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National Book Week November 1-8

The General Conference Autumn Council

The 1941 Autumn Council at Battle Creek, Michigan, is being well attended by a large group of representatives from throughout the field, including a goodly number from overseas.

The address of the General Conference president, Elder J. L. McElhany, on Tuesday night, stressed the certainty of God's message for this time and the rapid fulfillment of Bible prophecy pointing toward the soon coming of the Saviour. He urged that in our preaching and teaching greater prominence be given to the imminence of Christ's coming, also that we endeavor to multiply our efforts to carry the Lord's message of salvation to all the world.

The statistical report indicated progress along all lines and many evidences of God's guidance and protection, especially in the war-stricken countries where the message has made advancement even under great difficulties.

This morning Elder M. L. Rice, of the Atlantic Union Conference, gave a stirring address on "The Sin of Being Ordinary," emphasizing the necessity for every Christian to be an extraordinary individual in living up to the high standards enunciated by Jesus in His teaching and His life. He pointed out that we must be like Christ and different from the world in order to harmonize with our profession and win others to the Saviour.

Many important problems in connection with our organized work and its promotion in these troublous times are being given consideration. Doubtless the plans laid will be very helpful in our efforts to finish the Lord's work more rapidly in all the world. Detailed information regarding these plans will be published later.

A. R. Smouse

The Book Week is Here

Nothing good ever comes to pass unless somebody works at it. The National Book Week plan will not be a success unless we work hard. If we want a part in it, we must hurry and do it now. Don't put off until next week what you can do now. The other evening I dug through my book shelves and found a number of low-priced books that I can put into circulation, and these books are going out today.

The Home Workers' set is the best one we have ever offered to the field. The price is well within our reach, only \$1.75. It contains the following:

- 1 "Guide to Health"
- 1 "Challenge of the Tempest"
- 1 "Bedtime Stories"
- 1 "Bedtime Stories" display folder.
- 1 "Big Six" display folder
- 1 Zipper fabricoid case

You can see that it does not take a super salesman to use this set and get results. Anyone can sell books with a beautiful outfit like this. After you once get into the homes and display the books which are so beautifully illustrated, you are sure to make a sale. Why not try it yourself and be convinced that it can be done, and that it is an easy way of selling our small message-filled books. Even if you should not sell a book, you still have a beautiful zipper bag and many fine books worth far more than the cost to you. Order your set now. Hurry! Hurry!

D. E. Reiner

Union College News

The music faculty presented a program in the college auditorium Saturday night, October 8. Miss Estelle Kiehnhoff, Professor C. C. Engel, Mrs. H. C. Hartman, and Mr. Perry Beach appeared in vocal, violin, and piano numbers respectively.

The biology department has recently received a collection of ap-

proximately 75 sea shells gathered from the tropical oceans around the south seas. This collection was donated to the Union College museum by Mrs. A. N. Anderson, Davao City, Philippine Islands. Mrs. Anderson is an alumnus of Union. "These shells were collected very carefully," said Dr. Frank Marsh, head of the biology department, "in order to preserve the beautiful colors that they have."

The prenursing club organized recently with Marjorie Schweder, president; Beuford Coleman, vice-president; Duene Lyon, secretary-treasurer; and Miss Dorothy Sampson, instructor in nursing education and health, sponsor.

The students majoring in religion have formed a ministerial association. The purpose of this organization is to foster better pulpit address. Neal Becker is president; Edwin Gibb, vice-president; Maxine Ruby, secretary; John Boyd, chorister; Vivian Meyers, pianist; Merlene Tatro, associate pianist. Pastor J. W. Rowland, instructor in religion, is the sponsor.

President A. H. Rulkoetter and H. C. Hartman, business manager, are attending the Autumn Council of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists being held in Battle Creek, Michigan, October 21-28. Two years ago this council was held in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The mission band organization chose Kenneth Wenberg for president; Maynard Pitchford, vice-president; Mary Sue Huffhines, secretary; Paul Kemper, chorister; Mavis Ching, pianist; Lotus Perkins, associate pianist. Dr. I. F. Blue, chairman of the school of theology, is the sponsor.

G. D. Hagstotz

Graduates Located

It is thought that the people in the states serving Union College would be interested in the work in which the 1941 graduates are engaged. The following is a partial list of the 1941

National Book Week, November 1-8

This assortment of books on the important issues of this age will no doubt appeal to you, and more especially so as you consider the needs of those living in your neighborhood. National Book Week, November 1-8, affords you an excellent opportunity

for introducing these very attractive, reasonably-priced books to your neighbors. Selling prices on container and contents, \$4.10; cost to you \$1.75, plus postage. You will also receive a full fifty-per-cent discount on all repeat orders. Write to your Book and Bible House for a set today.

P. D. Gerrard



graduating class, giving the location and the work that these men and women are doing. Most of these were placed by the college Placement Bureau.

Jesse Dittberner - Intern in Texico Conference.

Helen Colby - Supervisor in White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, California.

Phoebe Little - Commercial teacher at Enterprise Academy, Kansas.

Ronald Stretter - Accountant and teacher at Shelton Academy, Nebr.

Clyde F. Kearby - Intern in Missouri Conference.

James Aitken - Intern in Kansas Conference.

Oliver Anderson - Called to mili-

tary service.

Floyd Byers - Intern in Colorado Conference.

Edmond Clifford - Intern in Texas Conference.

Walter B. Crawford - Graduate student in University of Nebraska, Medical Cadet leader at Union College.

Bonita Eloise Dick - Principal of Intermediate School, Baltimore, Maryland.

Ella May Dyer - Teacher in Philadelphia Academy, Pennsylvania.

Zada Erickson - Teacher in Kansas City Junior Academy.

Jeanne Griffin - English and French teacher at Adelpian Academy, Holly, Michigan.

Harold L. Hampton - Intern in

Oklahoma Conference.

June Layman Herr - Music teacher at Enterprise Academy, Kansas.

Theodore Herr - Preceptor at Enterprise Academy, Kansas.

Celia Johnson - Preceptress and English teacher at Sheyenne River Academy, N. D.

Rayfield Lewis - Student in College of Medical Evangelists, California.

Byron W. Lighthall - Pastor and teacher at Nashville, Tennessee.

Mary Little - Church school teacher in Columbia Union Conference.

Walter Mazart - Intern in Alabama-Mississippi Conference.

J. Russel McMullen - Intern in Texas Conference.

Nellie M. Phillips - Commercial teacher at Adelpian Academy, Michigan.

Ross R. Rice - Mathematics teacher and Industrial Superintendent at Campion Academy, Colorado.

Evelyn Roll - Married Frank Rice, who is a salesman for a furniture factory in Keene, Texas, and who is a former Union College student.

Edward B. Seitz - Science and mathematics teacher at Adelpian Academy, Michigan.

Melvin Wahl - Intern in Oklahoma Conference.

Hulda Weng - Married Wilburn Smith. Both are taking school work at Union College.

Della Wiltse - Taking nurses' training in Loma Linda, California.

Gordon Zythoskee - Intern in Minnesota Conference.

G. D. Hagstotz.

Itinerary Notice

A real treat is coming to our union. Three outstanding Seventh-day Adventist musicians from the West Coast, who are to appear as the Lyceum artists at a number of our colleges and academies, will give con-

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certs at eight o'clock in the evening at the following places:

Oak Park Academy	November 6
Minneapolis Y. W. C. A. (Cor. Nicollet at 12th)	November 8
Maplewood Academy	November 9
Java, South Dakota, High School	November 10
Plainview Academy	November 11
S. D. A. Church, Sioux City, Iowa	November 12
Union College	November 15

Mrs. Dixon is an outstanding contralto soloist, and her son and daughter are fine trumpeters. I am sure that our people and their friends will greatly enjoy the programs they plan to present at these various places.

Mrs. E. H. Oswald



Assignments for Forty-fifth Week,
November 2-8

Volume: "Patriarchs and Prophets"
"The Ark Taken by the Philistines"
"The Schools of the Prophets"

Nov. 2	581-583
Nov. 3	583-585
Nov. 4	585-588
Nov. 5	588-591
Nov. 6	592-594
Nov. 7	594-599
Nov. 8	599-602

Gem Thought

The great work of life is character-building; and a knowledge of God is the foundation of all true education. P. P. 596.

Gifts at Christmas Time

One of the most pleasant memories of our youth is the joyous anticipation of Christmas with the new supply of books for the family table that it invariably brought. The other modest presents were properly enjoyed, but a lasting thrill was provided by the books which helped to make the long winter evenings rich with enjoyment. Every member of the family received his or her quota of books, and by means of interchange all would read through the family supply. Those were the days when the evening hours were the time for the family conclave, when the members of the household arranged themselves in comfortable positions, each one to enjoy the evening with a book. But indications are that today the book-

reading habit is on the wane.

In the "Review and Herald" of December 11, 1879, Mrs. E. G. White wrote the following regarding the importance of presenting books as Christmas gifts:

"There are many who have not books and publications upon present truth. Here is a large field where money can be safely invested. There are large numbers of little ones who should be supplied with reading. The 'Sunshine Series,' 'Golden Grain Series,' 'Poems,' 'Sabbath Readings,' etc., are all precious books, and may be introduced safely into every family. The many trifles usually spent in candies and useless toys may be treasured up with which to buy these volumes.

"Children need proper reading, which will afford amusement and recreation, and not demoralize the mind or weary the body. If they are taught to love romance and newspaper tales, instructive books and papers will become distasteful to them. Most children and young people will have reading matter; and if it is not selected for them, they will select it for themselves. They can find a ruinous quality of reading anywhere, and they soon learn to love it; but if pure and good reading is furnished them, they will cultivate a taste for that."

The re-establishment of the book-reading habit deserves every stimulus that we can supply. We can help in building up a healthy cultural and spiritual background for our children and young people by putting our books at the head when making up our gift lists. In order to encourage our young people to read the right kind of literature, Reading Courses are selected from year to year, and the books making up these courses will be found most ideal for Christmas and New Year's gifts. The books for 1942 are as follows:

Senior

We follow the Western Trail - Ruth Wheeler	\$2.00
From Honeymoon to Massacre - Stella Parker-Peterson	1.75
Learn to Live - Lora E. Clement	1.00
Climbing Upward - D. A. Ochs	1.00
Total	\$5.75
Club Price	4.95

Junior

The Story of Clara Barton of the Red Cross- Jeannette C. Nolan	\$2.50
Ben: The Story of a Cart Horse - Primrose Cumming	1.50

Their Word of Honor - Review and Herald.

Total	\$5.00
Club Price	3.95

Primary

Abe Lincoln: Frontier Boy - Augusta Stevenson	\$1.25
Story book of Jesus - Madge Haines Morrill	1.00
From Robin to Junco - Mary I. Curtis	.96
Total	\$3.21
Club Price	2.95

Let us make the coming Christmas season a time for placing in the hands of our young people and children these good books. If such an effort were made and carried out on widespread proportions in all our churches, it would do much to provide an antidote to the moral and spiritual poison that is disseminated by the prevailing pastimes and amusements.

Let us do all we can to win our young people for the cause of truth.

C. Lester Bond

Minnesota Conference

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Wedding

Thursday evening at eight o'clock, September 24, Phyllis Lenore Linnell, of St. Paul, and Dr. Albert F. Ehlert, of St. Paul, were united in holy wedlock, and the wedding was solemnized in the St. Paul Seventh-day Adventist church. After the ceremony, many of the friends enjoyed a reception at the home of the bride where the guests had an opportunity to express their best wishes to the bride and groom.

The couple are making their home in South St. Paul, where the groom will follow his profession. The many friends wish this young couple heaven's blessing as they establish their home.

C. S. Wiest

News Notes

Elder G. E. Hutches will visit the Austin churches on Sabbath, November 8, for a rally day program.

Plans are being formulated for the building of a new church at Detroit Lakes, the congregation having outgrown the present structure.

Elder W. A. Howe will begin a course in Medical Cadet Corps work

in the Twin Cities, on Sunday, November 9. The course will run twenty-one weeks, covering eight hours of intensive study and drill each Sunday.

Beginning Monday evening, October 20, a class for Master Comrades and those who wish to train for junior camp leadership is to be conducted for the Twin City area at the Junior Academy building. Anyone interested may take part.

Brother C. G. Cross reports another fine increase in book sales and deliveries for the past month over the same period of last year. In the first two weeks of October this year Minnesota colporteur evangelists have received just \$150.00 worth of orders less than those for the full four weeks of October last year. They have delivered in these two weeks \$117.00 worth of literature more than was delivered in the full four weeks of October in 1940. Colporteur evangelism is going "full speed ahead" in Minnesota. There is more territory left to work and many workers are needed. Write to your field secretary if, by selling literature, you wish to earn money for school next year, or to pay church pledges, or to buy articles that you need.

News Items

Five people were baptised by Elder Nordstrom at Red Wing, Sabbath, October 18.

Elder M. V. Campbell is attending the Fall Council being held at Battle Creek, Michigan, October 21 to 28.

Officers elected for the Arrowhead Dorcas Federation for 1942 are: Mrs. Karl Evenson, of Virginia, President; Mrs. Grace Borgen, of Culver, vice-president; Mrs. Midahl, of Duluth, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Bertha Carlson, of the Duluth Swedish church, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Minnesota lay preachers set goals for the winning of a total of one hundred fourteen souls for 1942. The convention closed Sunday, October 19.

The Minnesota conference committee and Maplewood board met at Hutchinson October 16.

The Bemidji church experienced the misfortune of a fire a few days ago causing an estimated damage of \$1500.

Plans are being made for a general church convention at Hibbing beginning Friday evening, November 14, and continuing through the Sabbath.

November 1 has been set aside by the General Conference Committee as the day to be observed in our churches around the world as the annual Colporteur Rally Sabbath.

Maplewood News

Elder F. C. Gilbert, of the General Conference, was in charge of the Week of Prayer at Maplewood Academy, but, because of the Fall Council, he could not stay the full time. Elder V. E. Peugh completed the week.

Saturday evening, October 11, the MacPhail School of Music was represented at Maplewood Academy by four young ladies. Three of them entertained as a stringed trio, and the fourth was a reader.

Elder W. A. Butler spoke during the chapel period on Monday, October 13.

Do You Need Money?

Do you need money for church expense?

Do you need money for your building fund pledge?

Do you need money for a new church Hymnal?

Do you need money for Investment?

Do you need money for Christmas presents?

If you can use \$5.00 right now for these or other items, why dig down in your own pocket for it?

Here is a suggestion of what one of the churches in our conference used last year. They needed new song books but did not have enough money to pay for them, so they bought "Bedtime Stories" and sold them in their neighborhoods. In just a few days, with almost every member selling some of the books, they doubled their money invested and had more than enough to purchase all the song books they needed.

You have noticed the Home Workers' Kit advertised in the Outlook now for several weeks. You may have the books, prospectuses, and other material, as well as the extra-duty, leatherette zipper case, for only \$1.75 plus 12 cents postage. The total retail value of this complete kit is \$4.10. You may take as many orders for the books represented in the kit as possible. Your profit on these orders is one-half the retail price.

One housewife bought a kit and went to thirteen neighbors one after-

noon. Eleven of these thirteen ordered books, the total retail sales amounting to \$26.40, our sister's net profit amounting to \$13.20, less a few cents postage.

These attractive, character-building books are made to sell rapidly. Order your Home Workers' Kit through your church missionary secretary, if you are a member of an organized church, or direct from the Minnesota Book and Bible House, if you are a conference church member. But friends, order yours now, because prices could rise any moment. Purchase yours while you can at the \$1.75 rate, plus 12 cents postage.

C. G. Cross

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Wise, or Otherwise

We are all either wise, or otherwise. Whether we are wise or otherwise depends upon our education. There are two systems of education. One makes us wise; the other makes us otherwise. One is based on what God calls wisdom; the other is based on what the world regards as wisdom. That which the world looks upon as wisdom is called "foolishness" in God's word. These two systems of education are direct opposites, just as wisdom and foolishness are opposites. Seeking after and searching for the wisdom of God, receiving it into the mind, and ordering the life in harmony with it, is called Christian education. On the other hand, the effort to obtain worldly wisdom is worldly education.

One of these systems is a sad failure. Worldly wisdom has failed. That is borne out by the following statement made by an outstanding writer: "Man today is ready to believe that human wisdom has failed. . . Millions of men and women must carry gas-masks today because men the world over have been living behind masks for years. Millions of men and women must grope through darkened cities because the nations have been living in a spiritual black-out. Millions of men and women today must listen to air-raid warnings because nations have not listened to the voice of God in days gone by." — "United States News," Nov. 11, 1939.

Each system of education has its own key. Faith is the key of Christian education. This key was cast away by our parents. In speaking of Eve's distrusting the wisdom of God, the servant of the Lord says: "She coveted what God had forbidden; she distrusted His wisdom. She cast away faith, the key of knowledge." Ed., p. 24.

When Eve cast the key of knowledge, which is faith, she lost the power to discriminate between right and wrong. This power, which is most essential, we can possess only as we personally and individually sense our dependence upon God and have faith in Him. Only as we rely upon God and believe in Him, may we have not only the power to discriminate, but also the wisdom to choose between good and evil. This supremely important fact is clearly pointed out through the messenger of the Lord in these words: "The power to discriminate between right and wrong we can possess only through individual dependence upon God. Each for himself is to learn from Him through His word. His reasoning powers were given us for use and God desires them to be exercised. 'Come now, and let us reason together,' He invites us. In reliance upon Him we may have wisdom to 'refuse the evil, and choose the good,'" Ed. p. 231.

Christian education rests upon faith, which, as we have seen, is the key of knowledge. Faith is not guess work; it is reality. Moses, Noah, and Abraham did not guess at things. Faith in the Unseen was their anchor, the secret of their power. Faith does not make unnecessary, earnest, diligent effort in study and observation. Wisdom does not come to us as oil is poured into a jug. In Proverbs we are instructed to incline the ear after wisdom as men seek after silver, and search for wisdom as men search for hidden treasures.

We are bidden not to search only for heavenly wisdom, but to pray for it. We have an example of this in Daniel, who, as a youth in the court of Babylon, together with his comrades, earnestly sought God in prayer for the wisdom that comes from above. Their prayer was answered, as is evident from these words: "God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom." Dan. 1:17, Daniel and his companions had received a Christian education. Their parents had

taught them divine wisdom. Of the education of Daniel and his comrades, we read: "This education was to Daniel and his companions the means of their preservation amidst the demoralizing influences of the court of Babylon." P. K., p. 482,

Their education was the means of their preservation in the midst of luxury and the demoralizing influences of the royal court. Whether our children and youth will be preserved in this day and age of the world's history, will depend upon the education which they receive. Have we as parents a greater duty than to place our children in our own schools, where Christian teachers are loyally placing the key of knowledge into the hands of the students? Oh, how supremely important it is that we place our boys and girls in our own schools, that they may be preserved from the snares of the enemy and the detrimental influences which are at work today as never before! We should, in the fear of God, loyally support our educational work and send our children to our own schools, and we should also support our schools by sacri-

ficing of our means.

May I call your attention to the Educational and Medical Advance program that was launched in our conference at the beginning of this year, at which time the following action was taken:

"Voted, 1. That we launch a program of educational and medical advance for the improvement of our academy, sanitarium, and elementary schools of the state;

"2. That we ask our conference and institutional workers to join the church elders and leaders in vigorously promoting these very important phases of our closing work;

"3. That an offering be received for the improvement of these two institutions, and the needy church schools of our state on the third Sabbath of each month (church expense to be taken on the fourth Sabbath)."

May I appeal to our workers and believers everywhere to respond loyally to this plan, and contribute liberally on each third Sabbath.

D. N. Wall

News Notes

Elder D. N. Wall and Eugene Woesner left Nevada October 15 to attend the Autumn Council. They stopped at Minneapolis en route to counsel with the union conference officers regarding various features of the work.

We are pleased to report that our tithe receipts for the nine months ending September 30 aggregated \$65,991.01, as compared with \$53,061.75 for the corresponding period of last year, a gain of approximately 24 per cent. The mission offerings during the same period increased from \$27,707.09 to \$30,684.81.

The Iowa Book and Bible House has been a busy center of late, meeting the demands from the field for Bibles, books, and other literature. The net sales for the first three quarters amounted to \$18,180.65, compared with \$15,997.30 for the corresponding period of last year. This represents a gain of approximately 14 per cent.

The publishers have just announced that the special coupon offer on sets of the "Testimonies" and the "Conflict of the Ages" series has been extended to November 15. Through the use of the coupon, a saving of

\$3.05 may be effected on either set. In view of increasing production costs, any of our people needing the "Testimonies" or the "Conflict" series would do well to purchase now, and thus take advantage of this very liberal offer. Coupons may be secured by writing to the Iowa Book and Bible House, 734 Main St., Nevada, Iowa.

An Investment Suggestion That Works

For those interested in doing something for the Lord in an Investment project right now, the "Every-day" greeting cards and the Christmas cards are available. Almost any statement that could be made regarding this assortment would not be an exaggeration, as no expense or pains have been spared in an effort to make this the most beautiful and best yet offered. These can be obtained from the Book and Bible House for 25 cents a box, in lots of six boxes or more, and can be sold for at least 50 cents a box. People are buying these cards, and why not give the Sabbath school Investment project the advantage. Send in your orders quickly, and let us sell them before the people buy other supplies for their holiday needs. J. O. Marsh

News Notes

Elder J. O. Marsh visited at Davenport the Sabbath of October 25 for the Sabbath school "Homecoming Day," and stayed over Sunday to conduct a Sabbath school teachers' institute.

Orders are coming in fast for the new book "Signs of Christ's Coming." Our churches are responding very well to the plan of giving this book as a token of their appreciation for an Ingathering offering of one dollar or more.

Brother C. L. Smith has just returned from a tour of the church schools in eastern Iowa. He also visited at Dubuque, where we have a very interesting and active young people's organization. He reports that they are, as usual, really accomplishing things in the Dubuque M. V. Society.

Elder J. O. Marsh returned October 22 from a trip, which took him first to the northern part of the state where he visited Waukon and some of our isolated believers and interested people. Brother Dennis accompanied him in these visits. From there Brother Marsh left for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to attend a Dorcas Federation Meeting. He reports an active interest in the Dorcas work in our sister conference.

We are happy to pass on the information in regard to our Sabbath schools that have made Thirteenth Sabbath a dollar day." These are Carroll, Clinton, Dubuque, Muscatine, and Sigourney. Muscatine, Hawkeye, and Sigourney reached an average of 25 cents per week per member in their weekly offerings. And the following Sabbath schools had 10 per cent increase in offerings over the corresponding quarter of last year: Algona, Cedar Rapids, Centerville, Cresco, Creston, Des Moines, Muscatine, Carroll, Sigourney, Dubuque, Fairfield, Fort Madison, Hampton, Hawkeye, Knoxville, Ladoga, Lake City, Liberty Center, Mason City, Modale, Mount Pleasant, Nevada, Osceola, Oskaloosa, Pocahontas, Polk Hill, Ruthven, Spirit Lake, Terril, Ute, and Winterset. We are happy for the achievements of these Sabbath schools, and we believe that what they have done many others can do, and by doing receive great blessings.

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Adventists

Inspiration from the Autumn Council

My brethren, how I'd like to flash to you the inspirations of the 1941 Autumn Council now in session at our old denominational headquarters, Battle Creek, Michigan.

"World uncertainties have necessitated the conducting of the work on an emergency basis," declared Elder J. L. McElhane, our General Conference president, "yet the very uncertainties of our times remove the proclamation of the unexpectedly sudden coming of Jesus from the realm of uncertainty. A new greater emphasis must be placed upon evangelism. A world distressed above measure must now hear a message of urgency announcing the coming of Christ near."

Brethren, what shall be our response to this appeal for greater evangelism? With war flares blazing more and more ominously—with Armageddon's holocaust nearing, it is impossible to content ourselves with small tasks. Let every North Dakota believer enthusiastically support our five-point "State-wide Larger Evangelism" plan, and begin with point number one—"The Dark County Literature program".

DeWitt S. Osgood

Intinerating

Wahpeton and Breckenridge have a population of 7,000. The streamlined "Voice of Prophecy" tabernacle, in Wahpeton, is conveniently located. Its appointments are pleasing, indeed.

Friday evening Elder W. R. Archbold grippingly spoke on "Baptism" to an attentive audience. The "Voice of Prophecy" corps of workers are of good courage. Elder I. C. Schmidt and wife and Elder M. Frank Grau and wife are assisting Elder Archbold. They are visiting the interested, and a harvest of souls is in prospect.

It was a pleasure to meet Dr. A. H. Resiwig and to sense his missionary ardor. Then I appreciated also the support that Brethren Johnson and Gelvin, our lay-evangelists here, are giving to the meetings. We hope

that the fruitage of the Wahpeton effort may necessitate a church building program. Let us pray to that end.

Fargo: In this, the largest city of our state, we have a very attractive church building centrally located. The believers have not as yet completed their improvement program, but their contagious spirit of enthusiasm for the project makes an early triumph inevitable. Elder Archbold has done a good work in this place. It seemed good to meet again Elder O. U. Giddings and wife. They attended Emmanuel Missionary College when Mrs. Osgood and I were there. Mrs. Giddings' parents live in Fargo.

While waiting in the Great Northern depot for my train, I sauntered over toward the reading rack, expecting to take from it a "Sign of the Times"; however, just as I neared the rack a gentleman in front of me turned to the reading rack, took a paper and stopped to read it, so I passed on. He became so absorbed that when my train was called he was still standing there intent in his reading.

Beloved, the world wants a prophetic interpretation of our times. Let us scatter our literature as the leaves of autumn.

National Book Week is to be observed November 1-8. Let us observe it by replenishing our church lending library and adding another volume to our personal libraries. Remember the slogan - "Read a book, lend a book, buy a book, sell a book." As a people we should become more and more "book-conscious." Let us observe National Book Week, - and do more. Let us begin to "read a book a month," at least during the winter months.

The "Dark County" literature program is receiving more and more interest. Thinking in terms of a finished work quickens our spiritual perceptions and heightens our enthusiasm. Churches responding and sending in orders for the "Our Day" tracts include: Minot, Oakes, Lehr, Napoleon, Valley City, Beach and Palermo. A number of other churches report that they are laying definite plans for this program.

War fierceness increases; the present peace provides a golden opportunity in which to work before the on-rushing storm breaks. Let all the churches quickly order their quotas of supplies.

DeWitt S. Osgood

Newsettes

At this writing Elder Osgood is attending the Fall Council in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Brother Glen Fillman, of the Iowa Conference, has accepted a call to connect with the North Dakota Conference as Missionary Volunteer and educational secretary.

Thursday evening, October 16, Elder and Mrs. Osgood visited the Carrington effort, which is being conducted by Brethren Kuehne and Bauer. Elder Osgood gave a stereopticon lecture that evening on "Astronomy and the Bible."

A number of our lay-members have ordered the home workers kit and are busily engaged in securing orders. The books contained in this set make excellent Christmas gifts, and at the same time they afford an entering wedge for more of our good literature. The selling of these books also gives an opportunity to earn a little spending money for one's self. Perhaps there are others who would like to take up this work. For particulars, write to the Book and Bible House.

Brother Paul Scofield sends in an encouraging report of his first week's canvassing. He is of good cheer and says that he enjoys the work very much.

Brother C. A. Lindquist has spent some time in the vicinity of nle and Lisbon with his Bookmobile. The Lord is blessing him with orders.

Brother Glen Simmons, one of North Dakota's colporteur evangelists, has been working the city of Minot for the past three months. His efforts have not been in vain, as he has sold almost \$900. worth of books and has twelve individuals interested in the truth. We beseak for him our congratulations and God's blessings in his endeavors to spread the printed page and to seek out the honest-in-heart.

Thorough Plowing Before Sowing

A few weeks ago a representative of a well-known encyclopaedia called on me in an effort to sell a set of books. A short time before his visit a circular was mailed to me, and because of my interest in what it contained, I filled in my name and address and returned it. This interest on my part led to the visit of the agent.

I questioned the visitor, and he explained how certain lists of names

are sent to their office by those who purchase sets of their books, and that someone had sent my name along with nine others who might be interested in a set of the books. Circulars were sent out to those ten persons after their names were sent in. Some of these circulars are always signed, and a company representative then calls and usually succeeds in selling a set to about four out of every ten persons visited.

This is the method most sales concerns use to reach only the interested without going to the great expense of calling at every home to find the few interested ones.

The plan adopted by the North Dakota Conference for seeking out the interested people in the "Dark Counties" is a similar one. No farmer would think of sowing grain before he plows the ground. Yet we often try to hold evangelistic meetings in communities that have not been "plowed." Creating an interest for the message by some systematic plan is "plowing" the ground. If we follow the plan outlined, I believe we will have success with our great evangelistic program, and I am sure we will if we carefully and thoroughly work the plan.

At our last camp meeting, the home missionary secretary department exhibited a map of the state, which was carefully and well prepared, showing the counties in the conference and the number of Seventh-day Adventists in each county. Those having no Adventists were colored black. That map constituted a challenge to the workers and lay-members present. Many of us spoke of the resolutions brought in by the plans committee on this subject, and we were all determined to change the looks of the map considerably by the time of the next conference session.

Definite plans for bringing about these changes have been worked out by the conference executive committee, and presented through the Outlook. Each church will be assigned a certain section of a county, or so many post offices, and the conference will secure and send as many names to the church as sets of tracts ordered by it. The church is asked to pay \$2.00 for each one thousand tracts with wrappers (the conference paying the other half) plus 15 cents postage for each set. The literature band, or Missionary Volunteer Society

of the church, is to wrap and mail the tracts to the names provided by the conference.

After these papers are mailed out, letters are prepared and sent out to each reader in the same way, seeking a response from the interested persons. This interest is to be followed up by sending the "Present Truth" and the "Signs of the Times." These responses will show where the conference-sponsored efforts should be held.

The important part of this program lies with the church—the mailing. If the papers are put on the shelves in a little anteroom of the church and left there, the whole plan is destroyed because one of the links in the chain is broken. We appeal to each church to see that your part in the plan is carried out promptly and faithfully. If after the work has started, you begin to encounter difficulties in getting the papers wrapped and mailed, you should get in touch with your district leader or conference home missionary secretary immediately. You will then receive prompt attention to help clear the jam.

This is a two-year program. We will be interested in hearing your reports and seeing how many efforts will be held because of the interest aroused in this way. Let us pray that these papers will find and prepare hearts for the message which we are to give. The preparation of the people in the North Dakota Conference for the soon-coming Savior is our responsibility. May we all enter into this program with a determination to see something accomplished, and receive a rich blessing because of the part we have had in it.

W. R. Archbold

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Sabbath Appointments

Sabbath, November 1:

H. L. Rudy, Redfield
B. A. Scherr, White River
H. J. Perkins, Aberdeen

Sabbath, November 8:

H. L. Rudy, Greenway
B. A. Scherr, White River

Plainview Academy Notes

On the evening of November 11 a special program will be given in the Plainview Academy chapel. Mrs. E. H. Oswald, with three musicians, is traveling through parts of the northwest. Mrs. Dixon is an outstanding contralto; her son and daughter are both artists on the trumpet. They will give their program as a regular lyceum number at Union College, and also in a number of the high schools of South Dakota. Plainview is fortunate to have them pass this way. We welcome all who live near enough to come to attend this musical program. A collection will be received to help defray expenses.

The work on the recreation building has been progressing. A part of the roof has now been erected.

Brother Perkins, of the conference office, has been spending a few days at Plainview auditing the academy books.

Orders keep coming in for Plainview brooms. Several boys and girls are kept busy producing these brooms.

Wedding

A quiet, dignified wedding ceremony was conducted in the home of Elder and Mrs. Lauda, of Mitchell, Monday, October 13, when Bernice Bidwell and Edward Schlisner, of Ramona, were united in holy matrimony. The parents of the couple and friends were present to witness the ceremony.

We wish these young people much of Heaven's blessings as they establish a new home where their Saviour will always be honored.

E. R. Lauda

A Letter From Abroad

Greetings to our brethren and sisters in the South Dakota Conference from our members in the North Bantu Mission Field, of Southern Africa. I am very happy for this opportunity to write to you believers who are so many, many miles away from us, and of letting you know something about us and our endeavors in assisting to spread the third angel's message.

Since the General Conference has voted that the Thirteenth Sabbath offering overflow for the fourth quarter of 1941 is to go to the Southern African Division, no doubt you are interested in the work of our division, and particularly in our North Ban-

tu Mission. We have in our field a membership of approximately 1,507 Bantus and nine Europeans. At present, among those leading out are nine Europeans, seven native directors, and twenty-four native teachers and workers. Our greatest need is evangelists to help proclaim the message of the soon coming of Jesus. In many parts of our territory we have companies without a leader. They have to do the best they can to keep themselves together. In other parts, unbelievers have not had the opportunity of hearing the message because, very sad to say, we cannot employ sufficient evangelists. The harvest in Southern Africa is now ripe, ready to be gathered in. We need more means to send out the workers to reap.

At the present time, we are endeavoring to repair and build churches. It is so pitiful to see the dilapidated condition of a number of our churches. Others, again, are so small that there is no room to accommodate the members and visitors. The children have to sit huddled together on the rostrum, leaving only a small space for the preacher.

The present conditions in the world today indicate that time is short. Jesus is soon to come and end all this strife and bloodshed. He is even at the door, and while there is time, we want to press on together—work together so that the work will soon be completed. On the occasion of the Thirteenth Sabbath, we pray that you and we may approach our goals with an overflow that will surpass all others ever experienced. May God bless you where you are in His service.

J. D. Harcombe

North Bantu Mission Field

Fleeting Opportunity

As the national emergency grows into a crisis, comparative peace, plenty, moderate prices, and freedom of action are fading into a past that we may soon remember as "the good old days." Restrictions are multiplying on every hand, but paper can be had, although it costs more than before and may be slightly inferior in color. We can run our presses at will, although there are restrictions on labor, creating problems that never existed before. We can mail periodicals anywhere in the United States and many other countries at rates that represent only a fraction of the actual

cost. In other words, this is still a day of opportunity for the "Present Truth."

Make the most of this opportunity by entering "Present Truth" subscriptions now for relatives, friends, neighbors, business associates, Harvest Ingathering donors, colporteur customers, and others.

The new 1942 series of "Present Truth" is offered now without increase in price, but the present low rates must be considered as only temporary. If paper costs continue to rise there will be no escape from higher subscription rates. To avoid unnecessary expense, enter all the names you can now and send others as soon as possible.

A one-year Subscription, 35 cents; Three yearly subscriptions, \$1.00.

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Colporteur Report

P. D. Gerrard

Union Field Secretary

Week ending, Oct. 18, 1941

	Bks.	Hrs.	Ord.	Del.
Minnesota—C. G. Cross, Sec.				
Clare LinstadMag.	51	19.65	19.65	
Virginia RustMag.	46	9.80	9.80	
R. J. JonesGC	40	51.25	19.15	
Karl A. Evenson H Set	40	48.25	58.75	
Marjorie CatesGH	40	32.00	9.20	
Francis CrofootGH	38	48.90	14.10	
Joyce JohnsonGH	38	34.80	2.90	
G. L. Cunningham .BR	38	18.75	9.90	
Nina MagnusonBHS	34	38.15	42.65	
Miss C. PowersMag.	32	12.15	12.15	
E. E. MattsonMisc.	26	63.75	
Sophie StearnsBTS	23	42.50	
Wilma WidmerBTS	10	34.00	
Judith DufstromGH	10	13.20	8.95	
Mrs. E. OlsonBTS	8	2.50	3.00	
Harold SantiniHP	4	3.15	16.65	
Total	478	472.80	226.85	

North Dakota—N. J. Aaboe, Sec.				
C. A. LindquistMisc.	45	107.85	54.93	
Paul ScofieldBR	24	64.00	
Glen SimmonsBR	78	120.25	33.75	
Total	147	292.10	88.68	

Iowa—L. L. Grand Pre, Sec.				
R. O. BakerMisc.	51	134.55	76.18	
Mrs. R. O. Baker Mag.	17	18.65	18.65	
*Howard Strickland BR	81	119.50	2.25	
Total	149	272.70	97.08	
*2 weeks.				
Total for Union	774	1037.60	412.61	

Sunset Calendar

October 31, 1941

Des Moines, Iowa	5:10
Pierre, South Dakota	5:16
Bismarck, North Dakota	5:29
St. Paul, Minnesota	5:02

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