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DIVISION ENDS FIRST DECADE OF CAMPING

One Thousand Enroll in Vacation Bible Schools

By C. V. Brauer

The summer of 1963 saw vacation Bible schools being conducted in Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, and Turkey. Although all the reports are not in there were over one thousand boys and girls enrolled in the vacation Bible schools. This is double the figure for 1962. When you consider that less than twenty percent of this number came from Adventist homes you realize what an evangelistic opportunity has been ours this summer.

From Egypt Pastor Fakhry Naguib reports that ten vacation Bible schools were held with 505 children attending. He mentions the good help that Miss Izella Stuivenga gave in the vacation Bible schools where she taught and demonstrated to many workers the best methods of conducting such schools.

Farid Sammour prepared a most interesting report of the three vacation Bible schools held in Jordan. It seems that nearly every Adventist teacher in the Jordan Section had some part in the program. Miss Stuivenga helped in two of the vacation Bible schools there. Out of a total enrollment of 208, 167 were from non-Adventist homes.

The lack of a church or school did not prevent the Syria Section from having vacation Bible schools. More than 50 boys and girls came to Pastor Maurice Katrib's home in Damascus. In western Syria Pastor Zaki Hannawy conducted three vacation Bible schools in the fields under the trees and sky.



Elder L. A. Skinner celebrating ten years of camps in the Middle East.

Thirty-third Annual Campmeeting in Iran

The 33rd annual campmeeting of the Iran Section was held on the campus of the Iran Adventist Academy, August 22-31. At least twenty made their decision to unite with God's remnant church during the meetings which included nightly evangelistic lectures by Kenneth Harding, the Iran Section president.

C. V. Brauer, Middle East Division department secretary, held a Sabbath School workshop and conducted Training Light Bearers classes. Thirty-two training course certificates were issued. At a special commissioning service eight joined the ranks of the "120" in Iran. The Section now has 21 members in the "120" club.

Other meetings were led by the

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Highest commendation is due the Middle East Division committee and

By L. A. Skinner

MV secretary, Anees Haddad, for the emphasis on youth during the tenth anniversary of MV youth camps. The climax was reached when 60 workers from every section of the field completed ten days of intense training at Beskinta, August 8-18, 1963. Most of these men and women were Master Guides. Through worship, lecture, discussion, and demonstration the elements of successful youth leadership were made clear. In a peculiar and forceful way, child and youth evangelism must play a greater part in the advance of the church. The JMV society, the church school, the Pathfinder club, the Vacation Bible school, the IMV and senior MV camps will open doors of opportunity.

It is gratifying to see the start the Lebanon Section has made in securing a permanent youth camp site. This beautiful grove of young cedars has great possibilities and will prove advantageous in youth evangelism. Other sections in the division are being encouraged by the officers to seek for property which can be developed for this purpose. The advantages of a churchowned camp site are many and the investment wisely made will prove productive.

The Middle East college has been fostering a strong Master Guide program through the years. This must be strengthened and continued. Trained leadership is the essential element in better camps. Thorough preparation, staff unity and dedication, a program which provides diversity, challenge, and fellowship, together with a clear concept of the purpose and objectives of our camps will increase their effectiveness.

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Beskinta, Lebanon August 8 - 18



ATTENTION! The youth leaders practice military drill

| Director : | L. A. Skinner |
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| Associate : | Anees A. Haddad |
| Pastor : | W. E. Olson |
| Business Manager: | Salim Hasbani |
| Assistant : | Elias Jeha |
| Crafts Instructor: | Izella Stuivenga |
| Nurse : | Mrs. Sylvia Has- |
| | bani |
| Chef : | Mrs. Sella Naz- |
| | irian |
| Assistants : | Faiza Abu Jawdi; |
| | Jeanette Issa |
| Watchmen : | Ali Baajour, |
| | George Esber |
| Campers : | 60 = 34 men, |
| | 26 women |
| Group Leaders: | |
| MEN | WOMEN |
| R. C. Darnell | Ruby Williams |
| Manouq Nazirian | Violet Wentland |
| C. V. Brauer | Izella Stuivenga |
| Chafic Stour | |
| H. E. Robinson | |
| Behnam Arshat | |
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Sabbath — the best day at Camp

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Time to eat - Camp Cook-out







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The Conquest of Saneen

GREETINGS

We, the youth leaders assembled in the tenth camping anniversary Master Guide Leaders' Training Camp, salute our fellow youth leaders throughout the Middle East. We also salute the youth leaders who attended the first leaders' training camp ten years ago many of whom are scattered throughout the world. MGLTC-II was full of inspiration and challenge. We wish you were with us. We thought of you and prayed for you often. Now, with you, we pledge ourselves and talents to the great cause of youth. To spend and be spent in service for the lambs of the flock which Christ loved, is our rededication.

—Anees Haddad

Youth Leaders Testify of Dedication at MGLTC

Elder R. A. Wilcox concluded a strong appeal Friday night, August 16, by saying: "I thank God for those who have dedicated their lives to the leadership of youth. May this leaders' training camp be the beginning of a great revival throughout the division. Is it not time to renew our vows to be the youth leaders we ought to be?"

Some of many testimonies given in response:

- Behnam Arshat: "Like Peter I say, it has been good to be here. We have seen the Master in His glory."
- Fuad Nowfel: "I go from this camp with a new vision."
- Nasif Boutros: "I have attended many camps. This has been the very best camp ever since the first camp in 1953."
- L. C. Miller: "Our church in Istanbul is now full of young people. If all the budgets have to be cut off, may the MV budget remain."
- Leif Jensen: "Seldom have I felt closer to Jesus than in this camp."
- Jack Bohannon: "I have never seen a better fellowship anywhere than the fellowship among these workers of the Middle East. Never have I received more inspiration."
- Samir Shahin: "In the Hammana JMV camp I gave my first testimony of surrender. It was a turning point in my ministry for youth."
- L. A. Skinner: "It has been a great assurance to me to see this great dedication. The future is bright here. 'For their sake I dedicate myself anew' tonight."
- W. E. Olson: "I want to add my testimony to the effect this camp has had on me. This camp was most wonderful in fellowship. My great regret is that more SDA's were not with us. May the influence and spirit of this camp permeate all my ministry."
- C. V. Brauer: "I thank God for this privilege of being in this camp. I am encouraged by this camp to see what is done. I want to clasp hands with these leaders for a great youth revival in the Middle East."
- Naim Mashni: "I cannot forget the influence of MGLTC-I in 1953. As a result of its inspiration 13 young people were baptized that year in my school. At the close of MGLTC-II, I place my hands in God's that through me many youth may accept salvation."



| Director : | L. C. Miller |
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| Advisors : | L. A. Skinner, |
| | A. A. Haddad |
| Pastor : | Manouq Benzat- |
| | yan |
| Business Manager: | L. C. Miller |
| Doctor : | Sayram Nubar, |
| | M.D. |
| Crafts Instructors: | Anees A. Haddad, |
| | Anahid Benzat- |
| | yan |
| Chef: | Mustafa |
| Watchman : | Agop Toolgar |
| JMV Campers | 27 = 12 boys, |
| | 15 girls |
| Counselors : | |
| BOYS | |
| Manouq Benzatyan | |
| L. C. Miller | |
| GIRLS | |
| Anahid Benzatyan | |
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Flag Raising



Story and Song

TURKEY CAMP

Lake Abant July 18 - 28

Leaving Camp



EGYPT CAMP

Tenth Anniversary Story

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A highlight of the summer was the first camp in Turkey. Elder Curtis Miller and his associates had planned well and the evangelistic possibilities of a camp were forcefully demonstrated. Most of the campers did not come from S.D.A. homes but entered enthusiastically into every activity during the ten days. Reports indicate that this interest has carried over into the Sabbath School and JMV society in Istanbul. Surely the Lake Abant camp is just the beginning of a greater youth program in Turkey.

The camp in Egypt was held on the seashore near Hannoville. It is evident that the boys and girls of Cairo and surrounding areas really enjoy the camping experience. It was a pleasure to hear the campers repeat the morning watch text in Arabic each morning. A group of about 35 joined a Bible class and Pastor Nassif helped them to understand the meaning of church membership. Brother Hanna, the MV secretary, was camp director and on his staff were some ministers and teachers from the section. It is hoped that in the near future Egypt may have a church-owned camp site.

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Hannoville, Alexandria July 4 - 14





Camp at Order

Prayer and Sand



The Flag





In the Sea

The Carpet Chapel

| Director: | Hanna Malaka | |
|----------------------|----------------|--|
| Advisors : | L. A. Skinner, | |
| | A. A. Haddad | |
| Boys' Leader: | Habib Banna | |
| Girls' Leader : | Mrs. H. Malaka | |
| Pastor : | Nasif Boutros | |
| Business Manager: | Fakhry Najeeb | |
| Crafts : | 7 Instructors | |
| Nurse : | Mrs. Krugger | |
| Matron : | Mrs. Krugger | |
| Watchmen : | Hanna, Daniel, | |
| | Nashed | |
| JMV Campers | 63 = 35 boys, | |
| | 28 girls | |
| Counselors : | | |
| BOYS | | |
| Sami Bishai | | |
| Abadir Abdel Massih | | |
| Fahim Eskandar | | |
| Leon Elmagr | essy | |
| Nazeh Makar | | |
| Nathan Ratib | | |
| GIRLS | | |
| Mrs. Hilal Dose | | |
| Mrs. Lotfy Abu Assal | | |
| Miss Rebecca Saliba | | |
| Miss Suad Rizk | | |
| Miss Madlei | | |
| WISS WAUTCH | u ismai | |

Page Six

| Director: | Johnny Minassian | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Advisors : | L. A. Skinner, | |
| | A. A. Haddad | |
| Pastor : | R. C. Skinner | |
| Business Manager: M. H. Morovati | | |
| Nurse : | Mrs. R. C. Skinner | |
| Chef : | Rezah | |
| JMV Camp | ers $31 = 18$ boys | |
| | 13 girls | |
| Counselors: | | |
| GIRLS | | |
| Lotfy Abadir | | |
| Vigain Keshishzadeh David Melikian | | |
| BOYS | | |
| Anoosh Keshishzadeh | | |
| Min | a Abrahamian | |



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Pool Acrobats

IRAN CAMP Adventist Academy July 21 - 1



Camp Council

Friends





Tenth Anniversary Stor

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The camp in Iran was held on the beautiful campus of the Iran Adventist Academy. The grassy lawn, shade trees, and swimming pool helped to make the activities pleasant. Thirtyone junior youth enjoyed the campfires, the hikes, and the crafts. Basketry and glorified glass painting were taught. Brother Vigain, the MV secretary, chose this anniversary year to be married to Miss Mary, so camp leadership was placed in Brother Johnny's hands. Elder Robert Skinner led out in the spiritual activities.

Under the pine trees near Ajlun, the Jordan JMV's enjoyed their tenth anniversary camp. Elder Harry Robinson, MV secretary, directed the activities, assisted by a staff of seven. Here as in other camps Miss Izella Stuivenga, of Beirut, taught crafts. The old castle on the mountain top made an interesting goal for a hike. This camp also visited a near-by Baptist mission hospital. Reports are that many of the non-SDA campers are now attending the Amman school.

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GIRLS

Salwa Jamil Laila Haddad





One - Two - Three - Four

LEBANON - IRAQ CAMP

Beskinta, Lebanon August 22 - September 7

Pastor and Director

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| Three | |
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| Baptiz ed | |

| Director : | Manouq Nazirian |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Advisors : | L. A. Skinner, |
| | A. A. Haddad |
| Boys' Leader: | Samir Shahin |
| Girls' Leader : | Mrs. Rose Katrib |
| Pastor: | Chafic Srour |
| Business Manager: | Elias Jeha |
| Crafts Instructor: | Izella Stuivenga |
| Nurse : | Mrs. Kanariq |
| | Maksoudian |
| Chef : | Faiza Abu Jawdi |
| Assistants : | Jeanette Issa, Geo- |
| | rgette Estephan |
| Watchmen : | George Esber, |
| | Yacoub Greige |
| JMV Campers | 94 = 60 boys, |
| | 34 girls |
| From Iraq | 15 |
| Baptized | 3 |
| Counselors : | |
| BOYS | |
| Fuad Nowf | el |
| Issa Kharma | |
| Joseph Mansour | |
| Alfred Akar | |
| Raymond Kiraz | |
| Fawzi Deeb | |
| GIRLS | |
| Ellen Ghaza | al |
| Selma Toor | na |
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Samira Shahin Mary Jeha

Driouhi Karabedian

Tenth Anniversary Story

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The Lebanon camp at Beskinta was international in this anniversary year. A group of 15 JMV,s with their MV secretary Brother Fuad Nowfel, and Mrs. Selma arrived from Iraq after a long bus ride. Elder Manouk, MV secretary of Lebanon, directed the camp very efficiently. This was the largest camp in the Middle East this summer with more than 90 in attendance. Pastor Chafic Srour did an excellent job in fostering the spiritual interests of the campers and a baptism of three was held on the Sabbath. The Lebanese youth look forward to their own camp under the cedars in the near future.

It was a real inspiration for the writer to visit these camps this summer. Elder Anees Haddad has given excellent leadership to the camping program and many commendable features were observed. Two needs made themselves apparent. First better trained counselors, and more instructors in camping skills and crafts. Second a stronger nature program. Another goal to keep in view is to secure large enrollments while at the same time gradually raising fees with the ultimate goal of operating without section subsidy.

Prospects are bright for the future. Undoubtedly, the MV youth camp programs will make an ever increasing contribution to the church in winning, holding, and training the youth of the Middle East The division MV department is extremely grateful to all the executive committees throughout the Middle East for planning excellent summer camps and other activities to celebrate the Middle East Division Tenth Camping anniversary. We are also thankful to our faithful MV department secretaries who did a splendid job in conducting the summer training camps of 1963. Our gratitude is also extended to the stalwart group of counselors, instructors, and other staff members whose dedication resulted in a most successful camping program. Your reward will be eternal. God bless you all.

—Anees Haddad

Elder Nougaim Continues Service to Cause

Pastor Salim Nougaim has retired from active service in the Middle East Division for health reasons. But although his retirement was effective October 1, 1962, Pastor Nougaim has continued to work in the division office handling legal matters up until the present time.

Vacation Bible Schools

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Pastor Salim Majeed had 110 come to his VBS in Kirkuk, Iraq. Several older youth asked to come and Brother Salim used them as assistants and counselors. About 95% of the Kirkuk VBS students were non-Adventists.

Miss Anoosh Keshishzade led out in VBS work in Iran this summer. In Tabriz 123 children attended. Another large group went to the Tehran VBS.

In Turkey they learned in the summer of 1962 how the vacation Bible school builds the work and strengthens the church and consequently made strong plans for 1963. He began service as a teacher in Egypt, July 1, 1927. Then came a fouryear period of service as a teacher in Mosul, Iraq. In 1944 he returned to Beirut to serve as principal of the Beirut school. Since that time he has served as college Arabic teacher, a translator for the Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence school, and education department secretary for the East Mediterranean union. For a short while following this he served as the director of the Voice of Prophecy in Beirut and then was elected president of the Lebanon Mission.

A mere listing of the positions held by Pastor Nougaim, who is an ordained minister, does not give a complete picture of the importance of his contribution to the work in the Middle East. He has served, and in fact is still serving, as a valued counselor in the many problems that confront the work in this part of the world.

Syrian Adventists Meet

About one hundred and fifty persons gathered at the shore of the Mediterranean sea in Syria Friday evening, August 13, for the first general meeting of the Syrian believers in more than a decade.

Elder L. A. Skinner of the General Conference MV department gave a stirring message as part of an investiture service for forty young people. Elder Anees A. Haddad, division MV department secretary, joined in the service at which 77 pins were awarded in recognition for accomplishments in the various MV classes.

Syrian youth leader Gabriel Katrib describes the response: "The investiture service was the most joyful hour ever lived by our young people here for it was the first of its kind in their lives." The last investiture in Syria was ten years ago.

The group of Iraqi Youth who came to Lebanon for summer camp



SABBATH SCHOOL VISITOR'S DAY

October 12 is Sabbath School Visitor's Day. This is a day when the Sabbath School program and the church service is especially planned to appeal to non-Adventist visitors.

Have you ever longed for the joy of leading a soul to Christ? This is your opportunity! In nearly every church there are those who can testify that their first contact with this message was when they responded to an invitation to attend a Sabbath School service. Many have accepted Christ and embraced the truth as a result of first being invited by a friend to attend Sabbath School. Inviting visitors to Sabbath School is evangelism in practice.

What would happen if every member in the Adult, Junior and Primary Divisions brought just one visitor to Sabbath School on Visitor's Day? Our Sabbath schools would surely be filled to overflowing, but more than this, many of those visitors would so enjoy their visit that they would come regularly to Sabbath School.

One sister called on all the people on her street, inviting them to come as her guest on Visitors' Day. Everyone had an excuse why they could not accept her invitation. She went home disappointed. Then she remembered another home she had not visited. She immediately went over to this home. To her joy, the lady accepted her invitation. Today that lady with her husband and daughter are rejoicing in this truth as a direct result of Sabbath School Visitor's Day and this faithful member's preseverance. There are friends and neighbors waiting for you to invite them to attend your church. Visitor's Day is coming soon. Begin now to make up your list of those you intend to invite.

-C. V. Brauer

ADVENTIST-MUSLIM FRIENDSHIP

Seventh-day Adventists in the Middle East live in Muslim communities. Most of the officials of the governments are Muslims, but more important, most of the people are Muslims. We cannot ignore this.

Actually most Muslims know very little about Seventh-day Adventists. We have not cultivated sufficient contacts with them to make ourselves known. We must extend our daily lives beyond the minority groups and reach into the national community. Then we will be known.

We will also be appreciated. Not that every person we meet will become our friend, but a surprisingly large percentage of Muslims, when they come into contact with us, both appreciate and admire us. Because we have not adopted the apostate doctrines of the so-called Christian churches, because we have no political ambitions, and because we live a clean life, Muslims who know us are friendly toward us and consider us their friends.

The true spirit of Christ is the spirit of love for our neighbors. We believe that among the Christians the Muslim has no more sincere friend than the Adventist. Adventist-Muslim friendship will be a demonstrated fact when we enlarge the circle of our love and take the Muslim in. Until then we will continue to be an unknown, unappreciated minority.

-Robert Darnell

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Iran Camp meeting

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workers of the Iran Section, each of whom had speaking assignments. Jabbour Samaan, Middle East Division associate medical department secretary, gave short health talks preceding the evening sermons. Many made decisions to stop the use of tobacco, tea, and coffee as a result of these messages.

Various reports were given describing the progress of the work. M. H. Morovati, principal of the Iran Adventist Academy, told of the work at the school announcing that Lutfy Abadir will join the staff this year. K. S. Oster, pastor and Bible teacher at the Iran Adventist Academy gave a thrilling report of the baptisms from among the students.

H. K. Salakian mentioned that between 60-70 young people attended the MV service in Isfahan. Melcom Gasparian reported that 128 children attended the Vacation Bible School in Tabriz last summer. Miss Anoosh Keshishzade has been leading out in Vacation Bible School work.

R. C. Skinner reported on the possibility of the Iran Oil company donating a fine property for an S. D. A. church in Abadan.

Gaspar Manaserian told about the two efforts conducted by Hovik Sarrafiain in Rezayeh. J. S. Gabriel told of the plans for an effort in Arak this fall. Hovik Sarrafian will be assisted by John Minassian in this campaign.

Kenneth Harding reported that the old Teheran Armenian church was now completely demolished and a new church building would be going up soon. A substantial amount of the cost for the new church was being raised by members and interests in Tehran.

Hranoush Avedissian told of her work with the members and interests in Teheran.

-C. V. Brauer

Year-end Meetings

The year-end meeting of the Middle East Division committee is scheduled to begin November 18, 1963. At this meeting plans will be laid for the advancement of the Lord's work in the coming year. Also, funds will be appropriated to the various organizations of the division.

General Conference representatives who will be present for the meeting are R. S. Watts, General Vice President and A. Tarr, Associate Secretary.



Members of the 120-club invested at the Iran Campmeeting

FROM HERE AND THERE

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

Mrs. D. L. Chappel worked for a couple of weeks in the division with the division office secretaries, Misses Aneesi Mashni and Norma Zaiback, duplicating materials for the Interdivision Islamic Institute. She used the office which Mrs. Estephan had been using before her departure in August to America with her husband.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

RECENT VISITORS: Serpouhi Tavonkdjian, the author of the book, Exiled, autobiography of a young Armenian who passed through thrilling experiences in escaping from persecution in Turkey; Dr. E. G. McDowell, principal and business manager of Australian Missionary college, three days on his way to the United States; Elder J. B. Cook, educational secretary of the Southern African Division, on his way to London for refresher courses at London University; Dr. Comstock of California, on his way to the Heri Hospital health project in Tanganyika; Dr. R. K. Nelson, professor of history and sociology at Union College with thirtysix "students" under his care, making a world trip from east to west, for three days; and Dr. John T. Hamilton, associate professor of music at La Sierra college, with a group of seventeen, Thursday, July 25.

The terraces west of the Administra-

tion building which were formerly largely occupied by scrub are now producing plentifully tomatoes, corn, eggplant, sweet peppers, and runner beans. This is in succession to a fine crop of cucumber, squash, and strawberries. Congratulations and thanks to Ibrahim Hanna, our newly appointed assistant business manager, who has already moved into his office in the Administration building.

Henry Melki has accepted the invitation of the board to serve as Business Manager for the school year 1963-64. This means that his plans to study Arabic in order to strengthen the Arabic department have been postponed.

Mrs. McGhee has accepted the invitation to be acting head of the music department for the coming school year.

Miss Mary Nashed, graduate of 1963 with a B.A. in Business Administration, has accepted the call to work in the business office as accountant and secretary.

EGYPT

Daniel Dose, evangelist at Beni Swaf, reports the baptism of seven persons. William Gayed, section Home Missionary department secretary, officiated at the ceremony. The seven were converts of a lay sister whose steadfastness amid many difficulties and persecution was a witness to her neighbors.

Brother Angely Gayed will supervise a special educational project for the graduates of the academy and former students of -Midddle East College in Egypt. The students will live at Gabal al-Asfar and take lessons following the liberal arts curriculum. The instruction is to be based mostly on the correspondence lessons of the Home Study institute.

When Fouad Estaphanos met Fayka Basalous at Elder Moseley's meetings in the Cairo Center church, he already knew something 'about Adventists through his friend, Brother Kafrouni, and through the lectures of Elder O. K. Anderson which he attended in 1952. Bound together by their interest in the same truth, they were married the end of July. Continuing to attend the meetings, they determined to join the church and were baptized, August 31, with four other persons. This was the second baptism at the center.

Baptized at the same time was Abdel-Malik Abdel-Messih, 50-year old tailor from Shubra, Cairo. An active religious leader, Brother Abdel-Messih was a Protestant church elder in Zagazig, Lower Egypt, for ten years, and held the same office in a Cairo church at the time he was invited to attend Elder Hilal's meetings. He refused the invitation because of distorted ideas he had been taught about Adventists, but finally consented when his friend, Younan Michail, a teacher in a government school who had been attending the meetings regularly, convinced him that he should come and see for himself. He was impressed from the first meeting. Both he and Younan were baptized August 31.

Iran School Renamed

Students in the Adventist school at Shimran, Iran, this year are the first to attend the school under its new name, the Iran Adventist Academy. Operated for 16 years as the "Iran Training School," the name was changed by action of the board following the recognition of the school last spring by the ministry of education as a secondary school authorized to teach grades seven to twelve.

The Iran training school was operated under a permit for a junior vocational school. Vocational training will continue to be important in the school which now will offer a full secondary school program. Plans for expansion, according to Elder Kenneth Harding, chairman of the board, include new class rooms, a library, science laboratory, and dining room facilities. M. H. Morovati is the principal.





The ordination of L. C. Miller, August 10, in Istanbul Elders Beach, Wilcox and Fenn joined in the service



Happy children and their teachers attending the Vacation Bible school at Amman in July



The group of new Adventist believers baptized August 25 at the Cairo Center

Watts, Delegates Join Study Institute

Elder R. S. Watts, a general vice president of the General Conference, was joined by 19 delegates representing six of the world divisions, September 6-19, at Middle East college, for a special study institute on Islam. The institute was prepared by Robert Darnell, director of religious research for the Middle East division.

Among the chief lecturers at the institute were the Indonesia scholar, Rafai Burhanuddin; an exponent of religious thought among Pakistanis, A. M. Akbar; and a respected North African orientalist, Esaie Pellicer. A total of thirty papers were presented including subjects on the Quran, the Hadeeth, and Islamic history as well as practical topics such as education, literature, and medicine.

Church Calendar

| | SPE | CIAL DAYS |
|---------|-------|--------------------|
| October | 5 | Neighborhood Evan. |
| | | gelism |
| October | 5-12 | Health Course Cam- |
| | | paign |
| October | 12 | Sabbath School |
| | | Visitors' Day |
| October | 19 | MV Pathfinder Day |
| October | 26 | Temperance Day |
| Nov. | 2 | Witnessing Laymen |
| Nov. | 9-16 | Week of Prayer |
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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

| October | 5 | Church Missionary |
|---------|------------|-------------------|
| October | 12 | Voice of Prophecy |
| October | 2 6 | Temperance |
| Nov. | 2 | Church Missionary |
| Nov. | 16 | Week of Sacrifice |

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