dollars their nightly average was increased from \$6-\$7 to \$25-\$28.

MITCHELL A. TYNER, *Pastor*

## Willow Springs Church School Activities

There is an enormous amount of activity at the Willow Springs Church School with 16 lively children working and playing together. The West Plains and Willow Springs churches are united to make our school what it should be, a haven of refuge for our boys and girls.

Our Week of Prayer, conducted by the writer, resulted in all being drawn closer to God. One boy made his decision to be baptized.

When it comes to missionary work, these boys and girls are really lively! With an Ingathering goal of \$164 they went out and raised \$235! You can understand why

Top to bottom: First and second graders cutting out paper snowflakes. Grades 3-6 construct paper model sanctuary during Bible class. Lower: Seventh and eighth grade boys prepare for school program.



we are proud of our school and we expect even greater things from these children as they learn more and more how to live for Christ. With such an army of children and youth the work of God on earth *will* be finished soon!

J. W. FISK, *Pastor*

## Ingathering Goal In One Week At St. Louis Central

Ingathering has been a time of unusual blessings at the St. Louis Central church this year. The goal of \$11,300 was achieved in one week as the members worked together. Believing two weeks is long enough for the yearly program to support our world-wide church mission thrust, the Ingathering was launched with a Mystery Day on December 7. This was a real thrill as a total of \$7,360 was announced for this opening day. This was 65 percent of our goal and was a real encouragement to move rapidly toward the goal and a large overflow.

As so many individuals participated the Lord blessed in every endeavor. There was much hard work day after day and by the time the program ended on December 22 more than \$18,300 had been brought in. The final total sent in by the treasurer was \$18,479.20.

The caroling and street work on the three weekends brought in about \$1,800 each time. There were many instances of individual outstanding achievements. We would like to feature some of these in later issues of the REAPER. Some of these included one lady who received \$515 through house-to-house work in her area of the city; the outstanding participation of our young people in grades 1-9 who raised \$5,000; the ladies who worked so steadily on tag days and night after night at the shopping centers; the caroling groups who sang despite severe weather and covered such a tremendous territory; the many instances of individual sacrifice and deep interest in seeing the program a success in a short time.

One of the contributing factors to an unusual program this year was the fact that the church has just been through an evangelistic series. Elder Ben L. Hassenpflug had just completed a six-week program that brought a deep spiritual commitment to the church as well as 22 baptisms. Some of the new members were very active in the Ingathering. We believe the good spirit of fellowship in the evangelistic program materially enhanced the Ingathering effort.

Special mention should be made of Pastor Paul Gibson who has been the associate pastor since graduating from Andrews University this past August. His untiring efforts and attention to so many of the details of organization were a real inspiration. We believe that God does bless in a special way when we plan carefully and He leads to cheerful participation His people who have willing hearts.

As members of the St. Louis Central church we all received a rich blessing from our giving and working in this important phase of the Lord's program. All of us feel that this is truly a gift from God, that His Spirit led men to give generously, and that this victory was His special blessing. More than this, we feel He is saying that He is ready to intervene and help the church to see a finished work on the earth.

GENE F. CHERRY, *Pastor*

## News Briefs from the Conference

✓ Elder Jack Nail spoke at Sunnysdale Academy on Friday and Sabbath, January 10 and 11.

✓ Elder H. R. Coats spoke at Sedalia church, Sabbath, January 11. He conducted a Gift Bible Rally in the afternoon.



✓ The Missouri Conference held its winter Workers' Meeting at the conference office in Kansas City, January 12-14.

✓ Gary Tracy has joined the Publishing department staff as associate secretary. He will be in charge of the Kansas City area.

✓ David Haugsted was top literature evangelist in sales (\$628.75) for the week ending January 2.

## NEBRASKA



Five of the Literature Evangelists for Nebraska delivered over \$14,000.

### More Full-time Workers Needed

Literature Evangelist	Del. for yr.	Del. per hr.	Hrs. worked
Clair Pettit	\$ 22,000.00	\$10.06	2,187
Don Phelps	17,075.00	9.40	1,816
Cordell Reiner	15,638.00	8.43	1,856
Jack Donovan	14,652.00	8.88	1,650
Fred Cook	14,467.00	7.50	1,928
Mrs. Grace Meese	8,020.00	4.65	1,723

These workers are a worthy example to each member of the union. May their tribe increase, so the work can be finished and we can go "home." The work is going forward at an ever quickening pace. Wouldn't you like to have an active part too?

D. B. WATSON,  
Publishing Secretary

### Literature Evangelist for the Year

Literature Evangelist of the year for Nebraska, Clair Pettit, gave away 5,595 pieces of free literature, enrolled 953 people in the Voice of Prophecy, prayed in 407 homes

Brother and Sister Clair Pettit as he was honored as Literature Evangelist of the year for Nebraska. Elder F. O. Sanders, conference president, and D. B. Watson, conference Publishing secretary, congratulated Mr. Pettit on the \$22,000 deliveries for 1968.



and placed \$22,000 worth of truth-filled literature in his district for the year 1968. The coldest and hardest month, December, this dedicated worker worked through the cold wind and snow to deliver \$5,000.

It isn't hard to see why Brother Pettit was nominated for this honor when you look at the whole picture. Sister Pettit stands behind him to the fullest. It is only fair to give the wife the credit due, because without a dedicated, Christian companion to aid, assist and encourage, the hill is steeper and harder to climb.

The Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists salute you Brother and Sister Pettit "Literature Evangelist of the Year." D. B. WATSON, *Publishing Secretary*

### Faith for Today — Offering February 8

Each of our churches is urged to promote a special offering for Faith for Today on Sabbath, February 8. Faith for Today, which has been viewed by a number of our folk in this area, is the oldest religious telecast and is presently released on nearly 300 stations. We hope that a special offering will be given on this Sabbath.

F. O. SANDERS, *President*

Coming To North Platte, Nebraska

## Word of Life Crusade

with

Charles H. Buursma, Conference Evangelist



Starting

Sunday, February 23, 7:15 p.m.

Sermon Title

"TIME RUNNING OUT"

Continuing nightly through March 16.  
All members in the area are urged to come.

Any names of interests, please send to E. R. Schwab,  
521 No. Lincoln, North Platte, Nebraska 69101.



# WYOMING

## Report From The Powell, Wyoming, District

The following pictures show one of the highlights of the progress in the Powell district. The first picture shows the ground breaking for the new church school and gym on May 27, 1968. From left to right the members of the building committee are Mr. Clifton Taylor, R. V. Longfellow, D.D.S., Mr. Lee Aguilar, Mrs. Marilyn Deiss and Pastor C. Ray Wyatt. L. D. Kattenhorn, M.D. was unable to be present for the picture of the ground breaking. The church members rallied to the need and under the leadership of the building committee chairman, Mr. Lee Aguilar, united their labors and began erection of the steel building as shown in picture Number 2. Picture Number 3 shows the progress of the construction late in August.

The gym is 50' x 72' with 16' walls that will permit volleyball and basketball games. It will also be used for evangelistic meetings, Dorcas federation meetings and district meetings. An evangelistic campaign is scheduled in the new gym this coming September. The school wing on the right in the picture will provide space for a kitchen,



rest rooms, furnace and storage room with an entry for the building and a classroom, 30' x 40', with ample window lighting on the north side. Picture Number 4 shows a fellowship dinner held in the classroom area of the yet uncompleted building on September 8, 1968. Seated at the speakers table from left to right are Mrs. Lulu Longfellow; her son, R. V. Longfellow, D.D.S.; Mr. Lee Aguilar; L. D. Kattenhorn, M.D.; Elder B. Y. Baughman, Stewardship and Church Development secretary for the Central

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## Sunset Calender

	Jan. 31	Febr. 7
Denver, Colorado	5:18	5:26
Grand Junction, Colorado	5:34	5:42
Topeka, Kansas	5:43	5:51
Kansas City, Missouri	5:38	5:46
St. Louis, Missouri	5:21	5:29
Lincoln, Nebraska	5:43	5:51
Casper, Wyoming	5:17	5:26

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Union Conference, who was completing a successful Stewardship Evangelism Program; Pastor C. Ray Wyatt and Mr. Clifton Taylor. The building is being pushed to completion as funds are available. The total cost of this project will be \$35,000.

C. RAY WYATT, *Pastor*

## From Waitress to Literature Evangelist

"Jesus is calling for many missionaries, for men and women who will consecrate themselves to God, willing to spend and be spent in His service."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 18.

Mrs. Lois Boyd, a mother of six children, housewife, and who had worked as a waitress for over two years, read Seventh-day Adventist literature her husband had left in easy reach. Through this literature the truths were read, understood, and accepted. On July 16, 1966 Elder Ray Wyatt baptized Lois Boyd into the Adventist Church. On August 23, just five weeks later, Sister Boyd sent an application in to be a literature evangelist. In 1968 Sister Boyd delivered nearly \$10,000 of our truth-filled literature.

We in the Wyoming Conference are proud to have Sister Boyd as our Literature Evangelist of the year. Just a few days ago I received a letter from her, telling how she had been to a certain home so many times before and not found the people home, but God impressed her to call one more time. She found the lady home and gave her a canvass on the *Bible Story*. As she read the story "Good-bye, Mother," there were tears in the eyes of the six-year-old child. The lady purchased the *Bible Story* and the *Bedtime Stories*. Sister Boyd said, "I'm so glad God impressed me to try one more time." What a wonderful experience!

Yes, we are proud of our literature evangelists and the work they are doing in wonderful Wyoming.

PAUL VERCIO, *Publishing Secretary*



Sister Lois Boyd was selected Literature Evangelist for Wyoming and the conference leaders who honored her were, Elder Wm. C. Hatch, conference president, and Paul Vercio, conference Publishing secretary.

## Victory In Wonderful Wyoming

Congratulations, Congratulations, Congratulations, Brother Paul Clear, Orrie Bell, and our wonderfully dedicated Literature Evangelists! Wyoming has gone over the highest mark in sales in its history. This year the Literature Evangelists, with the help of the Holy Spirit, have placed over \$45,000 of Seventh-day Adventist literature in non-Adventist homes. We here in Wonderful Wyoming are proud of this achievement.

The New Year is just before us, and plans should be



Literature Evangelists from Big Wonderful Wyoming sent out a call for help.

laid for earnest, persevering effort in the Master's service. There is much to be done to advance the work of God. "I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. It is the Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence."—*Colporteur Ministry*, pp. 17, 18.

Although the Lord has abundantly blessed the literature evangelists this year, there is much more to be done. We have only three full-time literature evangelists and there is a need for more. One area is the beautiful Black Hills of Wyoming, around Sundance, Newcastle, and Gillette—the fastest-growing town in Wyoming. There are many folk who have never seen our beautiful literature. Other areas are in Lander and Rock Springs.

As we look about us and see the many problems in the world, we know that the Lord Himself will soon come and make things right, but before this can happen many who have never learned the truths must be contacted by the men God is calling. "Men of stamina are wanted, men who will not wait to have their way smoothed and every obstacle removed, . . . men whose hearts are warm with Christian love, and whose hands are strong to do their Master's work."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 497.

As the call came to the Apostle Paul from Macedonia to come over and help, so we in Wyoming are making a similar call to help finish the work here. Let's plan and work in 1969 for the space trip to heaven.

PAUL VERCIO, *Publishing Secretary*

## PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM GREIGS



Pastor and Mrs. Josef Greig.

To our friends in the Wyoming Conference and the Central Union—As we prepare to leave for Scotland, we want to wish all of you a very prosperous New Year. It has been a real pleasure to work with the staff and constituency of the Wyoming Conference. As we go to Scotland for graduate study in Old Testament Theology, you are in our thoughts. We shall follow the REAPER eagerly for news of you and your service for Him. If you come to Scotland during the next two years, drop in at—3 Eltringham Gardens, Edinburgh 11, Scotland.

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