



**NORTHERN UNION
OUTLOOK**

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Christian on the Battlefield

(See story inside)

Christian On The Battlefield



Medical corpsmen working with medivac helicopters make possible swift medical aid for the wounded. Here members of the 4th Battalion load casualties aboard for evacuation to a field hospital at Dak To.

The air is hot and heavy. A candle flame flickers in the darkness and casts a gross shadow against hastily thrown-up boards. The shadow moves and the soft sound of a page turning contradicts the heavy bursts of shell-fire punctuating the night.

One mile away is hell. But here—here in a man's hands is heaven and hope.

Gently the soldier closes the small gilt-edged Book and slips it into his breast pocket. He shuffles through the packet of magazines and old letters, and comes up with a scrap of paper, a pencil. He begins to write:

"Dear Mom and Dad: It's Sabbath now, and I just finished reading my Bible . . . Although I sometimes hate Viet Nam—and the army—nothing in the world would make me trade now! I think I've found myself here, along with my God . . . This also has helped me realize how much you as parents are worth and everything you've done . . ."

The black night whistles and on that stretch a mile away men wait tense with uncertainty. They are surrounded by the enemy and they know it—now. Suddenly the night chatters and PFC John Williams buckles, his legs hot agony. In the noise of battle his voice is small. No one hears him. Fear lends strength to his lungs and

the next shout for Medic brings a corpsman through the hail of lead.

"Where are you hit?" he asks, not wasting words.

"In the legs—both legs. I can't stand up." The soldier moans are nearly lost in the hellish sounds of war, but the medic hears.

"Easy now, let's have a look."

And in the storm of lead and death the medic works, administering morphine to ease the pain, bandaging tightly to stop the rush of blood. The bandages turn crimson in the darkness.

In minutes Williams finds himself aboard a hastily-called chopper. En route to the hospital medics change his field dressings and make the wounded man comfortable. On the earth beneath the whirling blades his nameless friend in the darkness searches for other men to help. He walks with fear. But he walks with God, too.

What a fine thread holds these young men to their homeland and their church! Surrounded continually by death, by moral, mental and spiritual catastrophe, they look to home and sane, familiar things for something solid and good to cling to.

And it comes — booklets, papers, lesson quarterlies, the Bible—supplied by the Adventists' National Service



Amid the debris of war men know a need for God and find He is near through His Word, and the comfort of the Holy promises lend strength and courage to survive.

Organization.

"I don't know what I would have done on this tour overseas if it hadn't been for reading the church papers from NSO." These carefully scrawled words could be repeated over and over again from scores of Adventist servicemen.

But the NSO-to-serviceman connec-

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Cover Photo: PFC Michael Baldinger of New Haven, Conn., treats a wounded Viet Cong captured by a reconnaissance patrol during a search and destroy mission in Phuoc Long Province near the Cambodian border.

NORTH DAKOTA

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Bowman Dorcas Ladies Aid Nursing Home Residents



Left, Mrs. Eugene Hansen; Right, Mrs. Vernon Hansen

Modern Dorcas ladies do more than mend coats and garments. These ladies from the Bowman Dorcas Society come once a week to wash and set hair for the residents of the Sunset Nursing Home in Bowman.

Jesus said that in the judgement day, the King would say to the righteous, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

I think that this is as good a way as any to "do it unto the least of these my brethren." Our willingness to give of our time in unselfish service is a good indication of our becoming like Him. Maybe YOU ought to check the nursing home in your area and see if you can be of help!

R. G. Habenicht, Pastor
 Beach District

SUNSET CALENDAR

May 1

Des Moines, Iowa	7:12
St. Paul, Minnesota	7:17
Bismarck, North Dakota	7:53
Huron, South Dakota	7:36
Rapid City, South Dakota	6:55

May 8

Des Moines, Iowa	7:20
St. Paul, Minnesota	7:26
Bismarck, North Dakota	8:02
Huron, South Dakota	7:44
Rapid City, South Dakota	7:04

All time given is CST



World youth congress Reunion

Reunion of North Dakota World Youth Congress Travelers

On the evening of April 5, at the Jamestown Hillcrest Church School, twenty-two of the fifty-one who went to the World Youth Congress from North Dakota met for a reunion social. Each person brought along ten of his most beautiful, humorous, or unusual slides. After a very delightful potluck lunch, the group spent the evening looking at pictures and

recalling interesting experiences of last summer's trip to the Youth Congress.

Pictures were taken of the group to be sent to the Trouts who were two of the sponsors on our trip. We also decided to send a picture to Lucille Binkus of London, England, who was the courier of our bus.

It was a delightful evening, one which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Cliff Hoffman, MV Secretary
 North Dakota Conference



Mrs. Ella Schmiede

Meet Our North Dakota Teachers

We are thrilled to have on our teaching staff some fine young people. One of these is Mrs. Ella Schmiede, the teacher of our Harvey Church School on the campus of Sheyenne River Academy.

Ella was born in Oklahoma, but spent most of her growing-up years in Odessa, Texas. Here she went to

our elementary church school. Later she went to Sandia View Academy in New Mexico.

The last three years Ella has been attending Southern Missionary College where she is majoring in Secondary Education—Home Economics.

Next year she and her husband Ronnie, will be teaching in our Fargo Church School. We're proud of these young people and the job they are doing. Let's pray that the Lord will continue to bless Ella and Ronnie as they labor for the Master in our field.

Cliff Hoffman, Ed. Supt.
 North Dakota Conference



service. I was especially grateful when my faith was put to its greatest test while I served in Vietnam.

"Now I am almost through with my two years and it is my greatest wish to be able to repay you, but until then I can only say 'thanks.'" P.A.S.

Where can we invest our dollars more profitably than by keeping our sons in touch with the church?

Plan for an extra gift on Sabbath, May 9.

C. M. Willison

National Service Organization

Secretary

Northern Union Conference of SDA

A Welcome Thank You

This morning's mail brought in a very cheerful Thank You from over in Nigeria. Let me quote just a little bit. "For some time we have been receiving copies of THE MESSAGE MAGAZINE at no cost to this hospital. We wish to express our thanks to whoever is responsible for sending us these magazines. Please, we would appreciate it if you could arrange for these magazines to continue coming to us.

From all parts of the world quotations like the above continually come in, expressing Thank You to those who give so liberally to the World Literature Fund. Just now our fund is badly overdrawn. We cannot meet the urgent appeals that are in at this very moment. We need funds to help this cause along!

We thank you in behalf of these fields for what you have done, and for the wonderful way in which you have responded—some with large offerings, some with small offerings, but all accepted in the sight of God.

Make all checks payable to the World Literature Fund, Southern Publishing Association, Box 59, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

R. J. Christian

Circulation Manager

Tell It As It Is

A Gallup Poll published on March 5, 1970, indicated that 75 percent of Americans questioned felt that religion was losing its influence in national life.

Church attendance at least once a week, considered an accurate barometer of the country's religious mood, has dropped from a record 49 percent in 1958 to 42 percent at present.

During the last four years Catholics

have closed nearly 1,000 parochial schools, entailing an enrollment loss of more than half a million pupils.

Should not these factors challenge us to share our positive message with perplexed people through the attractive pages of the SIGNS ministry?

A few years ago wide attention was given to "The Secular City," written by Dr. Harvey Cox of Harvard Divinity School, who argued that the church must immerse itself in current social and political problems.

Thousands of clergymen talked about putting the church "where the action is." Some preached against the war in Vietnam, others marched in civil rights parades. Some preachers went on record saying: "We are more concerned about man than about God. God can take care of Himself."

But the Gallup Poll showed 72 percent of the laymen responding to the questionnaire as upset with clergymen who joined picket lines or took part in demonstrations.

Approximately 3,000 U. S. Protestant ministers and at least 2,500 Roman Catholic clergymen are leaving their "profession" each year. Thousands of nuns also are renouncing their religious vows.

The "Yearbook of American Churches" shows that the total number of clergy in all denominations declined from 402,000 in 1967 to 360,000 in 1969. During that time the number of clergymen holding down pulpits declined from 263,000 to 198,000.

While Protestant pulpits are being vacated, let us arise and erect pulpits throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Does this quotation sound familiar?

"Through the SIGNS OF THE TIMES we wish to erect thousands of pulpits. . . where we can appeal to people. . . upon the exhaustless themes. . . necessary to a fitness to receive the dear Saviour at His second advent."—Elder James White, SIGNS, Vol. 1, No. 5, p. 36.

The General Conference has designated the months of April and May in which to evangelize our communities with the SIGNS OF THE TIMES. If your neighbor is a German, send him ZEICHEN DER ZEIT. Should he be Spanish, then send him EL CENTINELA.

Your SIGNS orders should be placed in the hands of your local

church lay activities secretary.

All foreign language SIGNS apply on your church goal. The cost is \$2.50 per foreign language subscription.

The English SIGNS in America is \$3.00 per subscription; sent to the mission fields, it is \$3.25 per subscription.

As I am writing this article, some young Americans on the Berkley campus of the University of California are threading their way through student crowds chanting a hymn to Krishna (a Hindu deity), the men having shaven their heads and put on saffron-colored robes after the manner of Buddhist monks.

Seminarians and some college students browse through bookshelves loaded with explanations of Oriental mysticism, witchcraft, demonology, sainthood, astrology, and "sensitivity training."

The stage is set. The hour is late. The call of the Master is clear. The call is relevant. "Give ye them to eat." We will not fail Him or them.

Please plan to submit your SIGNS list to your church lay activities secretary this week.

A. R. Mazat, Manager

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT
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It would amaze you if you could visit a camp for blind children and see all of the activities in which they can participate. A reassuring pat is given this horse following a successful ride in the woods. Other activities include water skiing, archery and swimming.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MINISTERS ATTENDING THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL IN ATLANTIC CITY

All ministers planning to attend the Ministerial Council in Atlantic City June 7-11 are advised that the meetings will begin Sunday night at 7 o'clock in the Ballroom of Convention Hall with a program of vital interest.

It is hoped that all will be present for the keynote address to be delivered by N. R. Dower, secretary of the Ministerial Association, and for the other matters of special interest to be presented at these meetings.

"The first devotional service will be Monday morning at 7:55 with R. A. Anderson presenting the message, "The Spirit-filled Life." The entire program of the Council will be packed with things of great interest from the very first meeting. All will find it most rewarding to be there throughout the entire program.

Orley M. Berg
Assistant Secretary
Ministerial Association

"Stamp Out Reality"

How we would like to be able to follow the advice of the bumper sticker seen lately with the glib words exclaiming, "Stamp Out Reality!" Sin is reality. War is reality. How we as Christians wish we could live in a place of complete peace and forget sin and war. That day is coming, but in the meantime we must face the realities of this world of sin.

We are all looking forward to the day when our young men can come home from Korea, Vietnam, Europe and other areas. However, today we have thousands of our men in military service away from home. This is reality. It cannot be stamped out. But we can make the best of it. Our men deserve everything we can do for them. They need to be remembered.

The National Service Organization is in contact with over 2,000 Adventists in service. Most of them receive, free of charge, five church papers, missionary material, the servicemen's newspaper, "For God and Country", and other supplies. Do you wonder how they feel about these? Listen to what they say:

"It has really been a pleasure to receive all the heart-warming material you have graciously sent to me during the past year and a half. . . . I am very thankful that as an Adventist serviceman I have had such good support as you have given me. I try to pass on all the material you send to me in hopes that more souls can be saved through them." C.E.M.

"Thank you for the information

and material which you sent. . . . No matter where one goes, we're only a letter away from any help or information we may need, through your fine work. Many thanks." R.E.S.

"I remember all the fine literature I received when I was in the service and I can't begin to tell you what a comfort it was. Now that I am out of the service I'd like to help you in your work. Enclosed is a contribution for your wonderful work." J. M.

These are only a few, but they express the feelings of hundreds of men who appreciate being remembered. When our men cannot be in their home churches we must take the church to them. This we are endeavoring to do.

We must face reality. This program takes money. Every two years an offering for this purpose is taken across the nation. **MAY 9 IS THE SERVICEMEN'S OFFERING FOR 1970. PLEASE GIVE LIBERALLY FOR OUR MEN IN UNIFORM.**

C. D. Martin
Associate Director
National Service Organization

Preparation For Military Service

The international situation gets pretty intricate from time to time. Everyone watches it and gives his opinion of what should be done, but for the young men who have military obligations definite preparations need to be made. This is especially true of those who have conscientious convictions that may come into conflict

with what they are called on to do in the military. This is why the church urges its young men to prepare for their period of military service by taking the Medical Cadet Corps training.

The National MCC camp (Camp Doss) will be conducted at Grand Ledge, Michigan, 18-30 August this year. The camp fee is \$40.00. Full details can be obtained from the conference MV secretary's office.

Since its beginnings in 1934 more than 30,000 men of the church here in the United States have taken this vital training. Each year the training changes to reflect the up-to-date situation in the draft and in the military service. High sequence number or low sequence number, a preparation in needed. Get the details now and lay plans to attend Camp Doss if you have a military obligation. Clark Smith, Director
National Service Organization

This Business of War!

This business of war is a sinful business. There is nothing to cheer about. These are not easy days in which to live, but live we must. Living and dying is the price of war. War has to be paid for in one way or another. Sometimes in lives and always in money. No one escapes obligation. We must always answer to humanity and to God for our deeds—our deeds of war as well as any other.

War is no picnic. It is death in the streets; mammoth destruction; politics and propaganda.

What is a Christian to do? He prays for peace! That's why, like Jesus in Gethsemane he says, "If it is possible, let this cup pass from me." But that isn't all. He must give—give—give. Sons, fathers, brothers—and whoever else to whom he has knitted his heart. But he must give from his pocket as well as his heart.

Every Christian has a duty to perform in the war against sin and in the war against nations. The writer is not assuming to know or to dictate the duty of the reader. One thing is clear—he has one of two or three or more duties. Moral indifference is never a Christian option, nor is moral insensitivity.

War is tragic and mournful. I've had to bury the dead, comfort widows,

and try to explain things to little children. You never can fully explain.

Seventh-day Adventist young men are demonstrating love in time of war. Expressing tenderness; binding up the wounds; taking the sufferer to the inn, caring for him in his pain, pouring in oil. All this on the battlefield and its environs.

You perhaps can't do the above as literally described but the following you can do. **POUR INTO THE CHURCH ON SABBATH, MAY 9, ENOUGH TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL SERVICE**

Notice to All Graduates and Former Students of
Union College Academy and College View Academy

Alumni Association Meeting May 1

6:30-7:30 Central Daylight Time

Academy Chapel - 5240 Calvert

You may tour the building beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Loma Linda Foods To Operate Snack Bars At GC Session

Loma Linda Foods has been asked by the General Conference to operate its customary food service at the forthcoming General Conference to be held June 11-20 in Atlantic City. Present plans are that four snack bars will be operated at convenient locations, within the auditorium complex.

Clinton Wall, Food Director at Andrews University, will be in general charge of the entire food service operation at the General Conference. He and his associates plan to operate a cafeteria also within the auditorium.

Loma Linda Foods is desirous of securing information from those who might wish to be employed at its snack bar operations. We are particularly interested in securing the services of those who have had experience in this line of work, especially girls over 18 years of age (Those between 16-18 years should have valid Work Permits).

If you would like to be employed, either part-time or full-time, during this Atlantic City meeting, we would appreciate hearing from you. Address your inquiries to **LOMA LINDA FOODS**, Department A, Riverside, California 92505.

Werner E. Carlson

ORGANIZATION TO KEEP SUPPLIES ON THEIR WAY TO OUR YOUTH WHO LIVE AND DIE FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.

Add One

Pastor and Mrs. Paul W. Kemper have made a commitment to add one additional name to receive Signs of the Times each year. They have been following this plan for five years and hope to continue until the Lord comes.

How about you? Are you adding at least one additional name this year?

Christian Record News

*A recent Act of Congress has made the Christian Record Braille Foundation responsible for providing services to physically handicapped people unable to hold a book to read. The blind and visually handicapped have been served for seventy-one years with publications in braille, large print, on records and on tape.

All services are provided free and are supported by contributions of public-minded persons and organizations. Contributors receive a warm feeling of satisfaction as they support this outstanding service program.

*Hanging in the lobby of the new, modern offices of the Christian Record Braille Foundation in Lincoln, Nebraska, is a mural. This oil painting, 19 feet by 5 feet, by artist Joseph Maniscalco, depicts the scene of the Lord's Second Coming. Christ is shown ascending on the right, surrounded by hosts of angels. On the left is a group of people beholding the glory of His appearance. These are not ordinary people, however, for many show signs of having been blind.

One lady, seeing for the first time, drops her long white cane. A mother tells her daughter, "See, this is the Jesus we've told you about and now His promise to return is fulfilled!"

Joy radiates from each face in His brightness. The scene and time we all long for but perhaps a bit more

so by blind people.

To give the message to the blind people of His return is the reason Christian Record Braille Foundation was founded seventy-one years ago and continues to be the purpose for our operating today.

Faith For Today Strongly Supported

"Please say thank you to all the members of the Northern Union Conference," said Pastor William A. Fagal in commenting on the increase in the offering received February 14. "Actually every union in North America showed an increase in their offerings this year. In the crisis that we are facing as we seek to enlarge and maintain our filming operation it is encouraging to know that our people are supporting Faith For Today."

L. H. Netteburg, our union treasurer, reports that a total of \$10,736.22 was received in the churches. This represents an increase of 2% over February, 1969. Throughout North America Faith For Today received an offering of \$250,587.02 or an increase of \$39,782.84. The goal for the North American Division is \$350,000.

Faith For Today currently does much of its filming and laboratory work on its own premises. Plans are under consideration to enlarge these facilities so that their own and other denominational filming may be completed within the church.

Union College

*Twenty-three new golden cords will be hung during the Friday vesper service of the upcoming homecoming weekend at Union College. All participants in the May 1-3 activities will be Union alumni.

Speakers for the weekend include Frank Sherrill, president of the Arkansas - Louisiana Conference, D. W. Holbrook, president of Home Study Institute, Wilbur Chapman, pastor in the Loma Linda area, and James Mershon, also a pastor in the Loma Linda area. Wayne Olson, Bible instructor at Campion Academy, will serve as Sabbath School superintendent.

A potluck dinner is planned for Sabbath in the gymnasium and a full concert by the Union College band on Saturday night will conclude the weekend.

All alumni are urged to attend and meet old friends.

tion has still another function. The Christian literature does not stop with the Adventist reader.

"I've thoroughly appreciated the prompt mailing of the many periodicals," writes a serviceman overseas, "especially THESE TIMES and the HEALTH magazines. I finish reading them and then put them in the magazine rack in our waiting room at the dispensary. They never stay there very long, as patients keep taking them."

The men themselves find their military assignment is two-sided: Not only are they saving lives, but they are making their God real to the men with whom they serve.

SP4 Silas H. Porter Jr., is an example. He expresses his gratitude for that Christian witness in these words: "I would like to tell you that on the day I was baptized in a clear lake in Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, I truly felt that I had at last found the faith that God meant for every person to obtain."

The Seventh-day Adventist serviceman is a Christian at home, a Christian on the military base, a Christian on the battlefield. He has in every sense of the word a very special mission field.



A wounded soldier being evacuated to a base hospital in Saigon.

Servicemen's Offering

When a young man is separated from his family, his friends, and his church he often becomes lonely, discouraged, and careless. When in a situation such as this, his greatest need is for something to cling to, something worthwhile to do, and something elevating to read.

The National Service Organization is doing a wonderful work in providing for the needs of our men in service. The men who have some connection with the Seventh-day Adventist Church are provided the

following from the Servicemen's Fund:

1. New Youth Magazine INSIGHT
2. SIGNS OF THE TIMES
3. REVIEW AND HERALD
4. MESSAGE
5. LISTEN
6. Sabbath School Lesson quarterly
7. FOR GOD AND COUNTRY (the servicemen's paper)
8. The morning watch devotional book of the year
9. The missionary book of the year
10. Personal missionary literature up to \$10.00 for each request.
11. Tape recorded sermons for those in isolated areas.

It is estimated there are about 7,000 Adventist servicemen. Of this number the church, through the NSO, is in touch with approximately 2,000.

There are about 500 Seventh-day Adventist servicemen in Vietnam and approximately 450 in Europe. The continued strength of the Adventist trainees at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, remains at about 450-500.

We have seven full-time Army chaplains, three Air Force chaplains, and four Navy chaplains. You can readily see how impossible it is for these 14 dedicated chaplains to minister to all of our soldiers. The next closest tie our servicemen have with the church is the continuous flow of our literature.

One serviceman writes:

"I would like to thank you for all your time and consideration you have taken to see that each month I get the special literature that I receive. You can't imagine the great help it has been to me since entering the

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"TV" for Every Member

Time is a gift from God. Twenty four hours of it are given us every day. I wonder how many use part of this time to study the Sabbath School lessons. Isn't time precious? A wonderful gift from heaven! Diplomas will some day be given to those who use it wisely. The parchment will read, "Eternal Life - Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The Bible, another precious gift, should be well used and at all times well worn. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee". Psalms 119:11. We can use our precious time to hide God's Word in our minds, memorizing, repeating, sharing with others our hope.

One more wonderful gift to help us is TV. You have no doubt spent much time with this set. Think for a moment what precious gifts are time, the Bible, and TV. What a combination!

TV is designed to give you vision, stimulate your thinking, enrich your knowledge and warn of danger.

There are storms ahead and TV at times warns us of their approach. It also casts a clear picture of you and your life's problems.

Every home should have a TV set. Much more time should be spent with this set. There are always some who will say, "I don't have the time for the TV." But we ought to take time. Don't you agree?

We have been spending Wednesday evenings in church. We bring the TV set right up front. It attracts the Christian, and is very distracting to Satan and his kind. They would urge us to stay home and spend time with the counterfeit TV.

"Oh, you didn't know what was meant by TV? Excuse me, I thought you knew. I was speaking about Testimony Volumes. You know, the nine volume SET—that precious gift to the Remnant Church by our gracious Lord.

I recommend to you the Testimony Volumes. Every home needs a set. Every church should be studying

them. Every church member should take more time with them. The churches also need Testimony Countdown.

Satan's counterfeit already gets too much attention.

J. C. Parmele, District Pastor

Faithful Bible Student



Fred L. Balliet reading his Bible as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

Fred L. Balliet, who celebrated his 90th birthday last March 13, still enjoys reading his Bible and studying his Sabbath School lesson. He says, "The Bible grows more interesting to me every passing day."

Not only has Brother Balliet been faithful in studying the Bible, but he has also faithfully attended the "Testimony Countdown" classes being held in the Colman church members' homes.

Mr. Balliet is the father of Mrs. John Scriven, member of the Colman church. He was born in Hoffnunsburg, South Russia, March 13, 1880, and came to the United States with his parents in 1902. He attended some meetings in Eureka and was baptized and became a member of the Java, South Dakota, SDA church in 1912. He has lived in South Dakota ever since. He takes a walk every day and contributes his good health to the trust in God and in his reading of the Bible and the good care his daughter and son-in-law give him. His eye is still keen and his ear can hear the average conversation.

P. W. Kemper
Pastor-Sioux Falls Church

South Dakota Campmeeting

Camp meeting time is rapidly approaching. This is the high point of the year for our people—a time of fellowship and spiritual refreshing. Begin planning now to be present during the entire week—actually nine days—of inspiration. Arrange your vacations and work programs so you can be there.

Date: JULY 3-11

Place: HURON, S. DAKOTA

Special treats are in store, featuring our leaders from all over the world. Be on the lookout for further notices in the OUTLOOK regarding the forthcoming camp meeting in South Dakota. Big plans are being made. You plan, too, to be there.

W. J. Clemons
Departmental Secretary

Newsnotes From Watertown

The great challenge of the Seventh-day Adventist Church today is to finish the work of God in the earth. The Church of God was established by the Master to carry forward His work. "It was at the ordination of the twelve that the first step was taken in the organization of the church that after Christ's departure was to carry on His work on the earth." ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, p. 18.

It is the privilege and responsibility of Adventist believers to communicate to the world the plan of salvation. Writes Ellen White, "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world." IBID., p. 9.

Members of God's remnant church in the northeastern part of South Dakota are accepting this great challenge to finish the work of God in this part of the Lord's vineyard. They are doing so in the following ways:

*Evangelistic Meetings: R. R. Patzer, conference evangelist, accompanied by his wife, has been conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in the Watertown Church. David Bordeaux, local pastor, has assisted in

these meetings which began February 28 and ended April 12. Meetings were held four nights each week for the first month and on the weekends of the last two weeks. Attendance was good throughout the series. From 40 to 60 were in attendance each night. Non-Adventist attendance was good, fluctuating from 10 to 25 nightly.

As yet none have publicly taken their stand for God's truth, but studies are being conducted with several good interests. Many who had become lax in their Christian experience are once again faithfully attending church. We are certain that souls will eventually make their decision to follow the Master all the way and take their stand for His truth.

***Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking:** A Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was recently conducted in Miller, South Dakota. Although there were only 8 in attendance during the plan, it is believed that 4 were able to overcome the enslaving tobacco habit. The writer knows that at least three of them have actually stopped smoking.

At the close of the plan, a bank president, expressing his appreciation and gratitude, without any solicitation, took out his wallet and handed the writer a \$20.00 bill. A young veterinarian's wife contributed \$10 without solicitation.

A Five-Day Plan is scheduled for Watertown, South Dakota, April 26-30. It will be conducted in the new Regional Library. The head librarian and staff were very gracious in granting permission to conduct the plan in their lovely facilities. The plan is being advertised over KDLO, a local TV relay, two local radio stations, and the daily paper.

Soul - Winning Training Classes: The Lay Activities Councils of the Watertown, Huron, and Redfield churches recently convened. During these council meetings prayerful plans were laid and specific territories were assigned to laymen to carry forward a zealous laity evangelistic thrust. Through the work of these bands it is hoped that listeners for the Voice of Prophecy and viewers of the Faith for Today TV program will be boosted. By house to house visitation and witnessing, it is hoped that these contacts will eventually lead to Bible studies and ultimately to baptisms.

These churches believe that soul-winning can be done by greater efficiency and deeper consecration. "Time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work . . . The time demands greater efficiency and deeper consecration." 9T 27.

They believe that by better organization they can do a greater work for the Lord. In these Council sessions with each church the following divine counsel has been carefully considered, "Let ministers teach church members that in order to grow in spirituality, they must carry the burden that the Lord has laid upon them, . . . the burden of leading souls into the truth." GOSPEL WORKERS, p. 200.

Training classes in soul-winning are planned for the Watertown, Huron, and Redfield churches under the direction of W. J. Clemons and the writer.

Thorough soul-winning training is desperately needed. Ellen White writes, "They must be taught how to labor for the Master. They must be trained, disciplined, drilled, in the best methods of winning souls to Christ . . . Let different branches of missionary effort be systematically laid out, in which they may take part, and let them be given instruction and help. Thus they will learn to work for God." GOSPEL WORKERS, p. 210.

From MINISTRY OF HEALING we find these encouraging words, "Many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin. They need to be instructed and encouraged. Every church should be a training-school for Christian workers." p. 129.

The lay activities leaders in north-eastern South Dakota have accepted this great challenge. We are praying for the infilling of the Holy Spirit that Christ's work may go forward speedily in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

D. E. Bordeaux
District Pastor

Rapid City Dorcas in Action

Just recently the Rapid City church had an opportunity to demonstrate that the Dorcas involves the whole church, not just a small segment of it, when we purchased a hot water heater for the Joe Walker family.

Connie Walker must live from day to day with the help of an artificial kidney until there is a kidney transplant ready for her. This means that three times a week she must undergo treatment called dialysis. This treatment takes the better part of a day and hot water is very important for the bath of her blood.

The hot water tank that they had was failing them and actually her life had been put in danger several times because of the faulty hot water heater. One of our church members, Mrs. Jerry Frazee, became acquainted with this family and learned of their need.

The Dorcas then contacted the members of the church and solicited their help. The church members came through with flying colors to the sum of \$90.00 and possibly more as money is coming in every week.

Connie and Joe are so grateful for the help that we gave them; but I feel that we were the ones who benefited the most. What a wonderful experience to know that we were able to help one of God's families!

Mrs. Betty Johnson
Rapid City Dorcas Leader



VOICE OF PROPHECY in SOUTH DAKOTA

Huron	KIJV	1340	9:00 AM
Lemmon	KBJM	1400	5:00 PM
Mitchell	KORN	1490	9:00 AM
Pierre	KGFX	1060	10:45 AM
Sioux Falls	KSOO	1140	9:00 AM
Sturgis	KBHB	810	9:30 AM

groomsman, Norman Mathis; candle-lighters, Coreen Bliss and Richard Holmes; flower girl, Karen Abrahamson; Bible boy, Kevin Abrahamson. The organist was Judy May and vocal soloist, Connie Davis. Ushers were Melvin and Robert Abrahamson.

The couple are presently making their home in San Antonio, Texas, where Gary is in the U.S. Army. May the Lord richly bless these newly-weds and make their married life a happy and prosperous one.

Liz Sweeney, OPA Reporter

Of Interest in Iowa

DELPHOS—Pastor Klatt has been holding evangelistic meetings in Mt. Ayr. A good number of non-S.D.A.'s have attended - all friends of members. One family drives 35 miles each night bringing a carload of friends. One night part of the family had to stay home so non-Adventists could come. We are looking for a good harvest. Please pray for these searching souls.

CRESTON has begun having a regular Dorcas. They meet twice a month. They are remodeling the basement of the church for public use, and have more than they can do just working with the local community center.

INDIANOLA—The Dorcas ladies have a regular visiting program. They visit with shut-ins and interests. They have made as many as 24 calls in one day, having prayer with each and leaving Christian literature. Indianola is also preparing for the Voice of Prophecy meetings in Des Moines, and hopes to see a large increase in the church from those who attend. **OSCEOLA** members are busy with remodeling their Dorcas building. They hope for a much better use of it when it is finished.

March 28 the Missionary Volunteers put on the whole church service, with young people participating in every part of the service. The 11:00 a.m. sermon was taken by several youth: Patty McGee - "Why I am an S.D.A." Lee & Sandra Lamb - "What Christ Means to Me."

Shirley Lamb - "The Reason for Missionary Volunteers."

Jon Jackson - "Christian Education." **BURLINGTON**: Service opportunity at the Welfare Center has been extended to include evening hours. Every second and fourth Tuesday night from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. the

center is open. It is open during the day on Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Testimony Countdown continues on Wednesday nights.

HUMBOLDT: Joyce Larson is setting a good example for all Iowa Adventists. She had perfect attendance for Sabbath School and church during the first quarter.

FOOD LABEL BOXES: A new, attractive food label savings box has just been produced by Loma Linda Food. It is available free. Write the Sabbath School Department or Loma Linda Foods, Riverside, California 92505.

F. J. Kinsey

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Coming to Maplewood

Ted Bumiller will present in person his adventurous all-color film "By Jeep Around the World" on May 2, at 9:00 p.m. in the Maplewood Academy auditorium. This film tells the story of a courageous young man who circles the globe alone in his jeep. Experience with him a blinding snow-storm on top of the Matterhorn in Switzerland, and a skin-diving excursion as he discovers the Roman amphorae in the waters of the Mediterranean. Re-live with him his fight for life in India and his terrifying experience of a motor breakdown in the Australian desert. This is one program you won't want to miss.

PR Department
Maplewood Academy

Rochester Evangelistic Campaign

A series of evangelistic meetings will be held in the Rochester Seventh-day Adventist Church from May 2 to May 23. Anyone having a friend, relative, or interested person living in the Rochester area, please send us the name and address so that an invitation to these special meetings can be sent to them. Address all communications to G. A. Haas, 1867 37th Street NW, Rochester, Minnesota 55901

G. A. Haas
Pastor

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Union Evangelism (continued from p. 16)

Swanson decided to attend the Northbrook Seventh-day Adventist Church, in North Minneapolis, and hasn't missed a Sabbath since that time. A long-time friend of the family, John Hoppe, brought Mrs. Swanson to the evangelistic meetings in St. Paul every night. At the conclusion of the meetings Mrs. Swanson and Mr. Hoppe decided to be baptized and unite with the Northbrook Church. They wanted to be baptized with the

What Schools Can't Do

Dr. Dilts, a prominent Iowa educator, a former worker in the Iowa Department of Public Instruction and presently Professor of Education at Iowa State University recently said:

"There are three things the public schools cannot do at all.

(1) They cannot change student attitudes.

(2) They cannot effectively teach citizenship. The record proves this.

(3) They cannot teach morality. The record also proves this and furthermore the courts have so dictated."

Dr. Dilts also lists a number of areas in education where the public schools have done a poor job.

Other public educators in Universities across the country are saying about the same things.

It is evident that as we come closer and closer to the end of earthly time Christian homes must have their children in Christian schools to get the greatest Christian product in their children. Neville George

Oak Park AYBL Action Units

Just what is an AYBL Action Unit? According to Miss Debbie Fillman, winner of the temperance oratorical contest and member of one of the units, "It is a group of academy students interested in better living for the community, especially to help the grade school children." AYBL stands for "Adventist Youth for Better Living." To carry out their purpose these groups go out to elementary schools in the surrounding areas and present a program to each room individually. In this way they feel that they can get closer to the children themselves and be of more interest.

The program of a typical action unit is a clear and concise piece of machinery. First Chris Smith gives a demonstration on health principles using an overhead projector. Through the use of transparencies he shows the proper use of food, rest, and exercise. Next Brenda Wheatley gives a demonstration using the Smoking Sue, showing the discolored lungs of the manikin who smokes, and proving that it isn't really "cool" or smart to smoke. Following this Debbie Fillman shows the students a poison kit, containing eight of the twenty-seven

poisons in a cigarette and explaining the function and effects of each. Last Van Langeland, president of the OPA Temperance Society, uses the overhead projector to show the effects of smoking on the heart and lungs, explaining the causes of heart disease, lung cancer, and emphysema. Before leaving, the audience is given a chance to pose any questions that might have arisen in their minds. Mr. Stabel, temperance sponsor, or David Prest, Bible instructor at OPA, answers these questions.

The group's future plans include more visits to Maxwell schools and others in the area. So far they have visited five rooms in Maxwell and made one visit to the upper grades of our own church school. God bless these young people as they carry forward the work. Liz Sweeney

OPA Sponsors Teen Center

Plans that originated with Jake Duran at Bible Camp are now a reality. Several of the academy students are now actively involved in the project of a teen center. According to Signa Lounsberry, committee chairman, its goal is to help the youth of Nevada become better citizens and know Christ. Secondarily, they will introduce our church beliefs with the other subjects.

The center named "INSIGHT" is located at the corner of Lincoln Highway and Main Street in Nevada. Composed of two rooms, one for films and the other for games, talking and reading, the hopes are to promote an atmosphere of Christ's love to our non-Adventist friends of the community. Every evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. four nights a week, six of the students will be on hand to greet the visitors. First games and a get-acquainted time, then a film on smoking, narcotics, alcohol, physical fitness, citizenship, or other related areas. After the film there will be general individual witnessing by the students.

The committee headed by Signa consists of Kathy Nelson, treasurer; Kathy Rich, secretary; Wayne Strause, Nancy Moon, Linda Chapman, Warren Woledge, Greg Porter, and Marcia Marley. These young people are working hard to make the center a success. Any donations you may want to give will be very much appreciated.

Liz Sweeney
OPA Reporter

News Shorts From OPA

Charles Felton is back on the job on a partial basis after recovering from a heart attack which struck him last month. He is gaining strength rapidly and is deeply grateful for the prayers of the believers around Iowa.

Mrs. Velda Nelson, dean of girls, finds it necessary to do some student teaching for her course at the Iowa State University. In her absence Thomas Baker and Mrs. Paul Essig are filling in her place in the English department and Mrs. Bruce McKellip is substituting as daytime dean.

Students have been busy working the Teen Center, getting it ready for use. It is hoped that the center will be ready for use by Monday, April 13.

New smoke detection units have been installed in the Administration Building and girls' dormitory. These units are so sensitive that several alarms have been set off by burned toast or over-heated grease on the griddle.

Liz Sweeney
OPA Reporter

Oak Park Hosts Union College Guests

Friday evening, April 5, Helmer Heghesan, Union College student missionary to Peru, presented slides showing his work "south of the border." With intense interest the students followed him in pictures through a typical day's work plus some other scenes of interest.

During Sabbath School April 4, Allan Stone, who has just returned from Vietnam, told some personal experiences. There was a general lesson study in the form of a panel discussion between five of the Union College group: Patty Tennihill, Dave Ferguson, Janet Webb, Danny Ruggles, and Tom Werner. The church service featured speaker was Dr. George P. Stone, Chairman of the Education Department at Union.

Dave Ferguson lead out in the singing band at the Oak Park Manor as approximately twelve academy girls joined in. Later in the program Dave sang a personal testimony to the senior citizens. Also included in the lineup was an alto solo by Patty Tennihill, a freshman at Union; both were accompanied by Miss Janet Webb.

Later in the afternoon the young

people were led in a singspiration by Dave Ferguson. During the program other specials were presented by various groups. Both Dave and Patty put their voices to further use with a solo each. Ricky VerSteeg, Patty Dickinson, and Jim Juhl, OPA trumpet trio, and Coleen Cole, Marcia Marley, and Signa Lounsberry, OPA flute trio, also presented special numbers.

After Sabbath, the OPA "All Stars" pitted their basketball prowess against the larger and more experienced Unionites.

Liz Sweeney
OPA Reporter

"Teen Tone" Guests At Sioux Valley Youth Rally

April 3 at 5:00 p.m. was the departure time of the "Teen Tone." The group were to be guests at the annual Sioux Valley Youth Rally held this year at Sioux City. Members of the group were: Karen Sogard, Kathy Nelson, Karen Morlan, Kim Wiedemann, Becky Kinsey, Marcia Dinesen, Alice Henry, Nyla Stigge, Bev Ruggles, David Haynes, Wayne Strause, Larry Moon, Richard Booth, John Patterson, Marc Johnson, Van Langeland, and Dave Kerr. Tom Fowler, dean of boys, and Mrs. Woodland, choir director, and her husband were the drivers.

Sabbath proved to be a day full of interest and activity. During Sabbath school Clyde Peters, mission pilot on furlough from his post in South America, told the audience about his experiences doing God's work. The featured speaker for the church service was Arthur Hauck, Professor of Speech at Union College. During the church service the choir provided special music in the form of a song called, "Go Not Far From Me Oh, God."

After a potluck dinner the afternoon program commenced. The choir sang ten numbers. Included in their repertoire was "Hymn of Supplication" and "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing." Five solos and one quartet added further spark to the program. Immediately after the program the choir made their way back to Oak Park Academy, unfortunately having to miss a session of slides shown by Clyde Peters which followed supper.

Liz Sweeney
OPA Reporter

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or try one of the other arts or crafts, if you wish.

All this including meals and lodging for less than most people spend on a 1,000-mile trip. That's right, meals included. Mother can relax as much as anyone.

Special rates for campers and tents.

J. L. Dittberner, our Union Conference President, hopes to come as our camp pastor. If so, he will lead out with morning and evening devotions.

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Neville George
MV Secretary

Five-day Plan In Atlantic

Elder Miller and Dr. Larsen conducted a smoking clinic in Atlantic March 15-19. The president of the Whitney bank, where the meetings were held, had attended meetings for the first smoking clinic held several years ago. He was successful in breaking his smoking habits and has been so grateful for this effort. He provided the funds for two ads placed in the paper at a cost of \$20. We always feel more should attend. Mr. Jones, the president felt the same way. This was the third smoking clinic held in Atlantic. The people are asking for another one.

Bliss and Abrahamson Wed

Wedding bells rang at the Canwood Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 1, 1970, at 4:00 p.m. as Donita Bliss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bliss of Walker, Iowa, and Gary Abrahamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Abrahamson of Des Moines, (formerly of Albia, Iowa), pledged their wedding vows. C. E. Felton, who was principal during most of their academy days, officiated.

Attendants in the service were: Maid of Honor, Janet Bliss; bridesmaid, Carol Bliss, both sisters of the bride; best man, Charles Griffin;



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Left to right: Edwin Johnson, literature evangelist; Ray Flemmer, Publishing Department secretary; and Gemmie Baker, literature evangelist. These two men are happy, not only for being the highest in sales last year, but also for the rich experience in missionary endeavors. Will you not join us?

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Mustard Seed Growth

About two years ago Mrs. Gwenda Thomas of the Cedar Rapids Church began a children's story hour in her home community at Toddville.

Because the story hour is conducted in a public community center, Mrs. Thomas was requested to limit the stories to nature and character building, and avoid Bible stories that might stir denominational prejudice. The venture has been highly successful and has created a very favorable response from children, parents and people in the community. Now it is growing.

Two other nearby towns that have similar community center projects for their children have requested Mrs. Thomas to bring the story hour to their areas. This has been done.

Mrs. Esther Getty, also of the Cedar Rapids church, under the guidance of Mrs. Thomas has a story hour in Center Point with 16 children. Mrs. Donna Anderson, another Cedar Rapids story hour protege of Mrs. Thomas, is conducting one in Robins, with 20 children. The original Toddville story hour has an enrollment of 35.

Now comes the big joyful news! A well respected non-Adventist lady at Toddville has requested Mrs. Thomas to start a BIBLE Story hour in her

home!! Arrangements are being made by the Cedar Rapids Sabbath School Council to furnish materials and sponsor Mrs. Thomas in conducting a neighborhood Bible Club. Notice this short paragraph from a recent letter mailed to the conference office by Mrs. Thomas, "I am furnishing these people with Adventists (The community center people) and they are delighted about it and are thanking me for it. Remember Cedar Rapids in your prayers and watch us go. Great things are going to happen for the Lord here. We will move into our new church this summer and then we will really grow!"

F. J. Kinsey

Principal Felton Honored



The students and staff of Oak Park Academy presented Story County Hospital with a stethoscope and blood pressure apparatus in honor of Principal C. E. Felton during his stay there. Nurse Jean Carpenter tries out the new equipment on the honored patient while students from Oak Park (left to right) Signa Lounsberry, Jeff Hogle, and Judy May take a look.

Principal Felton is now well on his way to recovery. He is allowed to spend a little time in the office each day now. The following note from him expresses his personal feelings.

"Dear Christian Friends: Your prayers, cards, letters, and gifts during my recent illness have been appreciated so much. How good it is to know that we can meet at the throne of grace and share our joys as well as our concerns.

"My strength is gradually returning. The prognosis is for full re-

covery. I praise God for His great love and your friendship."

Marley Conducts Spring Week of Prayer

The week of March 15-21 was set aside as Spring Week of Prayer for the students of Oak Park Academy. E. L. Marley, Iowa Conference President, was the guest speaker. Each evening he brought before the young people a new concept to explore more thoroughly. Studies on the origin of sin, how to overcome it, and its consequences brought many to a new understanding of the plan of salvation. Each evening after the meeting a question and answer period was held. Morning worships were conducted by the students. Elder Marley was available for counseling during a good portion of the week.

The climax of the entire week came Friday evening. Elder Marley graphically portrayed the scene of Christ's anguish and death on the cross, bringing tears to many eyes. He brought out a point that a great many of the students had never realized before: Christ actually died of a broken heart which took place the night BEFORE His crucifixion. It was only through God's providence that He was sustained until the following day. There followed an invitation for all to come to the microphone and speak a few words, telling how much they loved Jesus. A wonderful response was made as the majority put aside their fears enough to stand before the assembly and speak. Hearts and eyes overflowed with love and peace.

Sabbath morning the Nevada congregation were privileged to hear a wonderful message by Elder Marley as he repeatedly urged them to hurry and spread the gospel of our Lord before it is forever too late. Christ's coming is very near as shown by the rapid increase of knowledge, the rising crime rate, and religious awakening. Time is running out and we must do WHAT we can WHILE we can. Elder Marley challenged everyone to do his part in finishing the work. Thus ended the Week of Prayer and began a new era in Christian love and understanding at Oak Park Academy.

Liz Sweeney, OPA Reporter





Elder Oliver baptizes Ken, Penny, and Jody Roggencamp, who became active missionaries even before they were members of the church.



V. O. Schneider (left), pastor of Minneapolis Northbrook Church, welcomes Mrs. Florence Swanson while John Hoppe watches approvingly.



Duane Ristow precedes his wife in baptism as Elder Oliver administers the rite.



Mrs. Ronald Small, a Catholic for twenty-five years while married to her SDA husband, is baptized with her son, Ronny, to complete the family circle.



Elder Crowson (left), and Elder Oliver look over the map in planning the day's visitation.

group and when told that the baptism would be conducted in the Southview Church, at 58th & Wentworth, Mrs. Swanson exclaimed, "What a coincidence. I was married in that church forty years ago." Sometimes the Lord does work in mysterious ways . . . "He first findeth his own brother . . . And he brought him to Jesus." John 1:41, 42. This scene and experience is still being repeated in modern times.

Mrs. Eugene Wagner had taken several Bible courses and had received Bible studies. Mrs. Wagner, with her husband and children, attended the meetings. Because of the influence the Wagners had on the lives of two other young couples, they were able to bring Mr. & Mrs. Duane Ristow and Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Davis to the meetings with them. There was quite a process of victories to be gained; a faith to be strength-

ened in each family. Finally the day arrived when the invitation was given. On this first call, each member of all three families took his stand, joined the special Bible class, and subsequently was baptized with the large group on Sabbath, April 11.

A. H. Gerst was pastor of the St. Paul First Church until earlier in the year when he accepted an invitation to a pastorate in Tennessee. Elder Gerst gave strong leadership to the church and had made excellent preparation for the evangelistic meetings before he left.

E. W. Oliver and his family moved to St. Paul just a week prior to the opening of the evangelistic meetings. Elder Oliver carries on a very strong program of evangelism and leads his people into deeper spiritual experiences. For example, Elder Oliver went on a complete fast for two straight weeks during the meetings. He was praying and fasting for a definite number to be baptized. The Lord honored the pastor's covenant and his petitions and gave exactly the number of baptisms for which Elder Oliver had been praying.

The St. Paul membership gave outstanding support to the meetings. The attendance was unusually high. Some member of the congregation volunteered to fast and pray each day. There were many who entered into this phase of the program and God added His blessings.

On the final Sabbath the church accepted the challenge of a continuous evangelistic program and is even now preparing for another reaping program.



Mr. & Mrs. Ken Roggencamp (center), and daughter Jody (front), insisted that his friend John Kelch (right), and his sister Mrs. Loretta Chase and her husband and son attend. This group was baptized April 11.



Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Wagner (center), with their children (front), encouraged Mr. & Mrs. Duane Ristow (left) and Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Davis (right) to attend the meetings. All were baptized together.



Union Evangelistic Reports St. Paul Meetings

Halle G. Crowson
Northern Union Ministerial Secretary

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

The membership of the St. Paul Church accepted this challenge and early in the year began to do something about the fields in their community. E. W. Oliver, pastor, and his associate, Henry Zollbrecht, joined with Halle G. Crowson, Northern Union Ministerial Secretary, for a month-long reaping meeting.

The meetings began Sunday night, March 15, in the new St. Paul First Church and were concluded on April 11 with a large baptism at which time twenty-eight new believers were accepted into the church. Twenty-five of these united with St. Paul First, one was added to St. Paul East Side, and two joined the ranks of the Minneapolis Northbrook congregation.

During the course of the meetings I was reminded of a statement that we read and hear so often: "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." GOSPEL WORKERS, p. 352. A tremendous spirit of cooperation and willingness was manifest on the part of the membership, and the Spirit of the Lord was present in an abundant manner. The membership of the St. Paul East Side Church gave excellent support to the meetings and brought with them a number of visitors throughout the meetings.

There were many exciting experiences and dozens of victories were gained during this month of evangel-

ism. A few of these are related in the following paragraphs.

Ken Roggencamp, his wife, Penny, and daughter, Jody, had been studying Bible lessons with George Hollen for several months. The Roggencamps had already accepted the Bible truth on the Sabbath and had been attending church for some time when the meetings began. Like some of the disciples of old, Ken and Penny wanted to immediately share their new-found faith with others and were successful in urging his sister's family to attend the meetings along with Ken's friend, John Kelch. As a result, the three Roggencamps, Mrs. Loretta Chase, her son, Steven and John Kelch were all baptized on the same day.

Mrs. Ronald Small and her son, Ronny, were baptized together on this occasion. Witnessing this ordinance brought extreme joy to Mrs. Small's husband and daughters. The Smalls have been married some twenty-five years, during which time Mrs. Small remained a Catholic while her husband was a Seventh-day Adventist. Their two daughters were baptized some years ago into the Adventist Church. Now the entire family rejoices together in the same blessed hope.

Mrs. Florence Swanson was united in holy matrimony to a Lutheran minister some forty years ago in the church located at 58th & Wentworth Avenue South, in Minneapolis. Her husband was a Lutheran minister until his death some time ago. Mrs. Swanson has a very dear uncle on the west coast whose sweet Christian experience and unerring faith have had a telling influence on her life. Sometime during October, Mrs.

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Pastor Henry Zollbrecht says, "It takes a lot of bookwork for an evangelistic effort."



Group baptized Sabbath, April 11. Pastors Zollbrecht, Ostrander, and Schneider, back row. Elders Crowson and Oliver, extreme left.