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Regional Meetings in the Dakotas

Because of the different languages and the scattered population of the two Dakotas, these conferences hold one or two district meetings each year besides their regular camp meetings.

Following the North Dakota camp meeting, a week-end meeting was held at Butte, North Dakota, for our Russian believers. This meeting was well attended and almost all of our Russian believers in the conference were present. M. S. Krietzky, who has recently returned from Poland, was one of the principal speakers. For a number of years prior to his going to Poland about a year ago,

By JERE D. SMITH

Elder Krietzky had labored among the Russian people of North Dakota. He was able to bring some very interesting and helpful experiences to these meetings. Other workers present included the president of the conference, D. C. Butherus, George Butler, from the union conference, and a number of the local workers in the field. Our people responded very liberally in their gifts to missions.

Another meeting which we recently conducted in South Dakota was the annual Black Hills district gathering at Rapid City. E. E. Franklin, of the General Confer-

ence Publishing Department, was there, besides members of the union conference staff and some of the local workers. This meeting was unusually well attended, and a liberal offering was received for foreign missions.

It was my privilege on this same trip to visit and inspect our Indian mission work at Red Shirt Table, South Dakota, about sixty-five miles south of Rapid City. The work among the Sioux Indians is growing rapidly. Carl Braun, who is leading out in this work, is assisted by Mr. and Mr. Walter Turner, who came from the South,

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Conscientious Co-operators---No. 2

By CARLYLE B. HAYNES

It was pointed out in a previous article that the new draft law, to be known as the Selective Service Act of 1948, makes a wide distinction between "conscientious objectors," and treats them very differently. Those whose consciences lead them to object to both combatant and noncombatant training and service in the military forces are excused from all service, deferred altogether. This is not an honor; it is a stigma. They are treated this way because they are looked on as useless to the military branches of the government in any capacity.

Those whose consciences lead them to object only to combatant

training and service, who are willing to save life but not destroy it, are assigned to noncombatant training and service as defined by the President, very likely as formerly, assignment to the Medical Department of the Army, or the Hospital Corps of the Navy. That is no stigma; it provides an opportunity for real missionary service, as thousands of our men have demonstrated. They are treated this way because their services are considered useful and valuable.

The terminology of the law dealing with this matter is this: "Sec. 6-(2)-(j) Nothing contained in

this title shall be construed to require any person to be subject to combatant training and service in the armed forces of the United States who, by reason of religious training and belief, is conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form. Religious training and belief in this connection means an individual's belief in a relation to a Supreme Being involving duties superior to those arising from any human relation, but does not include essentially political, sociological, or philosophical views of a merely personal moral code. Any person claiming exemption from combatant training and service because of such conscientious objec-

tions whose claim is sustained by the local board shall, if he is inducted into the armed forces under this title, be assigned to noncombatant service as defined by the President, or shall, if he is found to be conscientiously opposed to participation in such noncombatant service, be deferred."

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has not at any time taught the belief or given the training that leads to a refusal to engage in noncombatant service. If any Seventh-day Adventist claims to have such a training and belief he should be prepared to show where he obtained it, and should be quick to relieve his church of the charge that he obtained it from the church. It may be a personal belief. If so, and is held conscientiously, the individual should uphold it, of course. It is not the belief of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The training and belief which the Seventh-day Adventist Church has given and taught through its history is that which leads to the noncombatant position, which involves an unwillingness to engage in any combatant training or service, but is wholly willing to accept noncombatant training and service. It conscientiously refuses to make any contribution to the taking of human life; but is quite willing to contribute to the saving of life.

There is something unfortunate about the law we are analyzing, as about its predecessors. It is, that in order for a noncombatant to obtain his rightful classification, assignment, and status as a noncombatant, he is required to do so by claiming to be a "conscientious objector," which he is not, in the true meaning of the term. Only after obtaining his classification as a "conscientious objector," in the manner prescribed, can he obtain his rightful assignment as a noncombatant. That is too bad, but it is the law.

But there is something fortunate about this provision of the law, too. It makes wider than ever before the true distinction between the noncombatant position and the non-accepted; the conscientious objector position. That is helpful. The noncombatant is rejected. The non-

combatant is made useful; the conscientious objector is found useless. The noncombatant is allowed to serve, and welcomed; the conscientious objector is refused service, and barred out.

From the beginning Seventh-day Adventists have taught their members that Christians have a duty to render to civil government as well as to God. They have a double loyalty, a double allegiance. They are to be obedient to the ordinances or civil government as well as to the ordinances of God. This law enables us to carry out our obligations and religious teachings as we have done before. There should be no hesitancy in doing so. Let us maintain, as always, our "religious training and belief," and make no alteration in them, and claim no change in them, because of the new factor which has become a part of this law.

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and Brother Blackhoop, a well-educated and talented Sioux Indian. These brethren recently baptized eleven new believers, which indicates a great interest among the Indian people. The Sioux tribe has many fine Christian people, but like the Indians of other tribes they move somewhat slowly when it comes to accepting the Bible truth for this time. We are much encouraged with our Indian work.

At the present time a number of evangelistic campaigns are in progress throughout the entire union field and the prospects for the remainder of this year are excellent indeed.

"There is danger for those who do little or nothing for Christ. The grace of God will not long abide in the soul of him who, having great privileges and opportunities, remains silent."

"Your duty cannot be shifted upon another. No one but yourself can do your work. If you withhold your light, some one must be left in darkness through your neglect."

Did You Know?

Home Missionary No. 14

66. That the western clothing depot is needing material for the orient?
67. Also that the eastern house is in the same condition?
68. That high-heeled shoes and women's hats are not practical for overseas?
69. That this union conference has shipped more than seventy-five tons during the past two years?
70. That a special appeal has recently come through from Washington for more clothing?

"The man who blesses society, and makes a success of life, is the one who, whether educated or uneducated, uses all his powers in the service of God and His fellow men."

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Registration and "Civil Disobedience"

Before registration for the draft on August 16 some of our men may come into touch with a campaign which has for its object the influencing of conscientious objectors to resist registration and defy the law by refusing to register.

This is being sponsored by a man, a pacifist, by the name of A. T. Muste and the organization of which he is the spokesman calling itself by the appealing name of The Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Do not be deceived by this evil propaganda. Have nothing to do with it. Obey the law and register. Refuse to disobey the law by failing to register.

Mr. Muste and his organization are pleased to call this campaign of theirs one of "civil disobedience." That is a misnomer, as is the name of their organization. What they are doing may well be construed as sedition and rebellion if not near-treason. Instead of "fellowship" they are teaching division; instead of "reconciliation," outright separation and disruption. Moreover, the whole thing is subversive and in violation of the law itself, and an encouragement to violate the law. The Selective Service Act of 1948 provides that "any person . . . who evades or refuses registration or service in the armed forces or any of the requirements of this title, or who knowingly counsels, aids, or abets another to refuse to evade registration or service . . . shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both such fine and imprisonment."

So it is well to bear in mind in relation to any campaign of this sort the inspired counsel of the apostle Peter: "Submit yourself to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." 1 Peter 2:13-15.

The Selective Service law is not anything a Christian has any reason to resist; it is something a Christian can with good conscience obey. Civil government is wholly within its legitimate sphere when providing for national defense and security. That is one of the purposes of its divinely ordained existence.

So "let every soul be subject unto the higher powers," and "who-soever . . . resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God." Romans 13:1, 2.

It is unlikely that any Bible-enlightened Adventist will be influenced by this dangerous propaganda; but it is well to be on guard against such subversive movements so that no one will charge God's people with taking an unfortunate course or being associated with a seditious group.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES.

Press Notes

Clippings from the *Huron*, South Dakota, *Huronite* and *Plainsman*, the *Aberdeen American News*, the *Sioux Falls Argus Leader*, and the *Mitchell Republic*, indicate that some one competent and faithful was busy giving out news from the South Dakota camp meeting. Mrs. G. L. Sather, we are sure, had responsibility, and probably others. The Associated Press handled reports. The *Huronite* gave fine extracts from sermons on the second coming of Christ, the question of the return of the Jews to Palestine, and the transforming power of the gospel. Probably our returns are incomplete, but what has come in from our Clipping Bureau is very encouraging and shows good reporting.

We have received copies of twenty-five news stories about the Minnesota Seventh-day Adventist camp meeting, held at Anoka. These were published in the *Minneapolis Tribune*, the *Minneapolis Star*, the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, the *St. Paul Dispatch*, and the *Duluth News Tribune*, and reports reveal these big city papers gave 133 column inches of space to tell their readers what was said and done by Seventh-day Adventists during this annual gathering. Their combined

daily circulation is approximately 600,000 copies.

Helen Carpenter, from our office, who handled this publicity, was in all the Minneapolis and St. Paul editorial offices frequently during the meeting and she writes of the fine reception, favorable comments, and general good impressions on the part of newspaper people she met. The stories touch many phases of our beliefs, standards and world work, and surely will help thousands of people to better know Seventh-day Adventists and to be favorably influenced.

"The Lord has a place for every one in His great plan. Talents that are not needed are not bestowed."

"The most successful toilers are those who cheerfully take up the work of serving God in little things."

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Very recently it has been announced that the jet plane has surpassed the speed of sound. But there is something in speed far more marvelous to me—this glorious message, not going 357.5 miles an hour, nor even 700 miles an hour, but flashing around the world in a split second; carried on the ether waves with the speed of light, with the speed of angels, the grand truths of God's Word which are today penetrating the very walls of millions of homes. Scores

of thousands of hearts are being stirred with the message of the Voice of Prophecy. It is not difficult to see how the message of the love of the Lord Jesus can win its way into the lives of the millions yet to be reached—and just think, that message of love flies at the speed of light, 186,000 miles a second.

There is one thing that has greater power to speed this grand old gospel story on more than anything else, and that is the united prayers of God's remnant people. Friend, will you not pray that the messages of the Voice of Prophecy may speed faster, ever faster; wider, ever wider; farther, ever farther, to the homes of North and South America, and on into all the world, so that Jesus may soon return? Speed the message on with your prayers. Truth accelerated with the power of prayer can never be stopped.

We wish to thank you in the Northern Union for the burden you have carried and do carry on your heart ever and always to *speed it on*.

D. V. POND, *Publicity Director*
The Voice of Prophecy.

The Voice of Prophecy Listeners Say:

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"I have listened to your messages for a long time and am much inspired. Your sermons are so timely, so sincere, and given in such a way that even a child can understand them. I have thought many times I would write to you and express thanks and tell you how well your programs came in, but like many other people I never got the letter written. The enclosed

contribution is not much but comes with a prayer that the Lord will continue to guide you and bless you in your world-wide work."—Iowa

"I am sorry I cannot give more at this time, but hope this will help to bring the message to some poor soul lost in sin. I received your letter with the diploma enclosed. I want to thank you and your staff for your patience with me in the studies I have taken. They have been the means of helping me to have a higher Christian standard of life."—Indiana

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The Educational Offering

A special offering is to be received in all of our churches in Iowa, on Sabbath, July 24. It is the Educational Offering. This offering is being sponsored by the General Conference, although it will receive none of the proceeds. The local field will get all of the benefit in this instance.

We would encourage all of our people in an effort to make this offering a really beneficial one. The proceeds will be directed toward our needy church schools throughout Iowa, and not a little of it will be used to assist our self-sacrificing teachers. Surely the Lord, who loves the cause of mis-

sions so, does not wish the work of Christian education to lag here in the home field. Shall we go to rescue the perishing across the seas and neglect the lambs of our own flock here in the homeland?

If the leaders of our churches will promote this offering in a strong way, and the laity will respond with an open hand, we have every reason to expect a large offering on Sabbath, July 24, in the interest of Christian education. May Heaven bless you as you plan to respond to this call!

W. A. DESSAIN.

Share Your Cabin

So many requests have come in for cabins for camp meeting that we are urging our people who are fortunate enough to secure one, to share it with some other family who is not so fortunate. We regret that there are no more available, but so many of the cabins are being used by their owners that the supply is limited.

We plan to have tents for those who cannot obtain a cabin or room. These will have lights, beds, chairs and tables; also, straw will be provided for mattresses, but you will need to bring a tick. We would like to know how many tents to secure, so if you would like to arrange for a tent, will you please let us know at once as we will want to place our order in time for the tents to be on hand before the opening date. Send your request to the conference office as soon as possible.

We should let nothing keep us from attending camp meeting. God has given us a solemn admonition through His messenger: "God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work. We need to understand what part we shall individually be called upon to act in building up the cause of God in the earth, in vindicating God's holy law, and in lifting up the Savior as 'the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.' We need to meet together and receive the divine touch that we may understand our work in the home. Parents need to understand how they may send

forth from the sanctuary of the home their sons and daughters so trained and educated that they will be fitted to shine as lights in the world. We need to understand in regard to the division of labor, and how each part of the work is to be carried forward. Each one should understand the part he is to act, that there may be harmony of plan and of labor in the combined work of all." *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, pp. 32, 33.

W. C. DAY.

Young Men

With the recent passing of the peace-time Draft Act, our Seventh-day Adventist young men, ages 18 through 25, will find themselves concerned in regard to its relationship to their future plans. In a few months this group will be required to register for Selective Service and many be inducted into the ranks for military service.

These events will present many problems to our young men as they prepare to register and to be inducted. Special pamphlets have been prepared to help answer many of the questions which may arise. These leaflets are entitled *Why Seventh-day Adventists Are Non-Combatants*, *Why Seventh-day Adventists Observe the Bible Sabbath*, and *Seventh-day Adventists and Civil Government*.

Every Seventh-day Adventist young man should write for these pamphlets in order that he may be properly informed and fully prepared when called to register and to serve. There is no charge involved and the leaflets may be had by writing your conference M. V. secretary.

J. O. IVERSEN.

News from District No. 13

A very interesting series of meetings was conducted in the Ottumwa church recently by J. O. Iversen, M. V. secretary of the Iowa Conference. The meetings differed from a Week of Prayer in that the public was urged to attend and especially young people with no definite religious convictions

The meetings were held over the week end—Friday night, Sabbath morning, and Saturday and Sunday nights. The subjects were of real, practical Christianity and caused one to think seriously. The Saturday night meeting was especially of an evangelistic nature and a prophetic study was given.

The meetings were sponsored by the Ottumwa M. V. society and we wish to thank Elder Iversen for the fine spiritual lift which resulted in decisions to live for Jesus.

Sunday night, July 11, was the opening night of the evangelistic meetings being held this summer in the Centerville church. We are happy that we can present the message in a public way in a field where the lay members have worked so faithfully in the literature program. The opening topic, *What Does God Say?* is an interesting and vital subject presented as a basis for prophetic studies to follow.

We are urging all of our people nearby to attend these meetings and to bring as many visitors as possible. Will you not remember us in your prayers that the Spirit of God and His truth may prepare many for the end of time.

FRED SHULTZ.

Wedding

The College View church, Lincoln, Nebraska, was the setting for the wedding of Ruth Pitsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Pitsch, of Lincoln, and Paul W. Joice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Murphy, of Des Moines, Iowa. The marriage was at eight o'clock, on June 1, and Wayne Baysinger, of Chadron, Nebraska, brother-in-law of the bride, officiated at the ceremony, in the presence of about 300 guests.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The maid of honor was her sister, Dorothy Pitsch, and the bridesmaids were Mrs. Donn Woolery, of Lincoln, cousin of the bride, and Audra Chang, also of Lincoln. The best man was Richard Pitsch, the bride's brother, and the ushers were Ray Pelton, and James Davis, college classmates of the groom. Appropriate

music was provided by Rosella Reiner, organist, and Frances Chambelin, soloist.

A reception was held in the home economics room at Union College, with Mrs. Vernon Dunn in charge, assisted by Irma Watt, of Bayard, Nebraska. Following a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will be at home at 4702 Bancroft Street, in Lincoln. The bride is a graduate this year of Union College, and the groom will attend Union College the coming year.

"It is a universal principle that whenever one refuses to use his God-given powers, these powers decay and perish. Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue."

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News Notes

M. N. Jones, who is assisting in the publishing department this summer, called at the office recently.

D. C. Butherus was at Sheyenne River Academy on Wednesday, July 7, counseling with Brother Barker in regard to the construction work there.

E. E. Franklin, accompanied by his father, stopped at the office on Monday, July 12. Elder Franklin, who is associate publishing Department secretary of the General Conference, counseled with Brother Liebelt in regard to the work in this field.

E. E. Kungel was an office visitor on Friday, July 9.

D. C. Butherus spoke to the believers in Denhoff on Friday night and Sabbath morning, July 9 and 10, and also met with the folk at Goodrich on Sabbath morning.

Since the church, which the believers in New Rockford had moved last fall, has not been placed upon a permanent foundation, D. C. Butherus, Richard

Necker and A. H. Liebelt met with the believers there on Sunday evening, July 11, to lay plans for the completion of the church building.

D. C. Butherus, I. E. Anunsen, and W. K. Chapman were in Fargo on business Thursday, July 8, and remained for the evening meeting conducted by Elder O'Brien.

The Ellendale church has now been completely dismantled, and the brethren there are in the process of putting up a new structure.

A. W. Bauer started a series of meetings in Gackle on the evening of July 11. Last week we announced the opening of other efforts throughout this conference. Let us pray for a rich harvest of souls in these localities.

Christian Education Day

Save our young people and we have saved the church of tomorrow. Save our youth and we have conserved the greatest resource of power and energy that the church possesses. For this reason, "nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people."

Sabbath, July 24, has been designated as Christian Education Day to be observed by the churches throughout North America. Once each year this vital subject is brought to the attention of parents and young people. It is a time when we should review the merits and values of Christian education and thank God for our divinely ordained system of education. Moreover, it is a time when we should take stock and discover what is being done to place the youth of the church in our own schools.

God's plan is that "all our youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools, that they may be inspired to become laborers together with God." *Counsels to Teachers*, p. 44. Let us unitedly accept the challenge this inspired statement places before us and rally to the important task of training our youth in Christian schools bearing the stamp of God's approval.

The offering to be received on Sabbath, July 24, will be used to

strengthen the work of our church schools in North Dakota. Several of our schools are in urgent need of new equipment. We are earnestly hoping that a liberal offering will be given in order that these needs might be cared for. God will bless you as you sacrifice for the support of such a noble and worthy cause.

W. K. CHAPMAN.

Colporteur Experiences

One evening I stepped into a home and found only the lady of the house at home. I presented the series to her and she liked it very well. When her husband came in we found he did not favor the plan at first, but with the Lord's help he finally accepted the health plan for the protection of his family. Though they were possibly financially unable, God led them to the conclusion of paying it all in cash. And as the man took *Great Prophecies for Our Time* from my hands he said, "Here is one book I do want to read." He saw the blessing of it before he ever read a page. I thank God for his guidance in making such experiences possible.

L. H. OPP.

After canvassing a lady who had once been a nurse she said, "I do want the *Bible Readings*. I can recognize a good book when I see it. Ordinarily I don't buy many books, but I know this is a good one and it's going to help me find answers to all the questions my children ask me about the Bible."

BEN AND EMMA BECK.

The following is related to illustrate how the Lord opens the hearts of people when you ask Him to. I left a set of *Bedtime Stories* in the last home I visited one day and decided to start the next morning in the same neighborhood. When I came there the following day I found that the children who had the set the day before, took them over to the neighboring children and aroused quite an interest which helped me to place a number of sets in nearby homes.

LLOYD D. HERR.

While canvassing I observed that one place seemed to stand out

above all others in general improvements. When I came to the house it was evident that the family had invested much in building up their home. Two Lincoln cars were parked in the driveway. As I drove up I asked the Lord to give me wisdom to know how to make a favorable impression on these folk. As I presented my plan the man remarked, "What is the use of studying that? When we die, we die, and besides there isn't much in this life. After you get something, your health is broken and you can't enjoy it and can't take it with you." This man is in poor health now. He asked one of the girls to bring out his doctor book which he said was a *real* one. She brought out a *Home Physician* in the German language and he explained how they had found the water treatments so helpful, and also how it helped him to trust more in the Lord as the only Physician that can heal. I had a very encouraging visit with this Catholic family, and the man expressed himself as feeling that we are very close to our Lord's return, and of our great need of being ready at all times. Here was a family that had about all of this world's goods which one could ask for, and yet it did not bring peace of mind or happiness, which comes only from God. As I left he said, "We can't spend too much time studying that Bible. Some day we will wish we had studied it more." Many are on the verge of the kingdom only waiting to be gathered in.

O. L. POORE.

Wedding

On the evening of June 30, Loretta Mae Fox and Raymond Barton were united in marriage in the Jamestown Seventh-day Adventist church, with H. J. Meyer, of Pasadena, California, officiating. He had also officiated at the marriage of the bride's father and mother.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the City Hall for a large number of relatives and friends.

After a trip to the lake region in Minnesota the young couple will make their home in Jamestown.

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Investiture Service and Youth Rally at Willmar

An inspirational and impressive youth rally and investiture service were held in Willmar, on Sabbath, June 5, at the First Methodist church, under the leadership of Alice Spencer. Nearly two hundred young people, older ones and friends, representing at least twelve churches of west-central Minnesota, came with sack lunches and anticipation for this well-planned Sabbath of meetings.

Promptly at ten o'clock the Sabbath school convened with Wallace Croak as superintendent. The mission story by Walter Sutherlund, the review by Walter Webb, and the lesson study by A. L. Kirk, all added to the blessings of the Sabbath-school hour.

C. V. Leach brought a stirring challenge to the assembled youth at the morning worship hour. The entire congregation answered the appeal for reconsecration and pledged themselves to share their faith with others.

After eating lunch at Robbins Island Park, all gathered again at the church for the "singspiration" under the direction of Walter Webb and A. L. Kirk. A variety of special music augmented the congregational singing. At four the twenty candidates for investiture, with the officers and a number of others who had previously been invested, appeared on the rostrum for the Investiture service. Alice Spencer, M. V. leader of the Willmar church, and Jerry Lien, M. V. and educational secretary of the Minnesota Conference, were in charge. Those invested were: Sunbeams—Kathy Spencer, Beverly Pierce, David Pierce, and Mary Catherine Leedahl; Friends—Owen Spencer, James Bryan, Mrs. Leedahl, Dean Leedahl, Elsie Pierce, Crawford Pierce, and Miss Larson; Companion—Elsie Pierce; Master Comrades—Walter Webb, Lorraine

Webb, Mrs. Bryan, H. L. Wernick, Harold Johnson, Wallace Croak, Walter Sutherlund, Sylvia Sutherlund, and Elida Emberland.

Each candidate for investiture participated in the program. Elder Lien gave the charge and then presented the insignia and "kerchiefs." Thus was culminated the intensive work and planning of the M. V. society of the Willmar church during the preceding months.

Those who could stay for the evening, met in the Carlson Hall and there engaged in a wholesome and enjoyable social hour. Before the last goodbye had been said, plans were already formulating in the minds of some for another youth rally and Investiture service to be held at Litchfield this coming autumn. That this forward march of our youth under the banner of Jesus Christ will herald the dawn of the glorious climax of this great advent movement is our sincere hope and prayer.

H. L. WERNICK,
Pastor of the Willmar Church.

"The dissemination of the truth of God is not confined to a few ordained ministers. The truth is to be scattered by all who claim to be disciples of Christ. It must be sown beside all waters."

Colporteur Rally at Duluth

More than forty colporteurs and ministers assembled in Duluth, Sabbath and Sunday, July 3 and 4, for a colporteur rally. Friday night Nina Engman, recently of Northern Sweden, told how she broke away from the State church to accept the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her experiences were inspiring to all.

Sabbath morning Elder Jonasson, of Sweden, told of the progress of our work in Northern Europe. At the eleven o'clock service E. E. Franklin, associate secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, spoke to a large audience and related some experiences of his recent trip to Europe.

Sabbath afternoon, Saturday night, and Sunday morning meet-

ings were devoted to a colporteur symposium, instructions, and demonstrations, in which L. E. Abelson and E. E. Franklin led out. Sunday afternoon the group motored to Pike Lake for a picnic supper and outing before returning to their fields of labor.

The cool winds from Lake Superior provided relief from the heat and added pleasure to this weekend rally, which was a most successful and inspiring occasion. We believe Minnesota has a fine group of colporteurs this year and we are hoping and praying they will succeed in placing a large number of our books in Minnesota homes.

W. R. ARCHBOLD,
Pastor Duluth Church.

"Many whom God has qualified to do excellent work accomplish very little, because they attempt little."

Mrs. Vilona B. Cummings

Vilona Burghart Cummings was born May 28, 1871, at Golden Gate, Minnesota, and died at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, on June 12, 1948. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burghart. She received her education in the Golden Gate school and in the Sleepy Eye school. For a number of years she taught public school in Brown County Minnesota, also at Fort Ridgely.

In 1891 she united in marriage with Charles Cummings. One son, Warren was born to this union. They lived at Cummings Ferry, Minnesota, for twenty-five years, then her husband died and she and Warren moved to Minneapolis. Soon her devotion to the Seventh-day Adventist truth, and her talents were recognized, and she was employed by the Minnesota Conference as a Bible instructor. She labored in this capacity for more than thirty years until failing health forced her from active service. But her interest in, and love for souls never waned. She was never so happy as when visiting those for whom she had labored and prayed.

She is survived by her son, Warren; two sisters—Mrs. Ida Cum-

mings, of Chico, California; and Mrs. Mildred Pickle, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; a brother—Leslie Burghart, of Sleepy Eye; and a host of friends who look forward to meeting her again in the glad resurrection morning.

Words of comfort were spoken by F. E. Thompson, assisted by C. V. Leach. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Fort Ridgely Cemetery.

F. E. THOMPSON.

OBITUARIES

Barger.—Thelma Alzada Scriven was born near Colman, South Dakota, on August 7, 1901, and passed away June 12, 1948, at the age of 46 years. She was of a deeply spiritual nature, and was very happy when her parents accepted the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and were baptized when she was about ten years of age. She learned to love the stories and deeper teachings of the Bible, and gave her life fully to her Master's service. She received her schooling at the Klug School near her home, in a church school held in the near-by church, and later at Plainview Academy near Redfield, South Dakota, and then took nurses training at the Chamberlain, South Dakota, Sanitarium and Hospital, although ill health caused by rheumatic fever made it difficult for her to keep up with her studies and to realize the desired goal. She was happy to become a registered nurse, but was never able to follow her chosen profession because of a heart ailment. She taught school a few years before being united in marriage with R. Chester Barger on June 2, 1934, and again a few years afterward. She was a devoted and loving wife, and never a trouble was allowed to mar the happiness of their life together. The last three years of her life were spent on or near her bed, since a severe heart failure in the autumn of 1945. She bore her sickness patiently and without complaint, even in severe illness making friends in the various hospitals it was necessary for her to visit. She leaves a multitude of friends who mourn her passing. Her husband, her step-mother, Mrs. C. M. Scriven, and seven brothers or sisters and their families, all await with eager longing the day of joy when the Life-giver will call her forth to eternal life. Funeral services were conducted by G. H. Rustad, president of the South Dakota Conference, at the Colman M. E. Church, on June 16. She was laid to rest beside her mother and father in the Colman cemetery.

Earl W. Amundson.

Burton.—Emma Frances Sloan Burton was born December 23, 1864, at Mark, Iowa, and died April 24, 1948, at Redfield South Dakota. She was united in marriage with David Francis Burton on June 10, 1883. Six children were born to this union, all of whom are still living: three sons—Otto, Roy, and Iowa Burton; and three daughters—Mrs. Effie Hendrick, Mrs. Ethel Wilson and Mrs. Edith Wilson; she is also survived by one brother, one sister, and fourteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren. She preceded her husband in death by six weeks. Twenty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Burton accepted the third angel's message through the reading of our truth-filled literature. They remained faithful until their death. Mrs. Burton suffered a great deal during the past two years, but through it all maintained a cheerful Christian attitude, and died in the blessed hope. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

C. A. Renschler.

Rahn.—Charles Christopher Rahn was born March 30, 1873, in Vermillion County, Illinois, and passed away June 19, 1948, at Denver, Colorado. His first contact with the advent message was through the medium of a colporteur, when he was 17 years old. Two years later in 1892 he was baptized and attended Union College where he met Laura Koenig, who became his wife on April 26, 1903. To this union were born three children: Alpha, a missionary teacher in Nigeria, West Africa; Ruth, a graduate nurse employed by the Porter Sanitarium; and Lawrence, a minister in the North Dakota Conference. He is survived by: his wife and three children. Funeral services were conducted at the Cutler Funeral Home in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Words of comfort were spoken by W. J. Hackett, assisted by the writer. Interment was at the College View Cemetery, Lincoln, Nebraska, where he awaits the call of the Life-giver.

R. E. Eckerman.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

July 23, 1948

Des Moines, Iowa	7:42
St. Paul, Minnesota	7:49
Bismarck, North Dakota	8:27
Huron, South Dakota	8:07

July 30, 1948

Des Moines, Iowa	7:35
St. Paul, Minnesota	7:42
Bismarck, North Dakota	8:19
Huron, South Dakota	8:00

Colporteur Report

For Week Ending July 3, 1948

IOWA—L. G. Whitten, Secretary				
	Book	Hours	Orders	Del.
Boatwright, W.*	MMC	28	\$43.25	\$43.25
Boatwright, W.	MMC	50	203.25	190.50
Burdick, M.*	BR	10	.75	.75
Burdick, M.	BR	15	12.25	1.25
Dore, B.	MMC	30	94.50	43.75
Flito, E. **	RH	35	35.15	
Greer, W. J.	GC	36	27.75	27.75
Greer, Mrs. W.	BR	18	50.00	24.90
Hawes, J.	RH	31	66.60	.50
Hoyt, E.	MMC	41	109.50	112.50
Keller, N.	MMC	15	29.15	29.15
Kuepper, J. *	BTS	34	66.00	3.30
Marsh, N.	BTS	33	21.65	2.90
Miller, C. *	BTS	34	20.30	9.95
Nickell, J. A. *	LH	5	8.25	5.50
Niswonger, H.	MISC	38	877.80	877.80
Owen, D.	BR	40	53.00	34.50
Owen, M. L.	BR	37	78.50	1.75
Simmons, E.	BR	39	53.60	53.60
Smouse, A.	BR	33	43.90	1.45
Tabler, Mrs. M.	MMC	22	42.40	21.15
Warner, D.	BR	37	55.00	21.00

Iowa Total 661 1992.55 1507.24

*Late Report

**Last Week's Report

NORTH DAKOTA—A. H. Liebelt, Sec.				
Bauman, Irene	BTS	12	13.13	12.90
Beck, Mrs. Ben	RH	44	92.90	92.90
Beck, Reuben	RH	48	251.75	243.80
Fuller, Mrs. W.	BTS	27	225.00	97.00
Herr, L. D.	BTS	37	35.50	35.50
Michael, W. E.	RH	48	178.50	178.50
Opp, L. H.	RH	37	148.45	148.45
Peterson, B.	BTS	13	26.16	26.16
Poore, O. L.	RH	40	81.75	82.75
Remboldt, R. C.	RH	18	173.75	173.75
Stern, Algene	RH	19	73.75	23.50
Stern, Mrs. R.	RH	12	97.25	56.75

North Dakota Total 355 1397.89 1171.96

MINNESOTA—L. E. Abelson, Secretary

Andrus, Violet	BTS	22	33.55	
Berlin, Hartley	MMC	42	128.50	34.50
Carlson, Phyllis	MMC	40	61.05	5.50
Dickinson, Kent	MMC	40	44.75	19.50
Engman, Nina	GC	37	150.10	175.70
Howe, Donald	MMC	42	128.25	44.25
Huffaker, Grace	BTS	24	165.60	75.50
Kelstrom, Larry	MMC	38	103.25	74.75
Kiley, Lou Anne	LH	26	3.25	3.00
Kiley, Lou Anne	LH	18	2.50	2.25
Lee, Kenneth	MMC	43	73.60	73.60
Olbeckson, Lois	MMC	40	108.70	5.50
Oss, Florence	BTS	40	233.30	10.50
Wagness, H.	MMC	28	7.80	4.70
Wagness, H.	MMC	45	30.50	5.50
Williams, Betty	MMC	24	124.75	2.40
Zummach, J.	MMC	10	30.70	
Zummach, J.	MMC	18	19.10	2.40
Anderson, W.	MMC	38	83.85	83.85
Barnhart, A.	MMC	39	87.75	87.75
Burghart, F. *	BR	35		
DeBolt, Alvina	MMC	13	31.90	31.90
Forbest, Mrs. J.	BR	32	29.80	29.80
Johnson, Mrs. I.	BTS	35	84.25	3.05
Loeks, Mrs. Wm.	LH	4	.50	.50
Paul, Mrs. A.	BTS	15	25.00	
Pederson, Mrs. L. R.	BR	16	55.35	46.55
Schmeling, E. C.	MMC	29	100.15	100.15

Minnesota Total 833 1947.80 923.10

SOUTH DAKOTA—J. L. McMILLIN, Sec.

Schwartz, D. E.	RH	42	223.50	229.75
Hopkins, Dan	RH	42	76.00	76.00
Bogue, Thelma	RH	34	49.05	7.80
Davis, Gladys	BTS	34	48.00	3.00
Kinsey, Ralph	RH	32	226.00	88.50
Kiffe, Joyce	RH	30	93.75	8.25

South Dakota Total 214 716.30 413.30

Union Total 2063 6054.54 4015.60

"Christians should arouse themselves, and take up their neglected duties; for the salvation of their own souls depends upon their individual efforts."