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Public Program Begun At Teheran Church

DOCTOR VINE APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

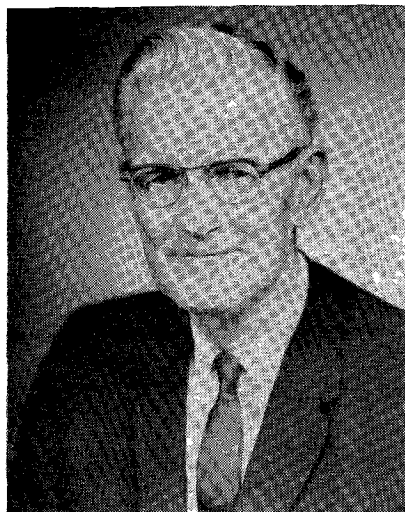
Elder Jack Bohannon, pastor of the Teheran Farsi church, announced plans recently to begin a program of public activities this summer which will convert the church into an evangelistic center. A reading room and library is to be opened, public meetings held at least one night weekly, social activities prepared for youth, and classes in English language offered.

The reading room is to be stocked with English and Farsi books and free literature made available. It is planned that students may do the Voice of Prophecy lessons there as well as personal study. A librarian will be present daily to assist those who come in and Elder Bohannon's office is nearby for those who desire special counsel or instruction. A reading room has been operated at the same place with good success by earlier workers.

At least one public meeting a week will be a religious talk. Special revivals and efforts will be planned periodically. Other public meetings planned include music programs, health lectures, guest speakers, and special meetings such as the five-day plan to stop smoking. There will be showings of films, especially on temperance, and perhaps the "It is Written" series.

Classes in English have already been begun and have been popular. Youth activities will at first center around a weekly Sabbath vesper meeting followed by evening social programs. The usual Sabbath morning services will be promoted and made as attractive as possible to visitors.

Changes in the building to make a more attractive entrance are underway and the auditorium is to be refurbished to make it more acceptable for public meetings. Equipment for public address, record playing, and film projection is being obtained.



Elder E. L. Minchin, a Field Secretary of the General Conference.

Elder Minchin Tours Division

He did not bring a revival in his suitcase, he said.

For more than thirty years an outstanding youth leader and revivalist, Elder E. L. Minchin, now a field secretary of the General Conference, emphasized during a two-month tour of the Middle East Division that revivals are "prayed down" not "worked up." His meetings were accompanied by much prayer and hundreds in response to the preaching found a deeper experience.

Elder Minchin arrived in the Middle East Division, April 16, at Istanbul. He held revival crusades in Istanbul, Baghdad, Teheran, Beirut, and Cairo until his departure, June 20. He also led the week of prayer at Middle East College April 23 to May 1 and gave counsel at

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Dr. Kenneth L. Vine, chairman of the department of religion and Biblical languages at Middle East College, was elected March 22 by the board of trustees to succeed Elder G. Arthur Keough as president of the college. Elder Keough had earlier announced plans to leave Beirut at the close of the 1964-65 school year.

Doctor Vine was also named dean of academic studies, a post he formerly held 1957-1960. He will assume the new duties July 1.

The new president, who will take office at the same time the affiliation agreement with Loma Linda University becomes effective, will preside over the program of expansion and increased efficiency which has been begun during the past few months. Doctor Vine brings to the position not only experience and training in education administration, but a strong interest in the religious and spiritual preparation of workers, and an understanding of the interests and needs of the Mid-eastern student.

He has training in several fields. His doctorate was earned at the University of Michigan in the field of Near Eastern studies. He combines training in the languages and history of the ancient Near East with experience in the life and thought of the modern Near East to bring to Middle East College an emphasis on training related to its geographical environment and historical heritage.

A minister, Doctor Vine was ordained in 1952 while serving in the Greater New York Conference. He holds an M. A. from the Adventist Theological Seminary and a diploma in theology from Newbold College. He states a strong love of the ministry and ranks the

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Youth in Iran Granted Special Sabbath-keeping Privileges

A series of providences in recent weeks has provided Iran youth with special Sabbath-keeping privileges.

Graduates of the Iran Adventist Academy have taken their state examinations. It was the first year the Iran academy had a twelfth grade graduating class and also the first year the government of Iran scheduled the country-wide examinations for days other than the Sabbath.

Among those who took the examination was Aramais Vartan, only two years a member of the church. After his baptism Sabbath problems at home and school obliged him to leave his family at Rezayeh and attend a Jewish school in Teheran. A year ago, his state examination fell as usual on Sabbath, so he could not take it. The exams were repeated again in the fall, but

once more on the Sabbath. A last-minute change in regulations opened up the possibility of his taking a comprehensive examination for non-students, but he was not sufficiently prepared. The providence of this year opened the way for Aramais to take the examinations he was willing to sacrifice in order to keep the Sabbath.

Three Seventh-day Adventists in the armed forces have also been keeping the Sabbath. Special orders were issued for two of them, and the third was transferred to a medical service after having been imprisoned and tried.



Aramais Vartan, waited a year for his examination.

College Choir Visits Jordan

The choir of Middle East College with a group of faculty members and others from the music department visited Jordan May 6-9 for a series of programs in the churches of the Jordan Section.

Each member of the visiting team participated in the performances and meetings. Friday evening a program of sacred music was given by the choir at the Amman Girls' School auditorium. The program included instrumental presentations. Sabbath morning the visitors divided into four groups. Each group went to one of the four churches in the Section, providing special music and promoting interest in Christian education and Middle East College.

The major program of this special visit to Jordan was presented Saturday night, when the entire group gave a well-received performance of secular music in Amman to a capacity audience of church members and friends in the Girls' School auditorium.

The impressions made by the dedication and talent of this fine visiting team will long be remembered here in Jordan. Respect and admiration for the work of Middle East College in the lives of the young people were expressed by many Jordanians, who before this visit had known little more than the name of this fine Christian institution serving the Middle East.

—H. E. Robinson

Minchin Tour

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the division committee mid-year meetings June 7 and 8. Elder A. A. Haddad accompanied him through the division assisting in the revival meetings.

The spirit of prayer permeated Elder Minchin's appeal. Workers and others were invited to prayer meetings held as a characteristic feature of the revival program a half hour before the main meeting. After-meetings again stressed prayer as the solution to one's problems. Those who sought help in the personal ministry of Elder Minchin were led to seek the answer to their needs through prayer.

Special appeals throughout each series of meetings were addressed to the youth. The call was consistently for a heart religion. At the Middle East College week of prayer many youth responded to the invitation of a career as soulwinners, an invitation repeated to the youth as they dedicated themselves at meetings throughout the field.

Elder Minchin met with worker groups during the day and appealed for rededication. Reconciliations were effected and new spiritual goals established. The workers were especially impressed with the ministry of love. Commented Elder Haddad, who witnessed the worker response, "We believe there will be more passionate calls to the altar. There will be more daily personal seeking after the Lord."



Miss Soper, head of the Middle East College music department, directs the choir at Amman during the Jordan tour.

IRAN SECTION WORKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

SIX NATIONALITIES. (*Upper left*) The Teheran elementary school attracts children from six nationalities or racial groups. Pictured is one child from each group with Miss Anoosh Keshishzade, the school principal.

PLAY TOGETHER. (*Center left*) Grouped together at the center of the playground for the picture, these children will spread out to the corners of the small yard with their balls and games. The school is in crowded, rented quarters but hopes to have its own modern facilities with the help of a thirteenth-Sabbath overflow offering next year.

LEARN COMMANDMENTS. (*Lower left*) Nine-year-old Shahrzad Toghari, one of the Persian girls in the school, poses in front of the ten commandments. Memorizing them in just one week, she recited the commandments at a special program in the Adventist Farsi center.

ATTEND BIBLE SCHOOL. (*Below*) Children in Tabriz have no Adventist elementary school to attend, but Sister Gasparian and her helpers are alert to their needs. Every Friday morning, when the public schools have no classes, the children come to the church for Bible school.

SAY MEMORY VERSES. (*Right*) The Tabriz Bible school students learn the same memory verses as do those at Sabbath school. Pictured is Robert Baghdassarian who has a perfect attendance record and has repeated the memory verses for three quarters.



Investment Goals Doubled At College Park; Lebanese Hassocks Offered

"We wanted to raise twice as much as last year and to set the pace for other Sabbath schools in the division," explained Leif Jensen, Investment secretary at the College Park English Sabbath School, "so we set our Investment goal for 1965 at LL 2,400." And at the end of the first five months they are way ahead of schedule.

If you are wondering how he and the members are gathering so much money, it is no secret. They have projects, and work at them faithfully. Here are just a few of the projects: Selling cookies, vegetarian hot dogs, ties, aprons for ladies and men, empty milk cans, socks, and even underwear. Some are taking and developing pictures, washing cars, helping with dishes at home. One student is giving an offering for each A grade he makes in school.

Perhaps the biggest project is the one of their leader. He advertised Lebanese hassocks in the church paper back in his native Denmark. He has received more than 45 orders. He gives the profit to the Investment fund.

Using a progress chart containing the names of the members, Jensen keeps a close watch on the progress each member is making toward reach-

ing his goal. The goals range from LL 13 to LL 195.

"We have the Investment fever here," the friendly leader chuckled, "and we hope that no one recovers before Christmas time." Then in a more serious vein, Jensen quoted the following statement from *Testimonies*, volume 3, page 90: "The cause of God is a sure bank that can never fail, and the investment of our time, our interest, and our means in it is a treasure in the heavens that faileth not."

—D. L. Chappell

FROM HERE AND THERE

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

Elder C. V. Brauer has been named acting education department secretary to succeed Elder G. Arthur Keough. Elder Keough has accepted a call to the faculty of Columbia Union College near Washington, D. C.

Literature sales in this division for 1965 continue at a pace well above last year. April sales of \$951.40 (over \$843.15 in 1964) pushed the report for 1965 to \$5,087.26, an increase of 43 per cent over sales in 1964 for the same period.

Elder Robert Darnell, the division secretary, attended a workers' meeting of the North African Union April 8 to 14 in Algiers. He gave a number of talks on Islamic religion and Adventist-Muslim relations.

Born March 30 to George and Nazira Ghazal, baby Betty Ann complements the household as a welcome addition to 2 1/2 year-old son Roni..

Dr. A. J. Habibi and his family arrived in Beirut May 27 from Benghazi where he has been serving on the hospital staff. He expects to pursue further medical studies in Lebanon.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

Ahed Samaan has been granted leave under the workers' advanced study policy to work at the University of Chicago toward an M.A. in Library Science. He will begin his studies there this summer.

Habib Bishara plans a course of study at the American University of Beirut for teachers of mathematics and science.

Harold Johnson has been authorized

Visitors Tell

Recent visitors to the Middle East Division wrote their experience for the *Australasian Record*, the denominational paper for our believers in Australia. They told how in Syria they "puffed up five flights of stairs" to meet informally with a group of believers, how in Baghdad they attended the service in a "lovely modern edifice with pale grey carpets, bright stained glass windows, and shining crystal chandeliers," and how in Egypt they "had worship on top of Mt. Sinai, all alone with God. A Sabbath on Sinai," they wrote, "We shall never forget it."

to do graduate study at Andrews University during his furlough beginning this summer. He plans to teach Bible at the college after his return to the Middle East.

Performing at the annual Easter Musicale of the American University of Beirut this spring were Miss June Soper and Mrs. B. L. Gilleroth of the Middle East College music department, and Mrs. P. Sitompul of the Indonesian Union College, presently on leave in Beirut. Miss Soper, who heads the Middle East College music department, was featured as a soloist.

Mrs. Hanni Melki, the mother of Henry Melki died May 12 at Afesdik, North Lebanon. She was 53 years old. The college family and friends of Brother Melki express sympathy at the time of his loss.

EGYPT

On the occasion of Victory Day, Brother Naguib Mossad, the Minia district leader, conducted a welfare program attended by a senior police officer. They distributed used clothing to a selected group of needy persons.

Elder Fakhry Naguib, the Assiut district leader, reports seventeen persons baptized during a recent series of meetings. The church there has exceeded its ingathering goal, and has given tithes and offerings during the first five months of 1965 equal to the sum collected during the previous two years. Saad Khilla has joined Elder Fakhry in the work at Assiut

Freih Rizq canvassed recently in the Aswan Dam area. In addition to selling many health and children's books, he found purchasers for twenty copies

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Doctor Vine

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training of ministerial workers as a major interest in his life.

He first entered educational work in New York City where he was vice-principal and Bible teacher of the Greater New York Academy. He has done post-graduate studies in educational administration and student counseling, receiving an M. A. degree from Columbia University. He joined Middle East College in 1954 as chairman of the department of religion and Biblical languages and has held various other positions such as dean of academic studies, director of counseling and guidance, and pastor of the College Park church. His successor as head of the theology department has not yet been chosen.

Doctor Vine, who was born at Bournemouth, England, married in 1947. His wife Betty is now mother of two children, a girl and a boy, Judy Ann, 10 years old, and Terence, 6. They will make their home in the presidential residence on campus.



Elder W. A. Potter, wife Donna, and daughter Paula, now in Jordan.



Elder and Mrs. R. D. Hyde in Iran.

College Park Church Promotes Lay Work

The eighteen members of the College Park Church who received Lay Evangelism certificates are now taking part in missionary activities in the city of Beirut, Elder C. V. Brauer, the division Home Missionary department secretary reports. The certificates were awarded April 24 following a school conducted at the church twice weekly for a period of six weeks. Instructors were Elders J. S. Jones and J. S. Russell, Brother H. S. Johnson, and Miss Ruby Williams.

"The missionary activities have united students, faculty, and members of the community in a visitation project that is reaching hundreds of people in various outlying Beirut districts," he said. Members of the College Park Church have contributed over LL 500.00 for missionary copies of the *Hope* magazine. Each month several carloads of students and others go down to their territory and distribute these magazines. Month after month they visit the same homes.

It is also planned to use the English *Signs of the Times*, the French *Mieux Vivre*, and the Arabic *Call to Health* magazine in a missionary project in Ras Beirut, where several thousands of foreign families live. "The aim of this project is to provide our excellent magazines to those who are interested in religious things," Elder Brauer explained. "In this way many will become acquainted with our message. From this group we hope to find openings for Bible studies."

Two Missionary Families Join Division, Begin Language Study

Two missionary families have joined the worker force in the division field during recent weeks. They are the families of W. A. Potter and Robert D. Hyde. Both accepted calls for evangelistic work and have begun language study programs.

The Potters arrived, April 2, at Aqaba, Jordan, and have made their home in Amman. He is studying Arabic. They come to Jordan from the Texas Conference in the United States, where Elder Potter was pastor of the Tyler and Longview churches. He is joined by his wife, Donna, and 12-year-old daughter, Paula.

Elder Hyde and his wife Lou Ann arrived exactly two months earlier at the Iranian port of Khoramshah. Their home is at Shiraz, the modern capital of the province of Fars only a short way from the old Persian capital of Daniel's day. They are learning Persian.

Both Elder Hyde and his wife are graduates of Union College, the class of 1959. Married a week after graduation, they went to Washington, D. C.,

Miss Sumalnap Weds

The former Miss Nenita Sumalnap, known in the Middle East Division for her cheerful service as a nurse at the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, was married April 26, in the chapel of the Northern Luzon Academy, to Angel Biton, a Seventh-day Adventist minister. Both are citizens of the Philippine Islands.

where he earned a degree at the seminary and she taught in the Potomac Conference. They labored in the Colorado Conference where he was ordained in 1964.

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each of *The Desire of Ages* and *Patriarchs and Prophets*.

IRAN

Daniel Minassian was named at a recent committee meeting to serve as publishing department assistant to help the student colporteurs during the summer.

Mother's Day programs at Tabriz and Julfa were conducted Friday night May 14 by Brethren Gasparian and Aghassian respectively in the church auditoriums. Both meetings attracted audiences of about 100 persons.

Four Iran churches had visiting speakers Sabbath, May 15. They were Elder Edwin Minchin at the Teheran Farsi church, Elder A. A. Haddad at the Teheran Armenian church, Elder D. L. Chappell at the Julfa church, and Elder Robert Darnell at the Tabriz church. Elder Minchin was visiting from the General Conference and the others from the Middle East Division office.

Brother H. K. Salakian has prepared several issues of a small mimeographed Armenian magazine. The magazine, which carries a few news items, some

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A DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN

Those who attended the institutes conducted by Elder V. W. Schoen were strongly impressed by his emphasis on four words.

Commitment

Great is the commitment that rests upon those who know the truth and the solemn Bible message for our time. "We are now living in the closing scenes of this world's history. Let men tremble with the sense of the responsibility of knowing the truth." *Evangelism*, p. 16.

When we came to believe in Jesus Christ and joined God's remnant church, we committed ourselves individually to witness for Him and to carry the gospel news to "every man's door." God did not choose angels but human beings to take the message of God's love to mankind. "In order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work." *Desire of Ages*, p. 142.

How about it, is our commitment to serve the Lord and help finish His work just as true and wholehearted as it ought to be?

Assignment

God has committed to His people a great work to be accomplished in this world. This is a definite assignment. "Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth." *Evangelism*, p. 694. Have we failed to accept and carry out our assignment?

There is an assignment to every Christian. "To everyone who becomes a partaker of His grace the Lord appoints a work for others. Individually we are to stand in our lot and place." *Ministry of Healing*, p. 148. "Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty." *Christian Service*, p. 74.

Are we carrying out God's assignment for us? Let us not disappoint Him!

Involvement

It is common to hear people say, "I didn't want to become involved." On the Jericho road there were two who passed by on the other side hoping to escape the involvement and with it the responsibility. Could it be possible that we try to escape involvement with souls that need help?

If we live our belief, we, like Christ, will become involved. "He who is truly converted will be so filled with the love of God that he will long to impart to others the joy that he himself possesses." *Testimony Treasures*, vol. 3, p. 298.

Every Seventh-day Adventist church member should get involved by:

1. Praying for the families in the community.
2. Helping the needy and suffering.
3. Visiting the neighbors and opening before them the Word of God.
4. So many other ways to do soul-winning work.

We don't have space to consider the fourth word, but if you recalled "management," you were right. Remember, however, that a dynamic Christian will be fully committed, assigned, and involved for Christ every day!

—C. V. Brauer

ADVENTIST WORLD

PSYCHIATRIST HONORED

Dr. George T. Harding, of Worthington, Ohio, director of the Harding Hospital, one of America's leading psychiatric training centers, was honored with the 1965 Alumnus of the year award by the Alumni Association of Loma Linda University. Many, if not most, Adventist psychiatrists have received training at Harding Hospital, where an annual mental health institute is also conducted for ministers. Harding has several times headed citizens committees in the state of Ohio concerned with mental health, and health and welfare.

EPIDEMIC STOPPED

The Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service of Washington, D. C., came to the assistance this month of 38,000 refugees in Burundi among whom a smallpox epidemic had begun. A plea for vaccines was broadcast from Burundi by an Adventist missionary. An initial 5,000 vials were sent at once. In the end \$40,000 worth of medicine was sent, much of it donated by drug companies, shipped by the U. S. Government, and admitted duty-free by the Burundi Government. All the refugee children from five months to five years old received a series of three shots.

MALTESE PRIEST WON

A Greek Orthodox priest from Malta has joined the Seventh-day Adventist church and is preparing for the ministry. He is Thomas T. Sammut. Having received Bible studies from a church elder in Australia, he treasured the truth while he studied law in Malta, taught at the Russian Orthodox Seminary in the United States, and worked as parish leader at Mt. Union, Pennsylvania. Finally he decided to join the church. He is now studying at Andrews University.

VEGETARIAN MENUS

A four-day institute to develop recipes for vegetarian meals brought dietitians from Seventh-day Adventist hospitals to the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital in Washington, D. C. This is the first of a series of institutes to be conducted at various hospitals, leading to the publication of the best recipes as determined through a study of patient reaction.

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Robert Darnell Editor

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Appeal from Germany

Nuernberg Church in Germany Hopes for Big Overflow Offering

By Stephan Woysch, President, North
Bavarian Conference

Dear Friends:

At the close of Sabbath school the pastor announced that they would have the Lord's Supper next Sabbath. Even though this announcement made the church members happy, their hearts were filled with some sadness. Concern could be seen on their faces, since the place was too small. Only one part of the sisters and brethren are able to participate at the Holy Communion, the other part must stay at home. The 20 to 25 children, three to twelve years of age, have to be contented with a small room of 25 square meters.

Such is also the situation when evangelistic efforts and other meetings are held. Our emergency chapel in Nuernberg which was a wooden barrack in former times, is too small either for church meetings or for evangelistic projects.

You can imagine that the church members prayed earnestly for a larger meeting-room. It seemed as if all personal effort failed, and God did not hear His children. When the municipal Board of Works told us that we wouldn't be allowed to build on our own site because of certain traffic plans, the brethren became even more concerned. All prayed more earnestly, but many months passed. Finally, when everybody was about to give up all hope, there was the first bright spot. An appropriate building plot was found. Thereupon we had to apply for the permit to build a chapel with office-rooms and apartments.

A dear brother who was a functionary with the Board of Works helped us a great deal. He was so happy about the prospect of soon having a place where the Word of God would be preached to all who come. This brother is a loyal church member and shares his faith. For this purpose he had bought a tape recorder. He attended our evangelistic efforts, and recorded the sermons. Then he invited his colleagues to listen to the sermons during the coffee-break and after work. Some of them were willing to come and listen. They put questions and had interesting dis-

cussions. The brother was kind enough to invite them to his home. Thus he shared his faith and passed it on to others who were seeking for it. By now he had been able to win two open-minded and kindhearted married couples. He was glad and willing to help us in our building plans.

Although our brother succeeded in changing the mind of the Board of Works by his gentle personality, Satan, the great adversary, did not sleep. A neighbor who had first agreed to our plans, suddenly withdrew the building permit. So, all the efforts had been in vain. The brethren and the church members were disappointed and downhearted. Yet the encouraging words spoken by an elderly brother of the church gave them hope. He quoted the song from our hymnbook saying "Der alte Gott, der lebet noch," meaning "The old God still lives." He said, "We must not be discouraged, but stick together and pray more than ever before. The Lord will hear our prayers."

Another year has passed. But our Heavenly Father did keep His promise and heard our prayers. A new plot of land was found. Again there were tremendous difficulties to overcome. The owner of the site did not want to sell it to us. Owing to special circumstances he was, however, forced to agree, and we were the lucky ones who got the site, even though there were many other candidates. Now we stand within reach of completing our plans, waiting only for the overflow of the thirteenth Sabbath offering of the second quarter 1965. The overflow will make it possible to build the evangelistic center in Nuernberg which is so urgently needed.

We would like to thank all those who remember us on the thirteenth Sabbath for their willingness, their missionary spirit, and their good offerings. The Lord bless you all as well as the project.

With best wishes and kind regards,
I am

Faithfully yours,
Stephan Woysch

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locally written articles, and translated articles from the denomination's English periodicals, has been well received among members of the church in Iran.

Aram Aghassian is holding meetings three nights a week at the Seventh-day Adventist church in Julfa. He began a ten-week series April 25 and has been drawing near capacity audiences.

LEBANON

The Lebanon Section chose the month of April to launch five evangelistic campaigns involving all five pastors at work in that field.

LIBYA

A Friday-night MV program at Benghazi, described as the "highlight program of this year," honored mothers. Directed by Lucila Deles, the associate leader, and assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Dennis, the children of the church school enacted nine scenes while Barbara Clemons narrated. Beverly Thompson and Cleo Johnson say "My Mother's Prayers," and the children presented carnations to their mothers.

The Benghazi Adventist church school participated in a program given May 4 at the Girls' Secondary School by the Independent Schools of Benghazi. Mimi Issa recited a poem in Arabic, Annetta Rea played accordion waltzes, and Steve Hildebrand played some piano selections. The Adventist children as a group presented one number, "Grandfather's Clock."

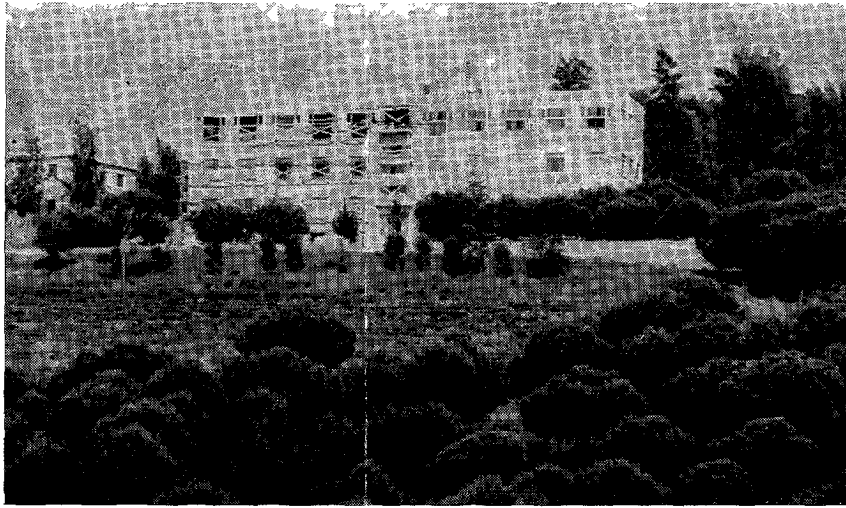
Dr. Michael Oliverio was the guest speaker at the May 5 meeting of the Staff Nurses. He discussed aspects of diabetes and the problems relating to the disease, making use of a study of 604 diabetic coma patients.

The Benghazi Dorcas society, led by Ruth Tobiassen, is making clothing for distribution to babies and small children. The clothing is to be given the needy poor who come to the hospital.

Beverly Thompson has been serving as dietitian and food service director until a regular dietitian can join the staff. Fawzia Aziz and Lucila Deles have also provided assistance.

TURKEY

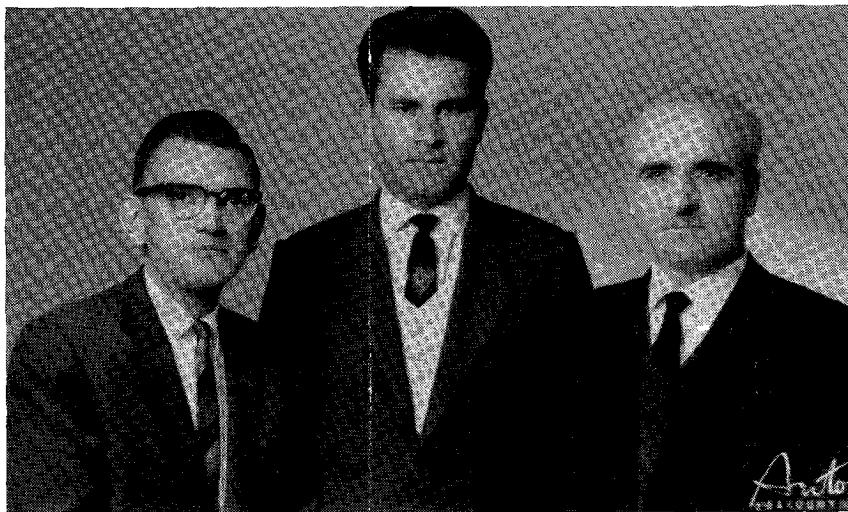
Manuk and Anahid Benzatyan happily announce the birth of a 3-kilo daughter, Lora Lee, born June 1 at the American Hospital in Istanbul. Mother and daughter were reported doing well.



The nearly completed addition to the college administration building at Beirut.



Naguib Mossad, Mimia district leader, distributes welfare parcels with a senior police officer on Egyptian Victory Day. Similar programs were organized in other districts.



C. V. Brauer, Towfic Issa, and Shehada Halabi teamed up for a three-week series of daily meetings in Tripoli, Lebanon. The Bible Marking Plan was introduced. Pastor Towfic continues meetings twice weekly.

College Summer School

Several changes in administrative staff will begin with the opening of the six-week summer session, June 28, at Middle East College. Doctor Vine and Brother George Ghazal will assume their duties as president and business manager of the college respectively. Mrs. Mary Yacoub has been named registrar, a post she held earlier until 1960. Miss Samia Abu Ali will be assistant registrar. Mrs. Widad Faimann will take over the girls' residence hall as dean of women, continuing also to serve as college nurse. Presiding in the new library will be Miss Esther Nashed as acting librarian.

Course work will be followed by graduation exercises, the first summer commencement program at the college. Summer courses include offerings in the Religion, Education, History, English, Arabic, Physics, and Speech departments.

Church Calender

SPECIAL DAYS

- July 3 Medical Missionary Day
- July 10 Midsummer Missions Service
- August 7 Pioneer Evangelism
- August 21 Educational Day

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- July 3 Church Missionary
- July 10 Church Missionary
- August 7 Midsummer Offering
- August 21 Elementary School Offering

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