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They Are Waiting

When I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour, the pastor said, "Young man there are hundreds of people just like you who are waiting for someone to bring Jesus to them."

I took this challenge seriously and started to search for those who would accept my Jesus. As I found time I would go from house to house and ask if all the members of the family knew God and His Son. Doors opened, and as I saw interests developing, I gave Bible studies and made special visits and led the people on to know Jesus.

During the years of my ministry I have found more than five hundred that have been baptized and joined our church. My first contact with these people was made at the door of their homes. The first family to respond (husband, wife, and mother-in-law and four children) saw me for the first time as I came to the home and arranged for Bible studies. This family went to their neighbors and created an interest. A minister came and developed the interest and a church of thirty-five was organized. Within a few years the membership of this church increased to one hundred fifty.

I was a salesman at this time. After I became a minister I continued to call on my neighbors and others and always found some who accepted Jesus and joined with us. In a small city I baptized six who lived in the same block where I lived. My first convert came toward me with an ax and said, "I will split your head," but I told him that I came for Jesus and wanted to talk with him. Before I left, the man in prayer gave his heart to Jesus. He proved a valuable helper in the church and a colporteur.

Another man I met for the first time while Ingathering. He gave all to Jesus and became a colporteur and has won forty-two by visiting and giving

Bible studies. He was an alcoholic when I met him.

I called at a home in a large city, where the man and wife were Catholics. As I left I invited them to my church to hear me speak on the Mark of the Beast. They came and I arranged to



A. D. Bohn

call at the home and let them read the Catholic books I used with my lecture. When I arrived there were fifteen Catholics waiting for me. Studies continued for a year and seven of this number were baptized.

I have always felt it my duty to call on my neighbors. At present my next-door neighbors, a family of seven, are studying the message.

My fellow Christians, to you I say, "They are waiting." Go search and you will find those who will love and obey Jesus, and through all eternity will thank you for introducing them to the sinner's friend.

A. D. BOHN.

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"A great and good work may be done by evangelistic canvassing."

Ringling Doorbells for Our Saviour

Accepting Christ as my personal Saviour led me to ringing doorbells for Heaven. I went into the colporteur work because I felt as though I should do something for the Master, but in turn have found that my own soul is blessed above anything I expected possible. Christ has taught me that He has paid the supreme sacrifice on Calvary for all, no matter what race or creed they may be. The colporteur work has taught me not to be prejudiced. The colporteur work has taught me to pray and depend on Christ more than when I was not laboring for Him. The colporteur work provides many avenues through which souls can be brought to Christ. (1) Prayer offered in the home. (2) The Christian volumes bought for home use. (3) The Voice of Prophecy correspondence course. (4) Leaving a *Signs of the Times* to read. (5) Arranging for personal Bible studies in the home. The colporteur work finds me singing praises to our King as I walk from house to house. Many are waiting for someone to come and teach them how Christ can lift their burdens and how to prepare for His soon coming. The Master loves us with such great love that He gives each one of us the privilege of helping to feed His lambs.

After colporturing in San Francisco for two and a half years part time, we moved to Redwood City and a few weeks later found me canvassing in our vicinity. It wasn't too long before I canvassed a mother who didn't understand the Bible. She purchased a *Bible Pageant* set and after we prayed, arrangements were made for Bible studies. A member of our church gave her studies for over a year which led her to accept Christ as her personal Saviour and His precious truths. Now she is breaking the "bread of life" to her sister.

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Sunset Table

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Friday, October 2

Return to Standard Time in California

	<i>and Nevada</i>			
Angwin	5:52	Oakland	5:52	
Arlington	5:34	San Diego	5:33	
Chico	5:49	San Jose	5:51	
Eureka	5:58	Phoenix	6:12	
Fresno	5:42	Reno	5:41	
Lodi	5:48	Salt Lake City	6:09	
Loma Linda	5:33	Honolulu	6:19	
Los Angeles	5:37	Hilo	6:08	

Friday, October 9

Angwin	5:42	Oakland	5:41
Arlington	5:25	San Diego	5:24
Chico	5:38	San Jose	5:41
Eureka	5:47	Phoenix	6:03
Fresno	5:32	Reno	5:30
Lodi	5:37	Salt Lake City	5:58
Loma Linda	5:24	Honolulu	6:13
Los Angeles	5:28	Hilo	6:02

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Fifty-two Persons Baptized

It is wonderful to be a Seventh-day Adventist, but it is more wonderful to be a Seventh-day Adventist colporteur. Isaiah 60:1, 2 tells us "to arise and shine for thy light is come," it also says, "that darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people." This is surely the condition of the people that



Walter Womack

we find in the world today. We have the answer to the problems and perplexities in our truth-filled books. How can the people get these books without someone taking them to the houses? We need many more colporteurs to carry this message of hope and salvation to the people.

God pays his faithful workers well. I am glad to tell you how the Lord has blessed me this year. From January to August 14 I was able to sell and deliver, with the Lord's help, \$10,000 worth of books. In the eleven years I have been in this wonderful work for the Lord, He has blessed me with \$60,000 worth of deliveries, but the best part of all is I have had the joy of seeing fifty-two souls come up out of the watery grave to walk in newness of life and become Seventh-day Adventists. What a joy it has been to see the changes that have taken place in these dear souls as they have learned of Jesus and His wonderful plan of salvation.

My heart becomes heavy when I think how many more could be walking

If you feel Jesus is calling you to use your feet to glorify Him and in some small way to show your love for Him—do not rob yourselves of the blessing Heaven is ready to pour out to you. I have never known what true happiness was until Christ came into my life and called me into the colporteur work.

The past five consecutive years of part-time colporteur ministry have drawn me closer to the Master. May our King Jesus find us working for Him when He comes to take us home.

NADJE SUSOEFF.

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"By diligence in canvassing, by faithfully presenting to the people the cross of Calvary, the canvasser doubles his powers of usefulness. . . . God will impress those whose hearts are open to truth, and who are longing for guidance."

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with Jesus, if more of our people would follow the counsel of God. In *Christian Service*, page 141, it is stated that "Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles and go forth to warn the world. We are to be God's helping hands in saving souls. . . . Many will be called into the field to labor from house to house, giving Bible readings, and praying with those who are interested." In *Steps to Christ* we read, "The effort to bless others will react in blessing upon ourselves." This is the purpose of God in giving us a part to act in the plan of redemption. This is the highest honor, the greatest joy that it is possible for God to bestow upon men. So friends, I appeal to you to enter some avenue of God's work, either doing colporteur work or giving Bible studies. I know God will richly bless all who will do this.

WALTER WOMACK.

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A Great Need

The great need in every conference and every district is that of God-fearing, consecrated colporteurs. The writer has always enjoyed going into a district or even a church where good strong canvassing has been going on. The colporteur is a great help as he hunts and fishes for souls when selling his books and magazines.

We have had several successful soul-winning colporteurs in our district, but I shall mention only two. A young man, Jack Bynum by name, was sent from Pacific Union College to the Manteca district for the last two summers, and he has worked hard, earned two scholarships, and we have already baptized five souls as the result of his work and several more are interested in the truth and are taking studies. Another young man, Ralph Sneed, who is an experienced student colporteur is now an intern in my district. He plans to start an effort in Escalon October 11 and hold it for two months. I have asked for another colporteur to be placed in Tracy and Elder A. R. Reiswig, our Publishing secretary, is already making plans to place Brother Meier there.

Yes, there is urgent need for colporteurs, pastors, evangelists, Bible instructors, and laymen working closely together in giving the gospel. Let us help the colporteurs in every way possible and pray for their success.

G. H. LOEWEN.

Customer Writes to Colporteur

A few days ago I received a letter and as I read it I could not control my tears. The lady who wrote the letter, I contacted while I was canvassing. Only colporteurs can understand what it means to visit a family where there is trouble of a nature that only God can help. All the colporteur can do at such a time is to pray and attempt to lend comfort. I took Mrs. Wharton's case to my pastor, Elder Hollis Anderson and the rest of her story is in her letter. As you read it you will understand why I wept for joy as I read, "Dear Mrs. Howard,

"I imagine you will be surprised to hear from me—but then perhaps not. Tho' we were unable to buy the books you were selling, your call on us was very worth while. I and my oldest daughter, Martha, were baptized at the last baptismal service at the church here. Elder and Mrs. Anderson gave us Bible studies in the home starting last January and we attended an evangelistic effort in Huntington Beach. Elder Hollis Anderson and Brother Fritz Guy have visited my husband a few times and he has taken the Bible correspondence course and is looking forward to baptism soon.

"The three younger children were dedicated at the last baptismal service too. Martha attended MV camp at Idyllwild this summer. Both Rand and Martha are going to attend the Adventist school at Valencia this fall. Martha is going to work in the Ingathering campaign and I hope I can spare a few hours for it too.

"We have our dreams for the future—of the children and perhaps even my husband attending La Sierra College. And I want to study to prepare myself for colporteur work someday. I would be very happy if I could be instrumental in bringing to even one family the happiness, peace, and hope that through your work and prayers you have helped bring to me and my family.

"Sincerely,

"Sr. Mary Wharton."

The above letter brought more than double compensation for every little sacrifice I have made in the Colporteur Ministry.

MRS. RUTH HOWARD.

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Who Is My Neighbor?

The above question asked by the man of law is an oft repeated one. No, we do not ask it in the open but we do express it by our actions. This is no time to ask foolish questions. This is a time to go "all out" for the winning of souls. Someone has said, "Next to the winning of a soul to Christ is to teach that soul to win another soul." We must be about our Father's business and our Father's business demands haste.

Now for some good news! This is of interest to all so please give it some thought and study. Then make your plans and make them large as God expects every man to do his duty.

A large number of leaders in the Pacific Press territory were in a counsel at the Pacific Press laying plans leading to the finishing of the work. After earnest prayer, study and much counseling,



Mrs. Ruth Howard (center), Mrs. Mary Wharton and daughter Martha

an action was taken to the effect that we ask the publishing departments of the various conferences to release to the home missionary department a list of names suitable for follow-up with the



D. N. Reiner

Signs of the Times, it being understood that these names be held sacred and all interests be faithfully followed up.

Our colporteurs go from door to door and sell our truth-filled books. They go into the highways, byways and hedges seeking the lost. They leave no stone unturned. They find every home whether it be a hovel or a palace and where possible leave a book. These books tell the story of Christ and create many interests.

Here is where we come in! In our attempt to reach every home in our territory we send out various types of literature. Every year we have a *Signs of the Times* Crusade. Many times we flounder about looking for names. The above action, if carried into effect, will release to us a wonderful list of names. This is a veritable gold mine. Many of God's people are still in Babylon. They do not now keep God's law. They do not now live as outlined in the Book of books. They may even openly fight God's people and God's cause. Yet they are God's people and will make wonderful Adventists once they find the way.

Now permit me to appeal to our ministers and church officers to do all you can to follow-up this fine list of names prepared by the publishing department. It is our duty and privilege to bring to these interested individuals further

help. You ask how can this be done? *The Signs of the Times* is the answer. Now is the time to lay wise plans for our next big crusade. This list of names, running into the thousands, from the publishing department is a real challenge. We crave the cooperation of every member who has a burden to win men to God. May we count on you?

D. N. REINER.

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Ministers and Colporteurs Have Results

I called at a home just before Easter. A young mother opened the door and invited me in saying, "You may come in, but I can't buy anything."

When I showed her the *Medical Counselor* and *Bible Readings* she was



Mrs. Pawnee Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. McNuley, Elder L. B. Patterson

thrilled, but said I would have to come back and see her husband. She thought he might like the medical book.

I called that evening and a young man opened the door. I pretended he was just as happy to see me as I was him. He just didn't like salespeople, I learned later. However, as I canvassed him on the *Medical Counselor* I could see he was delighted—he picked it up, looked it over and said, "I'm afraid to ask how much it costs. I'm sure we cannot afford it."

"Before we talk about that I want to show you the companion volume," I replied. When I had showed him the *Bible Readings* he said, "I become

afraid when I think of the things that are happening in the world today and I take the Bible and try to read it but I can't understand it. It doesn't seem to make sense. This looks as if it would help a person to understand the Bible better."

"Yes," I said, "and this volume, *Great Controversy*, helps us to understand why there are so many denominations in the world today and why they are teaching so many different things."

"I've always wondered about that," he said, and he bought the *Bible Readings* and the *Great Controversy*.

I asked him if he would like to have some Bible studies. He said they would and the next week we started Bible studies with them. The following week was Easter. They said they would like to go to church on Easter Sunday. As I was going to be out of town, I couldn't invite them to attend our church on Sabbath instead.

They went to a little church around the corner from them and there met a minister who had been an old friend of the family years ago.

The minister was very surprised, but happy to see them and made a special effort to be friendly and helpful. He took them home to lunch with him and called the next week. He invited them to prayer meeting. Mr. and Mrs. McNuley got a lot of religion in a short time. We studied with them on Tuesday evenings. They went to prayer meeting at the — church on Wednesday evenings. Sabbath they attended the Seventh-day Adventist church, and Sunday morning found them seated in the pew of the — church. This continued week after week until the minister of the — church became tired of their endless questions that he found so hard to answer. The Sabbath was difficult enough for him, but the Mark of the Beast was the last straw.

These young people became acquainted with the young people of our church, they liked our minister, Elder L. B. Patterson, and enjoyed very much his visits as he has gone over the doctrines with them. These young people are Brother and Sister McNuley for they are now baptized members and have already become workers in our church. MRS. PAWNEE WAGNER.

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"Let no one think that he is at liberty to fold his hands and do nothing. That any one can be saved in indolence and inactivity is an utter impossibility."



Mr. and Mrs. James Hayashi and three of their converts

Minister and Colporteur Work Together

One day I called on a home where the mother was in serious distress and despondency due to continual vexations from some of her neighbors. She began to think her trials were God's retribution for her sins.

Knowing that I was a Christian she asked in deep earnestness, "Will Jesus forgive even me?" After assuring her that God had a great love for her, I recommended Bible studies to her. She

consented. I left her home after a prayer.

I gave her name and address to Elder Robert Nomi, who called on her and began a series of studies to which her husband and her parents also came.

The early part of this year it was my privilege to see Mrs. Kaneshiro baptized and join the church. I pray that her husband and her parents will follow her, too.

A young, Japanese mother purchased the medical set when she saw its value



The Hayashi family

to her family of four. In the course of the conversation Mrs. Murata related the experience she and her family had of visiting one church after another until they finally decided to join a certain sect and were baptized.

By the time she made her last payment, I enrolled her in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course. I then arranged for Miss Margery Smith to give her weekly Bible studies at her home.

In the same Veteran's housing where Mrs. Murata lived, Mrs. Hayashi had canvassed a couple of young Japanese parents with the Home Bible Study Library. Although they did not decide to purchase the books, they were very friendly and manifested a strong interest in religious topics. They, too, found it very enlightening. Then Elder Hideo Oshita began the weekly Bible studies, but due to circumstances he had to ask Brother Shigenobu Arakaki to continue with the lessons. About that time Mrs. Murata resumed her Bible studies by going to the Sumida home every week. Soon afterwards they began visiting our church.

On August 8 we were happy to witness the baptism of both women. Their husbands are attending church with them every Sabbath so we hope to see them baptized soon.

JAMES HAYASHI.

A Colporteur Family

One afternoon I took three of my daughters, ages 14, 12 and 11, to a little village with the *Life and Health* and *These Times*. My eldest daughter, Doris, approached a housewife and introduced these journals. This woman's interest was aroused as she noticed the advertisement in the back of the journal for the Children's Character Building Storybooks and she inquired as to how she could secure them. To this, Doris replied, "My mother sells these books," and when we met at the car that evening, Doris told me of this lady. Immediately I called on her and gave a canvass for the *Bedtime Stories*, *Children's Hour*, and *Bible Pageant*. She purchased all three of the sets, totalling \$70.25, on the payment plan.

We are so thankful for the way the Lord has blessed the magazine work, and as a result the girls were able to earn their school tuition this year for the second time.

MRS. JAMES HAYASHI.



Winning Souls for God

Take a good look at this group of men and women. Do you know any of them? Perhaps one of them happens to be a member of your church. Why are they so happy? You couldn't tell it by looking at their pictures; but these six fine looking people are COLPORTEUR EVANGELISTS. Left to right they are: A. T. Friend, Evelyn McAlear, Pawnee Wagner, Jean Noland, Vida Hunt, Clinton Hill.

They answered the call of God to go out into the hiways and byways and sow the seed of truth. "Some fell on good ground and brought forth fruit." Yes, God blessed their ministry and they have been privileged to see 56 of their customers baptized into the message. Just take another look, see how happy they are.

C. L. FINNEY.

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Just One More House

During the summer of 1952 I was canvassing in the outskirts of Manteca, California. One particular day the sun was beating down unmercifully and my briefcase seemed to get heavier and heavier. The people I met showed little interest in my books and I was not selling anything. All the while, the neighborhood dogs were making an annoying clamor. As I went from house to house the impulse swept over me that I should quit canvassing that neighborhood and give up for the day. Everything and everybody seemed to be against me. As I contemplated this unhappy situation I reasoned that I would try one more house. Again I failed to get in and would have stopped, but again decided to try just one more house.

This house was set back from the road a bit, and as I walked up the dusty

lané I noticed several boys playing in the front yard. As I stepped to the door a lady came around from the side of the house. My hopes sank when she emphatically assured me that she would not buy a thing. Finally, at my insistence, she invited me inside. As I showed this lady our Seventh-day Adventist books, she showed little impression, but seemed more interested in discussing religion. We were talking about many of the various leading denominations when she suddenly, abruptly asked, "What is the truth?" It was obvious that here was a person honestly seeking "the way, the truth, and the life." Right then and there I prayed a silent prayer that I might be able to guide this sincere lady to a belief in the message that is so dear to us. As I explained the plan of salvation to her I could see her eyes light up as she recognized the truth she was seeking. We

talked for two hours and before I left we had arranged for her family to have Bible studies.

What followed was surely the working power of the Holy Spirit! In three weeks I was giving studies to thirty friends, neighbors and relatives of this lady. Since that time, over one hundred and thirty dollars worth of books have been delivered to this group.

The climax came a few weeks ago when this lady and her two sons pictured with her, were buried in baptism. They are rejoicing in the truth today. Studies are still being conducted by our pastor, Elder G. H. Loewen with others of the original group and undoubtedly there will be other baptisms in the future. All this happened because one discouraged colporteur tried just one more house.

JACK BYNUM.

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Working Together

The few articles we were able to place in this RECORDER on soul winning will serve to illustrate how the departments, pastors, Bible instructors, colporteurs, young people, church officers, laymen, office workers, Voice of Prophecy, and everyone are all working together to finish the giving of the message. If you were not inspired by this significant fact then I would suggest that you go back and read the articles again. A new day is here, brethren and sisters. These articles in this RECORDER remind us again that the Lord uses many agencies and individuals to influence a person between the time he is



first contacted with this message and the time he walks down to be baptized. In nearly every article where a baptism is reported you will notice several members were influential in causing the person to take his stand for the truth.

I want to take this opportunity to express, on behalf of our colporteurs and publishing leaders, deep appreciation for the way the workers of the Pacific Union follow up the soul-winning interests the colporteurs find as they visit from home to home. I also want to assure our conference officials, pastors, Bible instructors, church officers and all of our people that the chief ambition of every colporteur and every publishing leader in this union is to increase month by month our contribution to the soul-winning program of the conferences.

October 3 is Colporteur Rally Sabbath. May this be a day when many of our brethren and sisters will feel the call of God to enter the colporteur ministry either on a full-time or part-time basis. There is no more effective method of giving the gospel than evangelistic canvassing.

A. G. SURTON.

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Try the Right Side

It was morning when Jesus met His disciples at Tiberias. Interested in their success, He called out, "Have ye any meat?" They answered Him "No." Then Jesus said, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship and ye shall find."

Jesus was speaking to experienced fishermen. They had had years of experience. They thought they knew all there was to know about it. After all hadn't they made their living catching fish? But here is the master fisherman telling them to cast their net on the other side of the boat; the right side. He is telling them to change their method. They obeyed and what happened? They caught so many fish it

was impossible to draw them into the boat.

Their success is attributed to the fact that they obeyed when the Lord told them to change their method. Years ago God told us through His servant that the message contained in *Desire of Ages* and *Great Controversy* must go to the people in these last days. We believe God has been leading in the plans to so improve our policies and methods as to enable us to present this message in the setting of these times.

"Treasures of Life"

1. Smaller Books—*Desire of Ages*, *Great Controversy* and *Bible Speaks*, three large 900-page subscription books have been bound into nine smaller volumes, beautifully illustrated.
2. Right Price—This new set sells for the same price per volume as our children's books, *Bible Pageant* and *Children's Hour*.
3. The Payment Plan—Now, the colporteur leaves this complete set of *Treasures of Life* in the home for a small deposit. The balance is mailed to the office in small monthly payments.
4. Colporteur Commission—Our colporteurs receive their commission on the full amount of the sale, as soon as the sales contract and the customer's deposit reaches our credit department office.
5. More Sales, More Souls—God has promised that His word shall not return unto Him void. God will use these books in a very special way to win souls.
6. The Great Need is for Fishers of Men—God is calling consecrated men and women who will go to the homes of the people with *Treasures of Life*.

Is He Calling You?—Get in touch with your publishing secretary now for full particulars as to how you can have a part in taking this message to the people in their homes while there is yet time.

C. L. FINNEY.

mate. It is evident that, along with colleges generally, there is a marked increase in freshman enrollment and a slight decline in upperclassmen. It is hoped that nearly complete figures may be available for the next L.S.C. columns.

The academy group numbers 170. The grade school crowds ten rooms and keeps ten teachers busy with nearly 400 students.

Criterion Campaign Opens

The students have begun their annual campaign for subscriptions to their school newspaper. The goal this year has been set at 4,000 with various prizes presented by Arlington and Riverside merchants as stimulation to campaign workers. Student leaders plan for success sufficient to justify printing a larger number of issues than formerly.

Dining Services Expansion

With the added equipment and additional workers in the food service department, the dining hall attendance has shown an increase. It is expected that the bakery products will be produced in sufficient quantity to make possible the sale through the college store and the dairy sales room.

The director of food service, Mr. Paul Damazo, has been able to contract for frozen foods in very large quantities, which will make possible the serving of attractive dishes at reasonable prices.

New Talent Program

The Associated Students will present a "new talent" program in Hole Memorial Auditorium on the evening of September 26. This will be made up of numbers by students who have come to school this year for the first time and who have abilities for various sorts of musical and other entertainment features.

The program is becoming an annual one and has always been popular.

Music Faculty Concert

The members of the music faculty are giving their first concert of the year in Hole Memorial Auditorium on the evening of October 3. Present plans call for numbers by Prof. Harold B. Hannum, organist, Prof. Alfred Walters, violinist, and Prof. John T. Hamilton, vocalist.

This concert is open to the public and there will be no admission charge.

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La Sierra College

Opening Attendance

Enrollment at La Sierra College this year is holding to about what it was last year, possibly a little higher. Because of the early opening and consequent lag in arrivals no one day has been sufficiently fixed to justify an esti-

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Modesto Church Dedicated

The commodious new Seventh-day Adventist church adjoining a small and beautiful city park is located in the finest church area in Modesto at Seventeenth and H Streets. Joy filled the hearts of the local congregation when on May 30, 1953, arrangements were completed to liquidate the final debt preparatory to a dedicatory service the following month.

The building is of reinforced concrete construction, has two stories of useful rooms and a basement for the central heating plant. Plaster and acoustical tile cover the interior walls and ceiling. Asphalt tile covers the floors. Rooms are provided for Dorcas society, youth, junior, primary, kindergarten and cradle roll divisions. Second-floor baptistry and baptismal rooms are afforded. Other rooms include pastor's study, mothers' room, service, rest and missionary rooms. Council and choir rooms and church library are provided in well-planned design.

The first Seventh-day Adventist church in Modesto was purchased from the Baptists in 1902. It was later sold and moved from the lot, and a new church was built on the original site in 1917. Because of an expanding congregation more rooms were added in 1931. The present building site was purchased September 5, 1944, and the ground-

breaking service for the building program was held May 11, 1949. In January 1951, while Elder J. E. Young was pastor, a pre-dedication service was held, marking the beginning of usefulness for this modern building.

The dedicatory service on June 27, 1953, began in a morning service at which prayer was offered by Elder R. C. Baker; special music was rendered by Professors Ferguson and Becker of Pacific Union College, and a sermon calling for dedication of the human temple was preached by Elder C. L. Bauer. Dr. D. W. Semmens offered the invocation. Continuing the dedicatory service in the afternoon music was rendered by the local choir and its leader, John McConnel; Professors Ferguson and Becker. The pastor, Elder A. V. Bentz extended a welcome to those present. R. E. Osborn, secretary-treasurer of the Central California Conference offered the opening prayer. Former Pastor J. E. Young presented the church history. Elder H. K. Christman delivered the dedicatory sermon. Elder R. C. Baker conducted the act of dedication calling for responses finalizing the dedication of the entire building and a re-dedication of life by those present. Elder F. W. Schnepfer offered the dedicatory prayer. Dr. A. N. Tonge pronounced the benediction.

With a present membership of near six hundred and a seating capacity of about nine hundred it is evident that the building planners did not plan too large a church. The cost in money was \$185,000. Donated labor amounted to \$50,000.

The Modesto district, with help from

two adjoining districts has been building a new twelve-grade academy plant with spacious auditorium, classrooms and chapel during the years the church has been under construction. The Modesto Union Academy moved into this new plant only a short time before completing last year's school term. During the summer the Modesto-Salida people have nearly completed a new elementary school building joining the academy. This makes a well-planned unit comprising one of the best-appearing educational centers in this area.

Dr. A. N. Tonge is currently completing a fine, modern hospital across the street from the new church. Appreciation of this desirable location and its new, modern facilities is expressed by most visitors, and many new families are moving into this progressive locality. The church members are becoming increasingly interested in doing their part to carry the last gospel message to this community. They are grateful indeed to the local and union conferences and to all individuals who had a part in making possible the new place of worship and the new educational plant.

A. V. BENTZ.

Fresno Academy Grows

With over 300 students registered, Fresno Union Academy began its thirty-second school year. We are very happy to have an enrollment increase of 71 students over last year, thus making 97 academy and 230 elementary students.

It has now become necessary to increase our elementary teaching staff from five to eight teachers. New teachers are: Miss Lula Richardson from Richmond, Maine, grade two; Miss Geraldine Swift, a resident of Fresno, grade three; Miss Leona Bolton, an alumna of Atlantic Union College who comes to us from Brant Lake, New York, grade four; Miss Marilyn Moore, from Sanger, California, grade five; Mrs. Merle Hoffman of Fresno, grade six; Mr. Joseph Carnig from Massachusetts, grade seven. Mr. Carnig is an alumnus of Walla Walla College and holds the Master's degree from the Theological Seminary. Miss Swift and Miss Moore are alumnae of Fresno Union Academy.

Two new elementary classrooms are being provided in the auditorium now under construction.

There has been only one change of teachers in the academy section the



last three years. We are happy to welcome Mr. Calvin Unterseher to our faculty. He is an alumnus of La Sierra College. Mr. Unterseher teaches the English and woodworking classes.

We appreciate the splendid spirit with which the students have returned to school. We feel that the school has started well and indications are that this will be a banner year.

It is our prayer that as the school grows numerically, it will also grow as much spiritually.

W. T. WILL, *Principal.*

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Mountain View Area Workshop

Parents, Master Guides, Teachers, and Pathfinder leaders are invited to attend the Pathfinder Leaders' Training Course to be held in the chapel of the Mountain View Union Academy, 7 o'clock each evening, October 11-17.

Training will be given in child training, nature lore, crafts, campcraft, recreation, and numerous other activities for boys and girls. Anyone having children in the junior youth age, or below, or who have charge of junior youth, should plan to take this training.

There will be no charge for the course. A syllabus is provided, at a cost of fifty cents but is not required. Upon completion of the course you will receive an attractive certificate.

For further details, and detailed program of events, please write to Henry T. Bergh, Box 580, San Jose, California.

HENRY T. BERGH.

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Bound for Formosa

Pastor and Mrs. J. E. Christensen and their daughter Ruth left San Francisco on the S.S. *Olga Maersk* September 9 for Formosa. The Christensens will take up evangelistic work in that

field. Elder Christensen has had charge of the Chinese work in San Francisco since the last General Conference. Elder and Mrs. John Oss have been asked to take charge of the Chinese work in the city and are assisted by Wai-chow Leong. They report a growing interest in the work among the Chinese people in the city by the Golden Gate.

Hawaiian Mission

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Kona Baptism

The little Kona church so long attended by two faithful Seventh-day Adventist families was almost filled to overflowing Sabbath, August 29, when members of the Kona, Kohala, Honokaa, and Hilo church groups joined for a union service.

Elder and Mrs. C. E. Andross were special guests on this occasion. At the afternoon baptismal service three persons were added to the Lord's family.

PAUL BORNHAUSER.

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Voice of Prophecy Work

You will be happy to know that our new Voice of Prophecy enrollment cards and radio logs have arrived from the mainland. These new enrollment cards give the radio schedule for the English Voice of Prophecy, the Japanese Voice of Prophecy, and the Ilocano Voice of Hope programs. Our MV Department is sending a supply to each MV society.

We received this note from one of our World-wide Senior Voice of Prophecy students the other day: "It has been a great help for me to understand what's in the Bible and to find the Truth in it and not listen to what others say. This course also tells me of the many events that have already happened and what things are going to happen next. It explains also how to save yourself from things that are not good."

Remember to plan now to give a very liberal offering for the Voice of Prophecy work this coming October 10. In what other way will your money go so far and do so much good as through the Voice of Prophecy channel of reaching untouched millions with the gospel message of salvation?

VOICE OF PROPHECY
DEPARTMENT.

Colporteur Experience

Brother A. R. Munar, our colporteur working on the Island of Molokai, related the following:

"It was nearly nine o'clock and, having already worked ten hours, I was sorely tempted to call it a day for colporturing, however, I could not help feeling impressed to call on one more home.

"I walked toward the last house by the road. I was met by a pleasant-looking man smoking a cigarette. He invited me in and asked me what I was doing. I told him that I was dealing with the problems of health—physical as well as spiritual.

"I, too, am interested in spiritual health," he responded. He then went on to tell me that he was formerly a Seventh-day Adventist. I pointed him to the Word of God and the love of Christ.

"Learning that he had the book, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, I canvassed him for the other four books of the Home Bible Study Library set—*Great Controversy*, *Daniel and Revelation*, *Desire of Ages*, and *Bible Readings*. He ordered them.

"After enrolling him in the Bible Course and inviting him to attend church services, I prayed for him."

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Kaneohe Lay Evangelism

Members of the recently organized church at Kaneohe on Oahu are actively engaged in a soul-winning program with an aim to secure a substantial increase in membership. High point in the plan is the laymen's effort in progress, meetings being held every Sunday evening in the Community Hall. Leading out are the church elders, Alexander Kiilehua as speaker, and Jack Zane as assistant. Nearly every one of the members is helping in the project with some particular responsibility. Several good interests are in prospect, including relatives of members. Increased effectiveness is being sought by use of screen pictures in the meetings and the attempt at a large enrollment in the Voice of Prophecy courses. Previous to the beginning of the public effort a Training Light Bearers course was begun which is continuing with a weekly study on the methods of winning souls to Christ.

One man who announced that he "was searching for the truth" made his first contact with our group recently when he met one of our naval men

At Driver Hall in Fresno MV Regional Meeting

Sabbath—October 3
3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mrs. John Oss, 30 years a missionary in China will relate experiences in Communist Concentration Camp.

Special Music

A program you will not want to miss and one you will long remember.

where he was working. Among the literature that this contact brought him was a copy of *Bible Readings* in Hawaiian. Though he stayed up late at night to study the book he soon complained that he was handicapped because his wife and daughter were reading it so much. This man has now been attending the Sunday evening meetings and is happy for what he is learning.

L. L. BENNETT.

Northern California

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Exhibit at the State Fair

Seventh-day Adventists were very much in the eyes and ears of the public at the recent California State Fair at Sacramento. Plans for a denominational exhibit did not materialize until just a week preceding the opening of the Fair. Elder Walter Lind had the assistance of other departmental secretaries of the Northern California Conference, in counsel with the president, Elder Carl Becker. The local pastor applied to the officials of the State Fair for exhibition space and was graciously given a \$300 booth in an exceptionally choice location, without charge. Later, the officials donated a similar adjoining space to permit the setting up of a double-size exhibit.

The General Conference generously loaned their huge world globe, with its many lights, to center the display. Mrs. Chester Westphal, Sanitarium, donated her artistic talent to design the entire exhibit. From her home came the silk drapes, on which were photographed

the delightful rolling landscape of the hill country with its picturesque architecture. These formed the background of the display and set off the giant turning globe in dignified relief. Furniture was loaned by a local merchant to add to the artistic setting. "What Happened to Your Hand?"—the picture—was framed, and placed on one side of the exhibit. Grass rugs covered the floor, and on a table beside the revolving world the neon radio towers, depicting the work of the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today, flashed their messages. An electric organ, loaned by Sacramento's leading music store, stood on the opposite side of the exhibit. Simple gospel melodies and magnificent hymns were played softly and proved a heart-warming attraction. Before the display, and next to the aisle, stood a table on which free literature was available to the passing public. This table offered the book, *Your Friends the Adventists* to any who would give name and address, and enrollment cards for the Faith Bible Correspondence Course. Many names were gathered by this means.

Thousands of people stopped to study our world-wide program on the lighted globe, and to talk with the attendants about our beliefs and work. A number of former Adventists stopped to visit and to confess their wish to return to the faith. People of all denominations visited with more than passing interest. The commercial exhibitors near our booth repeatedly told us that their exhibits "looked cheap" in comparison to ours and they felt out of place in such a dignified and reverent atmosphere. One of them will begin Bible studies soon as a result of association at the Fair.

The impartial exhibition judges reported the Adventist booth as being, by far, the outstanding exhibit on the grounds, and awarded a plaque of merit for the educational and artistic contribution it made to the State Fair. Had the Adventist exhibit been a paid concession we were assured that it would have been awarded the highest honors. The judges were highly complimentary, and the Fair officials promptly volunteered a choice exhibit space for next year and a special invitation to accept it.

One of the leading officials of the State Fair privately confessed his belief in the Adventist faith, indicating that his late mother was a devout member. His tearful request for our prayers for

him will not go unheeded. Other concessionaires came to the booth with requests for personal visitation and subscriptions to the *Signs*.

Such was the influence of our first venture with a denominational exhibit at the State Fair in California. Its influence will be felt over a wide area, and its publicity was impressive with beauty and reverent dignity.

RAYMOND H. LIBBY.

Sabbath School Rallies and Workshops

The interest and enthusiasm in our week-end Sabbath school rallies and workshops is most gratifying. We sincerely appreciate the consecration of our division leaders to the cause of Sabbath school evangelism. They realize the truth of the statement found in *Volume 5*, page 462: "Your duty cannot be shifted upon another. No one but yourself can do your work. If you withhold your light, someone must be left in darkness through your neglect."

The wide variety of material which it is possible for us to make available at these workshops is eagerly purchased and immediately put to use in the divisions.

The following list gives the dates for the workshops to be conducted during the month of October. We know that you will plan to attend the one in your district.

Chico October 9-11
Walnut Creek October 16-18
Ukiah October 23-25

HELMUTH C. RETZER.

Mother Lode Nature Club

Harold W. Clark, Professor of Biology at Pacific Union College, was guest instructor on the Mother Lode Nature Club's recent trip to Blue Lakes, high in the Sierra.

The camp was pitched in an inspirational setting of lodgepole pine on the edge of the lower lake. The unforgettable events of the week end excursions were—Friday, vespers around the campfire, Sabbath school and church in a stone cathedral flanked by juniper and hemlock, a Sabbath afternoon hike through a mountain meadow carpeted with flowers resembling an exotic oriental rug, Saturday night campfire of stories, songs and nature charades, Sunday morning hike to the naked crest of Blue Lakes ridge, and identifying and

Colporteur Rally

Many of you have been reading about the new set of books, *Treasures of Life* that have just come off the press. If you are interested in learning more about this brand new unit that many of our colporteurs will be selling, we invite you to our conference-wide rally to be held at the East Oakland church, 2411 55th Avenue, Oakland, on October 4, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

A. R. REISWIG,
Publishing Secretary.

photographing flowers, shrubs, trees and rocks.

These and other pleasant memories of our alpine field trip will not soon be forgotten. Mother Lode "Clubbers," watch the RECORDER for an announcement of a sensational field trip.

EUGENE ERICKSON.

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Eastside Dorcas to Meet

The Eastside Dorcas Federation have called a meeting for Sunday, September 27 at Tracy. A full attendance is desired. The meeting will be held in the new church school building on Holly Drive, north of the First Christian church beginning at 10 a.m.

Bring food for the noon potluck lunch.

Elder George Munson, recently from Korea will be the guest speaker.

Southeastern California

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Around Southeastern

The five regional meetings recently completed in our field proved to be a great blessing to our conference. They were all very well attended and our people gave liberally in their offerings. The messages brought to us by visiting ministers from the General and Pacific Union Conferences as well as the groups from the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today brought encouragement to our people and caused each one to think more seriously of the soon-coming Saviour.

On Sabbath afternoon, September 5, four young men were ordained to the gospel ministry. Three of these, Bernard Cayton, Jr., Ellsworth Wellman, and Robert Wheatley, are ministers from our conference, and Floyd Wood, the fourth, is Bible teacher at La Sierra Academy. Elder F. W. Schnepfer gave the charge, Elder Edward Heppenstall the ordination prayer, and words of welcome to the ministry were spoken by Elder H. H. Hicks.

Changes in the working personnel of the conference continue to take place. We welcome the new workers who have joined us in our office. Miss Mary Ellquist, who has been teaching in the elementary school at Pacific Union College, responded to our call

and is now Elementary Supervisor for our conference. Miss Doris Scotland has recently come from the Seminary in Washington, and is now secretary to Elder H. H. Hicks. Mrs. Dorothy Froeschle is in the Sabbath School department, having come recently from Oakland. Miss Donna Ryan from Taft, California has joined us in the Book and Bible House, and Mrs. Eleanor Peterson of Chicago is our new receptionist and switchboard operator.

Max Barkhurst, who has been pastor of the Brawley church for the past two years, has transferred to Yucaipa where he will connect with the Shuler effort. To fill this vacancy Elder J. L. Jespersen, associate pastor of the Loma Linda Hill church has now moved to Brawley as pastor there.

Elder J. F. Games, who for many years has been pastor of the Colton Spanish church has been asked to take over the pastorate of the Corona Spanish church, and Elder Thomas Reque-

nez from the Brawley Spanish company has moved to Loma Linda to be pastor of the Redlands Spanish church. The Spanish work in the Imperial Valley is making good progress and to supply a worker for that area, the committee called Brother Francisco Lopez, a native of Central America, who until recently has been attending La Sierra College, to take over the work in the Valley. He will be located in Brawley.

Milton Johnson, who has been assisting in the Publishing department during the summer was recently invited to become assistant Publishing secretary of our conference. He is replacing Fred U'ren, who resigned from this work.

Robert Stanley, who has been a colporteur-ministerial intern, has been invited by the committee to enter full-time work. He is now located in National City, where he will assist Elder Charles Betz in an evangelistic effort.

We welcome Donald Gibbs and his family. Brother Gibbs has accepted a colporteur-ministerial internship and is working in the Santa Ana area. Clarence Schram, who has been connected with the Fullerton church and who has been holding several evangelistic meetings near by, is transferring to Yucaipa where he will connect with the Shuler effort.

A strong effort is being planned in Yucaipa which will be conducted by Elder J. L. Shuler, assisted by the pastor, Elder L. E. Niermeyer. The meetings will be held in the Woman's Club building and will begin October 11. As these new workers have come into our field and as older workers have been moved to new places, let us uphold our workers in our prayers that God may abundantly bless the work and the evangelistic efforts in our conference.

E. A. SCHMIDT.

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Youth Leaders' Workshops

A series of MV Workshops are being held in Southeastern California Conference, and all youth leaders are invited to attend the nearest one. Those leaders included are all Missionary Volunteer officers, church school teachers, Pathfinder officers, Associated Youth leaders, and all ministers. It is very important that every youth leader attend so that he can intelligently and successfully carry on his MV society, JMV society, or Pathfinder club during the remainder of 1953.

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Lawrence Paulson and Loma Linda Pathfinders—see a model club at work
- Sabbath Message for Youth Leaders—Elder H. H. Hicks
- Campcraft, 1953 Pathfinder Fair News, Latest Pathfinder Information, etc.
- Additional Help by J. R. Nelson, Clark Smith, and Others

A Camp Every Youth Leader Should Attend! Especially All Pathfinder Leaders!

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"Unto Thyself Be True," will be shown at each workshop; this will be of unusual interest to all youth leaders. Plans for strengthening our MV society, objectives for our Associated Youth organizations, demonstrations and latest instruction for Pathfinder club leaders, ideas for better coordination of church school-Pathfinder club, and other valuable material will be presented.

Of particular interest will be the newest developments of our 1953 Pathfinder Fair plans. All Pathfinder leaders will want to be sure to hear this so they may be prepared for the Fair coming Sunday, November 1.

Two of these MV Workshops have already been conducted—one in Riverside County, Sunday night, September 20, the other in the Palomar Area, Sabbath, September 19. The remaining appointments are as follows:

San Bernardino County—Sunday, September 27, 7 p.m. Loma Linda Hill church, Youth room.

Orange County—Tuesday, September 29, 7 p.m. Santa Ana church, Youth room.

San Diego County—Sabbath, October 10, 3:30 p.m. San Diego Broadway church.

Imperial County—Sabbath, October 17, 3:30 p.m. El Centro church.

We trust that every youth worker will take advantage of these meetings so that we can go forward with the strongest program yet for the young people of our conference.

CHARLES D. MARTIN.

God's Work Goes Forward in Elsinore and Perris

God is blessing us in Elsinore and Perris. Our faithful members are supporting His work in a wonderful way. Our tithe and mission offerings have increased, twelve new members have been added to the Elsinore church by baptism and profession of faith, and several new members have been added to the Perris church. Four lots have been purchased by the Perris church, looking forward to the time when funds are raised and they can have a church and church school building.

The first six months of this year the members of the Elsinore church gave 245 Bible readings, made 1,544 missionary contacts, distributed 4,744 pieces of missionary literature and 1,595 articles of clothing, donated \$415.71 cash to welfare, gave away 214 food baskets,

and helped 544 people in some way. We have put a new roof on the church, painted our church on the outside, re-decorated the school building inside and out, put three new windows in the school, purchased library books and \$130 worth of new maps.

We have 25 students in church school. Six of our young people are enrolled at San Pasqual Academy, one at Loma Linda medical school, and one at Pacific Union College.

Plans are being made to hold an evangelistic effort in Perris, starting Sunday night, October 18. Three meetings will be held each week, on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday nights. Pray that souls will be won to the truth.

B. J. SAVAGE.

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Youth Camp at Idyllwild

The total of 685 campers that came to summer camps this year brought more to Idyllwild than ever before. The last camp of August, our Senior Youth camp, seemed to provide a fitting climax to the summer activities as 40 youth demonstrated their interest in teen-age camping by doubling the attendance of the previous year.

From the inspiring worship period in the morning, through the interesting youth forums before lunch, on to the craft and nature classes in the afternoon, and closing with the campfire service in the evening, it was a complete day of fellowship with other Christian youth. It was the horseback riding, the daily swims in the new pool, and the recreation which seemed to provide an extra touch of interest.

And then for those hearty campers who enjoy hiking, the pack trip up into the San Jacinto Mountains was a real thrill. As the youth left for their homes, it was with the anticipation of coming back to Senior camp in 1954, not coming alone but bringing some others with them.

CHARLES D. MARTIN.

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Attention, Soul Winners!

The book, *Lift Him Up*, has been so helpful to soul winners that we feel impressed to urge every layman in our conference who is interested in bringing a soul to Christ to secure a copy.

A paragraph from the Foreword reads: "The how of uplifting a crucified, risen and soon-coming Saviour in every Bible study, or any presentation of truth is the focal point of this book.

It presents not alone good rules for public and personal evangelism, but primarily the good news of salvation."

One of the ten chapters deals with "Avenues to Hearts," and gives helpful material on personal evangelism, home visitation, neighborly friendliness, loving ministry to the needy, medical missionary work, literature ministry, and other contact methods.

The price of the book, *Lift Him Up*, is \$1.50. Order from the Book & Bible House or your church missionary secretary. Please remember to include sales tax and 15 cents for the first book and 4 cents each additional book to cover postage and handling charges.

D. E. DIRKSEN.

Southern California

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Mass Meeting

On Sunday, October 11, a big mass meeting of all conference workers will be held in the 54th Street church, 1973 West 54th Street, four blocks west of Western Avenue, starting promptly at 9 a.m. and continuing all day until 4:30. All ministers, Bible instructors, conference secretaries, academy staffs, church school teachers, and regular colporteurs are not only invited but urged to be present. This will be one of the greatest meetings of its kind ever conducted in this field. It is our wish to study how to coordinate our efforts for a greater program of soul winning in Southern California. Plan to be there promptly at 9 o'clock to hear the stirring devotional sermon.

R. R. BIETZ, President.

Southern California Conference Grand Federation Dorcas Rally

Sunday, November 1
Lynwood Auditorium

Imperial Blvd. near Atlantic

Program starts at 9:30 a.m.
Glendale, Lynwood, and Newbury
Park bands in concert

Book & Bible Display featuring
Holiday Bargains

Everybody Invited

Southern California Happenings

Santa Paula Spanish Church: Sabbath, September 12, was a high day in Santa Paula for our Spanish-speaking believers. That afternoon Elder R. R. Bietz and Brother Alvin Munson officiated in the organization of a church of 26 members. This will be known as the Santa Paula Spanish church. Elder F. W. Miller has been laboring diligently there for the past two years, and we are glad that such a fine group could be organized into another church. This brings our total number of churches up to 64. We are always glad to see the work of the Lord expanding into new territories.

Central Church: Elders W. B. Ochs and R. R. Bietz met with the Central church Sabbath, September 12. The church was happy to have the vice-president of the North American Division give them one of his inspiring messages. The Central church is undergoing a complete renovation. It is the opinion of the brethren that after the freeway is finished it will, instead of hampering the work, be a great factor in making the church one of attraction for a large area. Elder Merwin Jones and Darrell Nicola are of good courage, and so is the congregation. We have every reason to believe that this church, so strategically located in the heart of the city, will continue to prosper and grow.

New Bible Instructor: At a recent conference committee meeting action was taken to employ Mrs. Ray Swanson of the Azusa church as a full-time Bible instructor. Mrs. Swanson has been doing excellent work in conducting branch Sabbath schools and also Sunday schools. She will be associated with Brother Wilber Alexander, and will give her full time to the work in Azusa and Covina. Brother Alexander is conducting an evangelistic campaign in Azusa this fall, and definite plans

are laid for public evangelism in Covina starting in January.

Visitors: The Southern California Conference has been greatly blessed within the last two weeks to have various General Conference brethren in the field. Many of them have assisted with Sabbath services. Our churches are always happy to see our leading brethren and to hear about the progress of the Advent message in the world field.

New Bible House Workers: Within the last few weeks new workers have been added to our Book and Bible House staff. Gladys Baker recently came to us from the Missouri Conference, Lorna Clevenger from Brookfield, Illinois, and Mrs. Olive Neuharth from Walla Walla, Washington. Our Book and Bible House is doing a large business, and a strong staff is necessary to carry on the work with dispatch. We welcome these secretaries to our office family.

Newbury Park Academy: Newbury Park Academy has a total enrollment of 246. They have room for only 235, but because of the willingness of some students to crowd into the rooms they were able to accept such a large number. The student body at Newbury Park is a very fine group, and indications are that this will be a good school year. We are glad that so many of our young people are under the influence of our God-fearing teachers.

Ventura-Santa Paula Church School: For months the Ventura and Santa Paula churches have been looking for land on which to build an entirely new school building. Last week some of the conference committee members met with representatives of the two churches, and it was decided to purchase a five-acre tract approximately three miles northeast of Oxnard. This is a beautiful site, and we hope that both Ventura and Santa Paula will now be able to develop the financial resources necessary to construct the school building.

Delaware Avenue Church: Clayton Pritchett, one of our teachers in the Los Angeles Academy, has been asked to act in the capacity of assistant pastor to Elder Millet. Brother Pritchett will have charge of some of the Sabbath services, and assist with other work in the Delaware Avenue church as he can arrange.

Evangelism: According to reports now in our office, there are plans for 22

campaigns of public evangelism to be conducted in Southern California between now and time for the General Conference session. Because of certain circumstances some of our churches cannot launch out into a program of public evangelism, and these are organizing for effective programs of soul winning along other lines of endeavor. We hope that not one church in the conference will be satisfied to remain "status quo." Realizing the times, we know that 'it is now "high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Rom. 13:11.

Burbank: For quite a number of years the Burbank church and the conference committee have been very anxious to secure lots for the development of a church and school plant in Burbank. Recently a very fine site was found on West Glenoaks and was purchased. The church is now busy developing plans for a new building. They are already raising funds and we hope that within the next two years enough money can be secured to begin construction. The city of Burbank has now a population of at least a hundred thousand, and is still growing. In this fine center we should have a church seating around five hundred.

1954 Camp Meeting: Sunday, September 13, the conference committee studied very carefully the possibilities of having a camp meeting in 1954. It has been the opinion of quite a number that camp meeting should be eliminated because of the General Conference session. To take the conference workers away from our churches for a period of about a month for camp meeting, and then for another two weeks or so attending the General Conference, would make very serious inroads into our church program for the summer. The committee voted that next year we would have a series of evening and weekend meetings only. No family tents will be pitched. We will, however, have the youth, junior, and primary tents erected and will conduct meetings for these groups. The time for these meetings has not yet been decided, but will be announced very shortly. We hope to have this series of meetings shortly after the General Conference session so that some of the same talent can be used.

Ministers and Doctors to Meet: All doctors and ministers in the Glendale area will meet on the Police Academy

Sabbath School Rally

Paulson Hall

3:30 p.m. October 3

All Sabbath school officers and members in the conference are invited to come.

Inspiration! Instruction!

Discussion! Questions answered!

Grounds in Elysian Park Sunday, November 22. Make definite plans to attend. This will be a large meeting, and excellent plans are being developed to make it a success. Further information will appear later.

Bible University: The White Memorial church is putting into operation something new along the line of public evangelism. Elder A. L. Bietz, pastor of the church, is the instructor of a school which is being conducted every Wednesday evening. The classes will continue over a period of thirty weeks. All the basic doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists will be taught. At the end of the course there will be a final examination and then at the eleven o'clock service on Sabbath a graduation exercise will be held, and all those who have completed the course will receive their certificates. The first meeting was held September 16, and by actual count 400 people were present. One Adventist family brought 17 non-Adventists to this meeting. The brethren feel sure that next week they will have an attendance of at least 650. This new plan seems to be to the liking of our own members, and they are greatly enthused in bringing friends and relatives to these services, knowing that they will be instructed in the doctrines of the church. We hope and pray that as a result of this new venture many souls will be brought to the knowledge of the truth.

MV Briefs

Youth Evangelistic crusades will be starting in a number of churches in this conference. Everywhere there is a growing spirit of urgency in soul-winning endeavors. Now is the time for our youth to throw their talents into this important work.

Here are some dates and places where public meetings conducted by our youth will begin:

Delaware Avenue church—Sunday night, September 27

Firestone Spanish church—Sunday night, October 4

Florence church—Sunday night, October 11.

Within a few weeks a youth effort will begin at the Lynwood Academy, conducted by the students. Other youth meetings will be announced later.

A Pathfinder Officers' Leadership and Master Guide camp will be held

at Cedar Falls over the week end of October 23, 24, 25. The program will include workshops, nature walks, campfires, instruction and discussion on such topics as "How to Organize and Maintain a Pathfinder Club," "Overnight Trips for the Club," "Discipline," "Uniforms and Insignia." An excellent sound motion picture in natural color will be shown Saturday night, entitled "Savage Splendor."

The only charge for the camp will be for the meals eaten in the cafeteria. We request that no children attend who are under 15 years of age.

A Medical Cadet Corps started Sunday, September 20, at 8 a.m. at the Glendale Academy under the command of Ed Sietz. This course of training is offered to anyone in this area of draft age or approaching draft age.

Auditions for the Fall Talent Festival will be held the last week of October and the first week in November. Date and place for these auditions will be announced.

We would like to see all of our Pathfinders in full uniform in time for the Pathfinder Fair, November 8 at the Lynwood auditorium. Materials are available at the Conference MV office.

MILLER BROCKETT.

Glendale Academy

The Glendale Union Academy has added four new subjects to its curriculum: Journalism, Speech, Driver Education, and Freshman Orientation. Students in grades ten, eleven and twelve are taking Driver Education whether they have a driver's license or not since this course is required for graduation. Starting next year, Driver Education will be offered as a regular tenth-grade subject.

The Journalism class is putting out the school paper, the *Key* and writing news articles about G.U.A. The Speech class will give programs at school and in nearby churches.

A new, modern, fluorescent sign for the front of the administration building, and signs directing the way to the cafeteria and auditorium buildings are among the recent improvements at the academy. The building also received a paint job this summer.

There are 611 students enrolled so far at the Glendale Union Academy this year, 428 being in the elementary

grades and 183 in the secondary grades. The largest class in the secondary school is the freshman class with 56 members, while the senior class is the smallest with 38 members.

This year the school cafeteria has begun using the National School Lunch Program, which offers the students a tasty, balanced meal. This plate lunch plan has been well received, since it gives a nourishing meal for a very nominal price.

JEAN WESTON.

A New Bible?

Do you need a new Bible? Or perhaps your boy or girl needs a new Bible at the beginning of the school year. A Bible would also be a perfect birthday gift for your son or daughter. Your Book and Bible House is in a position to help you for we have a large selection of beautiful Bibles. Call at the Bible House and see these fine Bibles, or if that is not convenient ask for our large catalog. It is free. It describes the Bibles very graphically and shows you a sample of the type so you can order with confidence. Most of the Bibles which we carry are subject to a 10 per cent discount. When placing an order for a Bible, you should always remember to add the sales tax as well as postage which would be about fifteen cents on one Bible. Do it today.

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New Arizona Academy Opens

Arizona Academy has opened its doors in its new location at Thunderbird Field with a fine enrollment. We have 100 enthusiastic young people on our campus, with prospects of more coming. Of this number 75 are in the dormitories. We are in a pioneering stage as we open this new school, but we find there is an excellent spirit on our campus. The students are very enthusiastic in wanting to build up this new school to make it one of the finest anywhere.

Although school has opened, there is still room for some more to enter our school this fall. Since we still have

room in our dormitories, we are extending an invitation to any who would like to come. Please contact the principal and we will endeavor to make satisfactory arrangements.

Plans were made for the organization of our new academy church on Sabbath, September 19. The students and teachers are looking forward to having a part in the new Arizona Academy church.

R. O. STONE.

Church School Centennial Quotations

(The first Adventist church school was founded in 1853.)

"The school-room is needed just as much as is the church-building." Vol. 6, p. 109.

"The well-being, the happiness, the religious life of the families with which the youth are connected, the prosperity and piety of the church of which they are members, are largely dependent upon the religious education that they receive in our schools."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 497.

"Our work is reformatory; and it is the purpose of God that through the excellence of the work done in our educational institutions the attention of the people shall be called to the last great effort to save the perishing." Vol. 6, p. 126.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Reference from the conference president must accompany request for advertising space in the RECORDER, send your ad and the necessary \$2 to him.

Advertisements are accepted for one insertion only. Rate: \$2.00 for fifty words or less. Cash must accompany the advertisement.

Advertising is limited to Seventh-day Adventists except where a service may be rendered to our members. Real estate ads must be from owner and refer to one property only. Complete information as to admissible advertising may be secured at your local conference office, through which all advertising must go. It is understood that the RECORDER can assume no responsibility for advertisements appearing in these columns.

SAVE \$50 to \$100 on 1950 large electric Westinghouse range. Never been attached or used. Call Citrus 3-6231, extension 24; or address Medical Department, Box 969, Glendale, Calif.

WILL BE a companion nurse to an elderly lady in my home. In S.D.A. community near church. Contact Mary C. Smallwood, 11971 Hudden St., Arlington, Calif.

HOUSE TRAILER FOR SALE.—'48 Goshen Cruiser, 27 ft. Insulated, dual wheels, electric brakes, eastern make. Good condition, fully equipped, 6-ft. refrigerator. Owner leaving state. Will sacrifice for \$1,200; was \$3,020 new. Contact Martti Halkola, 2441 10th St., North Sacramento, Calif.

FOR SALE.—Attractive modern stucco school building on 1 acre in Fontana; good location near Kaiser Steel Mill. Welfare approves 35 children for day nursery or private grade school. Need for qualified person or couple. Excellent opportunities. Price reasonable. Will consider lease. For details write Mrs. R. Greenlaw, Box 533, Angwin, Calif.

WANTED.—An Adventist man or woman to share our home and be one of the family in exchange for being a companion to a 9-year-old boy whose parents work in the evenings. Write for particulars to Rt. 2 Box 585, Auburn, Calif.

FOR SALE.—26 acres separated—14 acres, creek, 12 acres. Older home, suitable for rest home, fireplace; cabin; fruit shed, barn. Ditch, spring water, gravity; variety fruit. Healthful climate, view. Excellent missionary opportunities. Church, church school at Auburn, 15-minute drive. \$5,200 cash, balance \$4,800 at \$75 month. Box 190, Newcastle, Calif.

SELL OR TRADE.—40 acres. 25 acres choice grapes, 15 acres dairy; clover, house, barn, corrals, electric fenced. Good farm equipment, including tractor and truck. 10 h.p. pump. Price \$22,500; terms. Write Martin Helmke, Box 47, Clements, Calif. Phone 65. (Near Lodi)

FOR SALE.—5 acres foothill land, Yuba Co., Calif. 2-bedroom house, poultry house for 2,000 hens, storerooms and shop above; machine shed, cow stable, good well, pressure pump. Summer kitchen, garden spot, fruit trees, field. Church school. Adventist community. \$5,800; terms. Write to Mrs. Mary Cummings, Rackerby, Calif.

BOOKS NEEDED for evangelism: "The Everlasting Covenant," Waggoner; "The Bible from Heaven," Canright; "The Sabbath Question," Andrews and Canright; "The Two Laws," Canright; "The Question Box," Conway; and "Doctrinal Catechism," Stephen Keenan. N. Muff, 12940 Saticoy St., North Hollywood, Calif.

WANTED.—Registered nurse for modern medical office in country atmosphere. 5-day week, excellent working conditions and pay. Apartment available, furnished or unfurnished, block from office. Church and Newbury Park Academy are 6 miles away. Write or phone collect: A. L. Muff, M.D., Box 158, Camarillo, Calif. HUinter 7-2321.

BARGAIN.—Must sell modern new 2-bedroom stucco home in beautiful setting. Hardwood floors, 92 x 390 lot, double garage, 45 fine fruit and nut trees, berry bushes, strawberries, grapes, and large garden. Walking distance to P.U.C. A sacrifice at \$8,500. Warwick W. West, 357 Tobin Ave., Angwin, Calif. Phone St. Helena 52-R-4.

SABBATH SCHOOL BRIEF made available again. Put out by the Monroe S.D.A. church Dorcas to aid in building a much-needed church. Send \$1 to Monroe Dorcas, Box 282, Monroe, Wash., for the Oct., Nov., and Dec. lesson brief.

COUNTRY LIVING—Attractive 3-bedroom house with acreage. Double garage, guest house, barn, and chicken house. \$18,000. Terms. Occupant, 1222 West Lincoln, Banning, Calif.

OPENING for route man age 25-38. Must have good appearance, pleasing personality; healthy, strong, at least 5 feet 9 inches tall. Fine opportunity for ambitious man in established S.D.A. concern. Church and church school near. 2-bedroom house part of salary. Good pay. Year-around work. Apply in person. E. J. Downing, Crystal Springs Water Co., Rt. 2 Box 129, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

THE VITA-SPHERE JUICER embodies a revolutionary idea in fruit and vegetable juice extraction, thereby achieving a new peak of efficiency, with a minimum of time and effort expended. For further information send to Charles M. Cottrell, P.O. Box 475, Loma Linda, Calif. (Street address, 124 Yardley Pl.) Phone Loma Linda 63-762.

FOR SALE.—Contax IIA camera, Sonnar 1.5 lens (50mm), speeds up to 1/1250 sec., latest model, like new. Leather case and complete flash equipment included. \$285. Charles Martin, 6965 Capistrano Way, Riverside, Calif.

FOR SALE.—Large 2-bedroom home, all hardwood floors, nice bathroom with shower and tub; wall heaters. Double garage with extra water heater, shower, lavatory and toilet. Large yard, lawn, trees and berries. 4 blocks from school. Call after 6 p.m. L. F. Vernoy, 11534 Westwood Dr., Arlington, Calif.

FOR SALE.—Nice 3-year-old stucco house, 3 rooms. Oak floor in living room. Large, stucco, 2-year-old garage; about half acre. In Calimesa. Some young trees. Rented for \$45 a month. Price \$5,900. Need money. J. Linstad, Rt. 2 Box 474, Yucaipa, Calif. Phone 7-4500.

HEALTH FOODS, stone-ground whole-wheat flour, corn meal, and 6-grain cereal. The Griscer with 3 cutters, \$9.95; also blenders and electric juicers. Discount to S.D.A.'s. Books on country living and how to make a living on 5 acres. Please ask for folders. The Mill, Box 699, Lodi, Calif.

FOR SALE OR TRADE for Bay area property. Business lot on highway 111—Palm Desert, Calif., size 60 x 140. Located between Palm Springs and Indio. Good motel or medical location. Price \$3,750. What have you to offer? Lottie Johnson, 2921 Ortega St., San Francisco 22, Calif. Phone LOcust 4-9810.

FOR SALE.—5-room house on one acre, 2 miles from Pacific Union College on White Cottage Rd. Excellent water, well under pressure, on property. Large F.H.A. loan. \$6,500 on terms. I. M. Feldkamp, M.D., 6 San Jose Ave., Los Gatos, Calif. Phone El Gato 4-2773.

Great Opportunities for Service

Deeply rooted in the heart of every genuine Seventh-day Adventist is the Gospel Commission. Since I feel the divine call to me personally, when I graduated from La Sierra College last June I connected with the Nevada-Utah Conference on the colporteur-ministerial plan. I am located in Yerington, Nevada where I am a colporteur, and assistant district pastor of three churches.

One morning after I had shown the *Bible Pageant* set to a lady, she asked, "Do you really believe that Jesus will come again?" To my suggestion that I call the next evening to explain the Bible answer to her question she readily agreed.

At our first Bible study she had assembled not only her own family but the family next door. I presented *Daniel II* and have been cordially invited back from week to week. Now they not only want to attend church but send the children to our church school.

On another occasion, while canvassing in a company-owned housing proj-

ect a painter who was working on the project called to me across the lot, asking what I was selling. I canvassed him for *Bible Pageant* and he not only



Carroll Lawson

bought the set but ordered *Daniel and the Revelation*, and is today receiving Bible studies from the pastor of another city where his own home is located.

So far besides the contacts mentioned above I have made two other very interesting ones. I met one lady who is a back-slidden Seventh-day Adventist. She may soon again join us. The other lady is the daughter of a member of the Glendale, California church and was happy to make contact with our people and know where she could attend church.

I am finding the opportunities for service, under the plan which I am working, far greater than I at first imagined. CARROLL LAWSON.

Be Sure not Robbing God of Jots and Tittles

"Every Christian is a steward of God, entrusted with His goods. Remember the words, 'Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.' 1 Cor. 4:2. Let us be sure that we are not robbing God in any jots or tittles; for much is involved in this question." Vol. 9, p. 246.



This group are enjoying Bible studies, plan to attend church, and send their children to the church school, as the result of a colporteur call.