

Are 1,500 Baptisms Enough?

By W. A. FAGAL

In terms of accomplishments, 19-63 has been a thrilling year to us at Faith for Today. More than 100,-000 people who watched the program during the year felt impressed to request our Bible correspondence course. Ten thousand of them graduated, having now a thorough understanding of the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists. But most heartening of all is the fact that during the year 1,500 of these people were baptized into the remnant church! With our hearts filled with happy thanksgiving we have concluded that the work was worth every bit of effort and sacrifice involved.

But a sobering thought continues to haunt me. With the coming of Christ so near, with the world to warn, it is not enough. We cannot be satisfied with our accomplishments no matter how delighted they may make us. And the question persists. How can we accomplish more in 1964?

Here is a startling fact. Last year's Faith for Today offering in the churches, though the largest in our history, averaged only 56 cents a member in the United States and Canada! A similar gift was given on another date to the Voice of Prophecy. Your 56 cents has now been translated into souls—1,500 of them—who were baptized into the church and are rejoicing in the third angel's message. Another 2,000 people report that they are keeping the Sabbath and want to follow their Lord all the way. But what might

the results have been if instead of 56 cents we had averaged a dollar per member? Or five dollars? Or ten dollars? Or twenty-five dollars for this work?

Surely no part of the work of God should be neglected, and funds should not be withheld from one worthy cause to be given to another. However, I wonder if we really recognize the importance of getting our message out on international television to the multitudes when our annual gift averages only 56 cents? Without wanting to be complaining, yet I wonder, have we truly done our very best? Are we really serious about finishing the work and making possible the soon return of the Lord Jesus? Are we really supporting "the front lines of Adventism"? Do you not agree that it is time to "change our pace of giving"?

A truly distressing fact is that time could be purchased on approximately one hundred television stations in the United States and Canada right now if we had the funds to do so. With these additional stations, our Bible course enrollments during 1964 would greatly increase. And increased enrollments would mean increased baptisms. It is just that simple. Is it not time that we launch out and take advantage of our opportunities while we yet have them? Probably the Adventists in the cities of Washington and San Francisco would agree wholeheartedly, because just recently our program was dropped in both of these areas; and we cannot secure time on any other station. With all the earnestness I can muster, I feel constrained



Northern Union Music Festival February 6-8, 1964

MUSIC FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Thursday -

2:00 - 5:00 Registration

6:30 - 8:30 Chorus Rehearsal

8:45 - 9:45 Section Rehearsal

Friday -

7:30 - 9:00 Chorus Rehearsal

9:10 - 10:30 Section Rehearsal

10:40 - 12:15 Chorus Rehearsal

1:00 - 2:15 Chorus in church

2:30 - 3:30 Chorus in Gym

7:30 - 8:30 Vespers

Sabbath -

9:30 Sabbath School

11:00 Church

3:30 Sacred Concert

8:00 Secular Concert

85 Voice Combined Academy Sacred Concert

3:30 P.M. Hutchinson S. D. A. Church

WHERE

MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY



PARTICIPATING ACADEMIES

Maplewood Academy - Hutchinson, Minnesota

Oak Park Academy - Nevada, Iowa Plainview Academy - Redfield, South Dakota

Shevenne River Academy - Harvey, North Dakota

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Plainview Academy -Delbert Snow

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85 Voice Combined Academy Secular Concert

8:00 P.M. Hutchinson Elementary Auditorium

to warn that this is going to happen elsewhere just as it has already happened in a number of other cities around the country. Must we wait until the doors are all closed before we wish we had done more? Will we bring our gifts to the cause when they can no longer be used?

February 8 is the day appointed by the General Conference for the Faith for Today offering to be received in all of the churches in the North American Division. We beg of you not to allow this just to be another offering when "spare and loose change" is thrown into the plate. Recognizing the lateness of the hour, let us truly get serious about our "window on the world," our "front line of Adventism" which needs support so desperately. Let us expand it and thus greatly increase its influence and its results. How do you feel about this? On February 8 you will give your answer.

Be A Master Guide

One of the greatest responsibilities of the church is the conservation of its young people. This responsibility rests not only upon the leaders of the church, but also upon you as a church member. Every child of Adventist parents must be saved!

Leaders today are needed with a well-rounded education and a balance of the physical, mental and spiritual qualities, leaders who reflect more and more fully the Divine Image, whose minds are strong and clear, whose sense of right and wrong shows close association with the Master.

Today everybody is busy, so busy that they don't have time to give to the work of the youth. It is time that we stop and reconsider our leisure time. How important it is to utilize leisure time so that it will furnish the life with greater ability to accomplish the tasks of the future and to enjoy life to its fullest.

The youth work of the denomina-

tion calls for Master Guides, adults who have trained and prepared for youth evangelism, adults who are willing to dedicate their time, ener-

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gy, and talents to the saving of boys and girls for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Many of you are now working to become Master Guides. You are reading, reading, reading. You are working on MV honors, attending Leadercraft and Pathfinder Training Courses and you are studying for Bible Doctrines and Denomination History tests. But when April 4 arrives, you will receive your pin and scarf and you will say that it has been worth it all. But the greatest thing of all will be that the Northern Union will have a large army of trained youth leaders to lead even a much greater army of youth to the Kingdom of God.

> G. D. Bras, MV Secretary Minnesota

Need a Lift For Your Children's Sabbath School Departments?

Children's interest in Sabbath school is increased by use of effective illustrative material. The Pacific Press in cooperation with the Sabbath School Department has prepared some items that may help the leaders.

Activity Pictures generate this added interest. We have two sets of twenty-four pictures each showing boys and girls performing acts of kindness and developing helpful traits of character. Printed in three colors on sheets 11x14 inches and sold only in sets at \$1.95 per set.

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To add interest regarding the life of Ellen G. White, 4x5 pictures are available at six cents each or when ordering fifteen or more, they are five cents each.

Miscellaneous pictures. A set of thirty black silhouettes on white sheets 17½x23 inches available at \$2.25. Why not write us an order for your needs and be right up to date with the times. Be sure to add your sales tax and order through

your local Book and Bible House.

And, of course, be sure that your folk have plenty of Our Little Friend and Primary Treasure.

D. L. Olsen, Circulation Manager Periodical Department

Notice

Will the person who borrowed a large black scrapbook with loose-leaf pages containing clippings from the Denver newspapers of the Five-Day Plan please return it to Dr. C. J. Martinson, Wayzata, Minnesota.

UNION COLLEGE

"Show Me My Saviour" will be the projected theme in a Christ-centered Week of Prayer sponsored by the College MV Society, February 2-8. Ten students will spur the search for a college-student's Christ by unfolding the conceptions various Bible authors portrayed of Him in their books.

Gary Bogle, Don Schneider, Marvin Ponder, Kent Seltman, Ken Matthews, and Kit Watts will present the books of Thessalonians, Acts, Hebrews, Corinthians, Luke, and John from the New Testament. Rodney Burbach, Manuel Vasquez, George Miller, and Tamara Dietrich will represent Old Testament thought with Ecclesiastes, Isaiah, Esther, and Jeremiah.

Items worthy of note in the week include the art work incorporated with each sermon to make the speakers' presentations more tangible; the special music plus feature meditative music for the evening services by two marimbas; and the "Morning Slips" written especially for this Week of Prayer by Elder Fagal. These slips are available to all students, and have a devotional thought which coincide with the day's program.

SUNSET CALENDAR

5:27
5:18
5:44
5:42
5:00
5:36
5:28
5:55
5:51
5:10

SOUTH DAKOTA

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News Notes

♦ On Sabbath, January 4, J. B. Gray met with the Watertown church. The morning service was dedicated to the Sabbath School as a soul-holding and soul-winning agency. In the afternoon promotion was given to the Functioning Missionary Council and Branch Sabbath Schools. The film, "God's Word in Your Hand," was shown.

☼ The Redfield church school has brought in over \$100 for Ingathering. This is better than \$15 per student!

The Conference Committee made a trip to the Black Hills January 8 and 9. They visited the Red Shirt Table School and also looked at the Reynolds camp site property preparatory to laying plans for development.

Special Adventist Textbooks are Excellent

Student interest is only one way to measure the usefulness of a book, but it is an important guide. For several years the General Conference Department of Education has been engineering the making of special SDA reading books for our church schools. This was necessary to follow the injunctions of the Spirit of Prophecy concerning fairy tales and fiction.

The fifth grade set of special SDA Readers just came off the press lately. Lawrie Samelson of the Redfield Church School went through an experience that is typical. Not being sure the SDA book would be out for use, as it wasn't ready when school started, Mrs. Wehtje started him in the old reader, Engine Whistles. Lawrie liked the old-time stories in this book and didn't want to switch books when his new SDA reader, Forward March finally did arrive. With considerable persuasion from his teacher Lawrie did start the new book and just two stories later he asked if he could buy the



Here is a group of young people mostly from Oak Park Academy who recently completed the Leadercraft course. These young people are looking forward to the Northern Union Youth Congress and the Master Guide Investiture.

book for himself. He wanted to read it more than his teacher would allow. Reading has now become his favorite subject.

The boys and girls in church school are enjoying many special blessings. If your child isn't in church school this year, make sure he has this opportunity next year. You will be most glad that you did.

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lowa MV's in 1964

This wonderful year of 1964 is now well under way. MV societies across Iowa are laying plans for the year.

As a suggestion for all societies the MV Department of the conference would like to recommend the following 5-point program:

- Be an active member of your MV society.
- 2. Follow the 15-minute a day Bible Reading Plan.
- 3. Be a Master Guide.
- Attend the Northern Union Youth Congress, April 2-4, Minneapolis.
- 5. Participate in Target 3000.

Adoption of each MV society of these five objectives for 1964 will provide for every MV member a well-balanced youth program for the year.

Special attention should be called

to the Northern Union Youth Congress and *Target* 3000. Every MV Society should plan to send every young person to the Youth Congress. Scores of blessings will be in store for each attendant.

Target 3000 will provide an opportunity for every energetic youth to share his faith.

In Target 3000 there are four avenues that each society may follow. These avenues are Voice of Youth, Operation Fireside, Friendship Teams and Branch Sabbath Schools.

Let every MV society choose one or more of these avenues of sharing their faith and let's make 1964 a year of abundant blessings.

J. W. WILSON, MV Secretary



Waterloo and Independence

An evangelistic team made up of Brethren Mansker, Shobe and Beerbower is holding meetings three nights a week in Waterloo and two nights a week in Independence.

Elder Mansker is preaching Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday nights in Waterloo and Sunday and Wednesday nights in Independence.

Please remember both Waterloo and Independence in prayer; and if you're within driving distance, please give support by attending. If you know of interested people in the area, please send the names and addresses to Elder C. P. Shobe, 1921 Pin Oak Drive in Cedar Falls. Thanks so much.

K. D. Johnson

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ANNOUNCING

MV Leadercraft Courses

One of the major requirements for becoming a Master Guide is to possess a Leadercraft Course certificate. In order for those who desire to become Master Guides, to meet this requirement and to be ready for the mass Investiture April 4, 1964, the following schedule has been arranged. The Leadercraft Course consists of 10 hours of class work and the course will be conducted as a class, not as a meeting. There will be a \$1.00 registration charge to cover materials that are used.

*Detroit Lakes SDA Church

January 31-February 2 Friday 7:30 p.m.-Sunday 12:00 noon

*Albert Lea SDA Church

February 8-10 Friday 7:30 p.m.—Sunday 12:00 noon

Brainerd Church School

March 13-15 Friday 7:30 p.m-Sunday 12:00 noon

* Church Officers Meetings in connection with Leadercraft Course



Minnetonka Clippers

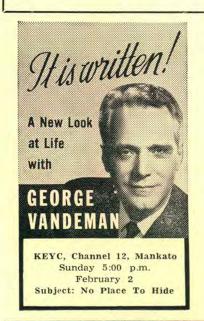
THE MINNETONKA CLIPPER CHORUS Coming February 1

Minneapolis Junior Academy 2201 Colfax Avenue S. Minneapolis, Minnesota

8:00 P. M.

Admission 75 cents

School Children 35 cents



NORTH DAKOTA

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We hope many of you will take advantage of this liberal offer. Just send in your order for the new 3 volume set, and the old *Index* to your Book and Bible House today. This offer expires May 1, 1964.

Pathfinder Officers Training Course

All Pathfinder officers and prospective Master Guides who are specializing in junior leadership must attend. Everyone is invited,

PLACE: Bismarck Church

DATE and TIME: February 7 - Friday, 6:30 p.m. and February 9, Sunday, 9:00 p.m.

Contact the MV Department for free lodging.

ADRIAN E. ZYTKOSKEE Missionary Volunteer Secretary

Cleveland Pathfinder Club

Pathfinders and Missionary Volunteers went to sing for a lady who had been sick in bed for three weeks, but is now recovered. While there, Robert Liebelt made arrangements to give the family Bible studies which began Tuesday night, January 21.

Her illness was first discovered by two ladies who were Ingathering. The Dorcas ladies gave them a food basket at Christmas time.

> MRS. ALROY GRUSZIE Cleveland Pathfinder Secretary

Bismarck Church

The Bismarck congregation is rejoicing as the first stage of their church and school building pro-

LEADERCRAFT COURSES

All MV officers and prospective Master Guides should attend. Everyone is invited:

Leadercraft Course & MV Rally at Sheyenne River Academy - February 21-23

Friday, 7:00 p.m. - February 21 and Sunday, 12:00 Noon - February 23

Leadercraft Course & MV Rally at Minot - March 7-8

Sabbath, 11:00 p.m. - March 7 and Sunday, 12:00 Noon - March 8

Leadercraft Course & MV Rally at Dickinson - March 14-15

Sabbath, 11:00 p.m. - March 14 and Sunday, 12:00 Noon - March 15

Leadercraft Course & MV Rally at Jamestown - March 21-22

Sabbath, 11:00 p.m. - March 21 and Sunday, 12:00 Noon - March 22

ADRIAN E. ZYTKOSKEE, Missionary Volunteer Secretary



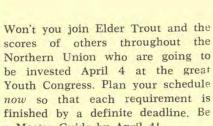
Hey! you can't wear that scarf, Elder Trout, you're not a Master Guide

Ben Trout's reply:

"No, but I'm anxiously looking forward to April 2-4 when I can be invested so that I too can be a Master Guide. Won't you join me? Just think, there will be at least 75 Master Guides invested from North Dakota.

a Master Guide by April 4!

ADRIAN E. ZYTKOSKEE Missionary Volunteer Secretary



gram nears completion. This stage of construction called for enclosing the entire project, but completing only about half the floor area.

On Sabbath, January 4, the building was used the first time for Sabbath services. The auditorium (to the right in the accompanying picture) is being used for worship until the main sanctuary is completed in the second construction stage. Then the auditorium will be used for church socials and recreation.

Two church school rooms, junior Sabbath school room, Dorcas facilities, boiler room, and rest rooms are also being finished now. The second stage of the building program includes the sanctuary and children's Sabbath school rooms which are behind the sanctuary at the left in the accompanying picture. This portion has only the outside walls

and roof constructed now and will not be completed until mid-1965, or as funds are available. The entire project will cost around \$100,000 and will contain 13,800 square feet of floor area.

Already the congregation is seeing the influence an adequate and presentable building has on the community. Words of praise, and even unsolicited cash donations, have come from business people and citizens.

The building program has been a real financial load on our small congregation; however, the faith and courage of everyone is good. We look forward to a great harvest of souls in our city and ask an interest in your prayers in behalf of the Bismarck membership.

A. J. ISEMINGER, Pastor



Bismarck Church



Turtle Lake Church

Turtle Lake Church

Early in July the members of the Benedict Seventh-day Adventist Church began construction on a new building in the small community of Turtle Lake, North Dakota. The structure, 28x48, is nearing completion and the present plan is to finish up by the first of February. Seating capacity in the \$13,000 structure will be 75-80 persons. With the present Benedict membership at 25, this will allow for an anticipated growth in the months ahead.

Building went forth rapidly with an intermission for harvesting of crops. Members from the Butte and McClusky churches have helped speed things along, and the Benedict folk wish to express appreciation to all who have helped with time and money.

The outside of the building is finished and the furnace has been installed so that inside work can be carried forward without hindrance of cold weather.

It is the prayer of each member that the structure, with God's blessing will become the house of worship for many a soul who has never before known the blessed hope of Christ's soon return.

R. B. HAMMOND, Pastor

Baptism at Bowman

Following an evangelistic crusade, which lasted for eight weeks, the young people shown in the accompanying picture were baptized into membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Bowman, North Dakota.

The meetings were held three nights each week in the American Legion Hall in downtown Bowman.

Presenting in person,
DR. HAROLD SHRYOCK
from Loma Linda University.

- Noted author of such books as, On Becoming a Man, On Becoming a Woman, and Happiness for Husbands and Wives.
- One of the outstanding denominational authorities on love, courtship, and marriage.
- © Frequent writer in the Youth's Instructor, Review And Herald, Life And Health, and other periodicals.
- A man with answers to some of the most perplexing problems facing Adventist youth today.



People came from as far away as Bison, South Dakota, and Marmarth, North Dakota, to attend the meetings.

There are three adults who are continuing to study and will be deciding for Christ and His church soon. One of these, a member of the Episcopal Church, began attending the meetings on the suggestion of his employer, who has since been giving him some difficulty because of his intention to follow the teachings that he has learned to know as truth.

The baptism was held in the Bowman church on November 16 by the writer. R. E. Janssen, Pastor



From left to right, shown with their pastor, R. E. Janssen: Judy Davis, Harrison Kerr, and Anna Schober.

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—BASS MEMORIAL ACADEMY, LUMBERTON, MISSISSIPPI.

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OBITUARIES

BRIDGMAN.—Beulah Affolter-Bridgman was born in Princeville, Illinois, on January 20, 1888, and died in Battle Creek, Michigan, on November 9, 1963. Her early life was spent near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she was united in marriage with Levi Bridgman in 1916. Several years before, she had graduated from the nurses training course in the Moline Sanitarium at Moline, Illinois. She moved to California shortly before the death of her



Voice Of Prophecy Sermon Subjects
February 2—About Being Converted
February 9—The Second Coming of
Christ

husband, where she spent seventeen years of her nursing service in the Riverside General Hospital in Arlington. She was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist church and loved her Lord from childhood. She is survived by two adopted daughters, Mrs. Marie Harris of Ridgcrest, California, and Mrs. Leola Timmerian of Tajunga, California; three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Middaugh and Mrs. Edith C. Christenson of Paw Paw. Michigan and Mrs. Mabel L. Reed of Arlington, California. The writer conducted the funeral service in Arlington and she was laid to rest beside her husband in Montecito Memorial Cemetery in Loma Linda.

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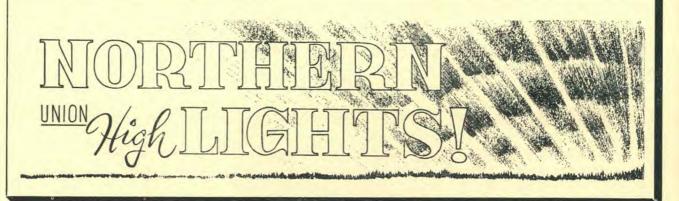
L. E. Niermeyer

COLEMAN.—Rose Coleman was born July 15, 1872, to Rufus and Eliza Keith in Knox County, Tennessee, where she grew to womanhood. She passed away November 16, 1963, at the Yankton Hospital, Yankton, South Dakota. She was married to Henry Coleman on August 1, 1891. To this union eight children were born of which three died in infancy. Her husband died March 6, 1950, at DeSmet; South Dakota. The children left to mourn her death are Edwin Coleman of Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Lester Brown of Spokane, Washington, Roy Coleman of Othello, Washington, and Inez McAdaragh of DeSmet, South Dakota. In addition to these there are 21 grandchildren and 56 great-grandchildren. Sister Coleman was a faithful member of the Watertown Seventh-day Adventist Church but was unable to attend the services there due to her advanced years and living so far away. She was always punctual in sending in her tithe and offerings accompanied by one of her cheerful letters which was always signed, "Yours in the Blessed Hope." Mrs. Coleman will be grealy missed by all who knew her. She was buried in DeSmet where she will rest until the resurrection morn. Words of comfort were spoken by M. L. Hale and K. M. Nelson.

STEIN._Mrs. Bertha D. Stein was born March 19, 1872, in Germany, and passed to her rest November 18, 1963, at the Muscatine General Hospital. She had been a resident of Muscatine for 78 years. She was married September 26, 1891, to Richard Stein. She became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church 66 years ago. She was baptized in a pool formed by a hole in the ice of the Mississippi River, and this type of rugged dedication to her Lord stayed with her unto the last. Surviving are one son, Edward Stein of Bettendorf; three daughters, Mrs. E. H. Carlson, Hattie Stein, and Amanda Stein, all of Muscatine; two sisters, Mrs. Lena Alderman of Moline and Mrs. Minnie Kleist of Muscatine; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She awaits the call of the Lifegiver in the first resurrection. Received 12-9-63

G. M. Fillman

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF S.D.A SECRETARY TAKOMA PARK WASHINGTON 12. D. C.



Northern Union Literature Evangelist's Institute



Northern Union literature evangelists who met in Minneapolis for their annual institute.

On Sunday evening, December 29, the literature evangelists of the Northern Union area met for their first session in a four-day institute. J. M. Jackson, retired publishing leader with over forty years of service and experience in the literature work, traced the beginning of the colporteur work from the first sale of fifty dollars worth of tracts to over 28 million dollars worth of literature sold in the world field last year. As he outlined the important work of the colporteur he said, "We are not just selling books; we are giving a message."

The theme of the institute was

"Send the Light." These words were made to live before the eyes of each literature evangelist by a large picture covering the front of the room. On one side was the early group of believers kneeling around a pile of tracts asking God's blessing to attend their distribution. From this group a beam of light projected to a revolving globe on the other side of the picture depicting the fulfillment of Sister White's prophecy that the gospel would go around the world like streams of light. This graphic portraval impressed each one in attendance with the importance of the literature ministry.

W. L. Crofton, Union Publishing Secretary, with the assistance of the local conference leaders, gave four days of most helpful instruction. Representatives from the Pacific Press and the Review and Herald also gave counsel during the institute. Inspirational messages were brought each day by the local conference presidents.

The closing challenge to hurry and do God's work was presented by the Union president. The literature evangelists left the institute with a determination to bring the message to every home in the Northern Union.

J. L. DITTBERNER