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

## Iowa Makes Progress

By J. L. DITTBERNER

In the opening remarks of his report at the Iowa Conference Biennial Session K. D. Johnson, conference president, read the following quotation which was addressed to the delegates assembled in the year 1913:

"Oh, let it be seen, my brethren, that Jesus is abiding in the heart, sustaining, strengthening, comforting. It is your privilege to be endowed, from day to day, with a rich measure of His Holy Spirit, and to have broadened views of the importance and scope of the message we are proclaiming to the world. The Lord is willing to reveal to you wondrous things out of His law. Wait before Him with humility of heart. Pray most earnestly for an understanding of the times in which we live, for a fuller conception of His purpose, and for increased efficiency in soul saving." *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 513.

The conference treasurer and departmental secretaries joined the president in giving a very interesting report of the progress of the work in Iowa during the last two years. By the use of black light illustration, charts, and graphs each delegate could readily see the results of all conference activities. The entire report showed evidence that the Iowa Conference does have "broadened views of the importance and scope of the message we are proclaiming to the world."

One of the highlights of the day was when four newly-organized churches were taken into the sisterhood of churches in the Iowa Conference. These new church organi-

zations are at Independence, Iowa City, Perry, and Bloomfield. According to present plans, a fifth new church will be organized in a couple of weeks. Iowa is to be commended for bringing light into these cities. May other fields follow this good example.

J. O. McLeod reported that the membership of the conference now stands at 3,537. He also remarked that if during the years all would remain faithful and we would not lose members by transferring to other places, Iowa now would have nearly ten thousand members.

Even though members move to other places, the work continues to move forward in Iowa. During the biennium one new church and one

new school plant were completed and dedicated. Three new building sites were acquired. Presently the Des Moines church is engaged in erecting a new school and church plant.

For the first time in any biennium the tithe reached the million-dollar mark. When \$1,003,725 is compared with \$889,980 for the previous biennium, evidence of the Lord's blessing and the people's faithfulness can readily be seen. There was a corresponding gain of \$43,005 in mission offerings.

Perhaps one of the most outstanding achievements in mission support and Christian witnessing has been in the Ingathering program. The amount raised in 1962 was \$56,576.38. Four years later, in the re-



Back Row (left to right) M. F. Kabool, W. E. Jones, E. C. Haas, F. J. Kinsey. Front row (left to right) J. O. McLeod, K. D. Johnson



### The Million Dollar Offering

Today's mail contained an interesting envelope. It was the same envelope in which a folder had been mailed to one of our sisters in South Dakota. This returned envelope contained a filled Million Dollar Offering folder. This sister had misunderstood the instructions or perhaps had not received them, and consequently filled her folder with coins and mailed it direct to the Northern Union Conference. What a joy it was to see the first coin folder filled by one of our members and sent direct to this office!

We do not wish these coin folders either turned in to this office or mailed to us, but rather we wish for you to keep them and turn them in to your church when the coin folders are received in the offering taken April 30.

If you are an isolated member of the church and are not privileged to attend church on the Sabbath, we are requesting that you fill your folders and send the Million Dollar coin folder direct to the treasurer of your local conference.

This first experience gives us a great deal of joy and helps us to realize the love that our people have for our Saviour in returning to Him this special offering. Surely this is just the first fruits of a large amount to follow.

L. H. NETTEBURG

cent campaign, the total Ingathering was \$78,655.92. This represents a per capita of \$22.16. This gain is worthy of commendation and doubly so when future sights are set on reaching the Silver Vanguard level.

Another unusually large increase was revealed in distributing the *Liberty* magazine. The offering for this purpose has increased from \$3,155.38 in 1960-61 to \$11,518.47 in 1964-65.

Still another leader for Iowa is in the *Signs of the Times* distribution. For every one hundred members in the conference there are two hundred twelve *Signs* subscriptions sent to neighbors and friends. This is the highest per capita circulation of any conference. F. J. Kinsey, Home Missionary leader, said, "In no place have our people shown more

loyalty than in *Signs* distribution."

The publishing work, Book and Bible House sales, attendance at Oak Park Academy, all show good gains.

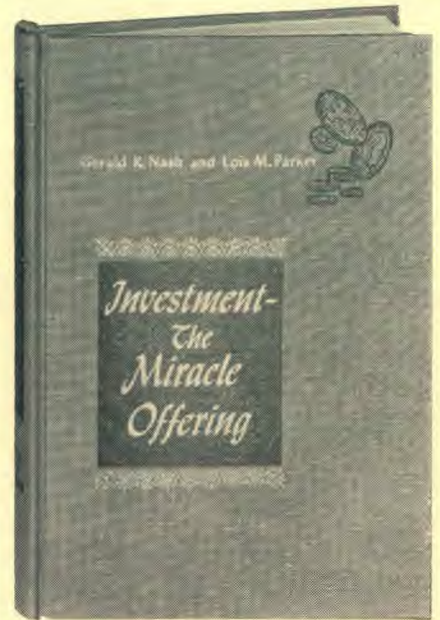
In Elder Johnson's closing remarks he said, "The future is challenging; we must pray daily for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Evangelism must be first in the heart of every member; we must make plans for many new church buildings and improvements at Oak Park Academy." These objectives, along with others voted by the delegates, under God's blessing, will be guide lines to finishing the work in Iowa.

The session was held at Oak Park Academy. There were 259 delegates present including W. E. Murray of the General Conference and the Northern Union staff.

### Investment — The Miracle Offering

Ever had a book dedicated to you? Gerald R. Nash and Lois M. Parker dedicated their new book to anyone who has ever participated in the Investment program. That probably includes you!

*Investment—The Miracle Offering* is indispensable for Sabbath School workers, because it contains a history of Investment, experiences from home and abroad, plans and ideas for successful projects, goal charts, and promotion ideas.



But stories are not facts or instruction; they are pure reading enjoyment. There is real, warm human interest in the story of the Wolfes who invested \$50 in a tailor and were blessed with an offering of \$1,200, the account of Brother Allen's collection of a bad debt, the description of how a dormant lily bloomed for Mrs. White, the report on Sister Lord's African violets, the narrative of Milton Knoeffler's experience with bees, the anecdote of Dawn's woolly lambkin, the tale of 300 sacks of potatoes Mr. Remboldt harvested, the vignette of Nicolosa's

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tortilla and enchilada project, the record of \$52 yielded by Brother Wood's onions, and the recounting of how God kept starlings out of a cherry tree and convinced an unbelieving husband. There are thrills aplenty in reading of God's marvels. The stories are from our land and from faraway and exotic places.

A short column cannot begin to cover the wonderful contents of *Investment — The Miracle Offering*, published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association. Your investment of \$3.25 in this new and challenging book will pay its own high return in inspiration. Available now from your Book and Bible House.

### Do We Stand Tall Enough?

As a church we face the greatest challenge in our colorful history. Do we stand tall enough? Will we meet it? What is the challenge? It is simply this:



W. L. Crofton

The ecumenical movement, and now the dialogue between Christian leaders in the world, are bringing about compromise on many of the fundamental principles that

once gave meaning and power to Protestant churches of America, principles such as the literal return of Jesus, His virgin birth, the great Bible truths of heaven and hell, and of course many others.

For the sake of unity they desire a more and more powerful voice in the affairs of modern man, and the

principles that really gave meaning to the Protestant churches in our country are gradually being withdrawn. In the wake of this new development in our Christian society, many people who are honest in heart, people who still choose to think for themselves, people who wish to exercise for themselves and their families religious freedom of thought, will not accept these changes. The Seventh-day Adventist Church will not compromise on these principles. In fact, we must by voice and by pen place greater emphasis upon these great truths. We must step forward. We must stand tall. We must meet this new developing challenge with the great truths of our church, for we believe with all our hearts that Jesus is coming again. We believe that we will see Him, do we not?

Ellen G. White in *Testimonies*, Volume 6, pages 315, 316, writes, "Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for

this time continually before the people."

I am glad to tell you, dear Christian friends, that *The Message Magazine* is dedicated to this purpose, and people who read *Message* will know the truth, and the truth will make them free.

Do we stand tall enough? Will we meet the challenge?

You can do your part by personally extending your missionary outreach to these people. By increasing your coverage of *Message Magazine*, you will keep these fundamental truths before all who will take the time to read its message. Broaden your coverage. Extend your prayer list. And let us not forget the promise that God gave to Mrs. White, when she wrote in Volume 6, page 316, that "the same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."

Stand tall!

WILLIAM L. CROFTON,  
Associate Manager  
Periodical Department  
Southern Publishing Association

### Final Ingathering Report

The treasurers' reports are in and we are pleased to present the following Ingathering report of actual cash in hand as remitted by the various conferences. Surely, the Lord has blessed the efforts of old and young alike as we have gone forward in another successful Ingathering campaign.

The appreciation of the Union officers and all are extended to those who have made this the success it is.

IOWA	\$78,655.92	\$22.16 per capita
MINNESOTA	75,091.79	15.95 per capita
NORTH DAKOTA	37,354.10	13.57 per capita
SOUTH DAKOTA	24,226.44	13.78 per capita
UNION	\$215,328.25	16.87 per capita

L. H. NETTEBURG

### Grand Ledge MCC Camp

Our General Conference National Service Organization will be conducting a nation-wide MCC program at Grand Ledge, Michigan, May 31 - June 12, 1966. In light of these uncertain times it seems almost imperative that all Seventh-day Adventist boys nearing draft age take advantage of this training. As an indication of its concern for this program the Northern Union Conference Committee voted to assist young men from our territory attending this camp to the extent of \$35 each. This is an amount equal to the camp fee. Let's have every eligible Northern Union boy at camp this summer. Write your Union conference MV secretary for further details.

### ATTENTION

Annual Union College  
Homecoming  
April 28-30

Banquet, Hanging of the  
Golden Cords, and all  
Sabbath activities will feature  
prominent Unionites

Honor Classes:

1914 and 1941





Leslie Scofield's mission launch program on the Sao Francisco River in Brazil has been featured on a Faith for Today telecast, which is still being shown in parts of North America. Hundreds of letters have been sent to telecast offices as folk of every faith have viewed the launch bringing the glad tidings of the gospel and physical healing to natives along the river banks. Invite a friend or neighbor to view Faith for Today this week!

### Mission Launch Telecast Well Received

Touring the San Francisco River with Leslie Scofield, Faith for Today's W. A. Fagal filmed some tremendous color footage depicting natives coming to the river banks for physical healing and the glad news of salvation. He pictured groups in small churches singing hymns and above all he caught the spirit of modern missions as he showed the launch proceeding from one place to another on the river, with the colorful jungle in the background.

When the film was first shown, late last summer, it made an immediate impact. A viewer in Florida was sufficiently impressed; he wrote to his pastor, asking that \$500 of his tithe money be sent to Faith for Today and from there over to Brother Scofield, so the mission launch work could continue. Another non-Adventist viewer wrote in asking that the \$1,000 he was sending in be used to further the mission launch work.

Such is the impact of modern television today! Have you invited a friend or neighbor to view the denomination's telecast? Be sure to do

so. The results can be eternal in their significance. Check time and local station and call—now.

### Loma Linda Offering, April 9

Thirteen outstanding young people of the Northern Union are enrolled this year in the various schools of



Duane O. Ytredal is one of 13 students at Loma Linda University from the Northern Union. A senior medical student, he is shown studying an X-ray film of one of his patients. Duane and his wife are planning to return to the Northern Union Conference after internship.

Loma Linda University, according to Carl Sundin, director of placement services.

These students and many others met recently with leadership of our local and union conferences when they visited Loma Linda University as a recruitment team. Together, students and church leaders reviewed the needs for professional personnel in many communities, as well as the challenge of service in the program of the churches.

The Northern Union Conference team hosted an evening buffet dinner and program for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the families of students and to make a visual presentation of many of the areas of professional and Christian service in our territory. Ninety students and members of their families were present.

Sabbath, April 9, is the designated day when the membership of our field is invited to dedicate a special offering to the support of Loma Linda University, to which all of us look for professional members of the gospel team.

### Year-Round Classes at Andrews

Dr. Richard Hammill announces that the University Board has voted a year-round academic calendar to begin in June, 1967. This new yearly calendar will consist of four quarters of equal length replacing the present system of two semesters and a summer term. The decision follows many months of careful study by special committees of faculty and administration.

The transition to the new program will be directed and coordinated by Dr. Charles B. Hirsch, vice president of academic affairs. The system will allow a student to accelerate his college schedule or to adapt a work load without being limited to three registrations a year. Teacher leaves will not be restricted to the summer months under the new quarter system.

Advantages are not limited to the undergraduate school, but the Sem-inarians, most of whom are conference sponsored, will find it easier to be away from their churches or mission stations for one or two quarters rather than one or two semes-



ters. All schools from the elementary to the graduate will come under the new plan.

Two semester hours credits will be equal to three quarter hour credits, and instead of needing 128 hours to graduate, a student will graduate with 192 quarter hours.

On a four-quarter system, each quarter is 11 weeks long. The fall quarter closes before Christmas and the winter quarter starts after New Year's. The spring quarter will begin March 19 and the summer quarter will begin approximately a week after graduation.

There will be approximately three to four weeks between the end of the summer quarter and the start of the new autumn quarter.

Andrews University is not alone in taking advantage of the quarter-year program. It has been adopted by several of the leading universities and colleges on the West Coast and elsewhere.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

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## South Dakota Camp Meeting Housing Changes

This year there are some major changes in housing at the fair grounds. Some of the old buildings we have used for years for housing are not available to us this year, but we have something much better to offer for the first time. The 4H Building is available to us this year. This building has 24 sleeping rooms in it plus large open dormitory space which we can divide into smaller rooms with canvass. The sleeping rooms can sleep from 20 to 28 people in them. The building has four large rest rooms with many sinks and showers. The entire sleeping capacity is 1500; however, we cannot use all the beds because of the arrangement.

We are hoping that many families who are related can share some of the sleeping rooms. Each room can easily house two families with several children. If you plan to share

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## South Dakota Spring Federation Meetings

### Southeastern

Sunday, April 17 - Mitchell SDA Church, 720 East First

### Western

Monday, April 18 - Rapid City SDA Church, 4703 S. Canyon Rd.

### North Central

Tuesday, April 19 - Leola SDA Church, S.E. part of town

\* Elder and Mrs. M. H. Jensen will be the featured guests for each of these meetings. Elder Jensen is in charge of the Eastern Warehouse and is well known throughout the United States for his knowledge of Health and Welfare activities. This is a meeting you can't afford to miss!

\* All meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and close at 1:30 p.m.

\* Pot-luck dinner at close of each federation.

## Camp Meeting Accommodations Reservation Order Blank

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

Date reservation is sent in .....

Kindly reserve the following for me:

A room in the 4H Building (Rooms contain double bunks and can sleep from 20 to 28 people in each) ☐ We are planning to share this room with .....

Space in the 4H Dormitory (There will be large spaces in the dormitory that will be divided off by curtains similar to what has been done previously in the other buildings.) ☐

Space in the Police Building ☐. (Indicate space number preference according to last year's chart) .....

Space wherever it is available ☐

Tent space ☐. Trailer space ☐. All trailers are to be parked in the spaces provided west of the Lutheran Dining hall. This request is made by the Fair Grounds management.)

Indicate which of the following and the number of each you wish in your room: (All beds will be single beds; please bring bedding accordingly.)

Number of cots needed .....; Number of tables .....; Number of chairs ..... Please reserve the above for me for the following dates: ..... (Give date of arrival and date of departure.)

Note: Due to the change of buildings and partitions over which we have no control, we cannot guarantee the exact space requested, but every effort will be made to please you. Preference will be given in the order that reservations are received. Reservations will be held only until 7:00 p.m. on the day the reservation is to begin unless we are otherwise notified.

Rates: Police Building space, \$9.00; 4H Dormitory space curtained off, \$9.00; 4H Building room, \$12.00. Trailer space, 50 cents a day; tent space, 25 cents a day; table, 25 cents; chair, 15 cents. (No deposits are necessary, but it is so much appreciated if you will let us know if for some reason you cannot take the space you have asked for and is being held for you.)

Please send reservation blanks to: M. L. HALE  
Box 520

Pierre, S. Dakota 57501



a room, please bring some clothes-line rope and a number of blankets to make the necessary partitions. The price for the room will be the same whether occupied by one family or by more. Thus it can be a real saving to you to share rooms.

In addition to the sleeping rooms we will have a number of spaces available in the dormitory area. Please note the difference carefully on the reservation blank between the sleeping rooms and the dormitory spaces. In addition to the 4H building we will again be using the Police building. All of the beds used this year will be single beds. The 4H building has double bunks. Please bring bedding accordingly. There is fine space provided throughout the 4H building for hanging clothes.

The 4H building is located across the highway where the youth have had their Sabbath meetings. We will appreciate it so much if you will make your reservations early since there are only 24 sleeping rooms. These will be rented on the basis of the first 24 reservations received. It will help us to know how to plan our housing, and we can be ready for you when you arrive. I should add that the fair grounds management is anxious that we do not do any cooking in these buildings. They will, however, allow camp stoves if extreme caution against fire and smudge damage is taken. Those occupying the rooms will be held accountable for any damage done.

F. W. BIEBER, *President*

## IOWA

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## The Devil's Tools VS God's Truth

On the news this morning (March 15, 1966) there was a story of a quarrel over a tree house by two groups of boys. While some were in the house in the tree one of the other side took a twenty-two rifle and fired at the house "just to scare the boys in the tree." It turned out to be more than a scare for a twelve-

IOWA FEDERATION MEETINGS		
Southeast	Sunday, April 10	Muscatine Church
Northeast	Monday, April 11	Waterloo Church
Central	Tuesday, April 12	Knoxville Church
Southwest	Wednesday, April 13	Harlan Church
Northwest	Thursday, April 14	Cherokee Church

All meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. Bring your lunch and plan to enjoy a thrilling day!

year-old lad who was hit in the head and died almost instantly.

Everyone would, no doubt, agree that such an incident is a terrible tragedy in more ways than one. There is the boy who lost his life and the grief-stricken parents. Then there is the boy who fired the fatal shot and the concern of his parents for him. He will always have that tragic mark upon his life record.

Daily similar incidents are brought to our attention in the news. Because of the wide-spread lack of concern for life and morals crime is very much on the increase. Just a few days ago I saw a sign that read, "The Army teaches how to kill." It seems that in one instance we teach the youth "how to kill" and then in another we try to tell them not to kill. On radio and TV life is portrayed as being very cheap. Violence is the order of the day . . . children playing cops and robbers and war games is just innocent fun."

In too many of our Adventist homes these crime-laden programs are not just tolerated but eagerly taken in. Indeed, in more than one sense we are living "Amid those fearful perils" (T.5, page 525) of the last days.

Are we as members of the remnant church allowing our communion with God and the teaching of our children the vital things of life to lag and to be replaced by these soul-destroying things that are tools of the devil? God forbid.

D. T. BURKE, *Pastor*  
Council Bluffs Church

## Union President to Ottumwa, Iowa, District

J. L. Dittberner will show pictures of his recent trip to Europe, the Middle East and Africa in the Ottumwa church April 15 and 16. He will

share with all attending these meetings his experiences in the 26 countries visited.

Pictures will be shown of our hospitals and leprosariums and many of our schools. Special points of interest such as Victoria Falls, Cairo, and Sinai; pictures of animals of Africa in the wild habitat, pictures of the people, their customs, and homes will be included.

The first meeting will be in the Fairfield church Friday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. Pictures will be shown by Elder Dittberner at this time. The schedule for Sabbath, April 16, is as follows:

(consolidation of services for Ottumwa District in the Ottumwa church next to the South Side Fire Station).  
9:30 a.m. Sabbath School  
11:00 a.m. Church Service — J. L. Dittberner is the speaker  
2:30 p.m. Narration and pictures by J. L. Dittberner  
6:30 p.m. Vespers and Final Meeting—Pictures and narration of African Safari by J. L. Dittberner  
All are welcome to come and attend these meetings.

A. R. KLEIN, *Pastor*  
Ottumwa District

## Active Iowa Laymen

Earl Kaiser, a member of the Atlantic Church, receives high praise from Don Houghton, conference evangelist, for his part in helping to make two evangelistic series a success.

Don Houghton and Richard Pollard are conducting efforts in two towns—Monday, Thursday, and Saturday nights in Greenfield, and Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday nights in Guthrie Center.

Earl Kaiser regularly attends both meetings and brings friends and





Iowa laymen

neighbors to both services. He gives assistance to Houghton's other volunteer workers by helping usher and hand out Bibles. In the photo, he is giving Bibles to guests at Guthrie Center.

### He Wants Us

Offerings are an expression of our willing obedience and intense love for our Saviour.

"Let willing obedience and pure love bind upon the altar every offering that is made to God; for with such sacrifices He is well pleased, while those that are offered grudgingly are an offense to Him." *Test. for the Church*, Vol. 15; p. 269.

When we recount all the blessings we receive from Him; when we remember that He gave life itself to purchase our redemption—giving offerings is but a small expression of the love that should well up within our hearts.

Like the Sabbath, the principle of stewardship throws man back upon God. He is established as the center of life and living. To be unfaithful to this principle is to leave God out of our lives, for we are not His at all unless we are all His. To be faithful is to enter into a partnership with God which will pay high dividends, both in this life and in the life to come.

God's standard of giving is high. He does not want our possessions. He wants us. He knows that there will be ample means in the Lord's treasury if the heart of every professing person were controlled by the Holy Spirit. The constant pleading of God is for heart service before hand

service. He desires the person more than the purse. We must present ourselves before we present our wealth. Our purse and wealth are an evidence that we love and serve Him. God has commanded us to be faithful as stewards, but observing the principle of stewardship in material goods will not substitute for conversion. We must recognize God as our Lord and Master. The tithe is important, but it is the heart that is wanted.

ROBERT W. BOGGESS  
Mason City District

### Becoming Aligned

At this time the average tax paying American is a little irate at the attitude of our allies and other nations of the world that constantly have their hands stretched out to us for aid. All too often they are more than anxious to take our money and at the same time they say to us, "Now do not expect us to support your policies, we do not want to become aligned." A slow burning feeling is felt somewhere in the recesses of the mind and one wishes he could retaliate by taking our money back. But then we think twice and realize that if we did take it back, some innocent family somewhere would starve to death, and we would be morally responsible.

If you examine the above situation I believe that you could not fail to see in it the attitude of the average Christian in his relationship with God. All too often we are more than anxious to accept God's gifts and blessings, and at the same time say, "Now God, do not expect too much from me, I don't want to become aligned." We accept God's gift of His Son but do not accept the responsibilities that go along with it. We take the name of Christian and yet fail to be Christ-like.

God's gift of His Son is free to us to accept. But when we do accept it and realize the full implications of what God has done for us, something happens to us. We fall in love. If we do not, we have failed to realize the tremendous sacrifice of Christ. It is when you fall in love that the price of this gift is presented to you. It is a high price, a price that you can never finish paying. For the price of accepting God's gift of his son is "all of you." You

in business—you in society—you in your family—this is what Christ asks in return for His death. Christ asks you to become aligned, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

This is the time of year that our minds are drawn close to the crucifixion and resurrection. My prayer is that you will accept that gift and become aligned.

ROGER BOTHWELL, Pastor  
Waterloo District

### Laymen's Training in Waterloo

"Those searching for truth will be brought into contact with those who have the truth." These words were heard over and over again in the Waterloo church as F. J. Kinsey spent a week leading a Layman's Training Class. Elder Kinsey inspired each of us with the responsibilities of spreading this wonderful truth. He told the laymen how they could be real soul winners.

One of the basic themes of the week was assignment and everyone who attended (some nights as many as 50) was given a name of someone in the community who was receiving the *Signs* and they visited them. Each night members came back with various experiences. Some people were disappointed; the people weren't interested in the message. Others were elated; they met persons who thoroughly enjoyed reading the *Signs* and wanted to have more contact with Seventh-day Adventists.

As a result of the series by Elder Kinsey, the Home Missionary Council meets once a month and is planning to give each member assignments on a regular basis. We are all convinced that if we expect to finish this great work, we are going to all have to work at it together. A whole new outlook on personal evangelism is being experienced here because of the meetings. Members who wished that they could work hesitated because they did not know how. Now they have received some valuable instruction and they are going to use it. Please pray for us that a new day in soul winning will be seen here in Waterloo.

H. R. BOTHWELL, Pastor  
Waterloo District



## MINNESOTA

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### Remember Our Servicemen

The old saying, "Out of sight is to be out of mind," is all too often a truth when it comes to our young men who are drafted into military service, and the age we are living in, with compulsory military service. Especially with the crisis in south-east Asia, many of our young men are being called into service, and they need every word of encouragement that we can give them.

The age at which a young man is called into military service is an age of crisis, when many decisions for life must be made. Their habits still are being formed. Choices of all kinds are facing them day by day. Not only that, but the age in which he is living is the age when the greatest temptations to forget his church and God are facing him. It is wonderful to have his church remember him when a young man is in service. Our congratulations to those of you who are writing to our service men, though they may not be of your family.

Attached is a picture of Dan Parry and Clifford Hoffman as they check over the letters that have been written to servicemen from the Northbrook Church of Minneapolis. At the present they have five young men in military service. Periodically another serviceman is written to. This is done by taking ten or fifteen minutes at an MV service when stationery is passed to everyone present.

This was started in December of



Dan Parry, MV Society Leader, and Cliff Hoffman, MV sponsor, checking the addresses of letters to servicemen.

1965 and this MV Society plans to continue this project. Why don't you join them and find out who is in the service from your church. Then have a "Letter Writing Bee," in which you would let these men know that you miss them and that you are praying for them.

EUGENE F. ARMOUR  
Conference MV Secretary

### Brainerd Adopts Every-Member Canvass Program

The Brainerd church is now well into the second quarter of the Every-Member Canvass Development Program.

Last October, Lewis Anderson, Conference Church Development Secretary, assisted the Brainerd congregation in conducting a successful Every-Member Canvass.

The church board, under the direction of Phillip Young, carefully considered the financial needs, and recommended in business session that the Conference-approved development program be initiated in the Brainerd Church. Acting upon this suggestion, the members invited Elder Anderson to conduct an Every-Member Canvass from October 2-30.

A goal of \$33,750 over a 150 week (three year) period was set on the basis of the budget presented to the church by the board.

The cooperation of the brethren during the active phase of the campaign was most heartening. God blessed as laymen visited in the homes of the membership, seeking commitments for the Lord's work in the Brainerd area.

The final result was that the 143-member congregation sacrificially committed itself to \$35,107. This was \$1,357 over the appointed goal. The goal includes funds necessary to operate the local church, support a new tuition-free church school, and meet Brainerd's share of the current Conference Development program. In addition, an allotted sum for future church improvement is to be set aside each year.

The Brainerd church not only met a financial goal, but more importantly, demonstrated its faith in God and a determination to meet the challenge of the Lord's work in Minnesota.

A spiritual refreshing has been most evident as member after member, giving in faith and claiming the Lord's promises, has been the recipient of God's special blessings. Surely there is no better way to finance God's church program than "to make a covenant through sacrifice."

MRS. ELMER H. SEALE, JR.  
Press Secretary  
Brainerd Church

### Elder Harris — Miss Meyer Excel in Sabbath School Workshops in Minnesota

Those who were in attendance at the Senior Sabbath School Teacher's Training Course, conducted in the Stevens Avenue church by W. J. Harris of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, will testify to the fact that the help they received was invaluable. We commend highly those in the area who availed themselves of the opportunity to be in the class, conducted by a General Conference representative who has had the benefit of years of experience and travel in observing our people and work around the world. We list the names of those who received their certificates for successfully completing the teachers' training course:

Name	Church
Donald G. Conklin	Maryland Avenue
Richard E. Fisher	Maryland Avenue
Dr. Frank E. Meelhuysen	Southview
Bernice Wenzel	Stevens Avenue
Thomas Cleveland	Glendale
Mrs. A. Brown	Glendale
Mrs. E. Anderson	Glendale
Leif Hatledahl	Southview
Walter Thompson	Anoka
Eugene Noren	Stevens Avenue
Earl Anderson	Stevens Avenue
K. M. Benjaminson	Rochester
Pastor V. W. Emmerson	Anoka

Never have we been so impressed with the inspiring counsel for Sabbath school work as by the material presented by Miss Meyer in the three workshops she conducted at Brainerd, Hutchinson, and Mankato. Even though the meetings were poorly attended, those who came went away greatly inspired and much better informed about the children's divisions of the Sabbath school. We feel that



**MAPLEWOOD ANNUAL  
ALL-SCHOOL  
TALENT PROGRAM**

**Date: April 23, 1966**

**Where: Hutchinson**

**Elementary School,  
Hutchinson, Minnesota.**

**Time: 8:30 p.m.**

**Admission: 50 cents Students  
\$1.00 Adults**

if Miss Meyer could come back again when the word of her abilities has gotten around, there would be a much better attendance. You who were present will be sure to pass along all the good things missed by so many, won't you!

We wish to announce now, for the benefit of all, that we will be changing our plan of ordering Sabbath School Helps from the California conferences. Starting next year, we will place only standing orders for one full year. If your Sabbath school wishes to use any of these helps for any division, your order must be in our office (Sabbath school department, not Book and Bible House) no later than October 25, 1966. Your money must accompany your order or we will not be able to accept it. An order blank price sheet will be sent out to all Sabbath school superintendents by October 1. These must be ordered promptly so we can send one order for the year in time to assure getting the material to you in time. Please discuss this with your Sabbath school council at an early date so nothing will delay your order from reaching us by October 25, 1966. Remember—only standing orders of one full year or more, and cash must accompany order in full payment of your order, including postage.

H. H. Voss

*Sabbath School Secretary*

**SUNSET CALENDAR**

**April 8**

Des Moines, Iowa	6:47
St. Paul, Minnesota	6:48
Bismarck, North Dakota	7:21
Huron, South Dakota	7:08
Rapid City, South Dakota	6:27

**April 15**

Des Moines, Iowa	6:55
St. Paul, Minnesota	6:57
Bismarck, North Dakota	7:31
Huron, South Dakota	7:16
Rapid City, South Dakota	6:36

**NORTH DAKOTA**

Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
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Ben Trout, President  
N. K. Harvey, Secretary  
Make wills and legacies to  
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**Lay Training School  
at Keene, North Dakota**

"In every church the members should be so trained that they will devote time to the winning of souls to Christ. How can it be said of the church, 'Ye are the light of the world' unless the members of the church are actually imparting light? Let those who have charge of the flock of Christ awake to their duty, and set many souls to work." *Christian Service*, pp. 60, 61.

The laymen of the Keene church are conscientiously trying to carry out this instruction from the pen of inspiration. On March 12, they completed the classwork and received diplomas in recognition of their participation in the Lay Training School held at the church for the past four weeks. Al Rikustad and Lawrence Peterson from Keene, and Florian Tininenko and Don Hensel from Williston conducted the classes each Sabbath and Sunday afternoon. The attendance was excellent throughout the 30 class sessions which included Methods of Lay Evangelism, Bible Doctrines, Denominational History, and The Art of Obtaining Decisions.

There is a real desire to begin actively to "impart light to others" on the part of the laymen as evidenced in the testimonials during the graduation service. Ben Trout, in his sermon, challenged each member to do his part in harmony with the "vision" of the work yet to be accomplished before Jesus can return, and also gave the charge, closing with the words of II Timothy 4:1,2, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

The Keene church has voted to order a supply of My Bible Speaks basic and advanced lessons as well as Bibles to begin giving Bible studies to those whom they will be visiting soon in connection with literature distribution. Three thousand five hundred pieces of the leaflet, "Your Life at Its Best," will be distributed and mailed in an endeavor to cover the territory, both rural and city, at least once for which the Keene church is responsible.

Most assuredly V. W. Schoen at the Lay Training School in Jamestown has put a "fire under the pew" which we hope will not go out till the work is finished and Jesus soon may come.

**DON HENSEL**

*Williston District Pastor*



Pastor Hensel presenting the certificates at the Keene Lay Training School graduation.





On March 2, 3, 4, and 5 most of North Dakota experienced one of the severest snowstorms in the history of the state. The storm had winds up to 70 miles per hour, thus piling the snow into giant drifts. The pictures show the drifts by the conference office and on one of the streets in Jamestown. The snow was piled 6-7 feet deep in front of the conference office. The back door of the office was blown clear of snow so business proceeded as usual.

The Lord watched over His people and no human lives were lost among the members of the church, although some did have losses of livestock and property.

### Books to Williston Library

Every resident of Williston, North Dakota, and surrounding area now has access to at least twenty-two different Seventh-day Adventist books, both doctrinal and devotional. As a result of the General Conference plan to place Seventh-day Adventist volumes in libraries all over the United States, a letter stating this offer was received by Mrs. Florence Kearns, head librarian at James Memorial Library. She, in turn, met with the library board, which voted to accept the offer of the twenty-two volumes.

On March 11 Ben Trout, president of the North Dakota Conference, and Don Hensel, pastor of the Williston

District, made the presentation of books to the library in behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Elder Trout was in Williston at the time conducting the Spring Week of Prayer. The Williston Herald photographer was informed of the presentation and readily agreed to take a photograph for the paper, thus alerting residents of the area of the availability of this truth-filled literature.

Some of the books included are *The Great Controversy*, *Daniel and the Revelation*, *S.D.A. Yearbook*, *Defense of the Faith*, *Questions on Doctrine*, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, *Desire of Ages*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Christ's Object Lessons*, *Midnight Cry*, *Drama of the Ages*, *Steps to Christ*, *Evolution, Creation and Science*, and the four volume set of the *Prophetic Faith of our Fathers*. Mrs. Kearns expressed appreciation for the Library of Congress catalogue cards which were sent with the books and also stated she liked the business-like way the General Conference had made this available.

Since many Seventh-day Adventists do not have all of these books available in their personal library, they, as well as others, will want to make use of this opportunity to borrow a number of the titles mentioned.

DON HENSEL

Williston District Pastor



Ben Trout and Don Hensel presenting the books to Mrs. Kearns, head librarian of the James Memorial Library in Williston.

### MV News Notes

#### MV DEPARTMENT REPORT

Eighty-five members of our North Dakota churches have responded thus far in indicating their desire to start or work with the MV Target 3000 project. Branch Sabbath Schools, with emphasis on the Children's Bible Story Hour in the ten districts I have visited so far this

### Dorcas Federation Meetings

#### Central Federation

Wednesday, April 20  
Conference Office,  
Jamestown  
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

#### Northern Lights Federation

Thursday, April 21  
New Welfare Center, Minot  
10 - 17th Avenue S.W.  
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

#### Western Slope Federation

Friday, April 22  
Montana-Dakota Utilities  
Building, Dickinson  
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

M. H. Jensen, Director  
of Eastern Warehouse in  
New York, guest speaker



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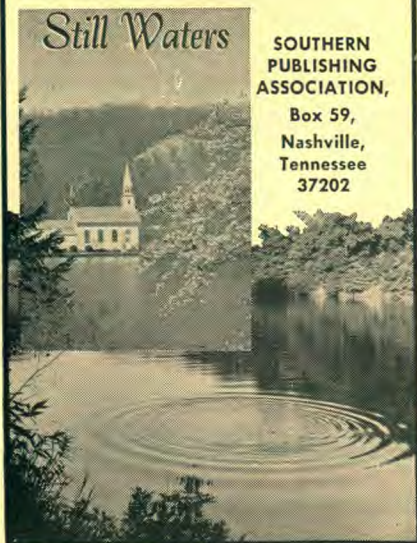
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## MV PATHFINDER TRAINING COURSE

Fourteen Pathfinder leaders from three districts completed the Pathfinder Training Course and received their certificates for ten or twenty hours of training in Jamestown, North Dakota, recently. H. E. Haas, Northern Union MV Secretary, with local state personnel, assisted in teaching this course.

C. J. OWENS, MV Secretary  
North Dakota Conference

## Is Your Church Gambling?

"No," I hear you say, My church isn't gambling." Before we completely dismiss this question let us consider—there need not be "tables of chance" in our churches for us to be gambling.

Recently two conferences ran a detailed study on a very important part of our churches—the children. This study revealed that through the years seven of every ten of our children who have no education in our church schools, academies, or colleges are never baptized. One of the three who are baptized will backslide.

On the other hand, if our children attend church schools for twelve years, more than nine of every ten are baptized and still only one backslides. Instead of only two of those not attending being saved we see over eight of those attending twelve years being saved.

It costs time and money to provide Christian education for our children. However, training and educating the children of the church is part of faithful stewardship and is the responsibility of every member of the church. Nowhere in the Scriptures do we find Jesus Christ or any others excusing the church from its sacred responsibility toward the lambs of the flock.

The children of the church are a priceless heritage. Let us not gamble on their being saved without the proper spiritual background, at home, at church, and at school. As stewards of God let us do all that is possible to provide a saving influence for our children in these evil days.

A. J. ISEMINER,  
Stewardship Department

## NORTH DAKOTA REPORT (Continued from page 12)

the North Dakota Conference in a material way and they have responded faithfully in tithes and offerings. The two-year period revealed an increase of \$58,000 in tithe, bringing the total to over \$700,000. There was a corresponding gain in missions giving with a fifty cents per capita being reached in the Sabbath School as of last December 31. The conference shows an increase in net worth and has its required operating reserves in hand.

The delegates adopted a number of plans and objectives to serve as guide lines and directives for the progress of the work during the coming two years. These plans include the objective of every lay member being involved in some type of soul winning, every pastor holding at least two evangelistic meetings a year, and one baptismal service being conducted each quarter in every district.

Elder Trout, conference president, said, "We must put forth every effort to preach the gospel; this is not a time for us to hold back for ourselves our time, our talents, or our means, but all must be dedicated to God and the finishing of His work for even now the signs indicate that we are living and preaching on borrowed time."

May the believers in North Dakota respond to this appeal.

J. L. DITTBERNER

## ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale: 8½' Pick up Campers, \$865.00; 10½', \$895.00 up; 11' Week-N-Der Travel Trailers, sleeps 4, \$665.00; 14' Winnebago Travel Trailer, \$1,095.00; Apache Camping Trailers, \$485.00 up; Muscatine Tent & Awning Company, Box 776, Muscatine, Iowa 52761. x4-8-66

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**VOICE OF PROPHECY**  
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April 10—Christ Is Risen

April 17—Prophecies of Nations



# NORTHERN UNION *High* LIGHTS!

## North Dakota Reports

A spirit of enthusiasm and progress was evident as Ben Trout and the departmental secretaries of the North Dakota Conference gave a report of the work in this growing field. The biennial session was held in Jamestown with over 200 delegates present. Most of the churches were represented. Delegates at large included W. E. Murray of the General Conference, Paul Turpel from the Omaha Branch of the Pacific Press, and the Northern Union staff.

The conference president stated that there was more than a ten per cent increase in baptisms over the past biennium. This has brought the membership of the North Dakota Conference over the 2,800 mark for the first time. The public evangelistic program has been carried forward by two conference evangelists and every district pastor participating. To help develop interests, the daily Voice of Prophecy program was broadcast from Fargo and Minot. Also, the It Is Written telecast was on five stations. The interests developed through these programs are being followed up and will bear fruit.

To provide better places of worship for both new and old members, as well as schools for the children, there are plans for the completion and dedication of three new churches and one school with an evangelistic center. The total cost will be \$300,000 with approximately 80 per cent of this amount in hand. Three

other churches are undergoing a remodeling program.

Gospel work is being carried on in a strong way by the literature evangelists in North Dakota. Deliveries of our good books to the people in the state showed a 135 per cent increase over the previous two-year period. Our colporteurs also gave away over eight thousand pieces of literature, enrolled three thousand in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course, and prayed in hundreds of homes. Surely, these activities will result in people saved in God's kingdom. Literature sold to our own

members for personal use and missionary work amounted to over \$124,000.

Church members, young and old, have shown an increased interest in soul winning by visiting many more people and distributing much more literature than during the past two-year period. It is interesting to note that the North Dakota Conference stands second from the top in the number of *Signs* ordered per member in all of the *Signs of the Times* territory.

God has blessed the members of  
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Back row, left to right: Roy Johnston, Albert Schimke, R. L. Kretz, A. J. Iseminger, C. J. Owens. Front Row, N. K. Harvey, Ben Trout.