

# Messenger

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## Jabbour Semaan Joins Division Staff

Jabbour Semaan, a young Lebanese Adventist, returned to his homeland, June 29, after an absence of six years, to join the Middle East Division as associate secretary of the medical department.

Leaving Lebanon with a secondary school certificate from Middle East college in his bag and a year's experience in ministerial work in North Lebanon, Brother Semaan worked his own way through studies at two universities, the Andrews university in Michigan and the Loma Linda university in California. He presents his trophies, a B. S. in physical therapy and an M. S. in health education.

His first project in the division is to relieve Brother Peacock at the Iran Physical Therapy clinic for a short-term furlough. Then back in Beirut again, he plans to serve the division medical department in the special areas of his training. He hopes, he says, to promote gospel and medical evangelism through clinical and preventive medicine.

He is married to the former Miss Effie Leontides, of Cyprus, who has completed nurse's training in London.

## New School for Egypt

Application is pending with Egyptian government authorities to open a co-educational intermediate school in a villa adjacent to the primary school in Zeitoun, Brother Shafic Ghali, Egypt Section education department secretary, reports. He hopes permission will be granted in time to begin the 1963-64 school year.

The school is needed for Adventist children who want to continue their studies above the primary level. An inspection committee has already recommended the building as suitable for school use.



*Elder E. W. Dunbar, recent visitor from the General Conference.*

## Elder E. W. Dunbar Ends Six-Week Visit

Elder E. W. Dunbar, associate secretary of the General Conference, left the Middle East Division from Benghazi, July 9, after a visit of five weeks which took him to Jordan, Cyprus, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Egypt, and Libya.

The visit coincided with the mid-year committee meetings of the division, June 10-13, in Beirut, where his counsel was especially valuable in the formation of policy.

Elder Dunbar represents the Middle East Division at the General Conference office in Washington and is particularly interested in the selection of overseas workers for the division. His visit was primarily a study of the division needs.

Adventist church audiences heard Elder Dunbar wherever he went. A group preparing for baptism at the Cairo center were among those especially inspired by his stories of faithfulness. He addressed the 1963 graduating class of Middle East college during their commencement exercises.

## Division Adopts New Publishing Department Policy

A new policy for the publishing department, as voted by the division administrative committee, June 13, describes benefits for regular colporteurs, allows for church literature evangelist auxiliary bands, and defines the duties of publishing department workers.

Literature evangelists are divided into categories: beginners, licensed, and credentialed. Each category has specified certain benefits which may be received as long as the benefit fund is maintained. Benefits include sustentation, travel allowance, and vacation pay.

A special section of the policy applies to church literature evangelist auxiliary bands and their leaders. Members of the band are church members who undertake to work on a part-time basis a certain regular number of hours selling small books and magazines. The leader is appointed by the section publishing committee and handles relations with the book and periodical house.

Among the duties of the publishing department secretary is the promotion of magazine sales in combination with book sales and as single copies. Combinations of religious and health books are also to be promoted with the goal of obtaining a proportion of sales, one third health and two thirds religious.

The policy lists among the duties of book and periodical house managers the holding of book sales in schools and churches when there are public gatherings.

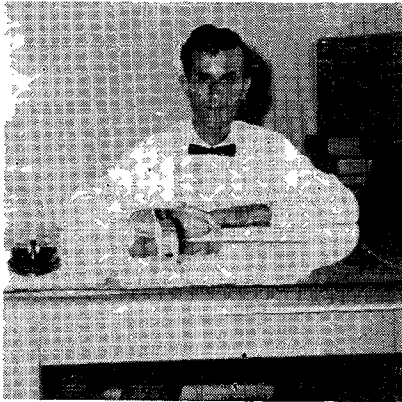
Also mentioned is a requirement that regular literature evangelists, if they are not nationals of the country, must possess residence cards and labor permits in order to sell books within the country.

## COLPORTEURS SET NEW RECORDS

Fanned out over the division territory, student literature evangelists with a record distribution of books and magazines are pushing upward the \$3,482.46 increase in literature sales already reported by the department for the first six months of 1963.

Zakaria Youssif and Farouk Rizk, working in sun-scorched Kuwait, report sales the first day of 26 copies of the new health book, a report of LL 400. Nadeem Beebe and George Karabashi, both of Amman, Jordan, are making sales in Cyprus.

Out with the students is Elder D. L. Chappell, the division publishing department secretary, who has prepared sales talks for some of the Arabic books. He has been able, while working with the colporteurs, to test the sales talks with good success on Arabic-reading people who speak English.



Jabbour Semaan in his office at the division. Story on page 1.

Nathan Dawood is assisting Shahada Halabi as student trainer in Lebanon, and Freih Rizk and Youssef Samuel are helping Brother Guirguis with students in Egypt. Brother Wail Hadadin is supervising the student literature evangelists in Jordan and Johnny Minassian is leading out in Iran.

## Boutros Ghazal Appointed New Press Treasurer

Brother Boutros Ghazal joined the Middle East press July 15, 1963, as treasurer. Called from the Jordan Section where he had been serving as Secretary-Treasurer, he replaces Elder M. C. Grin who retired on June 30 and returned to Switzerland.

No newcomer to the Middle East press, Brother Ghazal served as a translator in the editorial department from 1955 to 1961. Previous to that he served as a teacher in the Beirut Voice of Prophecy office. For the past year and a half he has served in the Jordan Section.

Brother Ghazal was born in Beirut the son of Brother and Sister Melki Ghazal, charter members of the Beirut Museitbe church. He obtained his education in Adventist schools graduating as a two-year ministerial student in 1951 from Middle East college. Later he continued his education and graduated from Middle East college in 1958 with a B.A. in Business Administration.

## Jensen, Peacock Attend Copenhagen Meetings

Two medical conferences this summer in Copenhagen, Denmark, attracted representatives from the Middle East Division.

Brother Ivan Peacock, director of the Iran Physical Therapy clinic, and Brother Leif Jensen, director of the Beirut Center clinic, spent June vacations attending the World Confederation for Physical Therapy and the ninth world congress of the International Society for Rehabilitation of the Disabled. More than 2000 attended each of these conferences.

The Copenhagen site for the physical therapy meeting, June 13-22, was the same as that for the founding convention 12 years ago. The rehabilitation meetings followed, June 23-29. Both conferences included, besides lectures and motion pictures, visits to hospitals and other institutions.

Progress in research was reported at the meetings and special interest centered around discussion of cases of disability due to thalidomid poisoning.

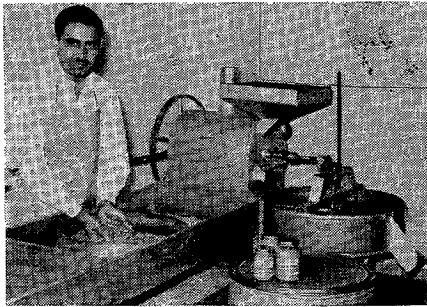
## Plate-making Machine Installed at Press

A machine capable of making plates of books at a very low cost was installed recently at the Middle East press. Plates can be stored for future editions using only a minimum amount of storage space. This machine, made by the Lord Manufacturing company of Germany, is the first of its kind in Lebanon.

To process a plate on the machine a plastic master must be made from either a type form or metal cliché. The plastic is heated to 150 degrees centigrade and then put under from 15 to 30 tons pressure depending on the size of the plate being made. A duplicate plate made from this master plate is then used on the presses in the actual printing process. Rubber and plastic plates have been used for sometime in Europe and America, but have only recently been perfected so as to be useful in small and medium-sized printing establishments.

This machine makes possible great savings in the reprinting of books. Previously the type was set, proofread, and made up into pages each time a new edition of a book was printed, but now, after the first printing, all of this work can be stored to await the next printing.

Do you have a plan for Investment this year? An attractive Investment poster and goal chart is available. Ask the Section S. S. secretary about the price and size.



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Where Students Earn  
to Learn  
MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE



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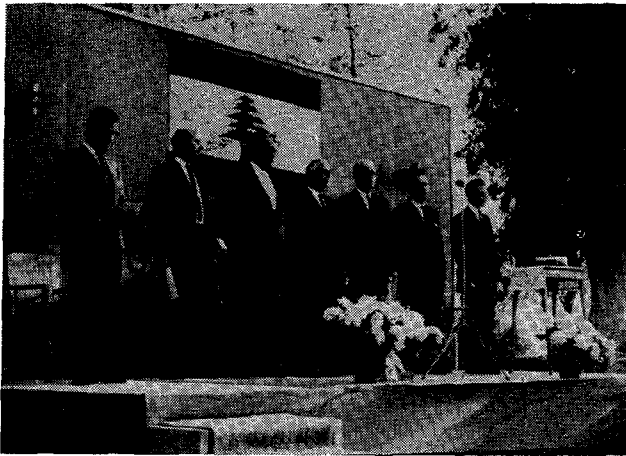


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- 1. Food Factory
- 2. Service Center
- 3. Metal Shop
- 4. Campus
- 5. Bakery
- 6. Furniture Factory
- 7. Laundry





Brethern Melki, Lesber, Dunbar, Keough, Wilcox, Catreeb, and Johnson participating at the College Commencement.



Graduates of the Amman Girls' school marching up the aisle preparatory to receiving their diplomas.

## M. E. COLLEGE GRADUATES NINETEEN

Middle East college held its twenty-first commencement exercises Sunday, June 23, conferring the B.A. degree upon three young men and two young ladies. The young ladies were Miss Ellen Ghazal, a major in religion, and Mary Nashed Yacoub, business administration. The young men, Habib Banna, Zaki Saliba, and George Swaidan, all graduated with majors in business administration. Habib Banna also majored in religion.

Graduated from the two-year secretarial science course were Miss Samia Abu Ali, Miss Raymond Amir, Mrs. Aida Esber-Firkh, Ruben Sarkissian, and Miss Norma Zaiback. Nine graduated from the college preparatory course in the secondary school.

Elder E. W. Dunbar of the General Conference addressed the graduates pointing out that the world needs young people who will throw themselves wholeheartedly into the conflict of good against evil. Elder W. R. Lesher, Middle East Division education department secretary, presented the graduates with a charge and Zaki Saliba responded in a well-prepared Arabic speech.

The graduation exercises began with a consecration service Friday evening, led by the senior class sponsor, Elder J. S. Russell. The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sabbath morning by Elder Anees Haddad.

### Gabal el-Asfar School

The 1962-63 school year closed at the Gabal el-Asfar Theology institute with all the students church members, according to the church pastor, Brother Samaan Fangary, for the first time in the history of the academy. A baptism

of two students, June 8, by Elder Moseley completed the goal.

MV work was also reported good with an investiture service, July 1, investing 22 students in the various classes and awarding 46 MV honors.

Other spiritual high points of the year were the week of sacrifice offering of Leg 51,458, the Ingathering Campaign reaching Leg 18,500, and 69 subscriptions to the *Hope* and *Call to Health* magazines.

### Amman School

Twenty-one young ladies graduated from the secondary section of the Amman girls' school at ceremonies June 27, in the yard of the school. Mr. Easa Naouri, from the Jordan ministry of education, distributed the certificates and gave the commencement address.

More than 500 persons witnessed the graduation march as the girls all dressed in white took the places of honor. Elder H. E. Robinson, president of the Jordan section, welcomed the audience.

The program directed by Brother Fahed Fanik, the registrar, included a report by the school principal, Miss H. J. Nasr, and talks by two of the graduates, one in English, the other in Arabic.

### New Ingathering Folder

Ingathering workers during the 1963 campaign will use an Arabic folder describing the Adventist work for the first time in several years. One page of the folder is for pictures of local work. Individual goals equivalent to LL 25.00 have been set for each church member and those who reach the goals will be honored with special recognition by home missionary department awards.

## To America and Back

Elder George Khoury, elected the end of 1962 president of the Lebanon section, returned in July from Andrews university where he had been studying. He had been on leave of absence for a year under a special plan sponsored by the Lebanon Section.

Brother and Sister Ignatius Yacoub, of the Middle East college staff, left June 6 for Pacific Union college where they will work toward masters degrees in business administration and secretarial science respectively. The first workers to go under the new education policy of the Middle East Division providing support for advance training, they plan to return at the beginning of the 1964-65 school year.

## Married in Egypt



Samaan Faltas and Fawzia Rizk at their wedding, June 5, in Cairo. Elders Moseley and Dose conducted the ceremony.

## FROM-HERE AND THERE

### MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

Two office secretaries recently joined the division staff to work for the various departments. They are the Misses Aneesi Mashni and Norma Zaiback, both from Jordan and both former students at Middle East college.

### MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

Brother Johnson has been appointed registrar since Brother Yacoub left to America for further study.

Mrs. William McGhee, the wife of the Press editor, has been invited to be acting head of the music department for the school year 1963-64.

Brother Leslie Morris arrived in Beirut August 3. Formerly a teacher at Madison college in the United States, he will head up the science department here.

### CYPRUS

Elder Wayne Olson visited Cyprus in March to conduct a three-week lecture series in the Venetian room of the Ledra Palace hotel in Nicosia. A mixed audience of Greeks, Armenians, Turks, and Europeans heard the talks. Gospel songs and choruses were introduced during the second week. Sister Alice Elmadjian and Brother Gary Keshishian contributed special music.

Little Ruth-Tania is the newest addition to the Aram Aghassian family. She is their third daughter.

Brother A. N. Barlas, the Cyprus Section publishing department secretary, has welcomed the student colporteurs, Nadeem Beebe and George Karabashi. A house was rented in Limassol for them. Moses Elmadjian is their sponsor with the Cyprus government.

### TURKEY

Approximately thirty campers joined the summer camp at Lake About, July 18-28. The camp staff included Brother L. C. Miller, Brother Manuk and Sister Anahid Benzatian, Elder Anees Haddad and Elder L. A. Skinner.

Led by Sister Sironus, the Dorcas society is making scrapbooks for orphan children and those in the tuberculosis hospital. A recent apron-making project brought in funds for the purchase of a used sewing machine.

### EGYPT

Brother Mukhtar Nashed arrived in Egypt early in July. He has been ap-

pointed business manager of the Mataria mercy home.

After an absence of eleven years, Brother Emile Kafrouni was welcomed back to Egypt when he returned July 6. He came to visit his mother and plans to stay until the end of August.

Summer camp was held July 4-14 near Alexandria. Brother Hanna Malaka, the section MV department secretary, led the camp. Elders Anees Haddad and L. A. Skinner joined him for five days.

Four persons were baptized following the meetings of Elder Nassif Boutros in Mansoura. Four others joined the church from baptismal classes in Fayoum, Sanouris, and Itsah, taught by Elder Nashed Yacoub and Brother Leon el-Magassy.

The Ministry of Welfare gold medal  
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### Health Book Published

*Your Way to Health and Happiness* in Arabic by Doctor Clifford Anderson was only an idea back in January when Brother R. E. Anderson, Middle East press manager, returned from his furlough, but he promised, "We'll have it ready by vacation time." God honored his faith by performing a few miracles and by blessing the diligent labor of his workers.

This new health volume, the same size as *Patriarchs and Prophets*, contains sixty-four pictures and illustrations, nine of them in full color. It is being sold this summer in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Kuwait, and Egypt.

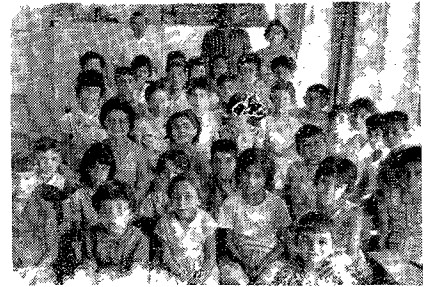
### Russells' Twenty-fifth

Greeted by the tune of the wedding march to which they had gone to the altar twenty-five years earlier, Elder and Mrs. J. S. Russell walked into a "surprise" July 17 when more than seventy persons from the college and division community gathered on the water reservoir near Elder Keough's house.

The Russells were presented with a silver two-tier candy server by Sana Melki during a program which featured a reading by Mrs. Waring describing the intolerable virtues of men and a humorous recollection by Elder Keough of the Russells' early experiences.



*Elder Brauer and Turkey Section workers with five baptized May 11.*



*Second annual VBS in Istanbul, July 1-15. Sister Miller director.*



*Factory Superintendent Samuel Nassimian, Pressman Yervant Maksoudian, and Editor Naim Awais join Press Manager Anderson in smiles as the new health book is completed.*

## Education Day

On Christian Education Day, August 10, the Adventist churches throughout the Middle East will be presented with an appeal to support the educational program of the church in a special way. The support that is desired of the intermediate, secondary and college youth of the church is that each shall plan to be in attendance at a church operated school when the 1963-64 school year begins. We urge our youth to work and pray to this end. The parents of children on the elementary level who live in areas where there are Adventist church schools are blessed with an opportunity that we trust they will take advantage of by placing their children in the local church school. Those who have no children of school age may also support the educational program by their influence, prayers and gifts.

These schools are your schools. Support them in every possible way. All may join in bringing an offering on Education Day for the benefit of the Academy in the local Section.

Christian education aims to prepare the youth for the service of God and eternal life in His kingdom. Your response to the Education Day appeal may decide the destiny of a child or youth whom you love.

—*W. R. Lesher*

## Freedom to Preach

Many of the countries of this division have laws which forbid the propagation of religion. They may feel that religious propaganda tends to disturb the peace between religions or they may fear that the teaching of a religion may undermine the religion of the state. The result is that most often Adventists are free to preach only within the walls of their own church buildings.

However much such laws may hurt the propagators of the various religions, they are not really a serious hindrance to Seventh-day Adventists. In another column of this issue of the MESSENGER is a report about the success of Adventists in Moscow where strict control is exercised over all religious activity. The growth of the Adventist church is sometimes faster under conditions restricting the freedom to preach.

There is a good reason for this. Adventism is as much a religious principle as it is a doctrine. It would be hard for us to separate our principle from our doctrine for they are two aspects of the same thing. Laws may restrict the church in the spread of its doctrine but they do not restrict us from living our principles. Even in countries where there is full freedom to preach it has been observed that most people are won to the church by contact with members whose lives reveal their principles.

A Bible text illustrates this best. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16. Has the community in which your church is located seen your good works and been led to glorify your Father? They have, if the Adventist principle permeates the life of your church.

—*Robert Darnell*

**Remember the Middle East Division  
13th Sabbath Offering September 28**

## ADVENTIST WORLD

SS MEMBERSHIP NEARS 2,000,000

Membership in Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath schools reached a total of 1,928,265 last year, a gain of 113,546 over the preceding year's figure. R. C. Barger, associate director of Adventist Sabbath school work, reports that the Far Eastern Division of the church had the greatest increase—14.9 per cent. The Middle East, where evangelism is exceptionally difficult, he said, reported a gain of 10.9 per cent. The Far Eastern and Southern African divisions led all others in ratio of Sabbath School members to baptized church members—190 per cent each.

### ADVENTIST NAVY GROWS

With nearly 40 vessels operating among the islands of the South Pacific and ten medical mission launches on the rivers of Brazil, the Seventh-day Adventists have entered yet another water field. Working out of Hong Kong is the *Hamilton Payne*, a clinic launch serving the thousands who live on sampans along the Hong Kong coast. The launch dispenses free soy milk to needy, undernourished children on the Chinese house-boats as well as medical aid and Christian literature. The program is carried on by students and staff of the Adventists' South China Union College.

### YOUNG PEOPLE COPY BIBLE

Some 300 Adventist young people in Minnesota have completed a hand-written copy of the New Testament as part of a state-wide Bible-emphasis program by the church's youth societies. Four thousand lined sheets of paper were used by the 28 societies in the state. The finished copy was exhibited at the Stevens Avenue church in Minneapolis.

### MOSCOW CHURCH CROWDED

The most crowded church in Moscow is that of the Seventh-day Adventists, according to Col. Paul H. Griffith, former American Under-secretary of Defense, who recently returned from a three-week visit to Russia. President of the Religious Heritage of America, Inc., Colonel Griffith said he tried to see as many religious institutions as possible in the Russian capital. He said that after a visit to the Baptist church, a Roman Catholic church, several Orthodox churches, and a Jewish synagogue he was taken to the Seventh-day Adventist church where a Saturday worship service was in progress. "The

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Elder Moseley speaks to baptismal candidates prior to their baptism at the Cairo Center church, June 8.

## Thirteen in First Baptism at Cairo; Elder Moseley Ends Seven-Week Series

Elder C. E. Moseley, field secretary of the General Conference, ended seven weeks of preaching at the Cairo Center church, June 8, with a baptism of 13 persons. Brother Angely Gayed, assistant pastor of the church assisted in the service.

The group baptized were part of 37 persons who requested membership in the Adventist church. The rest expect to be baptized after further preparation.

Following the baptism, members of the Heliopolis, Gabal el-Asfar, and Cairo churches gathered for a farewell social in honor of Elder Moseley. Elder Fakry Naguib directed the program which included talks by three of the persons who had become interested through the preaching of Elder Moseley. Gifts were presented him as a memory of his days in Egypt.

The series of meetings continues, led by Elder Hilal Dose, the section president. The interest continues to increase, he reports, and many new faces are seen in the church. He is assisted by several workers, including Angely Gayed, Samaan Fangary, Sabry Azar, Hilmy Berbawy, and Nassif Boutros, who are helping to follow-up the interest raised and instruct the candidates.

Elder Moseley gave a total of 36 lectures over a period of seven weeks covering the principal doctrines of the Bible. Many of his listeners reported themselves much benefited by the talks. Associated with him were ten workers from the Egypt section.

The lectures were divided into four

groups. Each group had a specific aim. The first part was to lead the listener to surrender to Christ, the second aimed at getting obedience to His law, the third stressed the reforms needed for a true spiritual life, and the fourth directed the listener into the fellowship of the church.

The series of sermons began April 21 and were preceded by two weeks of training for the ministers of the Egypt section in methods of conducting public meetings.

### Funeral Services Held For Hanna Henan

Bro. Hanna Henan Soliman passed away, June 23, after drowning in the Nile river near the Barrage. He was to have graduated the same week from the Nile Union academy, where he had been studying for three years. The funeral service was conducted by Elder Hilal Dose at the Cairo Center church, assisted by Bro. Nashed Yacoub.

Brother Hanna was born in 1945, in Tataliya, Upper Egypt, and was baptized in 1962. His friends loved him for his cheerful, bright disposition. He seemed to radiate the peace that passeth all understanding. "If I die tomorrow I will go to heaven, as I have made everything right with God," were some of his last words.

He leaves to mourn his father, Brother Henan Soliman, and his mother, both Adventists for 30 years and faithful members of the church, besides two younger brothers, four sisters, an uncle, aunt, several cousins, and many friends.

## Dr. Wagner Returns to U. S., Voted Appreciation

Having devoted nearly nine years of service to the Middle East Division, Doctor William Wagner left with his family the end of July for the White Memorial hospital where he will complete a residency and his board requirements in surgery.

Doctor Wagner came to the Middle East in September, 1954, and joined the division as medical director of the Dar es-Salaam hospital in Baghdad. In September, 1960, he became medical director of the Adventist hospital in Benghazi. Throughout the period of service he also served as division medical department secretary.

A special vote of appreciation to Doctor Wagner for his medical ministry here was voted and recorded by the division committee.

### Adventist World

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service was so crowded we could hardly make our way through the door," Colonel Griffith stated. "Four people had to get up to give seats to our group. All around us were young people—something we did not see in any other church in Russia." The colonel said he was depressed by the fact that only old people could be seen at most other services he attended in Russia.

### STUDENTS EARN SIX MILLION

Seventh-day Adventist colleges and secondary schools in the United States and Canada last year supplied \$6,333,000 worth of student labor, according to a survey made by the denomination's department of education.

### Here and There

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was awarded recently to Elders Nashed Yacoub and Fakry Naguib for the work of their welfare societies in Fayoum and Assuit. The Assuit welfare society was ranked first of the societies in that district. The ministry exhibited Leg 79,000 of clothes from the Adventist welfare societies at the government's Cairo sale.

Brother Fuad Guirguis, section publishing department secretary, reports that 90% of sales in the first six months were religious books compared with only 15% in 1962. The value of sales increased from Leg 491,495 to Leg 1,118,240 for the same period.



*Anees Haddad conducts the first investiture in eight years at Istanbul, May 18, assisted by Manuk Benzatian and L. C. Miller.*



*Elder Moseley honored with gifts at a farewell social, June 8, in Cairo.*



*This picture of the college missionary band is being printed all around the world to promote the Sept. 28 offering for the Middle East. The offering is for a center in Damascus.*

## Second MGLTC August 8-18

The second Master Guide Leaders Training Camp in the Middle East Division is to be held August 8-18 at the Beskinta camp ground with Elder L. A. Skinner, General Conference MV department secretary, as director. He will be assisted by a staff of choice youth leaders including Elder A. A. Haddad, Elder R. A. Wilcox, and Brother Salim Hasbani. Delegates from every section of the division are attending the camp.

Counselors for the camp include Elders Brauer, Russell, and Darnell for men and Misses Wentland and Williams for the women. Elder Skinner, Elder Darnell, Brother Leif Jensen, and Sister Izella Stuiwenga will join in the instruction program.

### Church Calander

#### SPECIAL DAYS

August	3	Pioneer Evangelism
August	10	Christian Education
September	7	Literature Evangelist Rally Day

#### SPECIAL OFFERINGS

August	3	Church Missionary
August	10	Section Worthy Student Fund
September	7	Colporteur Free Literature Fund

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