



Cooperating With God Through Investing

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ALTHOUGH she has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for only three years, Mrs. Tony Hamilton, a New York City housewife, believes in a practical type of Christian stewardship.

God has blessed her with the talent of making delicious, homemade whole-wheat rolls. She had received many compliments on her rolls, so she decided to dedicate them to the Sabbath school Investment Fund.

With very few exceptions Mrs. Hamilton has made her weekly rounds in New York City, including a stop at the conference office, to take orders and to deliver more than 7,000 rolls for Investment during the past year.

Through Sister Hamilton's efforts and those of fellow members, the Tabernacle church Sabbath school raised more than \$4,000 for Investment in 1960.

For a number of years the Tabernacle Sabbath school, with Sister L. O. Irons as its Investment secretary, has been one of the denomination's leaders in Sabbath school Investment. Elder C. E. Bradford, the present pastor of the church, has actively supported this worthy undertaking.

What the Tabernacle Sabbath

school is doing each year is typical of what many other Sabbath schools are doing throughout the world. The Investment program is an endeavor in which everyone can participate, whether young or old, church member or non-church member. It is a partnership relationship with God in which we dedicate some talent, plan, program, or undertaking and expect Him to give the increase as we cooperatively invest for Him.

This wonderful promise from the writings of Ellen G. White should be encouraging: "As you cooperate with Christ, your hand will open to impart still more. And God will refill your hand, that the treasure of truth may be taken to many souls. He will give to you that you may give to others."—*The Review and Herald*, Dec. 10, 1901.

General Conference Recommendation

The General Conference at the last Autumn Council voted to request the Sabbath school members throughout the world to raise \$1 million for missions through Investment during 1961. What a wonderful opportunity for advancing the work of God by the funds we shall raise through Investment! When all

the reports are in, our total for 1960 will be approximately \$700,000. So the million-dollar goal is attainable if every Sabbath school member will participate this year.

Each Sabbath school is supposed to have an Investment secretary who will, along with the superintendent, promote this program. If your Sabbath school does not have an Investment secretary, then your Sabbath school council should see that one is appointed. The Sabbath school council should adopt an Investment goal for the entire school and for each of the divisions. It is then the responsibility of the superintendent and Investment secretary to alert the Sabbath school members to the Investment possibilities and to encourage all members in all the departments to work toward their goals. Also the Investment secretary should keep the Sabbath school informed through regular reports of progress and by having members relate their experiences to the entire school.

Investment Suggestions

There are four general areas in which one may work: (1) Through the sales of various articles, materials, produce, literature, et cetera,

(2) through service—income from money earned through various lines of work, (3) through self-denial—saving all dimes, quarters, nickels, pennies, et cetera; percentage on income, literature sales, tips, et cetera; dedication of unexpected income, (4) through savings—food labels, income tax returns, do-it-yourself projects, et cetera.

You will find many good suggestions in the monthly *Sabbath School Worker*. With planning, prayer, and work on your part, Investment will open new doors of blessing for you, your Sabbath school, and the mission field.

The goal for INFORMANT readers: "Every member a participating member."

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Allegheny Has Record Student Enrollment

THE educational department of the Allegheny Conference reports its highest pupil enrollment in the fifteen years the conference has been operating—almost 1,000 pupils.

Fifteen schools are offering Christian education to its boys and girls with a teaching staff of forty-six. There are four intermediate schools

in Cleveland, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington. Eleven schools are scattered among the States of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia.

This growth has been made possible through the unprecedented support of the conference president, Elder W. L. Cheatham, the secretary-treasurer, Elder W. A. Thompson, the conference committee, the ministry, and the loyal membership.

We have two new schools operating this year—the Bridgeton school in New Jersey, with two teachers; and the Larchwood school in Philadelphia, an intermediate school in new quarters with five teachers. This is a union school supported by the Ebenezer, North Philadelphia, and Willow Grove churches. Two ministers have made a dream come true, Elders Jethro Lester and Charles Lee Brooks. They enjoy the support of their entire membership in this new project.

The largest school in the conference is the Dupont Park school in Washington, D.C., with an enrollment of 242. The growth at this school has been unparalleled and reflects the management of the principal, Professor J. L. Moran, who has been in school work in the denomination for most of his life. Dupont has a faculty of ten teachers offering an enriched program.

By special arrangement with the public transportation system, a bus brings many of the children to the school door and returns for them in

the afternoon. The school also operates its own bus donated by one of the members of the church who wishes to remain anonymous.

A well-equipped cafeteria with stainless steel furnishings ties in nutrition with education.

Meeting the need of many parents who are away from home during the day, the school conducts a nursery school with close to 55 children.

Principal Moran aims to surpass the 300 mark in the school enrollment.

A. V. PINKNEY
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West Africa Gives 700 Bibles to Army of Ghana

Accra, Ghana.—The West African Union recently presented 700 Bibles, New Testaments, *Steps to Christ*, and tracts to the Ghana contingent of the United Nations forces in the Republic of the Congo, reports M. T. Battle, director of public affairs for the union.

"The Bibles were received personally by the adjutant general of the Ghana Army," Battle says, "and were flown immediately to the Congo on a special United Nations military air transport. The presentation was announced in at least five daily newspapers, and seven times it was reported over Radio Ghana."

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Dupont Park church, with school at right.



Mrs. Amelia Fitzgerald with her students.

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A New School Annex Opened

THE Berean Seventh-day Adventist church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, opened a new school annex on Sabbath, September 24. The new building houses the principal's office, two additional classrooms, a reading room, and rest-room facilities. The classrooms are painted in beautiful pastel colors. The outside is painted coral sand.

Plans for the building were drawn by Mr. T. J. Oxley and Mr. Womack Rucker, who are members of the Baton Rouge church. It will be of interest to the constituency to know that this building was constructed by the men of the Baton Rouge church under the direction of Mr. Womack Rucker, chairman of the building committee, and Elder W. J. Cleveland, general chairman. Food for the workmen was furnished by the women of the church.

The program for the opening day was as follows: The eleven o'clock message was given by the writer. The afternoon program consisted of special music by a male chorus comprising all the men who helped in the construction of the building, also music by the church choir, and a solo by Mr. J. A. Edgecombe, principal of the New Orleans Junior Academy. Remarks were given by Elder W. J. Cleveland and Mr. Womack Rucker. Elder R. L. Woodfork, pastor of the New Orleans church, gave the main address. Visitors from Hammond and New Orleans attended this special occasion.

The Baton Rouge school has grown from year to year. Its present enrollment stands at one hundred. Mrs. L. A. Thompson is the principal and Mrs. Rita Cleveland and Eunice Bruce are the teachers. The writer and the educational



Baton Rouge school annex.

department take this opportunity again to express heartfelt appreciation to Elder W. J. Cleveland, church officers, and members of the Baton Rouge church for a job well done.

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Thirteenth Sabbath Mission Pageant

ON A recent Thirteenth Sabbath the words "From Greenland's icy mountains, From India's coral strand, Where Afric's sunny fountains roll down their golden sand," had a realistic ring as a number of different nations were represented in beautiful pageantry by the members of the Thirty-first Street church Sabbath school of San Diego, California.

One unique aspect was that these nations were not only superbly manifested in their native garb but in complexion and facial contour, as

well. So genuine and so picturesque was the group that a viewer who was unaware that it was any given church would have believed that surely this was one grand gathering and exemplification of the onward progress of the gospel; and this was the intent and objective of this dramatization.

Some of the outstanding portrayals and those who depicted them were as follows:

There was the northern Indian with his tight-fitting, long trousers and colorful, long-skirted, tight-fitting coat worn over them. Brother William Martin with his turban and traditional beard was, at first, not recognizable.

Then, there were the Indian women, who were well represented by Sisters Bobetta Pitre, Ethel Anderson, and Edna Douglas, with little Kathy Pitre as the Indian child. All were appropriately attired in the sari—a straight piece of cloth wrapped around the body to form a long dress, with the loose end thrown over the head.

The two little "Dutch" Shaw twins looked very becoming in their flowing flowered skirts, white aprons, and starched cloth caps, as did their mother, Sister Beulah Shaw.

Sisters Alice Smith and Thelma Greene made typical Japanese in the

traditional kimono, tied about the waist with a sash, and lovely flowers on each side of their heads. As is well known, the Japanese are extremely polite and run their lives according to strict rules of etiquette. Sister Greene demonstrated this trait very effectively.

The response to the Macedonian calls made by these various countries was realistic, indeed, when the church's own nurses, doctors, Bible instructors, and teachers were delegated to these fields. They joined their respective countries on the rostrum. Nurse Yvonne Brown and Dr. Herbert Holness were sent to India, and Brethren Roy Pitre and William Bryant to China and Japan, respectively, as teachers. Nurse Maudesta George and Dr. James Valentine with Sister Helen DuBose, as teacher, were sent to Africa. Nurses Jeanetta Smith and Mary Craig responded to the call also, along with Leita Mae Barnes.

There were many verbal, as well as tangible, expressions of appreciation and gratitude for this outstanding presentation sponsored and directed by Sister Edna B. Douglas. The Sabbath school of 260 members contributed more than \$500.00 for the promulgation of the gospel commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

Elder A. E. Webb, our pastor, actively supported the program of the Sabbath school. With splendid cooperation between officers and members, our Sabbath school has been able to be faithful in its stewardship to missions.

CLAUDIUS V. STEWART

Principal Receives Academic Insignia

THE Star and Cross of academic honor, a diploma, and an honorary life membership and fellowship was awarded Mrs. Willie A. Dodson, principal of Eliot Junior High School of Washington, D.C., by the American International Academy of the Americas during the school's ninth annual Thanksgiving program.



Mrs. Willie A. Dodson receiving award from Dr. Eduardo Ritter Aislan.

The presentation was made to Principal Dodson by a representative of the academy, Dr. Eduardo Ritter Aislan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations, who commended the recipient for her many contributions in the fields of education and international relations; for her high moral character; high ideals; her intellectual, cultural, and scientific attainments; the esteem in which she is held by all who know her; and for her spirit of cooperation and her general excellence in the field of human relations.

Dr. Ritter Aislan said the academy has as its objectives (1) to foster the advancement of the arts, sciences, and literature; (2) to promote abroad, where possible, the American culture and civilization, and (3) to make contact and collaborate with eminent scholars and scientists, academies, and universities; and the exchange of cultural interpretations between nations.

Responding, the recipient hopefully affirmed that she would do nothing to betray the confidence expressed by the academy in giving her this high honor. Mrs. Dodson is the second person of color to receive this honor. The other recipient is Dr.

Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations undersecretary.

The Eliot Junior High School principal holds the Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in psychology and education from Howard University and has completed more than 60 hours of further study. Mrs. Dodson is a 37-year veteran in the District school system, and has served as an elementary school demonstration teacher; counselor and research assistant in the Congressional Experiment in Character Education at the Washington Vocational High School; assistant principal at the Garnet-Patterson Junior High School; principal, Terrell Junior High School; and assumed her present post in 1952.

Members of the principal's family present on this occasion were her mother, Mrs. Lula Stafford; her sister, Mrs. Thelma Dodson; and her husband, Mr. Joseph Dodson. Other guests included Dr. Benjamin Hutton, supervising director of junior and senior high schools; Principal Frank Mundy, of Payne School; Mesdames Ora Jenkins, Mary Mattingly, Nannie Curtis, Helen Sugland, Doris Greene, Bessie Johnson; and Dr. Owen A. Troy.

In addition to an active public life, Mrs. Dodson has always found time to serve God. For many years she has been an efficient worker in the Dupont Park Seventh-day Adventist church, and offers a helping hand whenever needed. She has served as Sabbath school teacher, superintendent, member of the church board, school board, press secretary, and church clerk.

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