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OUTLOOK

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me: because He hath annointed Me to preach good tidings. . ." Isaiah 61:1

Give an Account - Today

By L. H. NETTEBURG

"Give an account of thy stewardship;" is a phrase found in Luke 16:2 that we might well apply today in thinking of the quickly moving year of 1961. As it draws rapidly to a close we naturally think of our accounts that are due and try to balance all things as of the end of the year.



L. H. Netteburg

When we as a people think of stewardship, the immediate thought is relative to tithes and offerings for that is one phase of our stewardship which is carried out quite

thoroughly as evidenced by the wonderful tithe and offerings report for the first 11 months of this year. While the other facets of stewardship are important "matters of the law," we feel that at this particular time of the year our recognition of God's ownership of all and our relationship to Him as stewards is most important.

As this year draws to a close we must very carefully check the record of the year. Has the tithe been paid, for, "All the tithe. . . is the Lord's." Leviticus 27:30. A tithe is precisely that—10 per cent of the increase. Another place refers to the tenth, "of whatsoever passeth under the rod." Leviticus 27:32. God has required in stewards, "That a man be

found faithful." I Corinthians 4:2.

Not only the tithes, but also the offerings, should be considered. In the category of offerings we find the term "pledges." These, too, must be remembered for as Jacob, "vowed a vow," Genesis 28:20, just as surely are our pledges definite responsibilities of stewardship in helping to carry on this message.

It is a solemn thought to meditate upon one's accountability to God. We need not answer to anyone. We are not responsible to others but to God. We are not responsible for others but for ourselves and the use to which we have put the blessings which our heavenly Father has bestowed upon us.

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YOUR BLESSINGS AND OBLIGATIONS

It has been aptly stated that, "One half of the world does not know how the other half lives." To help you gain a better understanding of the customs, traditions, and superstitions of multiplied millions of people here in the Orient, we are bringing to you, with this article, three pictures. These pictures reflect the attitude of the masses of Chinese people—largely Buddhists and Taoists—in the Far East toward death and reveal their idea of life beyond the grave.

Believing as they do that the spirit of man is released at death to join those of his ancestors somewhere in the spirit world, they think



Joss sticks are waved as roast pigs are offered to spirits of ancestors at grave. Elaborate ceremony takes place.

No Outlook December 26

In harmony with our usual practice, we are not publishing the issue of the NORTHERN UNION OUTLOOK that would normally be printed on December 26.

that by performing certain deeds they can contribute to the happiness of the spirit of the deceased. And this is very important in order to prevent his becoming angry and doing harm to the family.

"Hell Bank Notes" in varying "values" up to 10,000,000 units (or dollars) are purchased by the thousands to be scattered along the street en route to the grave. Then stacks of these notes, together with paper houses, ships (see picture of ship), autos, airplanes, trains—even servants—are burned at the graveside. It is believed that in this way money and the various objects represented by the paper effigies are made available to the spirit of the deceased in realms beyond. The "bank notes," signed by the "Manager of the Bank of Hell," are declared to be negotiable in heaven or hell. In one of the accompanying pictures, note the smoke rising from the stack of burning Hell Bank Notes and other effigies. In the center of this picture is to be seen a portrait of the deceased, behind which is the casket. On either side are lined up the mourners garbed in sackcloth.

Another photo shows some of the various articles of food offered to the spirit of the dead man. Included

are such delicacies as fruits, cakes, ducks, eggs, even a whole roasted hog or goat. These assure a generous supply of food for the spirit for some time to come—in spite of the fact that they are actually taken home later and eaten by the family and friends.

Each year on a certain day the roads and streets approaching the cemeteries are overcrowded with cars, trucks, and buses as people converge at their family graves. After burning the grass about the grave, members of the family burn joss sticks and Hell Bank Notes and shoot off whole chains of fire crackers, while offering food to the ancestors. In one of the accompanying photos you will see a portion of the dozen roast pigs which are being offered inside the large horseshoe-shaped family grave area. Each pig has a piece of paper "money" on his back. To be sure, the roast pigs were taken home and consumed by the living, but they have been offered to the spirits of the ancestors and this is believed to make the spirits happy.

We are not describing these things to make light of or to ridicule the customs of any group of people, but to help you to gain a better insight of the powerful delusions by which the great enemy of souls has blighted the lives of millions, and a better understanding of the superstitions from which these dear souls must be delivered.

How favoured we are! It is the Christmas season. At this time we are reminded of the One who left the courts of glory and was born as a babe in an Oriental manger. He lived and died on the cross that a



Paper ship used in Chinese funeral. Believed to provide ship in spirit world when burned at graveside.

star of hope might illumine the lives of men. Yet think of the millions upon millions of benighted souls who live and die without this hope. They are our brothers and we are our brothers' keepers.

We can best show our love for our

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Chinese funeral. Mourners in sackcloth. Note smoke from paper money and other objects burning.

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Saviour at Christmastime (and anytime) by helping bring life and hope to God's children—our brothers and sisters. Nearly eighty years ago the Lord sent the church this Christmastime message through His chosen messenger:

"Brethren and sisters, while you are devising gifts for one another, I would remind you of your heavenly Friend, lest you should be unmindful of His claims. Will He not be pleased if we show that we have not forgotten Him? Jesus, the Prince of Life, gave all to bring salvation within our reach. . . It is through Christ that we receive every blessing. . . Shall not our heavenly Benefactor share in the tokens of our gratitude and love? Come brethren and sisters, come with your children, even with your babes in arms, and bring your offerings to God according to your ability. Make melody to Him in your hearts, and let His praise be upon your lips. Let us rejoice that our Saviour liveth to make intercession for us in the presence of Jehovah. . . Let us upon the coming Christmas and New Year's festivals, not only make offering to God of our means, but give ourselves unreservedly to Him, a living sacrifice. . ." *Review and Herald*, December 26, 1882.

In what practical way can we now help reach the Orient's benighted millions while showing our love for our Saviour? By bringing on December 23 the largest Thirteenth Sabbath offering we have ever given. Surely we will not have such opportunities much longer. Now is our day of opportunity.

Your generous offering this Thirteenth Sabbath will help to build an evangelistic center in the city of Djakarta, Java; a training school for workers of the Dyak Tribe in Sarawek, Borneo, and a publishing house and Voice of Prophecy headquarters for Bangkok, Thailand. In this way you will help bring the light of the gospel to multitudes of souls who are now held in the grips of Buddhism, Islam and animism.

Soon probation will close and with it your last opportunity to give to missions. Now, while mercy's door is still open, your funds are urgently needed. Oh, how much good they will do! But remember—after the

angel of mercy has taken his flight, the good money you now have in your pocket and in the bank will no longer be needed, and when Jesus comes it will be no more valuable than the worthless, foolish Hell Bank Notes which are burned in superstition. Won't you give a real Christmas gift to Christ and your benighted brothers and sisters in the Far East on December 23 when your Sabbath school takes the Thirteenth Sabbath offering?

"Money has great value, because it can do great good. In the hands of God's children it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, and clothing for the naked. . . . But money is of no more value than sand, only as it is put to use in providing for the necessities of life, in blessing others, and advancing the cause of Christ." *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 351.

"What is the value of money at this time, in comparison with the value of souls? Every dollar of our means should be considered as the Lord's, not ours; and as a precious trust from God to us; not to be wasted for needless indulgences but carefully used in the cause of God, in the work of saving men and women from ruin."

Life Sketches, p. 214

GIVE AN ACCOUNT—TODAY

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These are solemn and important thoughts because our loving Saviour Himself categorized two groups of stewards in more than one instance. "Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness," Matthew 25:30; and the other group shall hear, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you." Matthew 25:34.

Written for our admonition under the pen of inspiration in the *Review and Herald* of December 24, 1903, is the statement, "God's people are called to a work that requires money and consecration," and in the *Review and Herald* of 1907, "Those who give of their means to sustain these workers, will share in the reward of the faithful."

Let us all determine our experience. Let us dedicate our all to Him that we, too, may with the faithful stewards be able to, "enter. . . into the joy of thy Lord." Matthew 25:21.

A Burmese Village Needs a Worker

During the past few years the Mon tribe of Burma have been fighting the Burmese government. Mostly, this was done by rebel troops in various parts of Burma, making attacks on the Burmese army wherever they could find it.

Mr. Yupp was one of the leaders of a group of rebels, and he led his soldiers over much of the country of Burma and even up into China, fighting and plundering as they went. Recently Mr. Yupp and about one hundred of his soldiers fled to Thailand to escape capture and arrest. Some of his group are wanted for murder. Now they all live in a little village of their own near the Burma border.

At first they invited some Buddhist priests to come to their village and they erected idols. Later trouble developed between the priests and the soldiers. Soon the priests were asked to leave and the idols were destroyed. Then Mr. Yupp asked us to send a worker to live in their village and teach them Christianity.

Mr. Lim, our Mission treasurer, and I made a trip to the village to see what the prospects might be for sending a worker. To reach the village, located about 100 miles from Bangkok, it was necessary to travel for two days. First we went by train over the "death railway" built by prisoners of war under the Japanese during the last war. We spent about six hours traveling by boat on the River Kwai. The last six or seven miles we had to walk, through the jungles.

We arranged to have a meeting with the people of the village and about one hundred attended. It was a real thrill to tell them, for the first time, of the living God who made heaven and earth. I have never talked to a more attentive audience. They asked if they could have a second meeting, and this was arranged. Then they thanked us for telling them of the new God and manifest a real interest in learning more. They have offered to provide a house and facilities for a worker if we could send one. We could get a worker who speaks their language if we just had the funds with which to send him. How tragic that these sin-hardened rebels and murderers



Group of rebel soldiers (not in uniform)

are calling for us to teach them, but we do not have adequate finances.

This village is typical of many villages that can be found throughout Thailand. Many people are eager to listen to our message if we can only bring it to them. This quarter's 13th Sabbath offering will help us to expand our publishing work and our Voice of Prophecy facilities so that thousands more can make their decision for Christ.

WAYNE A. MARTIN, *President*
Thailand Mission

Message Magazine Appreciated

Our *Message Magazine* is enjoying outstanding popularity. Letters constantly come in expressing appreciation on the part of readers for the splendid material appearing in this missionary journal. Its great truths, so forcefully expressed, find lodgment in many honest hearts.

The new evangelistic concept as expressed in its reprints and preprints is proving to be very, very popular, and is receiving a marvelous reception throughout the field.

We at the publishing house are constantly astonished at the large

numbers of readers who write in expressing their appreciation for the *Message*, its editorial concept, and its splendid make-up.

We as Seventh-day Adventists have the finest literature in the world, and may I encourage you, brethren and sisters, to continue your wholehearted support of *The Message Magazine*, that its message of certainty may be carried to those who need it so badly. Surely today as never before, the hour has come when you and I need to bear witness to the message, to the hour, and to the great fact of our Lord's return.

R. J. CHRISTIAN
Circulation Manager
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TRAGEDY

I watched from the hospital window as the ambulance pulled up. I saw the small limp figure under the white sheet.

It was December 22, 1961, and Mrs. Ernest Crawford watched silently as attendants carried the stretcher into the hospital ambulance door . . .

Then perhaps this quiet-eyed, 44 year-old brunette fell to wondering what her husband would give her when he returned home later in the

day . . . After all, Thursday, December 23, would be the twenty-fifth anniversary of her marriage to Ernest Crawford.

Gradually, she heard what the swiftly moving hospital "grapevine" knew . . . Later, sitting in the room with her 13-year-old daughter Becky's body lying in a nearby casket, Mrs. Crawford unknowingly twisted and shredded a pink paper napkin as she said, "She didn't need to tell me. I knew."

The foregoing statements are excerpts from a story in the January-February LISTEN, which is available this week. This tragic incident has a Christmas setting, but as long as there are children and as long as there are vehicles which can take their lives, this story will be timeless. Every person who drives a car or ever intends to drive a motor vehicle should read this issue.

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Minneapolis Junior Academy Home And School

Nothing gives a parent more delight than watching his child perform well before other parents. And it is equally satisfying to see other children show intellectual progress as well. At the Home and School meeting of Minneapolis Junior Academy on November 20 the first and second-graders put on a reading and singing demonstration that brought pleased smiles and amused comments from the parents.

The first-graders showed how well they had learned to read during the first ten weeks of their formal education and it was indeed amazing to hear them read so aptly and with such comprehension. Miss Corrine Nelson is their teacher and hundreds of Minneapolis Adventist children are good readers today due to the high standard of reading excellence she stresses to her charges.

Mrs. Eric Anderson, academy mu-

Charles Keymer Coming to Minnesota December 17-23

Charles Keymer, nephew and former singing evangelist of R. W. Whitsett, will join with him in several meetings the last week of the Minnetonka-Hutchinson crusade. They will appear together in the Minnetonka Church Sunday evening, December 17; Hutchinson December 19; both the Minnetonka and Stevens Avenue Churches Friday evening, December 22; and the St. Paul First Church Sabbath morning, December 23. Attempts are now being made to schedule a Sabbath afternoon meeting for the Twin City area on December 23. This will have to be announced later.

sic teacher, led the second-graders in two songs, one spiritual and one humorous. The Minneapolis Junior Academy is indeed fortunate to have such talented teachers on its staff.

C. H. Lauda gave a brief study on the importance of early child training. "Be honest with your children," he stated, "and never use harsh, jarring words, no angry, hateful words, but always speak kindly and with love."

The Home and School leader in charge was Mrs. D. A. Riesen who shows very qualified leadership and program preparation. It is apparent from this meeting and many other factors that the Minneapolis Junior Academy is off to another good school year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

The Spirit of Prophecy is a light that directs my footsteps to the greater light, the Holy Bible, and it reveals to me a broader meaning of truth. "The written testimonies are not to give new light, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed." *Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 665.

Sometime ago I talked with a man whose name remains in the church "Out-of-Circulation" file. His residence had changed and he had failed to notify his pastor or church of his wish to discontinue his association with the believers. This church member had developed a very peculiar bend in his thinking. He was extremely critical of church leadership and fellow members. Not one good thing could he say concerning his former associates. The result of harboring negative thoughts toward those he should have loved resulted in his becoming discouraged with religion. When that happened, Satan

came in and took control of him, and his life regressed into that of a wretched, miserable mortal. The result: to look at him, one saw the likeness of the man at the corner tavern; to listen to him, one could hear the conviction of truth amidst his criticism. But when I appealed to his heart to return and repent, he seemed dead and the power of making a decision was totally absent. This man had lost one of the greatest God-given talents bestowed on human

beings, the power to make a decision.

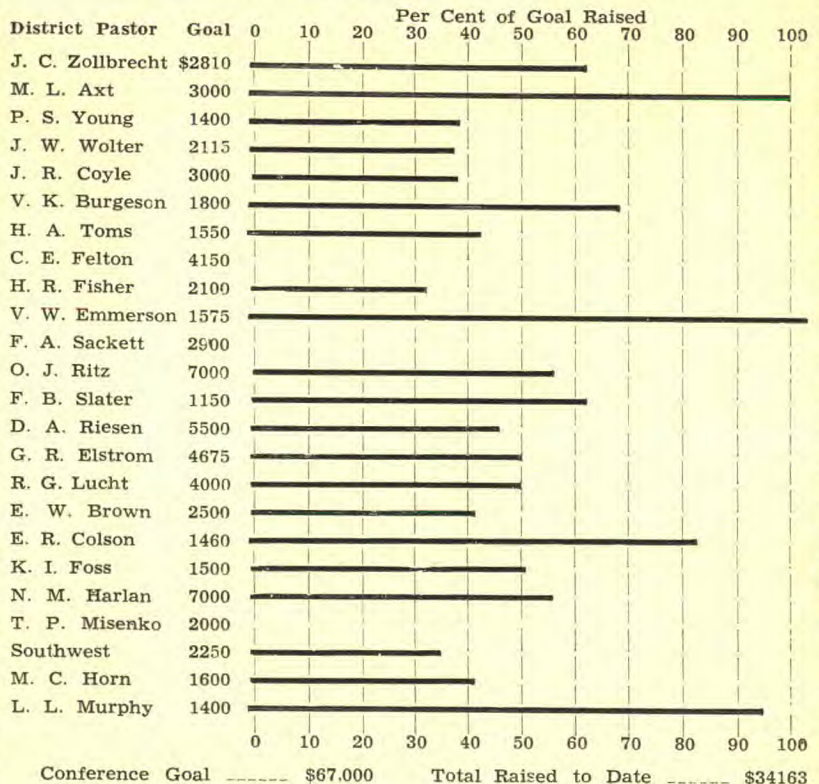
How easy it is for church members to fail when it comes to guarding the lips. Criticism is like leprosy and must be treated as such by every church member. It is so easy to hear criticism of others and then add our own "two bits" to make the story more convincing when perhaps our part is taking the well-intentioned actions of the criticised and turning them to fit the picture. How unkind to heap more abuse on the already down-hearted soul.

I could not help but think of how several quotations in the Spirit of Prophecy have been a guide leading me to better understand the greater light, and how if these truths were stored in the mind of this person, they might have guided him in his thoughts and actions, thus keeping him from falling.

Gospel Workers, p. 479, tells us to "Cultivate the habit of speaking well of others. Dwell upon the good qualities of those with whom you asso-

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ciate, and see as little as possible of their errors and failings." This quotation tells us how we may practice the Biblical teaching: "Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," Matthew 7:12, and, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:39. If in our daily life we cultivated the habit of speaking well of others and repressed negative thoughts from entering our minds, we would find life bright and beautiful and we would know that we love God because we love the brethren. I John 5:2.

Then as we look back into our past and observe the milestones of progress in a sanctified life with Christ we should never have an opportunity to become discouraged for we should remember that the Spirit of Prophecy has told us "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." *Life Sketches*, p. 196.

What reason do we have to become critical, discouraged, and weak in the faith? None whatsoever. With all the light we have from the Holy Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, we should be the most courageous, intellectual, God-fearing, and progressive light bearers in the world. "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Matthew 5:14.

ROBERT WIEDEMANN



The juniors enjoyed the Sabbath School which was led this day by Wayne Juhl.

A Visit to Middle River

A few weeks ago the Middle River church was host to a district-wide meeting for the northwest area. Though this is a small community with most of our members living in farm homes many miles distant and the district churches are quite widely separated, the sanctuary was packed to overflowing for the morning service.

The people show a strong Scandinavian influence which makes me feel right at home among them and the open, honest faces with the marks of wind, sun, and weather go together with the firm, big, handshakes of these dedicated Adventist Christians. It is a pleasure to stand



The junior baptism included (left to right): Leann Dunston, Laurel Hagen, Elizabeth Hagen, and Naomi Blom.

at the door and grasp the hands of these fine people and to know that God's word has good care in this district.

A delightful experience was listening to the excellent junior choir made up of the children from the Middle River church. The sweet voices of children never fail to lift the hearers closer to heaven. A baptism of four juniors was conducted by the pastor, E. W. Brown, following the sermon.

During the noon hour most of the group had a fellowship lunch together at the high school gymnasium. It is extremely difficult to be temperate in eating when our ladies load down the tables with food fit for kings!

The afternoon saw members of the missionary committees from all the churches in the district gather for a special session featuring the duties and responsibilities of missionary committees in planning the overall church missionary program. A question and answer period helped to clear up several questions along missionary lines.

It was a full day but it was a good day. It was worth the long miles of travel to enjoy the fellowship of



A Junior choir raise their young voices to the glory of God each Sabbath in the Middle River church.

our people and see the excellent spirit in this district where E. W. Brown and the churches of Fertile-Red Lake Falls, Thief River Falls, Middle River, Roseau, and Williams are representing God's message so faithfully.

PERRY F. PEDERSEN,
Home Missionary Secretary

"Treats-No Tricks" Venture Launched "Box of Joy" Food Drive at Glendale

Five courageous boys and girls of the Glendale Sabbath School children's division set out upon a new type of Halloween adventure on the night of October 31 this year. Accompanied by their division leader, Mrs. Robert Kirby, and primary teacher, Cecil Adair, the children went from door to door, offered truth-filled literature to the occupants, and asked for canned foods, not for themselves, but for the baskets to be given to needy families at Thanksgiving. This was such an unusual procedure that many were very surprised and eager to give what they had. And to prove that you never lose anything by trying to help others, the teachers in the children's division and the Sabbath School superintendent had provided hot Ovaltine and cookies for the children to eat when they returned. Neither did they miss the treats, for bags of goodies had been provided for them to take home.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the experience very much and was happy to have a part in helping Jesus to help others. A total of 59 cans were

collected and 126 pieces of literature were distributed. We hope that in the future all of our children will participate in missionary activities such as this.

This Halloween venture launched our "Box of Joy" food drive. Beginning the following Sabbath, everyone pledged to bring something each week until Thanksgiving to help fill the box and bring joy to the hearts of some needy families on Thanksgiving. Some of the children plan to accompany the division leader and teachers in distributing these boxes of joy.

The children who participated in the "Treats-No Tricks" venture were Betty Gardner of the earlyteen class, Phyllis Lee, cradle roll, Christopher and Tony Williams and Alfred Nelson of the primary class.

MRS. VIVIAN WRIGHT,
Sabbath School Superintendent
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Wahpeton Evangelism Report

J. M. Mershon and the writer recently concluded an evangelistic series in Wahpeton, North Dakota. Under the blessing of the Lord, six individuals were added to the church by baptism and profession of faith. Others are planning to be baptized on December 16. Please join us in prayer for others in this area who are on the brink of decision.

It was a real pleasure working together with Pastor and Mrs. Mershon and the dedicated members of the Wahpeton church. A true spirit of soul-winning prevails in the church, and what a thrill it is to see the way the members in the area cooperate with the ministry for the advancement of God's work!

May the Lord bless the continuing search for souls on the part of our people in the Wahpeton area and may they be richly rewarded for their faithfulness.

M. D. GORDON

A Shortage Of Funds!

Last week a layman and I called on a fine businessman in behalf of our Ingathering Program. He made a statement that contains more "truth than fiction." After he had given us a nice donation, he said, "If all Christians rendered to God what they owed Him, you would not have to be out gathering funds. There would be enough money to take care of all the great needs."

Years ago we were told that, ". . . If every church member were imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice, there would be no lack of funds for home and foreign missions; our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened; and we should be invited to enter." "Great objects are accomplished by this (tithing) system. If one and all would accept it, each would be made a vigilant and faithful treasurer for God; and there would be no want of means with which to carry forward the great work of sounding the last message of warning to the world. The treasury will be full if all adopt this system, and the contributors will not be left the poorer . . . They will be laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life" — *Counsels on Stewardship*, pp. 37, 73.

I believe it to be no coincidence that the first few verses of Malachi, the third chapter, refer to such heart-searching questions as, "Who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth?" He will judge the wicked. He is unchangeable.

In verse 7 the Lord explains why His blessings have been withheld and reproves His people for keeping back tithes and offerings. He also promises abundant blessings on condition of repentance.

We hear so much in the news about embezzlement of funds. Would it not be a tragic thing if the Great Auditor should audit one of our accounts, and write after it, "A shortage of funds?"

As the year 1961 is soon to close, would it not be a wonderful thing to balance out our accounts with God?

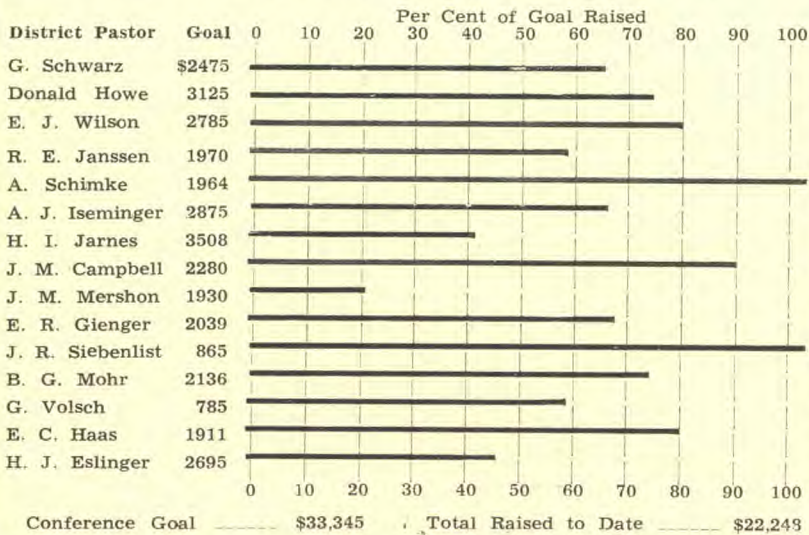
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Glendale "Box of Joy" Solicitors

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Wahpeton And Ellendale

Recently it was my privilege to visit the church at Wahpeton and the church at Ellendale.

I was not only impressed by the enthusiastic spirit in these churches but I was also impressed with the good work being done by their sunshine bands. At Wahpeton I joined the church group which visited both the Rehabilitation Center and the nursing home; at Ellendale I joined the group that visited the Ellendale nursing home. The Ellendale group presented their program not only in English, but also in German, thus reaching the older German people at the home who could understand German better than English.

When I saw the sunshine bands at work, I thought of the words found in James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction. . ." Incidentally, I also thought of those who have been baptized into the church as a result of sunshine band work.

Blessings on the members at Wahpeton and Ellendale for the good work they are doing. My apprecia-

tion to Don Nash and Walter Reiner, the managers of the above homes for the aged, for helping to make the sunshine bands a success.

K. D. JOHNSON, *President*

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Plainview News Notes

★ The first alumni banquet November 12 brought to Plainview a crowd of former teachers and students to enjoy pleasant fellowship together at their Alma Mater. Lewis Peterson, a graduate of the class of 1911, was present and gave a rousing challenge to the alumni during the evening's program. David J. Bieber of Union College emphasized the need of excellency in the world today. He counselled today's students to give attention to study, "for grades count." Both President and Mrs. Bieber were graduates of the class of 1931, one of the honor classes of this year's celebration. Other speakers of the jubilee were Don Nash ('41) and

Mrs. Mavis Betts-Boyd, ('38) who read a compiled history of Plainview's 50 years. Organ music during the evening was furnished by Carolyn Stotz-Devitt ('57). Plans are being made to perpetuate an alumni homecoming as a yearly event.

★ Willis Lyon, South Dakota field representative of the American Temperance Society, gave a temperance program at Plainview Academy Saturday evening, December 2. The public was invited to enjoy this popular program. Mr. Lyon is an accomplished ventriloquist.

★ November 18 students and teachers enjoyed the deep sea experiences of Captain Paul Dry. He told also of his visit to Pitcairn Island and contact with the Seventh-day Adventist people. The next lyceum program will feature John Mowry, the singing fisherman who also gives trick and spot-casting demonstrations between vocal numbers. The date is December 9.

★ Cecil Gemmell and George Stone of Union College, visited the campus the weekend of November 17-19 interviewing and counselling with the seniors. Three Union College students accompanied them and assisted in a testing program. For MV meeting Sabbath afternoon Dr. Gemmell gave an illustrated account of his experiences as a missionary in the Middle East.

K. M. NELSON, *Principal*

Pierre Dorcas Project

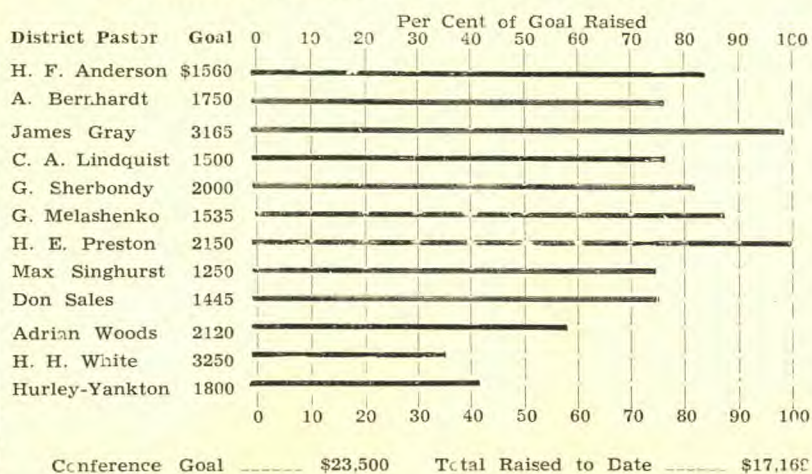
The Pierre Dorcas Society took advantage of the Patzer's farm auction by running a snack-type lunch bar which netted them over \$90.00.



Mrs. Bob Shepherd serves first customer

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They served wonderful homemade pies, cakes, and other such foods. Many pleasant customers were just as happy to drink the hot chocolate when they were told there was no coffee.

NEVILLE GEORGE,
Home Missionary Secretary

The KELO-Land Stations

The time has come when we should renew our contract with the KELO-Land TV Stations, if Faith For Today is to continue in Eastern and Central South Dakota.

What do you think about it? For some years now we have raised one dollar per member per quarter to keep this wonderful telecast on these three stations every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Do you think that \$4.00 from your pocket once a year is too much? Do we spend that amount often for less worthy projects? Have you given

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OF INTEREST IN IOWA

DAVENPORT: The Davenport Church had a special Thanksgiving service the morning of Thanksgiving day at 10 o'clock. Their bulletin also indicates that caroling groups are working from 5:00 to 6:30 and from 6:30 to 8:30. With an aggressive caroling program like that, Davenport should go far beyond the accomplishment of any previous year.

BURLINGTON: Burlington Pathfinders made a field trip to Chicago to visit the Museum of Science and Industry on November 19. Each Pathfinder was at the church in uniform at 4:50 Sunday morning with a sack lunch breakfast. Thanksgiving was commemorated in Burlington with two programs this year. The church school presented a Thanksgiving program for the first part of a Home and School meeting,

Saturday night, Nov. 18. Another program centered around the dedication of the new church organ Wednesday night, November 22. Offerings for Thanksgiving baskets were brought to this meeting which resulted in 15 baskets being delivered to needy homes in Burlington. Part of the contents for the baskets was collected by Pathfinders when they went from home to home during the Halloween season.

The Burlington bulletin indicates that Caroling begins there at 6 p.m. At least 5 caroling machines will be working in Burlington.

GRINNELL: Mrs. Mary Rice and Mrs. Laura Ringo deserve honorable mention for their work in Grinnell. Except for another Sister in the church who worked for a few hours one day, these two ladies have solicited \$329.49 for Ingathering. This is just a little short of a Silver Vanguard goal for the whole church. Complaints by businessmen that business is very poor this year did not deter these two ladies from reaching the church goal.

In addition to the above, Mrs. Rice and the other ladies in the Grinnell Dorcas prepared a generous food basket and gave it to a lady who is almost blind. Mrs. Rice, in a recent letter, also expresses her appreciation to J. C. Kinder for coming to Grinnell and presenting the Prophetic Guidance. She says, "I think the course was very wonderful."

BOONE: Mrs. Emma M. Norton, missionary secretary of the Boone Church reports that every member of the Boone Church will be receiving the *Review* this coming year. She writes, "I am happy that we shall all become *Review* readers, as this is the first time in our Boone history."

It Is Written

The IT IS WRITTEN program went on the air at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, December 3. Certainly, thousands of people in that area have seen the program and will be looking forward to seeing the additional 39 films of the series.

At the close of each film, viewers will be invited to take the IT IS WRITTEN Correspondence Course, "Take His Word." We hope to receive thousands of letters from non-Adventists requesting "Take His

SUNSET CALENDAR

December 15

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| Des Moines, Iowa | 4:44 |
| St. Paul, Minnesota | 4:31 |
| Bismarck, North Dakota | 4:54 |
| Huron, South Dakota | 4:56 |
| Rapid City, South Dakota | 4:14 |

December 22

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|--------------------------|------|
| Des Moines, Iowa | 4:46 |
| St. Paul, Minnesota | 4:34 |
| Bismarck, North Dakota | 4:57 |
| Huron, South Dakota | 4:58 |
| Rapid City, South Dakota | 4:15 |

All Time Given Is Standard Time

NOTICE

The Iowa Book and Bible House will be open Sundays 10:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. December 17, and 24 and Monday night till 8:00 P. M. December 18.

Word"; but there is a special arrangement for Seventh-day Adventists to get these lessons that will save the Conference a large amount of money.

It will cost the Conference about \$5 for sending a complete set of lessons to each individual who writes in. Certainly Adventist believers will be willing to limit this expense of the Conference to non-Adventists. Any Adventist who desires a full set of the lessons, "Take His Word," can have them for \$3.

Adventist believers should join in sending letters to the station expressing appreciation for the program, but it will be best if orders for the "Take His Word" lessons be given to either district pastors or sent directly to the conference office.

Adventist believers can do much to promote this program by talking about it where you work, where you shop, and with neighbors and friends. Greet everyone with the question, "Have you seen IT IS WRITTEN?"

JOHANNA—A HARDENED BIBLIOPHILE AT 8

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Books do not make good gifts. Not, at least, when they're your own books, treasured volumes torn from your own personal library.

Johanna, age 8, made that discovery not long ago, when an emergency called for a birthday gift to be pulled out of the woodwork, so to speak.

A call came in late on Saturday morning, from Johanna's friend, Jill, also 8. Jill's younger sister, Sandy, 5, was having a birthday luncheon at a nearby restaurant.

Ordinarily Johanna would not have been on the guest list—these were "just little kids," you understand. But one of the guests had phoned regrets at a late moment, and Jill had been allowed to invite Johanna to fill in.

Accepting the invitation, Johanna was immediately confronted with the problem of finding a gift for Sandy. There wasn't time to dash down to the village store to pick out something suitable. What to do? She put the problem to Mother, who generally had most of the answers.

"Why not give her a book?" Mother suggested. "You have so many of them, you'd never miss just one, and I'm sure you can find something suitable." And Mother went back to her work in the kitchen.

Minutes passed, and finally Johanna returned to the kitchen, declaring she had been unable to find a single book for Sandy.

"This is ridiculous!" mother exploded. She dried her hands on the kitchen towel and prepared to leave her work for a few minutes. "All three shelves of your bookcase are jammed with books. Some of your books are in the boys' room, some of them are in the den, and there are still more in the living room! Don't tell me you can't find just one Sandy would like!"

Together they resumed the search. Mother would pull a book from the shelf, describing it as one Sandy would love. Johanna would wail; "Not *A Doll for Marie*—I've read it only three times!" Ditto for *Billie*, ditto for *Katie John*, ditto for *Miss Grimsbee Is a Witch*.

In fact, ditto all the way thru her bookcase, the boys' bookcase, a solid wall of books in the den, and a respectable library in the living room.

Almost ready to give up in exasperation, Mother straightened up and heaved a prodigious sigh.

Contrite, Johanna sought understanding. Near tears, she explained. "Mommy, I'm truly sorry, but giving away any of those books would be like giving away a friend. Katie John and Marie and Billie and Miss Grimsbee and all the rest—they're good friends of mine. I couldn't bear to part with them!"

Mother understood. She had plenty of friends like that of her own, friends she liked to take down off

the shelf now and then, dipping into a book and rereading a paragraph here and there, recapturing a mood.

Finally the two compromised on a brightly illustrated beginning-to-read type of book that Johanna had long outgrown. Besides, she knew all of that one by heart.

And Johanna's circle of friends remains intact.



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OBITUARY

BOLDT.—Gustav William Boldt was born October 20, 1882 at Elizabeth, Illinois. He passed away October 26, 1961 at Faith, South Dakota, at the age of seventy-nine. On July 1, 1908 he was united in marriage with Hilma Benson, at Brewster, Minnesota. They homesteaded ten miles south of Isabell, South Dakota, in 1911. In 1933 he joined the Seventh-day Adventist church as a result of meetings held by J. A. Estey in a schoolhouse near their home. He fell asleep in Jesus, in the hope of the first resurrection. Surviving are his wife, Hilma, of Isabell, South Dakota; five sons: Arthur of Visalia, California; Wesley of Fresno, California; Arnold and George of Isabell, South Dakota; and John of Timber Lake, South Dakota. He is also survived by ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. An infant son, four granddaughters, two brothers, and four sisters preceded him in death.

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How happy we are for this fine report! Our union is just about in the same position as of this same date last year. This should fill our hearts with courage as we look forward to victory within the next two weeks. We are confident that most of our churches will be over the goal by December 23, but there will be some calls that must be made after that time. Let us exercise the three watchwords: "Watch, pray, and work." *Testimonies*, vol. 2, p. 283. "Wherever we see work waiting to be done, we are to take it up and do it; constantly looking to Jesus. . . ." *Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 32

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