

Churches Mourn Loss of Nassif Boutros Family

Elder Nassif Boutros, his wife and two daughters, died after an automobile accident, July 16, at Kafr Shukr, in lower Egypt. This loss is mourned throughout the churches of the Middle East.

In Egypt telegrams of condolence were received from friends, relatives, church organizations, and the highest government authorities including President Gamal Abdel Nasser, the vice-president, the president of the national assembly, present and former cabinet ministers, and members of the central committee of the Arab Socialist Union.

Elder Nassif was respected throughout the church as a leader and had been pastor of the Mansoura district for ten years before his death. He was known as a faithful worker, active, and conscientious.

Killed with him in the accident were his wife, Rose, and two daughters, Nasrin, age 15, and Susan, 10. Nasrin, like her father and mother died at the spot. Susan died two days later at the Kafr Shukr hospital as a result of the injuries.

Also injured in the accident were a son and a daughter, Nabil, 19, and Siham, 13. They were moved to Helio-

Division Staff Moves to Beirut; Plans Laid for Year-end Meeting

Hope Magazine

The number of homes to be reached with the Arabic missionary magazine, *Hope*, during 1971, will be decided largely October 24, when members of the Adventist churches in the Middle East contribute subscriptions to friends, neighbors, and other interested persons. The campaign rate is 3.00 LL per subscription.

During 1970 the magazine has been sent to a mailing list of 16,500 names, the highest in its 22-year history. Says editor Maurice Katrib: "*Hope* has been a real hope and inspiration to many down through the years. Many are looking for a way out. The *Hope* magazine can help them. We are depending upon you."

polis Hospital and are the sole survivors of the family. Nabil plans to continue studies in Egypt toward a career in medicine.

Educated at the primary and secondary levels in Egypt, Elder Nassif completed theological training at Mid-

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Elders Pierson, Williams To Attend Committee

Staff members of the new Afro-Mideast Division have made their final plans to move to Beirut and carry out their responsibilities from the headquarters office of the old Middle East Division. First to make the move was the division treasurer, Elder C. E. Schmidt, who arrived with his wife, August 3. Elder M. E. Lind, the president arrived September 6.

As the staff moves to Beirut, plans are being laid to hold the first annual meeting of the Afro-Mideast Division committee in Beirut.

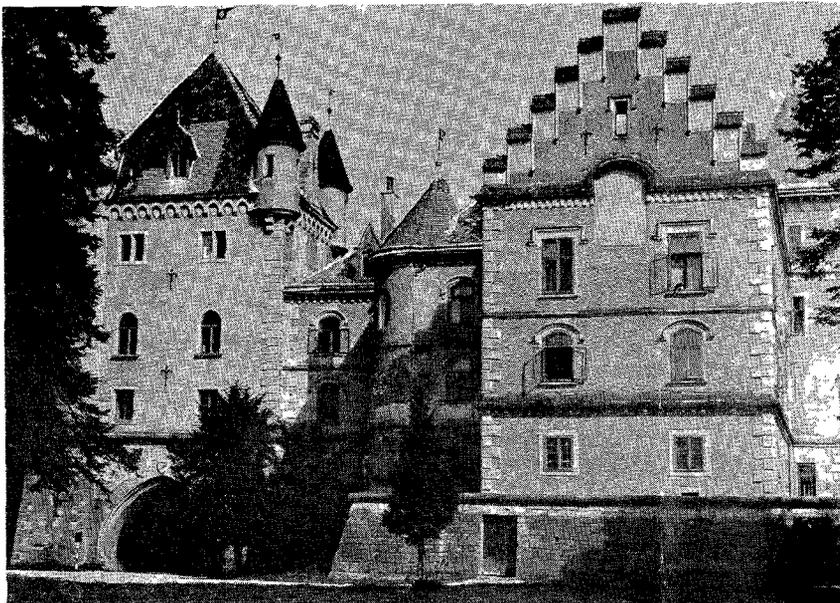
Scheduled for the first week of November, the meeting will be attended by the General Conference president, Elder Robert H. Pierson, and the General Conference associate secretary responsible for calls to this territory, Elder Roy F. Williams.

Other staff families planning move to the Beirut headquarters are Elders D. K. Bazarra, A. H. Brandt, E. J. Gregg, R. H. Henning, Bekele Heye, and Robert W. Taylor. Elders Ray L. Jacobs and Robert Darnell will maintain their residence in Beirut, but Dr. Harold Sheffield will move his headquarters office to Nairobi, Kenya. It is expected that the division staff and their families will complete moves before the beginning of the annual committee meeting.

Members of the committee are the division officers, division department secretaries, union presidents, and division institution heads. Middle East College is a division institution. Plans will be approved at the annual committee meetings for the work throughout the new division during 1971.

While the staff families are making their moves and plans are being laid for the annual meetings, the treasury department is putting together a budget for the new division and the connected organizations. Elder O. A. Blake, completing service as under-treasurer of

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Marusevec, a medieval castle where the Yugoslavian Juniors will soon receive a Christian education. See story on page 2.

Eight 1970 Middle East College Graduates Placed in Church Work

Slightly less than half (eight out of 17) of the Middle East College 1970 graduates are employed as denominational workers. Most of the others have found private employment or are fulfilling terms of military service.

Two of the graduates accepted calls to ministerial work. Raymond Williams has joined the Iraq Section and Michael Habib the Lebanon Section. Neither section had announced definite ministerial assignments for them at the time of this writings.

The other graduates answering calls to denominational work have taken educational assignments with various Adventist schools in the Middle East. The Dar es-Salaam School in Baghdad called two graduates, Francis Saliba and Nadima Bibi.

Other schools have added to their staffs one worker each from the graduating class. Suad Koko will work at

the Museitbeh school in Beirut, Lebanon; Mae Abdul Karim at the Bawshiriya school in Lebanon; Emil Haddad at the Amman Adventist School in Jordan; and Ret Chol in the Adventist school system in Ethiopia.

Seven of the nine graduates who were not placed as denominational workers are majors in business administration. Various private firms have important needs to be filled by business graduates and have opened positions to most of the graduates of this department.

Middle East College prepares a placement brochure naming the members of the graduating class and describing their background and skills early in the school year, according to Dean Ignatious Yacoub of the college. This is circulated among interested organizations with the hope that calls to positions may be in the hands of the prospective graduates well before the end of the school year.

(Editor's note: According to subsequent reports, arrangements for Michael Habib and Nadima Bibi to join the Lebanon Section and the Dar es-Salaam School respectively were not completed.)

Yugoslavian Writer Sends Appeal To Churches for Large Offering to Help Build Center in Nis

By Milan Susljic, Editor,
Yugoslavian Union

The Yugoslav city of Nis, pronounced 'Neesh', the old Roman stronghold of Naissus, has figured in the history of the Christian church since 274 A.D., as the birthplace of Constantine the Great. It was he who issued the so-called Edict of Milan in 313 A.D., allowing Christians free confession of their religion, and who, in 321 A.D., imposed on that same church the pagan custom of Sunday observance.

When, some fifty years ago, the glad tidings of the second coming of Christ came to Nis, the message was met with

joy by many sincere souls, as well as with the enraged opposition of the state church. Thus our believers had to meet together for worship and prayer in small, inconvenient houses — houses which do not truly represent the message we preach.

After the Second World War, a new law of separation between state and church was issued in Yugoslavia. Now all religions are equal by law. Finally, the glad tidings of the Gospel could be freely proclaimed in all our churches.

But our believers in Nis are still sad. Their humble church building which even in those days could not accommodate all those who used to come to listen to the Word of God, is very old and about to fall. Today hundreds of our believers have at their disposal only this hall which, under normal circumstances, seats only half as many. In addition there are over fifty boys and girls from a very active Sabbath School who have to gather together in a small wooden shed.

The situation has been made worse by the move of the Southern Conference staff to Nis, for they have their offices in the same building. The unsuitability and shabbiness of the church building in Nis is especially noticeable when one looks at the super-modern skyscrapers which have been built all around our church during the last few years.

All these circumstances in Nis have compelled our dear believers to think of building a new tabernacle that will be a credit to us in this city which still

Villagers Fill Church For Temperance Film

Church bells called 150 persons from a village in the Jubail district to attend a showing of "One in 20,000" at the Catholic church there.

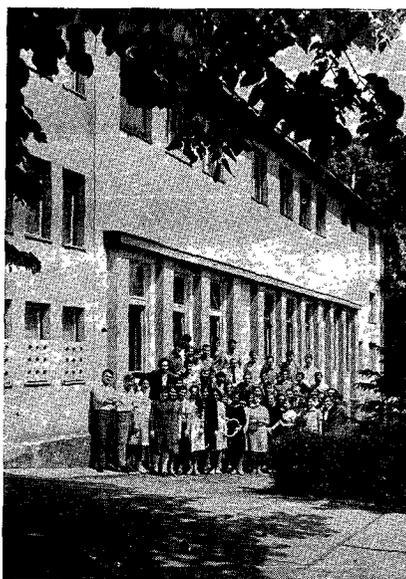
Philip Srour, Lebanon Section temperance department secretary, reports that he and his brother, Elder Chafic Srour, the Lebanon Section president, visited a nice Catholic family in a Catholic village of the Jubail district. They had a good visit and it was suggested that they see the film.

The only appropriate hall was the church. This family had access to the big key of the church. They assembled the church benches in the court yard, obtained a big sheet for a screen, and plugged the equipment into the church outlet.

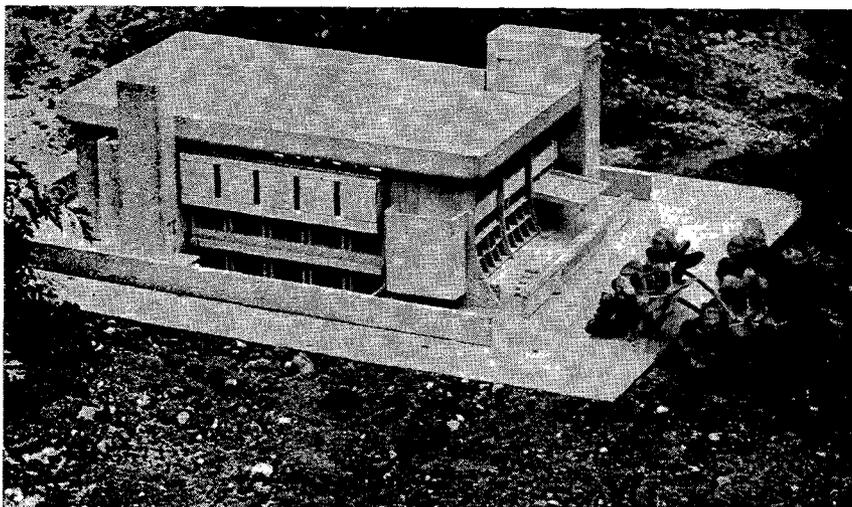
Then it was the bells rang. Twice the big bell called out to summon the village to attend. About 150 persons—men and women, boys and girls—came.

The message of the film urging to a clean life without tobacco interested the village in our magazines and the health correspondence course.

Says Brother Philip: "We hope that in this way we can break the prejudice of the people and reach them with the message. Pray for our work in the temperance department and the Voice of Prophecy."



Some students of Rakovica Seminary, now called the Yugoslavian Union College.



An architect's model of the evangelistic center to be built in Nis, Yugoslavia with funds collected from Adventist churches around the world, September 26.

reflects the glory of the time of Constantine a center for the preaching of the Gospel truth to the glory of God. A fine plan for a nice evangelistic center has been drawn up.

Considerable funds have been collected, and the enthusiasm of the believers is great, but all this is not sufficient. Without help from others around the world, and without the prayers of our brethren, this center cannot possibly be finished for many years to come. Therefore, let us all help with our means so that the torch of truth, especially the truth of the Sabbath which Constantine the Great quenched, may shine forth in the city of Nis to enlighten the people now living in it. This message should again raise up the great Sabbath truth to the glory of the One who made this world and gave His life to save it.

The building of the evangelistic center in Nis is not the only problem which the cause of God is facing today in Yugoslavia. In all our churches we have young people — boys, girls and children — who want to stand up for their faith in the Lord, and who wish to get a Christian education.

Until this year it has been impossible for any but a small number of them to get this education in our theological school in Rakovica, near Belgrade. At the beginning of this year the school was renamed, the Yugoslavian Union College.

Now new possibilities have opened before us. Next fall a junior college will be opened in a medieval castle by the name of Marusevec in the north of the country where tens or maybe hundreds of boys and girls can joyfully



Pictured here, the Adventist meeting place in Nis is too small and doesn't fit with the modern buildings around it.

study the Word of God under God-fearing teachers.

The cause of God needs many well-educated young men to come from this college prepared for the work of God. In the near future Yugoslavia will be ready to send missionaries from these colleges into the mission fields of our own country and abroad.

To fulfill this plan we are in need of your financial help. We hope that our call for help will find a ready response in your hearts, and that your gifts on Thirteenth Sabbath will be a real demonstration of your love for Christ and His cause.

Pray for the advancement of the cause of the Lord in this part of His

Churches Mourn

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die East College. He accepted a teaching assignment to Iraq, where he was married. He was born in Egypt in 1924.

After a year in Iraq, he worked as an evangelist in upper Egypt. He was ordained in 1954. He served as district leader in the Fayoum province and then in the Minia province before his appointment to Mansoura.

Five pastors participated in the funeral service at Heliopolis, July 17, according to a report from Shañc Ghali, who spoke the word of condolence and read a short life sketch for the service. Elder Nashed Yacoub preached the funeral sermon. The dead were buried in the Seventh-day Adventist cemetery at Old Cairo.

Only five days before the accident, Elder Nassif and his family were in Heliopolis for the baptism of the three daughters. The occasion was a joyous one marked by invitations to the homes of friends and trips to points of interest in the area.

The accident occurred during the return trip to Mansoura when the Nassif car, upon overtaking a stopped bus, collided with a truck approaching in the opposite lane.

Elder Nassif is survived by two brothers and a sister in Egypt. His wife, Rose, is survived by members of the Haddad family of Mosul, Iraq. Both were the only Adventists from their families.

Division Staff Moves

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the General Conference visited the offices of the various division headquarters concerned and then met with the available division officers during the last week of August in Beirut to work out proposals for the financial organization.

Most recent appointee to the division staff is Elder Robert Taylor. He was Ministerial Association secretary of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference and will hold the same position in the Afro-Mideast Division.

great world vineyard! Pray that the Lord will open the door wide for the preaching of His Gospel to this last generation! Pray that the means you are going to give to God's cause in Yugoslavia will be a real help to those sincere souls who are going to gather together in the houses of worship of Jesus Christ!

Children Taught to Apply Bible Virtues To Life Today at College Park VBS

Leaders of the two-week long vacation Bible school at the Bawshiriya church and school building during the first half of August, took the theme "Bible Heroes" and applied it to modern living.

Sponsored by the College Park church the school was directed by Evelyn Hamer. About 100 students attended in five sections. There were three levels: kindergarten, primary, and junior with divisions into Arabic and English sections for the kindergarten and primary levels.

The Bible hero theme took characters from the pages of the Scriptures, examined them for virtues in the light of their times and then paired the virtues with those applied to modern needs. Teaching aids included a large lighthouse from which the student could allow the light of the virtues being studied to shine to the world.

A large volunteer staff carried on the activities. Division leaders were: Arabic kindergarten, Jeanette Issa, assisted by Mary Halabi; English kinder-

garten, Dorothy Aikman; Arabic primary, Mary Jeha; English primary, Mary Lou Segar; juniors, Faiza Abou jauda. Marion Runge assisted in various activities and served as a secretary treasurer for the collection of fees and the keeping of records.

The students prepared various crafts including artistic plaques made from the placement of different grains on a blackboard, cannister sets made from milk cans and foil, troll dolls constructed out of pine cones and felt, and name boards made by gluing alphabet

macaroni on small pieces of wood. Bethel Doyle, Mildred Sheffield, Dorothy Bresee and Badia Issa taught the crafts.

Elder Hatley Bresee directed songs, Mary Darnell played the piano, Nassima Berbawi translated vital parts of the program, Doctor Justin Hamer built teaching aids, and Elder Jon Green directed recreation. Others participated in various activities.

A closing program, August 14, attracted a capacity audience to the Bawshiriya church. The school theme was presented as costumed children stepped out from the pages of a Bible, were joined by companions in modern dress, and took their places at the lighthouse.

1970 Summer Camps Conducted In Lebanon, Turkey, Cyprus

Summer camps in the Middle East continued to attract and inspire the youth of the church and their friends during 1970 as they have in previous years.

The Lebanon, Turkey, and Cyprus sections all conducted camps. Camps planned in Iran and Egypt had to be canceled because of threats of cholera in the area.

Lebanese youth were joined in their camps by friends from Syria and Jordan at the familiar campsite near Baskinta. Two camps were held, one for junior youth, directed by Edmond Haddad from Middle East College, and the other for the senior youth, directed by Elder Manouk Nazirian, the Missionary Volunteer department leader.

A guidance and counseling major

from Andrews University, Ray Cornforth, joined the summer camp program.

Elder Manuk Benzatyian, president of the Turkey Section, directed the camp near beautiful Lake Abant in Turkey. Both laity and workers of the church joined in conducting the camp there. They were assisted by the Salaam Aboujauda family from Lebanon.

The island of Cyprus was invaded by helpers to make their camp, directed by Elder Paul Horton, a success. Besides student missionary Ray Cornforth, Ray Doyle and Edmond Haddad from Middle East College faculty, joined the camp staff. Elder Jon Green, president of the Jordan Section, was added to the staff when workers in

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Elder Green leads the children in games.



Singing songs at Vacation Bible School. Elder Bresee is directing.

Mrs. Berbawi and Mrs. Bresee are seen assisting some children at craft time.



1-Camp Director Nazirian talks to the youth.



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2-Sabbath sermon.



3.

3-Dining.

4-Duties.

5-Camp pastor.



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Cyprus needed to leave for furlough a week earlier than planned.

Ministers, teachers, and other denominational workers, plus members of their families and other lay workers from Lebanon, Turkey, and Cyprus pitched the tents, cooked the food, and guided the youth, along with doing other camp chores, making 1970 another successful summer camp season.

Scenes from the Senior Youth Camp at Baskinta In the Lebanon Mountains



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7-Campfire.

6-Hikers.

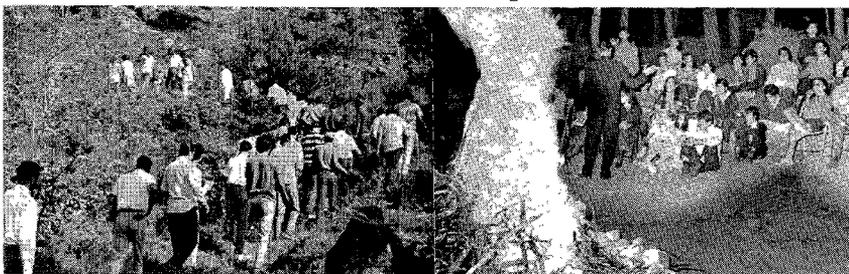
HERE AND THERE

HELIOPOLIS, EGYPT. Teachers and educational workers from the Egypt Section gathered here, July 12-16, for a teachers institute led by Dr. C. G. Macaulay of Loma Linda University. Among the subjects discussed were teacher relationships, disciplinary methods, and up-grading teachers.

BAGHDAD, IRAQ. Elder Hilal Dose, president of the Iraq Section, has chosen as theme for a series of meetings in the Baghdad church, "The Living Christ." The sermons are attracting as many as 500 persons to a single meeting. He reports preaching from a positive approach the life, work, teaching, death, resurrection, mediation, and second coming of Jesus.

BEKFAYA, LEBANON. Saad Khilla and his family, recently under appointment to work in Syria, have joined Elder Gerald Whitehouse and his family for pioneer work in this mountain town.

COLLEGE PARK, LEBANON. The officers of Middle East College have approved a proposal that the dormitory facilities of the college be made available on a limited basis to high school students desiring to attend the nearby Beirut Overseas School. This will help families all over the Afro-



Mideast Division solve education problems without sending their children great distances to school. The division is studying plans to meet the needs of high school students on a broader and mere permanent basis.

BEIRUT, LEBANON. Elder E. L. Martin, pastor of the Melborne church in Australia, stopped in Beirut on his way home from the General Conference session. He related experiences from 15 years of work in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands during speaking appointments at the Bawshiriya church, College Park church, and the Lebanon youth camp.

HELIOPOLIS, EGYPT. Shafic Ghali reports from the headquarters of the Egypt Section that the membership of this section has grown to 1,761 at the end of June, 1970. Baptisms during the first quarter were 154 and during the second quarter 127.

NICOSIA, CYPRUS. Thomas Davis

and William Bradshaw left Cyprus with their families August 18, for furlough and reappointment. The Davis family is going to the Buena Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico. BEIRUT, LEBANON. Elder Harold Johnson and his family said farewell to friends in the Middle East, prior to their departure to the United States, August 11. Medical problems disrupted their term of service and forced a return

BAWSHIRIYA, LEBANON. Jad Katrib returned to duties at the secondary school at Bawshiriya after a course of summer studies in France. He took advanced work in the French language at Bordeaux.

COLLEGE PARK, LEBANON. Gene and Verta Johnson of the Middle East College faculty announced here the birth of a second daughter, Tassy Janan on August 25, at the American University Hospital.

ORGANIZATION, BUDGETS, REVOLUTION

A group of workers were talking about the condition of the work in the Middle East. Considerations were presented pro and con as to how we might be able to have larger baptisms and complete our God-given task in the Middle East.

One of the participants made an observation that calls for our careful notice. He said: "Our greatest and most urgent need is not organizational structure, but it is that the workers and church members have a right relationship. What we need most is not bigger budgets but a spiritual revolution—a true reformation and a revival."

We find in this statement a clue to guide us in meeting the single great challenge we face in the Middle East—reaching 150 million souls with the Adventist message.

We would not be misunderstood. We emphasize that organization is indispensable. We know that both the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy strongly support organization.

However, we keep in mind that organization is not the most important thing. This is said in the setting of the new status given the work of the Middle East in the church's world organization. Organizational advantages are not our first need.

The pen of inspiration says this concerning one's depending too much upon organization: "Too often the worker for Christ fails to realize his personal responsibility. He is in danger of shifting his burden upon organization, instead of relying upon Him who is the source of all strength." *Welfare Ministry*, p. 265.

Then there is another element which appears in an exaggerated form. How much money need we have in order to carry on our program successfully?

No one can deny that money has great value; it can do great good.

But the immediate need of the Remnant Church of the Middle East is not money. It is not the big budgets that will produce large baptisms and finish the work in the Middle East.

We need a spiritual revolution. The work in the Middle East will bound forward when a true reformation and a revival takes place among God's people bringing them into a right relationship with Him and with one another. This experience should be characterized by a complete removal of every known sin from the life, perfect unity among brethren, a truly converted ministry and witnessing laity, a clear vision of purpose, a right attitude toward our brethren in Islam, unreserved dedication to task, faithful use of present means, and an unswerving faith in God.

Our first work is to seek this experience. It will bring the expected results. Please listen to the words of inspiration: "The means in our possession may not seem to be sufficient for the work, but if we will move forward in faith, believing in the all-sufficient power of God, abundant resources will open before us." *Welfare Ministry*, p. 265.

"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world." *Christian Service*, p. 75.

A reduction in organizational advantages or budgetary provisions should not alarm us. Our concern should be for the improvement of the spiritual condition of God's church. Our efforts should be set upon reaching the standard of spirituality that Heaven has placed before us.

—Manoug Nazirian

The Adventist World

LAYMEN'S YEAR SET FOR 1971

The General Conference has designated 1971 as Laymen's Year. Under a program called the Friendship Bible Circle, plans are being made for visiting 12 million families in nearly 200 countries. Congresses and workshops will be organized to promote the year's activities.

JAPAN COLLEGE SELLS TREES

Japan Missionary College reports on "a rapidly developing major industry" at the college. In April 1970, sales from the college tree nursery amounted to two million yen.

KFGZ OR WEMC STAFF WANTED

Dr. H. J. Shaw of Andrews University is looking for persons who helped with radio production and programming at KFGZ or WEMC during 1923-29. He wants to honor their names on a historical plaque.

Elder Webster Says Farewell to Readers

(Elder F. C. Webster, now assistant to the General Conference President, visited friends in Beirut before leaving for Washington. To friends elsewhere in the Middle East whom he could not personally see he addressed these words of farewell.)

The General Conference session in Atlantic City was indeed an inspirational meeting. How wonderful it was to meet with friends and Christian workers with whom we have labored on five different continents! How inspiring it was to counsel together, pray together, and sit side by side as we heard the stirring messages that came from God's servants!

One of the results of the business transacted at the session, necessitated our transfer from the Middle East to Washington. We shall accept our new responsibility realizing that we can accomplish what the brethren are asking us to do only as God gives us wisdom and allots to us the insight which we shall need.

It is always painful to sever friendships such as we have formed in the Middle East, but actually they are not being severed but stretched a bit, for now they must be maintained across the expanse of thousands of kilometers rather than on a personal face to face relationship. We shall miss you all, but we commit you to God's care and to the wonderful and competent staff of the new Afro-Mideast Division.

Theological Seminary Accredited

The Seventh-day Adventist theological seminary, on the campus of Andrews University, has been fully accredited with the American Association of Theological Schools, according to AU president Richard Hammill.

"We filed for accreditation four years ago," said Dr. W. G. C. Murdoch, dean of the Seminary. He listed several items the accrediting board checked, including objectives and philosophies of the school, methods of preparation for the ministry, publications of faculty members, adequate library facilities and financial resources, and alumni accomplishments.

Murdoch pointed to some of the advantages of having accreditation, including full recognition of all seminary degrees by other schools, and the possible receipt of certain scholarships for students and fellowships for faculty members.

According to a faculty decision the degree nomenclature Bachelor of Divi-



Doctors Smoot, Hammill, and Murdoch of Andrews University read the letter of accreditation.

nity is replaced by Master of Divinity. The Seminary can now give degrees beyond the master of Divinity degree.

Increased Role for Youth Leadership

Local church nominating committees should note some important changes made in the role of youth leadership by the General Conference session in Atlantic City, according to a release by Elder John Hancock, General Conference MV department secretary.

One of the changes provides that the Pathfinder Club director will be a regular member of the local church board. Another change gives membership on the local church lay activities council to the church MV leader. These changes are official church actions and will be included in the *Church Manual*.

It is planned that the youth and their leaders will have a larger role in the activity of the church. A resolution calling for more youth involvement in the church was adopted at the General Conference session and is being circulated to the world field.

Consisting of three points, the resolution called for youth involvement in the church program, youth participation in local church leadership, and youth advisory committees to serve on Section and Union levels.

Church leadership on every level is asked to seek "creative and innovative ways to enlist youth in meaningful and cooperative involvement with adult church members in the total program and plans of the church."

Local church nominating committees

will especially be influenced by the point seeking more youth participation in local church leadership. The resolution asked that "well-qualified youth" share in church leadership as "church elders, deacons, deaconesses, and other church offices; with membership on church boards, nominating committees, and other church-study and missionary-planning groups."

It is expected that the youth advisory committees called for on Section and Union levels will meet at least twice a year with the denominational leaders "to discuss and plan ways of involving youth in active evangelistic and church-oriented activities and to help determine a working calendar of major projects and programs for youth."

In presenting the resolution to the General Conference session for adoption, the MV department leaders noted that as a growing world church, Seventh-day Adventists have a large segment of youth and young-adult members. These members are considered an important source of talent and leadership potential in the church.

The counsel of the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy promises that given the right training, direction, and encouragement the segment of the church represented by its youth and young adults will have a major role in finishing the work.

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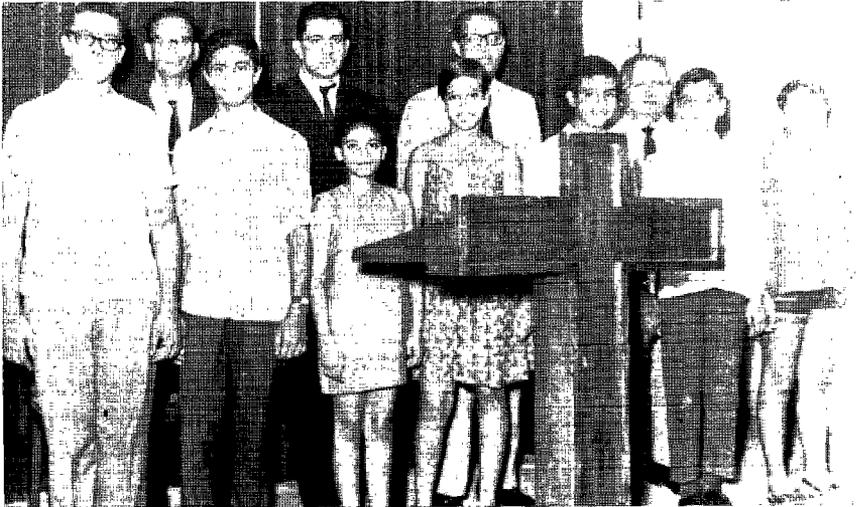
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Eight of those who were baptized at the Cairo church the first of August are shown here with church workers, Siman Fanjari, Sabri Azar, and Abdelmalik Abdelmesih.



Vacation Bible Students in Isfahan, Iran, sing at final exercises there August 6. Hranoosh Avedissian, Asdig Mousesian, and Jenik Grigorian were teachers.



Afro-Mideast missionaries at Andrews University missions institute this summer: Left to right, front row, are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blinci, Dr. and Mrs. Lester Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackwood, Miss March Jacobson, and institute staff member, Dr. Oosterwal. In the back row are the institute director, Dr. Manley, and Dr. and Mrs. Fred Myers, Miss Marianne Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Corliss Vander Mei, Miss Fern Wilson, and Mr. Martin Moores.

World Baptism Day

The first Sabbath of November has been appointed in the church calendar as World Baptism Day. Denomination workers and organizations around the world are planning toward that day for good baptisms.

World Baptism Day comes at the conclusion of the Week of Prayer. Candidates will want to join with church members in making the week one of revival and reformation. Church members will want to join the candidates in making the occasion of the baptism ceremony one of full surrender to Christ and dedication to his service.

Connected with surrender and dedication is the spirit of self-sacrifice, and to be connected with the Week of Prayer and World Baptism Day is the annual Week of Sacrifice offering.

Church Calender

SPECIAL DAYS

- Oct. 3 Decision Day, Lay Evangelism
- Oct. 10 Correspondence School Day
- Oct. 17 S. S. Visitors Day
- Oct. 17 Hope Campaign (to Oct. 24)
- Oct. 17 Community Relations Day
- Oct. 31 Week of Prayer begins
- Nov. 7 World Baptism Day
- Nov. 14 Ingathering Campaign begins

OFFERINGS

- Oct. 3 Church Lay Activities
- Oct. 10 Voice of Prophecy
- Oct. 17 Church expense
- Oct. 24 Hope subscriptions
- Oct. 31 Poor Fund
- Nov. 7 Week of Sacrifice
- Nov. 14 Church Lay Activities
- Nov. 21 Section Project
- Nov. 28 Church Expense

SUNSET TABLE

OCTOBER	2	9	16	23	30
Amman	5:21	5:12	5:03	4:55	4:49
Baghdad	5:50	5:41	5:32	5:24	5:17
Beirut	5:22	5:13	5:04	4:55	4:48
Cairo	5:40	5:32	5:24	5:17	5:10
Isfahan	5:46	5:34	5:13	5:03	4:55
Luxor	5:35	5:28	5:21	5:14	5:09
Tabriz	6:07	5:56	5:46	5:36	5:28
Tehran	5:48	5:38	5:28	5:19	5:12

NOVEMBER	6	13	20	27
Amman	4:43	4:38	4:34	4:32
Baghdad	5:11	5:16	5:02	4:59
Beirut	4:42	4:36	4:32	4:30
Cairo	5:05	5:01	4:57	4:55
Isfahan	5:10	5:05	5:01	4:59
Istanbul	4:55	4:48	4:42	4:38
Luxor	5:04	5:01	4:58	4:57
Tabriz	5:21	5:14	5:09	5:06
Tehran	5:05	4:59	4:55	4:52

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