

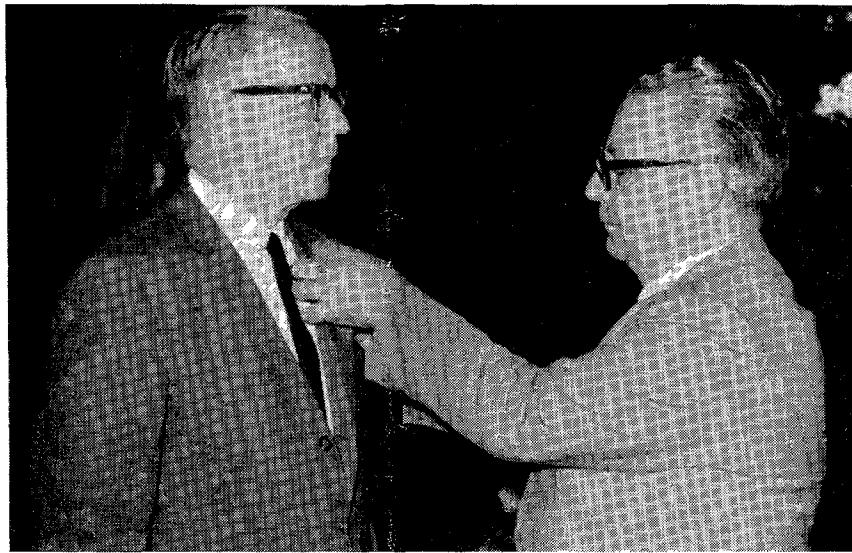
# MIDDLE EAST

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Toufic Sabbagh (right), acting director of the Lebanese education ministry, decorates Elder R. A. Wilcox during the farewell ceremonies.

## Turkish Red Crescent Society Thanks Adventists for Earthquake Aid

Officials of the Red Crescent Society in Turkey have sent expressions of thanks to the Middle East Division for assistance given the victims of an earthquake there.

In a letter dated September 16, Dr. M. Kengerly, from the General Directorate of the Turkish Red Crescent Society wrote the Middle East Division: "It is a great pleasure and a privilege to express our deepest gratitude to the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference for the most efficient and generous assistance of relief materials donated for the earthquake victims."

Two days earlier a three-and-a-half ton shipment of tents and blankets valued at over \$5000, was sent from New York by the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service, Inc., for distribution in the earthquake area. Other assistance to provide winter shelter for the homeless and to participate in reconstruction is planned.

The most devastating of the recent earthquakes in eastern Turkey shook

the provinces of Mush and Erzurum, August 19. Centering near Varto, a town of nearly 3000 population, the quake affected 300 towns and villages, 100 of which were totally demolished.

The houses, constructed mostly of loose stone with clay or cement mortar, fell in heaps wounding and burying their occupants. However, the earthquake took place in the mid-afternoon, thus sparing the majority of the population who were at work in their fields. Even so, there were nearly 3,000 persons dead. More than ten thousand families were left homeless.

Robert Darnell, division field secretary who had been delegated to offer assistance to the victims of the earthquake, reported an immediate need for tents and blankets, the necessity of winter shelter, and hopes for reconstruction.

At the same time SAWS officers in the United States were in contact with officials and were prepared to give im-

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## Lebanese Ministry Awards Medal To Elder Wilcox

Elder R. A. Wilcox, for eight years the president of the Middle East Division, was awarded a service medal by the Lebanese government in recognition of his leadership in the field of education and culture.

At ceremonies on the campus of Middle East College, September 11, Dr. Toufic Sabbagh, acting director of the Ministry of Education, decorated Elder Wilcox with the first class medal of the department of education. He acted as representative of the minister, Dr. Fuad Boutros.

The medal was pinned on Elder Wilcox before some 300 workers, members, and friends of the Seventh-day Adventist church who were attending a farewell meeting a few days prior to the departure of the Wilcoxes, September 15, for Montevideo, Uruguay, where he will serve as division president for South America.

In honoring Elder Wilcox, Doctor Sabbagh said, "It thrills me, on this occasion, to speak on behalf of Mr. Fuad Boutros, the minister of education, these few words that express our deepest feelings toward a man who has served God and humanity,—religion and the world—and who has made it possible for our children to receive a harmonious development of the physical, mental and spiritual powers."

Speaking for himself he expressed gratefulness for the services of Elder Wilcox, complimented Middle East College, and wished God's blessing on the work.

As chairman of the board of Middle East College, in Lebanon, Elder Wilcox led in the steps toward the affiliation of the college with Loma Linda University and upgraded the faculty. It was also under his administration that the

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# TALKING TOGETHER

We are happy to greet our fellow workers and friends of the Middle East Division through the pages of the MESSENGER. When we arrived at the Beirut airport on August 12 we came in touch for the first time with Mideastern hospitality and what a welcome it was! During the intervening weeks, as we have traveled in different parts of the division, we have felt the continual warmth of your hospitality, so that now we feel very much at home with you here in the Middle East.

Since our arrival here I have thought much of how important the warmth of Christian fellowship is to the child of God, and to a greater degree to the worker in God's Cause. Christianity was born amid the environment of kindred feeling among the first century followers of Jesus. They had followed and learned to love a very kind and compassionate Saviour and the warmth of His character had called forth within them a feeling of oneness with Him—and He was the embodiment of the Eternal God. Their love for Him bound them together and to a large degree isolated them from the world around them.

As we follow Jesus today our feeling cannot greatly differ from those of these early Christians, for as we come to know Jesus through His Word and through daily communion with Him, we too, recognize Him as a loving, compassionate Saviour and we are attracted to Him and changed by His life. As the disciples were drawn together by their mutual love for Jesus, so we are drawn to our comrades in Christ. During the days that we were privileged to spend in Detroit recently at the time of the General Conference session we felt the warmth of the Adventist family. Workers who had been separated by wide oceans and by long years came together and warm were the handclasps. Little groups talked together till late at night, just for the plain joy of being together. We are dedicated to a common cause—the uplifting of Christ to a perishing world.

May the warmth of Christian fellowship and comradeship characterize our advance for Christ in these lands where Christian comradeship was born.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.C. Webster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a distinct "A.C." at the beginning and "Webster" following.



**Reception for  
Elders Webster and Jacobs**

and their families

**At the Beirut Airport**

August 12



*LEFT: Church leaders greet the new division president and secretary at the aircraft.*



*RIGHT: Becky Waring presents flowers to Mrs. Webster. Below Mrs. Jacobs is seen with flowers presented by Connie Hasbani. Samia Srour gave flowers to Mrs. Bryan, the president's mother-in-law.*



*BELOW: Elder George Khoury formally welcomes the new leaders to Lebanon and to the Middle East.*





## Earthquake Relief

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mediate attention to a request from the division for help. This was air-shipped to Ankara through the cooperation and assistance of the United States Aid Mission to Turkey and the Royal Dutch Airlines.

The gift was recognized as a gift of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in the United States to the denomination in Turkey and was received in Ankara by Manoug Benzatyan, acting head of the Adventist community there. The tents and blankets were donated to the Turkish Red Crescent Society which will use them to alleviate the suffering of the earthquake victims. Dr. Muzaffer Akin, the director of the society, personally received representatives of the Adventists, and accepted the gift.

Four weeks after the earthquake, the first snow had fallen at Varto and temperatures had reached a low of two degrees below zero centigrade. After discussions with the ministry of construction and settlement in Ankara, Darnell reported an appeal for metal roofing to give winter shelter for the homeless. The ministry is constructing small houses at the rate of 125 a day. These could be heated, but the total of roofs on hand, promised, and under order by the ministry would cover only half of the houses.

At the time of this writing, the Central European Division, which had offered assistance upon first hearing of the disaster, was planning to secure roofing metal.

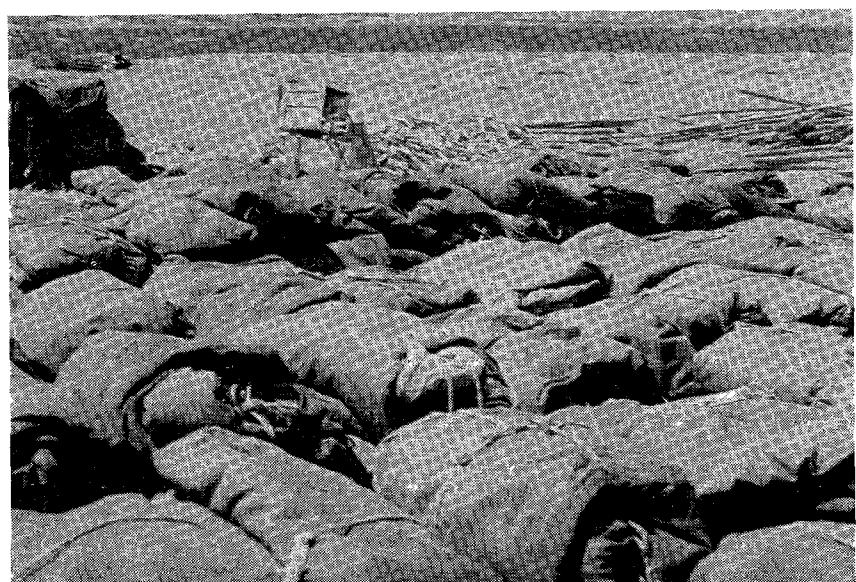
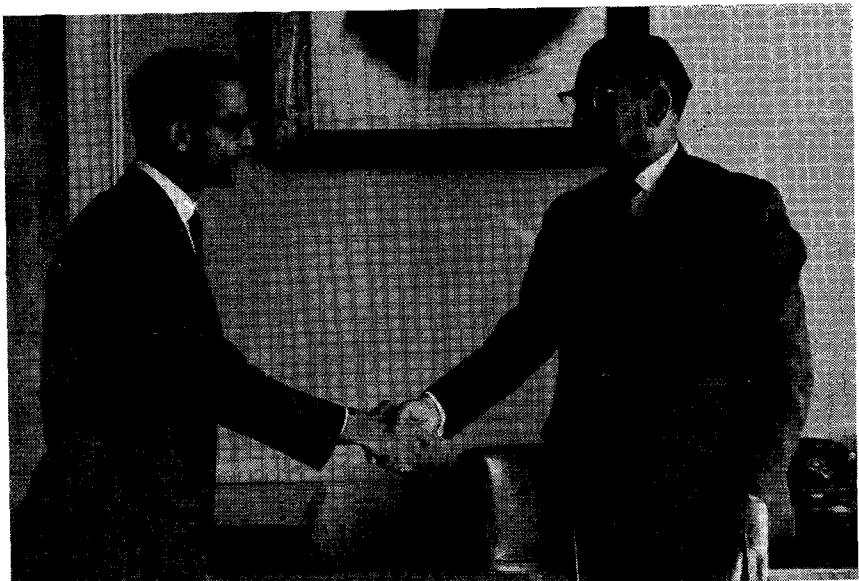
Reconstruction plans await better weather and road conditions, a geological survey to determine the safest sites for rebuilding the towns and villages, and an engineering study into construction methods and materials.

*Pictured Above: A street scene from Varto, in Mush province, where the earthquake was most severe, showing the destruction.*

*Center: Mr. Muzaffer Akin, the director of the Turkish Red Crescent Society, is seen greeting Elder Manuk Benzatyan, head of the Adventist community in Turkey.*

*Mr. Akin thanked the Adventist denomination for their gift and humanitarian spirit.*

*Below: Tents are seen arranged on the ground at a Red Crescent disaster relief depot in the earthquake area.*



## Elder William Gayed Khalil Dies

Elder William Gayed Khalil died Tuesday, August 23, 1966, at 9 a.m., in Heliopolis, Egypt, following a heart attack. He was buried the same day in the Adventist cemetery in Cairo.

Born October 28, 1917, he was 48 years old at the time of his death. He was active in the work of the Lord until the end, serving in three positions at once as pastor of the Heliopolis church, Lay Activities director of the Egypt Section, and Sabbath School department secretary.

The funeral service was conducted in the Heliopolis church. Elder Nashed Yacoub gave a message of hope and comfort. Brother Habib Ghali read the obituary. The opening prayer was by Elder Simaan Ghali and the scripture selections were read by Elder Angely Gayed.

Elder William entered the work at Assiut in 1944 and during his 22 years of service he was pastor of churches at Assiut, Cairo, Alexandria, Tanta, and Heliopolis. He regularly visited all the churches of Egypt from Alexandria to Luxor encouraging and comforting the members, and promoting the work of the Lord. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1954.

He was graduated by the American school in Assiut in 1935 and later studied theology at Middle East College. Readers of the MESSENGER join in condolences for his loved ones who survive him. The MESSENGER is pleased to publish the following obituary in Arabic by Habib Ghali, acting president of the Egypt Section.

عرفته فعرفت فيه روح الخدمة ، كانت له روح الخدمة في بيته ، ومع زملائه ، وفي عمله ، فرغم ضعف صحته ومرضه ، كان دائم التجوال ، يزور كنائس الجمهورية العربية المتحدة من الاسكندرية حتى الاقصر مشجعاً واعظياً من يزورهم من اعضاء الكنائس. وآخر زيارة له كانت قبل وفاته بثلاثة ايام فقط في كنيسة الاسكندرية ولد راحلنا الكرييم في ١٩١٧/١٠/٢٨ وتخرج في كلية الاميركان ياسيوط حاصلاً على شهادة اتمام الدراسة الثانوية : « البكالوريا » في عام ١٩٣٥ ثم درس في كلية الشرق الاوسط بيروت حتى عام ١٩٤٤ ثم سيم قسا في عام ١٩٥٤ ومارس خدمته في : اسيوط والقاهرة والاسكندرية وطنطا ومصر الجديدة ، وذلك ابتداء من عام ١٩٤٤ مواصلاً جهاده وخدمته لمدة عشرين عاماً ، حتى وُقد على رحمة القيمة في ١٩٦٦/٨/٢٣

حبيب غالى

( رئيس طائفة الاباط الاذنست بالنيابة )



*The Wilcoxes at the Yildizlar.*

### الفقيد القس وليم جيد خليل

يُوْسْفِيَ ان انْقَلَ الْيَمَنْ خَيْر وَفَاتَ اَحَد خَدَامِ الْجَمْهُورِيَّةِ الْعَرَبِيَّةِ الْمُتَّحِدَةِ - القَسْ وَلِمْ جَيْدْ خَلِيلْ - رَاعِي كَنِيْسَةِ الْاَذْنَسْتِ فِي مَصْرِ الْجَدِيدَةِ وَسُكْرِيْتَرِ دَائِرَتِي مَدَارِسِ السَّبِبِ وَخَدَامِ الْاَصْنَاءِ الْحَلِيلِينَ ، الَّذِي وُقُدِّمَ عَلَى رَجَاءِ الْيَوْمِ الْيَافِيِّ ١٩٦٦/٨/٢٣ فِي السَّاعَةِ التَّاسِعَةِ صَبَاحًا . وَقَدْ تَمَّتْ مَرَاسِيمُ الصَّلَاةِ عَلَى جَمَانَهُ فِي كَنِيْسَةِ مَصْرِ الْجَدِيدَةِ فِي السَّاعَةِ السَّادِسَةِ وَالنَّصْفِ مِنْ مَسَاءِ الْيَوْمِ الْمَذْكُورِ ، وَاشْتَرَكَ فِي تَلْكَ الْمَرَاسِيمِ : القَسْ انجلي جيد ، القَسْ سمعان فنجري ، الاخ حبيب غالى والقس ناشد يعقوب . وقد غصت الكنيسة باقربائه وأصدقائه وزملائه وأعضاء

قام القس انجلي جيد بتقديم البرنامج والاعلانات وقراءة آيات من الكتاب المقدس وقد قدم القس سمعان فنجري كلمته موجزة تضمنت تاريخ حياة الراحل الكريم والتى القس ناشد يعقوب موعظة من الرجاء والعزاء وقد وقعته الاخيرة فى مقبرة الطائفه فى مصر العتيقة بالقاهرة الى ان تحيى الساعة التي فيها يسمع صوت المسيح فيخرج الى قيامة الحياة لقد سعدت بمعرفة الراحل الكريم عن قرب ، فقد بدأ خدمته فى الطائفه معي فى اسيوط مستقط رأسينا ، ثم افترقنا ثم تلاقينا فى العمل عدة مرات عرفته فعرفت فيه الطيبة الحقة ، فكان طيب النفس ، طيب المقابلة ، طيب المحادثة ، طيب المشورة ، طيب القلب

عرفته فعرفت فيه اللطف ، فكان لطيفاً مع الكبير والصغير ، مع الفنى والفقير ، مع المتعلم والجهال . وكم سرت رأيت الاطفال والأولاد الصغار يتلقون باذيه ، فكان يقابلهم بابتسامة لطيفة ، وبكلمة حلوة ، وبقطعة من الحلوي يخرجها من جيبه او من حقيبته

عرفته فعرفت فيه الرحمة ، محبة لا فراد عائلته تمثل في رعايته لهم ، محبة لزملائه تظهر في احادشه وفي معاملته ، محبة لأعضاء كنيسته على اختلاف طبقاتهم ، فكان يقدم لهم الطعام الروحي في حينه ، محبة يلمسها كل من يتعامل معه

عرفته فعرفت فيه التسامح ، تسامحاً وعفوً عند المقدرة ، تسامحاً حقاً ، تسامحاً سرياً ، لأنه كان لئن العريكة ، كبير القلب

### Wilcox Award

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denomination built a new elementary and secondary school at Bourj Hammoud, in Beirut, Lebanon.

Arabic, French, and English newspapers carried stories and pictures of the event the next day, giving honor and publicity to the denomination and to Middle East College.

Elder Wilcox also received denominational honor at the meeting. Following the government presentation, Elder Robert Darnell and George Khoury gave accounts of the eight years of advance under the leadership of Elder Wilcox. A gift of the world-famous gazelle horn ware, made at Jezzine, Lebanon, was given the Wilcox family. Dr. Bernard Brandstater made the presentation speech. Music for the program was provided by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wilmot, Marlene Gillereth and James Stephan.

Darnell in his speech listing the accomplishments of the administration, estimated that the steps taken to advance the workers by increasing salaries and raising educational standards would be the best remembered and most significant of the contributions Elder Wilcox has made to the work in the Middle East. Doctor Vine led the prayer asking God's continued gift of success to the Wilcoxes in denominational leadership.

The Wilcox family were special guests of the Middle East Division office staff, September 14, at a dinner at the Yildizlar Restaurant. Elder Webster, the new division president, served as host. The menu included Lebanese specialities which had come to be favorites with the Wilcoxes during their eight years in the country.

## Doctor Lamp Uses Health Education Approach for Muslims In Two-Month Series of Public Meetings at Tehran Center

An eight-week series of meetings entitled "Science Speaks" was held during July and August at the Adventist Center in Tehran, Iran, by the division medical department secretary, Dr. Herschel Lamp. He was assisted by Arsen Keshishzade and John Minassian as translators. The series, aimed to reach a Muslim audience, was a unique approach through health subjects.

Dr. Lamp reported having been inspired to begin the series through the instruction found in *Counsels on Health*, p. 546: "When the people see the value of instruction regarding healthful living, it gives them confidence to believe that the teachers of these principles have the truth in other lines."

The first twelve lectures were devoted to health topics, beginning with the high-interest subject of cancer and continuing three nights a week. Among the other topics included in the series were immunization, diet, overweight, alcohol, heart disease, and smoking.

Each guest received a personal health evaluation sheet, which with a summary of each night's lecture, was kept in a personal folder until the end of the meetings. A fifteen-minute question and answer period before each talk also contributed to developing personal interest.

On selected evenings the entire audience participated in testing services, such as blood pressure determinations, a test for diabetes, and measurements of height and weight. When the tests indicated the need, persons were advised to seek the counsel of their physician.

The weight measurements were compared with the person's ideal weight, then a weekly weight-reduction clinic continued for six weeks for interested persons. Smokers, also, who desired help, were invited to three special meetings for guidance in breaking the tobacco habit.

The second half of the series dealing with spiritual health was preceded by three transition lectures on emotional and mental health. These three lectures proved to be the best attended for the series. Audience rapport was well developed and those who attended accepted readily the eight concluding lectures on spiritual health.

Subjects such as the inspiration of the Bible, the origin of evil and disease,

the plan of redemption, the power of prayer, the state of the dead, and the second coming of Christ were presented in an objective, philosophical way, much as a physician might present them when treating patients with spiritual problems.

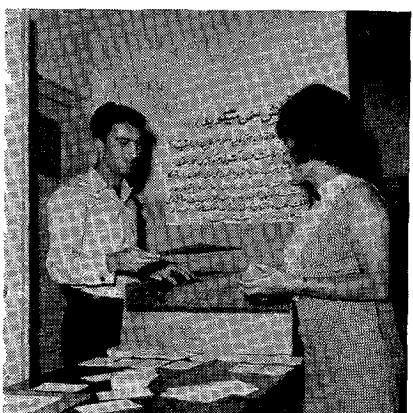
Of the 222 persons registered during the lectures, 169 were Muslims. Attendance ranged from 125 to 162 each night. A large health book in Persian, *Health and Happiness*, a collection of articles by Dr. Clifford Anderson, was given to each of the 28 persons who attended the full series missing only one meeting. Actually 14 had a perfect attendance record.

The series was not intended to secure public decisions for Christ, so no such appeals were made. Rather an attempt was made to generate interest in spiritual things and in Adventist principles and to encourage personal surrender. The series was conducted as a part of a year-round program of activities in the center. Some of those attended the Five Day Plan To Stop Smoking and others were students of English classes held two nights a week at the center. Elder Jack Bohannon is the center director.

At the conclusion of the series, Dr. Lamp reported confidence in a coordinated center program appealing to diverse interests and in health evangelism as an approach to the needs of the Muslim peoples.



The flannelboard was popular as a visual aid. Here Doctor Lamp tells the story of how the germs spread.

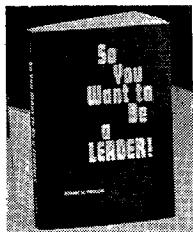


At each meeting guests called for their personal record folders.



Part of the audience is seen at the Tehran Adventist Center.

## For Church Leaders



A new book, written by the president of the General Conference on the subject of church leadership, is ready for distribution, it was announced recently by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, publishers of the book.

The 152-page book treats such subjects as how to get along with people, how to chairman a meeting, how to be understanding of other people's problems, and how to take criticism.

Entitled *So you Want to Be a Leader*, this book by Elder Pierson, the publishers explain, will aid experienced workers in streamlining their methods and give those newly appointed to church offices needed insights into successful leadership. It will inspire all with a deeper sense of mission for God.

In the Middle East Division alone there are more than 500 church officers elected each year and there are 360 mission workers. Many others—youth and laymen—desire to prepare themselves for leadership. Prices, plus postage, are for the paper binding \$2.50 and for the cloth binding \$3.95 or the equivalent, available from the local book and periodical house.

## Adventist Exhibition At Cyprus Fair

After ten days of operation, some 6,000 persons had passed through the exhibition of the Cyprus Section at the Cyprus International Fair in Nicosia. Two thousand enrolled for the health correspondence course.

The exhibition, built for the month-long fair which began early in September, features the theme Walk in Health and promotes the work of the Home Health Education Service and the International Temperance Society. The front room provides a literature exhibition area and the back an auditorium for the showing of the film, "One In Twenty Thousand."

Besides the number who viewed the film and those who enrolled in the lessons, many have bought books and others have requested visits. The Home Health Education Service distributes Adventist literature on a payment plan.



*The exhibition booth at the Cyprus Fair just before the opening.*

## Literature Work

### At College Park

The lay activities department of the College Park Church is giving special emphasis to literature distribution, according to a report by the director, Elder D. L. Chappell.

A band of lay literature distributors are taking 200 *Hope* and *Call to Health* magazines in Arabic each month to selected homes near the Arabic church at Museitbeh. Seen in the picture are three of the group, students from Middle East College. Among the contacts, Wajeh Faddoul reports a Lebanese Baptist minister who had expressed deep appreciation for the contents of the journals.

Plans have been made, Elder George Khoury, president of the Lebanon Section announced, to hold a series of meetings for the public this fall at Museitbeh. Those who have been getting the literature are to receive special invitations to attend.

In addition to the literature delivered in person, the College Park church operates a mailing band under the supervision of Miss Hana Aboud. Her band sends out 400 magazines monthly to various parts of Lebanon.

A third project, a table in the vestibule of the church on which literature is placed following the Sabbath worship service, enables members of the church to take copies of magazines for use in personal missionary endeavors. In addition to the Arabic journals, English and French papers are widely used, many of which are contributed by churches overseas for use in Lebanon.



*Left to Right: Lay literature distributors Wadie Haddad, Wajeh Faddoul, and Hartoun Marashlian of the College Park church.*

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films. A good interest has been aroused and plans are made to continue the meetings with film strips and Bible studies.

### LIBYA

Doctor and Mrs. Don C. Fahrbach and four children arrived in Benghazi September 5, 1966. The children are Daniel, 13, Janice, 11, Nancy, 8, and Thomas, 5. Leaving Naples, Italy, by boat on September 1, they arrived in Tripoli the morning of September 4. Doctor Fahrbach began work in the hospital the day after the arrival. The staff of the Benghazi hospital welcomes them.

Elder Gerald Whitehouse, the new pastor of the Benghazi church, is expected to arrive in November from Heri Hospital in Tanzania, where he is completing a field project in health education.

## Vacation Bible Schools In Iran

In Iran we believe in getting an early start on vacation Bible schools. Therefore, we held our first VBS, directed by Hranoush Avedessian, the Bible worker for the Tehran Armenian church, in Rezaieh during the Now Ruz season in late March. Johnny Minassian, who was promoting MV work there, offered to assist. Fifty children attended, three of whom were from Adventist families.

Anoosh Keshishzade and Janet Marcarian led out in the vacation Bible school programs in Tabriz and Isfahan where the attendance was 83 and 92 respectively.

In Isfahan Sister Gregorian led out in the kindergarten department, and Elder Robert Hyde, Iran Section Sabbath School department secretary, was present part of the time. The highlight of the VBS in Isfahan was the program, "The Last Day on Earth," so nicely presented by the children to an audience of over two hundred.

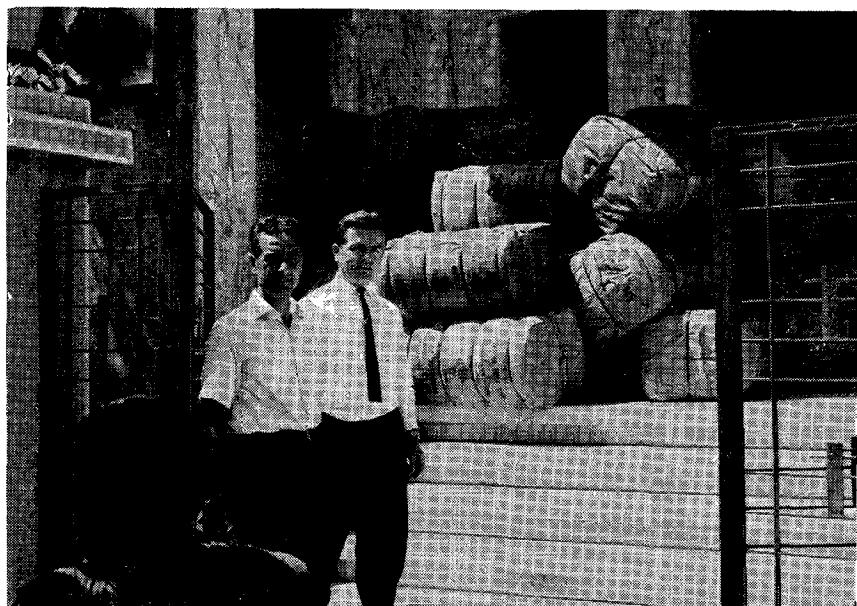
The VBS in the Tehran Farsi church was unique in that Sister Abadir ran it for two months. On the night of the closing program one of the parents made an unexpected speech, thanking the director for what she had done for the children. Five of them enrolled in the Bible correspondence school.

What a lot of work is required to make a vacation Bible school possible here in Iran where all the material, save the kindergarten activity book, must be mimeographed. And how thankful we are for the love that our sisters have for these children, and who knows, but perhaps someday they may see the children in the Kingdom of God as a result of operating vacation Bible schools.

—Robert Hyde, secretary  
Sabbath School department  
Iran Section

## VBS in Egypt

Elder William Gayed Khalil, in one of his last reports, wrote: "I am returning from a tour in field visiting the vacation Bible schools. In Helipolis there were over 130 students, and it was really a model vacation Bible school. In all the cities from Alexandria to Luxor the children enjoyed the schools. . . . There were not less than 530 boys and girls who attended."



**WELFARE WORK:** The Egypt and Lebanon Sections have received new shipments of welfare goods from the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services in Washington. These goods were received exempt from customs duties in each country by courtesy of the governments concerned. Egypt received 235 bales of used clothing, ten bales of blankets, and five cases of used shoes. The welfare societies in Egypt are highly esteemed by the authorities and fully conform to the regulations. This summer the Lebanon Section received an additional 100 bales of used clothing. Our picture shows Philip Srour (left) and George Khoury of the Lebanon Section, with the bales after they were unloaded at the Beirut Adventist Center.

## FROM HERE AND THERE

### MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

The ten-grade overseas school at Beirut opened September 19 with 22 students. Brother James Stephan is the principal. Harold Johnson teaches grades five through eight and Mrs. Jacobs, wife of the division secretary, is teaching the first four grades.

Doctor T. S. Geraty, associate secretary of the General Conference department of education and formerly president of Middle East College, transited Lebanon for a four-day visit, September 22 to 25. While in Lebanon he visited schools and met with old friends.

Elder Robert C. Mills, the newly elected division treasurer, arrived at Beirut port, September 26, aboard the *S. S. Steel Age*. He was accompanied by his wife and two youngest children.

Elder and Mrs. J. S. Russell, with Glenn and Ardis, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their arrival in the Middle East on September 11, as guests of several families in the area at a Chinese dinner in Beirut. Among those present was Miss Ruby Williams, a missionary in the Middle East for over

21 years. The Russells, Miss Williams, and Mrs. Krueger, in Egypt, have the longest overseas service records in this division.

### EGYPT

Two persons were won to the faith in Magaga by a layman and baptized there by Elder William Gayed Khalil.

Four students were baptized at the close of the school year at the academy by Elder Simaan Fangari. Evangelistic efforts are being conducted in various districts and others are expected to be baptized.

Special Sabbath privileges were given students in their final examinations. The results were so excellent that the educational authorities of the government sent a letter of congratulations and appreciation.

Twenty-two youth, two of them girls, spent the summer as student literature evangelists in Alexandria. They were trained first at an institute in Cairo.

Plans have been announced that Elder C. D. Brooks, an American negro who is ranked as one of the denomination's top evangelists, will visit Egypt begin-

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**NEW MISSIONARIES WELCOMED:** Dale Hepker and his wife (pictured left with their children Devin, 2, and David, 1) have joined the staff of Middle East College—he as head of the English department and acting dean of men, she as an English teacher. They are both Union College graduates, 1953, and taught at that school for the last five years. They have MA's from the University of Nebraska. James Stephan, the new principal of the Beirut overseas school, is seen with his wife, Pat, (the sister of Elder Clemons in Jerusalem), and their children, Melody Lynn, 9, Jimmy, 8, and Billy, 5. Brother Stephan entered the work in 1955 and comes to the Middle East from Detroit where he was principal of the large Adventist school there.

ing in January, 1967, for a three-month series of meetings at the Cairo Center church.

#### IRAN

A Sabbath School teachers' training course was held at the Iran camp meeting this summer by the Section SS department secretary Robert Hyde. Ten persons earned certificates.

Classes began at the Iran Adventist Academy with M. H. Morovati back in Iran as principal. While in the United States he received his M. A. degree from Andrews University.

#### LEBANON

Elder Richard Fenn conducted a series of daily meetings, August 7 to 13 in Aramoun with the assistance of members from his Sabbath School class at the College Park church. Children's meetings were conducted simultaneously with the main meeting. Kevork Terzibashian assisted him as translator. (See picture, page 12).

Elder Toufic Issa held a series of public meetings in Rasmassa, North Lebanon, July 17 to August 17. An interest was raised for which follow-up plans are now being made.

Elder Chafic Srour began two efforts

the latter part of September, and is continuing with three nights a week in Aramoun and three nights a week in Aley. The first reports told of capacity audiences.

Summer camps were held at Baskinta under the leadership of Salaam Aboujawda, acting MV secretary of the Section. Campers came from Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan. Attending the camp August 18 to 28 were 114 junior youth. The camp September 1 to 10 was the second annual camp for senior youth. (See pictures on page 12).

Elder George Khoury baptized two



The H. S. Johnson family, recently returned to Beirut from America.

persons, August 20, at the Bourj Hamoud church.

Brother Shahada Halabi with others has been visiting the prison in Tripoli once or twice a week with temperance  
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#### New Armenian Books

Three new books have been published by the Middle East Press in Armenian.

The latest book is *The Miracle Girl*, first written in Arabic by Elder A. A. Haddad and then translated into the Armenian language. The volume tells in vivid language the thrilling and miraculous experience of Elder Haddad's wife having an open-heart operation at Loma Linda University hospital. It emphasizes the value of prayer and faith in God in times of trouble.

The other two books are *Your Baby* and *Pathways to Happiness* which is *Steps to Christ* in a new format with new pictures and chapter headings.

Although printed years ago, five small books are also available for the Armenian literature evangelists to sell. They are *Impending Conflict*, *The Marked Bible*, *Prophecy Speaks*, *Daniel*, and *Bedtime Stories*.

Pictured below are Ardrine and Mayda Azadian, two of the ten Armenians among the fifty-seven student literature evangelists who served in the Middle East Division last summer. Both are students at the Middle East College secondary school.

—D. L. Chappell



Adrine and Mayda Azadian display three new books in Armenian.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

"We should remember that the world will judge us by what we appear to be." *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 397. This is the comment of Ellen G. White on community relations of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. How do we appear in the eyes of the community?

Does our church appear to be active and public spirited? Is it easy to tell that Adventist church members are interested in the welfare of their fellow citizens? Perhaps your church has been active, but does the community know about your work?

Could it possibly be that your church is one of the many Seventh-Day Adventist churches that is practically unknown to the community? You know where your church is located. It is easy for you to find. But what about the stranger in town? Will he have trouble finding your church?

Is your church listed in the telephone directory? Do highway signs mark the way to your church? Do service station attendants know the directions to your church? What about motel and hotel bulletin boards? Is the church listed there? Now be honest, is your church easy to find? If people cannot find your church, how will they hear the message?

While we are talking about your church, what will the visitors find when they reach your church? Is the outside in need of paint? What about the lawn, the church-yard sign, the interior of your building? Remember, men have only the power to look on outward appearances. From this they must judge us. They do not have the power to look on the inside and see your heart of gold. Only God can look on the inside.

Do visitors feel welcome? It does little good for you to list your church in the telephone directory, on highway signs and in the hotels and motels if visitors do not feel welcome when they attend your church.

Why not step back and take a good look at your church? Try to see it as it appears to others. There may be several areas where improvement can be made.

—Bureau of Public Relations

## THE MEANING OF SACRIFICE

If I sacrifice, it means that I love God. I am willing to regard Him before some pleasure. I am willing to walk in pathways a little more narrow for His sake. I take something out of my heart to make more room there for God.

It means my faith is growing. I invest more of myself in God's work. Because I believe more surely His promises, I make fewer reservations for myself.

It means I live in hope. I expect to see Jesus in clouds of glory. Heaven is my home. There I lay my treasure. I live for eternity.

It means Christ is within. My will without Him is more inclined to self-indulgence than to sacrifice. But when He who sacrificed Himself,—the Author of the spirit of giving—has control, I am pleased to give.

This is what our annual sacrifice offering, November 12, may mean, if we choose

—Robert Darnell

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## Adventist World

### US STUDENTS VISIT MISSIONS

Sixteen college students and 21 secondary students from Adventist schools in the United States spent the summer working at mission stations around the world. The secondary students, all from California, worked mostly at hospital and construction jobs in the countries of Central and South America. The college students sometimes traveled further. Dale Sanford, for instance, a pre-engineering student at Columbia Union College went to Sarawak. The students work without salary, but receive transportation costs plus board and room.

### GET MILITARY TRAINING

Four camps were organized this summer in the United States to teach 500 Adventist conscientious objectors to be "good soldiers." They learned military drill, ceremonies, courtesy, and justice, Red Cross first aid, evacuation of the sick and wounded, sanitation, and the prevention of diseases. Seventh-day Adventist youth, who oppose killing, object to bearing arms but accept military service. Approximately 400 Adventist servicemen are serving currently in Vietnam, many as medical corpsmen.

### MEDICAL WORK CENTENNIAL

Lyndon Johnson, president of the United States, attended the centennial celebration of Battle Creek Sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan, early in September. The sanitarium, opened in 1866, was the first Adventist medical institution, and the beginning of the denomination's medical and health work. At the centennial ceremonies Mrs. Johnson was presented with a hospital admittance card taken from the sanitarium records. She had been a patient there when she was eleven years old.

### NEW SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Columbia Union College, near Washington, D. C., is to establish a foundation to support research dealing with the origin of the earth, according to a recent action of the board of trustees. The research will be jointly undertaken by Robert Gentry of the physics department, Donald Jones of the chemistry department, and Lester Harris of the biology department. Plans for the first year include the purchase and operation of a radio-carbon dating apparatus.

## Elder Pierson Appeals for Support Of Temperance Work

Seventh-day Adventists as a church have been spared one of the greatest scourges of our time. While millions of others in virtually every country of the world are enmeshed in this tragedy, we as a people are free from its ravages.

No other church today is equipped to do what ours can to help smokers. No other faith has the publications program ours does to help smokers quit and to discourage non-smokers from starting. No other denomination has films like ours to help smokers. We have such tobacco films as "One in 20,000" which has helped thousands to quit smoking and thousands more to never start.

Our alcohol films, our books, periodicals, and leaflets are filling a tremendous part as helping hands in this hour when we are told by the pen of inspiration that as a people we should stand in the forefront in this great battle against intemperance.

The General Conference temperance department, along with its message of prevention, is also developing methods of helping the intemperate. *Listen* magazine for October is a single-theme issue devoted to helping the alcoholic. It contains, among other things, excellent suggestions on how to work with alcoholics, a graphic portrayal showing how alcoholism develops gradually in a person's life, a personal story of one person's finding God because a friend extended a helping hand, and tangible ideas on how to control weight healthfully.

Through the years our church has emphasized a message of temperance education to help prevent people from falling victims to drink and other dangerous habits. This approach is important, perhaps the most important. However, work for the intemperate must not be neglected. "Missionary work does not consist merely of preaching. It includes personal labor for those who have abused their health and have placed themselves where they have not moral power to control their appetites and passions. These souls are to be labored for as those more favorably situated. Our world is full of suffering ones." *Evangelism*, p. 265.

The task before us is huge. The



challenge is great. This church has an unprecedented opportunity to save lives and souls by supporting our temperance work today. Our Lord has told us: "Say not ye, there are four months, and then cometh the harvest? Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

We are ready to move forward, but we need your helping hand. We now hasten to finish the task our Lord has assigned us in the lingering twilight of earth's history. Won't you give a little more than you have ever given before when the offering is taken October 15 for the temperance phase of the third angel's message? May God bless you as you share.

—Robert H. Pierson, president  
General Conference

## "Savage Fire" Victims Seek Help

By D. L. Chappell and Albine Marks

Pemphigus, or savage fire as it is commonly called in Brazil, is one of the most dreaded diseases of medical history. Ulcers and eczema from the sole of the feet to the top of the head, with a continual burning sensation, make the condition of one with this disease most pathetic. The only private hospital in Brazil for the treatment of this dreaded disease is operated by the Seventh-day Adventists at Mato Grosso.

"I was once with a prosperous rancher with a fine family," stated one of the Pemphigus patients, "but I am now become as Job. I have lost my family and everything I possess because of this terrible disease." As he pulled back the blood-stained sheet that covered his head to protect it from flies, he said, "Please thank the Adventists, wherever they are, for the wonderful help they are giving us here in the Penfigo Hospital."

The influence of the hospital reaches the most distant regions of this great state and the name Adventist is treated with respect and affection by government officials as well as by the most humble workers. And more, people in and out of the hospital are being won to the Adventist church.

Note the following evangelistic reports: Along with nineteen being baptized at the hospital in 1964, sixty-four were baptized in Campo Grande and fifty-six at Tres Lagoas. Both in Guiatinga and the jungle town of Arinos in northern Mato Grosso new congregations

were raised up by lay members. Last year a worker was sent to Caceres where two Adventists lived and within six months he had an active Sabbath school of thirty members. Following the campaign in Vila Brasil over a hundred people requested Bible studies in their homes.

With the hospital having created a wealth of good will throughout the country and the success of the evangelistic efforts, the church buildings have become too small for the growing congregations in Guiaba, Campo Grande, Tres Lagoas, Vila Brasil, and Ponta Pora.

While the field is ripe for the harvest in this area, the conditions under which to work offer a real challenge. The standard of living in most of the cities and villages is still very low. Good highways are few. Great distances must be covered on primitive and difficult roads. In the Pantanal zone the best roads are the rivers. Vast riches lay hidden in the soil of this great state and are of immense importance to its explorers. But to the Adventists the greatest riches are the souls of those who are thirsty for the water of life.

Your thirteenth Sabbath offering will aid your brethren in Mato Grosso in expanding the service of the Penfigo Hospital as well as the Adventist Hospital in Sao Paulo. . . Why not give your best Christmas gift to the Great Physician and His cause on earth



Elder George Khoury gives a full translation to a sermon by Elder F. C. Webster. The two are speaking at the Baskinta summer camp.



The director of the camps at Baskinta, Lebanon, Salaam Abujawdeh, is seen in uniform at the headquarters tent.



Glenn Russell, Rick Wilmot and May Abdulkarim participate in Aramoun youth evangelism crusade.

## Middle East College Given Recognition By Lebanon

Mr. Fuad Boutros, minister of the department of education of the Republic of Lebanon, in a letter to the president of Middle East College, Dr. Kenneth L. Vine, dated June 8, 1966, announced the decision of the Committee of Higher Learning to give Middle East College full recognition as an institution of higher learning.

The letter informed the college that the Committee of Higher Learning in a regular session, March 25, 1966, voted that it considers the Middle East College "an institution of higher learning existing legally and authorized legally according to the Law of Higher Learning."

In harmony with the law and this vote of recognition, the B. A. degree of Middle East College is accredited by the Lebanese department of education.

### Church Calendar

#### SPECIAL DAYS

October	1	Neighborhood Evangelism
October	1-8	Voice of Prophecy Campaign
October	8	Sabbath School Visitors' Day
October	15	Temperance Day
October	22	Community Relations
October	22-29	HOPE Campaign
Nov.	5-12	Week of Prayer & Sacrifice
Nov.	19	Begin Ingathering Campaign

#### SPECIAL OFFERINGS

October	1	Church Missionary
October	8	Voice of Prophecy
October	15	Temperance Work
October	29	HOPE Subscriptions
Nov.	5	Church Missionary
Nov.	12	Annual Sacrifice Offering

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