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

April, 1966

Church Identification Month

WHEREAS, Many of our churches should be more adequately identified, a recent survey showing, for instance, that fewer than half of them in North America have highway identification, and **(In which half is your church? The Northern Union stands high in the number of churches so identified but not all have signs. We encourage the few who have not yet provided highway signs inviting the visitor to the church in their community to do so during April.)**

WHEREAS, Highway signs have proved to be a successful and economical method of identifying the church, and **(Multitudes travel the highways. They see all sorts of signs. Signs are competitive. This method of identification has proven a successful way to encourage the traveler to attend church.)**

WHEREAS, Increasing costs of materials and labor are causing a sharp rise of highway sign prices, and **(Since prices are rising, we have a short time to take advantage of a special discount on the old price. We have until the end of April. Brethren, do it now.)**

WHEREAS, Few churches are using hotel bulletin boards, Yellow page listings, and representative church yard and highway identification signs, **(Are you remiss here? Look around. What do you see? Check your telephone book. Visit a nearby motel. Go downtown to the hotel and what do you find? Is it difficult to find your church? What about the building itself? Do you know what it is or can it be mistaken for something else?)**

We recommend, 1. That April, 1966, be designated "Church Identification Month" for the North American Division.

2. That a kit be supplied to all North American Division pastors. **(This has been done).**

3. That orders for church highway signs placed with the General Conference Bureau of Public Relations during the month of April, 1966, be eligible for special bulk rate discount prices. Such orders from local churches will be forwarded through the local and union conference Public Relations Department to the General Conference Public Relations Bureau on or before April 30, 1966. **(You have plenty of time if you begin to plan now. Why not begin to plan now?)**

It is understood that this church identification program will not involve a special day or offering for implementation but that the church pastor through the regular channel of the local board will care for the ordering of signs and the listing of the church in the Yellow Pages and on hotel and motel bulletin boards.

Sabbath School Advance

The final Sabbath School offering figures for 1965 are now complete. We are proud to be able to report that 1965 broke all records for Sabbath School giving. The members of the churches in the Northern Union have made a magnificent achievement for this year by reaching the high total of 44.3 cents per capita. This is a gain of 3.7 cents per capita which is, indeed, very commendable.

We note that for the first time North Dakota has exceeded 50 cents per capita. All four conferences are over the 40 cents per capita. Note the following exact figures:

North Dakota	50.3 cents	Minnesota	40.2 cents
Iowa	47.1 cents	South Dakota	40.1 cents
Union Total	40.3 cents		

We know that the mission fields send their heart-felt thanks and we extend to you, our faithful members in the Northern Union, WELL DONE! May you continue your good work for 1966.

P. F. PEDERSEN

Listen Receives Praise

"Will you supply me with copies of LISTEN which I may give away to those who attend the Parent Teachers Association?" This request came from the District Attorney of Santa Clara County in California. He then stated, "It is amazing that Seventh-day Adventists are willing to circulate a journal of this quality which seeks the betterment of mankind, yet doesn't carry the tenets of your faith."

This distinguished attorney subscribes personally to LISTEN. To emphasize the value he places on LISTEN, in December, 1965, he wrote a letter of commendation which is quoted in part:

"It is my opinion that LISTEN is doing more to give youth the cold facts regarding alcohol, narcotics and tobacco than anything I have seen.

"With the facts and examples as provided by you, I feel strongly that a much smaller percent of youth will succumb to these vices which even the most addicted always admit — 'never helped anyone do anything of value.'

"On behalf of law enforcement, I congratulate you on your splendid program."

A few days before this letter was received, another letter was delivered to the office of LISTEN. It was written by an independent representative of a large insurance company. He wrote of his concern for the lives being lost in auto acci-

dents because of people driving under the influence of alcohol (reliably quoted at 20,000 a year); crimes committed by people crazed by alcohol and narcotics; poverty; broken homes, and thousands of up-standing men and women each year who become addicted to alcohol and end up in despair. These tragedies must be haunting the minds of right thinking Americans.

This man determined to do something about these conditions, thus he wrote:

"LISTEN is without doubt the most splendid publication in America. It should be in every home and especially every home where there are children and young people.



"This agency is embarking upon a Crusade to get LISTEN into every home in Bowling Green. I am working with reliable non-drinking people on a program which I am organizing to secure three-year subscriptions to LISTEN to go into every home in Bowling Green. (Approximately 40,000 population.) This is a big undertaking, but I can do it. I will show you."

These letters indicate how many non-Adventists value LISTEN and how concerned they are. What should Adventists do in an hour like this? We are depositors of a beautiful way of life. What are we doing to share it with others? Are we fulfilling our responsibilities?

What are you doing?

On Sabbath, February 26, place the names you wish to receive LISTEN with your remittance or liberal offering to your church for sending LISTEN in the offering plate. What you do may save lives.

L. R. HIXSON, Associate Manager
Circulation Department
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The Unput-downable

We have just finished reading *Alice Princess* and found it a very captivating story—take our advice and don't start it unless you have ample time to finish it as it is so

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difficult to put it down—you are so curious to know what happens next. The author carries us right along with her in all of her unusual experiences as a child in a heathen land—a pitiful child who had lost her mother and had but little chance for advancement. Yet, as the story unfolds, one is amazed at how God did care for this little one and brought her more joy, education, and prosperity than she ever dreamed of having.

One intriguing part of the story, to our minds, is the native point of view that is brought out so aptly when Alice visits the United States. This author has a real flair for writing and a good command of the language. The story is not only well written but it is an attention grabber, also.

We like the practical Christian viewpoint that runs like a golden thread through the whole book—the love of real Christians and their help to a needy human being—often doing without things they really needed to do so. Her devotion to the Edwards, her benefactors, is vividly portrayed as well as her acceptance of their general oversight of her life.

To say we thoroughly enjoyed this most interesting autobiography is putting it mildly—it was a real pleasure to read it!

ELDER AND MRS. GEORGE MATHEWS
Associate Secretary
Department of Education
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105 Baptisms

Pastor A. Z. Roda of the Philippine Islands has just completed a highly successful evangelistic effort at which time five additional Adventist ministers helped to baptize 105 converts. Many of the baptized candidates had read the *Signs of the Times* faithfully. Pastor Roda further stated that "Yesterday (Nov. 22, 1965) we disappointed a good lady who asked for a copy of the *Signs* only to learn that we had no copies left. The woman went away disappointed and we were distressed. We could use many more *Signs* now."

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IOWA Conference Session

The 84th regular session of the Iowa Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Nevada Seventh-day Adventist church, Oak Park Academy campus, Nevada, Iowa, on March 27, 1966, for the purpose of electing officers and departmental secretaries for the ensuing biennial term, for the election of Trustees of the Iowa Seventh-day Adventist Association, for the election of Trustees of the Oak Park Academy and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the session.

Delegates to this session shall consist of delegates at large and regular delegates as follows: Delegates at large shall be all representatives of the General and Union Conference Committees who may be present at any session of the Conference, the Conference Executive Committee, the Principal of Oak Park Academy, the ordained and licensed ministers, Bible Instructors, and the credentialed missionaries of the Iowa Conference.

The regular delegates shall be chosen to represent the churches, as follows: One delegate for each organized church and one additional delegate for each fifteen (15) members or fractional majority thereof. The regular delegates shall be chosen by the individual churches and duly accredited thereby.

The first meeting will be called to order at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, March 27, 1966, at which time all delegates should be seated.

K. D. JOHNSON, President
J. O. MCLEOD, Secretary

Constituency Meeting

I want to invite our people to be present for the Constituency meeting which is to be held at the Oak Park Academy gymnasium Sunday, March 27. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. Doubtless it will close about 3:30 p.m.

The purpose of this little news item is to let our people know that the meeting is open not only to elected delegates, but to everyone. Thrilling soul-winning reports will be presented. Great colorful charts and other devices will be used to show in a graphic way how Seventh-day

Adventists in Iowa have supported the gospel work in Iowa and in all the world. There'll be heart-warming, special music.

Of course, the delegates to the session will take care of the various items of business. What could be more interesting and important than the business of the church.

Everyone is invited. Bring food for the noon meal. Tables where the food can be served will be set up in a section of the gymnasium. See you on March 27 at Oak Park Academy.

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

Marshalltown Sabbath School Investment

Marshalltown's Sabbath School, with a membership of 60, have with determination and faith, established a new record in its area for Investment giving.

At the beginning of the year, 1965, Investment Secretary, Harriet Hall, passed out cards upon which were the typewritten names of each member and words "My Investment project is". It was requested that the cards be filled in with not only the promised project, but a suggested financial goal. The total suggested goal was \$650.00. Men, women, and children filled in these 3 x 5 file cards.

Miss Hall also created a strikingly attractive box, about 10 x 10 x 3, covered with rose-colored velvet cloth, upon which, in gold, black letters appeared the words, "It's Only." This device was to present the contributor a meaningful depository in which to present his gifts to God. These donations were the result of personal self sacrifice in instances where the Sabbath school member had become truly interested in the purchase of some item which, after considerable conjecture, he had decided was a needless expenditure. Because "It's Only" a certain amount, the Sabbath School member would sometimes feel it was all right to spend the money rather than give it to the Lord. This box, sitting on a table with the guest register at the church entrance, and in plain sight, proved to be an effective means of



FOOD BASKETS

The above photo which was published in the Fort Madison "Evening Democrat" pictures (from left to right) Mrs. Floyd Murphy, Mrs. William Jones, and Miss Alice Lewis preparing food baskets to be given away during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. Twelve food baskets and 145 items of clothing and bedding were given to families or individuals in need. Twenty-five pieces of literature were given and four Bible study enrollments were contacted through these channels.

renewing personal Christian experience and swelling the Lord's treasury.

Two farm families, who farm jointly, dedicated eight rows of corn which were to be grown upon poor soil when compared to the rest of the field. This particular section had a little gully running through, and the soil itself was not conducive to a good yield. The end result was a harvest at least as bountiful as the best soil produced, and land which would have been idle netted \$150.00 worth of "Iowa gold" corn.

A carpenter donated "Sunday" work. It was expected that a few days would be a good investment. The Lord provided this man with many Sundays' labor, work that in one instance could only be done on Sundays because of the type of business carried on in the building remodeled. This carpenter also sold plastic toys — helicopters, and his sales soared with the onset of the Christmas season.

One elderly lady, nearly ninety years of age, collected dollar bills

which did not have the words, "In God we Trust", printed on the reverse side. These are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain, but she received nearly \$50.00.

When the estimate of \$650.00 was announced to Marshalltown Sabbath School members, it was at first thought by some to be a difficult aspiration indeed. By December 25, when \$1,614.45 had been turned over to the treasurer, it was a humble yet joyful group which had long since learned that to receive is but to grasp God's promise, "ask and it shall be given Thee, Seek and ye shall find."

MRS. LUTHER LEE

Of Interest in Iowa

1966 Laymen's Training Classes

Classes have been conducted in Cedar Rapids and Waterloo. Others are scheduled with F. J. Kinsey as instructor at Nevada, Osceola, Lake City, Sioux City, Muscatine and Atlantic.

Waterloo

Careful and ambitious plans for Dorcas welfare meetings have been made in Waterloo. Meetings will be conducted the last Thursday of each month. Watch for a good report at the Spring Federation Meeting.

Des Moines

Working in sub-zero weather, hearty determined laymen of the church have now closed in the new church school. This memorial to Christian education will function next school year. The building of this school has been a "Red Sea" challenge but church members have gone forward in faith and God has blessed.

Cedar Rapids

Two Dorcas groups are active in Cedar Rapids this year. One meets Tuesday afternoons, one Tuesday night. Many people are being helped and those active in service are pleased at the evidence of God's blessings. Projects are being planned for junior and teenage girls.

Greenfield-Guthrie Center

Public evangelism is the keynote activity under the direction of Don Houghton, conference evangelist. An excellent response from non-Adventists cheers the hearts of the members from Adventist churches that are giving the meetings their hearty support. Seventy-one non-Adventists were present in Greenfield February 5, and 52 were present at Guthrie Center February 6.

Spencer

A Branch Sabbath School started January 22 with excellent results.

Offering Gain

Sabbath School giving in 1965 showed a gain of \$11,661.08 over 1964.

Voice of Prophecy Offering

Every Iowa member will be happy to know that the Voice of Prophecy offering totaled at the end of December, \$4,318.46. This is the highest amount ever received, and the highest total in the Northern Union.

Signs

A letter from the Pacific Press calls attention to *Signs* subscriptions for 1965. Iowa leads the *Signs* territory with a per capita of 2.12 subscriptions per member. This is an increase of 2,400 subscriptions over 1964. It will take about this same increase in 1966 to reach objective

no. 3 of 10,000 subscriptions this year.

Mass Assignment

The missionary council in Cedar Rapids in a meeting Sabbath afternoon, February 5, voted to assign every church member a list of names from the telephone directory to call for three Sundays. A total visitation assignment is planned for March 5.



Oak Park Manor Opens

The constituency will be pleased to know that the Oak Park Manor Nursing Home and retirement home is now ready to serve the needs of the senior citizens of the Northern Union.

This institution is located adjacent to the campus of Oak Park Academy. It is being operated in such a way that Seventh-day Adventist senior citizens should be especially interested. The diet is in harmony with Seventh-day Adventist principles; the true Sabbath is honored; the guests have an opportunity to attend Sabbath school and church at the Nevada church; and students from Oak Park Academy provide special programs for the enjoyment of the guests.

The accompanying pictures were taken January 13, the day of the official opening. Herbert Shearman, mayor of Nevada, is shown cutting the ribbon.

The lady with the cane was the first guest to register. The pictures were made available through the courtesy of the Nevada *Evening Journal*.



This lady was the first to register

For further information concerning Oak Park Manor, write or call William Sager, Oak Park Manor, Nevada, Iowa.

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



I Made a Mistake

Recently a sheet from my office listing 15 objectives was sent to missionary leaders with the request that it be posted in a conspicuous place in each church. These objectives were suggested as the foundation for a great increase in laymen's activities in Iowa during 1966. It was encouraging to hear a layman in Cedar Rapids remark that these objectives were realistic and attainable, but now I feel that I made a mistake in one suggestion.

Objective No. 15 states, "Every member give away at least two *By Faith I Live*, missionary book of the year." At the time the objectives were prepared I had not seen or read the book. Now I am engrossed in

reading it and I realize my mistake. I should have suggested—even urged—that every Seventh-day Adventist read it as soon as possible. It is strengthening my faith as I read. It will strengthen your faith. As your faith is made stronger you will feel a new desire and determination to share that stronger faith.

Many members will give away not only two books, but many more. Please forgive me for my lack of insight and lack of vision. As you read this objective on your church bulletin board, change it in your mind to apply personally to you. Make it read, "Every member to read completely and immediately the new book of the year, *By Faith I Live*. Then give it away!

F. J. KINSEY



Sabbath School Gain

Church members responded to the appeals that were made by Sabbath School superintendents and Iowa shows a gain in Sabbath School giving for 1965 over 1964 of \$11,661.08. This amounts to over \$3.00 gain per capita for the year. It is also a gain of 7 cents per week per member, making a total per capita weekly average for the year of 47 cents. This is just 3 cents below the General Conference objective.

In 1965 emphasis was given by the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference that individual members increase their Sabbath School giving by 50 per cent. (Those giving \$1.00 were urged to give \$1.50 etc.)

Certainly God will honor this liberality by opening the windows of heaven with financial blessings. Greater blessings from God and increased liberality of God's people are anticipated in 1966.

F. J. KINSEY



An Offering Instead of a Collection

Robert Speer said on one occasion, "We cannot serve God and mammon, but we can serve God with mammon." The average American spends less than a dollar a week on religious causes. A vast number of people give nothing at all to God's work; obviously most of the mammon is not serving God.



Herbert Shearman, Mayor of Nevada, cutting the ribbon



Pictured above are Mrs. Ethel Shultz and Mrs. Pauline Kepford, both members of the Ute, Iowa, church. For a number of years they have faithfully gone out in the Ingathering work, not only gathering in funds for the world-wide mission program, but at the same time distributing books, pamphlets and correspondence enrollment cards.

This year their efforts brought in \$804.42. This is approximately what they have been able to accomplish with the Lord's help for the past several years.

This amount was not attained through any large donations. It came about by persistent, faithful effort. It represents 15 towns covered and no less than 75 hours of hard work, making nearly 400 contacts.

Certainly much seed has been sown by these two ladies, and only eternity will reveal the full fruitage of their faithfulness.

Norman Rasmussen, Pastor
Sioux City, District

How thankful I am that Adventist people are different! Many of them had to make great sacrifices prior to joining the church and they know what it means to sacrifice. They know the blessings of generous giving. No church has given so much.

But how does the present measure with other days? Seventh-day Adventists used to give 33 per cent of their income. Now that their income is far more they give only 15 per cent. I believe the reason for this is

evident. The importance of finishing the work has lost some of the urgency it once had. We live in a lull preceding the great religious storm and it is producing a hypnotic effect. The spell must be broken. We must realize that very soon money will have no purchasing power.

The common test of stewardship is one-tenth; the real test of faithfulness is how a Christian uses the nine-tenths. How many precious talents, (dollars) are thrown into the sea because we fail to recognize God's total ownership.

When money is spent to gratify the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eye, or the pride of life, these desires are increased simply through the indulgence of them. Our interests become bound up in our purchases. And yet we would try to counteract the expenditures for the world by calling upon our people to give "sacrificially" to numerous appeals throughout the year. We make it appear painful through our terminology. Yet for us to really experience the satisfaction of giving, we may need to part with a good slice of personal holdings. Remember, Matthew did not know full satisfaction until he took this big step.

Paul spoke clearly about stewardship. He mentions the example of the Christians at Macedonia (II Corinthians 8:9). They gave out of their meager funds, of their own free will, regarding it as a privilege and not just a duty to give. Theirs was an offering not a collection. The difference was that they had first given of themselves. When we look upon giving as a wonderful privilege, we will see the money going out with power to provide food for the hungry, clothes for the naked, aid to the widow and fatherless, health to the sick and eyes to the blind. Thus it cannot fly too swiftly on wings of mercy.

"A thousand doors of usefulness are open before us. We lament the scanty resources at present available, while various and urgent demands are pressing us for means and men. Were we thoroughly in earnest, even now we could multiply the resources a hundredfold. Selfishness and self-indulgence bar the way." *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, Page 38.

The work that centuries might have done

Must crowd in the hour of setting sun;
And through all lands the saving name
We must, in fervent haste, proclaim.

Clara Thwaites

Why not open these doors and see God's law of return at work, "... he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." II Corinthians 9:6.

D. J. SALES, Pastor
Waukon District

Boone Does It Again

"Do you suppose we can do it again?", "I don't see how!", "Oh, sure we can." These were some of the thoughts expressed by the Boone members when plans were first laid for this year's Ingathering. Not wanting to fall short of last year's achievements, the members "rolled up their sleeves" and went to work, in spite of supporting an evangelistic campaign four nights a week. To date a total of \$1,070.17 has been received, and this called for a "get-together" consisting of a cornbread and bean supper. Last year Elder Kinsey cooked spaghetti for the group—this year they enjoyed cornbread and beans. It will be interesting to note what next year brings!

CECIL HOVLAND

Boone Press Secretary



Pictured above is F. J. Kinsey, congratulating Richard Ruggles, home missionary leader, on the outstanding achievement in nearly doubling this year's Ingathering goal.

Forest City Investment

Someone else's broken arm helped one member to achieve a larger Investment. Mrs. Thelma Johnson, who is employed at a nursing home, occasionally was asked to carry breakfast trays, for which she received extra money. She pledged the money received to Investment.

A man living there also wanted to carry trays so the extra work was divided and Mrs. Johnson did not get to work as often as she wished. But one day the man fell while working in the barn and broke his arm. Mrs. Johnson was not happy that the man broke his arm but she was happy that she got to carry all the trays for the rest of 1965.

The Investment device was a large globe covered with black contact paper to indicate darkness. As the money came in paper was peeled off to show the light. Names and pledges of those participating were also displayed on a large chart. Total Investment was \$213.44.

MRS. ROY CLEVELAND

SIGNS Interests at Waterloo

At one Lutheran home recently visited in Waterloo it was found that the Adventist mother of the husband was sending the *Signs* from California. The husband had at one time been an Adventist and spent two years at Madison College before World War II. Apparently he lost his spiritual way as a G.I. After the war he married a Lutheran girl.

His wife spoke highly of the *Signs*. As the conversation progressed we learned that a daughter had three diplomas from the Voice of Prophecy. Her Lutheran pastor had refused for three years to confirm her in the Lutheran Church because her Bible beliefs conflicted with certain catechism statements, and she refused to change her conviction that the Bible took precedence over the catechism.

It was revealed also that the *Signs* had stimulated a number of Bible studies between the Lutheran wife and the former Adventist husband that at times lasted all night!

In connection with the laymen's training classes recently conducted in Waterloo, each church member

was given an assignment to visit someone who is receiving the *Signs*. Other visits revealed a veritable goldmine of interest among the negro population of Waterloo. It seems certain that many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in.

Every missionary council should make definite plans to see that every *Signs* name is visited. Certainly such visits in other cities will produce similar results.

F. J. KINSEY

MV Week of Prayer

The Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer is scheduled for March 19-26.

It's impossible for me to over-emphasize the importance of this special week. A number of items of news which have come to me from the field in the last few weeks have caused me to believe that our young people need extra special help. The older folks need help too but the temptations and tests which our young people are facing place them in an especially difficult situation.

If you have children and young people in your church, do something special for them March 19 - 26. Plan special services. Give them a special part in the work of the church. Let them know you care. Whenever possible hold a special youth meeting every night March 19-26. Talk to your pastor about it. Write E. C. Haas about it. Pray about it. Nothing is of greater importance than the salvation of our children and young people.

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

Operation "Send Me"

In the Cedar Rapids Church on January 15 a new phase of laymen's activities was born.

The last meeting in a series of laymen's classes taught by F. J. Kinsey was closed with an opportunity for every church member to give a brief statement of commitment and sign a dedication scroll with the title, "Send Me."

The missionary council is to assign some type of responsibility to each person who made the commitment.

A similar service was conducted in Waterloo at the close of laymen's training classes there. The working of the Holy Spirit was in evidence as almost the entire congregation in each church responded to the call of Christ as Isaiah did when he said, "Here am I, send me." It was of special interest to see the youth respond.

Elder Kinsey is scheduled for laymen's training classes in the following churches. Each series of classes will be concluded with the "Send Me" commitment service.

Nevada	February 11-19
Osceola	March 4-12
Lake City	March 18-26
Sioux City	April 1-9
Muscatine	April 29 - May 7
Atlantic	May 14-21

Other classes will be conducted by district pastors who recently attended a laymen's training instructor's course in North Dakota.

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Minneapolis Southview Celebrates Eighth Year Of Ingathering Success

A combination potluck supper and social held on Saturday night, January 15, served as the happy occasion to celebrate the 1966 Ingathering Victory for the Minneapolis Southview Church. This year's campaign began the first week end of November. Working for a four-hour period each evening, and on Saturday and Sunday nights for the most part, the church went "over the top" on Saturday night, December 4. Team effort made possible the largest amount ever raised in the eight years since the church was organized. Approximately \$5,500 has been reported; the church goal was \$5,050. It is estimated that well over 14,000 homes were contacted.

It was thrilling to listen to experiences recounted and to see youth and adults come to the platform for ribbons and other awards. The Junior department of the Sabbath School



Minneapolis Southview's enthusiastic Juniors, who, with 11 others not pictured, raised \$1,500 of the overall church goal.



Eight of the ten young people who solicited \$100 or more in Minneapolis Southview's recent Ingathering campaign are from left to right: Tom Elstrom, Michael Samarza, Ronald Carlson, Coleen Kelley, Sherri Roethler, Steven Gligor, Linda Gusso and Mark Johnson. Not pictured are Judy Nutter and Diana Roethler. E. F. Armour, M.V. Secretary of the conference and Alton Clark, master of ceremonies of the evening, are also pictured with the group.

was truly the "pace setter" for the entire church, having solicited over \$1,500 of the goal. The Youth division raised almost \$1,000. We thank God for the energy, devotion, and enthusiasm of our children and youth. Four of our youth and six of our juniors qualified for awards for having raised \$100 or over. Mark Johnson, a junior boy, solicited \$160.

Southview has prided itself on having set a relatively high goal for the church, consequently the per capita achievement has been high each year.

Throughout the campaign the spiritual aspects of this work were emphasized. We feel that eternity alone will reveal what benefits have been provided for our world-wide work, the solicited, and the solicitor.

G. R. ELSTROM, Pastor



Stevens Avenue Ingathering Victory Banquet— \$7,000.00 Goal Reached

When a church family can meet in honor of a victory attained as in reaching an objective set for themselves in Ingathering, it is indeed a tremendous encouragement. And when that church family raises the highest dollar amount of any church in the conference with some of the difficulties which Stevens has, this makes their victory even sweeter.

As is most always true, good, energetic leadership brings results. It



Wholesome food added to the enjoyment of the evening



Those of the Stevens Avenue Church who raised \$100 or more: Mrs. John Ruffcorn, Miss Rose Flemmer, John Ruffcorn, C. R. Lickey, Mrs. Julian Overby, Mrs. C. R. Lickey, Mrs. Jack Zima



Mrs. Charles Lickey, Mrs. Jack Zima, and Mrs. John Ruffcorn receive award ribbons from their pastor. These three families together raised a total of over \$1,300.

has again at Stevens Avenue. Pastor and Mrs. Lickey, the missionary leader, Mrs. John Ruffcorn, and Mrs. Jack Zima are certainly evidence of the fact that leaders who lead will have followers. Consecrated leadership will bring out the best in every member in doing their work for the Lord. We do thank God for such unselfish leadership as this. Thank God, too, every church has some good leaders who keep the program going forward.

A relaxed evening with a good Adventist meal and a wholesome film made the event a blessing to everyone present. Special mention was made of those who raised higher amounts as the accompanying pictures indicate. Ribbon awards were given to all who raised their minute-man goals. The feeling of all present was, we have done only that which the Lord has asked us to do and we will now trust Him for promised results. All of us unite to pray for souls to be won through the thousands of contacts made for the Master.

H. H. Voss

Departmental Secretary

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News Notes

W. R. Lawson, business manager and treasurer of Faith For Today, visited the North Dakota Workers' Meeting on January 27. In the evening he showed a color Faith For

All German Hour

KSJB 600

Jamestown, North Dakota

1:30 p.m. Every Sunday

S. A. Reile, Speaker

Invite your friends to listen!

Today film to all the laymen and ministers who had come to Jamestown for the Lay Instructors' Training School.

Members of the Bottineau church are conducting a Stewardship Guidance Program to raise funds to finish the remodeling of their church and to provide their share of the conference-wide evangelism and academy improvement needs. Their objective is \$4,075 to be raised within three years.

A. J. Iseminger met with the Robinson church on Sabbath, January 22, for a day of stewardship spiritual guidance meetings.



The Best Plan

Americans purchase billions of dollars of products each year. Certain purchases are paid for in cash at the time of purchase. However, economists tell us that the vast majority of buyers are "installment buyers." That is, they are only able to purchase an item by pledging to make regular monthly (or weekly, annually, etc.) payments.

Seventh-day Adventists are familiar with the term *systematic benevolence*. In a certain sense systematic benevolence applies to the finance of spreading the gospel as installment buying does to business and personal finance. (Let me make it plain that God neither encourages debt, nor suggests that we can buy

our way to heaven).

Systematic benevolence, as the name implies, is *planned, continuous giving*. This includes a plan of regularly returning tithe, as we have income, and continuously giving offerings.

We are assured by God that if all church members were faithfully obeying the divine instruction there would be ample money to provide every need of the church. Furthermore, each member's personal financial condition would be in a healthy state. (Read *Testimonies*, Vol. 3, pp. 381-413)

Systematic benevolence "originated with God, whose wisdom is unerring. This plan He ordained to save confusion, to correct covetousness, avarice, selfishness, and idolatry. This system was to cause the burden to rest lightly, yet with due weight, upon all." *Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 545.

The very best manner in which to express our love to our Redeemer is to regularly make offerings so the knowledge of the truth can be brought to sin-cursed souls.

A. J. ISEMINGER,
Stewardship Department

A Temperance Message to Deliver?

During World War II the following advertisement appeared in a London daily paper: "Wanted: Boys 16 and over to run messages. Apply A. R. F. Wardon."

Derrick Belfall, fourteen, but large for his age, wanted to be doing something, so he offered his service. Because of his age he was turned down time after time. But he kept on making application until an official passed him and gave him his badge.

Scattered over the great city of London were many workers who

SUNSET CALENDAR

February 18

Des Moines, Iowa	5:51
St. Paul, Minnesota	5:44
Bismarck, North Dakota	6:12
Huron, South Dakota	6:07
Rapid City, South Dakota	5:25

February 25

Des Moines, Iowa	5:59
St. Paul, Minnesota	5:54
Bismarck, North Dakota	6:22
Huron, South Dakota	6:16
Rapid City, South Dakota	5:35

Stewardship Sabbath

February 19
in the
churches of
North Dakota

could not be reached except by messenger. Derrick used his bicycle to get about from place to place. After each message was delivered he reported to headquarters, "Derrick Belfall reporting, I've delivered the message."

Do we here in North Dakota have the burning desire in our hearts, as did the young man to be of service to his country, to deliver the health message as we are told in the book, *Temperance*, p. 238, by Mrs. E. G. White that it is a part of the third angel's message? We have a solemn responsibility resting upon us. "We are just as accountable for evils that we might have checked in others by reproof, by warning, by exercise of parental or pastoral authority, as if we were guilty of the acts ourselves." *Temperance*, p. 257.

In all there are 627 references to

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Charles Yurth, Iowa	773.65

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drinking and strong drink in the Bible and is connected with crime and sin in one form or another. This is why it is the Christian's business and responsibility to inform concerning the evils of alcohol, narcotics, and tobacco. This is wonderfully accomplished by use of our wonderful temperance journal, *Listen*.

Do we have a temperance message to deliver in North Dakota? Decidedly yes! There are 289 public high schools in North Dakota besides elementary and parochial schools. The youth is where the battle begins and it is here that we must work. The ones who work with youth should receive *Listen* magazine. The school personnel are: principal, school nurse, physical education teacher, science teacher, and at least two copies in the school library. Won't

you help to place these subscriptions there on Sabbath, February 26, by sponsoring a subscription to a school, besides a personal subscription to your family for your sons and daughters?

The cost for 12 issues including the "Listen News" incorporated into the magazine, an unbelievable low price of \$1.50 a subscription for the year which is only 12½ cents per copy. Help deliver the message in North Dakota and subscribe for yourself and sponsor a subscription to a school!

C. J. OWENS,
Temperance Secretary

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NORTHERN UNION HIGHLIGHTS!

"Your Greatest Responsibility"

February 19-26 has been designated by the General Conference as Christian Home Week. We recognize that the Christian home is the supporting factor in the church and, also, the nation. In this time of international distress and moral laxity we would do well to examine very carefully relations that exist within our homes. It is here where children receive their training.

If the church and nation are to exist, certainly the church members and citizens of tomorrow must be given proper training today. The following quotations from *The Adventist Home* by Mrs. White seem very helpful and fitting for this special emphasis on the Christian home:

"Some parents do not understand their children and are not really acquainted with them. There is often a great distance between parents and children. If the parents would enter more fully into the feelings of their children and draw out what is in their hearts, it would have a beneficial influence upon them.

"The father and the mother should work together in full sympathy with each other. They should make themselves companions to their children.

"Young children love companionship and can seldom enjoy themselves alone. They yearn for sympathy and tenderness. That which they enjoy they think will please mother also, and it is natural for them to go to her with their little joys and sorrows. The mother should not wound their sensitive hearts by treating with indifference matters that, though trifling to her, are of great importance to them. Her sympathy and approval are precious. An approving glance, a word of encouragement or commendation, will be like sunshine in their hearts, often making the whole day happy.

"Kindly instruct them and bind them to your hearts. It is a critical time for children. Influences will be thrown around them to wean them from you which you must counteract. Teach them to make you their con-

fidant. Let them whisper in your ear their trials and joys.

"'No time,' says the father; 'I have no time to give to the training of my children, no time for social and domestic enjoyments.' Then you should not have taken upon yourself the responsibility of a family. By withholding from them the time which is justly theirs, you rob them of the education which they should have at your hands. If you have children, you have a work to do, in union with the mother, in the formation of their characters.

"It is the cry of many mothers: 'I have no time to be with my children.' Then for Christ's sake spend less time on your dress. Neglect if you will to adorn your apparel. Neglect to receive and make calls. Neglect to cook an endless variety of dishes. But never, never neglect your children. What is the chaff to the wheat? Let nothing interpose between you and the best interests of your children.

"Burdened with many cares, mothers sometimes feel that they cannot take time patiently to instruct their little ones and give them love and sympathy. But they should remember that if the children do not find in their parents and in their home that which will satisfy their desire for sympathy and companionship, they will look to other sources, where both mind and character may be endangered.

"Let parents devote the evenings to their families. Lay off care and perplexity with the labors of the day.

"There is danger of both parents and teachers commanding and dictating too much, while they fail to come sufficiently into social relation with their children or scholars. They often hold themselves too much reserved and exercise their authority in a cold, unsympathizing manner which cannot win the hearts of their children and pupils. If they would gather the children close to them and show that they love them, and

would manifest an interest in all their efforts and even in their sports, sometimes even being a child among children, they would make the children very happy and would gain their love and win their confidence. And the children would sooner respect and love the authority of their parents and teachers.

"Satan and his host are making most powerful efforts to sway the minds of the children, and they must be treated with candor, Christian tenderness, and love. This will give you a strong influence over them, and they will feel that they can repose unlimited confidence in you. Throw around your children the charms of home and of your society. If you do this, they will not have so much desire for the society of young associates. . . . Because of the evils now in the world, and the restriction necessary to be placed upon the children, parents should have double care to bind them to their hearts and let them see that they wish to make them happy.

"Parents, let your children see that you love them and will do all in your power to make them happy. If you do so, your necessary restrictions will have far greater weight in their young minds. Rule your children with tenderness and compassion, remembering that 'their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven.' If you desire the angels to do for your children the work given them of God, co-operate with them by doing your part.

"Brought up under the wise and loving guidance of a true home, children will have no desire to wander away in search of pleasure and companionship. Evil will not attract them. The spirit that prevails in the home will mold their characters; they will form habits and principles that will be a strong defense against temptations when they shall leave the home shelter and take their place in the world." J. L. DITTBURNER