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## Among Our Missions in Inter-America

The following excerpts are paragraphs of general interest in the letters recently received from Elder M. V. Campbell, who, at the request of the General Conference is visiting our mission headquarters, institutions, and some of the stations, in the Inter-American Division. Some articles written for the OUTLOOK have already been published and doubtless there will be others later, but these excerpts from some of the personal letters we thought would also be of interest to the OUTLOOK family.

The following paragraphs were written from Colon, Panama, on December 28.

"During the past three days I have been in the Canal Zone, and in the Republic of Panama. This is the wealthiest conference in the division, but for the past nine

months it has been without a president, and still there is no one in sight.

"The past two nights I spent on the Pacific side of the canal in Panama City and at Balboa. Tonight I am on the Atlantic side, in the city of Colon in the Republic of Panama.

"Tomorrow morning (Sabbath) I will preach at two churches here in Colon and Cristobol, on the Atlantic coast, and in the afternoon in one and a half hours by train I cross the continent and preach at another church on the Pacific coast!"

These paragraphs were written from Medellin, Colombia, on December 31.

"The Colombians seem to be a very friendly people. While over the Pacific Ocean on the way here

our plane encountered a very severe storm. Lightning flashed all around us, and the rain splashed against our windows in barrelsful. The plane was tossed around like a feather. Really I was frightened. We at last rose above the storm and we could see the lightning below us.

"Medellin is up in the Andes so high that it is nice and cool—a welcome relief from the sweltering weather I encountered in Jamaica and in Panama. The Andes are certainly wild mountains, but on top there is a fairly level plateau about eight thousand feet high. Medellin is in a valley about two thousand feet lower than the surrounding mountains. It was very interesting coming here by air.

"On Sabbath I am being sent to  
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## Annual Colporteurs' Institute

BY EDWARD SORENSON

The very interesting and beneficial annual colporteurs' institute has come to an end, but the memories of it will live long in the minds and hearts of all those who were in attendance. Representatives and colporteur evangelists from three conferences—North and South Dakota, and Minnesota—gathered at Mankato, Minnesota, during the time from December 28 through January 2, to study better ways and methods of more efficiently placing our message for this time in the homes of those who know it not.

Friday evening, December 28, Elder C. V. Anderson, president of the Minnesota Conference, brought to us a timely and stirring message, emphasizing the high calling of the colporteur work. His very presence during the term of his stay at

the institute was a great encouragement to those present, which is evidence of his sincere interest in the literature ministry. He spoke again at the eleven o'clock Sabbath service in the Mankato church.

Sabbath afternoon a very interesting colporteur symposium was conducted in the Mankato church. It was felt that the experiences related by the various colporteurs were especially good in that they revealed the marked way in which God is with His colporteur evangelists who are today working in His vineyard.

Each day's session opened with morning worship from 8:30 to 9:15, after which excellent instruction periods were conducted by our able

union conference secretary, Elder P. D. Gerrard. Following this were drill periods with local conference secretaries A. H. Liebelt of North Dakota, V. R. Johnson of South Dakota, and L. E. Abelson of Minnesota leading out. These men are giving good leadership, and are worthy of our best cooperation. The burden of their hearts is to help all who are now working as colporteur evangelists to improve their time, also that the Lord of the harvest will send forth more reapers.

Unusually good daily periods of questions and discussion were conducted by L. E. Abelson, the new publishing department secretary for Minnesota. Minnesota is fortunate, indeed, to have secured his services, and it is the deep conviction of all who were present at the institute



that under his leadership Minnesota's colporteurs are headed for new heights in literature sales.

R. E. Bowles, manager of the Omaha Branch of the Pacific Press, was also present at the institute. His valued counsel regarding manufacture of books, distribution of same, and information he gave on prospects for new books during 1946 were greatly appreciated.

Elder W. A. Dessain and G. L. Sather of South Dakota were unable to attend due to snow-blocked roads. Although they had started out and traveled some distance on the way, they were forced to turn back. Elder F. W. Schnepfer and I. E. Anunsen of North Dakota; also C. F. Lee of the Minnesota Book and Bible House were unable to attend. These absent but interested leaders were greatly missed.

Throughout the entire session God's presence was manifested, but was especially felt in the closing service when each one expressed his appreciation of the institute and reconsecrated his life to God's ordained plan in carrying the gospel to a dying world. Goals were set, and as the colporteurs wished each other Godspeed and success, the meeting adjourned.

"The vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it?" *Colporteur Evangelist*, page 33.

"I must work the works of Him that sent Me. The night cometh when no man can work." John 9:4.

The workers comprising the colporteur ranks of Minnesota, North and South Dakota join the writer in expressing their sincere appreciation for the benefits received while attending this institute. We earnestly solicit a continued interest in the prayers of our believers.

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"Make it a rule never to utter one word of doubt or discouragement."

## Among Our Missions in Inter-America

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Bucaramanga. Our people have been suffering bitter persecution there. Several of our members have been murdered, and one church was bombed. They are now trying to build a new church. It is a long distance from here and I will stop at Bogota, the capital of Colombia, on the way there for a day or two. I will get back here again for three or four more days after that trip before leaving for Venezuela. It is now planned for me to spend four or five days in Venezuela on my way to Trinidad."



## Letter Excerpts

"At the Crossroads"

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3:14.

When the day of the Lord is near, multitudes will find themselves in the valley of decision. Thousands of Voice of Prophecy Bible School interests now find themselves walking through this valley. All of the readers of the OUTLOOK are urgently requested to pray for the conversion of these people. Here are two typical cases:

"Trying to Believe"

"I am still a little in doubt as to the real Sabbath, for many of my friends and relatives say that if the calendar has been changed perhaps that's why we now keep Sunday instead of Saturday. I am trying to believe with you folks, but it is so hard to change a lifetime teaching completely about, so have patience. My husband is hard to convince. We are crossed on the tithing. He will not send in his tithe, although I, for the past year, have been tithing on my own wages. Tithing and giving up hog meat have been adopted since taking the courses. Hope to go further when I see it clearly. I am a Mis-

sonary Baptist and have been baptized. Does everyone joining the Seventh-day Adventist church have to be rebaptized?"

"I Desire to Become a Christian"

"I have been ill since June 1944, and every time I try to go back to work, I have a relapse. While lying in bed I've had plenty of time to think and read the Bible. I have an earnest desire to become a Christian, but from my studying, to be a Christian would be to depart from all my former teachings and friends. I was born and reared a Baptist and baptized into the church. However, I know the Baptists do not obey the law of God. I am a mechanical engineer and have been employed as a foreman in industry where all foremen work on Saturdays, and to follow my profession would be breaking the Saturday Sabbath. My wife and two children are Methodists, and every time I mention anything about religion that doesn't agree with the Baptists' or Methodists' beliefs, my wife laughs at me as though she thinks I am crazy. I wish you would pray for me so that I can make the right decision and be given the courage to follow it through."

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## Meeting An Attack

It is still necessary, as in Paul's day, "to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3, A. R. V.); for the dragon is wroth with the woman and goes forth "to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." (Revelation 12:17). While we must never cease doing an aggressive and positive work in giving our message, it is also our duty to aggressively combat the efforts of those who misrepresent and oppose the Lord's work.

Mr. E. B. Jones, once a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, after a strange experience of criticism and vacillation, finally left the church and is now a bitter enemy. Some years ago he left the church and joined the so-called "S.D.A. Reform Movement," which originated in Germany, and was seeking a foothold in America. He later returned to the church and was rebaptized, but after a few years withdrew, and is now devoting his energies to opposing the teachings in which he had professed to have unbounded confidence.

Mr. Jones' pamphlet, "Forty Bible-Supported Reasons Why You Should Not Be a Seventh-Day Adventist," is having a wide circulation. It is recommended by some religious journals as just the thing to counteract our evangelistic work and to save people from the "deceptions of Adventism." Through misrepresentations, garbled quotations and faulty Biblical exegesis, this pamphlet is calculated to prejudice the unwary against Adventists and their teachings.

We certainly have a responsibility to counteract this evil influence just as far as possible. An answer to Mr. Jones' pamphlet has been prepared, under the direction of the General Conference Committee, entitled, "Bible Reasons Why You Should Be a Seventh-day Adventist." It is a pamphlet of ninety-six pages and can be secured for only fifteen cents at your Book and Bible House. Every person who has read Jones' pamphlet should have opportunity to see our reply. Secure a copy and famil-

iarize yourself with it sufficiently to be able to help those who may be deceived or confused by this attack on our faith. It would be well to have a few copies on hand to give to those who have read Jones' pamphlet.

The conflict between truth and error will be more and more severe as we near the end. This is our day of opportunity for service.

*"The work that centuries might have done,  
Must crowd the hours of setting sun."*

Let us study, pray, work, and fight the good fight of faith and soon the work will be finished.

M. E. KERN.

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### Thank You!

The South Dakota Conference has received the largest tithe in its history. Upon closing the books for the year 1945 we find that the figure stands just a little below the hundred thousand-dollar mark. Surely the Lord has blessed this field in basket and in store. We appreciate the blessings of moisture and weather that to a large degree have made this tithe possible. Surely God opened His hand over this conference!

But we do not forget the great faithfulness of our dear people in every part of the state in having made this excellent tithe possible. The steadiness and regularity with which they remember their obligations to their Creator is very commendable and heart-warming indeed. There are few conferences in this part of the country that can show higher per capita in tithe than South Dakota. To each member who has faithfully done his part during the past year, allow me to speak for the conference in saying, "Thank you, you have done nobly."

Other blessings follow in the wake of faithfully remitting our dues to the Lord. For the first time in a number of years our conference membership is curving upward again. The gains by baptism seem to be definitely ahead of the losses by death, letter and apostasy, as 119 were baptized this year by our loyal and consecrated workers. Also, because of the increases in income, we have been able to add at least two new workers to our corps of laborers. This increase is already bearing fruitage in the field. Your faithfulness in tithes and offerings have made it possible.

May Heaven continue to bless this field with enlargement, progress, prosperity and the evident peace of God which is so manifest here. You are a loyal and cooperative people, and it is indeed a joy to work with you and for you.

W. A. DESSAIN.



## The New Hammond Organ at Plainview

The students and faculty at Plainview Academy were made very happy a few days before the Christmas vacation began, by the arrival of the new Hammond electric organ for which we had all waited patiently about a year. The students last year raised the money for it and I am confident that the parents feel they had a very definite part in Plainview's being able to secure such a fine musical instrument. It is a wonderful addition to the chapel and is a real asset to our religious services. It also makes it possible for the students to learn to play the organ.

I am sure that many of our friends will want to visit Plainview soon, and see and hear the most up-to-date musical instrument that can be obtained at the present time.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, patrons and friends, for your generous contributions which have made possible the purchase of this organ.

F. P. GILBERT.

## News Items from District No. 6

Our members living in the Bowdle community suffered a tragic loss when their church home was razed to the ground by fire on Tuesday, December 11. The Bowdle church had spent more than \$2000, not including labor, in extensive improvements this summer, and had only a few more days work left to finish the remodeling of the church. The workmen saved the furniture, including the piano and pews. Our people were greatly saddened by this loss, but are courageously planning for the construction of a new building. This will be under way just as soon as materials can be obtained.

On Sunday night, December 30, the people of the Leola community witnessed another New Year's program at the Leola church. These programs have been an annual affair for about the last fifteen years. Over 300 people were in attendance. There were many favorable comments concerning the musical selections. Much credit is due to Brother Fred Kiesz's untiring efforts to build a good choir. The male quartette consisting of Dave

Binder, Julius Binder, Fred Kiesz, and Earnest Rueb, rendered five numbers which were greatly appreciated, as were the ladies trio, the double mixed quartette, and the duets. The offering for foreign missions amounted to about \$30.

January 5 marked another blessed day when five new believers followed their Lord's example in baptism. After the Sabbath school, which was held in the Methodist church at Bowdle, a brief sermon was given on the "Significance of Baptism," after which the candidates were questioned as to their personal relationship to the cardinal points of the advent message. At 12:30 P.M. a group of cars started for Aberdeen, almost sixty miles away. There in the presence of a few relatives and fellow church men, the baptismal ceremony took place in the swimming pool of the Northern State Teachers' College for which arrangement had previously been made. We pray God's blessing on these new members as they join with God's people to help finish His work upon the earth.

C. A. RENSCHLER.

## News Notes

Mrs. Charles Wilson of Ash Grove was a recent caller at the conference office. She expects that her husband, who is now in the Philippines in service, will be returning about April 1.

Elder C. A. Renschler, of Bowdle, says that the Bowdle congregation is now reconciled to the loss of their church by fire, and that they are laying plans to build a new church next spring. They are meeting in the Methodist church for the remainder of the winter.

Mr. Ben Prock, of Hot Springs, was a caller at the conference office recently. He attended the colporteurs' institute at Mankato, and plans to canvass in Rapid City.

Mrs. V. R. Johnson is the new Sabbath school superintendent at the Watertown church.

The believers at Yankton were recently organized as a church. They are greatly rejoicing in their church home. Dr. Aman was appointed as the local elder. Elder W. O. Berry plans to conduct a short effort there this winter.

One hundred nineteen were baptized in 1945 by the ministers of the South Dakota Conference. This

is an increase over last year and the year previous.

## News from District No. 2

Recently a district meeting was held at Madison. Elder C. A. Scriven, president of the Oregon Conference, spoke during the morning service. In the afternoon, Miss Thora Thomson, one of our missionaries held prisoner by the Japanese in the Philippines during the war, related some of her experiences.

The Ash Grove, Madison and Salem churches have had their Investment programs and all greatly exceeded their goals.

On December 22, two new members were added to the Madison church by baptism.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens C. Jensen, for many years members of the Colman church, recently moved to Iowa and have joined the Council Bluffs church. They are being greatly missed by the Colman members.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sanford and children, of the Ash Grove church, have moved and are also joining the Council Bluffs, Iowa, church. May they be blessed in their new home.

Read this inspiring Sabbath school report as given by the Montrose company: Membership, 30; Average attendance, 30-10-13; Daily study, 100 per cent; Offerings for 12 Sabbaths, \$26.85; 13th Sabbath Offering, \$5.25; Birthday Offering, 80 cents; Investment Offering, \$9.00.

The following are brief excerpts taken from two letters recently received, which we thought would be of interest:

From a letter written to the Ash Grove church by a young lady who, until a few years ago, lived in that vicinity:

"Having joined in the truth I have been very satisfied with my life here on earth. I joined the church on September 2, 1944, in Denver, but have been keeping the Sabbath for two years. I will always remember it was the good people of Ash Grove who got me interested and started studying the message. . . I hope you will remain faithful, A friend of the faith." (Signed).

From one of the Ash Grove boys, serving overseas:



"My dearest Mother and Dad: Can you believe that? Me as a cook? Well, it's all right with me, but if they have never heard about me being an S. D. A. they will know it by tomorrow as I am going to tell them. You see, a cook in the army works on one day and is off the next. I am going to have it understood to begin with that I can't work on the Sabbath. Really, the job being a cook in the army isn't a bad job. You are pretty sure of making a T-5 rating pretty fast at it. But I can't let that get between me and keeping God's Sabbath. I have kept it thus far in the army, and by God's help I intend to keep it in the future. Pray for me, folks. . . . I am glad that you received my money order and that my tithe is taken care of. Write soon and God bless you all." Your son in the army (Signed).

T. N. NEERGAARD.

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## Religious Liberty in Danger

Sabbath, January 26, has been designated as Religious Liberty Day. That to which we become accustomed, we tend to take for granted. We rejoice in the freedom of worship we have in this country and we are prone to think it cannot be otherwise. Let us not fall asleep in a state of false security. Special interests are constantly at work to undermine our liberties so we must be alert to the dangers and do all we can to combat them.

The purpose of the *Liberty* magazine is to educate the public on the principles of religious liberty and warn against impending dangers. It should have a large circulation and should be placed in the hands of every individual holding a public office. Newspaper editors, attorneys, ministers, and educators should be on the mailing list. Make up a list of individuals to whom you would like to have this attractive magazine sent. The subscription price is only thirty-five cents or three for one dollar. Send in three, six, nine, or more subscriptions to

the Book and Bible House or through your church missionary secretary. Then make a liberal contribution toward a general list to be supplied by the conference. In case of duplicate names we shall instruct the publishers to make a suitable substitution.

Another suggestion is to have several copies come to you in a club to be distributed to your regular Ingathering donors. It costs but little and means four special calls a year which will pay big dividends in increased good will.

F. W. SCHNEPPER.

## M. V. News Exchange

There is much activity in some of the M. V. societies, and we would like to have you know about it. For instance, Brother Knipschild was in the office a short time ago and mentioned a number of progressive plans for the M. V. societies in his district during this coming year. They are planning to hold meetings every Friday night.

From Taylor we learn that the members have recently organized a literature distribution band. From Lake Williams we hear that their literature mailing band is "getting along very finely, having wrapped and mailed 400 tracts."

While many of the boys are coming home again, there are a number who are still being inducted into the United States peace-time army. The Medina society is remembering these boys who are leaving, and has not forgotten the ones who have already been serving our country. They are securing a service roster to help remember the absent boys.

A letter from Hurdsfield tells us that the members there are laying the ground work for Crusader meetings, which are to be held in a nearby city. Mrs. H. H. Weisz, the assistant leader, writes: "Our work in Tuttle is coming finely. We distributed all the literature, and as soon as the roads are better and the weather is more settled, the group is planning to show the films and have Bible lectures." Speaking of Crusader work, the Crusaders of the Jamestown church are keeping very busy conducting meetings in their church every Sunday night.

This, by no means, is all the news. We will tell you more in

the very near future, but this is just enough to let you know that the North Dakota Adventist youth are active in service for Christ.

J. O. IVERSEN.

## News Notes

Elder F. W. Schnepfer spoke during the eleven o'clock hour at the Fargo church on January 12.

Professor R. O. Stone and Elder J. O. Iversen joined together in an extended trip in search for more church school and academy teachers for 1946-47.

Elder A. W. Bauer is itinerating in District No. 4 with Elder Dyre Dyresen in the interest of the *Signs* and the Ingathering campaigns.

Elder F. W. Wernick stopped at the office recently, enroute from Minneapolis where he has been working in the Eckenroth effort in that city.

Elder G. H. Rustad and family called at the office recently.

Miss Leona Kurtz has gone to Sheyenne River Academy for about two weeks to assist in the absence of Miss Amy Hegle who recently underwent an operation. Lawrence Rahn is also assisting at the academy during the absence of the dean of men, Leon Russell.

Mrs. A. W. Bauer, R. N., and Elder J. O. Iversen conducted the health examinations at the Kulm church school on January 4. They also report a number of improvements in the remodeled schoolroom.

Elder J. O. Iversen conducted an Investiture service at New Rockford on Sabbath, January 5. While New Rockford is one of the newest societies in the conference, it has already compiled a very fine record in progressive work. Six Sunbeams, five Friends, one Companion, and one Comrade were invested. A number of certificates and vocational honors were also issued. We congratulate the New Rockford society and Mrs. Grondahl, its leader.

## Colporteur Experience

While working in the vicinity of Carrington, visits have been very pleasant. Upon calling at a dry cleaners establishment one day, I heard someone behind the row of hanging clothes singing, "Draw Me Nearer, Nearer, Blessed Lord." I began to think of what this may mean to a hungry soul and invited



her into the bookmobile to look over the display of books and Bibles. She bought a New Testament and *Bible Readings*. Now she has the doctrine of the Bible worked out in a way that will draw her nearer to Christ. Let us pray that God will care for the seed sown so it will bring forth fruit for His kingdom.

C. A. LINDQUIST, *North Dakota*.

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### Encouraging Investment Reports

As the Sabbath school reports are coming in it is encouraging to see the excellent reports of the Investment offering. At this writing about twenty-five schools have not as yet reported the amount of their Investment, and several others had made a report earlier but said that more would be coming in, which will, of course, be reported on the regular quarterly report. Our goal to date is \$9,370.00, a gain of more than \$300.00 over last year.

Of these reports yet to come in, ten churches accounted for \$5,402.11, and six of these reported that more was to come in. As at this writing we have not received all of the quarterly reports we can be sure this figure will be increased considerably. These churches are as follows: Centerville, \$694.96; Davenport, \$307.98; Des Moines, \$850.84; Hawkeye, \$318.64; Lake City, \$313.43; Liberty Center, \$282.50; Marshalltown, \$543.22; Muscatine, \$526.00; Ruthven, \$410.58; Sioux City, \$1,153.96.

Sixteen of those churches which have already reported have an average of \$5.00 or more per church member. These churches, according to church membership and total Investment offering for the year are listed below: Audubon, 12, \$60.89; Algona, 20, \$158.15; Clarion, 21, \$200.00; Centerville, 63, \$694.96; Glenwood, 29, \$165.16; Hawarden, 33, \$216.00; Knoxville, 17, \$126.71; Lake City, 35, \$313.43; Liberty Center, 24, \$282.50; Marshalltown, 58, \$543.22; Modale, 16, \$119.81; Muscatine, 60, \$526.00;

Oskaloosa, 20, \$105.00; Ruthven, 64, \$410.58; Sigourney, 8, \$133.10; Spirit Lake, 27, \$143.90.

These sixteen churches with a total of 507 members raised a total of \$4,199.41, or an average of \$8.20 per member for the sixteen churches. We appreciate these excellent reports and if space permitted we could add many others. We know that every church member will want to do his part by beginning now to make 1946 the best year yet in Investment.

W. S. SANDERS.

### Recounting Recent Blessings

Since October 4, on which date Elder P. D. Gerrard, of the Northern Union Conference, visited Davenport, District 11 has been especially blessed with visiting workers. Elder Gerrard's message was inspiring, as he pointed out that Armageddon is rapidly approaching and quoted Douglas MacArthur's statement regarding world conditions. Elder Gerrard was accompanied by Brother Oliver.

On October 29, Elder G. H. Rustad of the Northern Union Conference, spoke in the Davenport church to a highly appreciative audience. Elder Sanders accompanied him.

Elder Sanders spent a week in the district near the end of October visiting members in Davenport, Iowa City, West Liberty, and Muscatine, with the writer, in the interest of the Oak Park improvement fund. The response from our members to the needs of the academy was gratifying.

Davenport was again visited by a Northern Union Conference secretary when Elder K. L. Gant delivered a seasonal message to the grateful members on November 2 and 3. Elder Sandefur accompanied him.

The Muscatine church celebrated its Golden Jubilee on November 30 and December 1. Speakers at this Jubilee were Elders G. H. Rustad and J. D. Smith, whose messages were indeed timely and highly appreciated. Other ministers present from the Iowa Conference included Elder Whitlow and the writer. One of the interesting parts of the program was the reading of the history of the Muscatine church by Miss Kathleen Asp. These meet-

ings were greatly enhanced by inspiring musical numbers, and flowers. This celebration will long be remembered by the many persons who were present. A social gathering on Saturday night concluded the Jubilee.

On December 2, the Southeastern Dorcas Federation had its regular meeting at Burlington. Ministers present were Elder M. A. Hollister, until recently of the General Conference, Elders Sanders, Whitlow, Wiedemann, and the writer. Mrs. Strickland of Exira, who had attended the Autumn Council as the Dorcas representative, was also present and gave excellent help. The annual election of officers of the federation resulted in the following: President, Mrs. Weil; vice-president, Mrs. Rust; secretary, Mrs. Fox; and assistant secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Loose.

The Muscatine church greatly appreciates the financial assistance given them by the Iowa Conference for rebuilding their chimney.

The Muscatine congregation has been very active indeed in the Investment Fund work, having turned in an amount well over \$525.00.

The Washington members are progressing steadily in their church building project, having secured a lot, a building, and some excellent chairs.

In the work of sending clothing and shoes to destitute people overseas, the ladies of this district have put forth great effort. Worthy of special mention are the Sigourney members and the senior and junior Dorcas societies of Davenport.

In the Ingathering follow-up work the Muscatine church deserves mention for ordering 100 books for distribution, and the Davenport church for securing 250 copies for this soul-winning work.

The Davenport church has been especially active during recent months. The movable mottoes in the Sabbath school are attracting favorable comment from visitors. A recent rummage sale in charge of Miss Blanchard brought in \$200.00. The M. V. society has sponsored some highly attractive programs and musicales, including a beautiful program of "Living Pictures" under the direction of Brother Dunlap, and a highly educational program of moving pictures of western United States by Pastor Muhleman,



chaplain of the Iowa Soldiers Orphans Home in Davenport. The primary department conducted an Investment program too, which included moving pictures shown by Brother Cecil Loose. The Sabbath school conducted its Investment program on December 8. The M. V. society and both Dorcas societies, assisted by gifts from church members, made the holiday season a time of helpful giving by distributing many baskets of food.

May God continue to bless His people during this new year.

M. F. GRAU.

## Oak Park Academy News Notes

Registration for the second semester will be on Wednesday, January 16. It is not too late to make plans to be with us during the second semester. Several classes will be starting for those who are interested in attending the Academy the second semester. Write to the superintendent for detailed information.

Several teachers spent the holidays away from the academy. Mr. and Mrs. Rosen visited relatives in Wisconsin; Mr. and Mrs. Davenport were in northern Iowa; Miss Lothian was in Oklahoma City, and Miss Larsen in South Dakota. All the students but two spent their vacation with home folk. Now everyone is busy again, for semester examinations are not far away.

The staff for the 1946 *Oak Leaf* has begun its work on the annual. We know that all our friends and relatives will enjoy this new edition of the school annual. Perle Lockert has been chosen editor, and Dale McCune and Marjorie Bascom, associate editors. Other members of the staff include Donna Scott, Ruth Wiedemann, Pearl Dixon, Miss Larsen, Mr. Hagele, Philip Holdridge, Tommy Thompson, and Bob Gibb.

We have been made very happy recently by the visits of several Oak Park graduates who have returned from overseas and have been discharged. On Monday, December 31, Willard Register gave a very interesting chapel talk. He told us of his experiences in the European theatre of war. We were greatly impressed as he related the marvelous deliverances of some of our people in Belgium. Inciden-

tally, he visited some of the historical places in Europe before his return to the states. A few days after Willard's talk, we had the privilege of hearing Elwyn Ramesbotham tell of his experiences during his twenty-one months of service in the South Pacific. He related some of the amusing features of life on those islands, but as he closed his talk, we knew that war is a horrifying experience for those who are called to engage in it.

Willis Adams has recently been discharged from the army, and is at his home here in Nevada.

The officers for the Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer society have been chosen for the second semester. Shirley Wilmot, Bill Gibb, Marvella McDanel, and Thomas Hinde have been chosen to conduct our Sabbath school programs. Mary Ann Taeger, Dick Jenkins, Mary Joyce Thornberry, and Melvin Wolford are the new officers for the M. V. society.

The first Sabbath school for the new year was made inspiring by an interesting talk by Elwyn Ramesbotham, in which he told of our believers in the Philippines and in Japan. The first M. V. program for the year was centered around the Reading Course books for this year, which have recently arrived and have been placed in the library.

Several Oak Park graduates spent a few hours at the academy on their way back to their colleges and places of employment after the holidays.

## Minnesota Conference

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## Assistance for the Lamberton Church

A few words of appreciation are in order for approximately \$400.00 which was given by the membership of the Minnesota Conference to help the Winona Church with their building. That sum was greatly appreciated and is being used for the purpose it was given. We believe it will be the means of drawing some individuals to the cause of God.

We promised when promoting the Winona offering that some others would be in line, and so we are announcing today that the Lamberton church will be the next in order to receive the benefit of your generosity and interest. Sabbath, February 16, will be Lamberton Church Offering day. The next three numbers of the *OUTLOOK* will contain the history and information regarding the Lamberton church which I feel sure will be an inspiration and a definite appeal.

One thing to be definitely emphasized is this, that the Lamberton church members, in spite of the fact that they were engaged in their own building program, stretched themselves to the worthy limit of \$1.00 per member when giving to the Winona church building. That is by far the greatest liberality of any church in the conference. Wouldn't it be nice to reward them for their liberality by each one giving them a big lift toward their church building? The members at Lamberton are permanent residents, most of them good, staunch farmers, and will not be moving away tomorrow.

To establish the light of truth in this corner of Minnesota will be a great asset to the cause of God. Thank you for your liberality on the 16th of February.

C. V. ANDERSON.

## Religious Liberty

For fifty years, Seventh-day Adventists have been instrumental in defeating Sunday legislation in Congress. To a very large degree, our Religious Liberty Department was instrumental in defeating a proposed resolution in the Covenant of the League of Nations that, if adopted, would have destroyed religious liberty among our believers of the forty-eight nations which were in the League.

The federation of the League of Nations has failed, but another organization has been effected. The purpose for permanent peace is the same as it was under the League of Nations. The cry is now heard everywhere that "we must not make the same mistake in our efforts for world peace in laying the foundation of this organization."

What is involved in this cry, few, if any, comprehend. Even the mem-



bers of the United Nations' Organization do not know all the details pertinent to the government of this new organization.

Prophecy points out clearly the high points in national developments and also in the ecclesiastical realm, and Seventh-day Adventists are well informed along these lines. We have the guidance of the Spirit of prophecy in the church and this gift is not silent concerning the developments which will deprive of our liberties to worship God according to the dictates of conscience.

One important instruction given us is not to stand idly by as we see the undercurrent at work, but to warn those who do not know what is coming. We are "to educate, educate, educate," and thus untiringly, carry on a program which will reveal and unmask every effort that is being made to destroy our freedom. While we cannot prevent the working of Satan, yet our responsibility is not discharged unless we do our duty in warning the people. Men are like sheep. They will follow a leader, and democratic peoples still follow leaders who defend democratic principles.

Our civil and religious liberties are heaven-born. Let us wholeheartedly defend them. It is difficult to reach the ears of those who mold the thinking of the American people. However, there is an agency which has proved to be a successful medium — the *Liberty* Magazine.

It is the desire of the Minnesota Conference to send the *Liberty* to:

- The Members of Congress,
- The United States Senators,
- The State Senators and Representatives,
- The judges,
- The county superintendents,
- The editors of the state,
- The leading lawyers of the state,
- The leading ministers of the state,
- The leading high school superintendents of the state.

In order to do this we must have a very substantial offering. There should be many \$10.00, \$5.00, and \$1.00 offerings on January 26 when this yearly offering is given in all our churches.

The *Liberty* subscription goal of the conference is 4651. Every

Seventh-day Adventist should have one for himself and then supply at least two more for those not of our faith. The subscription price is three for \$1.00. We look to every member to measure his offering in accordance with his love for liberty.

C. S. WIEST,  
*Religious Liberty Secretary.*

## Maplewood Academy News Notes

### Of Special Interest

The Maple Log amateur contest, to be held in the Maplewood gymnasium, Saturday night, February 2, promises to be a program of very unusual interest. All friends and patrons of Maplewood Academy who are within easy driving distance should plan to attend. Write to any Maplewood academy student now for your tickets. Adults: 50 cents. Students: 35 cents.

In preparation for the Maple Log amateur contest and other interesting programs that are coming in the near future, the gymnasium is having its "face lifted." The floor is being sanded and refinished, the wall boards repaired, and the stage is being altered so that it will be more adaptable to various types of programs. A draw curtain is to be installed and a drape will be hung across the back of the platform. A new RCA public address system has been purchased which will greatly improve the programs held in this large auditorium in the future.

The sanding and floor finishing is being done with a new Tennant floor sander and scrubbing machine which the school has recently purchased. This machine will be used to renew the luster of many of the hardwood floors throughout the school.

A part of the wall in the business office has been taken out to accommodate a new set of regular postoffice mail boxes. Just beside the set of boxes is a business transaction window, which will help to facilitate work in the office.

During the Christmas vacation many important repairs were made

on the heating system. The steam supply was changed over to a different system that will give a more even distribution of heat to the whole building.

By the time this is printed, the first semester examinations will have come and gone. We hope that all of our students will have accomplished a fine scholastic record for the semester.

### ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements and business notices are not solicited but are published as an accommodation and service to our readers. The right is reserved to reject any or all advertisements when space is short, and such advertisements as are acceptable should first be sent to the local conference office for approval of the officers and passed on by them to the editorial office in Minneapolis. For each insertion the rate is two cents a word, with a minimum charge of fifty cents cash to accompany the copy for the advertisement.—Editor.

**Elderly woman** wants Christian companion who will help with housework on farm—only mother and son in family. Write Mrs. L. M. Lane, Kintyre, North Dakota. 1-8-2t.

**Extra Money.** Men and women earn extra money for investment. Good article for Dorcas Society. Two out of three people buy. Sold by leading concerns. Big discount. Send for sample and details. Fisher Mfg. Co., 231 East Ave., Rochester 4, New York. 1-8-4t.

**Madison Foods** at Madison College, Tennessee, offers Dorcas Societies an opportunity to introduce health foods to church members and neighbors and at the same time raise money for church projects. Write for full particulars. 1812 A Wonderful Letter.

in the handwriting of Mrs. E. G. White, lithographed, with printed copy of the same. This letter was written to me at the beginning of my work in Washington. It will repay the study of a lifetime. For copies of this invaluable document send whatever you think best to help defray expenses of printing, to me at 404½ West Washington Street, Hagerstown, Maryland. J. S. Washburn.

**Editor's Note.** — Elder Wahsburn has sent to me a copy of the above mentioned letter and I consider it a very helpful one. I am confident you will not be disappointed if you send for a copy of it.—Editor. 1-8-4t.

**Wanted.**—A single man to work on farm for the season. Electricity, tractor, and milking machine. State age, experience, and wages expected, in first letter. Lloyd Tombleson, Ellsworth, Wisconsin. 1-15-2t.

**Workers Wanted.** — Graduate nurse to take full charge of small hospital at night; also hydrotherapy technician understanding colonics; and a bookkeeper. Write to: New Park Sanitarium and Hospital, 107 Breeze Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. 1-15-3t.

Here it is at last! Claire's Jel, 100% vegetarian dessert, made with raw sugar prepared just like Jello. Eight flavors, 15 cents a package, 7 packages for \$1.30 postpaid. A fine item for Dorcas societies and church schools to sell. Write for wholesale prices. Vegetable Juice & Products Co., 480 E. Main, Box 145, Rochester, N. Y. 1-15-5t.

## Sunset Calendar

January 18, 1946	
Des Moines, Iowa	5:11
St. Paul, Minnesota	5:00
Bismarck, North Dakota	5:25
Huron, South Dakota	5:25

Give liberally to the Religious Liberty offering.