

The Season's Greetings to All

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"Enlist for Christ" Sabbath

A recommendation from the Home Missionary Convention, and confirmed by the Fall Council in session, sets apart the first Sabbath in the new year as a time when every believer is to be given an opportunity to enlist definitely in some line of missionary service. Special covenant cards will be supplied the churches for distribution on January 4, 1947, and every worker is requested to speak on the subject, "Recruiting for Christ," extending to all present an opportunity to sign the covenant card. These cards should be collected by the missionary secretary for study by the missionary committee who will arrange for bands and classes that will give every recruit a place in which to work. After a record of the covenant cards has been made by the secretary, the card will be returned to the signer. Such a record will furnish excellent information to pastors and church officers concerning the wishes of the members, and will be a guide in placing all in the line of service which appeals most to the recruit.

By GEORGE BUTLER

Following the service of January 4, a special effort should be made to contact all who were not present in order to have on file a complete record of every believer. It applies also to every Missionary Volunteer who is a church member. Your conference secretary will be happy to aid you in your planning to have every member a worker for God. Such responsibility naturally lies within the sphere of the church missionary committee according to the instruction of the Spirit of prophecy, which is that as soon as a convert is baptized, let him be assigned his post of duty. That also means that new converts should find a working church. As church leaders we are directly responsible for such a program of missionary activity.

To be "assigned his post of duty" logically infers that there must exist some form of organization, with somebody, or group, in charge. We believe we have that in the church mission-

ary organization with its board, or missionary committee. That board holds the same relationship to its territory and membership as the conference committee does to the whole territory and the conference employees. Every mile of territory within reach of each church should be planned for, and every member assigned some responsibility in that territory.

We read in "Christian Service" on page 9: "A distinct work is assigned to every Christian." "God requires everyone to be a worker in His vineyard." "Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary." "God expects personal service from everyone to whom He has intrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time."

The plan to enlist every member for missionary work in the church territory is in harmony with the example of the apostolic church and with the instruction given by the messenger of God for the remnant church.

Faithful Stewards

By ELLIS R. COLSON

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." I Cor. 4:2. At the creation of the world the Lord God, the Creator of heaven and earth, gave Adam and Eve, our first parents, "dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Thus in giving to man the dominion of this world and all the material things, God appointed man to be His steward. It was God's intention that as man cultivated the soil and increased his possessions of the material things of life, he would

continue to recognize God as the owner of all things ever keeping in mind that he is God's steward. God desired only willing, loving service. God made man a free moral agent and of necessity set up a test, that would prove whether or not man would choose to be loyal to His Creator.

We may build a boat that appears to be perfect in all its dimensions and outward beauty; but we are not satisfied, nor can we know how much

dependence we can place upon it, until we put it to the test in the water. By testing man and proving his loyalty to stand firm to principle, God would have the satisfaction of knowing that man chose to obey through love rather than fear. And by having such a test continually before him, man would continually be reminded that God is the Creator of everything and that man is His steward. This would help to keep him loyal, humble and teachable.

Man was put to the test in the Garden of Eden in being forbidden to

eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. If man had stood that test, and, recognizing God's plan and remaining obedient, God would have greatly blessed him, but man chose to disobey, bringing untold suffering upon himself and his posterity.

Another test of loyalty was soon inaugurated, the tithing system. After sin entered the world, man became possessed with the desire to gather riches, a desire which has been the curse of humanity through past ages, and is one of the leading sins of these last days. Man holds a steward relationship to God for the land, the animals, the resources and the wealth of the world, but most men, in their conquest for wealth and power, have forgotten their dependency upon God. A man's wealth is very close to his heart and before the love of Christ takes possession, he holds on to what he has and grasps for more. Surely the tithing system fills a manifold purpose — testing our loyalty and obedience, reminding us continually of our dependency upon God, and supporting the Lord's work here upon earth. We need the blessing derived from faithful tithe paying far more than God needs our money.

The tithe is a tenth; it is not an eighth, an eleventh or one-twentieth part that is left over after the needs of the individual have been supplied. It is not the last tenth part, but the first. It should be put aside for the Lord before using the other nine-tenths.

The tithe is holy, it is not just ordinary money. The Sabbath, one-seventh of our time, is holy time. The tithe is holy money just as the Sabbath is holy time. There are about thirty things in the Bible that are called holy. The tithe is one of these, and there is a definite curse pronounced upon those who do not make a difference between the holy and common or unholy things. (Please read Lev. 10:10; Ezek. 22:25, 26; 44:23.)

The tithe is the Lord's and it does not belong to man; it is not yours or mine, it belongs to God. It belongs to God because He created the world and us. We are His stewards. The farmer tills not his own field but the Lord's field. Ps. 24:1. The flax, the wool, the wine, the corn belongs to God. Hosea 2:8, 9. The rancher, the herdsman, the hunter does not own the animals and fowls in the

field or in the forest. Ps. 50:10, 11. The products from the coal mine — the gold, silver and iron ores — belong to God. Ezek. 16:17. Your bank-account belongs to God; (I Tim. 6:17) the muscles and sinews of the blacksmith, the mechanic, the carpenter and of all other laborers, were given by God; (Deut. 8:18) the knowledge and wisdom of the teacher, the professor, the doctor, was given by God; (Dan. 2:21; James 1:5) and are all God's stewards.

The tithing system is as old as the world. It is primarily not Jewish. The principle was found in Eden; Abraham paid tithe four hundred years before the Israelites left Egypt; Jacob promised to pay God an honest tithe; and Christ recognized the validity of tithe paying as well as the apostle. Matt. 23:23; I Cor. 9:11, 13.

There are manifold blessings promised to faithful tithe payers. Although we do not feel that these blessings should motivate the returning to God of His own, yet we do well to consider them. In the third chapter of Malachi, God asks us to prove Him. He promises to pour out so many blessings that we can not make use of them all. Many of our people have experienced just that but space will not permit us to give their testimonials. It is not a question, if we can afford to pay tithe, but rather if we can afford not to pay it.

God does not lightly regard negligence in tithe paying. Strong language is used in Malachi three by God, in speaking of withholding tithes and offerings. We know what our civil authorities do with robbers and how we regard that offense. The Lord disapproves of this even more than man.

How are we to calculate our tithe? The tithe may be easy to calculate for the salaried man, one tenth of his earnings before deductions such as social security, withholding tax, etc., are made. Workers owning their own houses should figure a fair rent for the same and pay tithe on it. Other income should also be included such as interest received, dividends, inheritance money, etc. If the worker has a garden, a few hens, or any other source of income, the produce or products should be included in his income.

It may be more difficult for the truck gardener, the farmer, the ranch-

er and many others to calculate the exact amount of tithe to return to God. Expenses such as hired help, seed, fertilizer, and repairs, naturally may be deducted from the gross income before tithe is paid, but on the other hand the family on the farm should figure their dwelling house rental value, the value of the milk, the cream, the eggs, vegetables and fruit coming direct from the farm, just as the brother living in the city will have to pay cash for these things, from the income on which he has paid the tithe.

Many, upon accepting this message, have had the property they owned and that was free of indebtedness, appraised at a proper value and tithed it. Others, in selling property, tithed the proceeds. Still others have tithed the value of stocks, bonds, etc. We believe there are those among us who have not done this as yet, but who should do it. If this were done and all of our people would pay an honest tithe on all their increase, what rich blessings from heaven would flow into the hearts and homes of our people everywhere. Where there may be a question as to just what

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should be tithed let us seek God's counsel in the matter, for if we are sincere in our desire to return to God His own, He will surely guide us in making the right decision and fulfil His promise to the faithful stewards.

In Appreciation

It is a privilege to express our great appreciation for the large amount of literature received from so many of our dear people in the States for use on the Canal Zone and in the Republic of Panama. These papers — "Signs," "Reviews," "Little Friend," "Instructor," magazines, booklets and other literature — have come from scores, and perhaps from hundreds, of our members in every one of the union conferences and from almost every local conference in North America.

The tons of literature received in this way have furnished much seed for sowing, and it affords our members, especially in Panama, a large amount of literature for distribution among their friends and neighbors, as also an abundant supply to pass out in the hospitals and other public places. Eternity will reveal the full fruitage of all of this seed sowing. Continued cooperation will be appreciated in this good work.

We could use any number of the 1946 Ingathering paper, "Our Times." They are too interesting and important to allow a single copy to be wasted or destroyed. So any reader of this article having extra copies of the 1946 Ingathering paper will be doing a good work by mailing them to the writer, Box 2006, Balboa, Canal Zone. Thanks.

And again I want to assure all of our friends of our appreciation for the literature sent to us in the past, and that we will continue to use to good advantage all that may be sent to us during the new year of 1947. The following statement should cheer and encourage us all in the use of our literature. "God will do great things for us if we will be humble and believing at His feet. More than a thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their conviction to the reading of our publications."

A. R. OGDEN

Camp Pastor, Canal Zone Area

"Shepherd's Rod" Propaganda

We have received inquiries at the General Conference office concerning certain advertising matter being sent to our people by "The E. W. Society of America," McGregor, Texas, offering a health booklet for a coupon and six cents. Some who have endeavored to learn by direct inquiry the identity of this "Society" have not succeeded.

Careful investigation has revealed the fact that there is no such society with an office at McGregor, Texas, but this advertising comes from the Shepherd's Rod organization, a small offshoot from the Seventh-day Adventist church, with headquarters at Waca, Texas. Doubtless this promotion is a part of the continuous "name ingathering campaign" carried on by this organization. Certainly our people will not wish to lend their influence to this effort by using or distributing the coupons.

Information regarding the plans and propaganda methods of the Shepherd's Rod has been placed in the hands of our ministers and conference officials, from whom it can be secured on request.

It is well to remember the words of the Lord's messenger that "God has a church upon the earth, who are his chosen people, who keep his commandments. He is leading, not stray offshoots, not one here and one there, but a people." Testimonies to Ministers," page 61.



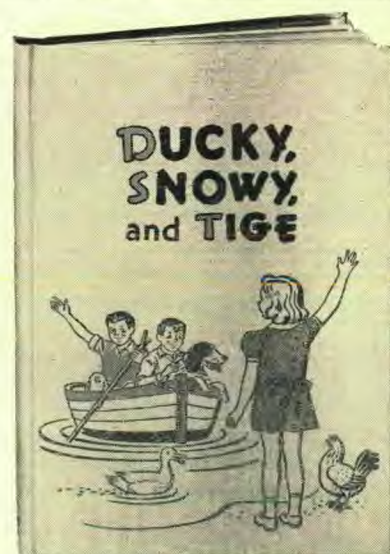
Radio Responses

"Some months ago I found a card in the bus station telling about your Bible course. I read it over and sent it in asking to be enrolled. These lessons have taught me things that I did not know before, and now the Sabbath truth has become clear and I can see that I have been keeping the wrong day. Do you have a church in this city? I have watched that bus depot for more cards or information about your work but as

I have found nothing I have decided that there are no Sabbath keepers in this town. Can you give me information regarding this?"—Georgia.

A little girl five years old was enrolled by her mother. While the little girl was too young to read or understand much, the mother studied for her and has now asked that we send one of our workers to visit her. A little child shall lead them.—Illinois.

"My sister-in-law heard some minister say something about the Voice of Prophecy and she became very much interested in knowing what it was all about. She kept wishing that in some way she could get in touch with this institution. Then, would you believe it, as her husband was going down the street, someone threw a Voice of Prophecy radio log out of a passing truck. We took it home to her and she enrolled in the Bible course. When I visited them they told me all about it and asked me to enroll and I told them that I was already one of your students. We have enrolled another sister-in-law and we are doing all we can to get all of our friends interested. These lessons are teaching me the Sabbath for the first time. I had never studied that before, and have always kept Sunday. I am wondering just how to go about the change."—Missouri.



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A Challenge to Missionary Volunteers

The year 1947 will soon arrive. Does the challenge of our God-given commission stir our innermost souls as we face the new year? Are we conscious of conditions about us, of how they point to the momentous event soon to bring rewards to the godly and retribution upon the ungodly? Would we be individually ready if 1947 should usher in the event the prophets and apostles of old yearned to behold?

With great solemnity of heart, fellow Missionary Volunteers and church members, we should enter 1947. The gospel commission should weigh heavily upon our hearts and minds and not be taken lightly. If you or the church of which you are a member has a tendency to be spiritually ill, take cognizance of what Keith L. Brooks once said: "The best remedy for a sick church is to put it on a missionary diet."

In recognition of the truth of the above statement the North Dakota Missionary Volunteer organization made certain "Resolutions" at our camp meeting in June that would be good for all of us to review and plan to put into effect immediately. They are as follows:

Cooperation with Evangelists

"We Recommend: 1. That during public evangelistic campaigns, Missionary Volunteer executive committees in those churches supporting the efforts, in counsel with the evangelist, make provision for the campaign by attendance at the meetings and participation in such activities as they may be qualified for, such as literature distribution, music, ushering, etc.

2. That definite plans be laid which will make it possible for the society to carry on its regular functions by setting a time for the society to have a short, weekly meeting for prayer, council, gathering of reports and the consideration of the different phases of the society work."

Accepting the above recommendations as an expression of the Lord's

desire for us at this time, let us with one accord and guided by the Holy Spirit, plan to make definite inroads into the enemy's battleground for the winning of souls in 1947. "If the Lord be for us, who can be against us?"

J. F. KNIPSCHILD, Jr.

Our Radio Broadcasts Appreciated

You may be interested to know that Brother McMillin and I have had some wonderful experiences this week. Tuesday morning we met a fine young couple who asked us to enroll them for the Voice of Prophecy correspondence course. Wednesday morning we met a lovely young mother whose little girl is in the hospital with a kidney infection. We showed her the "Modern Medical Counselor," and what the information in it will enable her to do for her child. Then we also showed her "Bible Readings" Needless to say she purchased the set. We asked her if she ever listened to the Voice of Prophecy. She quickly answered that she did, and that she enjoyed the program very much. So we enrolled her for this course. We asked her if she ever listened to the "Builders of Truth" program from Jamestown. Then she expressed the great joy this program brought to her. She said the singing was the best she has ever heard. We asked her if she would like for Elder and Mrs. Patzer to visit her. To this question she replied, "That would be very nice if they could come out, and I'll be glad to have them."

HAROLD RAU

Book and Bible House Items

Your Book and Bible House still has a few Christian Home Calendars in stock which we believe would be enjoyed in every Adventist home. It will not be too late to send your order if you act now. The calendar is arranged in its usual attractive form with the beautifully colored religious scenes accompanying every month of the year. There has been no advance in the price. Send 35 cents in stamps or coin and receive one of these attractive calendars.

We also have an adequate supply of the new Morning Watch Calendars in the plain and de luxe covers at only 10 and 15 cents respectively.

Our offering for daily devotional reading this year is taken from the inspired writings of Ellen G. White. The book is entitled "Radiant Religion" and we highly recommend it for daily use in your home during 1947 — cloth, \$1.00; de luxe, \$1.50.

Week of Prayer at S. R. A.

It was my privilege to conduct the fall Week of Prayer at S. R. A. The North Dakota Conference may well be proud, not only of its progressive academy, but of its outstanding group of young people and the consecrated leadership of the faculty.

"Conversion" was the theme carried out during the week. All were agreed that it was not enough to be sons and daughters of Seventh-day Adventists, not enough to have one's name recorded in the church books, nor to be simply enrolled in a Christian school.

Three texts were stressed. John 1:12 "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." This text proved that God furnishes us all the power we need if we will but step over on His side. Phil. 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." This was evidence to all that the same power which is given at the beginning of our Christian experience continues with us until the second coming of Christ. "But," said one of the young people, "suppose I fall into sin through my carelessness." This is where the third text came in. I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Before the close of the week every young person understood that there is power to start, power to continue, and forgiveness when we fall.

At the close of the thirteenth meeting, which was on Friday evening, almost without exception every student and faculty member took part in the testimony meeting. Parents would have been thrilled to have heard this part of the service. During the discourse the minds of the listeners were directed to home. First to Mother and Dad, brother and sister, then on to heaven, our home where Jesus is. Then for forty-five minutes the testimonies went something like this, "I'm glad for a praying mother," "I'm thankful for Christian parents," "I'm

proud that I can call Jesus my elder brother," "My parents are sacrificing to keep me here, and I am determined not to disappoint them," "I know now what it means to be converted and be a Christian." Then there was a testimony which I shall never forget, "I have no home except Sheyenne River Academy; with the power which God supplies, I am determined to have a home with Jesus."

May God bless Superintendent Stone and his staff of teachers and the young people of Sheyenne River Academy.

CHARLES W. TEEL

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Evangelism in the Black Hills

The Hot Springs, Custer and Rapid City churches in the Black Hills are rejoicing for the new additions to the faith as a result of the Rapid City effort. Seventeen have been baptized as a direct fruitage of that effort, and with careful shepherding other interested ones may soon be ready for baptism. Brother John Herr and wife are following up the interest in the Rapid City vicinity and are carrying on a long-range program which they hope will result in another baptism early in 1947. The believers at Hot Springs and Custer are both desirous of an effort as soon as it can be arranged. We solicit the prayers of our brethren that the spiritual prosperity of this district may be enhanced greatly by many additions to the faith through the coming efforts.

W. O. BERRY

News From District No. 9

Church elections have been completed in all of the churches of this district.

Elder and Mrs. Hochstetter spent the Week of Prayer meeting appointments at Lemmon, McLaughlin and Bison.

Duane and Jackie Bales spent Thanksgiving with their family, re-

turning to Plainview Academy on Sunday.

November 30 was a day long to be remembered in the Lemmon church. A large number of visitors and members were in attendance for the annual Investment program. Investment experiences were related and an excellent program was prepared by Sister Nantt, the Sabbath school superintendent. The Lord blessed abundantly in this department. The offering totaled \$203.00.

On Sabbath, December 7, the believers at Rapid City, together with visitors from Hot Springs and Spearfish, gathered for the second baptism at Rapid City. Elder Hochstetter performed the ceremony in the afternoon at the Baptist church.

December 21 was appointed as the Sabbath on which our people in America would give a Famine Relief offering. Truly this was a worthwhile Christmas gift to those in great need. Those who may have been prevented from making this gift on December 21 may give it at any time before the end of the year. Heaven's blessing is bestowed upon such giving.

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The Lord Would Be Pleased —

If every camp meeting pledge was paid in full as we approach the new year; if every bit of back-tithe was remitted; if all ill feelings between brethren were buried and all grudges forgotten — the Lord would be pleased.

The beginning of the new year ushers in a new opportunity. Why not start right, all along the line? Whatever our future regrets may be, we will never regret having attempted to face the new year acceptably with God and our fellow beings, morally, spiritually, and financially.

"In the teachings of Christ, he said, 'If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteousness mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches.' The spiritual health and prosperity of the church is dependent in a great degree upon her systematic benevolence. It is like the life blood which must flow through the whole being, vitalizing every member of the body. It increases love for the souls of our fellow men, for by self-denial and self-sacrifice we are brought into a closer relation to Christ, who for our sakes became poor. The more we invest in the cause of God to aid in the salvation of souls, the closer to our hearts will they be brought." "Testimonies", Vol. III, page 405.

May God help us to face the new year acceptably in the sight of God and man.

W. A. DESSAIN

The Thirteenth Sabbath

Sabbath, December 28, is the final thirteenth Sabbath of the year, and coming so near Christmas Day, it should be the time for a real Christmas offering to missions.

A letter just received from Elder V. T. Armstrong tells of the great need in the Far Eastern Division, where our offerings go this thirteenth Sabbath.

Elder K. Tilstra, a former classmate of mine at college, tells of the hard-

ships endured in the Netherland East Indies Union, of which he is superintendent. About fifty per cent of our members in Ambon died of starvation and ill treatment. Other experiences show that the need is very great in that area.

In closing his letter Elder Armstrong says: "Everywhere opportunities appear. The calls are sounding for help. Many families of missionaries are sailing for the Far Eastern Division during December. We appeal to you to do what you can for this 13th Sabbath and may your earnest prayers accompany your gifts." And he adds in a postscript that more baptisms are expected in the Far Eastern Division for 1946 than ever before.

Surely, this is our day of opportunity as never before. We will want to give liberally for the advancement of the work. May God bless each of you as you plan for this Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.

W. S. SANDERS

The Bible Correspondence School

The following is an excerpt from a letter received just yesterday and is typical of many which we receive in the Bible Correspondence School:

"We don't go to the _____ church any more. We gave up our connection and have gone the Seventh-day Adventist way, though we have not joined yet, but we are figuring on it before long."

Any number are expressing the same desire and the fact that they have found the real truth as a result of the Bible Correspondence School lessons.

With the coming of the new year, we hope to enlarge our Bible Correspondence School as never before, and we hope that each of you will be ready to do his part to make this possible. If your section has not been covered with an invitation to enroll in the Bible Correspondence School, it would be well to contact your district leader and make plans for this coverage. Also, I shall be glad at any time to work with you and the district leader to carry on a systematic program in your community. The Bible Correspondence School is bringing real results, and we believe that through this means many souls can be won just where you are.

W. S. SANDERS

Attention!

Youth of Davenport District!
What?—A District-wide youth rally!

Where?—Davenport S. D. A. church!

When?—All day Sabbath, Dec. 28!

Who?—A special invitation to all young people.

A number of interesting activities are being planned for the afternoon, including a transcription of the Corporal Desmond Doss, program Bible quizzes, and a "sing-spiration," followed in the evening by an interesting social hour.

M. V. DEPARTMENT

Oak Park Academy News Notes

The music department under the direction of Miss Lillian Mantz, gave a simulated radio program the evening of December 7.

On December 9, the printing class, accompanied by their instructor, Mr. J. E. Lippart, visited the Des Moines "Register and Tribune" office. Previously the journalism class, with their instructor, Miss Victoria Larson, made a similar trip.

The evening of December 14, Miss Larson's English classes gave an inspiring Christmas program.

Many of the teachers and students attended a young people's rally in Des Moines church, the afternoon of December 14.

The academy band, under the leadership of Mr. J. E. Lippart, made its first public appearance of the school year, on December 14, when they played Christmas Carols at the Story County Home for the Aged, and the county jail. To finish the afternoon they went to the home of Elder and Mrs. Miller and repeated the program. The students expressed the pleasure they received by bringing happiness to others.

A shower was given in the academy dining room the evening of December 15 for Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Adams (formerly Doris Quam).

Elder W. A. Dessain, president of the Iowa Conference, spoke at the chapel hour, on December 16. His message was greatly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvine Rosen, Jr., and Mr. C. L. Smith made a business trip to Lincoln, Nebraska, December 12 and 13.

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The St. Paul Eastside Church

Many years ago it was my privilege to serve as tentmaster at a tent effort in East St. Paul. At that time the church was thoroughly Scandinavian so the Sabbath and other services were conducted accordingly. Time has changed the situation completely. The original house of worship in East St. Paul was sold and the present structure, on Maryland Street, was built. The church membership has now become "Americanized" and the whole service, Sabbath school, classes, sermon and all is conducted in the English language. The good brethren there have been striving for an increased membership and through the years they have added a few members; but suddenly several would move away or join a larger church, so their membership has remained about the same for some years. The church is located in the middle of the block and is not prominently situated where it might shine as the light it should be. Our dear believers there have sometimes felt neglected because we have not been able to provide the leaders for them that they felt they should have in a large city like this, but always the larger church would tend to outshine the smaller one.

On November 30 the members assembled to study their problems. They found that other families were moving away, and that their young people did long for a larger group with which to worship. So after studying the question carefully they felt that it would be the part of wisdom to dissolve their organization and unite with the First Church in St. Paul in the effort to evangelize the city. In the providence of God should evangelism come to St. Paul to the extent that another church organization is necessary, the proceeds from the sale of the present edifice would be very helpful in securing a church building in a more desirable location. It was really a pleasure to study the situation with these dear people. They were kind and understanding. They

presented their problems which were weighed pro and con and they felt that the best move they could make was to come under the shadow and leadership of the larger church in the city, thus taking advantage of the leadership in the various departments and the benefit of a sermon regularly each week. We wish that this were possible for all of our churches throughout the conference. We pray God's blessing upon this decision, and feel that this action will mean much for the spirituality of all concerned. May God richly bless these members as they unite to advance the cause of God in St. Paul.

C. V. ANDERSON

News From Maplewood

The school year at Maplewood is progressing satisfactorily. With the large enrollment and other added problems our facilities are overtaxed, but the excellent cooperation of both students and faculty has helped to compensate for many inadequacies.

This is especially appreciated when one realizes that many staff or faculty members are "camping" in small, temporary quarters. Six families are still living with very little or no housekeeping comforts. Surely it is important that housing facilities be provided for those who have given their time and talents to the educating of the youth of this conference for Christ.

Under the present schedule this unfortunate condition should be largely relieved within the next three months, though financial backing for the program is still a pressing need. Current building problems and shortages of both workers and means have greatly slowed progress.

May I appeal to the believers of this conference to respond willingly to the call that will come to you for financial assistance to Maplewood. Those of us at the school are happy to toil untiringly in the work that has been intrusted to us, but to be successful we must have the whole-hearted support of every church member, both financially and otherwise. We believe and are confident that you will uphold our hands and do your part in the salvation of our young people.

The academy had the singular good fortune of obtaining the services of Elder M. L. Andreassen, of the Gen-

eral Conference, for the fall Week of Prayer. Many years of experience in our educational institutions has given him an understanding background as he deals with the problems of our youth. He presented the Christian life in such a simple, practical way that all could grasp its significance, and many reconsecrated their lives to the Lord, while a number joined a baptismal class, thus indicating for the first time their desire to follow their Saviour completely. Further spiritual help is afforded the school group by the week-end visits of various workers, who speak in the vesper and church services.

The devil is working in every conceivable manner to seduce our young people to himself, and we must not relax one moment in our efforts to save them from the perils which threaten on every side. This cannot be the responsibility of a relatively small group at the academy, nor yet, of only the parents involved. This is an institution belonging to every Seventh-day Adventist in the Minnesota Conference, and as such, the Lord has laid the burden upon each one to do his part in supporting the program of training our youth. Shall we not bear it unhesitatingly? Let me repeat, we need, and must have your help. Sacrifice for the Lord should be a joy.

In a special way, I urge you to remember Maplewood in your prayers.

P. C. JARNES

Wedding

On October 30, at the home of Dr. H. J. Hara, in Los Angeles, California, Charlotte D. Kivett and Glenn Ross were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Elder L. E. Niermeyer, a former pastor of the Stevens Avenue Church in Minneapolis.

Prenuptial music consisted of two violin solos by Doris Smith, and Mrs. Ehud Brenneise sang "At Dawning," "I Love You Truly," and "Oh Perfect Love."

The matron of honor was the brides cousin, Mrs. Donald Weick, and Dr. Donald Vollmer attended the groom.

Mrs. Ross was formerly of Minneapolis, Minnesota. She attended Union College and is now a registered nurse, having graduated from the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital in 1945. She is now attending school at the Los Angeles Division of the College of

Medical Evangelists, where she is taking a Physical Therapy Technicians Course.

Mr. Ross, formerly of St. Helena, California, is a returned veteran from M.T.O. and is employed in the business office of the White Memorial Hospital.

MRS. EHUD BRENNEISE

Colporteur Experiences

He is a bachelor about seventy years of age. He reads a few pages from the Bible every day although his eyes are growing dim. This Christian man possesses little of this world's goods, and manages to get along as best he can on a pension he receives. Naturally a struggle went on in his mind as to whether or not he should purchase a copy of "Great Controversy." I said to him, "This work is so popular that it is written in twenty-six languages. One man typed it out because he thought he could not get a copy. I know of another man who had 3,000 large and small, who said that the "Great Controversy," aside from the Bible, was the greatest volume he possessed. And it is so intensely interesting that another individual read it twenty-six times." This bachelor was impressed as I told him how he could get this book on the easy payment plan. I told him I would pray for him, and the Lord would open up the way so that he could own a copy. Angels of heaven impressed him to say, "Yes, I will take it." And now he will pay his last payment next month. A few weeks ago he said to me, "That book is a big price, but it's a great book."

W. J. GREER, Iowa

"They that feared the Lord spake often one to another: . . . and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name." Mal. 3:16.

The Lord has been very good to me, and I enjoy the work more every day. It is a pleasure and a very sacred trust to work for the Lord. Every day reveals something new and gives me an assurance that this is truly where God wants me. I canvassed a young husband who was alone with the children. I began to canvass him for the "Bible Readings." He took the prospectus out of my

hands, looked it over and then closed it saying, "I'm not interested." I asked, "For what reason?" He stated his reason to be a doubt in the literal six days of creation week saying that the days were longer than they are now. I asked him when the change was made for it now takes just twenty-four hours for the earth to rotate on its axis. When did it speed up? When I left, two hours later, I said, "Well, even though I didn't sell you a book, I hope I did some good. I at least left you something to think about for a few days." He said, "For years!" I told him my work was not measured in dollars and cents, and he said, "I can well see that." This is what cheers us on, and I know God will bless and water the seed sown.

ALVINA DeBOLT, Minn.

Obituaries

POND.—Mrs. W. H. Pond, aged 67, of Hot Springs, South Dakota, passed away on the morning of December 6. She had lived in this vicinity for more than forty years, and had been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for the past six years. She is survived by nine children, fifty grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. She sleeps in the hope of the first resurrection.

W. O. Berry

SEEVERS.—Charles Wesley SeEVERS was born in Montgomery County, Indiana, January 13, 1877, and died in Mount Ayr, Iowa, on October 10, 1946, at the age of 69 years. Mr. SeEVERS was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith in 1929. Those who knew him best recognized in his character, qualities of noble worth. He was a man who loved his home and family, and was an honest neighbor. As a tradesman he was a true builder, a man who counted it an honor to put his best in his work. About five years ago he suffered a stroke, and although he made a partial recovery, yet his health failed steadily until the end. The survivors are: his widow, Maud C. SeEVERS; two daughters, Mrs. James M. Wood, of Mt. Ayr, and Mrs. V. R. Johnson, of Lincoln, Nebraska; John Wesley SeEVERS, of Mt. Ayr, Iowa; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

W. A. Dessain

STOELTING.—Mrs. Lena Korgan Stoelting, daughter of Julius and Louisa Korgan, was born November 15, 1885, in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, and passed away October 8, 1946, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martin Brenton, at Glenwood, Iowa, after an extended illness. Mrs. Stoelting has been a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for many years. Besides her daughter, she is survived by one son, Alfred Doerner, of Yakima, Washington, and four grandchildren.

W. S. Sanders

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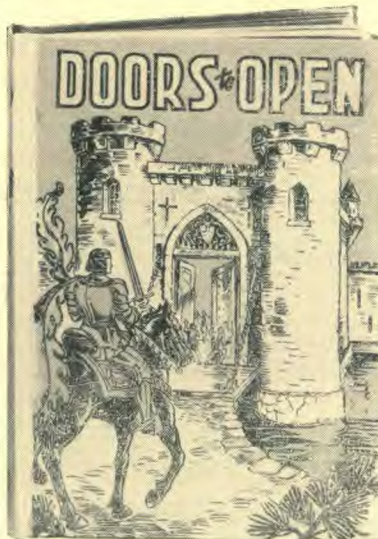
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Huron, South Dakota	5:01

January 3, 1947

Des Moines, Iowa	4:55
St. Paul, Minnesota	4:43
Bismarck, North Dakota ...	5:06
Huron, South Dakota	5:08

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