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Banghazi Hospital Purchases Land

The Middle East Division has purchased a large piece of land in Banghazi, Libya, for the construction of a new hospital there, it was reported recently by Elder V. A. Fenn, the division treasurer. The final preliminary plans for the building have been approved.

The new hospital is to replace the present 28-bed hospital operated in Banghazi since 1956, but which is now too small to meet the demands of the city.

The land was purchased from Mr. Belqassim Senussi, the brother of the queen of Libya, who donated his personal share of the property, about one third of the whole, to the hospital. Having been patients of the hospital, members of the royal family have been particularly interested in its success.

A substantial portion of the cost of construction is to be donated by the oil companies in Libya. Present facilities for the medical care of the oil company personnel and their families are inadequate.

The new piece of land measures 40,000 square meters and fronts Banghazi's important Ring road. Sixty large eucalyptus trees add beauty to the property which also includes a grove of three to four hundred olive trees. Electricity and water utilities have already been brought to the property.

Plans for construction include a chapel for the Adventist personnel of the hospital.

Health Lessons Planned

A correspondence course of fourteen lessons teaching the major principles of healthful living will be ready this fall, according to plans of the radio department, it was announced recently by Elder C. V. Brauer, the division department secretary. The lessons, based on those used in England and South Asia, are now being translated.

IRAN MISSION DEDICATES VILLAGE FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

McAdams, Chappell Tour Division For Publishing Work

Elder Daniel A. McAdams, associate secretary of the General Conference publishing department for seventeen years, visited the Middle East Division for the first time, when he and Elder Derwood Chappell, the division publishing department secretary, toured the field together for five weeks beginning April 1. Speaking at the major centers throughout the division, Elder McAdams urged that "there must be a revival of the publishing work in the Middle East," and adopted as a slogan,

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Village Children Given Clothes

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Officials of the Iran section, the Iran Red Lion and Sun society, and of the United States embassy, joined in ceremonies, February 22, at Ghezal Gheslugh, Iran, during which new homes were presented to the ten families of the village, one of 360 towns and villages destroyed by the earthquake of September 1, 1962. The homes were all built by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The ceremonies included prayer and a talk by Elder Kenneth Harding, the section president. He pointed out that Adventists around the world give an annual famine and relief offering to be used for such emergencies.

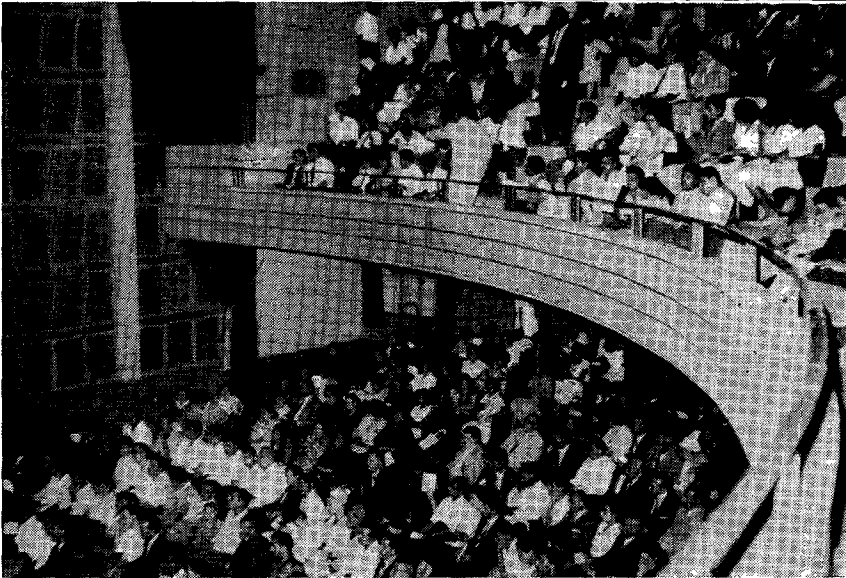
During further ceremonies, the children of the village each received an outfit of clothes, which children of the Sligo Training school in Washington, D. C., had donated after hearing Richard Fenn, a ministerial worker in the Potomac conference and son of the Middle East Division treasurer, tell stories of the disaster.

The project replaced the rubble of red-mud mountain homes with solid brick and mortar designed to withstand future quakes. Building supplies costing approximately 15,000 dollars had to be transported by truck more than a hundred miles, including a six mile stretch of rocky riverbed.

At first the church sent blankets and clothing to aid the earthquake victims, but feeling that more permanent help was needed, it voted the rebuilding program.



Elder Daniel A. McAdams, associate secretary of the General Conference publishing department.



Part of the large audience which crowded into the Cairo Center auditorium during one of Elder Moseley's recent meetings.

Audience Fills Center Church to Hear Moseley Sermons

Large audiences continue to fill the Cairo Center church to hear the preaching of Elder C. E. Moseley, General Conference field secretary, currently visiting Egypt. His series of sermons which began April 21 have included among other popular subjects the Sabbath.

When on two successive nights the whole area was plunged into darkness, Elder Moseley continued his talk by candlelight. Neither this difficulty nor interruptions by fanatics during the presentation of the Sabbath reduced the size of the audience.

Elder Hilal Dose, Egypt president, tells how "people of all ages and ranks, from different churches and backgrounds crowd the place. Some of them bow as they enter the church, whisper a prayer, and make the sign of the cross. You can tell that he or she is an Orthodox. Others kneel down devotionally, as Catholics." Elder Dose also reports that many Protestant pastors attend almost regularly.

The most encouraging result of the sermons has been the spiritual revival among the members of the Seventh-day Adventist churches in Cairo. Many backsliders are being reclaimed and longtime workers of the church report a new spiritual power in their own lives.

The strong interest of Elder Moseley's

audience is shown, Elder Dose reports, by the way they take notes, ask questions, and bring their whole families to hear.

The series of sermons was preceded by two weeks of training for the ministers of the Egypt section in methods of conducting public meetings.

Preaches at Cairo



Elder C. E. Moseley, General Conference field secretary.

McAdams, Chappell Tour Division

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"Nothing but the best from the Middle East Press."

Before leaving the division, May 7, Elder McAdams met with the officers of the division and other leaders to present recommendations for strengthening the publishing work of the church in the Middle East. These recommendations were based on his report of the tour.

Important student institutes were held in Beirut, Teheran, and Cairo. Thirty-six students of the Iran Training school attended the Teheran institute, but the limited number of books available and the lack of large books among other conditions will permit only eight students to canvass this summer. Consequently the Section publishing committee met with Elder McAdams and recommended the printing of a large health book in Farsee before the summer of 1964. The long range plan in Iran also provides for the publication of other large books.

In Cyprus, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, and Lebanon Elder McAdams met with Section officers and publishing department men to discuss plans for literature work in those areas. Students from Middle East College plan to canvass in these Sections.

Five regular literature workers attended the institute for the students of the Nile Union Academy held in the Cairo Center church. Among the most important needs of the publishing work in this division, Elder McAdams emphasized, is the establishment of groups of this type of worker in each Section.

Elder McAdams, in his visits around the division, frequently quoted the following Spirit of prophecy statements:

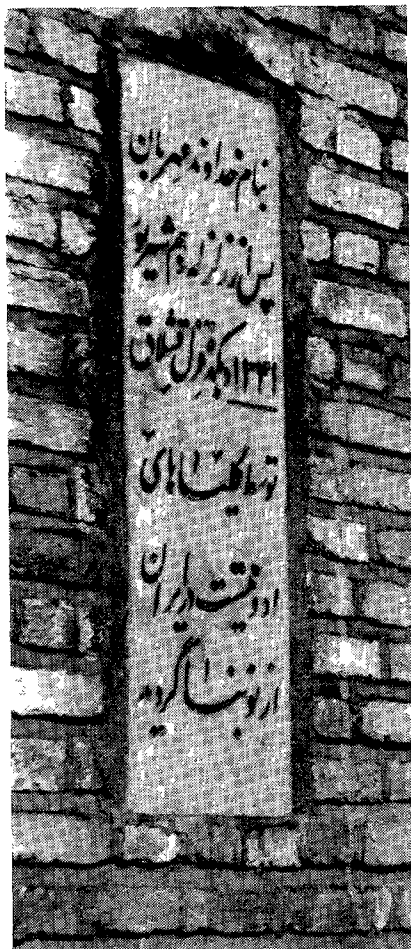
"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time." *Colporteur Ministry*, page 6

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." *Colporteur Ministry*, page 7.

"As long as probation continues, there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work." *Colporteur Ministry*, page 11.

GHEZEL GHESHLAGH

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF PROJECT



The dedication inscription



Elder Figubr visits the construction site



The completed dwellings

The little children examine their new clothes



Elder C. V. Brauer Visits Members In Gulf Area

Most of the more than thirty Adventists living in the Arabian Gulf area were visited during April by Elder C. V. Brauer, division home missionary department secretary. The visit included Kuwait, Abadan, Shiraz, Dubai, Qatar, Bahrain, and Dhahran.

This visit was the first by an Adventist minister to the believers in Qatar and Bahrain. There are nine members in Qatar and a number of interests, especially among readers of the *Signs of the Times*. One sister asked for rebaptism and was baptized by Elder Brauer.

Many *Signs of the Times* readers were also among the twenty persons who attended evening meetings held for three Adventist medical workers from India in Bahrain.

In Kuwait, where Elder Brauer held a communion service, there are two Sabbath Schools, one at the capital and the other at Ahmadi, 35 kilometers to the south. The members had saved their tithes and offerings to turn over to the treasury. They appealed for an Arabic school in Kuwait.

Other appeals included a request from Dubai for the organization of temperance work. There twenty persons, including two who had been students at Adventist schools, attended a meeting at the home of Dr. Harris Mandoody.

In Dhahran, where Elder Brauer reports an especially active and missionary-minded company of believers, a meeting was held at the home of Brother K. G. Alexander.

Most of the Adventists in the Arabian Gulf area are medical workers in government or oil-company hospitals. Many have come from India.

New Bulletins

Two new department bulletins have begun publication in the Middle East Division since Spring.

The first is *The Adventist Layman in the Middle East*, prepared by the division home missionary department. Two numbers have already been circulated. The other is a publishing department newsletter, *The Middle East Challenger*, which began publication May 22.

Both departments had regular bulletins ten years ago and the publishing department has since issued occasional bulletins during the summer months.

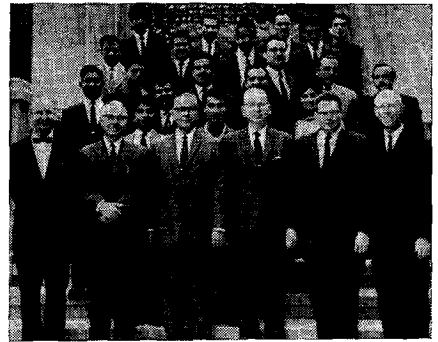
STUDENT COLPORTEURS MEET IN THREE INSTITUTES

More than fifty students, among the hundred or more who attended week-long institutes in Beirut, Teheran, and Cairo during April, plan to work this summer for scholarships as literature evangelists, according to D. L. Chappell, division publishing department secretary who conducted the institutes. Elder D. A. McAdams of the General Conference publishing department gave the major instruction.

A special feature of the Middle East College institute was a book sale sponsored by the Lebanon book and periodical house manager, Brother Salim Hasbany. Brother Shahada Halabi, the Lebanon Section publishing department secretary, and representatives from the press assisted in the institute.

At the Iran Training School the whole student body attended the institute. Here Brother John Minassian, who will supervise the work of the students in Iran this summer, assisted.

Students of the Nile Union Academy attended the institute at the Cairo Center church where the Egypt section president and treasurer with Brother Fouad Guirguis, the section publishing department secretary, and Brother Antar



Middle East College institute

Yacoub, the book and periodical house manager, assisted in the meetings.

The Lebanon book sale is believed to be the first such book sale in the division.

Emercencia Siri George

Sister Emercencia Siri George passed away last January in Beirut and was laid to rest in the Adventist cemetery at Bucheria. Funeral services were led by Elder J. S. Russell at the Beirut Center church. Elder Salim Noujaim read the obituary.

Sister Emercencia was born, 1880, in Hungary and joined the Adventist church there at 32 years of age. She came to Beirut in 1956. She was active in Dorcas work both in Hungary and Lebanon until an injury led to her confinement at the home for the aged in Ashrafiya.

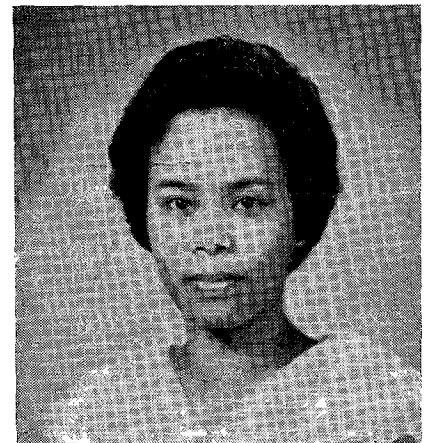
She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Stephan, of Mrazi, Beirut, and three sons in Hungary.

Recently Married



The evangelist of the Iran Section, Hovik Sarrafian, is shown here with his bride of February, 1963, before moving to their new home at Rizayeh.

Missionary Nurse



Miss Lucila Deles, a missionary from the Philippines, who joined the nursing staff of the Benghazi hospital late in January.

FROM HERE AND THERE

IRAN

Elder R. C. Skinner conducted the annual Spring week of prayer at the Iran Training School April 26 to May 4.

Evangelistic meetings continue at Rezayah. Brother Hovik Sarafian has been preaching there since April 6 and expects to continue the series through to the middle of August.

The workers of the Iran section have more than doubled their ingathering goal of 100,000 Rials. Every church and company reached its goal. A victory banquet was held the end of March.

Elder C. V. Brauer led out in meetings for the workers at Teheran, March 25 to 28, during which emphasis was placed on lay evangelism.

Dates for the annual Iran Section camp meeting have been set for August 22 to 31.

Sister Hranooosh Avedissian has moved from Tabriz to Teheran where she will continue her work as a Bible instructor at the Teheran Armenian church.

Elder H. K. Salakian has been appointed pastor of the Isfahan church. He was formerly pastor of the Teheran Armenian church. Elder Kenneth Harding, the section president, will add the pastorship of the Teheran church to his own duties.

BENGHAZI

Essential construction of two semi-private rooms, bath facilities, and a utility room was completed recently at the Benghazi hospital, remedying a serious space shortage.

Dr. Shamar, the director of medical services for Cyrenaica visited the hospital twice during April for an inspection of medical facilities. Dr. Shamar, appointed to the post only a month earlier, praised the institution and expressed his wish for its success.

Miss Mary Mousa Abul-Fadi is expected to join the staff as a nurse. Her brother, Adil, is credit manager.

Diane Lynn joined the household of Brother and sister Hulse, January 28. This makes three girls.

Dr. Reiner, having finished his term of service at the hospital, is returning to the United States during June. Members of the hospital staff gathered for a farewell party honoring him the end of April.

Five of the missionary nurses and Brother Hulse meet together twice weekly to study Arabic. They are tutored by Mr. Abdur-Rahman Hal-houli, a Syrian teaching at the University of Libya.

CYPRUS

Cyprus was the first section to reach its goal during the ingathering campaign. Brother A. N. Barlos succeeded in

raising a personal goal of 100 Cyprus pounds.

JORDAN

Brother Zaki Saliba has been called to join the Jordan section. His duties include serving the section as executive secretary and as public relations department secretary.

The Amman church now sings enthusiastically to the melodies played on a new piano acquired recently for the church.

M. C. Grin Retiring After 43 Years



Elder M. C. Grin, treasurer of Middle East Press, plans to retire from his work June 30, 1963, and return shortly thereafter to his homeland in Switzerland. He has 43 years of faithful service; most of it in the Middle East Division.

Elder Grin was born in Switzerland, November 23, 1894. His parents were pioneers in the Advent movement in Europe. His father was the first missionary to Belgium and was also the founder of the French health journal, *Vie et Sante*. His mother served long years as Bible instructor.

Elder Grin began his work with the denomination in the Conference du Lemon on March 1, 1920. At this time he engaged in evangelistic and pastoral work. One year later, on September 19, 1921, he and Sister Grin were united in marriage and on December 29, 1923 he was ordained to the gospel ministry. To this dedicated husband and wife were born two children, Madeline and Jean-Pierre. Both of these children now live in Switzerland.

From 1923 to 1932, Elder and Sister Grin were connected with the Central European Division. During this period of service, they labored in the Turkey

Mission where Elder Grin served as president. Later, they moved to Athens and were responsible for raising up our first group of believers in that city.

In 1932 Elder and Sister Grin connected with the Arabic Union Mission. Elder Grin's first assignment was to carry on evangelistic work in Beirut. Later they located in Alexandria to carry on in the same line of work.

The Grins moved to Jerusalem in 1939 where he served as acting treasurer of the Arabic Union Mission. The next few years were very trying as the effects of World War II swept the area. Many times Elder Grin remained by his post of duty after the other foreign missionaries were forced to evacuate. During the North Africa Campaign, Elder and Sister Grin and their two children lived in Alexandria. With fighting going on all about them, their balcony at times covered with shrapnel from the bombings and shellings, they stayed by their duties and God miraculously spared their lives.

The Middle East Press called Elder Grin to serve as their treasurer in 1953. At this time Middle East Press was in its early stages of development. Today through his careful guidance and planning it is a well established institution.

Although Elder Grin is retiring from active service, he will not sit about idly. All through his life he and his wife have been actively engaged in Bible Study activities. When asked about his plans after retirement he speaks of continuing in this phase of work. Only the records of heaven can accurately account for the souls that will be saved as a result of his efforts. As Elder and Sister Grin return to their homeland we wish them "un bon voyage et la bénédiction du Seigneur".

— R. E. Anderson

A Mission Story: PETER

Late one afternoon Peter was brought into the hospital in a semicomatose state. Two days before, this little lad had been severely burned by upsetting hot water over himself. One-third of his body surface was burned, but his parents did not realize his danger. When his temperature began to soar and he began to lose consciousness, they brought him to the doctor at Andrews Memorial Hospital in Kingston, Jamaica.

Being a person who loves children, Dr. Leon's heart went out to this suffering little one. If only they had brought him in sooner!

"I'm very much afraid that it is too late for any treatment we can give to help your little boy," the doctor told the anxious parents, trying to prepare them for the worst. "However, we will do all we can." He hesitated, then added slowly, "I doubt if he will make it through the night."

Peter was admitted quickly, and all the latest possible burn therapy was institute — drips, injections, and dressings. Dr. Leon drove to the coolness of his home in the hills where he usually was able to relax and throw off the cares of the day — but tonight he was worried about little Peter.

In the meantime, the nurses were keeping a close watch on Peter. Pulse, respiration, and temperature were taken frequently and were increasing alarmingly. Suddenly the nurse noticed a turn for the worse, and feeling sure the little boy was dying sent another nurse

to call Dr. Leon. It was a twenty-minute drive to the hospital from the hills, but he made it in record time. Emergency stimulants were administered, for it seemed the little boy was already gone. However, he rallied a bit. Then, after leaving further instructions, the doctor again headed for home. Twice more during the night the little fellow was at the point of death, and twice more the doctor made the trip back to the hospital. Twice more the little lad rallied.

The next morning when the parents returned, the doctor told them, "He has come through the night by a miracle of God. There is a slight possibility that he may yet pull through."

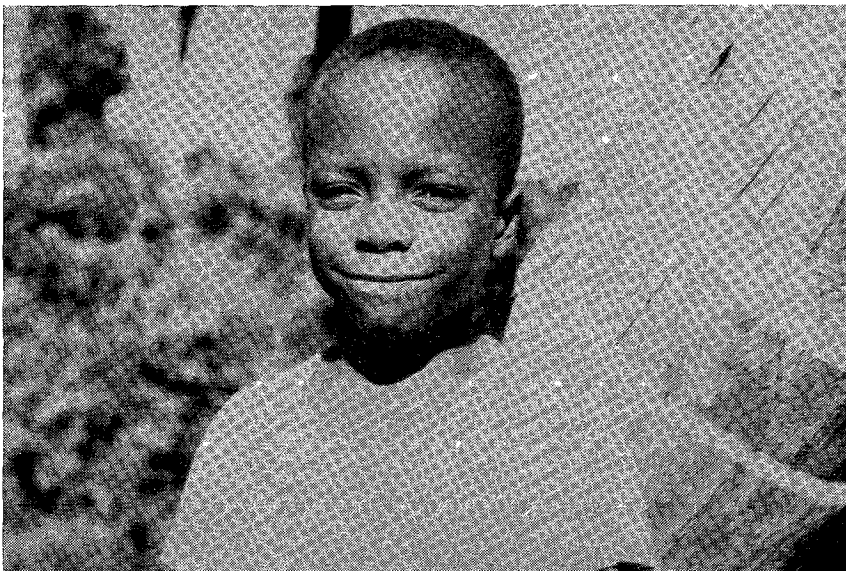
A couple of days later as he left the child's room, he met the parents in the hallway. "Peter just smiled at me," he reported with a big smile on his own face. "He's out of danger at last. We thank the Lord, and can be glad that medical science has developed better methods of treating burn cases during recent years."

The parents were grateful, so grateful that a few days later the following notice appeared in the daily newspaper:

"The parents of Peter wish to thank the nurses and doctors of the Andrews Memorial Hospital for their loving care and devotion to duty in bringing him safely through his recent severe illness."

Generous offerings this Thirteenth Sabbath can help to provide more medical facilities in Inter-America to care for the many sick persons who are looking for Christian ministry from trained medical personnel.

—Mrs. Ethel F. Heisler



THE ADVENTIST WORLD Patient Improving

Sherry Ann Akrawi, four-year-old polio victim from Baghdad is nearing the end of her stay in Loma Linda where she has been receiving rehabilitation treatment at the Sanitarium and Hospital since last December, it was reported in the *Loma Linda University Magazine's* February number. Sherry, who was rushed to the United States by jet from Baghdad, is now beginning to walk again, the magazine said.

International Welfare Work

The Adventist Welfare Services in Washington reports that the church distributed aid worth \$2,298,745 in 29 countries outside the United States during 1962. Nearly half of the total was food distribution. Clothing and bedding sent to stricken areas equaled \$500,000 and nearly \$200,000 of medical supplies were distributed. Items such as cooking and eating utensils, tools, sewing machines and other equipment to help refugees become self-supporting added up to \$41,150. Korea headed the list of countries aided. The largest expenditures for food went to the Congo. Other countries sharing in the assistance were Algeria, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, and Taiwan.

Two Million Students

Professor M. T. Mirchandani, lecturer on Law in the Bombay University, became the two millionth applicant for the Voice of Prophecy course in the Southern Asia Division. There are 22 Voice of Prophecy schools in the division and courses are available in 15 major languages. Recently a new course was introduced in Pakistan entitled "Light From the Ancient Prophets." It brought a flood of applications almost immediately. Applications for enrollment in SDA Bible correspondence courses around the world have reached a figure of nearly 18 million.

Five-day Plan Succeeds

The Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, held in Denver, Colorado, recently under the sponsorship of the Porter Sanitarium and Hospital, saw nearly 400 out of 550 smokers break the habit during the five-day period.

The program has been under study for over a year with test groups taken

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Appels Celebrate Golden Anniversary



Friends of Elder and Mrs. George J. Appel gathered at the Portland Sanitarium nurses' home in Portland, Oregon, April 7, to celebrate the couple's fifty years of married life completed eleven days earlier. The MESSENGER takes pleasure in publishing a poem written by Sister Appel for the occasion and a picture of the Appels taken when Elder Appel was president of this division.

New Books on Spiritism

SPIRITISM TODAY
FELLOW TRAVELERS OF SPIRITUALISM

Two new books to be available soon in the Middle East document the amazing events of the last one hundred years which are sweeping the world into the ranks of Spiritualism. They are *Spiritism Today* and *Fellow Travelers of Spiritualism*, by Elder L. E. Froom, one of the denomination's most respected scholars.

Small 64-page paper-backs, the books have impressive four-color covers and are designed for wide missionary distribution. The material has been taken and condensed from the large two-volume study now under preparation which gives the historical basis for our position concerning the state of the dead.

In the light of our understanding from prophecy that the coming world religion will be based on Spiritualism, these books are important. They help us recognize this deception which has been called "Satan's masterpiece," show us where we stand in the timetable of last-day events, and are agents in our hands for warning those around us.

Adventist World

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through the plan in more than a dozen states. Proved to be about 75 per cent effective, the plan includes five consecutive evening group-therapy sessions conducted by a minister-physician team, and a daily program of personal control.

Dr. J. Wayne McFarland and Elder E. J. Folkenberg, the originators of the plan, have moved on to Washington, D. C., where a similar program is being sponsored by The Washington Sanitarium and Hospital.

Forty-five ministers and physicians from 18 states attended the Denver sessions for training.

Faith For Today Best

Faith for Today, the oldest religious television program in existence, has won top rating for its new color format, according to a survey conducted by the American Research Bureau. The bureau interviewed television viewers on Sunday morning at the time the program was being telecast and found that 50 per cent were watching Faith for Today. This is more than five times the nine per cent who watched the next most popular religious program.

Youth Camps

Youth camps sponsored by the church were attended by 17,658 young people during 1962, reports Elder L. A. Skinner, associate secretary of the Missionary volunteer department. Of this number 14,764 were junior youth. There were 208 camps listed, 36 of them senior camps. Several camps were held for underprivileged children without regard to religious belief. The church owns some 40 campsites in North America built specifically to meet the needs of young people and to provide them with a place to come closer to nature.

Arabic VOP School In South Brazil

An Arabic Voice of Prophecy correspondence school opened recently at Campo Grande in South Brazil under the direction of Elder Ronald D. Bottsford. An Arab merchant in the town is correcting the lessons. The school, which attracts students from all over the country, already reports a strong interest. They hope to begin broadcasts in Arabic over the local radio station, Elder Bottsford reported.

MEDITATION

As I ponder by the wayside of the ever winding road
On the happenings of the swift years as the stream of life has flowed.
Fifty years we've travelled onward down the stream of life as one,
Over roads where intermingled joys and sorrows, cloud and sun.
When to gladden home God gave us just a bit of heaven's joys,
How we thank our gracious Father for our precious, priceless boys!
Then when sickness came to sadden and our home was parted far,
And it seemed the night had settled with not e'en a guiding star,
Still in tenderness our Father heard and answered fervent prayer,
And His hand stretched out to help us and to keep us from despair
With His healing hand He lifted from the open yawning grave,
And new strength to do His bidding, health and courage still He gave
Sometimes hardships loomed like mountains and at times the way seemed dear,

But we praise His name forever for our prayers we knew He'd hear.
Now the ocean waves divide from many friends we hold so dear,
But we know He'll guide our future, and will make His biddings clear.
He will lead us on the pathway to that matchless heavenly home,
With our loved ones there beside us, look into His wondrous face,
And with joy unbounded, tell the story "Saved by Grace"

--Laura Appel



The medical brigade of Middle East College parades in Beirut



Elder Melcome Gasparian and his wife at his ordination in Tebran



Students at Middle East College who were baptized April 27 at the close of the week of prayer conducted there by Elder Kenneth Harding.

New Book For Sabbath Schools

Sabbath School teachers are giving wide praise to a book recently published by the Southern Publishing Association which deals especially with teaching problems in the Sabbath School. Written by Elder Stanley S. Will, Sabbath School department secretary in the Southern Union of the United States, the book is called, *Teach: A Guide to Effective Sabbath School Teaching*. The book was prepared at the request of the General Conference Sabbath School advisory committee and is available in the Middle East through the local book and periodical houses.

Church Calendar

SPECIAL DAYS

June	1	Home Missionary Day
June	8	Call to Health Campaign
June	15	Call to Health Campaign closes
June	29	Thirteenth Sabbath
July	6	Medical Missionary Day
July	13	Midsummer Missions Service

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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