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ANNUAL REPORT SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SERVICES

Hospitals	153	
Clinics, dispensaries, launches, and airplanes	294	
Schools of nursing	41	
Outpatient visits	6,050,356	
Community Service centers	2,474	to the state of the
Persons helped	11,310,297	EMERGENCY SERVICES
Articles of clothing given	18,741,246	
Cash and value of food given	\$10,815,345.48	
Universities, colleges, and schools (Total students enrolled—476,703)	4,731	-
Countries and island groups in which the church is working	190	
Languages and dialects currently used	582	
Publishing houses	50	

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE_

Dear Fellow Believer:

The "One Thousand Days of Reaping" program is the most significant endeavor of our church to win souls in our history! This cooperation of laymen and ministers in evangelism is certain to produce outstanding results.

In the Rocky Mountain Conference there has been a strong emphasis on

lay evangelism for some time. This emphasis will continue and will help us accomplish better organization for ministers and laymen as they join in evangelism in our "One Thousand Days of Reaping." Our laymen are giving Bible studies and holding evangelistic meetings with laymen doing the preaching. We also have the IT IS WRITTEN telecast sowing seeds all over our conference with laymen and ministers following up the interests developed by the television ministry.

An important part of the Rocky Mountain Conference "One Thousand Days of Reaping" is for our ministers to preach sermons focusing on our distinctive church doctrines. Our ministers are also preaching evangelistic sermons in the churches on Sabbath with earnest appeals



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for people to give their lives to God. Plans have been made for every minister to participate in at least one evangelistic crusade each year. Special programs are under way for our ministers to give emphasis to winning our youth and then using the young people in evangelistic outreach work.

In addition to public prayer for God's power to accompany our united efforts there will be many small prayer bands. The fellowship resulting from these prayer endeavors will bind our hearts together for a finished work. We will unite in pleading with God for something special to happen in soul winning work in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Our objective is to have 1220 baptisms each year for the next three years. This will require a significant increase in the number of baptisms. However, our ministers have already indicated personal soul winning objectives that when added together total far more than our conference objective. Our laymen are also enthusiastic because of the renewed emphasis on the important part they occupy in finishing God's work.

A special effort to reduce the number of apostasies and retain our members is another important part of our "Thousand Days of Reaping" program. We recognize the tragedy of losing our members through apostasy and are making earnest efforts to help each member in our conference remain an active, dedicated and loyal Seventh-day Adventist.

The Rocky Mountain Conference ministers and laymen are dedicated to making the "Thousand Days of Reaping" an outstanding success in our territory. This will mean more prayer, more faith, more work and more souls.

Yours for a speedy completion of the task,

Wm. C. Hatch, President, Rocky Mountain Conference



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Let's Go Ingathering!

By William E. Peeke

Let's go Ingathering this year! Let's go because WE LOVE JESUS. Let's go to minister to people. Let's go to find and gather souls for His kingdom. Let's go to give His everlasting gospel to all!

"What's that you say? You don't have to go. You are right. You don't have to go Ingathering. Nor did Jesus have to come down to earth. He did not have to be crucified. He did not have to bleed, suffer and die on the cross. When taunted with the words 'If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross', He might have come down but He didn't."

Jesus chose to come to earth. He chose to hang and die on the cross because of LOVE—love for you and love for me. It was LOVE that led Him out of the ivory palaces into this cold, dark and sinful world. It was LOVE, that wonderful love, that drove Him to the cross to die for you and me.

You don't have to go Ingathering. You don't have to take part in this year's evangelistic crusade, but the LOVE OF JESUS will motivate, constrain and impel you to go.

On a cold December night some years ago in New England a newly baptized member was Ingathering for the first time. It was time to quit but he went to one more house. There he discovered a former Adventist. From that visit came not just a donation but six precious souls for God's kingdom. How glad our brother was that he went Ingathering that cold December night.

"I believe God sent you here tonight in answer to my prayers." It was another cold winter night. In Providence, Rhode Island carolers sang standing on the snow-packed streets. My visit had closed with prayer for a lady whose world was falling apart. Just that day her husband's divorce had been



W. E. Peeke

granted. Her name and address were given to the pastor for follow-up. I was very glad I went Ingathering that night and could hear those sincere words from a brokenhearted soul, "I believe God sent you here tonight in answer to my prayers."

Ingathering is a ministry to people—people who are lonely and want to know that somebody loves and cares for them. Ingathering is a ministry to the rich and poor, well and sick, young and old. Ingathering is a ministry to people who are longing to find the way to Jesus. Ingathering is searching for souls, hunting for the lost sheep. Ingathering is gathering in the harvest of those on the verge of the Kingdom.

We can't guarantee souls. We can't guarantee that someone will say you are the answer to their prayers. But when you go Ingathering this year we can guarantee the presence of Jesus. His great commission to go, brings His promise "...I am with you alway..."—Matthew 28:20. We can go and have the fellowship of angels for they will accompany us to the homes of those we visit.

As we go Ingathering this year we can receive a greater blessing if we heed the counsel given by God's messenger to the remnant church concerning this important missionary work. In *Christian Service*, page 169, we find this counsel:

- 1. "Be diligent in your efforts."
- 2. "Live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit."
- 3. "Add daily to your Christian experience."
- 4. "Search diligently for perishing souls."
- 5. "Be diligent in the distribution of literature that has been carefully prepared for use among those not of our faith... Let us put literature into every hand that will receive it."

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Let's go Ingathering and make this year's crusade the very best! Let's go with a prayer in our heart, a smile on our face, and enthusiasm in our voice. Let's go Ingathering to hasten our Saviour's return and that we may hear His words "Well done. . .enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—Matthew 25:21.

William E. Peeke, Director Personal Ministries Department Mid-America Union Conference

JOWA-MISSOURI

Stop Smoking and Cooking Clinics for Bourbon-Sullivan

By Nondis Jae

May was a busy time for the Bourbon-Sullivan Churches. They combined efforts to bring to the community a Five-day Stop Smoking clinic, a Taster's Vegetarian Smorgasbord, and a nutrition class.

Pastor Lamont Francisco and his wife, Barbara, directed the entire program. The Stop Smoking clinic was conducted in the banquet room at Zeno's Motel in Sullivan with 28 participating in a very enthusiastic group. Francisco was assisted by Dr. G. W. Riffel, Dr. David Giem and Mr. Tom White, R.P.T.

Fifteen received graduation certificates. Many had used tobacco from 25 to 40 years. One person had smoked 50 years. On the final evening the group was invited to attend the Taster's Vegetarian Smorgasbord on the following Sunday.



Vegetarian smorgasbord



Dr. G. W. Riffle conducts Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking.

The smorgasbord was something new to the area. Ladies of both churches submitted their favorite vegetarian recipes. Copies were available for anyone wishing them. The ladies prepared dishes and brought them to the multi-purpose building at the Bourbon Church Sunday morning.

Three long tables were set up with the hot or cold dishes and a recipe copy by



Pastor Francisco teaches the clinic.

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each dish. Ladies tended each table to assist and explain the ingredients to the guests. Much publicity, including columns in newspaper and radio spot announcements brought a hundred guests to the smorgasbord. This was followed by a full week class on nutrition. Mrs. Hazel Rippey, a retired Registered Dietitian from Berrien Springs, Michigan, with a degree in dietetics from Loma Linda University, conducted the cooking school. She held the attention of the group, not only with recipes, but also with menu planning, which included lunches for people who carry brown paper bag lunches.

About 50 persons attended nightly. A vegetarian cookbook was given to each one attending. The book had a cover stating it was presented by the Seventh-day Adventist churches of Bourbon and Sullivan as a public service. Also many nutrition books were sold.

Nondis Jae is the communication secretary for the Bourbon Church.

Vacation Bible School At Sunnydale

By Carolyn M. Erickson

Vacation Bible School at Sunnydale Academy Seventh-day Adventist Church was held June 21-July 1.

A total of 90 children were enrolled in the school. Of these 38 children were from non-Adventist homes.

The children all seemed to enjoy their experience. Many particularly liked the craft times, others the stories or play periods.

At least 25, including several academy students, assisted. Young men of the church as well as women helped. Some of these were young mothers with small babies and little ones under 4 years. Several ladies cared for these little tots while their mothers helped.

Approximately 150 attended the closing program, and all expressed their appreciation for the school and what it meant to them.

Carolyn M. Erickson is the communication secretary for the the Sunnydale Church.

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$R \cdot A \cdot G \cdot B \cdot R \cdot A \cdot I$

By Garry Birth

Those letters stand for the Register's Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. Every year seven to ten thousand people including bike riders and their support crews gather somewhere on the western edge of Iowa and begin a trip of over 500 miles to Iowa's eastern boundary. The ride from the Missouri River to the Mississippi River takes about a week and covers 70-90 miles a day.

Many of the towns along the route provide meals and a place for the riders to camp. This year the riders came through three of the towns in the Iowa Great Lakes District (Spencer, Ruthven, Spirit Lake and Estherville Churches.) Earlier in the year an attempt was made to get information on



Vegetarian booth in Estherville.

providing a vegetarian food booth in two of the towns with no apparent success. With only a little more than one week until the riders were to come through, a notice appeared in the Estherville paper stating that the Seventh-day Adventists were sponsoring a vegetarian food booth! The Iowa Lakes Community Service workers cooperated on this project.

The menu included a vegetarian pizza burger with carrot and celery sticks, fruit cup, cookies, lemonade, milk and water. About 190 sandwiches were served. Some of the comments were: "This was the booth I've been looking for!" and "We sure are glad to see something like this because we are tired of ham sandwiches and that is mostly what we get in lowa."

The pizza burger and the fruit cup were very well received. We feel that we had a successful booth. Through the project the church members provided a service to the riders, let the community know that they cared, and promoted cooperation among the church members.

Garry L. Birth is pastor of the Great Lakes District.

Sioux City Center Opens



Georgia Quigley, assistant director and Orlee Petersen, director of the center.

By June Camarigg

The new Community Center at 1623 Ingleside Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa was officially opened Sunday, July 25 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Pastor Larry Colburn was chairman for the event.

The Honorable Mr. Ken Lawson, mayor of Sioux City, and Mrs. Naomi Ruggles, Community Service Federation director for the state of Iowa, shared ribbon cutting honors. Mrs. Betty Kihlmeier, executive director for the Siouxland Area Chapter of the American Red Cross and Jeff Trometer, director of Woodbury County Emergency Services, were also present and expressed appreciation for the new facility, welcoming us to cooperate with them in bringing help to those who are in need.

James Arthurs, a member of the church, donated the building and property to make the center possible. After the official ceremonies, the public toured the facility. Mrs. Orlee Petersen is the center director and Mrs. Georgia Quigley is her assistant.

June Camarigg is the communication secretary for the Sioux City Church.

Dedication and Baptism at Waukon

August 14 was a very special Sabbath in the Waukon, Iowa district. During the morning worship hour, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cohen presented their children, Abraham and Miriam, for dedication to the Lord. Joining this special service was Mrs. Susan Knight as she presented her three children for dedication. During the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Cohen were baptized in the stream across from the Village Creek Church. The Cohens began studies with Pastor Mike Pethel before he moved to Poplar Bluff and then they continued with Pastor Gary Parker, who conducted the dedication and bantismal services.



Pictured above are Susan Knight, left, and her three children and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cohen with their two children.

McGee Vacation Bible School

By Cynthia Rendel

The McGee, Missouri Seventh-day Adventist Church held its first Vacation Bible School July 26-August 5. An average of 17 children attended each of the eight days.

The central theme of the school was the Bible. A special feature each day was stories from God's two great books, the Bible and nature, presented by the pastor, Harold Miler. The church was filled to capacity with admiring relatives and friends for the final program Thursday evening which was received with such enthusiasm that plans are already being laid for next year's Vacation Bible School.

Cynthia Rendel is the communication secretary for the McGee Church.



Children and workers who attended the McGee Vacation Bible School.

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Pathfinder Camp At McGee

By Cynthia Rendel

The weekend of August 13-15, the Pathfinder Club of the McGee, Missouri Church enjoyed a special time together as they camped out with their leader, Pat Sharp.

Rain was forecast for the entire weekend but the Lord blessed with a sunny Sabbath day. For Sabbath School the children enjoyed acting out a skit about Annanias and Sapphira with their leader as narrator. Pastor Harold Miler conducted the Sabbath church service for the camp.

The campers' unusually good appetites were abundantly satisfied with the many fruits available at this time of year.

The Sabbath activities closed with singing and prayer around a campfire at sunset.

Sunday morning, after enjoying a pancake breakfast and completing their crafts, a tired but happy group of Pathfinders reluctantly said "goodbye" as they inquired, "When will we do this again?"

Five Baptized At Indianola



Left to right: Elder George King, Brenda Baker, Julie Fetters, Barbara Davison, Krissy Fetters, Danny Brundidge, and Elder Jim King.

Jefferson City Nursing Home Outreach Ministry



Nursing home outreach group

By Richard E. Maurer

An interesting outreach of the Jefferson City, Missouri Church has been in the area of nursing home ministries. The program started with two church members and spread to a central group of 10-15 members. Dan DeMello and his wife Lucy initiated the visitation program on Sabbath afternoons. After the program was discussed with other church members, they were challenged to help in this new outreach. A one-hour program of music, singing, prayer, and witnessing is conducted on the average of once per month. Nursing homes in the Jefferson City, Columbia, and Fulton areas are visited.

Those who have participated in this program have stated that this has has been a very rewarding experience for them. Of special interest has been the attention the nursing home shut-ins have paid to the young children of the visitors. The feedback from the activities directors of the various nursing homes has been very positive, particularly when the church members visit the individual rooms. "As the age of the general population of the country advances, programs of this type in the future will take on more importance," stated DeMello.

Richard E. Maurer is the communication secretary for the Jefferson City Church.

By Alice Coles

On May 15, 1982 five persons were baptized and became new members of the Indianola, Iowa Seventh-day Adventist Church, following a series of meetings conducted by Iowa-Missouri's Director Elder Jim King and local pastor George King. Those who were baptized are Danny Brundidge, Barbara Davison, Brenda Baker and Julie and Krissy Fetters.

It was a rainy afternoon but the candidates were determined that nothing would keep them from being baptized in Lake Aquabi.

Alice Coles is the communication secretary for the Indianola Church.

Fair Booth At Indianola

By Alice Coles

The Indianola, Iowa Church sponsored a booth at the Warren County Fair July 24-29.

Church members took 605 blood pressures and gave out approximately 800 pieces of literature. Smoking Sam was featured and drew much attention. Nine people signed up for a Fiveday Plan to Stop Smoking and nine registered for a nutrition cooking school.

A free drawing was held each day for both children and adults. The winners in the children's group each received one of the Sam Campbell books. The adults each received a copy of the book Your Bible and You.

KANSAS-NEBRASKA

Teachers Convention At Platte Valley

By Dwight Mayberry

Dr. Vernon Koenig of Loma Linda University and a former boys dean at Platte Valley Academy was one of the principal speakers at the recent Kansas-Nebraska Teachers Convention held at Platte Valley Academy. His topic was "Divine Dynamics", which emphasized the workings of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, and the angels in the school classroom. Parents and teachers need to cooperate with divine agencies in helping formulate Christian characters in young people.

Other speakers included Dr. Ruth Murdoch of Andrews University who gave instruction on classroom discipline, Gwynne Carey, principal of Mid-land SDA School in Kansas-City, conducted a mini session on classroom computer, while John Thurber, Youth and Family Life Director of the Mid-America Union Conference, gave instruction on how the students individually and the school as a unit can effectively witness to the non-Adventist community. Beverly Russell, principal of Helen Hyatt Elementary School in Lincoln, and Willis Callahan. principal of Oconto SDA School, led a Make and Take" seminar. This seminar helped teachers make posters and other items for a learning center.

Dr. and Mrs. Gene Dillard, developers of project "I Learn", stressed the need for learning centers in the secondary classrooms.

The teachers of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference felt their teaching ministry would be improved as the result of attending this annual teachers convention.

Dwight Mayberry is superintendent of Schools for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

New Teachers For Elementary Schools

New elementary church school teachers in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference are: Mary Stimatze, Fredonia; James Hunt, Fremont; Debra Benzen, Grand Island; Kathy Bollinger and Trudy Hoffman, Helen Hyatt; Sally Mosher, Midland; Leonard Lang, North Platte; Lila Read, Oconto; Art Chaney, Pittsburg; Robert Russell, Topeka; Carole Darmody, Wichita; and Alice Reinoehl, Kearney.

These teachers, plus those returning from last year, have dedicated their talents to the training of young people. May each pastor, parent, and school operating committee give them full support.

Three Senior Academies Begin School Year

A course in Christian Leadership which teaches skills in witnessing, computer classes with practical experience, and learning to use a word processor are all new experiences for academy students this year at one or more of the three academies within the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

In preparation for this school year, College View Academy invited Dan Clifton from Selection Research to conduct a parent-teacher seminar. In a day academy such as CVA, parents, students, and school staff must understand and cooperate with each other to make a successful school year. Therefore, this seminar was extremely valuable. CVA was also described by one individual as nice, neat, and clean, which is a tribute to administration, staff and custodial personnel.

Enterprise Academy staff and students cooperated in a large truck garden venture. Last spring everyone shared in planting thousands of tomato, green pepper, and other plants, and produce is still being sold as school opens. During the first week of this school year, everyone was in the tomato patch staking vines which should produce until frost. As students and staff work together, relationships will develop which will carry over into all phases of school life. New carpet in sections of the administration building and other improvements greeted returning students, who number 118 this year.

Platte Valley Academy has completed extensive repainting, remodeling, and cleaning in both dormitories and the administration building. The shoe factory is operating and is being developed into a specialized industry making medical shoes for patients who have had foot surgery. In addition, the broom shop has a new manager to make it a greater industry.

New regular staff members at the academies this year are: Gayla Groeneweg, CVA; Sharlotte Scott, CVA; Kelly Whited, CVA; and Roma Sanders, PVA. EA has two volunteer workers who are not under the student task force program: Mrs. Tina Hudgins, RN, to serve as assistant girls dean and school nurse; and Kraid Ashbaugh to serve as Bible and journalism teacher. A report of student task force staff members will be in a later issue of the OUTLOOK.

GOLDEN WEDDING



Oscar and Mildred Hanson were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary in Genoa, Nebraska. Columbus Church members provided music for the 250 guests who attended.

Attention, Please!

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following persons, please contact:

> Josie Dowdall c/o Chapel Oaks SDA Church 6910 Riverview Avenue Kansas City, KS 66102

Dorothy Baller Dr. Kenneth Browning Cleo Burnham Helen Foskett Helen Powell Tula Walker Laura Severegin Elizabeth, Debra & Lisa Walter Eric & Sandy Hunter Boyd McLaughlin

Announcement

A spiritual retreat with Morris Venden at Broken Arrow Ranch October 22 and 23.

The twelve dollar registration includes three Sabbath meals plus two nights lodging.

Contact Kansas-Nebraska Youth Department for registration.

KANSAS-NEBRASKA

Baptisms

By Norman Haas

Seventeen persons were baptized as a result of the Revelations Lectures held by Dale Brusett in Grand Island, Nebraska, from May 15 to June 26. It was especially thrilling to see families and couples united in their decision to commit their lives to Jesus and prepare for His soon return.

Each new member is in the pastor's Bible class on Sabbath morning and many are receiving Bible lessons during the week from other members as well. The enthusiasm of these new members is inspiring and contagious for the whole congregation.

Norman Haas is pastor of the Grand Island Church.



Elder Norman Haas, third from left, and Elder Dale Brusett, far right, with newly baptized members at Grand Island.



Elder Haas, far left, and Elder Brusett, far right, with those baptized in the second baptism at Grand Island.









Kristine Seeger, Denise Curl, and Nicole Johnson were baptized by Pastor Harry Curl and joined the Columbus, Nebraska, Church.



Steve Wombacher, left, was introduced to the Adventist faith by Donna Hornung. Steve was recently baptized by Pastor Harry Curl of Columbus.



Three young people became members of the Hemingford Church through baptism. Left to right: Wade Evans, Wendy Evans, Trish Laeger, and Pastor Bruce Roberts.

KANSAS-NEBRASKA

Veteran Teacher Celebrates 90th

By Teddric Mohr

Sunday, August 8, was a high day for Mrs. Clara Mae Healzer of Arlington, Kansas, and a member of the Hutchinson Seventh-day Adventist Church. On that date her five children—Betty and George Unruh, Althea Day, Maureen and Bennie Roth, Gerald and Fern Healzer, and Bill and Betty Healzer—honored her with a reception on her 90th birthday. Also involved in the festivities were ten grandchildren and a number of greatgrandchildren.

Between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 in the afternoon, Mrs. Healzer stood in the receiving line to accept the best



Clara Mae Healzer, veteran Kansas school teacher, celebrates 90th birthday.

wishes of several hundred guests. Many of them were former school children whom she had taught in various schools, principally Rush County. From far and near they came, from the West Coast, the East Coast, and many places in between.

Of course, there was the beautifully decorated refreshment table where delightful goodies were served to all present. On the other side of the room was a table showing pictures and snapshots of many phases and eras of her life and that of her children.

One feature of the occasion was that each guest was asked to bring a picture, poem, or some written anecdote of an experience they had had with Clara.

With clear eye, erect frame, and an effervescent smile on her face, she greeted her guests saying, "This is one of the most beautiful days of my life." May she have many more years of service for our Lord until Jesus comes.

Teddric Mohr is secretary of the Kansas-Nebraska Adventist Association.

Solomon Valley Church Dedication

The Solomon Valley (formerly Downs) Seventh-day Adventist Church was dedicated debt free recently with Elder Joel Tompkins, conference president, and Pastor Kenneth Clow, district pastor, officiating.

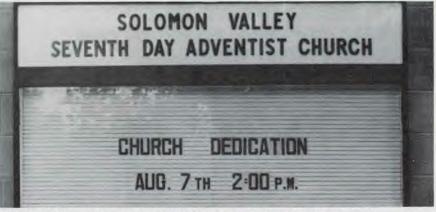
The Downs Church began in the early 1970's, largely through the efforts of Dr. Burton Cox, who settled in the area in December, 1969. The small congregation rented facilities in the Catholic, Congregational, and Baptist churches prior to purchasing a building which housed the Pioneers Nursing Home. Extensive renovating was necessary to transform the front section into a beautiful sanctuary, classrooms, plus a kitchen.

The Downs Church was officially renamed "Solomon Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church" on February 20, 1982.

The goal of this church is to reach out and help others find Jesus Christ as their Saviour.



Visitors and members being greeted as they enter the Solomon Valley Church on dedication Sabbath.



The new church sign indicating when the dedication service would be held.



Dr. Burton Cox, Rod Cashman, and Bill Farwell burning the mortgage of the Solomon Valley Church.

MINNESOTA

Hamilton Receives "Good Neighbor" Award



Photo: Courtesy of Atwater Herald

Doug Hamilton, left, receives Good Neighbor Award from Atwater Chamber of Commerce Secretary, Denny Baker.

Used Car dealer, Doug Hamilton, of Atwater, Minnesota, received Atwater's Good Neighbor Award for 1982 at the Atwater Chamber's Festival Day in August. Doug's wife, Gert, was named Atwater's Good Neighbor in 1972. Prior to his receiving the award, a few of the nominations were read:

"Just mention you need something and Doug is there to help."

"Good businessman, kind, friendly, honest, thoughtful and considerate of others are but a few words that can be used to describe Douglas Hamilton."

"He seems to have that sixth sense for knowing when he's needed—our family has been so grateful to him for snow blowing, prayers, hospital visitation, help with our motor vehicles, a wave, a smile and most of all—he gives to everyone. We love him lots."

"He is always glad to help anyone—a big job or a small job, it makes no difference and he doesn't expect to be paid."

"Doug is one of the kindest men I know. He is always there to open your driveway after a snowstorm. If it wasn't for his kindness and generosity, his wife would not be able to deliver all the meals to the senior citizens. He deserves the Good Neighbor Award."

Doug is head elder of the Litchfield Church.

Brainerd Vacation Bible School

By Agnes Sykes

Vacation Bible School was held in Brainerd on July 25 through July 30, two hours each evening at the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The children enjoyed Bible stories, nature studies, crafts, and refreshments.

At the end of the fun-filled week, the children presented a program for the parents. Nearly all the parents of the 43 non-member children came. A total of 60 children participated.

The prayers of the Brainerd Church family were answered in having a very successful Vacation Bible School.

Agnes Sykes is the communication secretary for the Brainerd Church.

Eight Student L.E.'s Report Summer Success

By Wendell Springer

Minnesota was privileged to have several students canvassing in its conference during the summer of 1982: Sheri Davidson from Thief River Falls, Roberta Franklin from Northome, Evert McDowell from Kansas, Bernie Pospeck from Eveleth, Diane Savoie from Faribault, Mark Johnson from Maple Plain, Wendy Springer from Hutchinson, and Barry Taylor from Ontario, Canada, the student leader.

More than 700 sermonettes were given by these students and copies of *The Desire of Ages or The Great Controversy* were placed in many of these homes. Diane Savoie, who canvassed last year and is highest in sales, has taken orders for some \$5,000 during her summer's work.

A vote of appreciation is extended to a large group of support people. George McNeilus provided a car for one of the students and also took them water skiing. Pastor Jim and Becky Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Holstad from Albert Lea; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Chapman, and Mr. and Mrs. Harlen Peck from Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McNeilus and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Christianson of Dodge Center; Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. George Nielsen, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Anderson of Minneapolis area all provided rooms and food for the students.

The Lord rewarded each of the students with good experiences and the satisfaction that many are reading our literature. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6

Wendell Springer is publishing director for the Minnesota Conference.

Blackberry Church News

The Blackberry Church members are sending issues of the Signs for the months of August, September, and October to 465 families in the Blackberry area. An invitation brochure to a fall series of meetings is to be included as an insert in the October issue Signs.

A lake-side baptism was conducted at beautiful Bass Lake on Sabbath, August 14, as Blackberry and Grand Rapids members joyfully witnessed the baptism of Donald Jones and Becky Goff, Pastor Chapman officiating. Following the ceremony a pleasant fellowship dinner was held at Gunn Park on Prairie Lake.

MINNESOTA

Crookston Conducts First Vacation Bible School

By Muriel Buchholz

Crookston conducted its first Vacation Bible School with thirty-six children attending. Twenty-one were from homes representing faiths other than our own.

The theme used was "The Bible is God's Letter to Us" and the teachers made the Bible stories come alive personally for each child. One of the teachers remarked, "We could see and feel the children hanging on to each word we said." Later, four children attended Junior Camp and two requested baptism.

As a special feature, each evening the fire chief, the police chief, a doctor, and others would come and talk and demonstrate their work. One evening the children went to a local nursing home where they gave a "concert". Following the musical treat, each resident was given a personal gift from the children. A program of singing and recitation climaxed the Vacation Bible School. Those who led out were Muriel Buchholz, Elsie Dailey, Beverly Cranfill, Bonnie Kliner, Nancy Buchholz, Cindy Peterson, Judy Stepp, Joyce McKay, Percilla Reep, Peggy Tretter, Clarence Reep, and Norman Tretter.

Muriel Buchholz was director of the Crookston Vacation Bible School.

Alexandria Company Send Signs

By Reg Johnson

This past spring the Alexandria Church Company, a group of 13 members, sent out more than 3,000 copies of *Signs Digest* to the city routes. So far 67 have responded. Sixty-six requested a free subscription and 48 requested Bible studies. Needless to say, Wednesday evening prayer meetings are currently devoted to sessions on "How to Give Bible Studies", and one member is already accompanying the pastor on studies with one of the contacts.

Reg Johnson is the communication secretary for the Alexandria Church Company.

New Community Service Begins For Brainerd

By Agnes Sykes

In June, 1982, the Brainerd Community Services Center started a free blood-pressure clinic. It is held on the last Tuesday of each month between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Joyful Day In Dodge Center



Pastor Pierce, left, with Jerome Nelson family, Brien Knudson family, and David Christensen family.

By Betty Knudson

On Sabbath, August 7, the Dodge Center Church had much about which to rejoice for on that day three little ones were dedicated to their Lord. Pastor Tim Pierce officiated at the dedication of Sarah Nelson, daughter of Jerome and Lois Nelson; Dana Michael Knudson, son of Brien and Debby Knudson; and Aaron John Christensen, son of David and Debby Christensen.

Pastor Pierce challenged these young parents to raise up little ones in the way they should go and they will not depart from it.

We are thankful for young parents who willingly take the challenge to guide their little ones in the footsteps of Jesus. Praise God.

Betty Knudson is the communication secretary for the Dodge Center Church.

Morgan Church Sponsors Fair Booth

By Agnes Johnson

A booth with the theme "Encounter: People Helping People" was sponsored by the Morgan Church on August 2-4 at the Redwood County Fair. Selected programs from "Encounter", "Adventure", and health series were shown at regular intervals, and a table was set with assorted titles of free literature. The children's materials most requested were Rainbow and Bodywise, while the adult favorites were Lifestyles and Steps to Christ. More than 120 registrations were received for the gifts which included a Bible, a large family Bible and a colorful New International Bible for children. All registrants will receive a Signs Digest. A survey form was also provided to indicate preferences of community outreaches. Several of the visitors expressed appreciation for the work of the church, shared experiences of earlier contacts with Adventists or inquired about particular points of faith. This was the first fair booth sponsored by the Morgan Church in several years, and members are already making notes of ideas of how they might better witness for Christ at next year's fair.

Agnes Johnson is the communication secretary for the Morgan Church.

Successful VBS At Stillwater

By Vi Gelford

A joint effort by a good proportion of the members of the Stillwater Church made it possible to carry on a successful Vacation Bible School held evenings during the first week in August. In addition to those involved in the actual program, some members worked behind the scenes on craft preparation and on other items needed for the school.

A total of twenty children were registered, mostly from non-Adventist families. They seemed well pleased with the song service, stories, study period and crafts, which were particularly attractive. And, of course, the break for refreshments is always a welcome time.

Everything in the program was directed toward keeping before the children the name of Jesus as their friend in heaven. Eternity will reveal the impressions made on their minds by this week of teaching and fellowship.

Vi Gelford is the communication secretary for the Stillwater Church.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUCCESS

For the Pastor

- Preach "Adventist" sermons, focusing on evangelistic subjects.
- 2. Plan to have one evangelistic crusade in the district each year.
- 3. Plan to hold two youth baptismal classes each year.
- 4. Plan Youth Baptismal Sabbath or Month, October 1982, May, 1983.
- Build a "Pastor's Training Ability List". This could facilitate training and support ministries between districts as you become aware of fellow pastor's talents.

For the Church Member

- 1. Develop personal prayer list.
- 2. Make a commitment of time and gifts to sharing the gospel with others on a regular basis.
- 3. Build a "Laymen's Spiritual Gift List." This will facilitate the efficient use of laymen's talents and gifts.
- 4. Make time for personal Bible study.

For the Church

- 1. Prepare a statement of mission.
- 2. Plan for your church to grow, increasing the membership by 10% each year.
- 3. Organize prayer and fellowship groups.
- 4. Plan one "Laymen's Evangelistic Meeting" in each church each year.
- Make preparation to get the most value from "outreach activity" by organizing visitation teams and Bible study teams.

For the School

- Develop church school prayer lists. Have students prepare a prayer list and notify the people that the students will be praying for them.
- Encourage church school students to work with VBS interests. Have activities at the school one afternoon a week for VBS interests.
- Arrange for church school students to accompany the pastor and teacher on Bible studies.

For the Conference Leaders

- Make available a Church Ministries Resource Notebook to each pastor and church to give ideas for expanding personal involvement in soulwinning activities.
- Make available to pastors and churches information about the many ways to improve the image of the church in the community.
- Make preparation to get the most value from the "800" telephone number of the Adventist Information Service now available from Andrews University.

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ORDINATION AT EASTERN SLOPE



This group of ministers took part in the Friday evening ordination service at the Eastern Slope Camp Meeting. Left to right: Robert Olson, White Estate, General Conference; *Elder Dale Forrester, Leadville District; *Elder Ricky Brock, Craig District; *Elder Walter Maier, Conference Publishing Director; Wm. D. Hatch, Conference President; Ellsworth Reile, Mid-America Union President; *Elder Robert Rice, Director of the Department of Education; *Elder Wesley Peterson, Curriculum Supervisor for the Conference; Gordon L. Retzer, Secretary of the Conference; *Elder John Watkins, Cheyenne, Wyoming District

Asterisk (*) indicates those who were ordained during the service.

Pueblo Members Staff Booth At State Fair

By John Martin

Members of the Pueblo, Colorado Church distributed more than 12,000 pieces of literature at the 1982 Colorado State Fair.

For the fourth year the Pueblo Church, Rocky Mountain Conference and Boulder Memorial Hospital teamed up to create an Adventist presence on the fair grounds. The booth, which offered a free blood pressure check and emphasized the Adventist Health System, was a very popular spot in the Palace of Agriculture.

A high point of the fair came when a middle-aged man and his wife stopped at the booth to say "Thank You" to the Adventists for saving his life. It seems that during the 1981 Colorado State Fair, he and his wife stopped at the Adventist booth for a blood pressure check, thinking they were in perfect health. The volunteer taking the pressure found it to be very high and asked the man to see his physician immediately. The man made an appointment with his doctor the next day and after a series of tests, his doctor informed him that he must have a triple by-pass heart operation or he would soon suffer a fatal heart attack.

Six weeks after the fair, the man underwent surgery and today is in good health. He credits his life to the Adventist booth at the fair and told the staffers there, "I wouldn't miss your booth for anything."

John Martin is pastor of the Pueblo Church.



An Urgent Message from the President:-



DAKOTA

I personally am excited about announcing a medical lifestyle seminar in Jamestown, North Dakota November 14, to be conducted by Dr. Hans Diehl from Loma Linda and our own Dr. Glenn Kerr of Jamestown.

Dr. Kerr became acquainted with Dr. Diehl about a year ago. They have been working ever since that time on the possibility of this unusual seminar to be conducted in our Conference. It will be entitled "Heart Attack—Counter Attack."

None of us need to be alerted to the tremendous challenge that heart attack has for all people—Adventists and non-Adventists alike. The heart teams are busy day and night trying to save lives. Every day the hospitals of our Conference and everywhere seem to be scheduled full with by-pass surgeries. This whole subject is no joke. Medical men could say, "We've got a good thing going; this brings us a good income." They could keep quiet about the reasons and causes for so much heart trouble; but the medical people of our church feel differently about this. This seminar in Jamestown, November 14, can serve as an outstanding example to all Adventists and non-Adventists of our Conference that we mean business about preventing heart attacks.

For this reason I am asking all of our ministers and our members to rally and to start planning now personally to attend this meeting. Plans are already underway to rent the large city auditorium and we are hoping to have 1500 people attend this seminar starting at 1:00 p.m. and ending that evening at 9:00 p.m.

Ben J. Liebelt

This will be something different—something exciting—something that we all need to support for our conference. That's why I'm asking every reader to please rally to this exciting possibility. The scientific world is now proving to every open-minded citizen that what our prophetess predicted a hundred years ago is still absolutely correct. What an opportunity for all of us to move in on this scientific evidence that has become common knowledge.

How has the city of Jamestown received Adventist plans up to this point?

I) Dr. Kerr has been working to get the support of the entire hospital staff, all doctors and nurses to back up this endeavor.

2) The Jamestown Sun editor is so excited that he plans to work with Dr. Kerr with the goal of having the mayor declare November as the "healthy heart" or "health promotion" month for Jamestown.

3) The editor has asked Dr. Diehl to submit several articles on heart disease, diet, exercise for publication.
4) The editor interviewed Dr. Diehl on TV when Dr. Diehl visited Jamestown. This is for a TV release of some 40 minutes to be aired on Cable TV by the end of October.

5) The editor contacted the chief of the state troopers with the purpose of enrolling all employees at state expense in the seminar on November 14.

6) The cable TV owner became so enthusiastic that \$1,000 worth of time and production costs were donated for making 30-second ad spots for the November seminar.

Dear reader, is this not telling us something? Again I say that when I hear of this kind of response I, in turn, hope that all of our people will be excited and will plan to drive from all over the Conference to be a part of this exciting venture. Every church family should have a goal of personally giving out brochures (which will become available) concerning this seminar, and plan for bringing at least six friends to the seminar.

Is there any evangelistic soul-winning potential in all of this? I most assuredly believe there is. Quoting Dr. Diehl, he says "It is my conviction that we can no longer use the traditional 'worms to catch modern secular whales.' We have to nudge these whales into the direction of the net first and then have the net ready to pull in the abundant harvest. I believe the health message is the most potent and successful nudging device available."

We are indeed fortunate to have Dr. Diehl come to our Conference because he has successfully conducted these seminars on the west coast with most enthusiastic responses. However, he and Dr. Kerr are now venturing out in our own Conference on a larger scale than he has ever attempted before, and we certainly hope and pray that this will be a success in Jamestown.

What is the type of thing that you and your non-Adventist friends will hear at this seminar? Let me give you a few sample quotes from Dr. Diehl.

"Most American men don't die anymore. They just fade away. They begin to lose energy by their forties and by fifty and sixty are no longer living up to their potential."

"The message is very clear. We can show you how to extend those productive years, how to increase the period of greatest achievement through a change in lifestyle."

"Today's killer diseases are essentially man-made diseases. We are killing ourselves by our own careless habits. Our modern killer diseases are related to abundance and not scarcity."

What we need is *not* more medical care, more hospitals, more drugs, more surgery. To combat the degenerative diseases like cardiovascular disease, stroke, hypertension, obesity, diabetes, what we need is simply better health and better health is determined not by medicine but tragically by our chosen lifestyle."

"Today we are paying billions of dollars annually for 'after the fact' medical care, forever seeking out the best doctor to patch up what many of us have done to ourselves by improper diet, smoking, lack of exercise and stressful living." We need to take care of ourselves and learn how to shoulder more responsibility for our well-being in an intelligent way."

DAKOTA

Relaxing At Flag Mountain Camp

By Elmer Haas

Sam and Dorothy Elie have always loved the camping experience. When their three boys were little, they camped out as often as possible and have many pleasant memories of open campfires and tenting. From July 30 to



Sam and Dorothy Elie

August 1 they had a weekend retreat for their church members from Custer and Hot Springs, at the South Dakota Youth Camp. Elder and Mrs. Howard Voss and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Opp, from the Mid-America Union, came as guests to minister to the church families.

Sam and Dorothy are pictured at the Sunday morning breakfast when most of the crowd had gone home and these leaders in God's work could relax and eat and think upon the goodness of God and the joy of fellowship with His saints.

Elmer Haas is the communications director for the Dakota Conference.

Devils Lake, North Dakota needs a transfusion. New blood for an old church whose membership has dwindled to six. New families are needed who will submit themselves to God and and resist the Devil, so that he will flee from Devils Lake. Watch for the classified ad under "Come to North Dakota and Help".

-Elmer C. Haas

Annual Church Area Meeting

This year's Annual Church Area Meeting in Bowdle, South Dakota, will feature the popular author of Omega and Decision at the Jordan and co-author of How to Survive the 80's, Lewis R. Walton. The date is October 30 and all the meetings will be held at the Bowdle High School.

Sabbath School begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by worship service and a potluck.

Afternoon services will be held.

SINGLE?

18 or older? You may be missing out on someone really special. Write ADVENTIST CONTACT, P.O. Box 5419, Takoma Park, MD 20912-0419.

CENTRAL STATES

Youth Federation

By Sharon Tate

The Great Plains Adventist Youth Federation was held at the Des Moines Philadelphia Church.

Friday night's program began with song service, followed by the welcome and remarks from Alfred Thomas, GPAYF president. Pastor J. D. Parker of the Burns Avenue Church in Detroit, Michigan delivered the sermon.

Pastor Webb and Elder Smiley of Davenport Calvary Church presented the Sabbath School program with music by the Calvary Ladies Quartet.

During the eleven o'clock worship service, Mrs. Cecelia Johnson, Assistant City Manager, welcomed our SDA brothers and sisters from Bethesda and Sharon Churches of Omaha, the Cedar Rapids Church, Allon Chapel of Lincoln, and Calvary Church of Davenport. Pastor J. D. Parker delivered an inspiring sermon on the One Thousand Days of Reaping.

Other events included the Youth Outreach and a program presented by the Des Moines Church featuring skits and singing. The AY program was presented by the Allon Chapel Church. Wrapping up the eventful evening was a social at the YMCA, with activities such as basketball, volleyball, swimming, racquetball, etc.

Laymen's Rally And Soul Saving Seminar

In an endeavor to implement the One Thansand Days of Reaping Program, the Personal Ministries Department of the Central States Conference, under the direction of E. F. Carter, sponsored a Laymen's Rally and Soul Saving Seminar. The Rally was conducted by T. A. McNealey, pastor of the Maranatha Church of Atlanta, Georgia and former pastor of Linwood Boulevard Seventh-day Adventist Temple in Kansas City, Missouri.

There were more than 200 laymen present at the Linwood Temple for this session. Elder McNealey, an outstanding soul winner in the South Atlantic conference, was very explicit and inspiring in his presentation regarding lay involvement in the saving of souls. His messages were very well received by the laymen present at the rally and all vowed to go back to their churches and get more involved in a definite ongoing soul saving program.

Elder McNealey was assisted in his presentation by R. W. Bates, associate director of the General Conference Lay Activities Department and Elder E. F. Carter.



Laymen's Rally

T. A. McNealey

Sharon Tate is the communication secretary for the Philadelphia Church.

CENTRAL STATES

Prison Ministry

By Sylvia Stafford

"This is wonderfu! This is my first time at one of these meetings, and I'm coming the next time—and the next—and the next. It seems like the Spirit just kept urging me to come this evening, and I'm sure glad I did!"

The above were the elated remarks of a very inspired first-time visitor at the Prison Ministry fellowship. These meetings are conducted under the leadership of M. E. Taylor, a local elder at the Linwood Boulevard Temple in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Taylor and his faithful Prison Ministry Fellowship Group conduct meetings at the Municipal Corrections Institution every other Saturday evening. The group started in November, 1981 with about 15 members and has grown to an average of 75 members, of which about 45 percent are inmates of the center. It is a never-to-beforgotten experience to attend one of these meetings.

The program consists of group singing, special music, poetry, Bible study, Scripture reading, prayer, testimonials, and a sermonette. The men are pleasantly greeted at the door by Richard Ware with a piece of literature and a kind word. Mr. Taylor greets them with an encouraging handshake, while the congregation is triumphantly singing about the love of God.

The Prison Ministry choir encourages the heart of each one present as they sing praises to God under the direction of George Davis, accompanied by Angela Leverette at the piano. Phyllis Ware, with her beautiful Christian manner, has no difficulty getting everyone enthusiasically involved in the Bible studies.

Truly God is leading and blessing this prison ministry activity and its participants. Many men have expressed interest in attending church. Some are now taking individual Bible studies. We are looking forward to continuing our fellowship with them here and meeting them in heaven.

Please pray earnestly for this phase of God's work.

Sylvia Stafford is the communication secretary for the Linwood Boulevard Temple.

Stewardship Workshops

E. F. Carter, stewardship director of the Central States Conference conducted two successful programs, one at the Bethel Church in Kansas City, Kansas and the other at the Bethaven Church in Atchison, Kansas.

The members were inspired by the meetings as Elder Carter stressed the duties and responsibilities of tithe paying and stewardship. They were reminded of the blessings that accrue to the faithful steward in God's cause.

Each church reached its commitment goal and rejoiced in the Lord because of the blessings and knowledge received.



Elder and Mrs. Carter (second row) at workshop in the Bethaven Church.



Stewardship workshop at the Bethel Church.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

A Sabbath School workshop was held for the Sikeston, Charleston, Caruthersville and Howardville churches. E. F. Carter (left) of the Central States Conference spoke on Vacation Bible Schools and Branch Sabbath Schools; Alice Lowe (center) discussed Sabbath School in Cradle Roll, Kindergarten and Primary Divisions; and W. E. Peeke (right) of the Mid-America Union dwelt on the Junior and Senior Divisions.



Shown are some of the audience and participants of the Prison Ministry Fellowship.



HOSPITALS

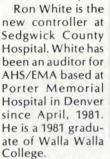
Julesburg Hospital Newest Member of AHS

Sedgwick County Memorial Hospital in Julesburg, Colorado, is one of the newest institutions in the Adventist Health System/Eastern and Middle America corporation.

The management contract, under which the county-owned hospital will be run by the denominational corporation, was effective in mid-May.

Rhoda Happel has moved to Julesburg to serve as administrator of the 58-bed facility. Previously she was administrator at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Mullen, Nebraska, also an AHS/EMA hospital.







Ron White

The addition of the hospital in Julesburg brings to seven the number of hospitals owned or operated by the corporation in the Rocky Mountain region.

A Seventh-day Adventist physician, Dr. Burdette Thorbus of Detroit, who is finishing his residency in family practice, will be establishing his practice in Julesburg in October.

Bauer Joins Porter

Ken Bauer joined the administrative team at Porter Memorial Hospital the third week in July in the new position of senior vice president for professional services.

He spent the past seven years in financial and management positions at Kettering Medical Center, having served most recently as secretary-trea-

surer of the Center. As one of two senior vice presidents, his role at Porter includes key administrative responsibilities under a major reorganization of the hospital's management team.



Ken Bauer

BOULDER OFFERS HEALTH EDUCATION



Chaplain Gordon Hewlett of Boulder Memorial Hospital is shown (left) teaching a class in one of three areas of education: Stop Smoking Clinic, Stress Management, and Weight Control. The class consists of IBM employees and is co-sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association. Each class is conducted four times annually in Boulder and Longmont. Employees may select two courses each year and attend at company expense. Class size averages approximately 15.

PORTER OPENS NEW CORONARY CARE UNIT



The first patients were moved into a new coronary care 17-bed unit on the second floor of Porter Memorial Hospital's north wing during the month of July. Equipped with sophisticated video and patient data monitoring systems, the center includes facilities which allow procedures such as pacemaker insertion to be performed without taking the patient off the unit. The new center was featured on the evening news of KWGN, Channel 2, With more than 400 open-heart surgeries expected during the year, continued growth is anticipated for the hospital's cardiac care program. Nurses station pictured above.

Administrator Named For Fairplay

Bill Phipps has been named adminstrator of McNamara Hospital and Nursing Home in Fairplay, Colorado. The facility, which has six acute-care beds

and 14 nursing home beds, joined the Adventist Health System in the summer of 1981. Phipps succeeds

Ed Medford, who transferred to the Sunbelt System in the summer of 1981.



Bill Phipps

Shawnee Rehabilitation

Jennifer Giorgi, a registered nurse at Shawnee Mission Medical Center, assists Haskell Finkelston, of Overland Park. Mr. Finkel-

ston, a participant in the pulmonary rehabilitation program at the Center, is learning how to use the treadmill as part of his presciption.



UNION COLLEGE

Union College Welcomes New Faculty

Several new faculty have joined the Union College family this fall.

Carla Freeman comes to Union from Loma Linda University where she has taught in the Education Department. Miss Freeman is now working as the assistant director in the Teaching Learning Center. Her duties include counseling students, especially in the area of career guidance, conducting short study skills modules and working with developmental reading students.



Isaac Choi, recently graduated from Andrews University with a master's degree in computer science, is now an instructor in Union's computer science program and is a computer specialist under the Title III grant.

Isaac Choi

Claire Meske is co-ordinating the EM-PLOY program under the Title III grant. Mr. Meske received an M.A. degree from Montana State University in counseling and guidance. He has previously been a real estate agent in Riverside, California.

Robert Wright is an assistant professor of computer science and a computer specialist under the Title III grant. Before coming to Union, Mr. Wright was a senior systems analyst at ITT Federal Electric



Robert Wright

Corporation at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

Mindy Brooks, a long-time Lincoln, Nebraska, resident, has recently been hired at Union College as assistant to the vice-president for academic affairs.

Jim A. Ferguson recently became the controller for Union College. A former civil service employee, Ferguson has served in several Air Force posts during his career, Mr. Ferguson will administer the business policies



Jim Ferguson

and regulations of the college in regard to accounting, financial reporting and accounting office operation.

John E. Wolter, a resident for several years of Lincoln. Nebraska, has joined the Union College staff as the associate director of development. He will be involved with fund raising for the college.



John E. Wolter

Library Purchases Microform Reader-Printer

Union College Library has recently purchased a 3M brand microform reader-printer. Incorporating the latest innovations in micro-graphic technology, it uses a dry print process and requires no messy toners or liquids. This machine has the capacity to accommodate either 16mm or 33mm roll film or microfiche.

Lawrence Onsager, the library direc-

tor, shown operating the new machine, is excited about this expansion in library services. Onsager says that "this machine will be valuable in giving students doing research access to the microfilm collection of rare books and manuscripts on the Millerites and early Adventists, the Seventh-day Adventist Retrospective Periodical Index. and a complete file of the Advent Review and Sabbath Herald from 1850 to 1940.



COLLEGE DAYS FOR NON-ACADEMY STUDENTS October 22-24, 1982

Please register me for attendance at the special weekend for prospective students, October 22-24.

Name.....

Address

Phone Number (...).....

Plan to arrive by 5 p.m. Friday, if possible.

SCHEDULE:

Friday Supper Vespers

Sabbath Morning services Afternoon activities ASB Party (evening) Sunday Morning: Advising

Please contact your pastor for transportation arrangements. If he is unable to assist, please call Leona Murray at (800) 228-4600. Nebraskans can call collect (402) 488-2331 (ext. 208).

Housing needs:.....myself

..... parent(s): give names

.....spouse

Please plan to bring a sleeping bag and pillow.

Neal C. Wilson, the president of the General Conference, provides an update on the "Davenport Affair"

(Reprinted with permission from the Adventist Review, August 19, 1982)

On Tuesday, July 27, a 624-page report came to my desk from the highly respected international law firm, Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher. Assisting in the preparation of this document was the well-known certified public accounting firm. Ernst and Whinney. This document, hereinafter referred to as The Report, consists of four volumes. The first paragraph of the covering letter, addressed to me, reads as follows:

"Attached is our report of the Special Counsel retained by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on July 13, 1981, to conduct an investigation to determine the nature and extent of (1) the involvement of the entities of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in transactions with, or sponsored by, Dr. Donald J. Davenport, (2) any conduct amounting to impropriety or conflict of interest on the part of officers or financial administrators of entities of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and (3) procedures which could be implemented to reduce risk of recurrence of the problems encountered with Dr. Davenport."

Over the past year, several statements by General Conference officers have appeared in the Adventist Review concerning the bankruptcy of Dr. Davenport and the financial implications to the church. C. E. Bradford, vice-president of the General Conference for North America, and L. L. Butler, treasurer of the General Conference, have sought to keep the church informed about the long, tedious process of information gathering and investigation.

No doubt you have heard many rumors and conflicting versions of this whole situation. The public press and some irresponsible publications have purported to give the facts. While there is an element of truth in much that has been said, there also is a great deal of misinformation. For instance, it is alleged that I said that "the church did not plan to fire or reprimand anyone involved with Davenport investments" (San Bernardino Sun, June 2, 1982). This is a deplorable half-truth and misrepresentation. My position on this subject is a matter of public record. I have repeatedly stated that when the facts are available they could well reveal that some individuals have unfortunately, through their misconduct, forfeited their privilege of leadership. I have always said that naturally we would much rather not have to discipline anyone, but that we must be prepared to do so if the facts demand it. I use this to illustrate how some of us are misquoted and how others try to put words in our mouths.

There have been many unwarranted accusations and many exaggerations. All of this has created confusion and caused many to become impatient. Many have written to me pleading that we take the initiative to lift the cloud of embarrassment that has settled over the church and its leaders. There is the feeling on the part of some that the church would do little or nothing to deal with this matter in an open, honorable way. It has been alleged that leaders would cover for one another, and this has led to feelings of frustration, bitterness, and disillusionment. There has been a tendency to lose confidence and trust in leadership. A credibility gap has been developing. For this we truly are sorry, but until we had The Report it was not wise or prudent to say much.

It is always difficult to know what to say and what not to say. At times we need to defend leadership and those who hold responsible positions against unfair, cruel, and vindictive criticism. On the other hand, there comes a time when the only way to deal with matters is to face them head on. Many times, in complicated, involved situations, such as the one we are discussing, it is difficult to establish the truth without a great deal of effort.

Having now read The Report, I must acknowledge to you that the picture is a sad one. As leaders, we cannot completely exonerate ourselves. Most of the problems in the Davenport Affair could have been avoided if the church policies had always been followed. Some of us tried by persuasion, by appeal, and by warnings to obtain compliance with the policies, but most of these efforts went unheeded. Although the real scope and magnitude of the problem was not, and, indeed, could not, have been known, some of what has happened was predicted as a distinct possibility. But in the minds of some individuals and organizations, present gain seemed to outweigh all other considerations, and they were willing to gamble with the future well-being and integrity of the church. Warnings and appeals were ignored, and General Conference policies were disregarded. Some of us predicted that the experience might be like the one mentioned in the Bible where the first bite of bread was sweet, but "afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel" (Prov. 20:17).

It should be noted that neither the General Conference as such nor I as an individual have ever had any dealings with Dr. Davenport. However, from the point of view of the worldwide Seventhday Adventist Church family, the General Conference is the sum of all the parts. Organizationally and constitutionally, conferences and unions have a recognized operational independence, but the *Working Policy* of the General Conference states clearly that the work in every organization should be administered in full harmony with the operating policies of the General Conference and of the respective divisions into which the world field is divided. It also states that no departure from these policies should be made without approval being first obtained from the General Conference or division committee. Only thus can a spirit of close cooperation and unity be maintained in the work of the church in all parts of the world field.

Because of the special role of the General Conference, I want to seek forgiveness for the heartache and loss that this case has brought to my brothers and sisters and for any betrayal of the sacred trust placed in us. I say this on behalf of my fellow leaders, even though the majority have had no personal or corporate involvement with Dr. Davenport.

One of the saddest of the seven penitential psalms—Psalm 102—is a prayer of the afflicted soul who is overwhelmed and pours out his or her heart to God. The cry was, "I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping" (verse 9). This is the way some of us feel about this whole episode. The prophet Hosea spoke of a time when God's people planted a wind and reaped a whirlwind. This might also be descriptive of the case under discussion.

Fortunately, the number who have been involved in this type of activity is small, as compared to the organization of which we all are a part. While there is some consolation in this fact, it nevertheless hurts, because what happens in one place reflects on us all.

In addition to this introductory statement, I would like to answer several questions in this article:

1. Why hasn't the North American Division or the General Conference kept the members of the church better informed on this subject?

2. Why has it taken so long to get The Report?

3. Now that the General Conference has The Report, what will happen to it?

4. If the fiscal policies of the General Conference are willfully violated or ignored, what action is recommended?

5. Why do we not put surplus money into God's work instead of lending or investing it? 6. Is there any way of knowing how much of the loss sustained in the Davenport Affair can reasonably be recovered?

7. What lessons can be learned at this point?

Why hasn't the North American Divison or the General Conference kept the members of the church better informed on this subject?

First, we need to protect the church from unnecessary legal pitfalls, and to speak prematurely before we had documented facts could have precipitated adverse reactions.

Second, we did not wish to prejudge or to say anything that might be claimed as being slanderous or bordering on defamation of character.

Third, we needed to be careful of issuing a general indictment, because while some may be guilty of a conflict of interest and possibly other infractions, in all likelihood most acted in good faith. We needed documentation.

Fourth, we wanted to keep emphasizing the positive and not the negative. Priority must be given to the fulfillment of our God-given mission. The work must go on.

Fifth, the Bible tells us that there is a time to keep silent and a time to speak. Some of us thought that it was wise to keep silent until we had the full story in hand. You will recall that our Saviour indicated that there are times when the prudent thing is to remain silent—not in order to be secretive or to cover or to conceal or to "sweep under the rug," but rather to keep from creating panic or making premature judgments, or interfering with that which is ultimately more important.

In Mark 1, Jesus instructed a man who had been healed of leprosy to tell no one. Unfortunately, the man disregarded the warning Jesus gave, and he spread the story freely. This placed Jesus in a very difficult position and made it impossible to carry on His work in the way He wanted to in that particular locality. On the other hand, there was the occasion when Jesus told a man who had been healed to go and tell his neighbors and friends and everyone he met what God had done for him. Yes, there is a time to be silent and exercise restraint, but there is also a time to speak out.

Why has it taken so long to get The Report? There was a mass of documentation that needed to be accumulated, which in turn needed to be checked and audited. There were hundreds of conversations and interviews to be arranged, and then all the information gleaned needed to be compiled and analyzed. This type of operation and research requires an immense amount of time, and is an expensive undertaking. I am sure most of you know that quality firms seem to need considerable time to research a problem thoroughly and professionally.

One unfortunate side effect of a protracted investigation is that some individuals and organizations with inadequate information begin to minimize the seriousness of their involvement and usually search for reasons to justify past injudicious actions.

What will happen to The Report? First let me tell you jut a little about it. It consists of 624 pages, and is divided into five segments: The General Summary of Findings: The Nature and Scope of the Investigation; The Findings With Respect to Transactions Involving Entities of the Church and Dr. Davenport; The Findings as to the Conduct of Certain Individuals, vis-a-vis Dr. Davenport; and finally, Certain Procedures That Could Be Considered With Respect to Possible Alterations in Practices Followed by the Church in Connection With Trust Administration, Treasury, and Auditing.

The Report deals with such topics as: (1) Historical Overview and Status of Loans to Davenport, (2) Findings as to Particular Entities and Events, (3) Interviews of Union and Conference Officers and Employees, (4) Conduct of Persons With Financial Responsibility, (5) Findings as to the Conduct of Certain Specific Persons, (6) Considerations With Respect to Auditing Procedure, (7) Schedule of Secured Loans by Entities, (8) Schedule of Unsecured Loans, et cetera.

The question is asked, May I see The Report? The answer must be negative—at least for the present time. It will be placed in the hands of a Review Commission, and until this commission has made its analysis based upon the facts presented in The Report, access to it will be restricted as confidential and privileged legal data.

There is also an attorney/client confidentiality protection that needs to be exercised at this point. There are unscrupulous persons who might try to use information in The Report to the detriment of the church and to the harm and embarrassment of individuals.

What are the General Conference policies with regard to administrative accountability in matters of fiscal responsibility? To begin with, there is a policy that stipulates that all union and local conference officers are to set an example by the careful way in which they handle the finances of the church, so that there will be no occasion for serious criticism or consequent loss of confidence. Another policy reads: "*Leaders* to be *Changed*—Leaders who show inability to operate the work in harmony with established financial policies shall not be continued in executive leadership."— *General Conference Working Policy*, North American Division, P-15:45.

Further, under the section, "Safeguarding the Funds of the Cause and Investments," we read, "Dealing With Offenders—When an employee of a conference or other organization takes a course in violation of the laws of the country and of the financial trust or responsibility reposed in him, church discipline shall be administered, and conference officials shall cooperate in proper punishment of such offenders."—Ibid., P-30:15.

In addition to the foregoing, the General Conference has a fairly comprehensive policy regarding conflict of interest, which states, "A conflict of interest arises when a trustee, an officer, or an employee of the organization has such a substantial personal interest in a transaction or in a party to a transaction that it reasonably might affect the judgement he exercises on behalf of the organization."—*Ibid.*, P-35:05.

A number of specific items are included in the conflict of interest statement, but in the case the Davenport Affair it seems clear that a church leader with membership on diverse committees and boards, and who held a position of influence, could be found to be in conflict with the work of the church if any of the following conditions exist:

 If he invested more than minimal sums of money with Davenport while committees over which he presided or held membership also had loans with Davenport.

2. If it can be determined that he received higher rates of return on comparable investments than Davenport was granting customarily to church institutions and generally to individuals who had little or no influence (whether or not he ever withdrew these funds for his personal benefit or lost all of his investments).

 If such an officer received special favors or preferential treatment or if his involvment with Davenport extended beyond usual investing and included business ventures and partnership relationships with Dr. Davenport.

Since it appears that the church has large sums of surplus money, why don't we put this money

into the preaching of the gospel or the educational ministry instead of lending it or investing it as was done in the Davenport Affair?

This is a legitimate question, and it is asked frequently. As many of you know, the annual budgets of our churches, conferences, unions, divisions, and General Conference are very tight. However, we do have modest operating capital reserves that need to be held for possible emergencies. We also have certain funds that have been appropriated to various projects, but which have not yet been called for. Then, we have a very heavy obligation to our retired workers and to those who will be going on retirement in the years ahead. Rigid Federal and denominational requirements demand that we have an adequate retirement fund, which must be determined with the help of professional actuarial studies.

However, in the Davenport Affair most of the money loaned had accrued through the trust program of the church. Money that is generated through acceptance of revocable and irrevocable trusts is ours to manage, but not ours to consume. Such trusts are either under the ultimate control of trustors or subject to legal conditions mandated in the trust agreement. It is our solemn responsibility to be faithful and prudent custodians and stewards by investing these funds and assets in a way that will not only protect the original value but will assure growth that keeps pace with the economy of the world. Such monies are to be invested under carefully developed investment policies and guidelines.

Until a few years ago these funds were pooled and invested in lump sums. More recently, however, revocable trust funds must be specifically invested according to the trustor's directions. Let me assure you that the denomination does not have surplus funds, nor do we have a practice of just piling up funds for investment purposes.

How much of the loss is likely to be recovered? In answering this question I have no choice but to defer giving any definitive response. In part, because of the slow progress of the Davenport bankruptcy, there is really no way to make a reliable prediction on this point. It should be emphasized that the amounts mentioned in the reports appearing in the Adventist Review (namely about \$18 million plus about \$3 million delinquent interest) represent amounts loaned plus interest—not realized losses. The extent of loss will not be known until securities have been sold, the Davenport bankruptcy and estate settled, and all other possible sources of income explored. It would seem, however, from the best information available at this time, that we cannot anticipate any substantial portion of the loans to be recoverable.

What lessons should we learn from this unfortunate experience?

First, this financial debacle likely could have been avoided if the investment policies of the church had been respected and followed.

Second, it takes only a few individuals acting irresponsibly to bring reproach upon the whole church. There is no way to live in isolation; what affects one part of the church affects all of us.

Third, there must be self-discipline. We can forgive, but this does not eliminate paying the price of administrative carelessness or transgression.

Fourth, even though some feel that their ideas are more sophisticated and that they are smarter than the denominational policy, which has been formulated through collective judgment and experience, the only safe course is to stay together and faithfully abide by policy until it is changed or modified.

Fifth, committees should require compliance with policies and deal with those who, acting in an irresponsible manner, jeopardize the financial standing of the church, as well as its integrity. It should be clear to all that the higher the rate of interest the more speculative is the investment and the higher the risk factor.

Sixth, in the future, when the General Conference or the division sincerely believes that a conference or union is on a course that will result in financial loss and embarrassment or will reflect on the integrity of the church, we intend seriously to consider exerting our influence by officially requesting that a special constituency meeting be convened so as to place the findings before the membership.

A few general conclusions, based on The Report, illustrate what I have tried to say. First it appears that the most pervasive cause of the nature and extent of the indebtedness was the encouragement of a limited number of vocal supporters of Davenport's program. As a result, workers charged with administering funds failed to observe General Conference guidelines or normally prudent practices required in real-estate lending.

A second general cause of the problem appears to have been the widespread failure of officers and committees to exercise properly their authority. In many cases a small number of people routinely made investment decisions that were not within their clear authority, without involving other officers or investment committees. Such exceeding or abdicating of the authority granted in charter documents appears to have been common in many entities.

It may be of little comfort at this juncture, but I think it is important and reassuring to mention one more conclusion that may now be stated with some confidence. Except for a very small group of individuals, there is no indication that the leadership, ministry, or trust administration of entities of the church attempted to utilize their influence with respect to the funds of the denomination and its members for personal profit.

The President's Review Commission. Now, let me share with you what we intend to do. Painful as the task may be, we must deal with The Report in a forthright manner. Therefore, I have asked 25 officers of the General Conference to authorize a special group to be known as The President's Review Commission. This commission consists of 15 members, eight of whom shall be lay business and professional persons. None of the lifteen members shall have been directly or indirectly involved in any way in business transactions with Donald J. Davenport in the past 20 years. This commission is asked to recommend. (1) appropriate discipline, (2) corrective measures, and (3) corporate strategies with respect to the Davenport case.

The commission is responsible to the president of the General Conference and will report to the officers through the president. There are two general purposes—(a) Investigation, and (b) Policy and Administrative Recommendations.

The commission is authorized and empowered to investigate and review business transactions between Seventh-day Adventist Church entities and Donald J. Davenport with respect to applicable financial policies of the church and report the following:

I. Determine whether and under what circumstances church policies were violated.

 Where policy violations are found to exist an analysis of the performance of the responsible parties as to

- a. Conflict of interest
- b. Dishonesty
- c Incompetence

 Make recommendations as to the sanctions to be imposed on church employees improperly involved in the Davenport transactions.

With regard to policy and administrative recommendations, the commission is asked to review

relevant church fincancial policies and make recommendations as to corrective measures that should be considered in order to protect the future integrity and finances of the church in such areas as:

- 1. Investment policies.
- 2. Church auditing and enforcement procedures.
- 3. Internal organizational structure, possibly including:
- a. The desirability of a single North American entitity for the holding and investment of all trust funds.
- b. Local and union conference trust officers as field representatives or agents rather than investment managers.
- 4. The future utilization of revocable or irrevocable trusts.

The commission shall have free and open access to all documentation of any kind, recognizing that all such material released for the review of the commission shall be considered privileged and confidential; shall not be copied; and shall be used for no other purpose except the review process of the commission as described above.

The authority of the commission shall be to make specific recommendations to the officers through the president. It is understood that definitive action will be the express prerogative of the General Conference officers. It is also understood that the General Conference officers may adopt or revise recommendations and forward such to executive committees, boards, or constituencies. In selected situations, the General Conference officers may also elect to initiate the implementation of certain recommendations, on any level of church organizational structure, through the direct or indirect involvement and/or action of the General Conference Committee.

The members of the commission shall not be compensated except for reimbursement of actual cost of travel, meals, and lodging to participate in the commission process.

The commission members are requested to demonstrate a willingness to execute affidavits assuring confidentiality. Christian objectivity, and no conflict of interest, as may be required by the chairman of the commission.

Phase 1 dealing with the Investigation is to be completed and submitted to the president on or before December 31, 1982. Phase 2, or the section dealing with Policy and Administrative Recommendations, is to be completed and submitted on or before June 30, 1983.

I am happy to tell you that in spite of severe time constraints, the following individuals have accepted the church's invitation to serve their church as officers and members of the President's Review Commission.

Lance L. Butler, Chairman of the Commission. Elder Butler has been General Conference treasurer since 1980, and prior to that was treasurer of the Australasian Division for 12 years.

Terrence M. Finney, Vice-chairman, Judge Finney lives in South Lake Tahoe, California. For five years he has served as judge of the Superior Court of California in and for Eldorado County. Prior to this he was the county distict attorney.

Edward D. Armbruster, Kansas City, Kansas. For the past 18 years Mr. Armbruster has been a stockbroker with Kidder Peabody & Company, Inc. Prior to that he was a sales counselor with the General Electric Company.

Frank E. Ashby, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Ashby is owner and operator of a food distribution business.

J. William Bothe, Washington, D.C. Elder Bothe is an associate secretary of the General Conference and assigned to the North American Division as secretary.

Robert H. Carter, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Elder Carter is president of the Lake Union Conference.

Kenneth H. Emmerson, Walla Walla, Washington. Elder Emmerson is chairman and chief executive officer of the Harris Pine Mills and formerly treasurer of the General Conference for 14 years.

Aubrey H. Liles, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Liles is an accountant specializing in accounting and tax work.

John R. Loor, Portland, Maine. Elder Loor is president of the Northern New England Conference.

Andrew A. McDonald, East Orange, New Jersey. Judge McDonald has been judge of the East Orange, New Jersey, Municipal Court since 1977.

Shirley T. Moore, Takoma Park, Maryland. Mrs. Moore is a certified public accountant specializing in tax work, trusts, and foundations.

Frank V. Potts, Florence, Alabama. Mr. Potts is an attorney and the senior partner of a law firm. Among other assignments in the State of Alabama, he has served as a county prosecuting attorney and a member of the governor's cabinet.

Jack W. Provonsha, Yucaipa, California. Dr. Provonsha is chairman of the Department of Christian Ethics of Loma Linda University.

Allan Roth, Walla Walla, Washington. Since 1970 Mr. Roth has been senior vice-president of First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Walla Walla.

G. Ralph Thompson, Washington, D.C. Elder Thompson has been General Conference secretary since 1980 and formerly was a General Conference general vice-president.

To conclude, I entreat your continued commitment to, and confidence in, the church. Patience and prayers for the work of this commission are requested. While many of the things I have reported are very sobering, yet I want to assure you that the Lord has promised that when we are willing to admit our own insufficiency, seek Him with all of our hearts, acknowledge our mistakes, and by His grace turn from our selfish ways, then He will hear and heal and prosper. Our Lord has promised to bless abundantly if we bring ourselves into right relationship with one another and with Him.

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	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29	Nov 5
Denver, CO	6:32	6:21	6:11	6:02	4:54
Grand Junc., CO	6:46	6:36	6:26	6:17	5:09
Pueblo, CO	6:32	6:21	6:11	6:02	4:55
Cedar Rapids, IA	6:37	6:26	6:15	6:05	4:56
Davenport, IA	6:33	6:22	6:11	6:01	4:53
Des Moines, IA	6:45	6:34	6:23	6:14	5:05
Sioux City, IA	6:56	6:44	6:33	6:23	5:14
Dodge City, KS	7:13	7:03	6:54	6:45	5:37
Goodland, KS	6:19	6:08	5:59	5:49	4:41
Topeka, KS	6:55	6:44	6:35	6:26	5:18
Wichita, KS	7:03	6:53	6:44	6:35	5:27
Duluth, MN	6:35	6:22	6:10	5:58	4:48
Internl. Falls, MN	6:39	6:25	6:12	5:59	4:48
Minneapolis, MN	6:41	6:29	6:17	6:06	4:56
Rochester, MN	6:39	6:27	6:15	6:05	4:55
Columbia, MO	6:42	6:31	6:22	6:13	5:05
Kansas City, MO	6:51	6:40	6:30	6:21	5:13
Saint Louis, MO	6:33	6:23	6:13	6:05	4:57
Springfield, MO	6:47	6:37	6:28	6:19	5:12
Grand Island, NE	7:04	6:53	6:43	6:33	5:25
Lincoln, NE	6:58	6:47	6:37	6:27	5:19
North Platte, NE	7:14	7:03	6:52	6:43	5:34
Omaha, NE	6:54	6:43	6:33	6:23	5:15
Scottsbluff, NE	6:25	6:14	6:03	5:53	4:44
Bismarck, ND	7:10	6:57	6:44	6:33	5:22
Fargo, ND	6:54	6:41	6:28	6:16	5:06
Williston, ND	7:20	7:06	6:53	6:41	5:30
Pierre, SD	7:10	6:58	6:46	6:35	5:26
Rapid City, SD	6:21	6:09	5:57	5:47	4:37
Sioux Falls, SD	6:56	6:44	6:33	6:23	5:13
Casper, WY	6:35	6:24	6:13	6:03	4:53
Cheyenne, WY	6:30	6:19	6:09	5:59	4:50
Sheridan, WY	6:36	6:24	6:12	6:01	4:51

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