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

I'll Give My Shirt

BY J. L. DITTBERNER, *President, Northern Union Conference*

No doubt you have heard the expression "He would give the shirt off his back," in reference to someone's liberality. Maybe you have actually seen someone go to this extreme in showing his desire to support a cause. I have not yet met such a person, but I have a friend who has. Let me tell you.

I was in the home of Norman Doss who is president of the South-East Africa Union. This union includes the country of Malawi, formerly known as Nyasaland, and where the Malamulo school and leprosarium are located. It happened this way. Elder Doss was out in the annual Ingathering program telling friends, neighbors and business people about the great gospel work carried on by the church. After responding to the appeal by giving three schillings, one man took the Ingathering magazine and began to look it through. After a few moments of interested reading, he looked up and said, "Say, *this is a good work.*" He then took off his necktie and shirt and handed them to Elder Doss saying, "Sell them and use the money for your work!" Here was a man who literally gave the shirt off his back.

Why did this man give his shirt to the Ingathering program? It was because he believed it was a "*good work.*" True, Ingathering is hard work. But I am sure everyone of us believes that it is a good work. If it were not a good work, the Lord would not have endorsed it through His prophet in the last days.

Someone asks, "What's good about it?" I think there are several real good things in favor of the program. This is the time each year when an organized attempt is made to contact every home and business with a missionary call. As a result of the call and the literature left these people are given an opportunity to learn more of God's message for these last days. Some of these people contacted open their hearts immediately for prayer and words of encouragement. They are also reminded of

God's goodness to them and are given an opportunity to give of their means to help others hear the gospel.

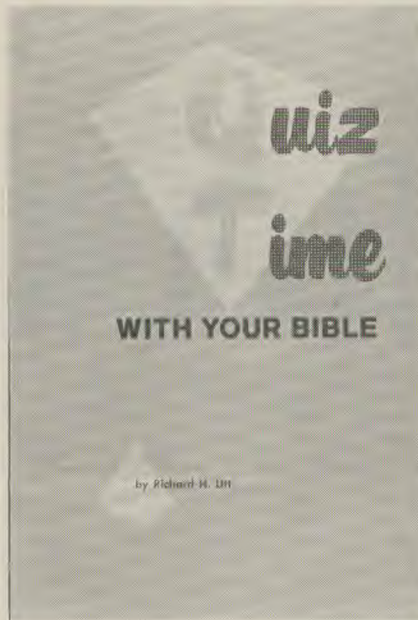
But all the good things are not only for the people visited! The Ingathering program helps the individual church member to move out into an active missionary program for God which is a soul-watering experience. It teaches the church to work together as a team toward a definite objective of reaching every home and person with the message of truth. Through active participation one's confidence and faith is strengthened in God's work and a rewarding experience is realized from doing one's part.

The good work of the Ingathering program does not end with the church members or the ones solicited. The gifts that are received are used to carry the gospel to yet other people in many different places. Much of the mission program of our church is financed by the Ingathering program.

May I mention yet another good thing about this work. It represents a world fellowship and union of purpose. As I visited the camp meetings in Africa, I heard the brethren talk about Ingathering. The African rastors were encouraging their people to call on every home. Many of the gifts received are in the form of a small bit of produce, but the contacts made are perhaps really the most important part of the program.

When I saw that our pastors and believers in Africa were engaged in the same program I had a feeling of unity of purpose in the world field. We are moving forward together in a world work toward the same objective.

May each one of us in the Northern Union participate in this "good work" during the next few weeks. Let's take our place alongside our brethren and sisters and move forward together in God's work and receive His blessing.

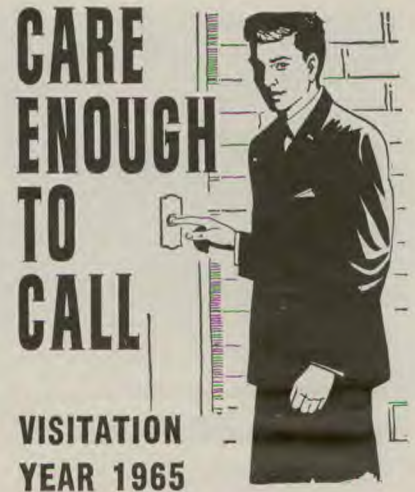


SUNSET CALENDAR

November 12	
Des Moines, Iowa	4:56
St. Paul, Minnesota	4:47
Bismarck, North Dakota	5:12
Huron, South Dakota	5:10
Rapid City, South Dakota	4:29
November 19	
Des Moines, Iowa	4:50
St. Paul, Minnesota	4:40
Bismarck, North Dakota	5:04
Huron, South Dakota	5:04
Rapid City, South Dakota	4:22

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with the organ accompaniment in the introduction to "Oh, Jesus, I have Promised."

Jones began his musical career at the age of thirteen playing guitars with dance bands. But when he was converted to Adventism five years later, Jones decided to dedicate his talents to the service of God. He graduated in 1957 from Pacific Union College, Angwin, California, with a degree in theology.

Jones has for the last six years served as an evangelist first in Oregon and now in Indiana, where he is associated with evangelist Clifton Walter. His previous work included pastor-evangelism in Oregon and church school teaching in Nevada.

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Jones is accompanied throughout the album by his wife, Donna Leach-Jones, at the organ. The singer tastefully blends his guitar

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Election of Church Officers

In view of the responsibilities of church officers and the character of the work required of them, *the electing of church officers is an important work.* This duty should be entered upon in a prayerful, well-ordered and serious manner.

It is the rule that a nominating committee be appointed to give careful study to the needs of the church and to *make careful inquiry into the fitness of members to serve* in the different offices. This committee should be appointed as early as possible in the closing quarter of the year, so that the church election may be held not later than the second Sabbath in December. The minister or pastor in charge of the church, or in the absence of a minister, the church elder, should bring the matter to the attention of the church, the understanding being that the church itself shall determine how the nominating committee is to be chosen.

WHO SHOULD BE MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.- Only members who are in good standing should be chosen as members of the nominating committee. They should be persons of good judgment and, above all, have the welfare and prosperity of the church at heart. There are no ex-officio members of a nominating committee. The pastor of the church or the district leader may properly be chosen as a member of this committee, as his appointment to the church does not rest upon any action by the nominating committee. If not elected as a member, he should be invited to sit with the committee.

Choosing officers for the church or conference is an important matter. The prosperity of the work depends largely upon its leadership. The greatest care should be exercised in calling men and women into positions of sacred responsibility. The following qualifications should be earnestly sought in those who are nominated for church office:

MORAL FITNESS.— "Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the peo-

ple able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness, and place such over them, to be rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens." Exodus 18:21

"Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business." Acts 6:3.

"Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." 1 Timothy 3:7.

RELIGIOUS FITNESS.- "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine . . . Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." 1 Timothy 4:12-16.

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine." "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." Titus 2:1, 7, 8.

MEN NOT TO BE HURRIED INTO OFFICE.- "In many places we meet men who have been hurried into responsible positions as elders of the church, when they are not qualified for such position. They have not proper government over themselves. Their influence is not good. The church is in trouble continually in consequence of the defective character of the leader. Hands have been laid too suddenly upon these men." - *Testimonies*, Vol. 4, pp. 406, 407.

THOSE OPPOSED TO UNITY NOT SUITABLE FOR OFFICE.- "There have of late arisen among us men who profess to be the servants of Christ, but whose work is opposed to that unity which our Lord established in the church. They have

original plans and methods of labor. They desire to introduce changes into the church to suit their ideas of progress, and imagine that grand results are thus to be secured. These men need to be learners rather than teachers in the school of Christ. They are ever restless, aspiring to accomplish some great work, to do something that will bring honor to themselves. They need to learn that most profitable of all lessons, humility and faith in Jesus. . .

"Teachers of the truth, missionaries, officers in the church, can do a good work for the Master, if they will but purify their own souls by obeying the truth . . . As members of the body of Christ, all believers are animated by the same spirit and the same hope. Divisions in the church dishonor the religion of Christ before the world, and give occasion to the enemies of truth to justify their course. Paul's instructions were not written alone for the church in his day. God designed that they should be sent down to us." — *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, pp. 238, 239

UNSAFE TO CHOOSE MEN WHO REFUSE TO COOPERATE WITH OTHERS.- "God has placed in the church, as His appointed helpers, men of varied talents, that through the combined wisdom of many, the mind of the Spirit may be met. Men who move in accordance with their own strong traits of character, refusing to yoke up with others who have had a long experience in the work of God, will become blinded by self-confidence, unable to discern between the false and the true. It is not safe for such ones to be chosen as leaders in the church; for they would follow their own judgment and plans, regardless of the judgment of their brethren. It is easy for the enemy to work through those who, themselves needing counsel at every step, undertake the guardianship of souls in their own strength, without having learned the lowliness of Christ." - *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 279

The above are excerpts from the *Church Manual*.

SOUTH DAKOTA

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News Notes

* The Pierre Seventh-day Adventist church school had a very successful Ingathering field day. \$116.48 was solicited by 15 pupils. The three cars were driven by A. T. Bidwell, L. H. Opp, Conference Educational Secretary, and Miss Jeanette Syfert, teacher.

* A recent visitor at the conference office was Dr. Julie M. Douglass from Adelaide, Australia. Dr. Douglass was a guest at the home of Elder and Mrs. M. L. Hale.

* South Dakota Conference officers, F. W. Bieber and M. L. Hale, and departmental secretaries, L. H. Opp and J. B. Gray, attended the annual Departmental Council held in Minneapolis, November 1-4.

* A district rally was held in Watertown on Sabbath, September 30. Guest speaker at the morning worship hour was H. E. Haas of the Northern Union. During the afternoon conference officers and departmental secretaries presented helpful material on "Soul Saving Through Departments." In the evening motion pictures were shown which included Elder Hale's movies of his European trip. A book display from the Book and Bible House was on hand for the evening.

* G. C. Mowry, assistant Book and Bible House manager was present at the North Central Dorcas Federation in Aberdeen Sunday, October 24, with a display of books.

Employment Possibilities In Hot Springs

In recent weeks the Veteran's Administration Center at Hot Springs has been advertising for workers to fill vacancies here. Both secretarial work and nursing assistant positions have been available. These jobs are under Civil Service and include many benefits.

Also in Hot Springs are located the South Dakota State Soldiers

Home and the Southern Hills General Hospital which is beginning a large expansion building program. These institutions, along with the Veteran's Center, employ quite a number of the Hot Springs church members.

Hot Springs has a nice church school with a fine teacher. The climate here provides the mildest winters in the Northern Union. The Black Hills provide protection in winter and recreation in summer. We are near enough to the new conference camp to utilize it to a good advantage. Hot Springs itself is known as the "Picture City of the Hills."

In short - if you are looking for a nice place to live, with employment and church school, investigate Hot Springs, South Dakota. We would like to have you.

LEROY WYATT, *Press Secretary*
Box 956

Hot Springs, South Dakota

North Central Federation Meeting

The North Central Health and Welfare Society held its federation meeting in Aberdeen, South Dakota, on October 24.

Maybelle Vandermark, associate director of Health and Welfare services, was the featured speaker. She stressed that the Health and Welfare work is the work of the whole church. Our help to others may not always be in giving food and clothing but kindness and love. She also urged that at least one member of every family should take the "Medical Self-help Course". The object of this course is to teach us to take care of ourselves in case of a disaster when all doctors and nurses may be called into service.

Melvin Hale gave the devotional talk using Gen. 50:21 as his text. One thought he left for us to ponder was that the world is not wanting for money but kindness. Kindness is one of the essentials to get us into the kingdom.

Unanimously reelected for another two-year term of office were Mrs. George Bieber, Tolstoy, president; Mrs. Gilbert Zumbaum, Leola, vice-president; Mrs. Russell Anderson, Redfield, secretary-treasurer; and

Mrs. Merlin Anderson, Redfield, assistant secretary-treasurer.

MRS. ELMER HOLWEGER,
Press Secretary
North Central Federation

Western Federation Has Autumn Meeting

The Health and Welfare Societies of the Western Federation met at their Fall session in the Rapid City Seventh-day Adventist church on Monday, October 25.

One of the main items of business was the election of officers for the coming two-year term. The following were elected: Mrs. Bernard Barnhart, Rapid City, president; Mrs. Charles Jensen, Hot Springs, vice-president; Mrs. John Leui, Batesland, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Spearfish, assistant secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Hans Jacobsen, Spearfish, press secretary.

Miss Maybelle Vandermark, associate director of Health and Welfare Services for the General Conference, was the featured speaker. She brought out that the activities of Health and Welfare are many and are the work of the whole church, both men and ladies. Some of these Health and Welfare activities are: 1. The support of Saws - Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services, Incorporated, through the offering taken every 2 years; 2. Responsibility in local disaster relief work; 3. Community services. The need of genuine kindness and love was also stressed.

Five of the six societies in the Federation were present.

Hot Springs Dorcas Acts

The Hot Springs Dorcas Society has recently completed the making of nearly seventy bed gowns for the children in the state hospital at Sanator near Custer. Many of these children are strictly bed patients.

In August the group met at Fern Wyatt's to can applesauce for welfare use. Approximately one hundred quarts were prepared. Some of this has been taken to Ridgeview where it will be used for the Indian children in church school.

Emergency boxes have been prepared for victims of various dis-

asters. One of these was recently given to a family whose home burned while they were away and nothing could be saved from the home. Many other things were given later but the emergency boxes which are ready for quick action contain items such as bed sheets, blankets, towels, washcloths, soap, combs, toothbrushes, and, of course, a Bible.

Lillian Jensen is the director who leads the local society in their endeavors.

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New Church at Bloomfield

Sabbath, October 23, J. O. McLeod, E. B. Lundin, A. R. Klein, David Wolkwitz and the writer met with the believers in the Bloomfield area for the purpose of organizing a church. It was a day of special celebration for those who had looked forward for a long time to this step.

About a year ago E. B. Lundin began to lay plans for a series of meetings in Bloomfield. A. R. Klein took time from his busy schedule to work with Brother Lundin. In connection with the series of meetings

Family Life Counseling

Dr. C. E. Wittschiebe, head of the department of Family Life and Marriage Counseling at Andrews University, will be at the Des Moines Seventh-day Adventist Church to do family life counseling starting Friday night, November 12 at 7 p.m. and continuing all day Sabbath, November 13. All of our people are invited to be present. Dr. Wittschiebe will give group instruction. He will also be available for private counseling. The Des Moines church is located near the state house at 13th and Des Moines. K. D. JOHNSON



Typical of the many places where the truck stopped is the scene shown above. Mrs. Max Shank is helping Elder Kinsey load the truck.

which culminated last June, several persons were baptized. These joined hands with scattered members from that area to form the Bloomfield Seventh-day Adventist church. Ralph Emerson of Ottumwa and Gay Peterson of Centerville have been asked to serve as local elders in Bloomfield.

Pray for this new congregation. Pray for Brother Wolkwitz who has been asked to pastor not only the church at Bloomfield, but also the church at Centerville and the church at Albia.

K. D. JOHNSON, *President*
Iowa Conference of S. D. A.

Clothing Pick-up

Knoxville, Oskaloosa, Albia, Ottumwa, Birmingham, West Chester, Washington, Muscatine, Grinnell, Marshalltown,—this is not a bus schedule. The New York Center is in constant need of clothing. To fill this need there must be a constant flow of clean, sorted, well-packed clothing coming from each Health and Welfare Society.

Usually this clothing is brought to the conference depot in private cars as visits are made to the academy but on Monday, October 18, F. J. Kinsey, Director of Laymen's Activities, rented a large truck and made a two-day clothing pick-up from the above places. It was unloaded at Nevada by church members and volunteer academy students. Now another load is ready for shipment to the New York Center.

Observations of Elder Kinsey include these:

1. Truck driving is hard work!
2. There is a need for uniform boxes.
3. Renting a truck is better than owning one.
4. There must be an advance knowledge of the number of boxes to be picked up at each place.
5. Great appreciation for all the help in loading and unloading.

F. J. KINSEY

Director of Laymen's Activities



The Bloomfield Congregation



The beautiful Adventist church in Muscatine not only has an excellent identification sign at the entrance of the church but now a large highway sign like the one in the photo greets every motorist as he enters Muscatine.



The Nevada Pathfinder Club is always active. The boys pictured above learned from this camping trip that along with good food at meal time, these also comes a bit of work in washing the dishes, the pots and pans. They seem happy to do it because of the delicious meal which they have just enjoyed. Dale Hoyt is the Pathfinder director of the club.

E. C. Haas
MV Secretary

Oak Park Manor

Oak Park Manor, Iowa's new 65-bed nursing home, is nearing completion and is expected to be open for occupancy in December.

It has been planned and designed and will be operated to care especially for the needs of the elderly folks in our churches here in Iowa.

It is a dream that has been in the minds of some for a long time and is now finally coming true.

It is located directly across the new highway from the church and academy. Being so near the church, many who are able to walk or be taken in wheel chairs may attend the Sabbath services. For those unable to go, music and services will be amplified directly into a beautiful parlor from which they can look out through a large spacious window toward the church and school.

If there is a loved one in your home who may be a bit discouraged and gradually losing strength and perhaps the determination to be up and around, and if expensive hospital care is not required, "Oak Park Manor" is the answer.

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Here, with the best of care, de-

licious, healthful foods, pleasant environment, and fellowship and association with others of like faith, they will be encouraged and led to forget themselves.

Our rates are as low as it is possible to make them at this time and will vary with type of room occupied and whether the patient requires minimum, moderate or maximum care.

For complete information as to rates and reservations, write to William C. Sager, Administrator, Oak Park Manor, Nevada, Iowa.

Cedar Rapids School Dedication

Sunday, October 24, was a red-letter day in Cedar Rapids. On that day the new Cedar Rapids school was dedicated free of debt. H. E. Haas, Northern Union Educational Secretary, was the featured speaker.

The advance, as far as Christian education is concerned in Cedar Rapids, started back about eleven years ago when Charles Evens and Mrs. Mabel Fossnight joined hands in the purchase of a piece of land not far from the city limits of Cedar Rapids and in the purchase moved in a couple of old country school houses for temporary use.

Most of the building and the fund raising was done while Albert Gerst, now serving in the Nevada district, was pastor in Cedar Rapids. Of course thousands of hours of volunteer labor were contributed by the



The new Cedar Rapids School



Some of the men who led out in the construction program. Del Wiggins, the Principal, is at the extreme left. Loney Duncan, the chairman of the board, is at the extreme right.

Cedar Rapids church members. Truly it was a TLC program. TLC stands for tender loving care. Dale Mathis was the chairman of the building committee.

The program on the October 24 dedication will be long remembered. The auditorium was packed. A number of leading citizens from the Cedar Rapids area were present to congratulate the congregation and to show an interest in the new school building. The ladies of the church served refreshments to all who were in attendance. Elder Goransson, the present pastor; Loney Duncan, the chairman of the board, and Del Wiggins, the principal; should certainly be congratulated for planning an outstanding dedication program. The men from the conference office who participated in the program were J. O. McLeod, E. C. Haas, and K. D. Johnson.

Winterset District Rally

Sabbath, October 30, was a high day in the Winterset District. Representatives from Liberty Center, Osceola, Perry, Guthrie Center, Greenfield, and Winterset came together for worship and fellowship. Dick Pollard was in charge. He is to be commended for his fine leadership.

The program of the afternoon was particularly inspiring. The Oak Park musical department, under the direction of Mr. Haynes, presented several musical features, and those who were in attendance were given an opportunity to tell missionary experiences. The missionary experiences centered in Ingathering, particularly in the thought that Ingathering is so definitely soul-winning when it is done in the right way, with the right spirit.

Congratulations to Guthrie Center and Perry. Both Guthrie Center and Perry have reached the 1966 Ingathering goal. Both churches are pushing on to a good overflow. Winterset and Greenfield are pushing on toward victory too. Greenfield was almost over the day of the rally. K. D. JOHNSON, *President Iowa Conference of SDA*



Oak Park Academy Ingathering Field Day

The best Ingathering Field day in the history of Oak Park Academy was conducted October 13, 1965. At the time of the writing of this article \$2,403.47 has been raised. It is expected that the goal of \$2500 set by the academy will be exceeded. Over ninety-five per cent of the staff and student body participated either by actual solicitation, donating a sum of cash, or by contributing wages earned in campus industries. Part of the total sum represents proceeds from an auction sale of donated produce.

The students bringing in the highest amount on the field day were those who went with A. Morford, science and mathematics instructor. The young people in this group were Dave Lohoff, Eldon Michalec, Neil Miller, Eugene Ross, Marlin Raynie, and Larry Shy. Their total was \$125.00 which was almost twice as much as was obtained in the same territory last year. The second highest group was that taken by A. R. Klein. Included were Don Hilliard, Larry Macomber, Sam Cawthra, Eugene Hanson, Lester Hawthorne, and Jeff Greko. Their total was \$119.88. This was more than three times the



LEFT: A. Morford and his group of Ingatherers. They doubled the amount raised in the same territory last year. MIDDLE: Luther May and Robert Boggess with a group of young ladies. This group raised just a little less per capita than Brother Morford and his band. RIGHT: A. R. Klein and his Ingathering band. They tripled the amount raised in the same territory last year.



Richard Pollard was the auctioneer at the evening sale.



Jeni Anderson, champion lady solicitor, with Paul Haynes, the leader of her Ingathering band.

amount that was solicited in the same territory last year.

Two carloads of young ladies went with Robert Boggess and Luther May to the same territory and returned with a total of \$144.07. These groups received within a fraction as much per capita as did the students in Mr. Morford's car. The students in these groups were Karlene Allen, Susan Kaiser, Norine Engel, Gladys Flemmer, Lorraine Flemmer, Sherrie May, and Bonnie May.

The individual students who

brought in the most for the day were Eugene Hanson, \$58.15; Donald Hilliard, \$32.75; and Jeni Anderson, \$31.02.

Principal W. A. Sowers and K. D. Johnson president of the Iowa Conference, solicited the businessmen of Nevada. They received \$687.50.

The aid of the ministers who helped in transporting students was appreciated by the staff.

RAY HARTLEIN

The ABC District

David Wolkwitz, who came to Iowa to serve as Assistant Publishing Secretary a few months ago, has been invited to serve as pastor of Albia, Bloomfield, and Centerville. He has accepted the invitation. This district has come to be known as the ABC District.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolkwitz are both graduates of Union College. Brother Wolkwitz is from Missouri and Sister Wolkwitz is from Nebraska. The Wolkwitz' address is 421 North 18th Street, in Centerville. We look forward to continued growth in the ABC District as the laymen join hands with Brother Wolkwitz in spreading the gospel in Wayne, Monroe, Appanoose and Davis counties.

K. D. JOHNSON, *President*
Iowa Conference of S.D.A.



Mr. and Mrs. David Wolkwitz and their daughter.



Don Houghton, Iowa Conference Evangelist, speaks to a packed house in evangelistic meetings now being conducted in Boone, Iowa.

The non-Adventist attendance has shown a steady increase until at the present time about 80 are attending. The hall seats about 200 —fully packed.

The initial attendance of non-Adventists was small but members from Ames and Nevada were present to almost fill the hall until the non-Adventist attendance grew to the place where the hall was filled even though the Adventist attendance was less.

Pray for the success of these meetings as well as for others being conducted.

F. J. Kinsey

Those Advents!

The influence of a Godly Christian family has an influence that is never erased from another person's memory.

While Ingathering recently in Greenfield this fact was given emphasis.

A lawyer was called on last year for the first time. He willingly gave a \$5.00 contribution. This year when I called he told me of an Adventist family that lived by his parents when he was a boy. He said, "We made fun of them, calling them 'Advents' and other names, but when my parents or other neighbors really needed someone to help them they could always count on this Adventist family."

The memory of this family that could be "counted on" is the picture that this lawyer has in his mind of Adventists and their work. He gave me another \$5.00 this year but I also had the opportunity to give something to him.

We discussed tithing as well as Ingathering. We also discussed the second coming. The conversation opened the way for me to present him with a book on tithing. He was encouraged to send in for the Bible Course.

Please pray that this gentleman may be led to a full knowledge of Bible truth and be saved in the kingdom.

F. J. KINSEY

Iowa City Church Pledges for Building

Even though over half of their group is composed of students with limited financial resources and even though their membership numbers only 18, the Iowa City Seventh-day Adventist church pledges to give \$2,500.00 (5% of their incomes) during the next 12 months. This was done at a buffet supper and business meeting called Sunday evening, October 17, to lay initial plans for the building program.

It was voted to seek for a single piece of suburban property which would meet the needs of a church and church school. The initial phase of the structure is to be used for worship, Sabbath School, and church school classes. Until property is purchased, funds are to be invested in order that interest might accrue.

The Iowa City church was organized only last year and is now meeting at the St. Mark's Methodist church. "It is a small beginning," stated Elder Goransson, "but big things often begin in little ways." Our members here visualize a good-sized congregation within just a few years.

R. L. SAULS

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The automatic mailing machine at the conference office became unusually warm, the office girls became unusually tired, and the post office processed an unusually large shipment of mail because the Davenport



Denise Long and Pam Long with the Davenport "This May Startle You" mailing.

church determined that 19,011 people were going to receive a truth-filled tract.

The mailbags in the above photo contain 19,011 "It May Startle You" tracts. The tracts were paid for, addressed, and stuffed by Davenport church members. They were stamped, tied in bundles, and put in bags by three happy secretaries—Pat Jones, Denise Long, and Pam Long. Pat Jones was not available when the photo was taken.

Pray that this literature will bear fruit for the kingdom of heaven.

MINNESOTA

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Wing River Dorcas Federation

The Wing River Dorcas Federation met at Wadena, Monday, October 18. Mrs. Arthur Quance, president, opened the meeting at 9:30. Special music was given by Les Barnhart, who played a musical saw, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Christensen. P. F. Pedersen had the devotional.

We were privileged to have Miss Maybelle Vandermark, from the Gen-

eral Conference Home Missionary Department, with us. She said it is the church's duty to be prepared in the event of a disaster. That was the theme of the day—things we can do to be prepared, as we know calamities and disasters will come. One way to be prepared is to take the Medical Self-Help Course, which is being made available free to us through the Civil Defense. The area commander, Mr. Nelson of Alexandria, and the local director, Mrs. Evelyn Erkenbrack, were with us to explain this course.

Six of the eight societies were represented, and the following is a compilation of their reports:

Visits to hospitals, etc.	62
Missionary contacts	141
Pieces of literature given	346
Garments repaired	125
Value of clothing given	\$5,594.00
Pieces of bedding made	13
Pieces of bedding given	\$106.00
Value of food given	\$397.56
Hours of welfare service	1,431
Persons helped	634

The following officers were elected for the next term of two years:

President—Mrs. H. A. Toms
Vice-president—Mrs. D. E. Klam
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs.

Ralph Julius
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—
Mrs. Sylvester Ward
Press Secretary— Mrs. Vera

Hutchins

Mrs. Ruby Christensen told about the flood and tornado damage in Minnesota and what was done to help in these emergencies. Elder Pedersen explained the revised Constitution adopted at this meeting.

Those present had a profitable day, but we wish more could have attended. Let's all try next time.

MRS. RALPH JULIUS
Secretary-Treasurer

Wing River Dorcas Federation

Arrowhead Dorcas Federation

The semi-annual meeting of the Arrowhead Dorcas Federation was held in the Duluth church, Sabbath, October 16. Three of our seven societies were represented; also present were visitors from Cloquet and Two Harbors.

We were pleased to have Miss Maybelle Vandermark, General Con-

ference Health and Welfare representative, with us. She spoke at both the morning church service and the afternoon session. P. F. Pedersen was present to give us help and to bring reports from other parts of our union. Mrs. Christensen presided, as our president has moved from our area. Election of officers for the next two-year term took place.

The report of work was incomplete, but there were these items:

- 2417 hours of service
- 3389 pieces of clothing given
- \$575 worth of bedding and food given

The Federation finances are in a healthy condition.

NINA B. ROBERTS,
Secretary-Treasurer
Arrowhead Dorcas Federation

Fall Book Sales

Minnetonka December 4
Hutchinson December 5
Meetings at 8:00 p.m.

NORTH DAKOTA

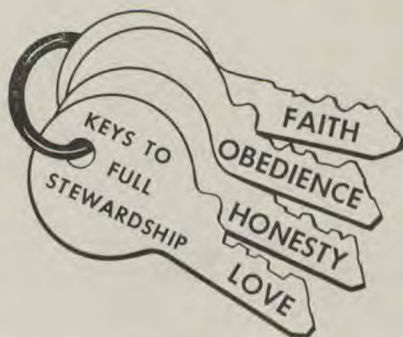
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News Notes

* R. L. Kretz visited the Minot church on October 27 and reports that the new welfare center is making good progress. This new addition to the work in Minot has been a real help in this year's Ingathering.

* During the month of October E. R. Gienger baptized three persons and one person joined the church by profession of faith. Those baptized were Mrs. Mike Hinger, McKenzie; Aesoph Krueger, Bismarck; and Mrs. Esther Grenz, Linton. Mrs. John Umber joined the church by profession of faith.

* October 24th was the opening date for a series of evangelistic meetings at Linton by E. R. Gienger. The attendance on the opening night was 35. Emmons County is a dark county. Will you pray that this may be a county in which the light of the gospel will begin to shine brightly?



Faith That Pleases God

The Apostle Paul states, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." Heb. 11:6. Well might we



A. J. Iseminger
each ask ourselves, "Do I have faith that pleases my heavenly Father?"
"The time has come when we are to expect large blessings from the Lord. We must rise to a higher standard on the subject of faith. We have too little faith." E. G. White, *That I May Know Him*, p. 236.

If we are to have a faith that grows, we must encourage faith, talk faith, experience faith. This is our duty. Genuine faith is life, and where there is life, growth will be seen. "The more our faith fastens to Christ in perfect trust, the more peace we shall have. Faith will grow by exercise. God's rule is one day at a time." *Ibid.*, p. 231.

Genuine faith also indicates complete trust, unreserved consecration to Christ. But not until self dies can Christ live in us. Not until self dies can we possess genuine, trusting faith.

"We should grow daily in faith in order that we may grow up to the full measure of the spiritual stature in Christ Jesus. We should believe that God will answer our prayers, and not trust to feeling. We should say, My gloomy feelings are no evidence that God has not heard me. I do not want to give up on account of these sad emotions for 'faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of

things not seen.'" (Heb. 11:1) The rainbow of promise encircles the throne of God. I come to the throne, pointing to the sign of God's faithfulness, and cherish the faith that works by love and purifies the soul." *Ibid.*, p. 230.

Reader, we can have an advancing, working faith. Through full dedication to our loving Saviour we can possess faith that works by love and purifies the soul from every taint of selfishness. It is not self, but God, that we must depend upon. And such faith pleases God.

A. J. ISEMINGER
Stewardship Department

Central Federation Meeting

Sixty delegates from the churches in the southeastern part of the state met with the Central Federation of Seventh-day Adventist Health and Welfare Societies Tuesday, October 19, in the conference office in Jamestown.

Guest speaker for the day was Miss Maybelle Vandermark of Washington, D. C. P. F. Pedersen of the Northern Union was present also. Both speakers brought instruction on being prepared in time of disaster. During the meeting officers for the next biennial period were elected as follows:

Mrs. Clarence Loewen, Sykeston, Federation president; Mrs. Charles Krassin, Breckenridge, Minnesota, vice-president; Mrs. Ralph Hieb, Woodworth, secretary - treasurer; Mrs. Donald Harriott, Fargo, assistant secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. N. K. Harvey, Jamestown, press secretary.

The Fargo Society acted as hostess group and served during the lunch hour.

MRS. N. K. HARVEY, Press Secretary
Central Federation

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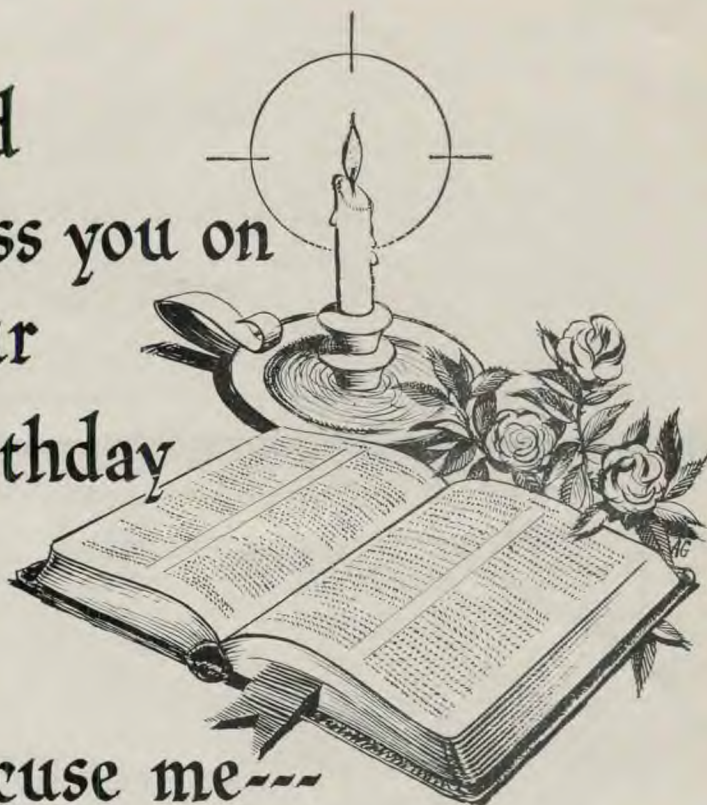
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God
bless you on
your
Birthday



Excuse me---

But haven't you had a birthday recently? One thing is certain—you have had one in the last twelve months, and if our Heavenly Father permits, you will have many more.

Birthday time is remembering time. Our friends remember us and often honor us with special greetings, telegrams or a kindly gift. Remember the inward glow that comes when being remembered?

Yes, from the cradle to the rocking chair, the joys of birthday are ever with us—reminding us of God's continuing love and care. Those who love the Lord the most, love also to give as well as receive on birthday occasions. How fitting that on these special days we express our heartfelt gratitude for heaven's blessings by a gift to the Lord. Remember—"These birthday gifts are recognized of Heaven."

Councils on S.S. Work, p. 143

OBITUARIES

LARSON.—Albert A. Larson, age 78 years, a highly-respected resident of Sebeka, Minnesota, passed away Thursday, July 15, 1965, at the Shady Lane Rest Home, Wadena, Minnesota, after a lingering illness. His death removed from our midst a kindly man, a true friend and a worthy neighbor who will be greatly missed by a host of friends. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 18, 1965, at the Seventh-day Adventist church at Wadena, Minnesota. P. S. Young officiated. Left to mourn his passing are his sister-in-law, Flossie, many nephews and nieces, other distant relatives and a host of friends. Interment was made at the Wing River Cemetery, Wing River Township. Here Brother Larson rests to await the resurrection at the return of the Life Giver.
Received 10-26-65 P. S. Young

AYERS.—Mrs. Mamie Ayers, 72, died October 7 at her home in Atlantic, Iowa. She was born in Cass County, Nebraska, November 29, 1862. She has lived in southwest Iowa since she was two years old. She was married November 27, 1916, to Vernon Wright who preceded her in death in 1929. She was married to Floyd Ayers September 7, 1934, and he died April 6, 1959. Surviving are two sons, Calvin Wright of Burns, Kansas, and Norman Wright of Atlantic; a daughter, Mrs. Jack Moore of Atlantic, besides many other relatives and friends. She became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church several years ago and remained faithful until death. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery, Oakland, Iowa.
Received 10-27-65

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NORTHERN UNION *High* LIGHTS!

Progress and Dedication

It has been my privilege the past few days to attend the Autumn Council of the General Conference. This is the time when the General Conference Committee hears reports of progress of the work and lays plans and adopts policies for its continued advance. We in the Northern Union are a part of the world work and are interested in reports from the world field.

During the last year 125,054 people united with the church through baptism and profession of faith. Of this number 20,359 were in the North American Division. You can readily see that the largest part of the membership gains are in the overseas divisions.

However, when we look at the financial side of the report we find that the work of the church is supported largely by the North American Division. During the last year a total of 127 million dollars was given in the world field through tithe, missions, and home and local church offerings. Of this amount 100 million came from the North American Division. The Lord has blessed us materially here in the home land, and we count it a privilege to use a portion of our money to carry on His work at home and abroad. You might be interested to

know that the total investment this people has in churches, schools, hospitals, publishing houses, etc., exceeds 618 million dollars throughout the world. This is evidence of God's blessing poured out to make men's hearts liberal and faithful.

The enrollment in our schools shows an increase of 9.2 per cent during the last year, bringing a world total of 36,679 students. Forty-four publishing houses print in 228 languages, and reached a total of over 31 million dollars in sales last year.

Not only were we encouraged at the council by these and other reports of progress, but when the budget for next year was presented we were thrilled and thankful to hear that over 39 million dollars would be available to be distributed to the world field to carry forward the work during the coming year. This represents a five-million dollar increase over last year.

Reports of past progress and future hopes brought solemn thoughts to our minds as we realized the weight and responsibility in carrying forward God's work. In a spirit of dedication all the members of the council united their hearts in accepting the following resolution and objectives:

Resolved,

1. That we humbly and soberly offer our thanks to our Heavenly Father for His guiding and protecting hand over His people and His cause, and that we join our lay brethren and worker-colleagues throughout the world in earnestly seeking the divine grace needed to fit us in heart and life to be humble, spirit-filled instruments ready to follow God's opening providences for the finishing of His work.

2. That we call upon our laity and workers in every section of the world to join us in this whole-hearted dedication of body, mind and soul to our Lord and Master, realizing that nothing but the power of the Holy Spirit through human lives can make the personal witness of every believer a direct contribution to the extension of the Advent message and the establishing of God's kingdom of everlasting righteousness.

3. We hereby dedicate our hearts anew to our God and seeking by the empowering grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to revive constantly our own hearts, our own homes, the institutions we serve and the churches in which we worship.

J. L. DITBERNER