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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

What Is Christmas?

Christmas is an exciting time—packages, parcels, tinsel, trees, colored lights, gifts, fancy ribbons—all this seems to be Christmas.

But WHY?

Christmas is a celebration by the world of the birth of Christ. Adventists are drawn into the excitement of the holiday season. Churches put on special programs. The birth of Christ is epitomized in play, in pageant, and even on the front lawns of popular meeting places. All this because of the birth of Christ.

And again we ask, WHY?

Why this excitement and unnatural activity simply because Christ was born in Bethlehem approximately 1,968 years ago? One answer may be found in history, the fact of history that is reported so carefully,—His birth and His life in the lands of the eastern shores of the Mediterranean. But probably more in the fact that His life represents a gift.

Yes, that's it, a GIFT.

You see, without gifts, without expression of love, without heart-warming fellowship, there would be no need of packages with pretty paper and fancy ribbons. No need of a tree under which to place the gifts. No need of lights. No need of Christmas holiday celebration. So this season, brethren, we reflect upon the basis for all this activity.

It was a GIFT.

The gift in John 3:16.

The gift that God gave.

The best that He could give.

We reflect upon the deep love that our Lord must have had to give His only begotten Son for us, to establish a message—to set an example—to show us that to rise, to walk in newness of life is the ultimate goal.

As you remember this gift of God and His goodness to you, how have you related yourself during 1965 to all His blessings?

Have you analyzed your tithe so that ere the

record closes on 1965, your ledger record in heaven shall be balanced?

The tithe IS the Lord's.

It is sacred.

It is the first part of the Christian's obligation.

A resultant blessing will be poured out—not room enough to receive it—room enough in one's heart to receive the expression of God's faithfulness and love.

The tithe is not a GIFT.

What about your gifts (offerings) as an expression of love to your Saviour? Have they measured up to the true measure of a full Christian, a Seventh-day Adventist Christian?

Any unpaid pledges?

Any well-meaning intentions of liberality not satisfied?

Now is the time, brethren, to square up the accounts for 1965.

Now is the time to let your checkbook show how much you love your God for His gift to you. Look at your checkbook, your tithe receipts and your offerings and then ask, have I made a complete expression of my love for my God and my church? Take a little analysis of the amount of money expended on your loved ones, your husband or your wife, your children, your parents or brothers or sisters. Which expenditure is the greater? And then ask yourself, whom do I love the most?

Yes, brethren, what is Christmas?

A time of reflection and thankfulness to God for His goodness and mercy?

A time of expression of love for your family and your loved ones?

A time when you get caught up in a whirl of excitement of the holiday season and miss the true meaning of Christmas?

What is Christmas, my brethren?

The answer, yes, the answer is found in John 3:16, for Christmas is a GIFT—yes, a gift of love.

L. H. N.

No "Outlook" December 31

It is our practice to print only 50 issues of the NORTHERN UNION OUTLOOK each year. Therefore, there will be no issue printed December 31.

I Must Go To School

By J. P. HOLMES, *President Eastern Solomons Mission, Solomon Islands*

Pastor Shadrach the district director, and Kaleatu (Kar-lee-art-oo), our young evangelist trudged inland toward the mountains of Guadalcanal, in the Solomon Islands. It was hard going, and the path through the jungle at this point was very steep. They had been walking for three days and they were weary.

It was a pleasant sight for them to see the small Adventist village of Duidui. They were joyfully welcomed by Piruga (Pee-roo-gar) the teacher, and the village people. In this out-of-the-way place they do not receive many visitors, and it was a joyful occasion as they all visited and worshipped together.

About one mile further up the path is another village where the people are not Adventists. Kaleatu, the evangelist, sent "talk" that he would visit them and show them some pictures from his battery-operated projector. These people were willing so that evening about 50 people gathered to see and hear the old old story of Jesus and His love.

After the pictures were finished a young boy of about ten years came



Adventist youth of the Solomon Islands are keen to train for the service of the Master. These three now attend Jones Missionary College on the island of New Britain.

to the evangelist and said that he wanted to go to the Adventist school at Duidui. This lad, Martin, said that he would follow all the rules of the school if they would only let him go to school. However, when he asked his parents the next day if he could go to our school, they angrily prevented him. Martin was not a boy to give up. Next day he arrived at school in a bark loin-cloth. Clothes and money are rare in the mountains, and the bark cloth was all he had to wear.

On returning home he was beaten and threatened by his parents. However, he was determined to come to school. Each day he managed to steal out from his village and arrive at school. He was so determined and persistent that the parents finally decided not to worry him further.

Martin is now ready to attend our District School. After two years there he will come to our Betikama Central School, where there are many other boys like Martin, who are pre-

paring themselves to work for the Lord.

Betikama has many students who, like Martin, battle against tremendous opposition in their search for truth. We are endeavoring to provide more and better dormitories so that we can adequately care for these workers of the future. Your gifts on 13th Sabbath will assist us.

Don't Miss This

Next summer during the month of June the Quadrennial Session of the General Conference will be held in Detroit. No doubt, some from the Northern Union will be able to attend at least part of the session. However, the large majority of our members will not have this privilege.

Even though you cannot be there, you will still be able to enjoy the wonderful reports of the progress of God's work that will be given. The *Review and Herald* will publish a special issue each day of the session. It will be put in the mail immediately, and you will have these reports in your home very shortly after they are given.

Of course, to get the reports in these extra issues, you will need to be a *subscriber* to the *Review*. The special subscription price of \$4.75 includes these extra numbers. If you have not yet made arrangements for the *Review* to come to your home, give yourself a Christ-

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Worn out dormitories at Betikama Central School, Solomon Islands, soon to be replaced.

mas gift and place your order with your church missionary leader before the end of this month as the special rate expires then.

Don't miss this opportunity for the General Conference specials. This is a nice bonus in addition to the wonderful weekly visits of our fine church paper to your home.

J. L. DITTBERNER

**LISTEN,
NOW A MONTHLY**

During its eighteen years of life *Listen* has been known for surprises. Now comes another—it is doubling its frequency.

In other words, *Listen* is now a monthly, beginning with the January, 1966, issue—twelve colorful issues a year.

During the year 1965 *Listen* has been publishing the *Listen News*, a twice-per-month newspaper. Will this be continued?

Indeed! The newspaper is becoming a part of *Listen* itself, incorporated as a vital and regular feature in the magazine, yet retaining the quality of a newspaper. As it has all during 1965, *Listen News* will combine with its current news coverage, its teen-age features, its inspiration to help smokers and drinkers, its rib-tickling cartoons, its latest pictures and reports from the world of science and medicine.

Listen with the *Listen News* was \$2.50 per year. The new *Listen* price, on the monthly basis, will be only \$3.00 to the public, and to Seventh-day Adventists, the unbelievable price of only \$1.50 for twelve issues. FRANCIS A. SOPER
Editor

Union College

**Second Semester
Registration**

Will you join the new students who have already been accepted for second semester at Union College? If you have never attended college, many interesting courses are specially planned for you.

If you have had to discontinue your college education for some reason, now is the time to get started again. Education, now more than ever, opens the door of opportunity

for service to your church, your community and yourself. There are a few spaces open in the dormitories. Apply now. Registration is Sunday, January 23, 1966. Write for information and application to the Registrar, Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska.

GEORGE L. CAVINESS
Academic Dean

"The Last Act"

People everywhere are actors in a drama that is rushing toward completion. In rapid succession the actors pass from scenes of crime, hatred, bloodshed, war, earthquakes, tornadoes, and famine to scenes of religious apostasy, moral laxity, and religious regimentation.

Regarding the latter, our generation has witnessed repeated attempts to stifle conscience and enforce religious conformity. To be sure, the prevailing ecumenical spirit and the Roman Pontiff's recent visit to New York City should hasten the last act.

What is the last act? What happens when it bursts upon the world? And what is our duty before it takes place?

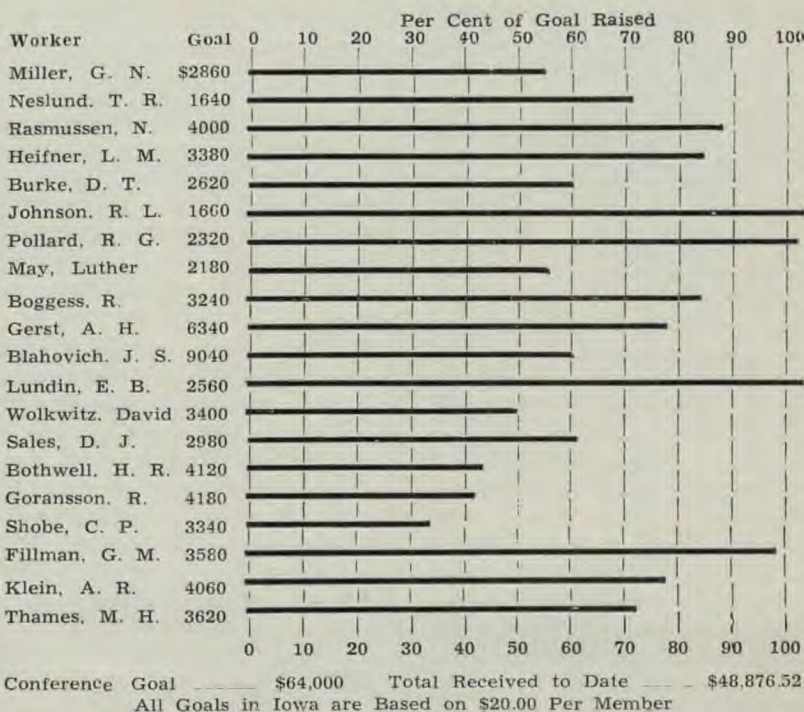
The answer to the foregoing question is found in the *Testimonies*, volume 7, page 141. We read:

"The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the last act in the drama. When this substitution becomes universal, God will reveal Himself. He will arise in His majesty to shake terribly the earth. He will come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity, and the earth shall disclose her blood and shall no more cover her slain.

"The great conflict that Satan created in the heavenly courts is soon, very soon, to be forever decided. Soon all the inhabitants of the earth will have taken sides, either for or against the government of heaven. Now, as never before, Satan is exercising his deceiving

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power to mislead and to destroy every unguarded soul. We are called upon to arouse the people to prepare for the great issues before them. We must give warning to those who are standing on the very brink of ruin. God's people are to put forth every power in combating Satan's falsehoods and pulling down his strongholds. To every human being in the wide world who will give heed, we are to make plain the principles at stake in the great controversy—principles upon which hangs the eternal destiny of the soul."

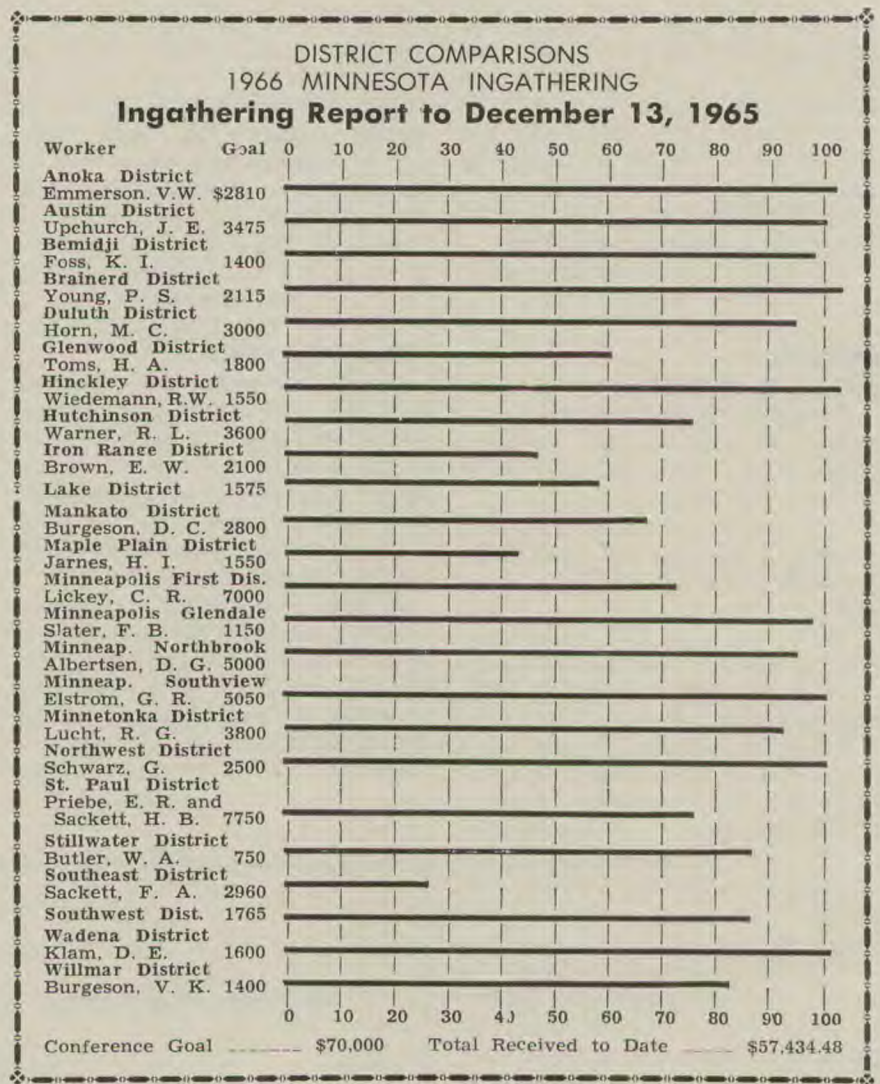
On Sabbath, January 22, each Seventh-day Adventist will be given an opportunity to assist in implementing the counsel given us of God. Besides personally subscribing to the LIBERTY magazine, each church member will be called upon to support liberally the offering received on that particular Sabbath. The offering insures the mailing of the LIBERTY magazine to influential persons in the cities, counties, and states of the nation. Let us bestir ourselves and send 700,000 LIBERTY subscriptions to the men in authority before the last act of the great controversy breaks upon the world. THEODORE CARCICH
Vice President, North America

New Missionary Seaplane

An airplane built to land on the water of the Amazon River's 40,000-mile system will enter mission service for the Seventh-day Adventist Church early next year, according to an action by the church's General Conference Committee.

The airplane, a Cessna 185 equipped with pontoons, will enable the church to step up medical and missions activity in the million square miles of Brazil's interior, where the headwaters of the Amazon River lace into heavy jungle terrain.

Primary function of the plane will be to back up the church's medical launches in the central Amazon area around Manaus, Brazil. By providing medical supplies and improving communications between the launches and missions headquarters, the plane will enable launches to extend their tours into hard-to-reach areas of Brazil, ac-



ording to James A. Aitken, president of the church's South American Division.

Pilot-mechanic for the airplane will be 27-year-old Daniel Walter, Mexican Hat, Utah, holder of a commercial pilot flight instructor rating.

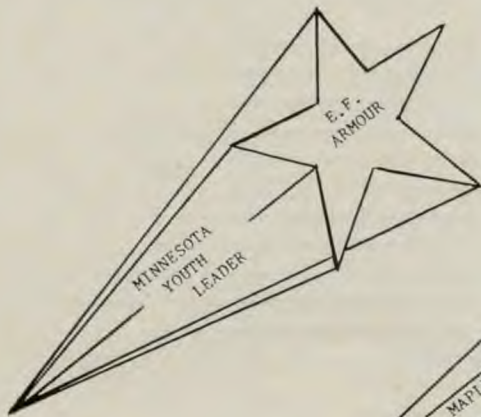
The float plane will be the second aircraft purchased by the church for use in the South American Division to supplement the activities of 16 medical launches on the Amazon and other rivers of Peru and Brazil. The first, a Helio Courier, entered service in the spring of 1964. In the past 18 months Pilot Clyde Peters of Lincoln, Nebraska, now stationed at Pucallpa, Peru, has transported 3,000 persons safely, and has saved over 60 lives, according to a report from Aitken.

With a float plane, Aitken says, a landing can be made almost anywhere in the interior of Brazil since water is so abundant. Twenty-five airstrips are open in Peru and southwest Brazil to facilitate landing of regular wheel planes.

The plane was purchased from Robert Seamount, of Oak Harbor, Washington, also a pilot, who began a five-year term as a Seventh-day Adventist missionary stationed at Pucallpa, Peru, this summer.

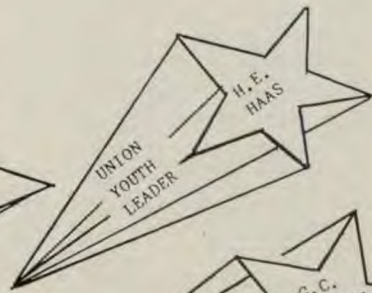
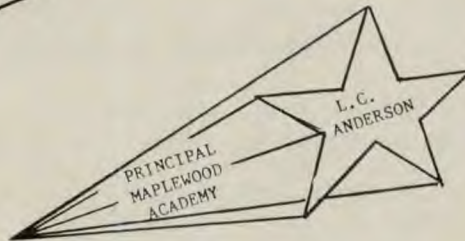
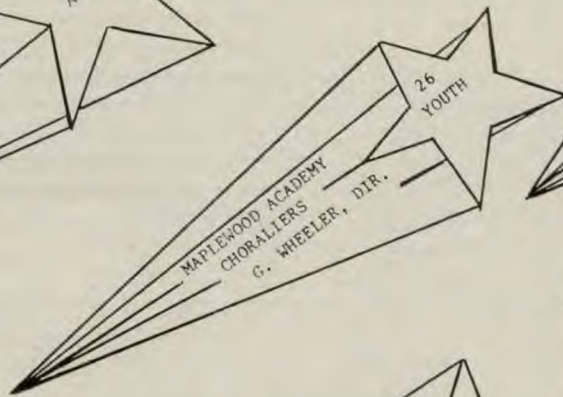
Young Walter, who received his college education at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, is the son of Gwen and Marion Walter, pioneers in establishing the Adventists' mission and hospital for Indians in Mexican Hat, Utah. Walter's wife, Dorothy, is a 1963 graduate of Columbia Union Col-

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DECEMBER 4
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9:45 A.M.

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DECEMBER 18
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DISTRICT
AT
MIDDLE RIVER
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM
10:00 A.M.
DISTRICT PASTOR
G. SCHWARZ

lege, Takoma Park, Maryland. Her R.N. degree is from Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital near Chicago, Illinois.

The Walters' home in Brazil will be Manaus, a city with a population of 150,000 on the Amazon River.

Readers of the OUTLOOK, and especially those in the Black Hills area, will be happy to know that missionary Walters is the son of the new leader of the Indian work in South Dakota. Elder Walters, the father, will be located temporarily in Hot Springs.



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News Notes

* C. E. Felton and Lyle Anderson started a series of meetings at Gaylord Sunday night, December 5. Young people from the academy are assisting in the meetings and providing the music program.

* A youth rally for the Mankato district was held at Mankato December 4. There was an excellent attendance as E. F. Armour presented a challenge to the young people of the district to enter fully into a total church program of evan-

gelism. G. C. Williamson was the speaker for the morning service. The Choraliers from Maplewood, under the direction of L. C. Anderson, provided an hour of music in the afternoon.

* F. B. Slater baptized four new members into the Glenwood church Sabbath, December 5. The Glenwood church has surpassed its Ingathering objective, and is continuing active soul-winning missionary work.

* D. C. Burgeson and LaRue Carlson of Fairmont were visitors at the conference office this week to discuss plans for strengthening the work at Fairmont.

* Many churches are planning to complete their Ingathering objectives this week. We anticipate every district being "over the top" by De-

ember 25. A hearty thank you to every pastor and member for your faithful work.

Southwest Federation Meets

The fall meeting of the Southwest Federation of Health and Welfare Societies was held at the Morgan Seventh-day Adventist Church.

We were privileged to have Miss Maybelle Vandermark of the General Conference as speaker. She reviewed a number of ways in which we can be of Christian service to those in our own communities and stressed particularly the value of visitation. She also pointed out the importance of being prepared for emergencies, even if it means having on hand a small amount of things. Blankets and other bedding are of primary importance and should be registered with the Welfare Department and other public agencies so those in authority will know they are available.

N. J. Matthees, Civil Defense coordinator for southwestern Minnesota, spoke to us during the afternoon meeting. He explained to us the Medical Self-help Course that is available to us free of charge so we may learn what to do in case of an emergency. As Mr. Matthees pointed out — "Knowledge replaces fear".

Mrs. Elmer Larsen paid tribute to three of our good Dorcas members who had passed away since our last meeting by reading a poem, "She Did Her Best".

I am sure all present returned home with fresh inspiration and a desire to do more for the Master.

MRS. DUANE MINNICK
Press Secretary

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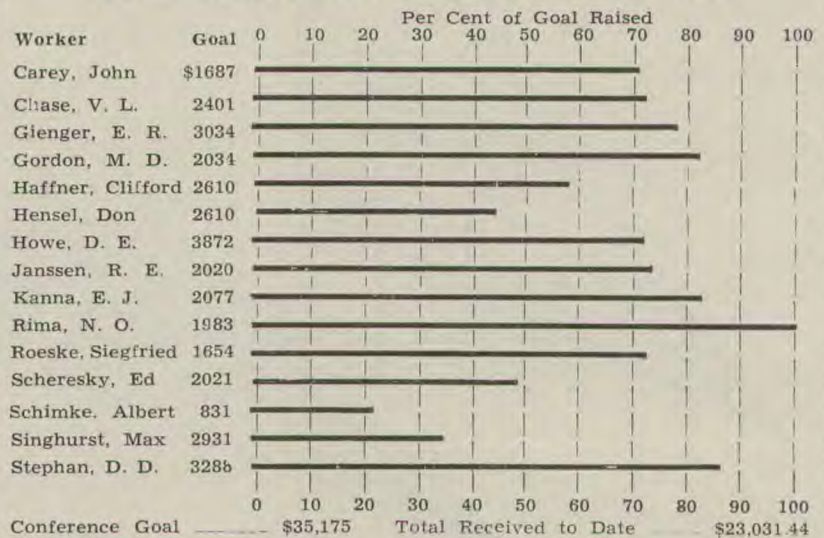
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* Sabbath afternoon, December 4, R. L. Kretz conducted a Sabbath School Clinic for the Dickinson Dis-

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trict. The churches represented were Dickinson, Hebron, and Beulah.

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* Ben Trout and S. A. Reile attended the evangelistic meetings being held by E. R. Gienger at Linton and report the attendance of the meetings is holding up well and that a baptism is being planned on December 18.

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* The laymen of the Wahpeton church have been conducting a series of medical missionary meetings in Lidgerwood. These will be followed up by the 5-Day Plan to stop smoking and a series of evangelistic meetings.

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* M. D. Gordon has reported that he has made contact with the Church of God minister and has been invited to give a series of Bible studies in the Church of God church in Cogswell every Wednesday evening starting in early January. Pray that the Spirit of God will impress the hearts of the people.

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* M. D. Gordon reports that 56 families are receiving Bible studies as a result of "Operation Bible Speaks" in the Wahpeton church. One non-Adventist lady who was

receiving these studies was so impressed with them that she ordered 18 sets to be used in her ladies' club, where all the ladies will be able to study the Bible together.

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* A very successful itinerary was just finished by J. L. Dittberner in North Dakota. He showed his pictures and gave lectures on the Trans-Africa Division, where he visited this summer. Our people received much inspiration and the challenge of our mission work was realized by all. Ben Trout accompanied him on this itinerary.

* E. J. Kanna was interviewed on KDIX-TV, Dickinson, on December 3, concerning some of his experiences in the mission field. The station management seems to be pleased with the interview and plans to

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have him back. Several people in the city have remarked favorably on the interview. The contact for this interview had its beginning in an Ingathering contact with the station manager.

Listen and Invite Your Friends!

I am sure that many of our people will be interested to know that we are continuing with the all-German radio broadcast on KSJB, 600 on the dial, originating from Jamestown. It now comes on at 1:30 p.m. on Sundays. The program is conducted by Sam Reile, who is our German evangelist.



S. A. Reile

It is our plan to continue this broadcast, if feasible, throughout the year 1966, and Brother Reile will not only be holding evangelistic meetings, but he also will be making personal visits with those who will be writing in to the station for more information from time to time. We naturally hope these interests will develop into Bible studies and finally souls for the kingdom of God.

SUNSET CALENDAR

December 17	
Des Moines, Iowa	4:44
St. Paul, Minnesota	4:31
Bismarck, North Dakota	4:55
Huron, South Dakota	4:56
Rapid City, South Dakota	4:14
December 24	
Des Moines, Iowa	4:48
St. Paul, Minnesota	4:35
Bismarck, North Dakota	4:58
Huron, South Dakota	5:00
Rapid City, South Dakota	4:17

Elder Reile is assisted by an all-German quartet, which is made up of members from our surrounding churches. Those participating in the quartet are Robert Liebelt, Herbert Knopp, Art Reile, and Lawrence Schroeder.

I trust that all of our German brethren will tune in on this program and will invite their friends also to listen. Brother Reile will be preaching the message; he will also be offering a German Bible correspondence course and other booklets for those who want further information.

I urge our people to remember this important program in their prayers, and all the support you can give will be greatly appreciated and will result in souls in the kingdom. **BEN TROUT, President**

Advertisements and business notices are not solicited but are published as an accommodation and service to our readers. The right is reserved to reject any or all advertisements when space is short, and such advertisements as are acceptable should first be sent to the local conference office for approval of the officers and passed on by them to the conference office in Minneapolis. For each insertion, the rate is five cents a word with a minimum of one dollar per insertion, cash to accompany the copy for the advertisement.

Nursing home equipment and supplies at special discount to Seventh-day Adventists! If you need one bed or the complete furnishings for a new nursing home, it will pay you to contact Mid-American Nursing Homes and Equipment Supply Company, 814 W. 14th Street, Marshfield, Wisconsin. x12-17-65

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Volkswagens - new 1966 model prices start at \$1320. CIF East or Gulf Coasts. We invite you to compare with our competitors. All European cars available. Orrean Gill, 735 West Fairbanks, Orlando, Florida. Phone 305-644-0367. x12-17-65

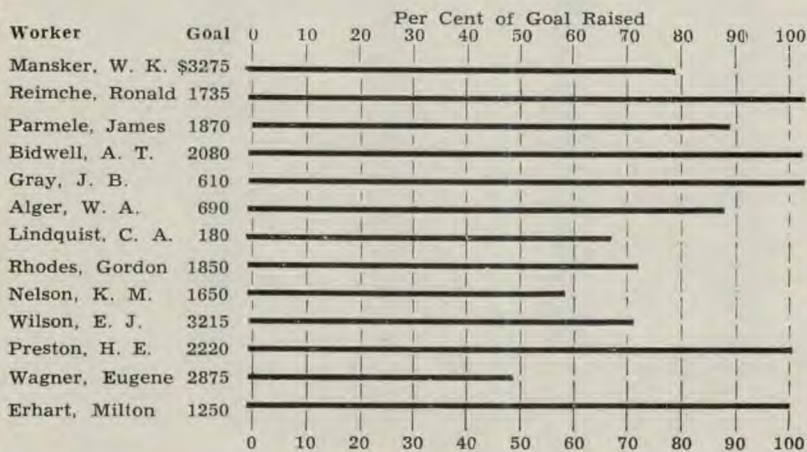
FREE - If you wish a copy of Dr. Chen's 32-page soybean recipe book, please send 10 cents in stamps or coin for postage to Dr. Philip S. Chen, Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561. x12-17-65

WANTED - Middle-aged lady to share two bedroom house and expenses with non-Adventist Christian, recent widow. Write Mrs. Robert Hammond, 1105 Forrest Drive S. E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. x12-17-65

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Conference Goal ----- \$23,500 Total Received to Date ----- \$19,188.00

V Radio's Finest Hour
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December 19—From Pardon to Glory

December 26—Four Angelic Messages Announce the World's Messiah

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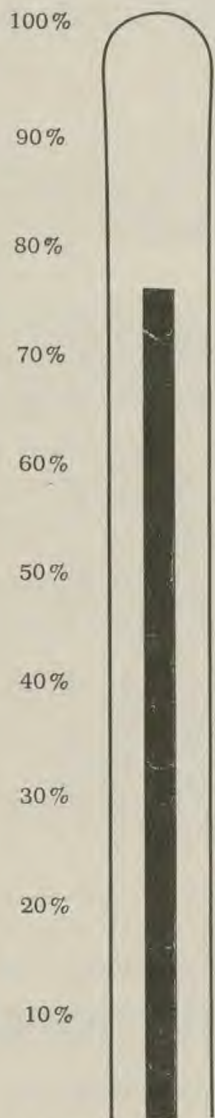
More and more, our churches are reporting over or on the verge of doing so. It is extremely gratifying to hear the words of optimism from our people around the Union and to know that soon our objective will be in hand.

With only two more weeks remaining until Christmas, it becomes necessary for those churches yet lagging to put in intensive effort. Let us strive toward 100 per cent participation with every member either getting or giving a goal. It is only fair that *everyone* has a part.

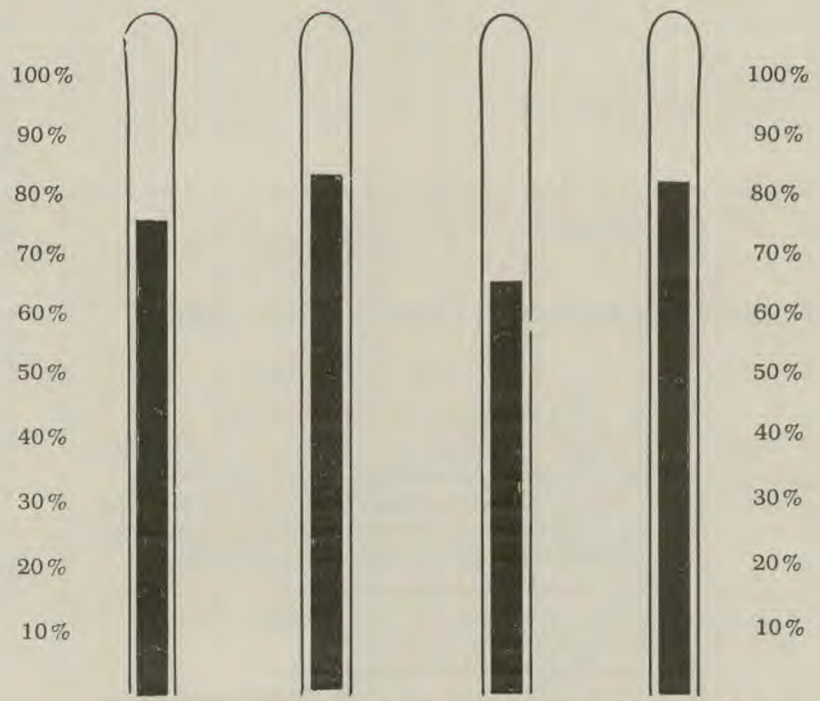
With 77 per cent of the goal in hand now we fully expect that Christmas Day should put us over the top.

OVER THE LINE BY CHRISTMAS TIME.

P. F. PEDERSEN



Goal \$192,675
 Total to Date \$148,530.44



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