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MAKING EXCUSES

By M. L. RICE

WHY do men make excuses? What is the reason back of our alibis? Is it to explain certain facts, to tell why we did so and so? We may give this as the reason. But would it not be more like the truth to say that excuses are made to cover up the facts, rather than reveal them? We never explain our actions by giving reasons; we attempt to hide them by excuses.

From the dawn of creation until now, there is one thing that has always marked failures. This is something that the race has not outgrown. It seems to be more prevalent and widespread today than ever before. It is this thing of making excuses.

Christ tells of certain ones who were invited to a feast. Instead of coming, they all stayed away. What answer could they give for not attending? Instead of telling the truth, "they all with one consent began to make excuses." Notice the word "make." Excuses have to be made—manufactured. And what filmy material is often used! Instead of these men giving the reasons for not coming to the feast, they made up some excuses. That is what men usually do when they do not want to do certain things. They did it in Christ's day, and they still do it. It is done to hide the facts.

People never offer excuses for their virtues, but for their vices. They want to hide by alibis, the things that are bad and detestable, but how quick they are to extol, often out of all proportions, their good points.

Excuses are of two kinds—for the things we do, and for the things we fail to do. One is just as bad as the other. In both cases there is a guilty feeling, something in our hearts condemns us, so we seek to ease our conscience by some alibi. But this will never satisfy.

The giving of an excuse is an acknowledgement of failure on our part. That is why we make an excuse. It is an attempt to ease the guilt complex by trying to conceal the facts from ourselves, as well as from others.

Making excuses is just another way of misrepresenting the truth. First to ourselves, and then to others. Making excuses is a sign of weakness. No one wants to be called a weakling. But still we continue to make excuses.

There is practically no limit to which people will go in trying to excuse them-



selves. But all such excuses only indicate a dearth of moral strength and spiritual power.

Aaron tried to excuse his actions in the making of the golden calf. He was ashamed of what he had done, and well might he be. He gave an alibi for what he did. But not so with the man who had one talent. He tried to excuse himself for what he had not done. Human nature hasn't changed a bit in this respect during the centuries unless it be for the worse. Men still offer fantastic and unbelievable excuses for what they do or fail to do. Some of these alibis are so poorly patched together that it is an insult to one's intelligence to hear them. But most people, under the compulsion of guilt and the fear of exposure, will try anything that seems to offer a hope

of escape. But excuses and alibis are not the way.

Blaming others is the most over-worked excuse in the world. We find it in the very first page of history. It has been on every page since that time. When Adam disobeyed God, he looked for an excuse. He had failed, and he needed an alibi. There was no one else to blame except his wife, so he said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." From that day until this very hour, Adam's old alibi has been over-worked. Husbands still blame their wives for their failures. But how unfair, and un-Christian! The facts are, in many cases the husbands have been kept from failure and complete ruin only because of their wives. But it is not all one-sided; the same thing can be said in favor of husbands.

Some go beyond their wives and husbands and blame their associates for their misdeeds and failures. They follow the crowd. "Everybody was doing it, so I just followed along." But this excuse will never hold. "Follow not a multitude to do evil."

Making excuses, trying to alibi one's self out of trouble or trying situations, brings disastrous results. In the first place, it is a deliberate attempt not to see one's self as he really is. This is dangerous because man must first see himself, with all his sins and shortages, before he can feel his need of divine help. When a man comes to himself, when he sees himself, he has made about the most wonderful discovery that can be made. We must see our sin before we feel the need of a Saviour.

Repentance and excuses never go together. It is impossible to plead both. Repentance is part of salvation. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." No one can ever alibi himself into the kingdom. Excuses never save—they only hinder. Face the facts, acknowledge your guilt, repent of your sins, and live with a conscience void of offense.

Pan-American Youth Congress

THE youth congress idea provides the necessary means and opportunity for the attainment of the great objectives of the service of youth. There the latent talents of youth are aroused to action. Consecrated powers are rallied for service. Youthful vision of usefulness and opportunities for service are enlarged. Inspired by the messages and plans of a youth congress, the young people will find their home churches and communities taking on new aspects; new vistas of opportunity and service will be opened before the mind. More effectual training of officers and members of the youth organizations generally follows upon the impetus of an inspirational youth congress.

The Pan-American Youth Congress to be held in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium, June 16-20, 1953, will provide the means for accomplishing what must be done for and with the Seventh-day Adventist youth of the Americas. Following the 1947 San Francisco Youth Congress similar meetings have been held in many of our overseas world divisions. These have been a great blessing to our youth and to the work in general in these fields. Young people from Central and South America are invited to join the youth of North America in a great international congress.

In addition to many new features of youth work that will be emphasized at the Pan-American Youth Congress, there will be a special emphasis on foreign missions. It will be a most timely feature in the light of the general world situation. What better setting could be found for such an appeal to the church than a Youth Congress attended by many young people of great mission lands? And how could the youth of North America—future missionaries—find a greater inspiration for foreign service than at the meeting now being planned?

We are not planning just another youth congress. We are endeavoring to meet the needs and the challenge of youth, as well as of a rapidly perishing world. The church must rally all her forces for the great—and it may be final—conflict with the powers of darkness. Such a task requires the strength and daring of youth.

As the time approaches for the opening of the Pan-American Congress of Seventh-day Adventist youth, it is expected that thousands of young people from the local churches will find their way to San Francisco. This is a gathering for as many of our senior youth as are able to come. Youth are wanted today to make their contribution to the great program of God.

H. L. RUDY

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Be Friendly

HERE is a most refreshing letter from a *Voice of Prophecy* interest which is quite different from some which have recently come to our attention.

"I am so happy to know that I have

INDIANA FEDERATION MEETINGS

The Indiana Spring Dorcas Federation meetings will be held March 22-25. Please notice the announcements for your Federation area.

FEDERATION AREA	PLACE	TIME
Northeastern	Marion Church	March 22, 10:00 A.M.
Northwestern	LaPorte Civic Aud.	March 23, 10:00 A.M.
Southeastern	Columbus Church	March 24, 10:00 A.M.
Southwestern	Bedford First Baptist Church 1301 M Street	March 25, 10:00 A.M.

Lunch Plans: Lunch will be served at the Marion, Columbus, and Bedford meetings. Those attending LaPorte are invited to bring a sack lunch, and hot drink and dessert will be served.

- Guest speaker will be Mrs. T. S. Duke from Kenya Colony Mission of East Africa.

accepted Jesus as my Savior. My heart is so full of love of God that I think I love every one. I have finished reading my LAKE UNION HERALD. I read letters that have been written to you (*Voice of Prophecy*) telling of the unfriendliness they have found in the different churches that they have visited. I feel that I must write and tell my experience in the _____ church.

"To tell you the truth, I dreaded going to a city church because we are country people and money isn't too plentiful. I was afraid we would be made fun of because of the way we were dressed. I need not have worried at all. Every one was so friendly. Three different ones asked us home to dinner with them. There are five of us that go to church. Elder and Mrs. _____

are two of the dearest people I have ever met. Truly they are God's servants. Sometimes I wonder how they even find time to greet each person that comes to our church. I say our church because I have been a member since February 14, 1952—a year I'll never forget for I found my Lord and Savior.

"Another thing I must tell you about is the way children are treated. Teachers go all out to make them feel wanted and needed and loved. Each is called by name, also given praise for the efforts he or she makes in trying to be good Sabbath School pupils.

"Lots of the members of the church have visited our home—not once, but several times. We live a good 18 miles from church, but that doesn't make any difference to them. I have six brothers and sisters, also my father is living. My husband has his mother and eleven brothers and sisters and all have families. So you see there is quite a number of us. The good people of the _____

church have helped me, as well as members of our family with clothing and food baskets, also good SDA books. Already two brothers, a sister-in-law, two nieces, four nephews and my father have attended services in the _____ church. They are very interested. They said they didn't know that there were so many friendly people left in the world. I feel that through the friendliness of SDA people of _____ that many souls will be won for God."

May this help us to realize anew the value of friendliness—that which it is with in the power of each of us to extend.

By voice and pen I have received a most favorable reaction from the field resulting from the published letters in these columns as to the reaction of some interested people the first time they visit one of our churches. Many realize that the observations of these people present a true picture, and feel keenly that something should be done.

In a few of our Indiana churches a reception committee functions as regularly and efficiently as any officer in the church. The moment one steps inside the church there is someone to greet him, have him sign the registry and make him feel at home. Then the visitor's name is quietly passed to the pastor or elder and during the announcements this person's name and place of residence is mentioned as a visitor. In such a case no one could be overlooked nor feel they were not welcome.

I would not only recommend, but urge, that every church in the conference adopt some such plan as the one suggested above.

C. M. BUNKER

News Notes

- A HOME MISSIONARY RALLY was held in the Lafayette church on Sabbath, February 14, by Elder D. E. Caslow. The "Christ-Centered Lay Evangelism" course was organized at which time 15 were enrolled in the class. Elder H. A. Welklin, district

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Special Notice

ELDER H. K. CHRISTMAN has notified us to change his *Signs* itinerary appointments with the Gary, Elkhart and South Bend churches. He will meet with these churches on the following dates:

Gary—Monday, March 16, 7:30 P.M.; Elkhart—Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 P.M.; South Bend—Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 P.M.

superintendent, will instruct this fine class of active laymen during the next few weeks.

• Brother and Sister W. G. Wallace were guests of the South Bend church on Sabbath, Feb. 14, at which time Brother Wallace spoke at the morning service. He reports that the church was filled to capacity.

• On February 28 the Publishing Department held a Colporteur Rally at the Marion church.

Indiana Buddies' Exchange

WE were very glad to get a letter from Pvt. Charles Steele of Indianapolis South Side church in our mail this morning. Pvt. Steele writes: "I am sorry I have not written sooner, because I really enjoy the *Buddies' Exchange*."

"I am stationed at Bingen, Germany. Bingen is a small town located about forty miles from Frankfurt.

"Each Sabbath I travel to Frankfurt to attend church. We have our own S.D.A. Chaplain which makes things that much better.

"Bingen is located on the banks of the Rhine river. From the window of our billet we have a beautiful view, directly across the river are mountains with vineyards covering the sides of them, to the right is the famous statue, the 'Watch of the Rhine.' To the left are two castles, one is the Mouse Tower. It is on an island in the middle of the river. All day long boats from all countries pass by with different types of cargo.

"I am very thankful that I am in Germany where there is no fighting, and praise the Lord many times for putting me here."

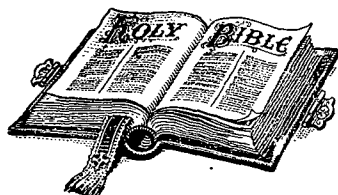
Let us continue to remember our boys in service by writing to them as well as in our prayers.

VERN C. HOFFMAN

INDIANA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the regular biennial session of the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Conference Auditorium at Indiana Academy, Cicero, Indiana, March 15, 1953. The first meeting is called for 9 A.M. This meeting is held for the purpose of electing officers of the conference and trustees of the Association, a legal corporation, for the ensuing biennial term, and such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifteen members or fraction thereof.

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Memory Verse Record

MRS. VICTORIA BLAND, last year's superintendent of the Calvin Center, Michigan Sabbath School reports excellent memory work done by the children shown in this photograph. She reports that they said the memory verses for the entire four quarters of 1952. Our hearty congratulations to them.

News From Our Schools

THE following is the first in a series of articles from the pens of the teachers in our

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They Laugh That Win!

SHAKESPEARE wrote the above title. If the poet was right, we might amend the thought thus: Sabbath Schools laugh that win souls! Last year 86 Michigan Sabbath Schools rejoiced in winning 390 souls.

Coldwater exceeded its Soul-winning Goal five times. Houghton Lake tripled its goal.

The following Sabbath schools doubled their goals: Cheboygan, Grayling, L'Anse, Manton, and Reed City.

Boyer City, Clare, Detroit German, Escanaba, Houghton, Ironwood, Ludington, Marlette, Otter Lake, Petoskey, Saginaw, St. Louis, and Traverse City reached their goals with a total of 79 added to their Sabbath Schools.

Lacking but one in reaching their goals were: Gladwin, Hastings, Howard City, Lake City, Marion, Stiles, Starville, and Wright with a total of 32 new members.

Fifty-eight other Sabbath schools reported adding 237 new converts even though they did not reach their individual goals. Altogether there were 86 Sabbath Schools participating in the winning of souls.

M. F. GRAU.

Okinawa Film Shown

CORPORAL ARNOLD J. CURRIER showed moving pictures of Okinawa Island at the Sabbath school held February 14 at Howell

schools, telling of the progress made thus far. Other interesting articles will follow week by week:

"Through the last two school years the Capitol Avenue school has been blessed with success in various ways. Spiritually as well as in physical ways, the school has been made to realize that God still rules in the affairs of men.

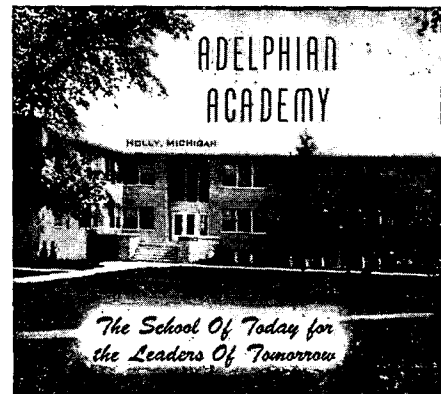
"In the two years that I have been here, ten children from divided homes were taken out of our school and placed in public school. Through prayer, the teachers have been able to point out the value of Christian education and rescue all but one. There is still hope of that one returning.

"The physical progress of the school was made possible by various auxiliaries of the church. A water fountain, was installed by the Home and School Association, and nine new desks, were donated by different departments of the church. A room was converted into a reading room with shelves for library books. Office equipment, amounting to \$54 was also given to us by the Home and School Association; \$30.72 in recreational equipment has been donated by various members and organizations of the church, and a lot, which was priced at \$2500, has been purchased for a new-school plant.

"All these blessings and other unmentioned ones have caused the teachers of Capitol Avenue School to know that our seemingly small program is one of heaven's greatest interests." RUSSEL W. BATES, *Principal*

Corporal Arnold took these pictures himself, and were shown in conjunction with the Missions' exercise, which was on the subject of Okinawa. Native life and habits and customs prevailing on the island, as well as scenes of our S.D.A. church on the island, made the film highly interesting.

M. F. GRAU



News Notes

• With the addition of several new students the second semester, the enrollment at Adelphian Academy now stands at 292. The cafeteria and chapel are crowded almost beyond capacity yet we are thankful for such an outstanding group of young people this year.

• The orders are piling up at the Mill these days and it has been necessary to increase the hours of work and to use a night shift.

• Two new staff members have joined the faculty at Adelphian this second semester. Mr. Herald Habenicht and his family have moved into the home left vacant when Mr.

and Mrs. Taft left. Mr. Habenicht has just finished his work for the M.A. degree at the University of Michigan and has taken over his duties as manager of our farm. He will also teach and assist with administrative responsibilities.

• Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vonhof have also joined our working force. He will assist Mr. Habenicht on the farm and also help with the maintenance work on our campus. Mrs. Vonhof is employed full time in the mill office. Mr. and Mrs. Vonhof come to us from Forest Lake Academy.

• Mr. and Mrs. Lester Taft accepted a call to connect with the Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman, Montana. They left just before the Christmas Holidays. We were sorry to have them leave for they have given faithful service to our school for many years.

• Three music groups will be visiting our churches this spring. The Band will give its first concert on March 7, at the Central High School in Detroit at 8:00 o'clock. The Choir has several appointments, their first one will be at Clarenceville at 11:00 o'clock and Fern-dale at 4:00 o'clock on March 21. The Girls' Glee Club gave their first program on February 21 in Pontiac. In addition to the many musical treats which these groups will bring to our people, the Seminar has several Sabbath appointments with our churches and an active ATS (Temperance Club) will give programs pertaining to Temperance to high-school groups between now and the end of the school year.

• Plans are now under way for our Visitor's Day, April 27, and we would be most happy to have young people write us of their interest in attending Adelpian another year. We would also like to have names and addresses sent to us of young people who should be contacted relative to school attendance.

• Adelpian Academy is the school for the youth of Eastern Michigan and we want to serve as many as we can accommodate. It is not too early to plan for the coming school year now. Write for information today.

V. E. GARBER, *Principal*

SPECIAL NOTICE! GREATER DETROIT AREA

The Adelpian Academy Band will present a program at the Central High School Auditorium, 2425 Tuxedo, Detroit, on Saturday night, March 7, at 8:15.

This program is for the special benefit of those living in the Greater Detroit area. Come early and get a good seat and enjoy an outstanding program by this Academy Band under the direction of B. L. Jackson,

Saving Souls Buys Education

BACK in 1947, the *Reader's Digest*, September edition page 64 carried the following story. "Late for an appointment one day, I rushed to a subway change booth and slapped a dime on the counter. I waited a long time, (fully ten seconds) then looked up to see the cause of the delay. I stared squarely into a face bearing one of the ugliest expressions I've ever seen. I'd done nothing to warrant any nicker-changer looking at me like that, and I said sharply: 'Come on. Give me two nickles. Don't stare at me like that.' It was only after I had spoken that I became aware



that the hostile countenance glaring at me was my own face, reflected in the glass front of the empty booth. When the initial shock had worn off, I realized with a start that I had been privileged to see myself as I appeared to others. That incident was a turning point in my life. Many times since then, I've checked hasty impulses to be unpleasant by recalling that face in the glass."

I can assure you that this experience could never happen to Ralph Trecartin of Quinnesec, Michigan who is pictured above. I know you readily agree with me when you look at that radiant smile. Ralph is one of the most pleasant Christian young men that it has ever been my privilege to meet. He canvassed last summer on the scholarship plan for the first time and did very well.

Those boxes you see in that trunk are filled with good Seventh-day Adventist books. They were all sold and many more as the result of Ralph's labors. He received his scholarship and is now attending Emmanuel Missionary College.

Working with Christian young people like this as well as our faithful regulars, is what brings joy to our hearts and helps to keep us strong in the work. O. A. BOSTMER

News Notes

• THE Michigan Conference business session was held at Battle Creek Sunday, February 15. The entire staff of officers and secretaries were re-elected. One addition was made to the conference committee, Elder R. E. Eckerman of Port Huron.

• Elder W. B. Ochs gave some timely messages in connection with his visit at the session, speaking at the Sabbath morning service and again at the Sunday night meeting. Elder W. P. Bradley, associate secretary of the General Conference, spoke at the morning service Monday, February 16. Elder Carl Sundin, associate secretary of the medical department, from Los Angeles, spoke twice during the Monday workers' meeting, February 16.

• E. F. Willett is on a business trip to the west coast to look over the conference office

To New Missionary Secretaries:

Please check all Sabbath-school supplies and if you wish any change of address for any of them, notify us at once. Give us the address to whom it is now going and the name and address you want it to go to from now on. We do not change addresses for Sabbath-school supplies without the authorization of the missionary secretary.

MICHIGAN BOOK & BIBLE HOUSE

buildings at Spokane, Portland and Los Angeles.

• The Michigan Conference annual audit will be held at Lansing, March 2. The auditors, in addition to the Michigan Conference committee, this year are Elder M. L. Rice and H. A. Shepard of the Lake Union Conference office, Dr. H. H. Anderson of Flint, Dr. W. H. Beaven of Ann Arbor and Dr. L. R. McElmurry of Lansing.

• Elder G. E. Hutches attended the Review and Herald meeting in Washington, February 24 and 25.

• The membership of the Michigan Conference now stands at 13,059.

• The upper peninsula camp meeting dates are June 4-7. The meetings will be held at the Wilson church.

• Camp meeting dates for Grand Ledge are August 6-15.

• Elders H. R. Nelson, V. E. Garber and R. O. Stone attended the National Educational Association meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey. They also visited the General Conference Educational Department for a meeting on their return trip.

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MICHIGAN MV ACTION

(Important events to come)

March 14, MV Day—A message for youth in every church. Also, Pan-American Youth Congress offering to be taken in all churches. Goal—\$1.00 per member.

March 14-21—MV Week of Prayer—A week designed to deepen the experience of every youth, as well as to inspire them to share their faith.

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Auffert-Pumford Wedding

MARIAN JEAN AUFFERT became the bride of Russell Duane Pumford in a simple and dignified wedding in the Berrien Springs Village church the evening of January 25, 1953.

Brother Pumford just recently returned from the battle lines of Korea and was discharged from the army only a week previous to the wedding. After a short wedding trip the couple settled in their apartment in Benton Harbor where they are both employed. May God's rich blessing rest upon them.

WILLIAM R. HARBOUR

Brightmoor Church Burns

ON January 17 we arrived at our Brightmoor church to find it on fire and firemen putting out the blaze.

It all started from an overheated furnace and damage is estimated around \$3,000. We are holding services at Southfield School until repairs are made which we hope will be soon.

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Pan-American Youth Congress

ONLY three months left before delegates from all over North and South America will be packing their grips and start out for San Francisco by air, sea, train, bus, and auto—and some may come by bicycle. It is hoped that in this group will be the full representation from Wisconsin.

The churches and districts of Wisconsin are permitted to select 35 delegates. The names of some who have been selected have already been turned in to the office.

To finance this project we are asked to raise \$4,150. This makes approximately one dollar per church member. Out of this fund each delegate will receive \$50 for his transportation plus—we hope, another \$50 for room and board. Won't you please do your part when the opportunity is given to give toward this project.

We invite any and all of our young people to attend this Pan-American Youth Congress. This is not a closed meeting for delegates only. Further information regarding hotel accommodations will be announced later. Should there be some who are planning to go and are able to take with them a delegate or two at the \$50 rate, please get in touch with me.

F. W. BIEBER

IMPORTANT INQUIRY

On August 9, 1952 my husband, Mr. Austin R. Tyrer, and three of our friends were killed in an automobile collision on Highway 51 running from Madison to Portage at a point near DeForest, while we were on our way to camp meeting at Portage. We understand that some people in a green Studebaker car bearing Illinois license plates were immediately behind the cars involved in the collision, and they later called on the Police and Sheriff's Departments at Madison to report their information, but the police did not take the names of the parties and the sheriff's department was closed. If this notice comes to you people who were in the Studebaker car, or if any of you know of such people would you kindly get in touch with me at once. MRS. AUSTIN R. TYRER, 604 Emerson Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

Evangelism in Eau Claire

RECENTLY a group of well-meaning citizens of Eau Claire, including clergymen, educators and city officials met in the Y.M.C.A. to discuss the growing problem of the sale of indecent literature in the city. It was proposed at this meeting that a censorship committee be set up to ban all indecent literature from the newsstands and prosecute merchants with the law who did not comply. This committee

GOD'S TENTH

"We are to teach our children to acknowledge Christ as the One that has bought us with His own precious life. To Him we should render a tithe of all our income as a confession of His ownership and our loyalty to Him. The children should be taught at an early age to be helpful in the home, and an opportunity should be given to the child, by some means, to earn something. He should be taught to lay aside the tithe unto Christ, and, by practising *self-denial*, to make offerings to His cause. The amounts may be small, but the results of this training will be lasting. The children should be represented in the quarterly and annual report of the tithe received by the treasurer."—*God and I Are Partners*, Page 75

was to include clergymen, city officials and others. The discussion became quite heated and the meeting was finally dismissed with no action taken.

Ever since, the topic of indecent literature has been one of keen controversy both in the city and in the newspaper.

In the midst of this discussion on Sunday evening, January 18th, the writer began a series of meetings at the Eau Claire Seventh-day Adventist Church, with the subject: "The Challenge of Indecent Literature and Moral Degeneracy!"

Our attendance was good on the opening night and has been holding up favorably in spite of stormy and cold weather. In fact some Sunday nights our attendance has exceeded the opening night. One man who heard the announcement of our lecture, over our broadcast, *Your Bible Speaks*, drove 45 miles with his family to hear the lecture on the second Sunday night.

The work of our radio broadcast *Your Bible Speaks* over WEAU every Sunday morning at 8:45 A. M. is going forward. For the month of December over 70 requests were received in response to the gift offer of the *Morning Watch Calendar*. Also during the months of December and January six enrollments were received for the *Twentieth Century Bible Course*. We are of good courage in Eau Claire and believe that the greatest days of the Advent movement are just before us.

D. W. SCHIFFBAUER

News Notes

• The delegates to the Conference Business Session to be held in the Wisconsin Academy Chapel on March 10, 11, will hear Elder W. B. Ochs, the vice-president of the General Conference for North America, also Elder Paul Bradley, the associate secretary of the General Conference. These leaders will report on the progress of our work abroad.

• Sabbath, November 14th was a good day for the believers in the LaCrosse District when Elders H. J. Capman and F. W. Bieber encouraged the members of LaCrosse to establish a church school.

• F. W. Bieber, Red Cross First Aid Instructor Trainer for the Wisconsin Conference, attended a special Refresher Course meeting at the Mid West Red Cross Area office in St. Louis, February 2 to 5.

• Elders John Hancock and F. W. Bieber attended a special meeting of the Milwaukee

BOOK NOOK

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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WISCONSIN BOOK & BIBLE HOUSE

Box 512, Madison, Wisconsin

Pathfinder Club Thursday evening, February 12. Mrs. Ray Kraus is the club Director.

• Two new Pathfinder Clubs are in the process of being organized. One is being organized at Beloit with Mark Hamblin as Director; the other is being organized at Superior with Dwayne and Delores Levens as Directors.

• A number of churches have already turned in a nice sum of money toward their total goal for the Pan-American Youths Congress.

• On Sabbath, February 21, the members and their friends of the Rhinelander district met for an all-day gathering with Elders H. J. Capman, Vernon Flory and F. W. Bieber giving special instruction to various groups of church officers. Elder Capman gave helpful guidance to the elders, deacons and deaconesses, while Elder Flory instructed the Home Missionary and Sabbath-school officers. Elder Bieber met with the Missionary Volunteer leaders.

• The departmental secretaries are busy these days in preparing their reports for the Conference Session to be held in Columbus March 10-11. It is hoped that a complete delegation from every church will attend this Conference Session. All conferences in the territory of the Lake Union are holding their Business Session early this year, separating the Business Session from the camp-meeting season. With all business out of the way, the spiritual interests of the camp meeting will have the right of way.

NOTICE

The address of the War Service Commission in San Antonio has been changed. Mail should now be directed to C. A. Holt, 615 West Ashby Place, San Antonio, Texas, instead of 716 East Euclid as formerly.

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the 13th business session of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Wisconsin Academy chapel at Columbus, Wisconsin, March 10 and 11, 1953. The first meeting of the conference session will convene at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, March 10. Reports of the previous two years will be rendered and election of officers and departmental secretaries will take place, together with other business which may come before the session. Each church in the Wisconsin Conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization, and one additional delegate for every fifteen members, or fractional majority.

H. J. CAPMAN, President
L. G. WARTZOK, Secretary

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that a legal meeting of the Wisconsin Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Wisconsin Academy chapel at Columbus, Wisconsin, March 10, 1953. The first meeting of the Association is called for Tuesday, March 10, at 3:00 P.M. The purpose of this session is to elect officers for the ensuing biennial term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates to this 18th biennial session of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are members of the Association.

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So You Have a Burden!

SOME time ago a member of an Illinois Seventh-day Adventist church approached me with this remark. "I have such a burden for the salvation of my friends and the members of my immediate family. I wonder if it would be possible for you to visit among some of them and see whether you could interest them in our message."

"Of course, I will be delighted to," I answered, "but tell me what are you doing for them yourself?"

"Oh," she responded, "there is nothing that I can do. They are so prejudiced they will not listen to me."

"Of course," I questioned further, "you are at least sending them some literature such as the *Signs of the Times* or the *Present Truth*."

"No, I cannot even truthfully say that I am doing that," she hesitantly replied. "The normal expenses seem to have run so high in our family that I just haven't felt that I could afford it."

It is not to be wondered at that this whole conversation left something of a question in my mind. I had been in that home, and I knew something about the conditions there. I was acquainted with its modern comfortable furnishings, including the latest television and living room suite. I had seen a late-model automobile in the driveway, and I knew

quite well that money was not as scarce an article as would have appeared. It was simply being put to another use.

Yes, she had a burden, but I was not particularly impressed with the weight of that burden, for it called forth no sacrifice on her part. I was reminded of the three-fold program outlined by Jesus to his would-be followers when He said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

What a pity it is that so many want to follow Christ but are unwilling to fulfill its accompanying obligations. It is perfectly right and proper that we should pray, asking others to join us; that we should further invite our believing friends and fellow Adventists and even our pastors to share with us our burden for our loved ones; but is it not our own obligation first and foremost? Should we leave one opportunity unfulfilled to do what we can to help such people?

Seventh-day Adventist literature is available in abundance at a minimum cost for just this purpose. For example: For only the price of one telephone call a week in any phone booth you can send the *Signs of the Times* into three separate homes by mail. Surely no one could say that they could not afford this. Only 10 cents a week will nearly pay for three annual subscriptions to this truth-filled periodical by direct mail into three homes. The year 1953 should see an increasing prayer list on the part of every Seventh-day Adventist along with an honest endeavor to do what we can through the *Signs of the Times* for every person on the list.

Dr. Ezra Cox tells of a visit which he made in the Southland among the southern Negro Methodists. Towards the close of his sermon one evening, he noticed an elderly Negro lady begin to swing back and forth. As he watched her, she began to sing the old Negro spiritual, and others joined in singing:

"Lord, we got to give one hundred per cent;
Ninety-nine and a half won't do;
Lord we got to give one hundred per cent;
Ninety-nine and a half won't do."

It was indeed a thrilling thing to Dr. Cox to hear such a response to his message, but it amply illustrates what God would have the attitude of His people today to be. Our efforts today must be one hundred per cent. Ninety-nine and a half just won't do.

Every Seventh-day Adventist should aim to send at least three subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times* to three different people on his prayer list this year. How can we do less! Give the name and address along with the \$1.85 subscription price for each subscription to your church missionary secretary right away.

C. R. FRENCH

Signs Pay

THE Wilmette church is accomplishing the nearly impossible. Located as it is, in the center of the North Shore wealthy area, the church has found it very difficult to carry the gospel to those in this district.

However, last year they tried a new plan. They subscribed to a club of twenty *Signs*. The members remail these to twenty families for a period of three months. Near the end

of this time a letter is written to those who have been receiving the paper, inviting them to subscribe. During the past nine months they have mailed the *Signs* to sixty homes and have received sixteen subscriptions.

It is the plan to follow up these contacts with visits and invitations to enroll in the Bible Correspondence Course.

C. B. MILLER

ROY
SMITH
Veteran
Teacher



It's People Like —

ONE day while having a chat with a student, the subject turned to exemplary Christian living. During the course of the conversation I asked, "When you think about exemplary Christian living do you ever think of any particular individual?"

The answer came immediately, "Whenever I think of a Christian, I think of Mr. Smith." Yes, we at Broadview all agree; for if any man ever is a model of patience, meekness, helpfulness, and consecrated devotion to his Master and his life work, we are sure it is Mr. Smith.

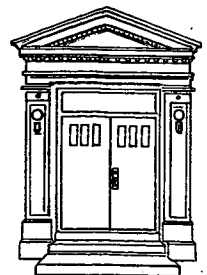
Mr. Smith has grown gray during his long service at Broadview, but his devoted friends, the student body, insist that the years only make him look more becoming. His friendly smile, his energetic classroom teaching, his never failing zest on the ball diamond, ever endear him to Broadview's youth. Even when he finds it necessary to scold, there is a bit of a smile and a kindly twinkle in his eye, but behind it there is a loving firmness that wins the wrongdoer to obedience.

A Broadview veteran, with the longest tenure of any staff member, Mr. Smith undoubtedly devotes more hours to his work than any other teacher. Often when going to the 7:15 class in the morning one may see lights on in the press which are a reminder that Mr. Smith, even though up late with work the night before, is on the job trying to rush out the *Exponent*, a program, or some needed office form.

When Friday evening comes Mr. Smith is faithfully present to lead the song service.

It's people like Mr. C. Roy Smith who make Broadview Academy. D. N. HARTMAN

BROADVIEW
ACADEMY
LaGrange, Ill.



G I V E
To Reynoldswood Offering
On Youth Day
 March 21, 1953

- PLAN For the
- PRAY MV Week of Prayer
- PREPARE March 14 to 21

ILLINOIS' CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The regular biennial session of the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Conference Auditorium, at Broadview Academy, Broadview, Illinois, at 10:30 A.M., on Wednesday, March 11, 1953. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the constituency. Delegates are the duly elected delegates of the various churches of the conference and delegates at large. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifteen members or major fraction thereof.

J. L. McCONAUGHEY, President
 ELTON DESSAIN, Secretary

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
CHICAGO CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the regular biennial joint meeting of the Illinois Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists and the Chicago Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Conference Auditorium at Broadview Academy, Broadview, Illinois, at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, March 12, 1953. The purpose for this meeting is to elect officers and trustees for the ensuing biennial term, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The delegates to the conference session are the members of these associations.

J. L. McCONAUGHEY, President
 ELTON DESSAIN, Secretary

BROADVIEW COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Notice is hereby given that the regular biennial meeting of the Broadview College and Theological Seminary will be held in the Conference Auditorium, at Broadview Academy, Broadview, Illinois, at 10:00 A.M., on Thursday, March 12, 1953. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and trustees for the ensuing biennial term, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The delegates to the conference session are the members of this association.

J. L. McConaughey, President
 Glen Byers, Secretary

Association Meeting

Humboldt Park Church
 2914 W. North Ave.
 Chicago

March 14, 2:30 p.m.

- Special emphasis will be placed on Primary and Junior work in the Sabbath School.
- Every children's division's leader and teacher in the Chicago area should attend.

SIGNS Wins Hospital Convert

HELEN SCHWARTZKOPF, a student in one of our colleges, relates the story of her conversion through the *Signs* in this article:

version through the *Signs* in this article:

"In a small community hospital in a mid-western state, a *Signs of the Times* had mysteriously made its way into one of the patient's rooms. The patient, not being of a religious nature particularly, tossed it aside, where it was later discovered by a nurse who did not profess to be much of a Christian. In one of her spare moments, the nurse referred to the piece of literature and read it, and was quite impressed by it. Also, the advertisement of the Twentieth Century Bible Correspondence Course intrigued her, and she sent them her name and address.

"One of the very first things the nurse, a dear friend of mine, had to share with me was her enthusiasm of the new Bible course, which she introduced to me. Together we studied the Word of God, and considered ourselves very fortunate to have found the free course. As the truths unfolded before us, it was like finding a precious gold mine. We tried to discover the source of the *Signs of the Times*, but none of our friends knew anything about it. To our knowledge, we had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists. For one year we studied and made astounding discoveries, the seventh-day Sabbath being the greatest. Here is where my friend and I parted ways, as she refused to accept the doctrine. I continued to study.

"In due time I desired to accept the doctrines and become a Commandment keeper. My parents objected to this. They were suspicious of the Bible lessons, and were prejudiced against the strange beliefs I was accepting and practicing. Every possible effort was made to steer me away from the 'queer' religion, but I held fast. The antagonism caused by the conflict grew and grew into a wide breach and brought about a final separation from my parents and my home.

"I love the Gospel truth and am preparing to enter mission service in a foreign field in the near future.

"God bless the *Signs*. It is doing a work the ministers cannot do. It finds its way down avenues they cannot travel, and it is bringing in its own harvest of souls."



HELEN SCHWARTZKOPF

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SERMON TOPICS

March 8—The Bible Millenium

March 15—The New Earth for the New Race

BUSINESS NOTICES

All advertisements must be approved by your local conference office and accompanied by cash. Money orders and checks should be made to the Lake Union Conference at Berrien Springs, Mich. Rates: \$2.00 per insertion of 40 words or less, and 5c for each additional word, including your address. The HERALD cannot be responsible for advertisements appearing in these columns.

For Sale: Seven-room house with bath. Automatic oil furnace. Garage, barn and garden plot. Next to growing church and school in small village 18 miles south of Battle Creek. Contact A. Tait Buck, Battle Creek or Frederick Wedel, Burlington, Mich. —49

For Rent: 80-acre farm, good, nice, level land, on shares,—50-50 basis. New house, new big barn, new corn crib, all go with it. We also rent a modern 4-room house on the same yard for \$25.00 a month. We give one house free to live in, while taking care of 250 finest fruit trees on shares, 50-50 basis. Our farm is one mile from Highway M40, 5 miles south of Decatur, Michigan, 10 miles north of Dowagiac, Michigan. Write to Gabriel Vas, 9347 Lyon Avenue, Chicago, Ill. —45

For Rent: 160-acre farm for rent on cash basis. Renter must have own cattle, at least part of machinery. Some machinery available if renter needs it. Please apply at once. We also need nurses' aids, registered nurse and a cook. Bethel Convalescent Home, Arpin, Wis. —48

Wanted: Married couple to work on dairy farm by May 1. Modern house. C. S. Lauersen, R. 2, Luck, Wis. —47

Wanted: Elderly person or couple to live in cottage and if interested could work 40-acre farm, or will rent cottage separately. Church privileges. For details write: Clayton Larson, R. 2, Cambridge, Wisconsin. Phone: 22F2, Cambridge. —46

For Sale: A three-room house on one fourth acre of land in the village of Cedar Lake, near the Academy, and a good public school. Cash \$600.00 or easy terms at \$700.00. Write or see: Chester Mathewson, 9655 Ostego Ave., Detroit 4, Mich. —44

California Halawi Variety dates; very tasty, sweet, soft, unprocessed; select quality. 12-lb. box delivered Lake Union \$4.20. Seven boxes delivered \$23.95. Satisfaction guaranteed. Mid-winter price list, dried fruits, shelled nuts, ripe olives sent on request. CALIFRUIT, Calimesa, Calif. —11

SUNSET TABLE

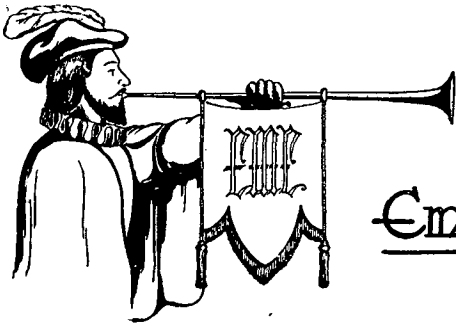
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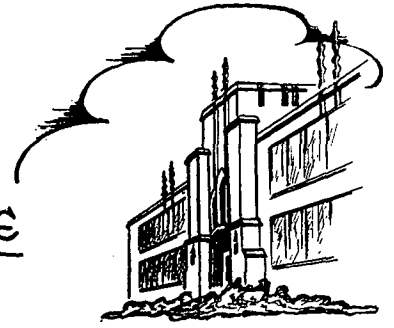
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Chicago	C 5:46	Detroit	E 6:28
Madison	C 5:53	Lansing	E 6:33

C—Central Time. E—Eastern Time. Add one minute for each 13 miles west. Subtract one minute for each 13 east.



EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE



MATHEMATICS AT E.M.C.

MANY people do not realize that while mathematics is an abstract science, it is also an art and that mathematicians are, in a sense, artists.

The beauty of detail in a da Vinci masterpiece, the symmetry of a Bach fugue, the cleverness of a Shakespearean metaphor or a rhyming couplet—all these are closer kin to the attributes of mathematical theory than most people believe. It is true that many modern engineering feats and triumphs of science rest on the solution of mathematical problems, and it is also true that much of mathematics has its origin in the attempts to solve problems in the natural sciences. But mathematics has a light and a wisdom of its own apart from any applications to the natural sciences, and the true mathematician pursues his subject with carefree disregard for its applications. He works at it because he sees in it a thing of beauty and because he has an insatiable desire to probe into the unknown.

Some mathematical theories have been developed in this way, and for years have served only to fill mathematical periodicals and books but have later found wide application. An example of this is the theory of functions of a complex variable, which, although it may ultimately be considered as having its roots in natural science, was for a long time developed only because of its beauty, elegance, and power, and is rightly considered one of the sublime creations of the human mind. Today, however, it is considered an indispensable tool in engineering, and everyone who wishes to pursue advanced engineering research will have to master this phase of mathematics which was once considered useless to an engineer. It may happen that the large bodies of mathematical knowledge now without application may some day become indispensable to science and technology. But whether they are useful or ever will be useful is a matter of little or no concern to the mathematician. He will continue to delve and to study because he finds it intriguing.

By

E. J. SPECHT and H. T. JONES

It is to emphasize the cultural and aesthetic aspects of mathematics that we have designed the course called Introduction to Mathematics. Students who enroll in this course will find few of the mysterious, sometimes frustrating landmarks of secondary-school algebra. An attempt will be made to reveal the essence of mathematics and to show why it is that mathematicians enjoy mathematics. This course will satisfy those students—be they majors in theology, music, language, or history—who wisely recognize that they are not getting a true liberal arts education if they neglect this important area of learning.

Roughly three types of students sit in the mathematics classes at Emmanuel Missionary College. The first is the type mentioned above, whose major interest is in another field but who takes mathematics as a cultural course to broaden his interests. The second is the one who is studying in some scientific field where he needs mathematics, such as chemistry, physics, or engineering.

Closely associated with the mathematics department is the new engineering curriculum. An arrangement with the University of Michigan School of Engineering makes it possible to give an excellent preparation in seven engineering fields without sacrificing the advantages of a Christian education. Now in its first year, this curriculum is attracting a goodly number of young men. It is our hope that many more talented young Adventists will see in this field an opportunity for serving the Lord and their fellowmen in a worth-while profession.

By enlarging the course offerings and the faculty, we have been able to give a pre-engineering curriculum which in three years prepares students to finish a Bachelor of Science degree after one more year at the University of Michigan, where they make use of fine equipment and facilities valued at millions of dollars. This

baccalaureate degree is granted by Emmanuel Missionary College. Students who wish an engineering degree from the University of Michigan may earn it in one additional year.

Students who major in mathematics are, of course, the special interest of the mathematics faculty, and a wide variety of advanced courses are being offered to satisfy the mathematics student, in whatever field his mathematical interests lie. There are a great many opportunities for employment for mathematicians both inside and outside of the denominational work, and there is every indication that the demand will continue to grow. Students now in secondary schools who have special abilities and interests in mathematics are encouraged to contact the mathematics department at Emmanuel Missionary College for guidance in selecting the courses which will prepare them adequately for their subsequent work in college.

We believe that the mathematics department is helping to carry out the counsel given by one whose writings we all respect and accept, who urges that "a knowledge of science of all kinds is power, and it is in the purpose of God that advanced science shall be taught in our schools as a preparation for the work that is to precede the closing scenes of earth's history." (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 186)

COLLEGIANS IN CONCERT

Peoria S.D.A. Church, 3301 Knoxville Ave.
—Friday, March 6, 7:30 P. M.

Moline S.D.A. Church, 1315 14th Street—
Saturday, March 7, 11:00 A. M.

Broadview Academy Auditorium, La Grange,
Illinois—Saturday, March 7, 8:00 P. M.