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# OUTLOOK

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

## "Tet" Offensive Emphasizes Medical Needs in War-Torn South Vietnam

By JESS HOLM, M.D., Medical Director, Saigon Adventist Hospital

The medical needs of Saigon, South Vietnam were forcefully and tragically emphasized during the now-famous "Tet" Offensive. It was 1:30 in the morning when the first Claymore mine exploded just two blocks from our compound, taking the lives of 19 military police.

Within an hour we began five hectic days of concentrated attention to the wounded. Our inadequate facilities were glaringly evident.

Since we were closely surrounded by areas of fighting, pitiful remnants of families made their way to our busy corner, seeking not only treatment, but a refuge as well. During the offensive Saigon alone had more than 200,000 refugees.

Even though a European influence has been in Vietnam for nearly 100 years, I was not personally prepared for the shock of extremely low health standards and superstition complicated by the pressure of war for many years.

Acupuncture, blood-letting, spot burns, dermal scrapings, and assorted remedies and uncontrolled medicinals are common for both adults and children. In this atmosphere Adventists started medical work in 1955 with seeds of local opposition, but it remains as a candle in this gross darkness.

At first a clinic was conducted in a house. When the house was finally purchased the small group of medical workers converted it into a small hospital.

The medical program grew and

expanded. Vietnamese were trained to take major responsibilities in the hospital program. The war brought new complications.

Even today—day and night—mortars fall with fearful regularity, both inside and outside the city. Victims of the war come to the hospital every day. The hallways are always crowded with cots because we never have room to accommodate all of the patients.

Early every morning the small clinic waiting room is jammed with people. Our patients present a real challenge with gross evidences of

war, epidemics, disease, and fear. We select patients carefully for admission to our too-small hospital with a pleading from many more for admission. We refuse more than we are able to admit.

The needs are great and the only thing that will solve the problem is a new hospital building. Our outpatient department needs expansion. Our School of Practical Nursing needs more hospital beds for training purposes. Every department is crowded.

The eyes of the world are on Saigon, South Vietnam. The Seventh-



**GIFT.** The Saigon Adventist Hospital has provided immunization for many orphanages in the area. A representative of the government's Ministry of Health was on hand as Dr. Jess Holm, center, Medical Director of the Saigon Adventist Hospital, makes a presentation to the director of a Catholic orphanage in Saigon.





**Help Me!** This little Vietnamese orphan, a victim of the war, is sad because she has no mommy or daddy. Many war victims are treated at the Saigon Adventist Hospital.



**OVERCROWDED.** The facilities are limited and the needs are great, so the hallways are always crowded with cots at Saigon's Adventist Hospital in Vietnam. The 13th Sabbath Overflow Offering on Sabbath, September 27, will provide funds for a new hospital building which will alleviate this overcrowded.

day Adventist Church must improve its entering wedge in this war-torn land. Remember Vietnam when you are ready to present a gift for the 13th Sabbath Overflow Offering on Sabbath, September 27, 1969!

## Matiko to VOP

Norman J. Matiko, who for more than six years has served as Lay Activities, Sabbath School, Radio-TV,



and Public Relations secretary of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, on September 1 assumed the responsibilities of Field Service Director of The Voice of Prophecy in Glendale, California. The major functions of the Field Service department include promotion of the Bible correspondence courses, follow-up of the courses, and the answering of questions coming in from students.

Elder Matiko was born in Saskatchewan, Canada, and attended Canadian Union College, from which he was graduated with a Bachelor of Theology degree. He thereupon took postgraduate work at Potomac University, earning an M.A. in Bible and Systematic Theology with a minor in Preaching and Speech.

Elder Matiko was ordained to the ministry in August, 1962, near the end of his first pastorate in Regina, Saskatchewan.

GARY B. SWANSON, Associate  
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## Browsing With Books

Just as some people seem to stand out in a crowd, there are books that stand out in the avalanche of available reading. *From Immigrant to Emissary* is one of those books. Doris Holt Haussler tells the story of Dr. William Landeen with a flair for capturing the vivid and exciting moments that go to make up the thrilling story of a dedicated life.

This morning a letter from a friend reached my desk with this beginning: "Last evening I finished reading *From Immigrant to Emissary* and surely enjoyed it. I think the influence of the book will be worth a lot to our denomination in encouraging our youth to endure hardship, stand true and firm in time of storm and really get a lot of joy out of life also. He was a real man and the author did a wonderful job in telling about him. This is one of

the best books I have read for quite a while."

Your copy of *From Immigrant to Emissary* awaits you now at your Book and Bible House and is well worth the \$5.95 price.

A new DESTINY book entitled *Invisible Escort* by Rose Christensen tells the real story of mission service under trying circumstances. Jerald and Rose Christensen served in China and Taiwan. This is a \$1.65 paperback.

If you are one of those who has struggled to keep a hymnal open on the organ or piano you will be happy with the news that a *Loose-Leaf Church Hymnal* is now available. The cover is vinyl and it is priced at \$7.95.

There are some new Chapel Record releases that cannot go by without mention. *When Tears Hide Tomorrow* features the lovely soprano voice of Marilyn Cotton, backed instrumentally by the Chapel Ensemble. In stereo, it is number 138.

Near to the *Heart of God* is the title of a new King's Heralds album, number 144. In addition to the always superb quartet sound, this recording fairly vibrates with instrumental accompaniments. There are the bell ringers, trumpet trio with drum, celeste, guitar, brass choir, accordion and a string quartet. The songs are old favorites with a new dimension of sound.

Del Delker has recorded a new

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release entitled *The Night Watch*. There are some brand-new songs you'll want to hear Del sing and some different arrangements of some of the more familiar. Outstanding are the multiple recordings in which Del "accompanies" herself by singing both melody and harmony. This is album number 145.

Your Book and Bible House is the headquarters for both good reading and good listening.

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## Hot Springs Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School at Hot Springs held during August 11 - 15 with Mrs. Lillian Holmes as leader, had an enrollment of 34. About half were from non-Adventist homes.

Friday evening a representative group of parents, grandparents, and friends heard the children give their memory verses, tell interesting things they had learned about "God's Heroes," and sing their happy songs. Each child was presented with a certificate of award. Special music was given by Elder and Mrs. R. R. Patzer and by J. B. Gray.

The guests were invited to view the display of crafts and art the children had made under the leadership of Gladys Halls.

Several children came a distance of forty miles to attend.

Mrs. Jay Darnell was in charge of the Kindergarten group with Lillian Jensen as afternoon helper. Ethel Robinson had the Primary group and Fern Wyatt was leader of the Juniors.

Other members helped in various

ways. The earliteen-age girls were most helpful in every activity.

FERN WYATT

## Progress at Flag Mountain

The offerings received for Flag Mountain Camp have been put to good use. You ought to see what has been done! I know you would like our "finished log" type cottage and the beginnings of another. Everything is "buttoned up" for the winter months, but as soon as it begins to warm up in the spring, we will commence where we left off. Our goal is to have two cottages ready for occupancy by camping season. Meanwhile, each of us ought to remember our camp needs, especially on those Sabbaths when the offering is designated for this particular work. If you had been with us this last summer during Teen Camp, you would surely have acknowledged a need for a roof over the campers. One night during a rain storm the wind blew one side of two tents down. Several of us experienced the adventure of repairing poles and braces in the darkness of a stormy night while campers endeavored to keep dry. In spite of bad weather this year we were proud of the young people whose spirits were always good.

Sabbath, September 27, is the day to remember our Flag Mountain Camp with a special offering. Then watch for improvements being made

## Our Offering Ratios

Recently it was the opportunity of the writer to counsel with one of his local treasurers regarding the tithe and missions offerings in that particular local conference. After discussing not only one conference, but all four of the conferences in the Union, we noted some interesting statistics and we wish to pass a little information on to the readers.

Our tithe is on the increase from 5 per cent to 15 per cent and more in various churches. On the average one conference shows a 12 per cent gain and another a 9 per cent gain in tithe receipts during the period under review.

However, dear reader, our missions offerings do not show the same marked increase. In one conference which has a 12 per cent tithe increase the missions offerings only increased by less than 4 per cent.

We cannot help but wonder if Uncle Sam is getting more of our income dollar. If we believe in the soon-coming of our Saviour, surely we must increase our weekly offerings in direct proportion to our tithe increase which, in turn, results in the blessings of God to His people.

For many years the ratio between the tithe and offerings has constantly declined. May I urge the reader who has been giving less than a dollar to Sabbath School to raise his sights to at least that level and those who have been giving that to increase their offerings to a greater amount. With the needs of the mission field, surely this is the time for us to respond and do more to hasten our Lord's return. God will take cognizance of the contribution and use it to find souls for His kingdom.

L. H. NETTEBURG



Vacation Bible School was a happy experience for these Hot Springs children



### VOP TO ANNOUNCE INGATHERING

You will be happy to know that the Voice of Prophecy has agreed to announce the Ingathering program on their radio broadcast November 30, 1969. The following is a copy of their announcement:

This is H. M. S. Richards, Jr. In a moment before Dr. H. M. S. Richards brings today's message entitled: "Father and Son Answer Bible Questions," I would like to tell you about the worldwide humanitarian services which are conducted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. At this season of the year a volunteer may call at your door on behalf of the church's annual appeal for world missions. We of the Voice of Prophecy are associated in this worldwide mission project which includes medical, educational, and welfare ministry in 196 countries. I hope you will want to share in this service to humanity through your gift. Now, here is H. M. S. Richards.

as we move along in this program for our young people of South Dakota.

L. J. PUMFORD  
MV Secretary

### 13th Sabbath Offerings Need Your Support

On Sabbath, September 27, we have the privilege of giving a large 13th Sabbath offering, the overflow of which will strengthen our work in the Far Eastern Division.

If we believe the Spirit of Prophecy, we must also believe that our liberal offerings will advance the work in South Dakota. "To show a liberal, self-denying spirit for the success of foreign missions is a sure way to advance home missionary work; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off." *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 136

During the cold, snowy months of last winter many were not able to attend Sabbath School regularly. The warm summer months have encouraged travel to vacation spots, Europe, and other places of interest. All this has caused irregular Sabbath School offerings resulting in a \$2072.97 drop in our offerings for the first seven months of this year.

Won't you take an inventory of the Sabbaths you have missed this year and make up for any lack of giving this 13th Sabbath? Perhaps the following quotations from the

*Quiet Hour Echoes* will challenge us to greater giving:

"It was not till the widow gave to Elijah that her barrel became bottomless and her cruse inexhaustible."

"If you are not made better by giving what you give now, double your gift."

"It is hard for God to take a man into His arms who is already hugging a bag of money."

"Some people never find out that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive,' because they are afraid to try it."

"The size of your offering does not depend upon what you take out of your pocket, but what you leave in it."

"The devil has always been puz-

zled to know just what to do with the man who is religious with his money."

J. B. GRAY, Secretary  
Sabbath School Department

### IOWA

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### E. L. Marley Speaks at O. P. A.

After the hustle and bustle of beginning a new school year, the Sabbath presented a welcome interlude for the students of Oak Park Academy. As the sun dipped low in the west that first Friday night the chapel filled rapidly.

After some meditation in the form of poems and organ music, E. L. Marley, Iowa conference president, arose to speak. His first remarks dealt with his joy over the record enrollment and how God had worked to bring young people to Oak Park. Following this he presented a very inspirational challenge. He asked us to always do right, even if it meant earning the title of a so-called "square." Many of our hearts were touched and faces reflected the new determination to serve God in all things.

On the bright clear Sabbath morning, August 30, Elder Marley pre-

### SPECIAL NOTICE!

#### SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Des Moines - Sabbath - Sunday, September 20-21

Come! Make copies of original illustrated songs.  
Chance of a life time!

Mrs. Gwenda Thomas - Instructor

Place: Des Moines Church, E. 13th & Des Moines Street on Sabbath.  
Youth Center, 2317 Watrous on Sunday

Time: 3:00 - 5:00 — Sabbath  
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. — Sunday

Bring your lunch.



sented the message in the Nevada Church. His topic was sin and repentance. He stated that we must be willing, as was David, to take the consequences for our sins. God loves us so much that He points out our sins so that we may know what is keeping us out of heaven. A thoughtful congregation left the church, thanking God for the inspiration brought to us that Sabbath.

LIZ SWEENEY Junior  
Oak Park Reporter

### Bomb The Country! - Hit The Farmers!

The above title was used simply to get attention and remind Iowa Adventists that rural residents are

perhaps the most neglected of all people when it comes to evangelistic contacts, and to suggest a way to correct our negligence.

In most churches there are shelves or boxes with many tracts, *Junior Guides*, *Little Friends*, *Signs*, etc. In one church I visited recently I saw three full boxes of tracts - one filled with "Six Secrets" and one with "Wondering" and one with "Wake-up America." It appeared that none of these tracts had been handed out.

May I suggest that literature "bombs" be made of these tracts and papers. Wrap them in colored cellophane or plastic. Use one color for small children's literature, an-

other color for teen-age literature and another for adults.

Take Juniors on tours through the country each Sabbath, and let them toss the bombs in front of farm homes.

Rural Ingathering—an even better suggestion is for teams of adults to cover rural territory on Sunday, not only giving out literature, but making World Service appeals as well. In one church in which I pastored in Indiana two women brought in around \$50 Ingathering each week for many weeks each fall, but their most treasured memories were the visits made in these farm homes.

Bomb the Country, Hit the Farmers.

F. J. KINSEY

### AT THE CEDAR RAPIDS V.B.S. . . . .



We played games . . . .



And had fun



Colored pictures . . . .



And learned lessons.

Our church at Cedar Rapids was sold and our school is located in the country. Our people voted to go ahead in faith at our school. God blessed, and V. B. S. was a real success. Grace Clemenson was director and she gives due credit to God and her many assistants.



### ATTENTION: OAK PARK ACADEMY ALUMNI

The Nevada church will furnish hot dishes for the Sabbath dinner on September 20, at the gym. Everyone coming from a distance please bring salads, desserts, potato chips or anything cold. The drink will be furnished. Thank you.

Mrs. Mike DASSENKO



### CEDAR RAPIDS BAPTISM

Cecil Volsch, Barbara Booth, and Sandra Booth, (left to right) were baptized August 3, 1969. These young people are sure of their faith in God and Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. No doubt, the fact that all of their education has been in our church schools is a real factor.

Grant Volsch, Pastor  
Cedar Rapids District



Laura Ringo, veteran Ingatherer.

### An Ingathering Miracle

Laura Ringo of the Grinnell Church is 88 years old. In the picture she is featured Ingathering last fall.

She alone solicited over \$275.00 and donated of her own money \$55 to put the church over their goal.

While soliciting at a grain elevator, Sister Ringo stepped on loose soy beans and fell, fracturing a vertebra and two ribs. Within five weeks she was up and back Ingathering!

Surely her faith and trust in the Lord was rewarded. She is today a living testimony of God's healing power.

She drives her own car and many

times goes alone, when she is unable to get someone to go with her.

L. A. MAY

Knoxville District Pastor

### Ingathering Objectives

The Ingathering program is a Seventh-day Adventist presentation to the general public.

**ITS PRIME PURPOSE IS EVANGELISTIC CONTACT:**

**TO ACQUAINT** people in house-to-house and business contacts with the worldwide medical, educational, evangelistic, and welfare program of the church.

**TO ASCERTAIN** their interest in Bible Study.

**TO FURNISH** them an opportunity to enroll in a Bible correspondence course.

**TO PROVIDE** further information about our church.

**TO PRESENT** a yearly report on our humanitarian work, inviting people to contribute to its continuance.

—1968 Autumn Council

**AN EXPERIENCE:** "One bitterly cold and stormy evening last December a young man made an Ingathering call at my door. 'You shouldn't be out on such a cold night!' I scolded him. He looked me straight in the eye and said, 'Mister, when you are working for Jesus it doesn't seem so cold.' Thank God for boys who have a testimony like that for Christ! Because of his interest and devotion I enrolled in the Bible Course he offered and recently joined the Seventh-day Adventist church along with other members of my family."

Let's make Iowa churches ring with praises like the above one, as we go out this year in bringing cheer and blessing to the people of Iowa whom we contact regardless of the weather conditions.

F. J. KINSEY



### CEDAR RAPIDS FAIR BOOTH

The Cedar Rapids, Iowa, church conducted a fair booth at the All-Iowa fair held in Cedar Rapids. The temperance theme was featured. Over 100 people signed up for the 5-day plan. Thousands watched the demonstrations and took literature.

Grant Volsch, Pastor, Cedar Rapids District

### Record Enrollment at OPA

One hundred fifty-three students were in attendance at the opening of school at Oak Park Academy Tuesday, September 2. (More have enrolled since.) This is the largest attendance in many years and reflects the





The first 1969 class in chemistry starts laboratory experiments.



Part of the Junior class listen to a lecture by Professor Tom Baker in English 3.

confidence of the Iowa constituency in our present faculty and school curriculum.

Mrs. Dennis Woodland from Walla Walla College will be associated with Mrs. Tom Baker in the music department. Mrs. Woodland, who has a Masters Degree in music, will teach piano and voice. She will also conduct the school choir. Sixty students, all with good voices, tried out for the choir but the school has only fifty choir robes so it appears that some hopefuls may not make the choir this year.

Mrs. Tom Baker, chairman of the Music Department, has now completed her work for a Masters Degree in Music History from the University of Minnesota. She will teach organ, percussion instruments and conduct the band. She will also teach a class on practical art.

Mrs. Baker has plans for small musical groups within the band that will be featured in weekend tours throughout the conference.

A new highline power supply and a new electrical distribution system are the latest improvements to Oak Park Academy. There will be many more.

The faculty staff boasts five Masters Degrees this year. This will help create a favorable image in the minds of the public school officials of Iowa and will help to guarantee a quality education to OPA students.

The OPA Ingathering field day is scheduled for September 9. Watch for a report.

F. J. KINSEY

## MINNESOTA

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## Hotline to Minnetonka

On Sabbath, September 27, the Minnetonka Sabbath School will receive a direct call from the mission field. Boyd Olson, who was Educational Secretary of the Northern Union a few years ago, will make the call. He is now the Far Eastern Educational Secretary.



Boyd Olson

Elder Olson will talk to the congregation via a special telephone hook-up and the church's public address system. Allin Karls, Sabbath School Superintendent, will receive the call.

The overflow offering for the 13th Sabbath will go to the Far Eastern Division to assist in building a training school, a new hospital for Saigon, and an administration building at Philippine Union College.

Let us remember, "To show a liberal, self-denying spirit for the success of foreign missions is a sure way to advance home missionary work; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in coun-

tries afar off." *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 136.

LEE KRETZ,  
Sabbath School Secretary  
Minnesota Conference

## Baptism at Maple Plain

Early this year Mr. and Mrs. Art Swaningson and Danny Bucy, grandson of the pastor, were baptised and united with the Maple Plain church.

This report was held up temporarily for the Swaningsons launched right out in lay work and it seemed there would be an early report of sheaves for their hire. However, as the interest is still developing the full report will come later.

The Maple Plain church had been praying for Art's conversion for many years. Truly a miracle of God was performed in this family. The family foundation was teetering on the brink of disaster. Art was mak-



Left to right: Danny Bucy, Mrs. Swaningson, Art Swaningson, and J. M. Bucy, pastor.



ing two weekly trips to Chicago with his big "Semi," but tobacco and liquor were taking their toll. As the situation worsened Pastor and Sister Bucy were invited to the home for counsel. Bible studies were arranged. After the second study Art pointed to the pack of cigarettes in his pocket. Sister Bucy in turn pointed to her husband, and the cigarettes were surrendered. During the studies the engagement and wedding rings came off. Next they gave up flesh foods, and each subsequent study brought new surrenders for Christ.

Art informed his company that although it might mean his job, he would have to sacrifice the Saturday run. Again the Lord moved marvelously. The company retained him and honored him for accident-free driving.

Although Sister Swaningson was a member of the church, she felt the need at this time to be rebaptized. It was a happy Sabbath for the Swaningsons and the Maple Plain church as these folk yielded to the sweet persuasion of the Holy Spirit. J. M. Bucy, Pastor

### New Choir Robes

The Rochester church choir composed of its junior and teenage young people recently purchased new robes. In order to do this these young boys and girls, under the direction of Mrs. Myron Krueger, music director of the church, sold candy and held numerous film benefit programs. Some private donations were also made toward this purchase. The robes are gold in color with eggshell stoles.



Rochester Church Choir



Rochester Vacation Bible School

This past spring the choir members were the guests of the Dodge Center church for the morning service. In the afternoon they sang at the Winona church service and at the evening evangelistic meeting.

We indeed feel fortunate to have Mrs. Krueger with her musical talents to work with the young people of our church. This is a wonderful way for the young people to be an important part of the church program.

MRS. DENNIS LEAVELLE  
Press Secretary

### Vacation Bible School

The Rochester Seventh-day Adventist Church was the scene of an active and successful Vacation Bible School August 4 through the 14th under the direction of Mrs. Donald Miller. The total enrollment was 81 of whom 55 were non-Adventists. Thirty-one children had perfect attendance and 52 were present five days or more.

To begin the day the children were led in song service by Nadine

Jones. After the opening exercises of prayer, welcome, pledges, songs, and stories, the children met in separate divisions. Well-illustrated Bible lessons on characters of the Bible were presented each morning. The children especially enjoyed learning new songs, working in activity books, and listening to stories. The primary and junior-age children made outstanding crafts which consisted of bird houses made of pop-sicle sticks, and wastepaper baskets covered with bright-colored plastic straws.

Interested parents and friends filled the church to capacity for the closing program. The divisions presented a small portion of what they had learned during Vacation Bible School, much to the delight of the audience. Crafts and activity books were on display following the program, and refreshments were served.

As a followup to Vacation Bible School, 12 junior-age children were enrolled in the Junior Voice of Prophecy Bible Course with the consent of their parents. The children from two non-Adventist families have been attending Sabbath School and worship services regularly. Vacation Bible Schools do pay!

MRS. DENNIS LEAVELLE  
Press Secretary

### SUNSET CALENDAR

September 19

Des Moines, Iowa .....	6:17
St. Paul, Minnesota .....	6:16
Bismarck, North Dakota .....	6:47
Huron, South Dakota .....	6:37
Rapid City, South Dakota .....	5:56

September 26

Des Moines, Iowa .....	6:05
St. Paul, Minnesota .....	6:02
Bismarck, North Dakota .....	6:33
Huron, South Dakota .....	6:24
Rapid City, South Dakota .....	5:43
All time given is CST	



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### Open House Date Set

There is a "new look" at the North Dakota Book and Bible House and you will want to see it. Open House will be held October 5 and 6, Sunday and Monday, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served, a door prize will be given, and there will be free gifts for all. In addition, there will be specials



An interior view of the Book and Bible House shows books beautifully displayed, making them readily accessible to the customer.



Mrs. William Dassenko makes a purchase of foods from John Amick, Book and Bible House manager. Brother Amick rings up the purchase on the new N. C. R. Five-Total Cash Register.

## ILLUSTRATED BIBLE HOUR

### Robinson SDA Church

Robinson, North Dakota

Each weekend, Thursday through Sunday nights beginning September 25, and ending October 18

R. E. Janssen, Speaking

W. J. Neptune, Singing

Opening Night Topic:

**"Found! The Secret of Living Forever"**

A film will start each evening at 7:30 P.M.

Send names of interests to:

W. J. Neptune

Box 115

McClusky, North Dakota 58463

on some records and books, and camp meeting prices will be in effect on all merchandise.

As you enter the Book and Bible House, you will notice the beauty of the new carpeting, new modern fixtures for a more attractive display of books and other items, and the new spaciousness apparent through more efficient arrangement.

"A new section for audio-visual merchandise adds to the service which the Book and Bible House can render our people," stated John Amick, Book and Bible House manager. "We are eager," he said, "to supply our people with the books, records, and periodicals available from our publishing houses at the lowest possible prices."

New accounting equipment is now in the process of being installed which will give more efficient service to both cash and credit customers. A full line of health foods is available including all the new frozen foods, giving a large variety from which to choose for meal plan-

ning.

"We are proud of the 'new' Book and Bible House," stated Elder Trout, conference president, "and we want to provide the finest service possible to our people.—This is the reason for its existence."

D. G. ALBERTSEN  
PR Secretary

### North Dakota Does It Again!

More than 1,600 *Listen* magazine subscriptions are being sent to high schools across North Dakota to help fight the rising tide of dope and narcotic addiction.

*Listen* is an outstanding journal slanted toward youth and youth problems with narcotics and alcohol.

"*Listen* should be coming to every Seventh-day Adventist home in North America," stated Elder Hoffman, youth leader for North Dakota.

D. G. ALBERTSEN  
PR Secretary



Brother Amick arranges merchandise on the new steel shelving designed to display cameras, tape players and cartridges in as efficient a manner as possible.



Elder Trout is presenting a plaque to Clifford Hoffman as an award for full participation across the conference in the *Listen* campaign.



## WHY I BELIEVE

(Continued from page 12)

service only confirms my conviction that I am as intensely religious as any man I know. Nobody goes through six years of war and two terms of the presidency without faith. And, although I have seldom displayed or discussed my religious philosophy with anyone, a deep Bible-centered Christian faith has colored my life since childhood. Devout Evangelical parents, who loved the Bible as dearly as life itself, made sure of that. Indeed, before I was 18, I had read through the entire Bible and discussed it, chapter by chapter, with my mother.

Recalling the long years and the cascade of crises through which we have passed, I realize that a strong spiritual experience has literally been the staff of life to me. Back in Abilene, Kansas, my mother, who was never happier than when reading the Bible, and my father, who balanced his career as a mechanical engineer with the study of scriptures in the original Greek, stressed one truth over and over again: Religion, placed in man by God, is most natural to him. How often, both in war and peace, was I to rediscover this changeless truth.

With equal fervor I believe that faith in God and the Judaic-Christian ethic inspired the founding fathers of the United States. These remarkable men—Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, Franklin, Paine, John Adams, John Hancock and Patrick Henry, to name a few of them—were men of deep religious conviction and in the new world they were trying to establish an entirely new form of government. They succeeded because during that fateful decade of deliberation and decision, the 1770's, they put their final trust in almighty God and his moral law. We are a religious nation today because in the Declaration of Independence they stated their full reliance on "the laws of nature and nature's God" and because they published before the world "these self-evident truths: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. . . ."

In contrast with this concept of

the sacredness of life, modern atheistic dictatorships treat men as nothing more than animals or educated mules. How many materialistic psychologists and smart-alec professors sneer that men invented God in a childish search for security; yet, I have noticed that these same men in the fox-holes or at the moment of death turn to some higher power for comfort and courage. Thus, it is that I believe there is nothing wrong with America today that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence and energy of her citizens cannot cure.

Thus, in hope and eternal vigilance, I recall again for America my favorite biblical lines: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

(Ed. note: As an example of President Eisenhower's strength of character learned through religious precepts, we all recall the time when he immediately and suddenly gave up smoking when the doctor told him it was undermining his health. Upon being told he could cut it out a little at a time, he determined to cut it all out at once, and he did. Following his recent death, when they were showing on television flashes of his past life, we also remember that we heard from his own lips the story of his first heart attack—how it resulted from getting angry when he was unnecessarily called from the golf course the second time to receive a message that had already been relayed to him. Furious at such inefficiency, he expressed himself in angry tones, and promptly had his heart attack. When the doctor told him another attack of anger would prob-

ably bring on another premature attack, he made up his mind right then and there to keep himself under control.

If he had not, his life would doubtless have been shortened. Thus we see the force of character one of our truly great men possessed, due to his early training in religious principles. Would that all of us would be as true to our guiding beliefs.)

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**HOCKSTETTER**—James Jay Hockstetter was born September 8, 1948, and died June 23, 1969 as a result of injuries sustained by the explosion of a land mine while serving in Vietnam. Jim was a member of the Brainerd church. He had served for two years in the service. He was stationed in Germany, returning to this country in April for a 30-day leave and then was sent to Vietnam where he had been only a short time when the accident occurred.  
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Of the many instances when faith and Christian prayer have sustained me in life, the first came when I was a teen-ager and marked a turning point in my life. I had fallen, skinned my left knee and, when a painful infection later became so bad I couldn't do my farm chores, my parents discovered my swollen and discolored leg. Old Dr. Conklin, the family physician, took one look at the poisoned limb and immediately advised amputation to save any part of the leg or even my life.



President Eisenhower in his prime.

When the horror of this prospect swept over me, I raised my 14-year-old frame from the bed to shout, "Not me! I won't allow it! I'd rather die!" Later I made my older brother Edgar promise not to let the doctor cut off my leg no matter what happened and he literally stood guard duty outside my bedroom. At the same time my parents, probably recalling my River Brethren grandfather and his belief in miracles, began a prayer vigil at my bedside. First, father and mother prayed, taking turns in leading one another; during the second night, Edgar—and finally

my other four brothers—would kneel from time to time and join the prayers.

The next morning Dr. Conklin's experienced eye noted that the swelling was going down and the discoloration fading. Later in the day I was able to sleep soundly. In two weeks I was out of bed and able to walk. To me, this demonstration of the power of prayer did more than save my leg; it strengthened my faith for life.

Often during World War II, I turned to God when I had no one else to turn to. Two such crises involved our paratroopers. One night during the invasion of Sicily an armada of American aircraft was reported off course and there was an imminent danger that thousands of our sky troops would be dropped into the sea. I remember praying, "Save them and deliver them, O God. For they are in Thy Almighty Hand." Incredibly enough, the lead plane later regained its bearings and the drop was successful.

Similarly, on the eve of the massive D-Day assault on Europe, the soul-wracking problem arose as to whether to send two American airborne divisions against the Nazi-fortified Cherbourg Peninsula. British Air Chief Leigh-Mallory himself advised against what he termed "this futile slaughter," and yet to cancel the airborne attack would

endanger the whole critical invasion of Utah Beach. I could only go to my tent to think and pray, to review every step of our elaborate planning and to ask God's guidance in making the right decision. I finally decided that the aerial attack would go as planned and, with what seemed to be the Almighty's blessing, the paratroopers accomplished their dangerous mission with comparatively light casualties.

When in peacetime it became my high honor to serve the nation twice as President, I tried to ensure that the government and every person in it was dedicated to honesty and moral principles. To a large extent, I believe, we succeeded. Personally I tried to set the new administration's tone before delivering my inaugural address when I asked all present to bow their heads and I offered a prayer. . . . "Give us, we pray, oh, God, the power to discern clearly right from wrong and allow all our actions to be governed thereby and by the laws of the land. Especially we pray that our concern shall be for all the people regardless of station, race or calling." During the ensuing eight years I never opened a cabinet meeting or made a major policy decision without a minute of silent prayer.

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