

Soul Saving Power of the SIGNS

Mrs. Gary Greenfield, who as Mary Lee Parola, was born in a San Jose Hospital on February 29, 1944, gave birth to a son in the same hospital on February 29, 1972. The odds on something like this happening, according to mathematicians, are 1,700,000 to one.

Far away in the jungles of Burma lives an old ex-soldier, an Englishman named Mr. Herbert Halden, and his family. With little or no contact with fellow Christians, and certainly none at all with Adventists through channels conveniently available in North America, the odds against this family's ever hearing the third angel's message were formidable, maybe as great as in the example above.

But it happened—through SIGNS OF THE TIMES, and God's providence.

Somebody sent the SIGNS, not to Mr. Halden, but to a Burmese Adventist worker named Elijah Bwint. Sent him a whole club of SIGNS, in fact, to use in his work—one of many such orders turned in for SIGNS World Ministry during the annual crusade.

But still the odds were stacked against Mr. Halden's ever getting a copy, except for God's miracle—a providential arrangement of events that led to Mr. Halden's conversion. This Burmese preacher, along with a fellow worker, Hla Chit, decided one day to visit a village five miles off the Moulmein-Tavoy road. They had to walk, following a lonely, beaten path through the jungle.

After some distance, they came to a place where the path divided. Which way should they

go? There was no one to ask. But both felt impressed to take the left fork, little realizing that this was the wrong way, that is, the wrong way to the village.

But it was the right way to where God wanted them to go that day. Finally they reached a house in the middle of the jungle with a well-kept garden around it. And there to their amazement they found this Englishman, Mr. Halden, who was as intrigued as they were when he learned his visitors were two lost preachers.

It just so happened—or rather by God's design—that Pastor Bwint had some SIGNS OF THE TIMES with him that day, reading matter gladly welcomed by this isolated English family. They read them from cover to cover, and asked for more, and more. At last report, Mr. Halden and a grown daughter had been baptized, and Mrs. Halden was planning to be soon.

But what if those two Burmese pastors had not had SIGNS to use in their ministry? What if nobody had sent them a club? What if?—we could keep on asking. But we don't need to, for God in His providence took care of all the exigencies.

He will do so again during this year's SIGNS crusade, as prospective sponsors sensitive to the Spirit's impressions, respond by including in their lists one or more clubs to overseas workers. And joyous will be the result as the totally unexpected happens out there in some jungle or city or village—in some human heart that could be reached in no other way.

T. R. Torkelson

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Many Adventists Still in Military

Dwight D. Eisenhower made the statement while he was president, "We are not at war, but neither are we at peace." The United States is again in the same situation. Although we are not at this time in any known open conflict, we are not and never will be at the place where the United States can be without a strong and alert military.

As long as there are military establishments there will be members who identify with the Seventh-day Adventist church. Even though there is no draft at this time we have some 5,000 military men and women who claim the Seventh-day Adventist church as the church of their choice.

These individuals, far from home and often removed from the influence of the church or fellow Christian associates, need the fortifying influence of our Adventist literature. Literature received by our people in the military is read and often used for missionary purposes afterwards. The following quotations explain how our literature is appreciated:

"A non-Adventist wrote one of our literature evangelists that he really liked the *Signs* which he had been receiving and that "it was the only thing" that kept him going while in Vietnam."

"I want to personally thank you for the aid in receiving Adventist books and periodicals. As a result I am going to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church next Friday night."

"Just a few words to let you know how much I have enjoyed receiving all the many Adventist publications for the past 16 months of service. As a result, my spiritual and mental knowledge increased and my missionary efforts were greatly aided. Thanks again for the many hours of reading and studying God's Word. My tour of duty was made much easier by the National Service Organization's literature program."

"I would like to thank you very much for sending me all the books and the *Review* since I have been here. Please keep them coming to me as I love to read them. In many instances I have gotten discouraged and felt forgotten, but my days are always brighter when I receive the papers. It has brought me out of the dark as I learn more about our God. I know that He hasn't forgotten me and neither have my friends, the Seventh-day Adventist people. Thank you again."

You may not have a son or daughter or an immediate friend in the military at this time, but there are those who do. Should we not do all we can while the opportunity is open to us to encourage these young people. What we can do together is not a burden for anyone, but it becomes a blessing to each who participate. A liberal offering on May 11 will provide the needed funds so the SDA's who are in the military will be able to receive our literature during the next two years.

C. M. Willison

Happiness at Home

Part 2

By W. John Cannon

In a previous issue we discussed the first rule given in the *Ministry of Healing* for happiness at home. Today we give the second rule, which appears on page 361:

"Around every family there is a sacred circle that should be kept unbroken. Within this circle no other person has a right to come. Let not the husband or the wife permit another to share the confidences that belong solely to themselves."

The sacred circle of love is drawn around each home. When someone else invades that circle of love, something is desperately wrong. The first serious mistake is made. Again it should be pointed out that love is not some mysterious feeling. Love is a plant to be cultivated and tended. Love—true harmony—will result when the right conditions are created and maintained. Unselfish thoughtfulness and care for one's partner's good and welfare should dominate the thinking and action. To stand side by side, sharing the experiences that come, will protect the family from the seductive influences of the enemy of souls. When husband or wife begins sharing with acquaintances or friends family problems or difficulties, the danger signal should be flashed. There is trouble ahead. This is particularly true when the confidant is of the opposite sex and the subject is negative.



Iowa

100th Anniversary—Community Services

A day that will not be forgotten in Iowa is Sabbath, May 4. This will be the one hundredth anniversary of our Seventh-day Adventist Community Services. During the worship hour service we can be reminded of past accomplishments, but more important is what we will be doing for our community in the future.

We must not be satisfied with the past. If we are, then we are not doing the work that God has outlined for us. Let us always remember and put into action the words of Jesus, "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me, I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me."—Matthew 25:35,36

Stanley F. Pedersen
Lay Activities Secretary

YOUTH RALLY

Sabbath, May 4, 1974 at 3:30 p.m.
Oak Park Academy Church, Nevada

Singspiration Featuring
MATT GALLETTIN, GUITARIST
SPECIAL YOUTH SOCIAL DURING EVENING

Forest Ridge Camp Activities

June 30-July 7 *Family Camps*
July 7-13 *Boys and Girls ages 9-11*
July 14-20 *Boys and Girls ages 12-15*
July 21-25 *Friendship Camp*
August 4-9 *Blind Camp*

Plan now for activities this summer at
Forest Ridge Camp.

IOWA Camp Meeting Accommodations Order Blank Nevada, Iowa — June 14-22, 1974

Name _____ * For Office Use:
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Phone Number _____ * Receipt No. _____
Church _____ *
Number in Party _____ Ages _____ *
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Double Springs (Old Girls' Dormitory only)	2.00	_____
Double Pad	2.00	_____
Cot and Pad in Dorm Ward, per night	2.00	_____
Trailer Space - electricity and water, per night . . .	1.50	_____
Personal Tent Space (elec. 50¢/night extra), per night	1.00	_____
Space for tape recorder	2.00	_____
Tents - Due to extra new dormitory rooms, tents will be erected, where feasible, by special request only, per night	2.00	_____

Notes: No linen available for rent.

TOTAL CHARGES _____

No PETS on grounds, please.

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

No accommodations available for teenagers unless
properly chaperoned.

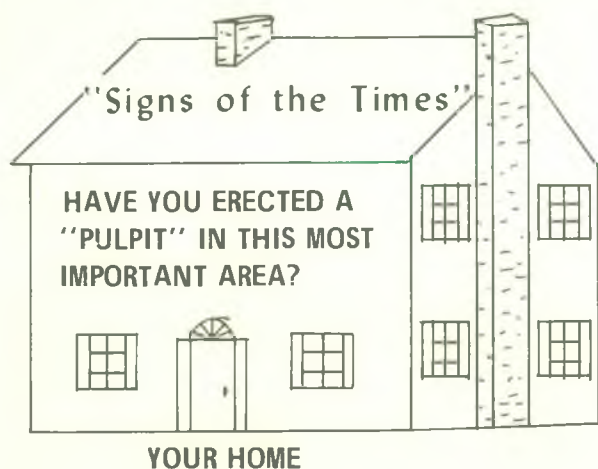
BALANCE DUE _____

If your first choice should not be available, may we reserve other accommodations?

Second Choice _____

Other comments: _____

Send order with your check to: The Locating Committee
Iowa Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Box 475
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265



Cedar Rapids Baptisms

The Cedar Rapids congregation recently witnessed the baptism of Mrs. Roy Fredericks and Pearl Evans.

Mrs. Fredericks, after studying with Bill and Sandy Golightly, her close friends and also new members, said that if she could be baptized, it would be the best present she could ever hope to receive.

Ray and Charles Evans also rejoiced at the baptism of their brother, Pearl.

I am sure God will bless these two lovely people as they endeavor to serve their Lord.

On March 23rd, the Key to Life Singers presented a singing program for the 11 o'clock service followed with the baptism of four people. They were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith and Brad and Bruce Griffith. After a fellowship dinner, Marcus Payne from the Iowa Conference office, shared Bible study and witnessing experiences with us.

The joys and blessings of that Sabbath were much appreciated and we thank the Lord for them.

Linda Middleton
Communications Secretary

Iowa Spring Federation

Nevada Church
Sunday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m.

PASTORS
ALL COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS
HEAD DEACONS
HEAD DEACONESSES

Let your Pastor know you will be coming!
(Noon lunch will be provided.)



Minnesota

Give Tithe? No Give Offerings? No

Why? You can't. Why? It isn't yours to give. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." Psalms 24:1. "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine." Haggai 2:8.

So you only *return* the offering as well as the tithe to its owner.

God prescribes a tenth as tithe. He gives you management of the rest. Then He throws out the challenge, *prove me*, and promises there will not be *room enough* to receive the blessings.

Have you reached your "returning" limit and "receiving" capacity?

Martin C. Shain
Stewardship Education

Baptism at Thief River Falls



Left to right are Dr. and Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Robideaux, Mr. Robideaux, and George Herber.

Ralph Robideaux was baptized March 23 in the Thief River Falls Church, the first fruits of the evangelistic meetings held in that city during the month of March.

The Robideaux family was first introduced to the Advent message 23 years ago when the church members conducted a Sunday School in the home of Mrs. Robideaux's sister, Evalin Wold. Just three years ago, George Herber, enrolled Mrs. Robideaux in the Gift Bible Plan. She completed the course and was baptized in November of last year. Soon after her baptism Mr. Robideaux became interested and received Bible studies from Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Bray. He made his decision to join God's family during the meetings.

Mrs. Maynard Molskness
Communication Secretary

News Notes

Donald Thompson reports that the members of the Morgan church are meeting each week to study plans of personal evangelism and visitation. Some of the members are already involved in giving Bible studies.

The pupils of the Thief River Falls Adventist Elementary Church School have surpassed their goal of one hundred dollars for Bible textbooks for students overseas. Besides personal contributions the students earned funds by selling placemats, note cards and recipe file cards.

The Sabbath School workshops conducted throughout the Minnesota Conference April 7 - 10 featuring W. G. Larson, Northern Union Sabbath School Secretary, had representation of more than one-half of the churches in the state. Helpful suggestions and materials were presented for Vacation Bible School evangelism.

The following churches have conducted evangelistic or revival meetings during the months of March and April: Minneapolis First, St. Paul Eastside, Maple Plain, Brainerd, Hutchinson, Thief River Falls, and Lancaster. Attendance at the meetings indicate a positive interest and spiritual concern by the public. Several have been baptized in these churches and follow-up of interests is continuing. The Conference has received reports of 60 baptisms for the first quarter of 1974.

The Conference Lay Activities Department is preparing a Bible Evangelism class in churches to give laymen training in giving Bible studies. A film on the importance of visiting our neighbors with our Bible Course is shown at each meeting. Opportunity is given to tell experiences and to ask questions.

The Wadena Church is involved in a community project each quarter when they assist with the "Meals on Wheels" program which provides warm meals to shut-ins. Mrs. Gertrude Julius, Communication Secretary says the church has assisted faithfully with this project for several years.

The Hibbing church is planning to open a Community Services Unit in their church this year. T. E. Staddon reports that they plan now to have the Unit in part of the church basement.

A Five-Day Stop Smoking Clinic was conducted April 7 - 11 in Albert Lea in the Y.M.C.A. building.

This organization and the Y.W.C.A. assisted with the program. Dr. F. H. Rosenthal from the Austin Church teamed with Bernard Spencer to present the lectures and answer questions of those attending.

The Mankato church is planning a mass distribution of the book *Steps to Christ* with an enrollment for the Bible course throughout that city. They will start with the project the first of May.

Steve Huntsman, Assistant Lay Activities Leader in the Faribault church noticed a group of students from Pillsbury Bible College, a Baptist institution, were having a prayer meeting each Wednesday evening in the plant where he works. He invited his pastor, Ernest Dobkins, to go with him and they distributed *Great Controversy* and *Desire of Ages* to the group. The literature was eagerly and gratefully received. They will be furnishing additional reading in the future.

Steve Scott and his son Allen used a unique advertising project for a recent 5 - Day Stop Smoking Plan in Faribault. They made a sandwich sign that looked like a cigarette pack and Allen carried it around town. The sign read on one side "Cancer cures the Habit" and on the other side it read "So does the 5-Day Plan." Allen's father distributed literature and invitations to passers-by.

Department of Communication

Greene Valley Week of Prayer

Children of the Greene Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church School in Rochester participated in a Spring Week of Prayer held March 18-22 by Pastors Charles Klatt and Richard Haas.

Each morning there was a spirited song service followed by a Bible Quiz and special feature which consisted of a personal conversion story. The children learned first hand of the conversion and acceptance of the Adventist message from Rosemarie Jones, Dave Wing, Chuck Orr, and Pastor Charles Klatt. The theme of the week was GIANTS OF FAITH. Each child learned that they too can be giants as were Abel, Esther, Paul, Timothy, and Jesus Christ. The morning service ended with the students participating in a short season of prayer.

As spring comes and new life begins in nature, so there were seven children who have chosen a new life with Christ and are in the baptismal class. The rest of the children rededicated their lives in service to their Lord.

Sharon Klatt
Communication Secretary

Signs of t



At the Yountville, California, camp meeting in 1874, church leaders were sufficiently courageous to ask for a special offering of \$10,000 so that SIGNS OF THE TIMES could begin its adventure in evangelism. When the offering was received, it amounted to \$19,414, nearly double that which had been requested! The same enthusiastic support... is still characteristic of our believers... Every home across America and those who can read the English language around the world should read SIGNS each month. On this anniversary of its founding... we [should] reach 100,000 *new homes* with SIGNS. Yet, if we should follow the example of our believers at Yountville, we would reach nearly 200,000 new homes...

Let SIGNS aid you in reaching your part of the homes that need to know your Saviour.

Robert H. Pierson, President
General Conference



Ellen White reminded us, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."

We salute SIGNS OF THE TIMES on its 100th Anniversary. Surely it is time for us to capture this same spirit of sacrifice, of dedication, and of concern to complete the work of God as did those early believers! Let us with God's help make this anniversary year a great soul-winning outreach for the ministry of SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Neal C. Wilson, Vice-president
North American Division



How are we going to evangelize the masses in our immense metropolitan areas? How are we going to penetrate behind the closed doors in our suburban highrises and condominium complexes? The answer is clear and precise—our missionary magazines must help us to reach the people. SIGNS OF THE TIMES should be mailed out by the millions today.

To celebrate the SIGNS OF THE TIMES centennial let us double or triple the present circulation of this prophetic monthly. "Four in '74," should be our slogan in the centennial year. If every member would provide at least four subscriptions, what a mighty influence this would be to increase the soul winning in 1974! Great faith will produce great results!

V. W. Schoer
Lay Activities Secretary
General Conference

he Times



SIGNS OF THE TIMES has played a very important role in the advancement of God's message around the world. . . . Let us plan to send this "silent messenger" to more homes, more families than ever before. . . .

When we think of the sacrifice of time, money, and physical strength that was expended by the pioneers of this outstanding missionary journal and of the many souls that have been won through the years, *can we afford to do less?*

Now is the time for us to arise and do more than ever before. The gospel commission says, "Go, ye." . . . Let us plan in 1974 to do more through an expanded use of **SIGNS OF THE TIMES**.

W. O. Coe, President
Northern Union Conference



At Yountville, California, . . . when only 400 were present, . . . the brethren hoped to raise \$10,000. But when the cash and pledges were counted, it amounted to nearly \$20,000. . . .

In those early days of **SIGNS**, when wages were 11 cents an hour, a subscription cost \$2.00. Now after 100 years, a subscription if ordered during the campaign will cost only \$3.50. A century ago it would have required 18 hours to pay for one subscription. Now it takes about one hour.

In the Northern Union 29,778 **SIGNS** pulpits were erected in 1973, but let us make this anniversary year the greatest ever in **SIGNS** ministry.

W. G. Larson
Lay Activities Secretary
Northern Union Conference



In this year of our hundredth anniversary we plan to reach 100,000 new names. You can help us reach this goal. Combining our forces under God, we can succeed.

This special price of **SIGNS** for one year is \$3.50 in the U.S.A., Canada, and Mexico, and \$3.75 in clubs of five to other countries.

100th Anniversary

Maplewood Academy Day Program

All students of Academy age! You are invited to attend the Academy Day Program on *Tuesday, May 7, 1974.*

Hours - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Contact your pastor regarding transportation and other information.

L. E. McClain, *Principal*

church was filled to capacity. Pictured above, clockwise are: the thermometer, one of the young ladies at the fellowship dinner enjoyed at noon, part of the crowd in attendance, a little girl who enjoyed her own "meal", and Elder Netteburg. Surely the Lord has been good to His people around the world, and the members of the Hibbing church all rejoiced in this high Sabbath experience.

Thearon Staddon, *Pastor*

Minnesota Conference Camp Meeting Information

Dates: June 14-22, 1974

Accommodations

Dormitory Rooms with Twin Beds - Per Night \$5.00

Tents & Trailers

With Electricity & Water - Per Night \$2.00

Without Electricity - Per Night \$1.50

Deposits Required

Dormitory Rooms - \$10.00

Trailer or Tent Space - \$5.00

Dormitory rooms are limited. Bring trailers or tents if possible.

Bring your own bedding and linens.

Rooms will not be rented to teenagers unaccompanied by parents.

No cooking allowed in dormitory rooms.

Sabbath meals will be served in cafeteria to ticket holders only. Purchase Sabbath meal tickets in the academy business office.

No cots can be used in the dormitory. (Bedrolls and/or sleeping bags permitted)

NO PETS ALLOWED!

CAMP MEETING RESERVATIONS

Maplewood Academy
Hutchinson, MN 55350

Please reserve for me the following reservations:

- ☐ Room in dormitory Single _____ Double _____
☐ Tent/Trailer space with electricity and water.
☐ Tent/Trailer space without electricity.

I plan to be in attendance the following dates:

- ☐ First weekend
☐ Second weekend
☐ Other dates _____

Please find enclosed a deposit of.....\$_____

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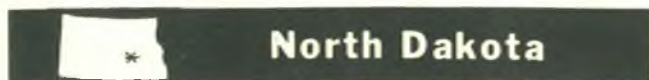
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Iron Range Meeting



The churches of the Iron Range District of Minnesota gathered together and listened to L. H. Netteburg, Northern Union Conference treasurer. His morning sermon dealt with the joy of being a member of the family of God on earth, and in the afternoon he told of the progress of this family of God in various places around the world, particularly in manners of which the Lord blessed His people. The temperature read 25 degrees below zero that morning, but all churches were well represented and the Hibbing



Investment at Max



The year of 1973 was one of real victory for the investment program of the Max, North Dakota, Sabbath School. The total investment offering for the church was \$896.77.

Mrs. Eldon Devnich, leader of the children's department, made lady bugs for each child and they pasted on another "spot" representing their offerings. The offerings were earned by helping with dishes, babysitting, picking up toys, and other chores.

We thank God for His abundant blessings to our little congregation and for His children who are willing to share their blessings.

Mrs. Ted Scheresky

Twelve-Year-Old Recommends Adventist Literature

Denver Roberts, a literature evangelist, walked up to the door of a house where he had sold a set of *The Bible Story* about five years before. Upon visiting with the Voeller family he discovered that 12-year-old Lynette Voeller was making good use of the 10-volume set of books by Arthur S. Maxwell. She had read the complete set through at least four times in three years. Lynette used these books for her daily Bible study. As her letter says, *The Bible Story* helped her to become a "soldier of Christ."

Lynette's prayer for many months had been, "Jesus, please send us another Bible salesman." When Denver Roberts called upon the home the second time, he sold another \$120 worth of books. *The Conflict of the Ages* series by Ellen G. White was a part of the current sale.

After Mr. Roberts delivered the new set of books,

Lynette wrote the following letter to Mr. Ron Ihrig, Publishing Secretary for the North Dakota Conference, which expresses the feelings of many who purchase books from Seventh-day Adventist literature evangelists.

"Dear Sir:

I would like to write to you and tell you how the children's Bible stories have helped me understand Jesus. I'm 12 years old and was confirmed last summer and *The Bible Story* books have helped me become a soldier of Christ. I've read the Bible and many parts of it a lot of times. There were a few places I didn't understand completely. By reading the children's Bible stories I have learned to understand the meaning of the Bible and what Jesus is telling us, His children.

My mother and father have now purchased a new set of Bible study books which I'm sure I will like just as much or even more than the others we have purchased. I hope others will buy these books and get as much out of them as I have.

Thank you for coming and selling these books and giving people the chance to understand the Bible more completely. I hope there will be more of them to help people many years from now.

Yours truly,

Lynette Voeller"

J. Wayne Hancock

Communications Secretary, N. D. Conf.

S.R.A. Academy Day

April 29

If you are a student in the 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade you must come to SRA April 29 for our annual Academy Day. We are counting on YOU. See your pastor for transportation to: Sheyenne River Academy, Harvey, North Dakota.

North Dakota Students Lead Out in Branch Sabbath Schools

Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, is operating seven Branch Sabbath Schools and North Dakota students are in complete charge of one of them. "The Cedars," a special home for children, is the location and Sharon Davis, an elementary education major from Richardton, North Dakota, is the team leader with Ernie Schwab and Patty Millspaugh of Jamestown, Valerie Miller from Streeter, and Dena Barnes from Garrison as her helpers.



Sharon Davis, Elementary Education major from Richardton, North Dakota, helps Branch Sabbath School children sing "I'm in the Lord's Army."

Ernie has a nature nugget every other week and often brings a live animal which thrills all the children. Valerie plays her guitar as there is no piano.

"Most of the children at the home are junior and earli-teen ages and come from broken homes and have bad backgrounds in general," writes Sharon. "But each one is so dear—all are eager for even a little bit of love and attention. I love going out to Cedars."

Although most of the Branch Sabbath Schools were started last fall, Sharon says hers has been in operation for almost two years and takes the place of going to church for the boys and girls at "The Cedars."

"It is really too early yet to see any results, but we try to demonstrate Jesus' love to them and bring them some happiness," concludes Miss Davis.

Communications Department



Mr. and Mrs. Sperle and family with J. G. Nikkels.

the Adventist pastor in her hometown of Aberdeen, South Dakota and Bible studies were arranged. Sabbath, March 30, she was baptized by J. G. Nikkels, and joined the Aberdeen Church. Her husband expressed his desire to be baptized in the near future. At the same time, several youth took their stand. We are confident that the Aberdeen Church will keep growing.

J. G. Nikkels
Communications

Fruitage of Rapid City Bible Prophecy Meetings



March 30 and April 6 were days of inspiration and rejoicing as thirty-one people were united with the church through baptism following weeks of intensive visitation, Bible studies and public meetings that were conducted by Halle G. Crowson, Northern Union Evangelist. In addition to this group, more are preparing to be baptized and join the church by profession of faith in the next few weeks. God has richly blessed in the presentation of truth here in Rapid City.

Associated with Elder Crowson in the Bible Prophecy series are Pastors Harold Gray, Richard Holmes, Bill Clemons and many dedicated laymen.

W. J. Clemons, Pastor
Rapid City-Hot Springs District



South Dakota

God's Word Bears Fruit in Aberdeen

Kathryn Sperle attended Sabbath School with her grandmother several years ago, but somehow never joined God's remnant people. Yet the seed had been sown and according to God's promise, would bear fruit.

Recently while visiting her parents in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, she accompanied her parents to an evangelistic meeting, conducted by Evangelist Crowson. The sermons brought back memories and lessons learned during her childhood years and Mrs. Sperle wanted to know more.

Wisely, Elder Crowson brought her in contact with

Spearfish Church School



Behind Spearfish Church School. Teacher, and children wearing Faith for Today T-Shirts and holding bird houses and feeders.

The Spearfish church believes in Christian Education. With only six students in attendance, they have continued to operate their elementary church school this year.

The first thing in the morning, while minds are fresh and before the regular school duties begin, worship is held. This is a bright spot in each day. Each Monday morning, Mrs. Gray comes to the school for Bible reading and study with the group. On Tuesday mornings Elder Gray has the devotional period. The children enjoy this and are especially thrilled as colored slides of Iran and other middle east countries are shown.

The teacher, Mrs. Holweger, has organized a school

choir with every student in it. Mrs. Edwin Johnson gives of her time to this project and accompanies the children as they sing praises to God. The students enjoy singing and the adults appreciate their special numbers in church services and on special occasions.

The school room, with its large windows on the west, provides ample space. The room is light and airy and kept most attractive. A big window box is the garden center where each child has planted beans, squash, or melons. This green garden is growing profusely.

A Faith for Today Valentine project held the students' interest for several weeks. Each student set his own goal. When the final figures were in they had raised \$70.00 for Faith for Today. Each student now proudly wears a T-shirt saying "Kids need Jesus too."

Mr. Holweger helped in another project. He brought plywood and tools and helped the students build bird houses and bird feeders. Enthusiasm ran high on this project.

The school pupils are greatly thankful to Miss Ann Eisenman for supplying the school with approximately 30 new books, most of which have already been read.

A portion of each day's time is used for a physical fitness program. The students want strong, healthy bodies and enjoy exercising to music with the use of a record player.

The Spearfish church looks forward to a larger enrollment next year. The excellent, well rounded school program has the support of the entire church and is attractive to the boys and girls in the church.



At Rest

SWENSON—Lena, 102, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, passed away December 5, 1973 at the Crystal Lake Nursing Home. Her mother was a Seventh-day Adventist and later in life Lena became a member of her mother's church. In 1895 she married Godfrey Swenson. He died in 1939. Lena was a good seamstress all her life, making her own dresses until her late 90's. She leaves to mourn, one son, Ernell, of Minneapolis, grandchildren—Robert of Chicago and George of Bloomington, six great-grand-children and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Orton Swenson of Bloomington. Gerhart Schwarz, Pastor

WILLIAMS—Minnie E., was born to Paulina and Earnest Menke on September 8, 1882 and passed to her rest on November 14, 1973 in Davenport, Iowa. Surviving is her husband, W. E. Williams of Davenport, Iowa; one sister, Rose Pope; one niece, Evelyn Menke, and one nephew, Lowell Menke - all of Waseca, Minnesota. Mrs. Williams was buried in Rock Island, Illinois where she awaits the call of the Lifegiver. Services were conducted by the pastor.

I. E. Schultz

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Sunset Calendar

April 26

Des Moines, Iowa	8:07
Minneapolis, Minnesota	8:12
Bismarck, North Dakota	8:46
Huron, South Dakota	8:30
Rapid City, South Dakota	7:49

May 3

Des Moines, Iowa	8:14
Minneapolis, Minnesota	8:21
Bismarck, North Dakota	8:55
Huron, South Dakota	8:39
Rapid City, South Dakota	7:58

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THE FIRST FOR THEM

Fifty-one General Conference Sessions have been held since the Seventh-day Adventist Church organized on May 20, 1863.

In the early days of the denomination they occurred every year. The church was small. It had not yet begun its world outreach but marked its boundaries by the borders of North America. The number of official delegates attending that first session in 1863 was 20.

Looking back through the records of the church, one notes that the location for the first 20 sessions—up through 1881—was Michigan, and except for two sessions held in Lansing, the host city was Battle Creek. Then other names began to appear like Rome, N.Y.; Oakland, Calif.; Minneapolis, Minn.; College View, Nebr.; South Lancaster, Mass.; Washington, D.C.; Detroit, Mich.

The last session, in 1970, was held in Atlantic City, N.J., and the delegate list had grown with a growing church—1,782 official delegates. But in addition to the delegates each session since the turn of the century has drawn interested members. They have come from all over North America. They have come to receive the inspiration of first-hand mission reports presented by overseas delegates. They have come that they might know the thrill of feeling a part of a world church.

And yet the advantages of these meetings have accrued only to the members in North America. In other countries members have had to be content with reading reports and have not known the joys of fellowship with brethren from around the world. Nor has the church in other countries, on other continents, known the advantages that the impact a world conference of the church can make on a public which all too often considers Adventists a small, insignificant "sect."

Vienna will change this picture. For the first time Adventists in Europe will be able to gather together in one mighty congregation, to worship their Lord in many languages at once. For the first time, Europeans will know that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is NOT an American

church, but rather a world church with work being carried on in nearly 200 countries!

They will come to Vienna from Norway and Sweden, from Germany, France, and England, from Poland, Denmark, and Holland and all the cities of Europe. They will come by the hundreds and the thousands, and they will meet for the first time with those of like faith from other lands. They will come anticipating an experience of a lifetime, a tiny foretaste of what that great gathering in heaven will be like when Jesus returns home with His saints of all ages. It is THEIR hour of refreshment, and it should be preserved for them, for the men and women of the Advent faith in Europe who have waited so long for this moment!

Let us here in America who have known the thrill of so many mass meetings of the church—let us reserve this hour for them, so that nothing will deprive them of this once-in-a-lifetime privilege.

Vienna is not blessed with an abundance of accommodations. Nor is the Stadthalle, site of the General Conference Session, large enough to seat all who will want to attend. For this reason let us surrender our own desires to attend, giving preference to our brethren and sisters in Europe. Let us content ourselves with the swift reports of the Session that will come to America by modern communication media. The General Conference Communication Department and Adventist Radio Network will provide on-the-spot reports broadcast over the radio stations of the Adventist campus stations each day. Detailed reports with pictures will arrive daily for readers of the REVIEW AND HERALD, and special picture features will appear in your union paper.

So as 1975 rolls around let us remember that this General Conference Session is scheduled in Vienna in order to make it available for Europeans, not to draw American Adventists to vacation in Europe with Vienna as a pausing point. It is the first for them. Let it be a good first, a time of untarnished spiritual refreshment and enlarged vision.