

Thirteenth Sabbath Mission Offering

SABBATH, DECEMBER 23

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:

Season's Greetings! At the Christmas season thoughts turn to loved ones and friends. Millions of dollars will be spent for gifts. Hundreds of millions of cards will pass through the mail. The spirit of giving is in the hearts of people everywhere, all with the purpose of letting others know they are loved and appreciated. Both giver and receiver are made happy, hence Christmas is a joyous season for all, but everyone will testify that the greatest joy is found in giving.

For the sincere Christian the Christmas season holds special significance. Turning our gaze back to a scene nearly 2,000 years ago, we behold our dearest and very best Friend, Jesus, giving His life on Calvary's cruel cross because He loved us so much. That was the most costly and precious gift in all the universe. No wonder the apostle Paul speaks of it as the "unspeakable gift." One cannot contemplate this marvelous gift on Calvary without exclaiming, "How ever could Jesus love me with such unfathomable love!" How can I show my love to Him for that wonderful gift?

There are many ways and opportunities that come to each of us to show our love and appreciation to Jesus, and certainly those who do sincerely love Him will include Him in their plans for Christmas. No one has ever loved us like Jesus. If we truly love Him and He is our very best Friend, He will be first in our thoughts at Christmas and will receive our best gift.

Opportunity will come to each of us to bring this loving gift to Jesus in the Thirteenth Sabbath Mission offering on Sabbath, December 23. Our gift will help to make it possible for the story of His love to be told to the millions in the Far East who know Him not.

May Heaven's richest peace and joy be yours at this Christmas and New Year Season!

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A Personal Testimony

We know that some younger in the faith, who hear and read the subversive claim that this church rejected the doctrine of righteousness by faith at the 1888 General Conference, are led to ask questions. May what I will say in this testimony be of help to all who have some concern in this question.

I was born in 1887 and became an official member of the remnant church at age 21. I have no personal knowledge of what transpired during the 20 years from 1888 to 1908, but I do know that when I joined the church in a public confession, having been keeping the Sabbath for a little time previous to that time, *the doctrine of righteousness by faith was being taught in the Bible classes, in our books, and in our periodicals.*

I was reared in a Lutheran home until age eleven when my mother passed away. Our pastor conducted summer Bible classes for the Lutheran children, and there is one lesson I learned in those classes that I never forgot, and shall never forget. It was the essence of the Gospel in a single sentence, borrowed from Dr. Martin Luther. In transliteration from the German into the English, it went like this, "Christ's blood and righteousness, that is my adornment and honor-robe." And this in essence or verity is the third angel's message, for it is the everlasting gospel. This doctrine was the foundation of the Reformation that was launched by Martin Luther. This is what I found to be the foundation of the Second Advent Movement when I joined it, and never once have I heard it being challenged by any Seventh-day Adventist minister, book or periodical. And Sister White said that this is what she had always taught prior to 1888.

That some of our ministers who had come into the faith from various church bodies, did not find themselves in perfect unity on all points of truth, is easily understood. This subject was made the leading study at our camp meetings following 1888, and in time, we are told, nearly all accepted it. That there was some delay, should not upset our faith in the movement, which is a miracle before our eyes.

I will quote from some things that Sister White wrote in 1904 when the pantheistic apostasy came to a crisis. Let us mark each and every word. A good idea would be to clip it to be kept where it could be read often. It is from *Testimonies*, Series B, No. 2: "We are God's commandment-keeping people. For the past fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to becloud our minds regarding the teaching of the word,—especially concerning the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and the message of heaven for these last days, as given

by the angels of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists, to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study, and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, *and they will be preserved*, as God has signified through His word and the testimony of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority."—*The Great Controversy and the Foundation of Our Faith*, by Ellen G. White, pp. 15, 16.

Let us approach with caution any and every new and strange thing that may be taught from some corner concerning the sanctuary truth. The easiest way to have our faith shaken is to accept some fanciful theory that will not stand the test of time, such as has happened to the now dead Ballenger "New-light" on the sanctuary and the subversive "Light at Eventide" which came forth from Auburn, Washington, on righteousness by faith, which is now a thing of the past.

ANDREW ROEDEL

Walla Walla College

Atomic Energy Commission Grant for Nuclear Physics Received

Announcement of an \$8,545 grant from the Atomic Energy Commission to the physics department of Walla Walla College was received this week by Dr. P. W. Christian, president.

The grant is for the acquisition of equipment to be used in a nuclear science program. It will enable purchase of nuclear equipment such as scanning spectrometer, spectrometry detector, scaler, shielded two-pi gas flow counter, and neutron howitzer, says Dr. R. H. Brown, professor of physics. The award also included funds to pay for the commercial fabrication of a plutonium-beryllium neutron source four times stronger than the one in present use by the department.

The AEC grant will greatly strengthen the WWC nuclear science training program, says Dr. Brown, who headed the WWC physics department from 1951 to 1960 and developed the nuclear physics laboratory. With this grant it will be possible to augment the nuclear physics laboratory to provide training in tritium and radioactive carbon tracer techniques which are of utmost importance in chemical and life science research.

The nuclear physics laboratory serves junior and senior undergraduate physics students, mechanical and electrical

engineering students, and chemistry and biology students who elect courses in nuclear physics.

During the years 1950 through 1961, WWC has graduated 33 physics majors. Of these, 19 have continued their training in graduate school, two have completed the doctorate in physics, two more are completing the doctorate in physics this current academic year, two have completed the doctorate in medicine, three are currently completing medical school, six are engaged in teaching physics on the secondary and college levels, three are engaged in nuclear engineering, and one is engaged in nuclear medical research. Of the seven physics majors graduated in 1961, four are going on to graduate school, one is employed at the Hanford Works in nuclear engineering, one is teaching physics, and one is returning to his home in Syria.

In addition to the four physics major graduates who are engaged in nuclear engineering and nuclear medical research in full-time employment, at least six engineering students who have taken the nuclear physics course offered by the physics department are now employed in nuclear engineering, principally with Westinghouse and General Electric. Twelve per cent of the students who have taken the nuclear physics training program at WWC over the past six years are now engaged full-time in nuclear research or in engineering. A number who are currently in graduate school have stated their desire to specialize in this field after the completion of their education.

Faculty members responsible for the use of the equipment purchased with the grant will include, in addition to Dr. Brown, Dr. Claude C. Barnett, asso-

ciate professor of physics, and Dr. Claude C. Barnett, associate professor of physics, and Dr. Charles V. Bell, assistant professor of physics.

Dr. Brown has done summer work as a nuclear physicist at the United States Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory at Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard in San Francisco. In the summer of 1961 he completed a training program at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies offered specifically for physics teachers from small colleges. During World War II and a previous summer Dr. Brown was research engineer working in electronic circuit development for Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.

Dr. Barnett completed the radioisotope training program at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies in the summer of 1960. During World War II he was an instructor in the U. S. Army Radar Training School. Since World War II, Dr. Barnett has installed omnirange equipment for the Civil Aeronautics Authority, and has worked with electronic systems as a research assistant at the Washington State University.

Dr. Bell's doctorate is in the field of electrical engineering. During the past two years he has been employed as a consultant on parametric amplifier development by the Philco, Bendix, and Hughes Corporations.

Education Department Hosts Distinguished Educators

Recent visitors on the WWC campus have included state and denominational leaders in education who have met with education department personnel for the study of the teacher training program. The guests were also featured speakers in club and professional meetings.

Dr. R. E. Silver, chairman of the department of education, was host to Dr. Wendell Allen, assistant state superintendent of education; T. S. Geraty, Richard Hammill, and G. M. Matthews, General Conference associate secretaries of the department of education; and J. T. Porter, Union Conference educational secretary.

Off-Campus Meetings

Dr. Silver, who is a member of the state High School-College Relations committee, attended sub-committee meetings in Seattle, November 30 and December 1, dealing with the statewide program for testing and grade prediction for guidance purposes. Testing of high school and academy seniors will continue with a revised battery of tests, says Dr. Silver.

Weddings

Coralie Emmons and Paul Cole were united in marriage Sunday evening, August 27, at the Meadow Glade Seventh-day Adventist church, Battle Ground, Washington, Elder T. M. Cole officiating. They are making their home in College Place, Washington, where Paul is continuing his education.

Georgia Wilson of Payette, Idaho became the bride of Marvin Vaughn at a wedding ceremony read by Elder Leon Corforth in the Payette, Idaho, Seventh-day Adventist church on November 22. May God's richest blessing rest upon this newly formed Seventh-day Adventist home.

The Boise Seventh-day Adventist church parsonage was the scene of the recent marriage of John Zuidema and Bessie McKenzie. The service was

North Pacific Union Conference Ingathering Report
Report For Week Ending December 2, 1961

Conference	Total Last Year	1962 Objective	Raised This Week	Total to Date	Per Cent of Objective
					25 50 75 100
Alaska	\$ 9,401.54	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 794.84	10%
Idaho	27,545.24	26,500.00	1,880.96	4,050.00	15%
Montana	22,783.33	23,000.00	2,168.83	3,806.67	16%
Oregon	131,445.81	125,000.00	6,896.25	14,480.57	11%
Upper Col.	77,234.22	71,000.00	5,981.04	15,873.93	22%
Washington	74,946.70	70,000.00	5,187.34	7,687.34	11%
Union	\$343,356.84	\$323,000.00	\$22,117.42	\$46,693.35	14%

DO YOUR PART NOW

From all sections of our Union comes good news of fine Ingathering contacts. Soon every church will be well along in the campaign.

This report shows that a good beginning has been made. Ten churches are already over the goal. As everyone joins hands to share in the work, success will be sure.

Do your part now.

GEORGE W. LISCOMBE

read by the pastor, E. G. Fresk. Brother and Sister Zuidema are making their home in Boise, Idaho, where their many friends pray heaven's blessings upon this Christian couple.

Arlin Woodruff and Shirley Schmidt were united in marriage November 4 and have established their home in Boise, Idaho. We pray heaven's blessing upon this couple as they journey through life together. The service was read by the pastor, E. G. Fresk.

Glenn Eldon Ellett and Esther Hathaway were united in marriage Sunday afternoon, July 2, at The Dalles, Oregon, Seventh-day Adventist church. Elder Letcher Huntington officiated. May the Lord richly bless these young people as they establish this new Christian home in The Dalles community.

Charles Joseph Worley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worley, and Francis Joan Mixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mixon were united in marriage November 24 in the pastor's study of the Kelso-Longview SDA church. Elder Preston Smith officiated. May heaven's richest blessing rest on this new Christian home.

UPPER COLUMBIA

New School in Prospect For Pasco Area

The faithful members of the River-view, Pasco, Seventh-day Adventist church which serves the cities of Kennewick and Richland as well as Pasco, have been long cognizant of the need for a larger and more adequate school. Overcrowded, below present-day standards, our church school must be replaced. We have set about to raise

the funds necessary for this operation.

In a church business meeting last summer the church decided to secure the services of Elder R. C. Remboldt of the North Pacific Union Church Development Service. We wish to thank the North Pacific Union Conference officers for creating and maintaining such a service for this area. The church canvass was organized by Elder Remboldt during the month of November. Those who took part in the canvass have expressed the spiritual benefit which came to them as they entered into the canvass programs. It was a time of fellowship which many have said should be maintained at all times in the church.

On November 28 the church came together for the final report meeting and victory dinner. How grateful all were when the total pledged amount was announced as \$80,010.50. This was more than \$10,000 in excess of the canvass goal.

Every member is thankful for the goodness of the Lord in making it possible for us to give sacrificially to the cause dear to our hearts. Unitedly we move forward, anticipating the day when a new school shall be built on land already purchased.

R. T. MINESINGER

Pastor

Evangelistic Meetings In Sunnyside

For the past eight weeks Elder Don Gray, Upper Columbia Conference evangelist, and his "It Is Written" team have been presenting God's truth to the hundreds who pack the air-auditorium four nights each week. Associated with Elder Gray to make up the team are Elder Reo Clyde, singing evangelist and fostering the new interest in Grandview, Brother Don Bauer in charge of the interested names in Sunnyside, and Brother

Warren Heintz with similar responsibilities in Granger. Supporting the campaign is Elder Burton Boudney of Sunnyside and Elder T. O. Willey of Grandview and their respective congregations.

The auditorium, located in the central Yakima valley town of Sunnyside, is inflated by a constant flow of air into the plastic-nylon oval-shaped building one hundred twenty feet long and sixty feet wide. It has a seating capacity of from five to six hundred people.



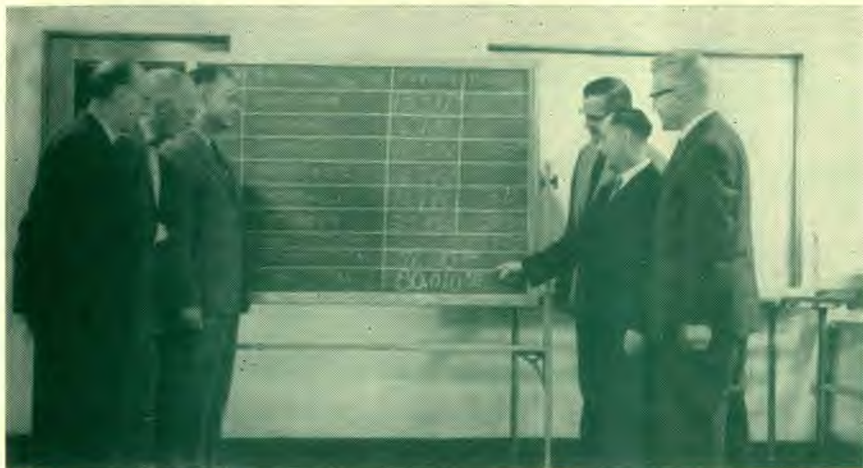
While the curious blue and gray structure punctuated by the fine shrubbery, arranged and furnished by Brother C. B. Miller of the Milton Nursery, has attracted some of the finest residents of the area, Elder Gray is certain that the heavy attendance each evening has resulted from the diligent work of the members who have so faithfully continued to invite their neighbors and friends. Many arrive in the automobiles of those who have invited them. Surely God remembers the unstinting service of His people who place their own personal interests aside that others may hear the message of truth in these closing hours of earth's history.

Some of the special features of the meetings include Elder Gray's illustrated lectures on Bible lands. These visible evidences of the truth of God's Word thrills the hearts of all who hear on Friday and Sunday evenings.

Also, Spanish translations of the evening lectures are given simultaneously by Elder R. R. Mattison of the Toppenish church. The translation is carried by wire from the projection booth to the ear phones worn by the Spanish-speaking people who attend.

Assisting Elder Reo Clyde in the music each evening is Mrs. Warren Heintz at the organ, Mrs. Don Bauer at the piano, Mrs. Don Gray at the vibraharp, and Mrs. Reo Clyde at the marimba. These instruments blend together in leading the congregation in their inspirational singing.

Proof of God's presence in this evangelistic endeavor is realized as we see the list of interested people in these communities growing from day to day. Already the interest file carries the names of more than a thousand interested people. This places a tremendous



Elder Minesinger and church leaders rejoice over total pledges toward new school building.

responsibility upon these human instruments of God as they decide who should be visited each week. May God instruct these earnest workers that they decide who should be visited each week. May God instruct these earnest workers that they may know where the greatest interest lies.

Hearts have been impressed and decisions made as three baptismal services have been held during the past two weeks. But those who know the interest are confident that this is only a sacred omen of the decisions for Christ that will be sealed on future Friday evenings as the candidates are led down into the waters of the lovely portable baptistry in the auditorium from week to week.

May God's people unite in prayer that great blessing may rest upon the evangelistic team and the pastors of the central Yakima valley as they seek out the honest in heart and gather the lambs into the fold before the final darkness settles upon the earth.

BURTON BOUNDEY

Upper Columbia Academy News

Cheney, a small town 17 miles away from Upper Columbia Academy, is fairly well known in the State of Washington because it is the home of Eastern Washington College. For Upper Columbia Academy this little town has taken on additional significance for it has been the center of our "Youth for Christ" efforts



Martha Severson

being conducted there each Wednesday and Sunday night. Wednesday night meetings are conducted entirely by the students. Four student speakers, two of whom are pictured with this report, present the message, and other students provide special music, take care of the ushering and other services in connection with an effort. Sunday night meetings are conducted very much on the same basis except instead of student speakers, Elder H. B. Ramsey, instructor in Bible and history at the academy, does the speaking. The attendance has not been large but we are thrilled with the fact that several have identified themselves with our group and are faithful in their attendance. We are looking forward for a trophy or two at least from this effort.



Dick Hart

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New music building at UCA.

Another spiritual highlight of the school year was the splendid Week of Prayer conducted by Elder W. V. Clements, the Sabbath School secretary of the Upper Columbia Conference. His theme for this Week of Prayer was "In Quest of Life."

Readers will be interested in the progress that is being made with our new music building. You can readily see from the accompanying photograph that the structure is well on its way toward completion. The outside walls are up and the building is glassed in. The inside of the building is still to be finished and we are looking forward to getting into the music building sometime in the spring.

F. E. SCHLEHUBER

Principal

This Time It Is Real

Last June an advertisement appeared in the GLEANER announcing a special edition of the Bible Story books. The ad was placed prematurely and a retraction had to be printed in the next issue. Now the advertisement has been printed again, this time with an even lower price; and this time it is "real." The special Seventh-day Adventist edition of the Bible Story is available to you for only \$19.95. That is right—all ten volumes for only \$19.95. Add 60 cents postage when ordering by mail, and add 80 cents for sales tax in the State of Washington. Order now from your Book and Bible House.

Please send _____ sets of the special S.D.A. edition of the "Bible Story" to:

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Address _____

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State _____

Amount for books _____

Sales tax _____

Postage _____

IDAHO

Churches Uniting

Seventh-day Adventist churches all over the world are uniting this quarter in gathering the largest overflow for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering in the history of our denomination.

While the uniting of so-called Christian churches around the globe is transpiring before our very eyes, God's true remnant should respond to the call of the Far Eastern Division in anticipation of a \$100,000 overflow offering.

With one and three quarter million Sabbath School members around the globe this goal does not appear out of order. Will you not as a loyal Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath School member plan to have a strong part in making this goal a reality by giving liberally to the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on December 23.

LEON CORNFORTH

GSA Students Engage in Fund-Raising Campaign

The Associated Student Body of Gem State Academy is engaged in a fund-raising campaign to provide funds to be used for the new Gem State Academy that we hope to have in operation for the coming school year.

Bunny Woods, a senior of Caldwell, Idaho, is the manager of the campaign. The school is divided into two groups, the Ferraris and the Jaguars. The Ferraris are the seniors and the freshmen, the Jaguars are the sophomores and the juniors. At the present time the Ferraris, under the leadership of Marjorie Jones and Doug Schmechel, are in the lead. Marlowe Clarambeau and Eloise Mittleider, the leaders of the Jaguars, are giving the other side some hard competition. Business men of Caldwell have contributed over \$150 worth of prizes to be awarded in the contest.

Please send your contribution to the

"THE MESSIAH"

by G. F. Handel

Presented by the Gem State Academy Oratorio Chorus of 120 voices.

Soloists:

Mrs. John Black, soprano

Mrs. Estyn Goss, contralto

Mr. Estyn Goss, tenor

Mr. Marvin Bloomquist, bass

Sabbath, December 16, 11 a.m.

at the

Caldwell SDA Church

Gem State Academy

presents

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Featuring the Concert Band
and the Chorus.

Saturday, December 16, 8 p.m.

Frazier Auditorium

General admission: 50¢

academy and designate which side you wish to credit with your offering. All funds given may be deducted on your income tax returns for this year. Let us all rise up and finish the work we have begun.

RALPH T. CARTER

Principal

Gem State Academy

The Gem State Academy honor roll for the second six weeks' period is as follows: Students with all A's—Terry Caudill, Gary Fresk, Larry Hudson, Gayle McCoy, Linda Reinke, and Sharon Jacobsen; students with A's and B's—Marilyn Sanada, Deanna Hopkins, Marlowe Clarambeau, Dale Hand, Myrna Hand, Jerry Jones, Wally Larson, Don Drury, Joy Schrammeck, Diana Jacobsen, Eileen Lambert, Barton Moore, Leslie Radford, Mike Trunkey, Rita Wicker, Jean Gray, Sharon Sulzle, Lana Tadej, Janice Terrell, and Beverly Higgins.

Nineteen dormitory and seven village students made up the total of twenty-six on the honor roll.

WASHINGTON

Tithe and Offering Square-Up Month

"Let not the idea prevail for a moment that a man's power to command high wages is a measure of his value in the sight of God as a worker. In the eyes of the world a man's value is estimated by 'How much is he worth in property?' But heaven's books register his worth in proportion to the good he has accomplished with the means he has had entrusted to him. In the fear and love of God, with his talents wholly sanctified to advance the glory of God, man can and will show his true value. Only when the reward is given to every man as his work shall be estimated in the judgment, can it be known how much he has sent before him to heaven."—*Selected Messages*, p. 193.

Let this inspired challenge urge us on to continued faithfulness in supplying God's cause with sufficient means to bring about its glorious completion.

N. R. DOWER

They Burn Up Dollars

Every day they burn up dollars! Yes, every day the United States Treasury Department burns up worn-out dollar bills—fives, tens and twenty dollar bills. These bills have gotten dirty, creased, worn and torn, so they burn them up and put new ones in circulation.

What a story some of those bills could tell! How much gasoline have they bought? How often have they been shoved across the grocery counter, or pushed into a tithe envelope? How much education have they paid for, or how many "facials"?

What about the dollars in your billfold? What are you going to do with them? Your decision will speak volumes concerning you as a person. If these dollars could talk after leaving your hand, just what would they say about you? You are the master of their fate, and they will do just what you tell them to do.

Money can have a permanent value if you send it forth on some mission. Waste it on harmful things or unworthy causes, and money depreciates rapidly. But put your money into education, churches, missions, experiences that bring growth, and it will increase in value. In other words, to retain its value money must produce things that are truly durable.

Sabbath, December 23, every loyal Seventh-day Adventist will have an opportunity to make their dollars grow in value, and produce results for time and eternity, by giving a generous Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to support three specific projects in the Far Eastern Division. Your dollars will help build an evangelistic center for the nearly 4,000,000 people in the City of Djakarta, Indonesia; a Voice of Prophecy headquarters building at Bangkok, Thailand; and buildings at the Ayer Manis Training School in Sarawak, where national workers can be trained to carry the gospel to the tribal peoples of North Borneo and Sarawak.

Make your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on December 23 a real Christmas gift for missions. Invest now and let your dollars speak for Christ!

A. R. LODAHL

Let the Lord Lead

There is no greater thrill that comes to a literature evangelist than the assurance that he is walking in the path that Jesus walked. With this assurance in his life, he can go forth daily with courage knowing that the Lord will direct his steps.

In the Washington Conference, we are happy to have an army of workers that are permitting God to lead in their daily life. Roy Johnston shares a thrilling experience that he enjoyed this past week. Here it is in his own words.

"It is very hard to express in words the satisfaction and comfort a literature evangelist gets from walking where Jesus walked and going where He directs. I pray daily for His leadership and a love for the work He has called me to do.

"I would like to share one of my experiences with you. I do not know when I have had a more inspiring experience, and a literature evangelist has many.

"The father in the home met me at the door explaining that his wife was at a dental appointment but he would be glad to speak with me. Our conversation drifted to spiritual things and how important it is to give our children a good foundation. He explained to me that he works in a juvenile court here in Seattle and was sure this type of literature was just what he had been looking for. He told me when parents come to his office, with their delinquent children, the root of their trouble is usually because Christ is not the center of the home; therefore, the parents did not give the love and guidance their little ones needed. 'Yes, Mr. Johnston, in your work, you take Christ into the home giving the parents tools to work with, thus supplying the spiritual guidance they need. Our hands are tied; the law will not allow us to encourage this type of thing in the juvenile court.'

"Soon his wife came home and after looking at the books was just as thrilled with them as he was. I also let them see the *Triumph of God's Love* which we give as a premium if they pay cash. It touched their hearts and they thought that they must have it. I visited with his wife and children while he went to the bank and borrowed the \$138 to pay for the volumes they chose, which consisted of *Bible Story*, *Bedtime Story*, *Tiny Tots*, and *The Triumph of God's Love*.

"After returning from the bank he told me he felt impressed to recommend my work to the Juvenile Court Commissioner. He also referred me to other people who he thought would appreciate our service. It would have warmed your heart if you could have knelt in prayer with us. I suggested we both pray. This father poured his heart out in my behalf, that if it was God's will that He would soften the hearts of the people here in Seattle that I might reach many with this wonderful literature.

"God is blessing us as He has promised. Let us all be faithful to the end."

I am sure that you can see how the Lord has led in this experience and what a blessing it will be to the program as a whole. You too, may enjoy an experience such as this one. Continue to pray for the front-line workers.

LARRY KURTZ

Associate Secretary, Publishing Dept.

DEC. 11, 1961

Attention: New MV and Pathfinder Officers

The January 5-7 youth training course is for you. It will be extremely difficult to do your work properly without being present. One Pathfinder and one MV officer may attend free of charge from each church. For any others, the cost is \$6.50 for food, housing, and instruction for the week end.

This training is imperative. Plan to attend.

Christmas Gift For Juniors

Why not give your boy or girl a week at Sunset Lake summer camp next summer as a Christmas gift this season. We have beautiful camp gift certificates wishing the recipient a merry Christmas and informing them that their way is paid at camp next year.

The dates are as follows:

Junior Girls, ages 9-12	August 5-12
Teen Campcraft at Black River	August 5-12
Junior Boys, ages 9-12	August 12-19
Teen Mountain Climbing at Mt. Rainier	August 12-19
Teen Camp at Sunset Lake	August 19-26

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MV Department
P. O. Box 1585
Seattle 3, Washington

Include the name and age of the child and your camp selection to be imprinted on the gift certificate.

ALASKA

Even in Sub Zero Weather

The thermometer registered a low of -38°. The high that day had been -30° but everyone was kept busy in the mailing band Sabbath afternoon, November 25, at the Fairbanks church. They met in the classroom about 5 p.m. All were busy addressing or stuffing envelopes until about 7 p.m. Names were taken from the local telephone directory.

The Mission president, Elder J. C.



Fairbanks mailing band at work.

Hanson, left front in the picture, helped until time to meet his plane to Anchorage.

Dr. Kenneth Wical, Barrow, Alaska, who was visiting in Fairbanks over the same week end, also assisted.

Since the classroom had not been used since Friday, it was a bit chilly. Elder Hanson and Dr. Wical were wearing parkas.

MRS. HAROLD E. HARVEY

tion and begin to repair their fishing boats and nets for the arduous summer ahead.

Fishing for the many kinds of Alaska salmon is nearly the sole source of its economy and with the depletion of this major resource, Craig has seen a decline in its population until now there are just over two hundred people remaining. Of these, twenty families are white and the remainder are Tlingit and Heida Indians.

At one time Seventh-day Adventists had a considerable work established in Craig. There were nearly twenty students in the neat little Mission School located on the main street of town, while an adequate and well-built church sedately invited its members to worship on Sabbath.

As the population declined, the number of church members and supporters of the church and school gradually decreased to the point where the Alaska Mission closed the program there.

Recently it was decided to see how much remained of the results of seed-sowing there, and three southeastern

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Evangelistic Crusade Brings Results in Craig

A once prosperous fishing village which has suffered a tragic loss in its economy is the West Coast village of Craig, Alaska. Hidden by the beautiful green of the Sitka spruce and western hemlock of the Tongass National Forest on one side and bounded by the rolling blue waters of the Pacific on the west, Craig has long enjoyed its isolation in one of the world's beauty spots.

Early in April, its inhabitants shrug off the languor of winter-time hiberna-



Some of the 60 who were in attendance late in the series at Craig, Alaska.



What Will Our



We wish to appeal to all of our faithful people to plan for a generous Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on the 23rd of December. The field to benefit most from it is the Far Eastern Division. This area of the world has had to face tremendous problems and it seems very evident that we must hasten on in our work if we are to keep ahead of the forces of evil that are lining up against us.

At this season of the year, when we are exchanging gifts with those we love, let us not fail to give our biggest and best gift to Christ in whom we live and move and have our being. To Him we owe a great debt of gratitude. All that we have and are is ours because of Him. Let us show Him that we recognize these facts and indicate our love by giving — not grudgingly, or of necessity — but cheerfully, liberally and with willing hearts.

N. R. DOWER

President, Washington Conference



As we approach the Christmas season in Montana, snow is falling and it is cold outside, but no one, to our knowledge, need be cold or hungry. Our homes are warm and we have sufficient winter clothing to assure comfort. The markets are filled with food, not only from fields and orchards of America, but from many countries of earth, and the few families who cannot afford to buy the luxuries that we associate with this season will be given Christmas baskets of food.

Here in America too, we have been hearing the Christmas story and have been invited to accept the One who was responsible so many years ago for the good tidings of great joy which was to be to all people. By song and the spoken word the story has been told over and over again; until there is not a home, no matter how humble, but what has heard the wonderful story of the Babe who came to offer His life that all might have eternal life.

How different is the picture in the countries of the Far Eastern Division of our world work. Not only do thousands of men, women and children lie down at night hungry and without proper clothing or shelter, but they have never heard the Christmas story. No one has told them of the One who loves them and who offers them forgiveness of sins and a home where hunger, cold, or sorrow or death is never known. On December 23 we are going to have the opportunity of helping to change this condition by giving a generous Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. The words of our Lord when He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me," surely will apply to all those who help to make a generous overflow to this needy field.

GEORGE E. TAYLOR

President, Montana Conference



who gave so much for us. As hearts by presenting tokens of our friends, let us also bring joy and darkness. Surely, it is our privilege this Christmas season to Him of whom the Bible says: "To Men."

President, North Pacific Union



At this time in America will joy of us will joy friends will homes the field heaven. The cess, and if God from w

However appropriate, it is our list. If the more.

to learn of Jesus and His love, would make our own holiday season.

On December 23, the fourth year will be received. I think it is not uncommon for some to Christians we say that Jesus is show Him how much we love Him this time, we should double our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.

We do not have too much time of opportunity which are now offered to Christ and to His cause is eternal. We give to others because that we have, belong to God. With the affection of our hearts. Thanksgiving."—MYP, p. 70. If at this time it will be a real joy to bring a December 23. All may not have precious faith. Some are isolated, not, we can, and all should, join in the year the best ever. May God bless

President, Idaho Conference



A. J. GORDON



President, Upper Columbia Conference



President, Oregon Conference.

H. L. RUDY

OREGON

Campaign Report No. 1

Conference Objective \$125,000.00

Raised December 2 14,480.57

Balance Due 110,519.43

The success of this greatest of our missionary campaigns depends upon the consecrated participation of every faithful member. Many churches are concentrating on a 4-week campaign, anticipating to be "over the line by Christmas time." Will you assist your church in making an outstanding success of the campaign this year? We surely do need to remind Adventists that the end is near and the work must quickly be finished.

The report for December 2 reaches you a week later than the actual progress of the campaign. We feel confident that on Sabbath, December 9, a tremendous forward movement will have taken place in all our churches.

The campaign is gathering rapid momentum, as the progress report below indicates. We do not know how they did it, but one conference in North America is already a Silver Vanguard conference. That means that they have received an average of \$25 for every member in that conference. We would hold out this new national objective before all our faithful members in Oregon.

So will you not plan to bring in your Silver Vanguard Ingathering returns in the next two or three weeks.

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Klamath Falls St. Johns Woodland
C. J. RITCHIE

Six Winners—Congratulations

Congratulations are in order to the first six people whose correct answers on quotations from the book *Education* were received in our office. To each a copy of *Your Bible and You* was mailed. Clifford Colvin—Sheridan, Oregon
Mrs. Laura E. Harding—

St. Helens, Oregon

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Holmes—
Gaston, Oregon

Bennie A. Saylor—The Dalles, Oregon

Gladys Wooden—Falls City, Oregon

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. DeChenne—
Brush Prairie, Wash.

A special "thank you" is due also to the many other people who sent in answers. We trust that as time goes on, we will all become more Spirit of

Prophecy conscious, and will endeavor to have every one of these inspired volumes in our homes. We are very happy that the 20 per cent discount, as you may have been informed, has been extended to August 31, 1962.

OREGON BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE

Christmas Offering for Jesus



Christmas in Williams Sabbath School.

"The Williams, Oregon, Sabbath School has a membership of 32 and our average Thirteenth Sabbath Offering amounts to about \$80, but our Christmas offering taken December 24, 1960, amounted to over \$106. We believe that this is a good way to decorate a tree, and we are so thankful to Jesus for letting us work with Him in helping others to see this precious truth."

A. LLOYD SMITH, S. S. Supt.
Williams, Oregon

The above statement made by Brother Smith regarding the decorating of a Christmas tree is in full harmony with the counsel given through the testimony of the church. We quote from an article by Ellen G. White in the *Review and Herald*, December 11, 1897.

"God would be well pleased if on Christmas, each church would have a Christmas tree on which shall be hung offerings, great and small . . . Letters of inquiry have come to us asking, Shall we have a Christmas tree? Will it not be like the world? We answer, you can make it like the world if you have the disposition to do so, or you can make it as unlike the world as possible. There is no particular sin in selecting a fragrant evergreen and placing it in our churches; but the sin lies in the motive which prompts to action, and the use which is made of the gifts placed upon the tree . . ."

"Christmas day, precious reminder of the sacrifice made in man's behalf, should not be devoted to gluttony and self-indulgence, thus exalting the creature above the Creator. Let us who

are partakers of this great salvation show that we have some appreciation of the gift, by rendering to God our thank-offerings . . . It is pleasure and gratification to exchange gifts with our friends; but are there not nobler and more glorious objects for which we may give our means, and thus do good by shedding light upon the pathway of others?"

May this Christmas find our people using their money wisely, refusing to spend their money for non-essential gifts or "for that which is not bread." May this year find all our members thinking of the needs in mission lands and make their best gift to Jesus who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

We are looking for the largest sacrificial Thirteenth Sabbath Offering ever received in our Sabbath Schools of Oregon on December 23.

Governor Hatfield Lauds Christian Schools

November 30, 1961, will ever be remembered as a never-to-be-forgotten day for the students of Don Nelson, eighth grade teacher at Portland Union grade school. It all started when room mothers Mrs. Francis Schuler and Mrs. Vernon Jester met with the teacher to lay plans for a field trip for his classroom. It was finally decided that this year a trip to our state capital would be of great educational value to the class. A few calls were made and what started as a simple trip to the capital turned out to be an invitation for a tour under the personal supervision of Secretary of State Appling and a luncheon appointment with the Honorable Mark O. Hatfield, Governor of the State of Oregon.

Excitement ran high as students, dressed in their best and with a prayer in their hearts, boarded the bus headed for the seat of our state government. Elder Francis Avery, chairman of the school board, and Fred Wilbur, principal of the grade school, accompanied the above group.

To start the tour all were escorted into the office of Secretary of State Appling. His kind and friendly manner won the hearts of all present. He gave a very interesting and instructive account of the duties of the Secretary of State and the importance of youth planning to have a part in political life on both a state and national level. The students were given an opportunity to ask any questions. This they did acceptedly. Nearly twenty minutes were spent in his office.

The next appointment was to meet Governor Mark O. Hatfield. All 31 students were on their best behavior as they waited for the governor to appear. After Mr. Wilbur introduced

the guests present to the governor, Mr. Hatfield soon had all feeling at ease by his kind, friendly, and gracious manner. He spent considerable time explaining to the group the duties, responsibilities, and powers of the governor of the state as well as those other social activities expected of a public servant. As Governor Hatfield was ready to leave, Ron Fitzgerald, eighth grade student, stepped forward and presented the governor with a beautiful Bible with his name embossed in gold on the cover. The personal message to Governor Hatfield indicated how thankful we were that we had a Christian governor and that although no doubt he had several Bibles we knew of no better way to express our appreciation than this memento presented on this occasion.

Governor Hatfield was visibly touched. He expressed his thanks for the gift and his appreciation of the fine, neat appearance and dignified manner of these youth who had respect for public officials and acted accordingly. He then told the group how fortunate they were to be able to attend a Christian school. He said that at times they might feel that they were missing out on a lot of fun and other activities found in a large public-supported school system but that these so-called advantages could not give them the strong Biblical background and training that they were receiving in a Christian school.

Lunch time found all in the Oregon Capitol Conference Dining Room. The thirty minutes spent with the governor had caused us to reflect that in this group of students might be found another Daniel or another Esther. Governor Hatfield again sent a message to the group telling how favorably impressed he had been with the appearance and deportment of the students. Secretary of State Appling showed his friendly and kind manner by coming to the dining room to personally autograph the cast of one of the students who had come on crutches, both legs in a cast due to polio.

Other events of the day included lectures and tours to the House of Representatives, the Senate, Board of Control Room, and many other items of interest. It was truly a never-to-be-forgotten day. All left grateful for Christian public officials and the freedoms we enjoy in the fair State of Oregon and the nation we love. We hope, too, that in some small way we left the right impression with these men of state that Seventh-day Adventists respect those in authority, love their state and nation, and thank God for the freedoms we enjoy.

FRED D. WILBUR

Principal
Portland Union Grade School

Mt. Tabor Church News

Elder John Hancock, of the North Pacific Union Conference, was the guest speaker at the annual Week of Prayer services of the Mt. Tabor church, November 11-18. His helpful messages were very much appreciated and the church will hold fond memories of this season of devotion. Nightly services were well attended. A variety of musical talent also served to highlight this memorable week.

Sabbath, November 25, was an occasion of rejoicing as the congregation witnessed the baptism of eleven candidates, one of whom was presented by the pastor as the product of forty-one years of faithful and persevering prayer on the part of his family. The church clerk, Kay Miller, reports that 50 have been baptized thus far this year.

The new films recently released on the life and work of Ellen G. White were featured at the mid-week Hour of Prayer services on two Wednesday evenings during October and were viewed by large and appreciative audiences both nights.

The pastor, Elder W. K. Chapman, is currently preaching a series of Sabbath morning sermons based upon the book of Psalms.

Evangelistic meetings conducted on Sunday evenings beginning October 15 have included several illustrated health lectures given by Glen Edgerton, M.D., Gerald A. Jones, M.D., Max Miracle, M.D., and Everett Wilson, M.D., "It Is Written" films were also featured.

MAX MIRACLE

Press Secretary

Milo Academy News

◆ The combined Milo Academy Choral and Choir of 110 voices, under the direction of Mr. Rudolph Strukoff, will present "The Messiah" at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 20. The Roseburg Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Charles Davis of Milo Academy, will accompany the group. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

◆ Elder W. L. Schoepflin of the Oregon Conference office led out in the October Week of Prayer at Milo Academy. Just as we need periodic physical examinations, we likewise need spiritual examinations regularly. The Great Physician also asks, "Where is your heart?" Victorius Christian living comes from giving our hearts completely to Christ and daily depending fully upon His power in our lives. The students appreciated having their former Bible teacher bring spiritual refreshment during the Week of Prayer.

◆ Elder H. L. Rudy, Oregon Conference president, was guest speaker for chapel on November 10. Having just returned from Fall Council, Elder Rudy

gave an enthusiastic report of the progress of our worldwide work.

◆ Elder A. C. Fearing of the General Conference Ministerial Department was guest speaker for chapel on November 13. The experiences he related inspired every student to feel especially proud to be a member of the wonderful Seventh-day Adventist family.

◆ Mr. Rudolph Strukoff of the Milo Academy Music Department was music director for a 10-day series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Elder A. C. Fearing in the new Seventh-day Adventist church in Medford in November. The 40-voice Milo Academy Chorale gave special numbers at Medford on November 14 and November 18.

◆ Newly announced officers of the Milo Academy Junior class are: Dave Abston, president; Connie Gronemyer, vice president; Carol Smith, secretary; Delbert Cline, treasurer; Wendell Bobst, pastor; Danny Feeles, chorister; Claudia Wesner, pianist; Ron Griffith, sergeant at arms. Class sponsors are Miss Patricia Shelton and Mr. Carl Miner.

◆ Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Strukoff of the Milo Academy Music Department presented a varied violin and vocal music program for the Oregon State Music Teachers' Association at Roseburg on Sunday afternoon, November 26. The students also enjoyed this program following a Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the Girls' Club the same evening.

◆ Officers for the Milo Academy Girls' Club, Theta Tau Alpha, are: Pat Tonole, president; Sandy Spomer, vice president; Judy Dolinsky, spiritual vice president; Judy Stiffler, secretary; Linda Hoover, treasurer; Virginia Garvin, chorister; Karen Santee, pianist; Judy Smith and Phyllis Lindsay, sergeants at arms.

Information Wanted

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mrs. Esther Asmussen, please contact the clerk of the Oregon City S.D.A. church. Write to: Mrs. Vera M. Miller, Church Clerk, 675 E. Dartmouth, Gladstone, Oregon.

"Bible Story" — S.D.A. Edition

You noticed the beautiful advertisement in the recent GLEANER on this special set of the wonderful volumes of *Bible Story*. The response has been excellent. Many are taking advantage of the opportunity to get this complete set for the low, low price of only \$19.95, plus 60¢ postage. In terms of the holiday season, can you think of a gift that could be more practical or more appreciated? Why not place your order now? You will always be glad you did!

OREGON BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE

News From Vancouver

The eleven o'clock service at the Vancouver church (Washington) November 18 concluded the Week of Prayer services held nightly and on Sabbaths. The Sabbath service also concluded and climaxed the Week of Revival and Reassurance program conducted by Elder Harold A. Peckham, the Conference revivalist.

The large number who attended the nightly meetings and on Sabbaths were refreshed and reassured by the timely messages presented at each service. Expressions of new courage and renewed pledges of faith were unanimous among members. A number of hands were raised expressing the desire for baptism in the near future.

The six new members who were baptized at this service were received into fellowship in an impressive ceremony conducted by Pastor H. R. Turner. "The interests in Vancouver," Pastor Turner said, "represent the united work of the members." He thanked Elder Peckham for the outstanding services he had rendered and he commended all who have had a part. He repeated his motto: "It Takes All."

A large baptism will be held December 31.

MRS. L. D. LITCHFIELD

Press Secretary

MONTANA

What Was Sister White Talking About?

Do you know? Can you guess?

"There is only one where there should be a hundred."

"They can send them into thousands of families that now sit in darkness."

"Golden opportunities occur almost daily . . ."

"The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

"Many are making a great mistake in not putting their talents to use . . ."

"Hundreds of men should be engaged in carrying the light through our cities, villages, and towns."

"The public must be agitated."

"Those of the best talent and ability, who will take hold of the work understandingly and systematically, and carry it forward with persevering energy, are the ones who should be selected."

If you do not know what the messenger of the Lord was talking about we are glad to tell you that it was the colporteur work. And she also says: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our

publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." All of these quotations and many more are found in Volume 4 of the *Testimonies*, beginning on page 388.

Could it be that you are one of the hundreds who should be engaged in this most important work? Has God impressed you with the lateness of the hour and given you the impression that He could use you as a messenger of truth? If you would like to enter this phase of the ministry, invite your publishing secretary to tell you all about it.

GEORGE E. TAYLOR

President

More Than Just Selling

Many times when talking with our people about the work of literature evangelism, expressions are made by some like this: "It is a wonderful work, but not for me;" "I admire anyone who does it, but I couldn't sell a stove to an Eskimo;" "It's wonderful work, but I am not a salesman."

Have you ever said words like these? If so, you have many friends who feel the same as you. To you, I would say, Be of good courage, God may call you to do this very work. God is not limited to human capabilities. "There is no limit to the usefulness of one, who putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit."

We are very fortunate to have in our conference one who has devoted twenty-two years of his life to colporteur evangelism, searching for souls "as one who must give an account in the day of judgment." Brother John Hays is a very modest man, humbly trusting God for his success. I wish to share with you his expression concerning the literature ministry after twenty-two years of faithful labor.

"When the canvasser enters upon his work he should not allow himself to be diverted, but should intelligently keep to the point with all diligence." C.M. 78.

"Of all the qualifications essential to success, in the literature ministry, I would put perseverance with consecration at the top of the list."

"When I gave my first canvass on February 12, 1939, I did not know it would take me 20 years and seven days to get to the home of a certain Air Force man who together with his family would accept the truth as a direct result of that contact. They immediately began to read their books and search the Scriptures. In a few weeks they were searching for the pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church. It was a great joy and blessing to me to see this young couple become actively engaged in doing missionary work. In fact, they were giving Bible studies before their baptism."



The Havre Pathfinders celebrated Halloween in typical Pathfinder fashion by collecting nearly 200 cans of food. These cans were made into Thanksgiving food baskets by the Dorcas Society.

Youngsters participating in the program pictured from left to right are: Melvin Nelson, Janet Seaman, Wanda Friesen, Betty Ann Seaman, Garth Bolbright, Bonnie Anderson, Vickie Seaman, and Roger Friesen.

"Jesus and holy angels will give success to the efforts of intelligent God-fearing men who do all in their power to save souls." C.M. 113.

"We as a people have a goal. That goal is to finish God's work in the earth. May the God of heaven bless His consecrated, persevering children in their soul-saving endeavors as the work swells to the loud cry and finishes in a blaze of glory."

J. M. HAYS, Literature Evangelist
Montana Conference

God needs more consecrated workers like Brother Hays. Will you be one to heed His call?

KENNETH CUMMINGS

Publishing Secretary

Praying for Billy Graham?

While we were yet in darkness and the light of present truth had not yet illuminated our thinking, was not God holding us by His hand and leading us on in the path that shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day? Who of us can claim a monopoly on God's guidance and love?

In a recent general letter to his friends, we read these words: "How refreshed I feel both physically and spiritually. I have been especially studying the book of Revelation, asking the Holy Spirit to give me fresh insight from the prophetic word on the present world situation." "'Zero hour' approaches with tremendous rapidity. How long we will have for continuing our free witness of the Gospel is uncertain. I believe the 'day of the Lord' is approaching." From a reply to a

letter of inquiry to his magazine, *Decision*, we learn that they do not hold the "secret rapture" theory.

Now, if you do not already know, let us ask where does Billy Graham stand on the doctrine of *sin*? We will lift a few lines from this same magazine for the month of November. He first mentions how that Christ hanging on the cross and dying for the sins of the world, throws a searchlight on our own wickedness, just as it did to the thief on the cross, and then he continues, "That is how I know that I am a sinner. Not only because I have broken the Ten Commandments, sin being the transgression of the law, but because I have come short of the Glory of God. The Glory of God is Christ, and, if I have failed to live like Jesus, I come short. I am a sinner. All have come short of the glory of God, and the wages of sin is death." I think we can all say with Jesus, when he spoke to that lawyer, "Billy Graham, thou art not far from the kingdom." We are to pray for all men. Why not mention this man who has been heard by more people than by any living man before? Most surely those that accept what he says about the second coming and the Ten Commandments will not believe in a "secret rapture" or an "abolished decalogue."

ANDREW ROEDEL

EVANGELISM IN CRAIG, ALASKA

(Continued from page 7)

Alaska pastors (Elder William Jenson, Pastor Jim Hiner, and Pastor Frank Owens) joined hands in an eight-day evangelistic crusade in the church.

Pastor Hiner, who is the minister of the Ketchikan church, was the speaker. He, along with Pastor Owens of Juneau, arrived several days early to ready the premises and to become acquainted with the inhabitants. Elder Jenson, of Sitka, joined them on Friday and all three continued the work of visiting from home to home in Craig and its neighboring village of Klawock.

Sabbath evening saw an encouraging opening night with thirty-three attending and this number continued to grow throughout most of the series until a high of sixty-five was reached. This represented about one-fourth of the city's population, and others who could not attend evinced an interest.

Pastor Hiner, in whose district Craig lies, plans to continue to build upon this large interest by opening Sabbath School and church here, and by continuing these meetings on Sabbath evenings.

A one-time member of the Craig mission school, Tom James, kindly provided a home for the three visiting ministers. He and his wife look forward to providing the local church with the leadership that will be needed to

carry on the work so recently reopened.

The Alaska Mission offering, which you recently provided, helped to make possible the reopening of a light in this corner of the world, and the Alaska Mission workers send you their appreciation for your generosity.

Pray for all these fine people who are interested in the gospel of salvation and who live in this enchanted land, that they will learn to love the Lord and find a place in His kingdom.

FRANK OWENS

Faithful Undershepherd

During the three years of rebellion which occurred in the North Celebes, many of our faithful believers were isolated from fellowship with other churches. Little groups met here and there, some in our churches, some in homes and some in God's great out-of-doors. But wherever our believers met, others were attracted to them by their sincerity and faithfulness. Branch Sabbath schools sprang up. Army officers were made aware of our beliefs, particularly our Sabbath beliefs, our abstinence from unclean meats, tea and coffee and of the reliability of our faithful members. Small church schools were started by teachers who had lost their schools. Out among the palm trees, in the clove orchards, by crystal clear lakes, Sabbath schools and classes were held for young and old. Our brothers and sisters who had lost nearly everything in their own villages and had escaped, rejoiced that God has spared their lives and those of their children.

One such group came from the city of Rerer on the east coast. A faithful local elder discharged his duties, arranging for services as regularly as possible for his flock. As his active church members would give Bible studies, many would come to him and say, "These should be baptized." "But how?" he would ask. "How can they be baptized when no mission officer or ordained minister can get through? They cannot get through the national army line on the one side and that of the rebels on the other. What can we do?"

Five, ten, fifteen, and finally thirty-five were graduates of the baptismal class and anxious to be baptized. What would happen if disaster should strike? They wanted to be ready to meet their Lord. They desired, yes, they demanded baptism. Finally the pressure was too great. The local elder sat down and wrote a letter to the mission office, well knowing that it would be nothing short of a miracle if the letter got through. The miracle happened and the committee began to study the problem. They were perplexed to know how to deal with this matter. Prayerfully and carefully they pondered it. This local elder was a man of about fifty years of age having been a member of the church most of his life. He was faithful as a leader of his church, was active in Sabbath school work, in giving Bible studies and encouraging his members to be faithful. Finally the committee reached a decision. Under these extraordinary circumstances they would grant permission for this local

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OCTOBER, 1961

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elder to baptize the waiting believers.

Again miraculously the letter got through to the elder. With fear and trembling he prepared for the rite. He told us how he remembered the experience of the man who dared to touch the ark. Would he be struck down for attempting to perform this sacred ceremony? With much prayer and fasting he implored the Lord's blessing upon the forthcoming baptism. On a bright Sabbath afternoon in a clear little stream the thirty-five candidates were assembled. With singing and special prayer thirty-five entered the baptismal waters where one by one the elder buried them with their Lord.

After the service the elder relaxed. He thought, "My, this is really a big burden off my mind. The Lord has blessed us today." But he was not given peace for long. Soon one of the young men of the church came to him and said, "I have found a very fine young lady, who was recently baptized. We want to be married, and we want a marriage that God can bless. We want you to marry us."

But the elder answered in alarm, "I am not a minister, I cannot marry you."

"But you baptized us, and that is a very solemn service that God blesses. Now if you can baptize us, you can also marry us."

Again miraculously letters were exchanged. Yes, this extraordinary circumstance was such that they would permit the local elder to marry this couple, was the response from the mission committee. And so the wedding was performed. God's blessing was asked upon this new home as it was established.

Again the elder thought in relief that he could relax. But not for long. Soon sad news came that an elderly sister, a faithful member of many years, had passed to her rest in her sleep one night. Now they said, "You must perform this funeral service."

"I have never performed a funeral before; I do not know how." But he managed and the service was held.

In May, we had the opportunity of meeting this faithful local elder. As he came into the mission office, we saw him carrying an ancient, worn and battered leather bag. It was full, the buckles were broken off and straps were keeping it shut. Wherever the brother went he would not set the bag down. Finally he came over to us and told us of his problem with the bag. He would like to find the local mission treasurer. Would we be so kind as to take this burden from him?

"What do you have in the bag?" we wanted to know.

Looking around stealthily to be sure no one was near, he whispered, "It is our tithes and offerings for the last three and one-half years. I have been sleeping on these tithes and offerings; I

have worried about their safety. I have hidden them every place. I have carried them into the jungle when the armies would come through. I have taken them back and buried them in my back yard. I have carried them through two army lines to here, and finally I have reached the mission office. Won't you please take them and turn them in for me? I would so much like to have this burden lifted from me and not have to worry about it any more."

We took the old leather bag, and I slept on it that night. The next morning the tithes and offerings—faithfully given by our loyal church members, though they had lost their homes, their clothing, their cooking utensils and had been driven from place to place in the jungles—were turned over to the mission treasurer. There was found to be over 60,000 ruphias in the old battered bag. What an example of faithfulness! What a lesson! It touched all our hearts. Would we be as faithful in giving, in guarding God's property and giving thanks?

Such jewels as this elder and his flock are monuments to the faithfulness of our Sabbath school members in the homeland. Let us be more faithful in systematically saving for the Sabbath school offerings that these dear ones and millions like them may be garnered for the kingdom of God. Giving through your Sabbath school pays large dividends. Plan now for a great day of sacrificial giving on December 23.

—Adapted from a story told by
G. E. Bullock, Treasurer of
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Coos Bay	4:42	Pocatello	4:56
Medford	4:41	Billings	4:29
Portland	4:26	Havre	4:22
Seattle	4:16	Helena	4:39
Spokane	3:57	Miles City	4:18
Walla Walla	4:08	Missoula	4:48
Wenatchee	4:11	Juneau, Dec. 29	4:13
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