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## A Soul for Every Signs --- A Signs for Every Member

### A Great Message Through a Great Paper

Seventh-day Adventists have a great message to be given to a great multitude of people in an exceedingly short time. Nearly 145 million people in the United States and Canada are to be contacted and influenced by the message for this day and hour! That in itself is a tremendous task, yet not as staggering as the task confronting us in certain parts of Asia, like China, Japan, India, or in countries in Europe like England, France, Italy, Spain, etc., especially when we compare our church membership on this side of the Pacific and Atlantic with our comparatively small constituencies in these other lands and continents.

The assurance which the Spirit of prophecy so clearly sets forth, that largely through the printed page will the third angel's message be given to the world, is of special significance in this late hour of earth's history. In other words, the message we have to bear to the world involves a movement in the use of literature, and our church members are to be literature distributors.

In spite of the forbidding outlook in the world, war with its attending restrictions in so many ways, we nevertheless believe that we have entered upon the greatest time of soul-winning that this people has ever seen. The message is hastening, because "a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

How often the question is asked by people with whom we come in contact, "What do you Adventists believe and know about all that takes place in the world today? What does it mean, and where does it lead to?" People who know Seventh-day Adventists expect them to be able to give an intelligent, reasonable answer to such questions, and they have the right to expect it. We are supposed to know. We are God's

light and truth bearers for this time, with God's message for the people of this day and generation.

While a great deal of enlightenment can be given to our neighbors and friends on events transpiring in the world and those yet to come, through verbal testimonies, yet this work can be made much more effective by using our literature.

At this time of the year our attention is turned toward "The Signs of the Times," — that excellent exponent of the prophecies and their meaning in the light of events of our day. A living stream of literature should continue to flow out to a dying world from our churches and our homes — truly a river of life, from which people may drink and live forever.

Extraordinary efforts are being put forth by the editor and the publishers of "The Signs of the Times" to make this excellent periodical count more than ever in bringing light and life to people in darkness and distress. During 1941 we should capitalize on the world crisis for Christ through a greatly increased circulation of the "Signs." A heartsick world needs its timely and uplifting messages. We have a great message to deliver through a great paper. Let all join in the effort to increase its circulation during the present "Signs" effort, February 15 to March 1, to reach at least 125,000 subscriptions. If we all unite in this worthy endeavor to increase clubs and personal subscriptions, the task will not be a difficult one.

While we give our generous support to the circulation of the regular "Signs of the Times," let us remember that there is also a similar paper in the Danish-Norwegian, German, Swedish, and Italian languages. Our country is still the "melting pot" of nations. In our endeavor to carry the gospel "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," may we not forget those of a foreign tongue at

our very doors, but also help supply them with the bread of life.

Steen Rasmussen

### 5,478,000 "Signs of the Times"

"A good report maketh the bones fat." Such is the report for 1940 on "Signs of the Times" circulation, made possible by the devotion and activities of our people. The annual effort in February was entered into with much prayer and faith. With a large part of the world again at war, there came into the hearts of our people everywhere a new vision of the need for renewed activity with the "Signs of the Times."

During the weeks of the campaign our churches and people everywhere renewed their subscriptions and strengthened their work. By the close of April the list showed an increase of more than eleven thousand copies a week. This gain approximately has been maintained throughout the year, so that at the close of 1940 our records show an average weekly circulation for the year of 94,366 copies, as compared with 83,832 for 1939. This does not include special editions. For example, thirty-five thousand extra copies of the February 13 issue on "Pope, President and Prophecy," were distributed. In May came the annual temperance issue, and before the close of the year 435,000 copies of it were sold. Then the issue of July 2 met another very great need, and of it, within a period of about ten weeks, 375,000 copies were distributed. This was on the prophecy of Daniel 2, "Will One Power Rule the World?" So, all in all, a mighty work has been done with the "Signs of the Times" during 1940. The total number sent out was 5,478,000 copies.

Many prayers have ascended in behalf of the influence of these silent messengers of truth. We are glad to report that there is every evidence that the "Signs" has brought courage



to the hearts of untold numbers of its readers. Many who a year ago were in spiritual darkness are now rejoicing in a knowledge of the truth.

The reports from our own people who are personally using the "Signs" have been unusually encouraging. Interests are multiplying everywhere. Single copies of the "Signs" are making the rounds of many families week by week. No one can estimate the good that is accomplished.

The inspirational material prepared to encourage you in pushing on to greater heights with the "Signs" this year is filled with stories of victory. Be sure to get and read "The Hour" for 1941, and note how many people are there reported as "Signs" converts during 1940. One man recently won, even before he had announced his decision, sought out the church treasurer and paid in \$841.00 in tithe. Since then he has been baptized and is now a strong worker in the church.

Pray that as another opportunity comes to go forward in the work with the "Signs of the Times" we may indeed all lift up our eyes, and see the ripening harvest on every hand. Why not use two "Signs" this year where last year you used one? If your church reached fifty families last year with the "Signs," why not strive to reach one hundred this year? By enlisting a larger percentage of members in the "Signs" work this can easily be done in many churches. We know there will be a wonderful response this year. The time calls for it. The "Signs" meets the need.

J. R. Ferren

Circulation Manager

### The "Signs" in the German Language

We live in a very solemn time, and the Lord will come very soon. We, as His people, have a great work to do; we must love this message with all our heart and soul; we must prepare to meet God in holiness and righteousness; we must bring this last message to all the people around us and in all the world — in all languages and dialects. This is God's purpose and command to us as Seventh-day Adventists.

In our great country we have many millions of people of different nationalities who know nothing of the truth and of the saving grace that is offered in God's message for this generation. They live in darkness, ignorance, and in slavery of sin and unbelief. Breth-

ren and sisters, remember that Jesus died for them the same as He did for us, who have the privilege to know the truth. God brought them to our country that they might receive the light and impart it to their own countrymen in their own tongues. The best and most effective method of reaching these foreigners is the distribution of literature in the different languages. Each church is duty-bound to have a club of foreign papers for systematic distribution in its neighborhood or district, and each member should carry some foreign papers and tracts with him and give them to those strangers whom he or she meets. I assure you that through this means many a soul will be won for the kingdom of God.

I would emphasize this coming "Signs" campaign in a special way. Please remember that the English "Signs" are good for those who read the English; but in order to reach the heart of a foreigner who speaks a different language and understands the word of God better in his own tongue, you must use the foreign "Signs" which are printed at Brookfield, Illinois. Speaking for the German "Zeichen der Zeit," I would urge all German churches and German members in any church to order clubs of this "Signs" in the German language and work with them as never before. The German people are today hungry for reading matter that explains the meaning of present-day conditions and that brings them hope of a brighter future in a better world. Now is the opportune time to work for them and to win them. In the name of Christ, I ask all the workers and members in the Northern Union Conference to enlarge your clubs for the German missionary paper, hand in the names of your German neighbors and friends to your missionary secretary, and order the German "Signs" — "Zeichen der Zeit" for them. The prices are the same as those for the English "Signs."

May God bless you all and give you great success in your work for Him.

Yours in the soul-winning "Blitzkrieg,"

J. B. Penner, Editor

### "Signs" Subsidy Plan

Last year we set as our "Signs" goal a 10 per cent increase over 1939, and reached a 21 per cent gain. This year we are again working for a 10

per cent gain. We feel confident that we will once more be happily surprised. To help us in making this subscription gain, the publishing house has worked out the following subsidy plan:

"(a) For churches that have regularly reached the one-per-member goal, or churches that can now make this goal, the special rates as offered in campaign literature and circulars be allowed — \$1.00 a copy in clubs of ten or more, \$1.25 a copy on single subscriptions.

"(b) That other churches who in past campaigns have qualified for the usual 50 per cent goal rate, be allowed this new price (\$1.00 and \$1.25), when they increase their 1940 subscription list by twenty or more per cent."

It will cost the publishing house close to \$10,000 to meet the requirements of this special offer. Let us show our appreciation for this by rolling up a large subscription list.

"A soul for every 'Signs' and a 'Signs' for every member" should be our goal. One dollar a year to hire this first-class preacher is a small investment. The reward is sure.

D. E. Reiner

### Lending "Power and Prophecy"

We learn that "Power and Prophecy" is being used with wonderful success by lay brethren and sisters who follow the systematic circulating library lending plan.

Almost without exception, individuals from every walk of life gladly join the increasingly large number of people already reading this timely, gripping, interest-compelling book. Thinking men and women receive "Power and Prophecy" eagerly, and readily admit their intense desire to understand the meaning of world conditions.

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"This little book, 'Power and Prophecy,' has been especially written to give a satisfying answer. You will find in it a message of hope and inspiration. It is a pleasure to lend you a copy. The one bringing it to you will call for it within a week or ten days."

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D. A. Cone

## Spirit of Prophecy

Reading Program



Assignments for Eighth Week,  
Feb. 16-22

Volume: "Messages to Young  
People"

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#### Gem Thought

It requires more grace, more stern discipline of character, to work for God in the capacity of mechanic, merchant, lawyer, or farmer, carrying the precepts of Christianity into the

ordinary business of life, than to labor as an acknowledged missionary in the open field. M.Y.P. 215-216.

## Union Colporteur Convention

Forty members of the advance guard of the Northern Union army of literature workers met in the commodious Ben Pay Hotel at Mankato, Minnesota, for a period of genuine revival and encouragement. To be better equipped for the finishing of the work in this generation, was the key note of the whole session which lasted from January 3 to 14.

Very careful and thorough work was done in the instruction of the principles of gospel salesmanship under the leadership of Elder P. D. Gerrard, secretary of the publishing department of the Northern Union Conference. R. E. Bowles, Omaha Branch manager of the Pacific Press, helped us to better understand the business principles connected with the literature work. Local field missionary secretaries, N. J. Aaboe, R. O. Baker, C. G. Cross, and C. C. Stoner, gave valuable counsel and encouragement. The general consensus of opinion, even among the veteran colporteurs, was that both technical instruction and the spiritual help given were the best of any institute thus far.

Elder C. S. Wiest addressed the church with a fitting sermon explaining the principles of service, at the first Sabbath meeting, and was a pleasant host to us at all times. Colporteur evangelists told several thrilling experiences in their symposium on the afternoon of the first Sabbath. Daily devotional periods were conducted by several workers, including R. E. Bowles; C. S. Wiest; H. J. Perkins, secretary of the South Dakota Book and Bible House; V. E. Peugh, president of the Minnesota Conference; P. D. Gerrard; C. G. Cross; and the writer. Several recreational periods in the evenings were enthusiastically entered into by all. We appreciated the association and encouragement of D. E. Reiner, G. E. Hutches, and C. B. Caldwell.

At the meeting on the second Friday evening Elder J. W. Christian characteristically encouraged all of us in our resolve to give of our best in service for the Master. Members of several churches in District No. 7 brought their lunches and spent the whole day with us on the last Sabbath. Elder Gerrard conducted an impres-

sive dedicatory service at the eleven o'clock hour. The church members in attendance felt the field secretaries' symposium in the afternoon was unsurpassed. Members of the Mankato church treated all to a fine recreational entertainment after the Sabbath.

At the closing service we stood as one man ready to face the new year and determined to make it our best one. Each conference and every individual set a goal for the year's book sales, which was higher than last year's record. There is to be no retreat in the bookmen's army. We shall go forward in '41. We hope that the readers of the "Outlook" will watch the weekly reports of the colporteur evangelists and support them by their personal encouragement and prayers.

W. A. Lusk

## South Dakota Conference

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## Church Elders

Dear Brethren:

You have been called to a very important position in the Lord's work. The hands of ordination have been placed on your head; you have received a sacred charge. You occupy a place similar to a conference president, but in a more limited sphere. You are the presiding officer in your church, and the church board is your committee which you call together for counsel in various matters. The conference president calls his committee together for counsel; you should meet with your church board often to lay plans for the advancement of the work along the various lines. No doubt there are members in your church who are careless and need help. You should arrange to help them early and not wait until the church membership record is checked.

In our general organization we have the General Conference president and committee; the division presidents with their committees; the union conference with its president and committee; the local conference also with its president and committee; and you are highest ranking officer in your church with your church board. As the division, union, and local conferences each seek counsel from those above them, so you should seek counsel from your local conference; and as we all work to-



gether in one united body, blended with love and cooperation, ours is the strongest organization in the world.

From time to time material is sent to you from our Watertown office. I trust you read it and pass the information on to your congregation. I know you do. Without the cooperation of the local church elder and the church body, the strongest link in our entire organization is broken.

There are two dangers to which an elder is susceptible. First, he may feel that he is on the same level as the rest of the church members. He works with the other men for his bread, and there is the possibility of his developing an inferiority complex; but he should never forget that he has been called by his congregation and set aside by the laying on of hands. God has called and ordained him.

Then there is the other danger that he may become proud and exercise too much authority, becoming a lord and a dictator over his flock. The higher the office one carries, the more humble he should be.

We believe we have as fine a class of elders in South Dakota as is to be found anywhere. We are proud of every one of you. Our prayers are with you, and may God bless you as you carry your heavy responsibilities. Let us know how we can be of better service to you.

Sincerely your brother,

A. V. Rhoads

### North District Rally

The date: February 21-23

Place: Bowdle Church

First Meeting: Friday evening, 7:30

All young people in the district are especially urged to be present. Many interesting topics have been assigned. Good music is being arranged for. A social evening is being planned for Saturday night.

Great crises face youth. All should attend all sessions of this Rally. Elders K. L. Gant, A. V. Rhoads, S. A. Reile, J. H. Rhoads, and Brother Renschler will be present.

Let us make this an "All out" M. V. Rally.

The times demand a candid study of youth's problems.

J. H. Rhoads

M. V. Secretary

### How Does Your Sabbath School Rate

We are pleased to bring to you the Sabbath school rating for the fourth quarter of 1940. You will notice our "A" and "B" grade lists have grown considerably. That is fine! Perhaps next quarter the "below grade" will be altogether eliminated; we hope so. Your faithfulness in daily study, offerings, and other phases of the Sabbath school are appreciated.

#### A Grade

Watertown, Batesland, Heela, Brookfield, Lead, Leola, Montrose, Elk Point, Hot Springs, Florence and Redfield.

#### B Grade

Toronto, Huron, Madison, Chance, Bison, Mitchell, Custer, Colman, Tolstoy, Chamberlain, Holabird, White Horse and Wagner.

#### C Grade

Molbridge, Keldron, La plant, Swan Lake, Britton, Red Shirt Table, Sioux Falls, Spearfish, Aberdeen, Greenway, Rapid City, Fort Yates and Conference.

#### Below Grade

Ash Grove, Bowdle, Pierre, Java, Lakeside, McLaughlin and White River.

B. A. Scherr

### South Dakota News

Elder A. V. Rhoads recently visited the Pierre church, counseling with them as to their church-building plans.

We were happy to have as recent visitors at our office Elder E. R. Landa, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Schlisner, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schlisner, of the Madison church; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Olson of the Colman church.

We are glad to report that the new "Great Controversy" economy edition is available in the Danish language at the same low price of \$1.95.

Remember the important event scheduled for February 21, 22, and 23. This is the date of the M. V. Rally to be held at Bowdle. All district officers and members are invited to attend this rally.

"Our Day" can now be secured in the Danish-Norwegian and German languages at only \$1.00, and "Hope of the World" in German for \$1.00.

It is not too early to begin making plans for camp meeting. June 19 to 28 is the date. Since this is General Conference year we are assured of excellent help. Plan to be with us and share the blessing in store for everyone.

### Swan Lake Convention

Elders E. H. Oswald, A. J. Gordon, and I were very graciously entertained at the Swan Lake church during the recent Sabbath school convention held at that place. This church, under the leadership of P. P. Kier, is doing a commendable work. During this past year their Sabbath school, with Mrs. Sherard as superintendent, raised the amount of \$118.00 for Investment. The new superintendent, Mrs. Dan Madsen, with Mrs. Merle Flyger as secretary, is planning to maintain this excellent record. They are aiming to help Swan Lake have an "A" grade Sabbath school. The kindergarten and junior divisions, under the leadership of Mrs. Linden Flyger and Mrs. Oliver Anderson, are humming with activity.

The Sabbath school teachers' reading course and the "Sabbath School Worker" both received favorable consideration at this convention. No school can do efficient service without carefully studying the plans outlined by the General Conference Sabbath School Department in the "Worker." The Swan Lake Sabbath school has ordered the "Picture Roll" and Sabbath school goal device. We are watching their progress with interest.

B. A. Scherr

### The Opportune Time

With the world on fire and civilization going down, the way is open for the "Signs of the Times" magazine to answer people's questions and to point them to God and heaven. Our leaders all over the United States are of the belief that now is our opportunity to put thousands of "Signs" where we are now sending hundreds. Some union conferences are setting their goals 50 per cent higher than last year's record. The publishers are requesting every conference to increase its goal this year at least 10 per cent over that of last year, and to help us do this they are making a special offer. Watch for bulletins explaining the details.

We are also going to make it possible for the conference church members to receive a special price on their "Signs" subscriptions. We should like to see every member of the conference church order at least two "Signs" — one for himself and one for a friend or relative.

The publishers have notified us that they have sent out the programs, order blanks, etc., for the "Signs" campaign. No doubt the churches have received that material by this time.



The South Dakota Conference reached the large sum of 1,208 subscriptions for this excellent missionary magazine during the past year. Let us try to reach at least our 10 per cent increase this year. Let us measure up to our opportunities!

B. A. Scherr

### Swan Lake Church

Another year's record of the Swan Lake church has been closed. In the annual business meeting report, the following encouraging items were brought to our attention.

In spite of a large "windfall" tithe of about \$350 from one individual in 1939, the tithe for 1940 exceeded 1939 by \$9.55, the total for 1940 being \$714.00.

The Sabbath school donations for 1940 were \$531.39, an increase of \$136.35 over 1939. The Harvest In-gathering total was \$353.84, an increase of \$40.19. The Big Week, Mid-summer, and Week of Sacrifice offerings all showed an increase over the respective amounts given in 1939. The only offering to show a decrease was

the Annual offering, and that in the amount of only twenty-five cents.

In making comparison of all offerings handled by the church treasurer, Brother Chris Larson, we found that in 1939 the total funds amounted to \$1,524.13, and in 1940 they were \$2,393.64, or an increase of \$869.51.

Recently the church was redecorated on the inside from the ceiling to the floor. New carpeting has been purchased and will probably be laid by the time you read this report.

We are glad, too, that five persons were added to the church by baptism, and that at least that many more will be added before another year's close.

We appreciate the loyal service that Brother P. P. Kier is rendering as the elder of the Swan Lake church, and for the fine cooperation of all the officers and church members who have helped to make this report possible. The church members have pledged to do still better in 1941 than they did in 1940, and by God's help it will be accomplished.

A. J. Gordon

wen, Brother Baker, and others from the conference office will be present to assist in the convention. Elder Loewen plans to hold a young people's convention at Bowdon the week-end of February 14-16.

Elder Loewen spent Sabbath, February 1, with the Fargo believers. A good spirit prevails there, and they are happy for the newly decorated church. They are now laying plans to remodel the exterior. We are glad the new believers are taking such an active interest in the church work at Fargo. Elder Archbold is doing a good work there. The workers and other members at Fargo need our prayers for they have a large mission field.

Sunday, February 2, Elder Loewen conducted a funeral service for Albert Beska, the son of August Beska of Temvik, North Dakota. There was a large attendance at the service conducted in the Congregational church.

The Elementary Schools offering should be received in every church on Sabbath, March 29. We are happy for the church schools we now have in the conference, and the progress they are making. Let us all help to make this a large offering.

March 8-15 is "Youth's Instructor" campaign week. Every Seventh-day Adventist young person should be a subscriber to the "Youth's Instructor." It is your own paper. Avail yourself of it.

### The "Signs" and Our Responsibility

A man who used to attend my meetings once asked me, "Can you tell me just about the time the end of the world will be and when Jesus will return?" I replied, "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Matt. 24:36. I then studied with him and his family some of the signs of the times which reveal His coming near.

Many today are seeking answers to like questions. Men's hearts are "failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Nearly two thousand years ago a small group of men made the following inquiry of Christ, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Matt. 24:3. To those eager ears, seeking a message of the future, Jesus portrayed in vivid language a brief outline of history reaching down to the day when "there should be time no long-

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### News Items

Elder Braun is conducting a series of evangelistic meetings at Lehr. He reports that there is a live interest there and in the surrounding country, also that the attendance is increasing continually.

On Sabbath, February 1, Elder Wall visited the McClusky church. It was at McClusky where Elder Braun and Brother Kuehne conducted an evangelistic effort, and as a result twenty-six were added to the membership of the church. Elder Wall said it was a great joy to him to see so many new faces in the Sabbath morning service. The evening after the Sabbath, he spoke in the Bowdon village church. A number of our people came from nearby churches to attend the services.

It has been arranged with the General Conference to have Elder G. W. Wells visit several churches in North Dakota. The schedule for the meetings is as follows:

Fargo	February 9, 10
Cleveland	February 11, 12
Medina	February 13
Jamestown	February 14, 15

Meetings will be held each night at eight o'clock, except, of course, the meeting in Jamestown on Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock. Believers who live near these churches are invited to attend these meetings.

Elder M. S. Krietzky informs us that the church which the Russian believers bought has been moved from Anamoose to Butte, and has been placed on its new foundation. They have already started to redecorate the church inside. The Russian believers have pledged liberally toward this project, and the pledges have been paid with the exception of just a few dollars. Elder Krietzky plans to go out with the elder of the Butte church, Brother Tarasenko, for the purpose of soliciting some more money. Elder Krietzky believes that when the church is finished it will be free from debt.

Before the close of 1940 Miss Schander was invited to join our office force. She accepted the call and has been working with us since the middle of December. She replaced Miss Miriam Oswald who was called to the Minnesota Conference office.

Plans are being laid for Missionary Volunteer Conventions in various parts of the conference. At the time of this writing a convention is planned for Bismarck for the week-end of February 7-9. Elder Wall, Elder Loe-



er." The Saviour had more to say to them but left much for him to record who should be the writer of that wonderful "Revelation . . . which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass."

Carried in vision through days of the dark ages, he witnessed the wounding of the beast. He beheld, also, the final scenes of the conflict between truth and error when the "deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." He saw the "everlasting gospel" going with great speed to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." He heard the loud cry of the message calling attention to the solemn fact that "the hour of his judgment is come." To him was revealed the workings of the "spirits of devils" going "forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of. . . God Almighty. . . Armageddon." The terrible scene of God's wrath — the seven last plagues (Rev. 15:1) was presented before him. "And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth." Rev. 11:18. In the final conflict he saw "the dragon was wroth with the woman", as he "went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 12:17.

The testimony of Jesus — the Spirit of prophecy, Rev. 19:10, God has given to reveal the plans of the enemy of souls. Therefore Satan is wroth. This gift also makes plain our duty in view of the light we have been given concerning the signs of the times. We read: "The battle of Armageddon is soon to be fought. He on whose vesture is written the name, King of kings, and Lord of lords, is soon to lead forth the armies of heaven. It cannot now be said by the Lord's servants, as it was by the prophet Daniel, 'The time appointed was long' ". Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 406.

When the storm of God's wrath breaks upon the world, it will be a terrible revelation for souls to find that their house is being swept away because it is built upon the sand.

Let the warning be given them before it is too late. We should now feel the responsibility of laboring with intense earnestness to impart to others the truths that God has given for this time. We cannot be too much in earnest." Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 16. "We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the Word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the Isle of Patmos." Vol. IX, pp. 61, 62.

Speaking to the Jews, Jesus said, "Ye can discern the face of the sky but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Matt. 16:3. Brethren and sisters, we can "discern the signs of the times" of which Jesus spoke and which are fulfilling. Wars and famines rage and millions suffer want. The "time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation" looms before us. "All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light." A. A., p. 109. Many are being given that light today by our missionary paper the "Signs." Let us do our utmost during this campaign to reach those who are longing for light by sending them the "Signs" — The world's prophetic weekly."

G. H. Rustad

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### Important Part Time Service

From July 1 to December 31, 1940, Brother B. O. Engen sold 531 books 47 Bibles, gave away 1,210 periodicals, 51 small books, made 89 missionary visits, gave 57 Bible studies, and delivered 13 sermons. This important service was accomplished by working a few hours a day. It is called "part time work." We are grateful for these worth-while deeds.

The following is one of his encouraging experiences which occurred only a few months ago:

"One family living near Litchfield has recently accepted the truth and gives this message to others. The mem-

bers knew nothing of this family until about two or three months ago. The man had studied this truth alone for ten years, and because his wife and other relatives were bitterly opposed he was not allowed even to get a Bible to study in the house. He obtained a Bible and hid it in the barn, where he read alone. Then, his son became interested and joined his father in studying in the barn. It was in October, I think, when he and his family came to the Sabbath service in Litchfield. Now they are all happy, and they have another family interested, whom we hope will step out. I am going to continue canvassing in the town to search out more."

Perhaps you can sell books a few hours each day. You will make some money. You will let talented authors answer your prospects' questions to their entire satisfaction. You will do the work that "the Lord would have His people do at this time." Your literature will give a definite knowledge of salvation. What greater work could you do? Wouldn't you be happy if you could look back on last year, such as Brother Engen does and rejoice in experiences in which you have been instrumental in helping a whole family find their way to Jesus? If you are interested in engaging in this important part time service write to

C. G. Cross

1854 Roblyn Avenue

St. Paul, Minnesota

### News Notes

Elder V. E. Peugh made a visiting tour last week including Brainerd, Staples, Blackberry, and Bemidji.

A. H. Rulkoetter, president of Union College, was a visitor at the office on Tuesday, February 4.

Elder G. W. Wells, formerly of this conference and now one of the general secretaries of the General Conference, has just completed a week of visiting churches in our field.

The "Signs" campaign is on. Every church has its goal and should make plans for promoting this important project just as soon as possible.

A colporteur institute is being held at Maplewood Academy February 7 to 14.

### Iowa Conference

DeWitt S. Osgood, President  
Eugene Woessner, Secretary  
734 Main Street . . . . . Nevada  
Make wills and legacies to Iowa Seventh-day Adventist Association.

### Nothing Undone

Someone has said, "It's what you



leave undone that undoes you." Are you neglecting those about you who speak and read a language other than the English? Forget them not! Let all who remember the seventh-day Sabbath, remember that they are to share the Sabbath blessings with those of all kindreds and tongues. The same strong gospel message found in the English "Signs of the Times" may be made available to those reading the German, Swedish, Danish-Norwegian, and Italian languages. The publishing house has informed us that the same special low rates given to those subscribing for the English "Signs of the Times" are applicable to those desiring or sending out these foreign missionary periodicals. Let's no longer leave this work undone!

DeWitt S. Osgood

### The Soul Winning "Signs"

Is it in vain? Is it to no avail that we send out subscriptions to the "Signs of the Times," our only weekly missionary journal? If your thoughts lead you in channels of doubt and discouragement, then, perhaps, you can derive renewed courage from this fresh new experience in Iowa.

One of our sisters was interested in a neighboring family. Her desire was to win them to the truth as it is in Jesus. So she put them on the "Signs" list with a number of others; not knowing what would be the result. The first few copies found their way into the waste basket. One day, curiosity seized the man, and he tore the wrapper off and read. He was interested at once. He read the entire paper. Thinking that he had lost some good reading, he hastily went to the waste basket to recover the back copies. They, too, were read with increasing interest. After a time, an interest was aroused in Bible study. The Adventist lady arranged for this, and the result is that today the new family are Sabbath keepers, looking forward to church membership.

This is an actual experience in Iowa. When we say, "More 'Signs', more souls," we are not merely uttering a campaign note. We are emphasizing a great truth. The "Signs" is a soul-winner. Let our slogan be "More 'Signs' and more souls in Iowa." Watch next week for another "Signs" soul-winning experience.

J. O. Marsh

### Iowa's "All Out"

#### Evangelism

The results of Iowa's 1940 larger

evangelism program was indeed most heartening. At the recent annual workers' meeting held in Nevada, it was the privilege of our conference laborers to report regarding their activities of the past year, and a summary of the soul-winning endeavors revealed that 443 had been added by baptism and on profession of faith. This good report brought courage to all and a determination to press forward in the work.

In planning for this new year, our workers actually set a goal of 700 to be brought in during 1941. No one will say this is too large a goal, for truly we must redouble our efforts, knowing that "the night cometh, when no man can work."

The excellent cooperation of our membership and the loyal financial support given, has been appreciated more than words can tell; and we believe that our people will wish to continue the good work in a strong way, giving and praying for the attainment of this larger goal.

February 22 has been set apart as the day when a special offering is to be taken in all our churches in favor of Iowa's 1941 "All Out" evangelism. The isolated and members of the Conference church should send their offerings direct to the conference office.

Eugene Woesner

### Progress in Iowa Schools

After spending a very profitable and enjoyable time at the Iowa Workers' meeting, Elder Howe and I spent the following week visiting some of the church schools in the conference. Our first stop was at Davenport, where we spent the day with Brother and Sister Glenn Fillman, the pastor and wife, and Miss Dorothy Gray, the teacher. The new improvements under way in the Davenport church reminded us of the ever-progressive spirit that has permeated the membership there. They have entirely remodeled the basement, making a fine Sabbath school room there in connection with the church school room, which is also in the process of being refurnished. Miss Gray is conducting a fine school, and it is evident from the enthusiasm of the pupils that she has a truly motivated school.

At Burlington, where Elder Vories and his wife are leading out with the church members, there in a real church

and church school building program. We met with the church and young people at their Wednesday night prayer meeting. The house was full, and the response was gratifying. When, at the close of the sermon, we took up the matter of the Bible Year, we were happily surprised to find that two-thirds of the members were already enrolled. It did not take very much urging to enroll practically the entire group. Bible study and church attendance is a good indication of a progressive Christian experience. Miss Madsen, the teacher, is handling her large enrollment of twenty-four and extra grades excellently. One room is not large enough for them, so she has to house them in two adjoining rooms. She has the work well organized and is going forward in a strong way.

Friday and Sabbath we spent in Des Moines with the Junior Academy and church there. Charles Smith is the principal, and H. T. Hansen and Miss Helen Smith are teaching in the middle and lower grades. It was a pleasure to check this school because of the fine building and the excellent work being done by these teachers. With the few improvements that Elder Lee, the pastor of the church, and Mr. Smith assured us would be made in the Academy, they are certain of an "A" rating. On Friday evening we met with the young people in the attractive chapel of the Academy. Sabbath morning it was a pleasure to meet with the Des Moines church again, where Elder Lee and his wife are leading out in service.

Iowa, under the leadership of Elder Howe, shows a very material gain in church schools during the year, for which we join you in being grateful.

K. L. Gant

### Advancement in Iowa

A backward glimpse leads us to exclaim, "What God hath wrought" as we review the evidences of His leadership and manifold blessings. While figures are generally uninteresting, yet at times they tell a thrilling story of growth and progress. Such a story is told by the statistics I am about to give.

It is a pleasure to report that our tithe receipts for 1940 reached the sum of \$74,186.05, an increase of \$8,864.89 or 13.5% over the previous year. In order to show the trend in the tithe during recent years we submit the following table:



Year	Tithe Receipts	Per Capita
1936	56,891.45	19.30
1937	58,066.72	19.78
1938	62,088.63	21.48
1939	65,321.16	22.11
1940	74,186.05	22.84

Mission offerings have also been on the increase, and, in fact, during 1940 they can boast a larger percentage than the tithe. This is encouraging, and proves that our people have their eyes on the great unfinished work in the regions beyond. The mission offerings aggregated the excellent sum of \$40,685.98 which is a gain of 13.8%. The trend shown in the mission offerings given during recent years is also encouraging:

Year	Total	Per Wk
	Mission Offerings	per Mem
1936	32,989.61	.215
1937	34,955.62	.23
1938	33,849.60	.23
1939	35,751.16	.233
1940	40,685.98	.24

Harvest Ingathering receipts for the respective years 1936 to 1940 have been \$12,023.92, \$13,078.66, \$12,788.25, \$14,192.55, \$15,592.80. The Sabbath school offerings showed the largest growth of any single item in the mission offerings group, amounting to \$20,757.45 during 1940, an increase of 14.8%.

Net sales of literature from the Book and Bible House increased from \$9,985.74 in 1936 to \$21,643.99 in 1940, or approximately 217%.

Most encouraging of all have been the results of the debt reducing program, and we feel sure that our constituency throughout Iowa will rejoice that the indebtedness standing at \$93,447.99 on January 1, 1936 has actually been reduced to approximately \$40,000.00 on December 31, 1940. In other words, over \$53,000.00 of indebtedness has been paid off during the five year period.

We face this new year with courage, knowing that our Heavenly Father will continue His blessings as we seek to go forward in the finishing of His work.

Eugene Woesner

## "Present Truth" for February

No. 27 What Daniel Foretold of World Empires. In 213 prophetic words Daniel foretold the future of kingdoms from Nebuchadnezzar, the first world monarch, to the end of time. The closing words of the prophecy foretell the coming of the King-

dom of God, man's only hope for peace. The question of a world empire, uppermost in the minds of millions today, is answered in the explanation of this prophecy.

No. 28 What Christ Foretold of World's End. Divine handwriting in the sky has appeared in fulfillment of Christ's prophecy concerning the end of the world. The falling of the stars was the greatest demonstration of celestial fireworks ever witnessed by man, and this phenomenon, with the darkening of the sun, and the moon appearing as blood, has given unmistakable warning of Christ's return. To many these signs brought only fear, but to those who look for His coming they are omens of a better day.

These two prophetic numbers of the "Present Truth" contain a soul-stirring message people everywhere should have now, a message that will bring comfort and lead men and women to get ready for the second coming of Christ.

Send "Present Truth" subscriptions to all whom you want to give the doctrines of the third angel's message in their most convincing form. Each subscription will begin with the first issue of the new series, and papers will be mailed once every two weeks for the next twelve months. Yearly subscriptions are only 35 cents; three for \$1.00. (In Canada, 75 cents; in the District of Columbia and foreign, 60 cents each.) Order from your Book and Bible House.

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Triple Guaranteed Chicks; sexed or as hatched. Famous Strain Leghorns our specialty. Four other breeds also available. Free price list. Ortnier Poultry Farms, Clinton, Missouri.

Wanted: — Good, reliable man for the summer starting work March 1. Give age, recommendations, and wages expected, in first letter. Linden Flyger, Parker, S. D.

For Sale: — Eighty acre farm, on state highway, four and a half miles from town; with twenty-five acres of field fair buildings, good soil, fence, and water. If interested write Guy Compton, Wahnkon, Minnesota.

For Sale: — "Germ of Wheat," rich in vitamins and minerals; 5 lbs. \$1.10; 2 lbs. 55 cents, postpaid; with recipes how to use it without cooking. Free samples. Mrs. W. E. Cornforth, 404 Fourth Ave., N. E., St. Cloud, Minn.

## Colporteur Report

P. D. Gerrard

Union Field Secretary

February 14, 1941

Bk. Hours Orders Deliveries

Iowa.—N. J. Aaboe, Sec.			
Roy Chamberlain	BR	35	8.25 .75
Mr. and Mrs. Coffin	BR	40	26.25 2.50
H. W. Niswonger	Misc.	38	203.60 203.60
Glenn Simmons	BR	42	64.50 5.25
R. V. Smith	BR	19	22.25 13.75
Total		174	324 225.85

Minnesota.—C. G. Cross, Sec.			
Virginia Rust	Mag.	52	12.90 12.90
G. L. Cunningham	HG	50	52.40 17.30
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	46	19.45 19.45
William Greer	GC	40	31.25 33.10
Miss C. Powers	Mag.	32	24.15 24.15
William Kaiser	GH	30	22.30 3.00
William Finch	GH	25	3.10 30.15
Mrs. A. Paul	HR	23	22.25
Mrs. G. Cunningham	HG	21	12.05
Judith Dufstrom	GH	13	3.35 .45
Harold Santini	HP	11	11.00 6.25
H. E. Preston	GC	4	2.40 10.15
Mrs. C. R. Wilson	Mag.	6	5.50 5.50
*Nina Magnuson	BR	14	17.50 7.25
Total		361	239.60 169.65

South Dakota.—C. C. Stoner, Sec.			
Gunda Torkelson	Misc.	52	16.25 16.25
Mrs. B. Sanford	GC	20	11.40 .75
Daniel Binder	Mag.	9	9.00 9.00
C. C. Stoner	Misc.	3	6.75 6.75
Mrs. R. Vinnard	GH	6	5.80
Vila Cook	GH	6	4.90 7.05
Mrs. Ed Cooper	BTS	7	2.50 .25
Pearl Hollingsworth	Mag.	11	1.65 1.65
H. E. Sanford	GH	37	1.00 4.80
Myrtle Otter	Misc.	2	.75 .75
Mrs. R. Haugen	Misc.	7	.60 .60
Total		151	60.60 47.85

North Dakota.—R. O. Baker, Sec.			
Hugo Ilchen	GH	40	26.05 2.75

\*2 weeks  
Total for Union 726 651.10 446.10

## Sunset Calendar

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God."

Des Moines, Iowa	5:46
St. Paul, Minnesota	5:38
Bismarck, North Dakota	6:05
Pierre, South Dakota	5:52

## Obituary

Ott. — Mrs. Dorthy Ott, nee Schick, was born in Seebach, South Russia, July 25, 1874. In the year 1895, she was united in marriage with Carl Hertel. Three years later she with her husband emigrated to the United States of America, and after living four years at Jamestown they settled on a farm near Pettibone, North Dakota. After living on their farm five years, they heard the third angel's message, took their stand for the truth, and joined the Pettibone Seventh-day Adventist church. In 1929 Sister Ott lost her first husband, and in September, 1938, she was married to John Ott, of Streeter, North Dakota. She passed away at the Trinity Hospital in Jamestown, November 15, having reached the age of 66 years. She lived a consistent Christian life and witnessed for the truth wherever she had opportunity. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, and three children: Mrs. Barbara Schiller, of Jamestown; Charlie and Harry Hertel, of Pettibone; one granddaughter Arline Schiller, of Jamestown; a sister, Christina Lotts, of Brighton, Colorado; as well as a large circle of friends and neighbors. Funeral services were held in the Adventist church at Pettibone with many friends present to pay their respects to her memory.  
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