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Help Policies For M. E. Students Voted at Mid-Year

Middle East youth interested in education received major consideration at the mid-year meetings of the Middle East Division committee, March 24 to 27, in Beirut.

In three separate actions the committee voted programs designed to improve educational standards and opportunities for the Middle Eastern student. By one action a policy was adopted to provide loans to medical students. Another vote established a ministerial scholarship plan, and the third action approved a plan to affiliate Middle East College with an American university.

Under the policy adopted to grant loans to medical students, a student of medicine or dentistry who is a church member in good standing, has acceptance in a recognized school, and gives assurance of practicing his profession

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ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS DAILY SEE FILMS DURING TURKEY TOUR

Spirit of Prophecy Day

Spirit of Prophecy day, appointed on the church calendar of the Middle East Division for Sabbath, June 20, according to the division ministerial association newsletter, is a good time to emphasize the importance of the book *Desire of Ages* now being made available in the Arabic language for the first time and to urge its reading in connection with the Bible. *Desire of Ages* has been designated by action of the division committee as book of the year for the Arabic-speaking churches.

A special message by Elder Theodore Carich for use during the Sabbath worship service is being circulated by the Spirit of Prophecy committee of the General Conference in Washington to explain why the church today needs this spiritual gift. Pastors and church leaders are urged to include this day in their church plans.

One thousand students a day saw the film, "One in 20,000" and "Verdict at 1:32" during a ten-day tour of the Izmir area, April 5-15, by L. C. Miller and Manouk Benzatyan. At the end more than 10,000 had viewed the films in seven towns.

On a second tour in progress at the time of this writing (April 29), this time to central and eastern Turkey, the thousand-viewers-a-day rate continues. The response from civic leaders, educators, and students, Elder Miller reports, is "tremendous and enthusiastic."

In order to show films all over the country, he says, it is possible to stay only a day or so in each place. Thus at each departure from a village local officials and teachers plea, "You have only shown the films to half the students. You must stay another day."

Film showings usually begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 10:00 p.m., sometimes several times in one school. Other times the equipment is hurriedly packed and rushed by car, horse and buggy, or hand to the next school. The distances between towns sometimes requires rising at 3:30 a.m. in order to be on time at the first school of the day.

In one large town, the governor and local mayor saw the film and extended a permanent invitation to show films in all the schools. The governor himself arranged for a showing to 1500 at the largest cinema.

The commander of an army garrison near Monisa, attending a showing in that city, requested that we show the films the next day to the 7,500 men under his command. Prior commitments



L. C. Miller and Manouk Benzatyan address students at Odemish, Turkey.

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College Announces Courses Chosen For 1964 Summer School Session

By Elder G. Arthur Keough

Middle East College will conduct a summer school June 29 to August 7, 1964. Courses offered are so chosen that teachers who cannot come to the college during the school year can follow a course of study leading to a first degree. In this way the benefits of a college education can reach a greater number of young people in the Middle East.

It is very difficult to forecast how many students will be able to attend the summer session, but a glance at attendance last summer may be of interest: There were thirty three regular students with Lebanon sending the largest delegation—16. Iraq came next with ten delegates, and seven came from Syria, Jordan, Iran, and Egypt. Thirty two out of the thirty three were members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church or came from Adventist homes. Twenty seven were regularly employed workers.

It is estimated that this summer there will be an even greater enrollment. Everyone recognizes these days the importance of an education, and teachers especially must be qualified for their tasks. It is gratifying to note that many workers are willing to forego

Jordan Section Calls New Workers

Two veteran workers and two students graduating from Middle East College are slated to join the worker force of the Jordan section this summer according to the section president, Harry Robinson.

The two veteran workers are Michael and Rose Katrib of the Beirut Voice of Prophecy school and Beirut Arabic school at Museitbeh. Beginning August 1, Brother Michael will be director of the 6,000-student correspondence school in Amman and his wife will join the Amman school staff as head mistress.

The students are Faiz and Kameel Haddad, cousins from Amman. Faiz, graduating at the head of his class with majors in education and history, will head the social studies department of the Amman secondary school. Kameel, a theology course graduate, will join Chafic Srour for evangelistic efforts in Amman and El Husn.

some of their holiday privileges in order to secure a higher education.

Students who began a nine hour course and took six hours last summer will be able to complete their course. This applies to Freshman English and Freshman Arabic and Middle East History. New courses offered this summer are: Principles of Education, Educational Evaluation, Survey of Science, and Music for Elementary Schools. There will also be classes in preparatory English for those who cannot pass the English Entrance test at Middle East College, and some subjects on the secondary level.

Section presidents have been informed of summer session dates and offerings. Workers and others who would like to attend are urged to see their employing organizations and make application as soon as possible.

Vincent Hill Activities Work and Fun; Ronnalee Reports From India

Seven young people from Middle East Division missionary families are among the 102 students at Vincent Hill school, high in the Himalaya, near Mussoorie, 150 miles north of Delhi, India.

Ronnalee Olson, daughter of Wayne Olson, division ministerial association secretary, reports on their activities:

"School and studies including term papers, fifteen minutes of physical education each day, band and choir really keep us busy."

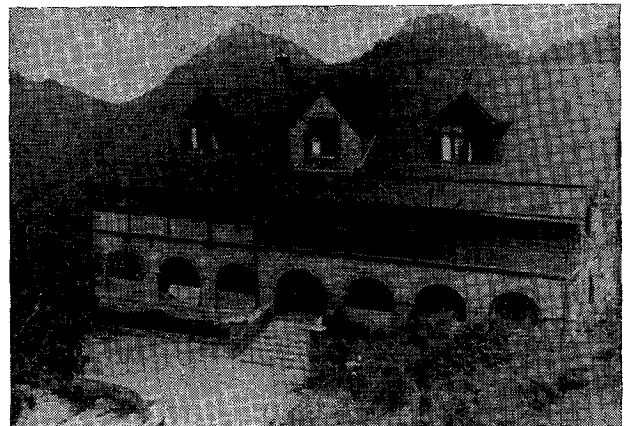
The 32-member band, reputed to be one of the finest academy bands among Adventists, has given concerts in Poona, Delhi, Roorkee, Dehra Doon and Mussoorie. Its director is D. H. Skau. The choir leader is Edith Willis from Australia.

"Our school is a beehive of clubs," writes Ronnalee. These are active in providing Saturday night entertainment. Students are required to work in one of the industries or departments of the school.

Pan-Islamic Congress Meets

Delegates from some 70 countries met under the sponsorship of the Higher Council of Islamic Studies for the First Pan-Islamic Congress held during March and April at the 1,000-year-old Al-Azhar University in Cairo. It was pointed out during the congress that Islam is the world's largest organized non-Christian religion numbering between 500 and 750 million persons. Roughly every fifth person in the world is a Muslim. In Africa 100 million out of total population of 250 million are Muslims; 60 million are Christian.

One of the primary aims of the congress was to cope with the pressing need for bringing Islam into harmony with modern conditions of life, congress officials said. The agenda included such topics as birth control, socialism, the relationship of various political systems to Islamic laws, and a supreme controlling body for Islam.



—Boys' Dormitory at Vincent Hill

Spiritual activities are also joined by the students who teach Sabbath school classes and fill other church offices.

Not everything is study. Ronnalee tells of a ten-day "hike" or holiday from studies, during which some students went to the division youth congress at Poona. Others studied nature at a forest reserve or visited sights at Hardwar and swam in the Ganges. "We all have fun," she says, "and are like one big family."

Other Middle-easterners at Vincent Hill are William McGhee, Mary Morris, David Olson, Donald and Ellowyn Oster and Malcolm Russell.

How The Benghazi Adventist Hospital Staff Cares For a

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- 1. Professional Help
- Then*
- 2. Quick Attention
- And*
- 3. Expert Treatment
- Finally*
- 4. Bedside Vigil

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Student Colporteurs Honored, Trained

Elder W. R. Leshar, division education department secretary, presented colporteur merit awards to thirty-two students during the chapel period at Middle East College on April 29. The awards were given to those who earned whole or partial scholarships while canvassing last summer.

Earlier in the month, Elder Hilal Dose and Fuad Guirguis, president and publishing secretary respectively of the Egypt Section, presented merit awards at Nile Union Academy.

Led by D. L. Chappell, division publishing secretary, the 1964 student colporteur training institute was held at Middle East College May 10-13. Participating in the training program were the college president, G. A. Keough; George Khoury and George Yared, president and treasurer respectively of the Lebanon Section; R. E. Anderson, the Middle East Press manager; Maurice Katrib, Syria Section president; and Jabbour Samaan, associate secretary of the division medical department.

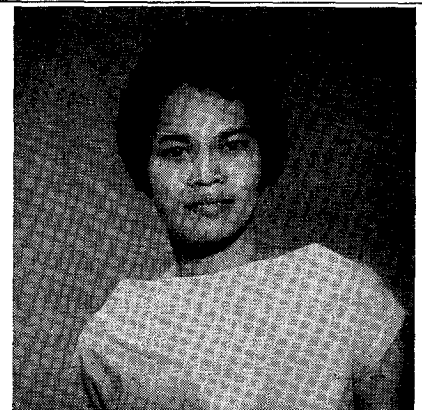
Chappell and Kenneth Oster, publishing secretary of the Iran section, conducted a similar institute at the Iran Adventist Academy May 17-20. The institute at the Nile Union Academy will be held June 22-24.

The institute program includes lessons on the technique of selling the recently published books, *Desire of Ages*, in Arabic and *Your Way to*

Aiming higher than the \$19,333.30 in literature delivered last summer, Elder Chappell has announced his current slogan: "Let's do far more in '64."



Miss Ellen Melki, from Beirut, new Benghazi Hospital receptionist.



Miss Alice Medina, from Manilla, joins the hospital as pharmacist.

FROM HERE AND THERE

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

Elder R. A. Wilcox, the division president, left Beirut port, April 2, for a short furlough in the United States. Enroute, he stopped in Germany to survey purchases of medical equipment for the Adventist Hospital in Benghazi. While in America he will attend the Autumn Council of the General Conference.

Elder Wayne E. Olson and family leave early in July for America on permanent return after 17 years in the Middle East. A special vote of appreciation was recorded by the division committee for the Olsons' dedicated service during this long period. He will join the staff of the Campion Academy in Loveland, Colorado, where his children will study.

The division regretfully announced that the W. R. Leshar family have had to break their term to take a permanent return to the United States in order to

provide care for their daughter Eileen during her illness. He has served since July, 1962, as division secretary.

Robert Darnell and family left May 17 for a short furlough in the United States, where he will take graduate work at the University of Michigan. He has been appointed division secretary to replace Elder Leshar.

The radio department has released bulletin number one, the first such periodical known to be issued from this department in the division. Elder C. V. Brauer, is radio department secretary.

Nellie Haddad, wife of the division young people's department leader, is reported making continued progress after her heart surgery. She is expected home again about the end of June.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS

W. H. McGhee, the press editor, is making excellent recovery at the Hamlin Sanatorium in Lebanon. He has already resumed some of his editorial work from his hospital bed.

All About the Baby is to be revised in Arabic, renamed, and republished. Brother Jabbour Semaan will do the revision.

Boutros Ghazal, the press treasurer, has been named by the board as director responsible to the Lebanese government for the Middle East Press.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

Elder and Mrs. J. S. Russell of the faculty plan a short furlough with their family to the United States beginning the close of the school year. About the same time, Jad Katrib and his family



Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nolin and Jerry. Coming from a similar position at Laurelwood Academy, Brother Nolin is maintenance supervisor at Benghazi.

plan to leave for a year of study under the advanced training policy.

Elder K. S. Vine, his wife, and two children, are expected to rejoin the college family September 15. He will head the religion department.

Elder J. Bohannon, of Shiraz, Iran, conducted the spring week of prayer, April 10-18, at Middle East College, using the theme, "Christ-directed youth." "Youth need to be directed by Christ," he said, "and youth is the time when Christ's direction is needed."

EGYPT

Thirty-six have been baptized during the last quarter as follows: Cairo Center (Hilal Dose and Angely Gayed) 8, Heliopolis (William Gayed and Sabry Azar) 3, Sohag district (Abadeer Abdel-Messih) 5, Assiut district (Fakhry Naguib) 16, and Alexandria (Fikry Michael) 4.

The Adventist intermediate school at Zeitoun was licensed April 12, 1964, by the ministry of education.

Examinations scheduled for Sabbath, May 23, in other schools of the educational zone, have been providentially set for June 1 at the Zeitoun school after representations of the Adventist position were made by Shafic Ghali and Hanna Malaka.

C. V. Brauer conducted the spring week of prayer, April 24 to May 2, at the Nile Union Academy.

TURKEY

Miss Hermine Gomig, director of the church's health services in Istanbul, was married, April 19, to Hrant Tullgar, in a ceremony at the Istanbul

We extend condolences to Manouk and Anahidd Benzatyan for the loss of their daughter Brenda in an accidental drowning May 4. Funeral services were conducted in Istanbul by L. C. Miller.

S.D.A. church officiated by L. C. Miller.

Istanbul Pathfinders are making flags and uniforms and preparing for investiture. Warmer weather will bring classes in archery, swimming and campcraft.

Plans were laid at the mid-year meeting of the Middle East Division committee to open correspondence school work in Turkey. It is hoped to offer health lessons.

LEBANON

A Lebanon section request for 100 bales of clothing for welfare distribution has been passed on by the responsible committees to the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services in America.

JORDAN

Ziki Hannawi, of Syria, conducted the spring week of prayer for the Amman school and church, April 5-12, organizing a baptismal class of 13 at the close. The class meets weekly during the Sabbath school hour.

A new youth auditorium for recreational and school activities which will seat 250 persons nears completion in Amman. The second floor of the present school building, the new construction includes ample stage, projection room, library, toilets, and storage area.

Temperance Tour

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forced a denial of the request, but he was promised a showing in June.

This is the first showing of "Verdict at 1:32" in Turkish. "One in 20,000" has been supplied with Turkish sound for four years. Elder Miller plans to have put into Turkish as rapidly as possible, three other films just recently acquired. The Section's new Bell and Howell projector permits use of an optical track in English and a magnetic track in Turkish.

Commenting on the favorable response to this type of education, Elder Miller says, "Time after time, after presenting our temperance message, we are asked about our other beliefs. Listeners exclaim in amazement, 'We did not know there was any group of people who believed such things.' At times we have been introduced as 'A group closest to Islam.'"

The major problem, he points out, is to find time and workers to take the "Gospel of good health" to the masses of Turkey.

IRAN

The Teheran school and the Iran Adventist Academy have been selected to receive the 1965 second-quarter thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering appointed to the Middle East Division.

Acting on behalf of the educational board of regents, the Middle East Division committee has authorized the Iran Adventist Academy to offer full secondary work and grant diplomas for the same. The school is licensed as a full secondary school by the Iranian education ministry.

LIBYA

Recent comings and goings include the return of Miss Odette Semaan to the nursing staff from Beirut and Miss Rae Anna Brown from a course in nurse-anesthesia in America, and the departure of the Hulse family, February 7, the Spady family, February 28, and later Doctor Jancyk. Both Brother Hulse, who had been business manager, and Brother Spady, laboratory supervisor, go on permanent return. Miss Voth, director of nurses, and Miss Tobiassen operating room

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New youth auditorium at Amman School.

The Book God Wants in Every Home

"My whole theme," wrote Ellen White from Australia in 1895, "both in the pulpit and in private, by voice and pen, is the life of Christ." (Letter 41, 1895)

Little wonder then that *The Desire of Ages*, depicting the life of our Lord, is the literary masterpiece of the E. G. White books. It was in 1898 that *The Desire of Ages* first came from the presses. Since then hundreds of thousands of copies, in a dozen languages, have found their way into homes around the world.

Our story of the book begins with the most important of the many visions given to the messenger of the Lord. Ellen G. White, then thirty years old was speaking at the crowded Lovett's Grove schoolhouse in Ohio. She paused, and as the people looked up to catch the next words, she exclaimed, "Glory to God!" three times—she was in vision. For two hours they watched, then Ellen White began to breath again.

There had been revealed to her in that two-hour vision a dramatic presentation of the great conflict between Christ and Satan, with emphasis on the ministry and death of Christ and the closing scenes of earth's history. Six months later the account of what had been shown to Ellen White in that vision was published in *Spiritual Gifts*, volume one, a little volume of 219 pages.

As other visions opened more fully the events of the great conflict, Ellen White presented in greater detail the full conflict story, first in four volumes known as *The Spirit of Prophecy*, and then still more fully in the five-volume "Conflict of the Ages" series, centering upon Christ in *Desire of Ages*, written in Australia during the years 1892 to 1898.

While preparing the book, she wrote to Elder O. A. Olsen, then president of the General Conference:

"I walk with trembling before God, . . . I tremble for fear lest I shall belittle the great plan of salvation by cheap words. I bow my soul in awe and reverence before God, and say, 'Who is sufficient for these things?'" (Letter 40, 1892)

It is well known that some of the world's masterpieces have been fashioned on the anvil of pain. Soon after Mrs. White reached Australia she began to suffer with inflammatory rheumatism, and for eleven months was in constant pain. Some of the choicest passages in *The Desire of Ages* came from her pen when she was confined to her bed or to her writing chair, fitted with an adjustable rest for her pain-racked arm.

It is but natural that Ellen White hoped for a wide distribution of the book that presented so beautifully her favorite theme: "If our brethren and sisters would heed the light that is given in *Desire of Ages* marked changes would be made in their religious experience. There would be a better understanding of God's purpose for His church." (Letter 62, 1911)

But it was not for the church alone that the book was prepared. She wrote: "God would be pleased to see *The Desire of Ages* in every home. In this book is contained the light He has given upon His word." (*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 127)

—Arthur L. White

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ADVENTIST WORLD

MEMBERSHIP PASSES 1,400,000

Baptized, adult membership in the Seventh-day Adventist church now stands at 1,428,352, it was announced at the spring meeting of the General Conference executive committee. The fastest growth was recorded in South and Inter-America. The largest division outside of North America is the Trans-Africa division, formerly the Southern African Division.

WORLD'S FAIR EXHIBIT

Religious pavilions at the New York's World's Fair have attracted many visitors. Among the most popular is the famous statue by Michelangelo, the "Pieta," being exhibited at the Vatican pavilion. At the Protestant-Orthodox center, the largest crowds are being attracted to the Seventh-day Adventist exhibit, a dramatic presentation of the second coming of Jesus in Illumi-drama. Other religious pavilions are the Billy Graham pavilion and the Mormon pavilion.

PRAYER BY TELEPHONE

"Dial-a-prayer" sponsored by Seventh-day Adventists in large cities in America, England, Australia and New Zealand has proved a popular source of inspiration. Interested persons dial the correct number and hear a brief message and prayer over the telephone. During two months of operation in California more than 30,000 persons called. Operating for four months in England, the program received 100,000 calls, and in New Zealand and Australia similar services have received well over a million calls on 24 lines.

WELFARE DEPOT BURNS

An appeal has been made to Adventist churches throughout North America to help replace the 1,800 bales of clothing lost in a warehouse fire in California. The clothing was ready for shipment to needy areas. Origin of the fire is unknown.

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Two Navajo youngsters find joy in books at the Navajo Mission School. Hundreds more might attend the school if funds were available.

American Indian Population Increasing; Growing Mission Program Demands Help

An interesting development within the Seventh-day Adventist Church at present is the long-awaited recognition of the needs of the Indian people of North America. In 1940 Elder L. M. Halswick, secretary of the bureau of home missions of the General Conference, wrote that there were on this continent, (without Mexico) approximately 350,000 Indian people representing a variety of tribes. Today the number is double that of 1940 and still on the increase. As one anthropologist wrote recently:

"It may come as a surprise that there are about as many Indians in the United States today as there were when Columbus discovered America . . . In the 20th century, their numbers have been steadily and rapidly increasing. Between 1930 and 1960 the American Indian population excluding Alaska—rose from 332,397, to 508,665, an increase of approximately 50%, roughly the same as the increase of the nation as a whole."—*Chicago Sun-Times*, June 11, 1961.

United States Interior Minister, Stewart L. Udall, said of the American Indians, "Our Indian reservations, our Indian people, are an undeveloped area." ACNS Press Release, May, 1961.

The Indian population of Canada has also been on the increase according to the following news dispatch:

"Canada's Indian population at the time of the first European settlements was about 200,000. After a 300-year decline the population began climbing in the 1900's and is now about 190,000."

Combining the Indian populations of the U.S. and Canada makes a grand total of approximately 700,000.

Who are the Indians? How shall they be considered? As one race or group? Dr. Sol Tax, Chicago University department of Anthropology, stated in a talk to some 700 Indian representatives of 80 tribal groups, that:

"Few people of the world proportionate to their numbers, present so bewildering a variety of aspects. There are city Indians and country Indians, hills Indians and plains Indians, forest Indians, coastal Indians. There are Indians in government, in the professions, in industry, in agriculture. There are Indian medical doctors and Indian medicine men. There are Indians who look, live, believe and speak like white men, as well as those both on and off the reservations who look and live like Indians. . . .

"Nobody is 'just an Indian.' He is, first of all, a Tuscarora, or an Apache, or a Menomini, or a Klamath, or a member of some other tribe with its particular history and traditions."

The gospel of the kingdom is to go to all nations, kindreds, tongues and people. Christ loves human beings as people. He does not rate them according to race, color, language or environment. It is our business to bring the gospel of Christ to these Indian tribes of North America.

"All are one in Christ. Birth, station, nationality, or color cannot elevate or degrade men. The character makes the man. If a red man (American In-

dian), a Chinese, or an African gives his heart to God, in obedience and faith, Jesus loves him none the less for his color. He calls him His well-beloved brother." *Selected Messages*, II, page 343.

Let us every man help his brother, the Indians of North America, this Thirteenth Sabbath, with a good overflow offering.

—Wesley Amundsen, secretary

Student Help Policies

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in the Middle East may be granted a loan for tuition and fees. The loan is to be amortized at the rate of one thousand dollars for every year of subsequent denominational employ within the division.

The second policy grants upper division ministerial students at Middle East College who meet the requirements scholarships amounting to 1,250 Lebanese pounds plus their summer expenses for participation in approved summer evangelistic campaigns. This policy is expected to enable some students to finish their ministerial training more quickly and to provide field experience before graduation.

The affiliation plan for Middle East College is one of a group of proposals to provide the highest standards of education on the local campus. University affiliation is required by the government of Lebanon for schools granting a bachelor's degree. The affiliation will bring to the campus outstanding professors whose services otherwise could not be obtained.

These programs are added to the earlier adopted policies granting educational assistance for students returning to their homeland for work in this division and providing advance education abroad for current denominational workers.

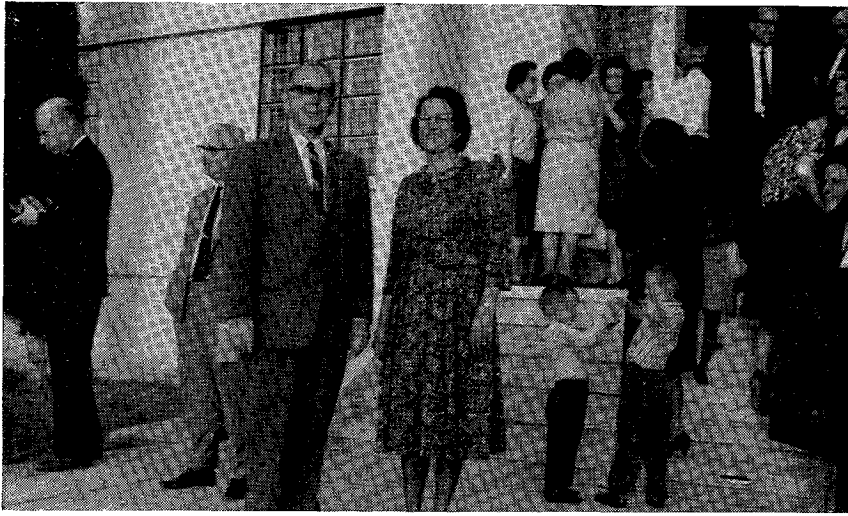
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supervisor, left on furlough for studies in America.

Officers of a nurses' guild organized February 27, are Lucila Deles, president; Laura Dennis, vice-president; Nenita Sumalnap, secretary-treasurer; and Rae Anna Brown, press relations secretary.

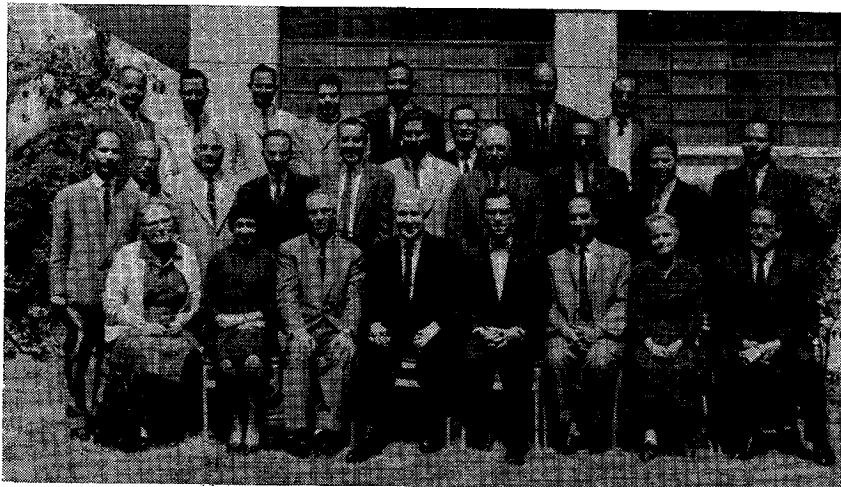
Mis Rebecca Guclitar has been appointed acting director of nurses during the absence of Miss Voth. She has organized plans for an intraining service program.



Elder and Mrs. R. A. Wilcox stand with members of the division office staff and their families, gathered April 2 at the division to wish them a safe journey to America and pleasant furlough.



Children at Mataria gather around Elder J. V. Scully during his visit to Egypt to observe his fascinating demonstrations.



Egyptian workers with Elders J. V. Scully and A. A. Haddad in attendance at the Institute on Temperance Education at Heliopolis, April 28 to May 4.

Missionary Aids Published

New soulwinning helps available to ministers and laymen are the "Bible Marking Plan" and the "Rule for Real Living." The Bible Marking Plan is a set of twenty lessons used to show a person the major Bible doctrines in his own Bible. The Middle East Press is printing these now. They will be packaged into sets of 50 copies of each lesson. The Rule for Real Living is a slide rule which shows for instant reference ten key texts for any one of thirty different Bible studies.

Magazine Price Changed

The *Call to Health* magazine announces a new price structure effective July 1, according to Robert E. Anderson, Middle East Press manager, which offers incentives to long-term subscribers. A three-year subscription will cost LL 15.00 as contrasted to LL 11.00 for two years, or six pounds for a single year. An additional charge of LL .25 is made for postage outside of the division territory.

Church Calendar

SPECIAL DAYS

June	20	Spirit of Prophecy Day
June	27	13th Sabbath
July	4	Medical Missionary Day
July	11	Midsummer Missions Service

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

June	6	Church Missionary
June	27	North American Indian
July	4	Church Missionary
July	11	Midsummer Missions Offering

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