



Statement on the Problem of Enlisting in the Active Reserves

The present draft law provides that men of military age who are physically fit face an obligation of eight years of military service. Two of these years must be spent in uniform. At the end of this time they may re-enlist. We do not encourage any of our men to enlist, or re-enlist, in *any* branch of military service.

At the close of his two-year period of service, the serviceman must decide whether or not to enlist in the active Reserves or, failing to do so, be placed in the inactive Reserves.

The man who enlists in the active Reserves participates in its regular weekly meetings. He attends its annual camps; he receives pay and points for the time involved. After three years of such service he is placed on a stand-by basis. According to the plan, he has greatly reduced his chances of being called into active service. However, he is still under obligation for three more years of service, thus making a total of eight years.

The man who does not enlist in the active Reserves is placed in the inactive Reserves. He participates in no meetings; he receives no pay and no points. According to the plan, he will be among those first called when men are needed by the military forces. He still faces an obligation of six years of service, making a total of eight years.

It must be noted that in case of a national emergency, *all* men, whether in the active Reserves or in the inactive Reserves, will be called for service. We do not advise our men to join the active Reserves. To do so would place them in a position where, in the weekly meetings or at the annual camps, they might face serious problems of Sabbath observance. Other difficulties might also present themselves to those thus enlisting.

The counsel of the church is not to enlist in *any* military organization, in-

cluding the active Reserves. It is best for our men to allow themselves to be placed in the inactive Reserves, where the present law places them if they do not choose to enlist in the active Reserves. If they are called back into service from the inactive Reserves, they will go back into uniform with the same safeguards to their conscientious convictions concerning Sabbath-keeping and the bearing of arms which they had when they were drafted into the service—safeguards which could be endangered by voluntary enlistment in the active Reserves.

G. W. CHAMBERS, *Secretary, General Conference War Service Commission.*

Formosa Calls You

Oh, how I wish I could dip my pen in liquid fire and write words that would burn deep into the hearts of the believers in the homeland!—"The Need of Missions"—How few know what the words really mean!

Could you but open secret doors and look into the life experiences of some of your brothers and sisters over here, your hearts would ache with sympathy and a longing to *do* something to help them. I am thinking of one young woman who has been an Adventist for only a few months. Her family is bitterly opposed to her new belief, and now she is a prisoner in her own home. Her father beat her unmercifully because she refused to give up her faith. Can you picture her tossing and moaning with pain and unable to walk for days after the cruel beating? Can you imagine her being watched like a criminal lest she try to escape and find shelter with the Christian friends who love her and are praying night and day for her deliverance? Have you heard of *gold—tried in the fire?*

Yes, there is another one. If I could have taken you into the middle court of the prison with me, you would have

seen him standing there behind the huge bars with his hands clinging to them for support, tired of standing there, but *needing* to stand there for a wisp of fresh air; *wanting* to stand there hours on end to watch for someone to come! That was the boy who was imprisoned because he insisted upon keeping the Sabbath. Weary weeks and months dragged by, with physical suffering and constant threats of a longer sentence if he did not give in. He is still being true to his conscience—true to God. These are the young people missions produce.

You should have been with us last week when we stopped briefly in a city to visit a young doctor who cannot practice any more. I cannot forget the haunted expression in his eyes as he sat weakly in a chair beside his bed and told us, "For the past month my food has not been digesting properly . . ." Beads of cold perspiration stood out on his forehead and he leaned on the arm of his chair for support. He is not a Christian, and the future seems dark and hopeless to him. Well he knows what is wrong with him, and just the thought of it must be terrible. We left *Steps to Christ* and *The Great Controversy* in his hands and had prayer with him before we left. But we need a hospital! We would send him there right now if we had one.

To the north of us, an hour's drive from here, there was another scene. Humble mountain folk met in a farmhouse for Sabbath school and there were so many of them that they couldn't all get in. Someone suggested the grassy hillside below the farmhouse, and so we had church there in the shade of the tall bamboos. After the sermon, twenty-three "jewels" stood in a semi-circle near the minister and stepped forward to sign the baptismal pledge as their names were called. Then the missionary raised his eyes to the congregation and asked, "How many are here today who would

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Sunset Table

Courtesy of Newton Observatory, P.U.C.

Friday, December 24

Angwin	4:53	Oakland	4:55
Arlington	4:46	San Diego	4:49
Chico	4:47	San Jose	4:55
Eureka	4:53	Phoenix	5:25
Fresno	4:48	Reno	4:40
Lodi	4:50	Salt Lake City	5:04
Loma Linda	4:45	Honolulu	5:55
Los Angeles	4:49	Hilo	5:48

Friday, December 31

Angwin	4:58	Oakland	4:59
Arlington	4:50	San Diego	4:53
Chico	4:52	San Jose	4:59
Eureka	4:58	Phoenix	5:29
Fresno	4:52	Reno	4:45
Lodi	4:54	Salt Lake City	5:09
Loma Linda	4:49	Honolulu	5:59
Los Angeles	4:53	Hilo	5:52

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"Christ's Kingdom of the Future"—
January 2.

like to be baptized at the next baptism?"
Twenty more stood.

From the shady hillside we walked along a mountain stream until we came to the bend that formed a natural baptismal pool. There, beside the little river, the women lined up in one line and the men lined up in another. The congregation stood on the sandy bank singing "Just as I Am" during the service. The women were baptized first. I noticed tears on their cheeks as they walked down into the water, and then I looked over to the line of women and saw that nearly all of them were crying. In the picture rolls from America they had seen pictures of Jesus being baptized in a river just like they were being baptized, and it was all so sweetly solemn to them that they could not restrain their tears.

In a few more weeks there will be another baptism, and then their membership will be nearly fifty—still meeting in a farmhouse. They need a church.

This morning a letter came telling of a young man who has been preaching in the mountains east of here. Every Sabbath he brings his group across the hills to meet with the new Lao Lung church, but some of his people have to walk nine hours to get there. They want a church of their own.

The mountain people are calling us. There are openings that we cannot fill! We need more workers, we need more churches, we need our new hospital finished quickly. We need doctors and nurses. Won't you come over and help us? And if you cannot come, won't you please send somebody?

ROSE CHRISTENSEN.

C.M.E. School of Nursing Annual Refresher Program

Each year at the time of the Post Graduate Assembly the College of Medical Evangelists School of Nursing sponsors a refresher program for nurse practitioners. February 13, 14, 15 are the dates for the 1955 Refresher Course. The program committee will follow the Anniversary year theme "To Make Man Whole" throughout each of the instructional activities which in the past have been enjoyed by those who have availed themselves of this opportunity for three intensive days concentrated on the presentation of the advances in nursing.

In response to a desire of many former refresher students, those who elect to

remain three more days for additional study and who matriculate as students when registering will receive upon satisfactory completion of the work assigned two quarter hours of college credit. A program announcement is expected to be ready for distribution January 10.

An Extra Bonus

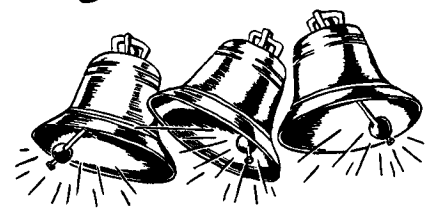
Dear Sabbath School Member:

If you are not a regular subscriber to the *Review and Herald*, or if you have not yet renewed your subscription, it will be in your special interest to make sure that your name is on the *Review* list before the close of the year.

Beginning with 1955, Sabbath school lesson helps on the senior Sabbath school lessons will appear as a weekly feature of the church paper. There will be no more special lesson help books to buy, and this feature of the *Review* will come as an extra bonus to all Sabbath school members who are readers of the *Review*. Check with your church missionary secretary to make sure that your name is on the list of *Review* subscribers.

Sincerely yours,
L. L. MOFFITT, Secretary,
General Conference Sabbath
School Dept.

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A Little While

A little while since this old year was new—
 What do we see in prospect or review?
 A little while! So brief the passing years
 Of life's short span in retrospect appears;
 So teach us, Lord, our days to number here,
 To rightly use today, for night is near.
 A little while to labor, watch, and pray,
 Enduring well the trials of today;
 A little while, come joy or grief or pain—
 Assured by faith the crown of life to gain.
 A little while, according to His will,
 Till Jesus comes, His promise to fulfill;
 Oh, blessed hope! When we His face shall
 see

Our little while will be eternity.

ELDER AND MRS. E. L. SHELDON.

"Where Land and Sea Unite to Inspire"

The above caption describes well the setting found among students and teachers during the autumn Week of Prayer at Monterey Bay Academy. It was indeed an inspiration to be associated with the faculty and leaders of the student body in prayer and counsel each day. An earnest seeking after God and a marked interest in the problems of fellow youth was manifest in the prayer bands on the campus. It was through the efficient leadership of well-organized prayer and personal workers bands that so much was accomplished among over three hundred students in such a short time.

The theme for the week "The Disciplines of Life" met a hearty response from the students and many victories were won as each one sought through personal discipline to bring his life into closer harmony with the Saviour.

Rarely has the writer witnessed such earnest attention to personal spiritual discipline on the part of youth. The Friday evening consecration and testimony service and the ordinances of the Lord's House combined to make a very fitting climax to a week of spiritual evaluation and personal seeking after God.

Our schools are a real haven of refuge from the storms of ungodliness, the subtle influence of the world and the reckless indifference to the life of genuine Christian living. Monterey Bay Academy is a shield to the youth of Central California, guarding them during nine months of the year against the inroads of sin so tempting to the youth of today. We must do all we can to uphold the principles of our schools and to assure the continuance of spiritual guidance during the summer months when the

students are away from the school and at home or elsewhere.

Principal Bieber and his staff of teachers are doing a noble and self-sacrificing work for our young people. God has provided a beautiful location, a good environment and excellent facilities for the harmonious development of the physical, mental and spiritual powers of our youth. May land and sea continue to inspire our young people at Monterey Bay Academy and lead many to find their personal Saviour under the influence of godly teachers.

J. R. NELSON.

Christmas Music

A wide selection of favorite Christmas music prepared especially for Seventh-day Adventist homes by the denomination's own record company, Chapel Records, is now available on all record speeds. Seventh-day Adventist artists, including the King's Heralds, have produced this music.

Chapel record selections will make ideal gifts for Christian homes and there are musical numbers in each album to appeal to almost every taste in good music. Chapel Records also offers a wide selection of character-building story albums for children which will make ideal gifts.

Latest series of children's stories to be released by Chapel Records are albums of "Uncle Arthur's" stories, told by "Uncle Arthur" himself. Other children's stories include Bible Adventure Stories by Elman Folkenberg, and stories by Eric B. Hare. There is also a series of religious songs recorded especially for children in Adventist homes.

In addition to records, Chapel Records now offers musical selections by favorite Adventist artists pre-recorded on tapes for tape recorder enthusiasts. These tapes are 1200 feet long and contain many sacred numbers including Christmas music. There are some 600-foot tapes also. The tapes are of two speeds, seven and one-half inches per second and three and three-fourths IPS.

Both Chapel Records and Chapel Record pre-recorded tapes may be purchased at your Book and Bible House or ordered directly from Chapel Records, Box 432, Glendale, California. Write to Chapel Records also for a free catalog of record and tape selections.

"It is by the perusal of the Bible that the mind is strengthened, refined, and elevated."

A Boon to Every Alert Adventist

That Volume IV of *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers* (L. E. Froom is the author) has just been released by the publishers will be hailed as good news by a large number of our laymen, as well as by all workers. It is now available. The production of this four-volume set constitutes the most extensive research project in our denominational history. It required twenty years to complete it, and necessitated three extensive trips to Europe to compass the Old World archives and great book collections, as well as combing all the leading libraries of North America. Even Mexico and South America yielded their quota.

Many thousands of dollars were invested by the General Conference in securing the seven or eight thousand "source" documents—originals, photostats, and microfilm copies—which constitute the matchless Advent Source Collection. These are the priceless documents upon which the *Prophetic Faith* set is based. And many additional thousands of dollars were added by the publishers, and the General Conference, in order to bring this great project to completion. But the results to date have already fully justified the investment.

These volumes correct popular misconceptions concerning Adventism. They lift our whole movement—and its fundamental teachings on the second advent, eschatology, the prophecies, the Sabbath and Sanctuary truths, and the Spirit of prophecy—to a new level, and establish their historic soundness and certainty as never before. They remove us from the category of the cults, and establish us as the continuators and champions of the soundest and most orthodox interpretations of the Early Church and Protestant Reformation expositors. They show that we are their spiritual descendants, and constitute the present-day heralds of the truths they once held.

They provide the appealing approach to each leading religious group—Protestant, Catholic, and Jew—for all major contributions in our interpretation were anticipated and introduced by former leaders in these categories.

They provide a particularly favorable approach to all Protestant bodies, for each major group—Lutheran, Reformed, Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, Christian, Disciple—once held what we now hold on many vital interpretations. We are thus

able to emphasize points of agreement with their spiritual forefathers, before noting present-day differences caused by modern departures.

They are already in the hands of hundreds of key non-Adventist religious and educational leaders, both in the Old World and in the New, and are now in over 1,000 of the leading university, seminary, college, public, and special private libraries of North America, Great Britain, Europe, and other lands.

They are impressively illustrated with facsimile reproductions of title pages and key extracts from these older expositors, with original portraits of famous interpreters, scenes of historic episodes and dramatic moments specifically painted for this set. They are also an ornament to any library, as they are attractively bound in green Fabrikoid. Every progressive Adventist needs them.

Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association Organized

An outstanding accomplishment of a recent meeting of Seventh-day Adventist dietitians was the organizing of the Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association.

After much consideration, the following officers were chosen: They are: president—Clinton A. Wall, B.S., dietitian and food director, Walla Walla College; president-elect—Dr. Ruth Little, chief dietitian, College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles Division; secretary-treasurer—Avis Dixon, B.S., dietitian, St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital; public relations officer—Paul S. Damazo, M.S., dietitian and food director, La Sierra College; associate public relations officer—Mrs. Alice Marsh, M.S., chairman, Home Economics department, Emmanuel Missionary College.

The officers and the charter members of the association voted to accept the following as immediate objectives of the Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association.

1. To uphold by precept and example the principles of healthful living given to the denomination by the Spirit of prophecy.

2. To foster and assist in health evangelism and nutrition education within our denomination, stressing preventative health for positive optimum nutrition.

3. To raise the standards of dietetic service in Seventh-day Adventist hospitals, sanitariums, colleges, secondary

and elementary schools throughout the world field.

4. To maintain high professional standards of its members.

5. To stimulate among its members the need of keeping abreast of the latest findings in nutrition and allied fields.

6. To actively promote a strong program of recruitment among academy and college students.

7. To give counsel in correlating prescribed courses for the dietetic student.

All dietitians and dietetic interns are urged to contact the secretary of the organization requesting application blanks for active membership.

The first national meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association will convene at the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda Division, on Tuesday, December 28, at 7 p.m. All dietitians and dietetic interns are invited and urged to attend this important meeting.

PAUL S. DAMAZO.

TV Weekly Response Passes 5,000

Increasing by tens, twelves and fifteens, the weekly response to the Faith for Today telecast has mounted steadily, with 5,000 replies the long-looked-for goal. One total, 4,926, seemed so close that it was almost painful. Then came the week ending November 12. TV workers eagerly watched each day's heavy mail come in, certain that it would be a banner week. Sure enough, the 5,000 amount was reached, with 436 over! Imagine the joy pervading the institution when the following week the total jumped to 5,696!

Surely the new *Great Controversy* Correspondence Course deserves credit for some of the increase. Graduates of former Bible Courses responded with amazing eagerness when invited to study *Great Controversy*. They write more enthusiastically about their acceptance of its message than about anything ever offered before.

We again appeal for our believers to take advantage of the special \$1 offer for *Great Controversy* while the offer stands. Thousands more of the TV viewing audience will soon be needing this book. What better holiday gift could one make for the Lord than to provide thousands of Sister White's books for television viewers' use!

Then watch the TV response climb, reaching for 10,000 letters per week.

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Books Delivered in Arizona Week Ending December 4

Colporteur	Books Delivered
Walter Womack	43
Leon M. Harding	38
Maye McGee	26
David Washington	20
Donald E. Lung	16
Ora Mae Williams	16
Ruby Adams	15
Virginia Hirst	14
Albert L. Johns	2
Total	190

Total deliveries for week \$1,052.98

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News From Your Book and Bible House

From the avalanche of orders that are being received in the Bible House it would seem that the promotion and appeals made to our people on a recent Sabbath for the *Great Controversy* program have been very successful. In this relatively small field we have received orders exceeding 500 copies of this special one dollar edition within the last two weeks. This is our last appeal to our people to avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity to secure this 736-page book for personal and missionary purposes. If you have not ordered, please see that your order reaches us before December 31.

You will be thrilled to get your first glimpse of the "new look" in children's books. We are referring to Don Muth, Jr.'s unusual production entitled *Elijah, The Man Who Went to Heaven*. This book is designed for the primary age group. It has a beautiful four-color cover depicting the translation of Elijah. The 31 full-page illustrations with corresponding story material are intensely fascinating. Here is an ideal gift. Holiday price, \$2.25, plus postage.

Two new books available December 10 are entitled *Rolling Westward* by Fern Row Casebeer and *Strictly Confidential* by Irene Wakeham. *Rolling Westward* is a story of the Dunlap

family in Ohio and Kentucky containing many humorous incidents, such as the story of the nice little kitty with the white stripe down its back which the children tried to catch. Holiday price, \$2.50 plus postage. *Strictly Confidential* contains sixteen short stories, each teaching a specific lesson. Holiday price, \$2.70 plus postage.

Our supply of Christian Home Calendars is almost sold out. Remember to order your Morning Watch Calendar or daily devotional book so that you are ready to begin the new year with these valuable devotional aids.

We are asking the cooperation of our folk in Nevada-Utah to place their orders as much as possible before December 28. We will be taking our inventory between December 28 and 30 and will be unable to fill orders at that time. However, all orders reaching the office before December 31 will receive the holiday discount consideration and be filled as soon as possible.

Northern California

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Evangelism

Our readers will be interested to know that according to recent reports the evangelistic campaigns now being conducted give excellent hope for a good harvest of souls.

In spite of the rainy weather we have had of late, the attendance has held up exceptionally well. In fact, at one of the centers on Sunday night the auditorium was well filled, better than ever before. May we invite all of you to pray for the interested ones, that many of them will decide for the truth, accept Christ as their personal Saviour, and follow Him all the way.

Ingathering

We are encouraged over the reports we have received from our churches telling of the excellent success they are having in their caroling; and several of them have already solicited the greater part of their goals.

This is an excellent way to render missionary service, and we trust all our churches will be diligent in promoting the Ingathering campaign during this season of the year when the spirit of giving is in the air.

CARL BECKER.

A New Service in Chico

We are happy to inform our people of the northern Sacramento Valley of a valuable service now being given by one of our own members. Brother and Sister Earle Case have recently moved to Chico from Napa. They have purchased the Huddleston Funeral Chapel, and the name has been changed to the Case Funeral Chapel.

We are happy to welcome Brother and Sister Case and know that they will give our people every consideration and service in a time when sympathy and service is needed. The address of the Earle D. Case Funeral Chapel is 341 West Third Street, Chico, California.

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News from St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital

From week to week, student nurses working in the Outpatient Department arrange a display on the bulletin board near the first-floor elevator door in the hospital wing.

Mrs. Ruth Nelson planned a Thanksgiving display of unusual attractiveness; Norman Neilsen executed it with a cornucopia of pastel shades in the center and paper of electric brightness for the leaves and the Thanksgiving message. Radiating from the letters THANKS were the words "Truth, Health, Air, Nature, Knowledge and Sunshine." Miss Addie Woods, a senior student in the School of Nursing, arranged it on the fannel background of brown.



Thanksgiving Banquet

When the St. Helena Sanitarium workers were honored with a Thanksgiving banquet Sunday evening, November 21, they were further honored by being served at the table by members of the board and their wives, members of the medical staff and their wives, plus the heads of several departments.

Ernest L. Place, business manager of the Sanitarium, paid special tribute to 17 workers whose terms of service, ranging from 20 to 45 years each, totaled 519 years.

The workers who needed to "stay by the stuff" and operate the institution, were served the identical menu in the Sanitarium cafeteria.

Community Hall where the banquet was held, had been transformed into a Fall festival with heaps of fruits, nuts and trails of colorful grapevines arranged by Mrs. Wilma Westphal and her committee. On the platform were cornstalks and in the center, a huge turkey which moved restlessly in his wire cage until the vegetarian plates were brought in



from the kitchen. A special grace was sung to the tune of "We Gather Together."

Following dinner, there was a program of music and readings. Husbands or wives of the workers were guests for the evening and teen-age daughters of Sanitarium workers were special waitresses.

Sacramento Dorcas Society

The Sacramento Central Senior Dorcas, whose good deeds have made them greatly beloved, has helped 53 persons locally the past six months, giving them 237 garments.

Twenty-five boxes of clothing have been shipped to the Welfare Depot for distribution to disaster areas. This amounted to 2,361 items weighing 2,080 pounds. Also four boxes of children's clothing were mailed to Japan, and two large boxes of clothing to the orphanage in Korea.

The Dorcas society also made ten laprobes for the wheel-chair patients in the Veterans' Hospital in Yountville, Napa County.

Just recently a sale was conducted in the annex of the church, and \$165 was cleared. New and slightly used garments were sold.

The Senior Dorcas meets weekly, and this report was given to me by the leaders, Mrs. Daisy Harris and Mrs. Millie Moore. Their lives are filled with acts of kindness, and they have a way of finding out who need comfortable clothing, and who need sympathy.

MRS. ALBERTA M. LAMMERDING.

Investment

Encouraging reports have been coming to us almost every day, telling of the wonderful success our various Sabbath schools are having in raising funds for their "Investments for God."

An enthusiastic Investment promoter in one of our churches told us of the good results his project has brought this year. Early in the season he dedicated his vegetable garden to the Lord, and to date his net profits from the sale of vegetables has been more than \$300. And of course this is all destined for the mission fields.

Brother L. Tonn of Lodi Hilborn, and Mrs. H. Lombardi of Lodi Central, have led the Investment in their respective churches this past year with outstanding success. Both Lodi Hilborn

and Lodi Central have already surpassed their Investment goals for 1954!

Brother Norman Morris of Placerville, just notified us of the "Investment Auction" they had, which boosted their Investment total to more than \$500; and the newly-appointed Investment leader at Placerville said she would not be satisfied with less than \$1000 in 1955.

Investment offers to all—rich and poor, old and young—an opportunity to invest in missions. God asks you and me, "What is that in thine hand?" And our answer may be—a hoe, a paint brush, a saw, a needle, a crochet hook, a talent for baking, for sewing, for knitting, for growing flowers or vegetables, or for raising chicks, lambs, etc. Whatever you have that you feel impressed to "Invest for God," we invite you to invest for Him—because "He invested for you."

HELMUTH C. RETZER.

"An Enemy Hath Done This"

He was an American boy, a young man about twenty-two years of age, a private in the ranks. Something terrible had happened to him. There he lay, slumped down in a Pullman seat, breathing heavily, unconscious, drooling at the mouth. It was very evident he was poisoned.

It was not long ago that he had stood, along with several hundred other young men, taking the oath of loyalty and swearing undying devotion to the flag of his country and his nation's cause. He had pledged himself to give his life, if need be, in defense of his country.

But as we looked down on him there in that Pullman seat, he was a tragic figure, infinitely pathetic. Had an enemy struck at his flag or his home in that hour, he would have been absolutely helpless to raise a finger.

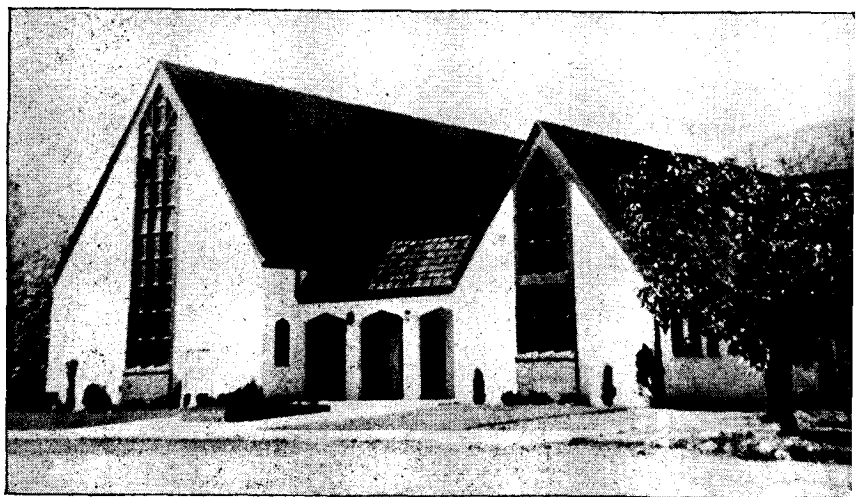
On the window ledge beside him stood a bottle about half empty. Evidently it was from that bottle that he had drunk the poison which had made him helpless. On the bottle was a United States Government Internal Revenue Stamp. His own Government, in face of spending a considerable sum on his military education, had sold someone the right to sell the poison, and he had sold it to the boy in uniform.

Had a foreign Communist administered some potent drug to the boy, leaving him in that condition, it probably would have started a riot and the "enemy alien" would have been fortunate to escape with his life.

Had some fifth columnist been responsible for his unmaning, the police force, the FBI, and all the mighty powers of the government would have fallen upon the offender and dealt with him summarily. But it is probable that some civilian with a flag hanging in his window, licensed by the state and municipal authority in which he did business, sold the boy the stuff. That same civilian, in all probability, took a part of the profit from the sale and invested in defense bonds, and called himself a good citizen.

A whole nation has sinned against this boy, administering the poison and leaving him helpless and debauched in that Pullman seat. Surely an enemy hath done this.

What is our response to the terrible



The Ukiah church which was dedicated September 18.

Southern California

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MV Officers' Convention

In the "retreat" environment of Santa Catalina Island, Missionary Volunteer officers for 1955 will meet to consider their herculean task, and lay plans to dispatch it with the salvation of our youth as the goal.

January 14-16 has been reserved for this event, and the St. Catherine Hotel will be headquarters. Chartered transportation is arranged.

The MV leader, MV secretary and MV Pathfinder director from each church are expected to be in attendance. They will be sent as delegates from the churches, and a delegate's fee will be remitted to the conference MV department to assist in their expenses. If you are an officer in the MV society, please check with your pastor on your going.

This may sound like a vacation, but actually it is a burning necessity. We must reappraise our Missionary Volunteer activities. We must study our philosophy of MV planning and goals.

Please pray that this meeting will be a success! Our Missionary Volunteers need the most possible help in these distressing times.

HENRY T. BERGH.

Servicemen's Secretaries

At the recent Fall Council a recommendation was passed asking all our churches to appoint servicemen's secretaries in our churches. I'm sure that all of us realize that this is a very important recommendation. Even though the nominating committee may already have done its work I hope that the church boards will assume the responsibility of nominating someone as a servicemen's secretary. Many of our young men are going in the service. In altogether too many cases there is no contact once they leave the local church. This is most unfortunate.

Every church should have a regular program of keeping in contact with these men. The duties of the church servicemen's secretary are as follows: 1. Keep an active list of all the names of selective service registrants from the local church and ascertain their date of induction. 2. Keep a personal record file of each draftee. 3. Keep the local con-

ference War Service Commission secretary informed as to each draftee's induction. 4. Supply war service leaflets, servicemen's kits to the men. 5. Arrange with the pastor and MV Leader of the local church for a servicemen's kit presentation prior to the date of induction. 6. To organize letter writing among church members to servicemen. 7. To see that a welcome is afforded returning servicemen. 8. To make arrangement for the entertainment of visiting servicemen in homes of church members. 9. To keep the church servicemen's honor roll up to date.

No church should neglect its responsibility in keeping in constant contact with these young men away from the local church environment.

R. R. BIETZ.

Good News From Southern

Each day brings us orders for hundreds of copies of the Dollar Edition of *Great Controversy*. A former colporteur who is also a nurse ordered 500 copies so she could get them at the reduced rate. Remember, this Dollar Edition is being discontinued December 31, 1954. At the present time ten or more copies to one address will be sent postpaid, but after December 31 the postage will be extra on all orders regardless of the size.

When giving a gift—give a book.
 HERBERT GRIFFITH, Manager.

Great Controversy Study

The reading for this week is Chapter 33, "The First Great Deception."

1. Upon what deception did Satan tempt our first parents?
2. Describe how this lie is still taught in many churches.
3. What does the Bible say about life after death?
4. How does the doctrine of immortality destroy the Bible doctrine of the resurrection?
5. If Satan had revealed himself in

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pictures we see on every hand today? What is our responsibility, as members of God's remnant church, in helping to stem this tide of evil and vice that is sweeping over our country? These following words taken from the pen of inspiration in Volume 4, page 516 of the *Testimonies* should strike home to the very bottom of our hearts, "We are just as accountable for evils we might have checked in others, by reproof, by warning, by exercise of parental or pastoral authority, as if we were guilty of the acts ourselves." What a tremendous challenge this places before us. We, the people who have God's message for this hour should awake and use our God-given talents in voice, pen, and vote in helping to stop this terrible enemy that is running rampant over our land. "We talk of the results, tremble at the results, and wonder what we can do with the terrible results, while too often we tolerate and even sanction the cause. The advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence by precept and example—by voice and pen and vote—in favor of prohibition and total abstinence. We need not expect that God will work a miracle to bring about this reform, and thus remove the necessity for our exertion. We ourselves must grapple with this giant foe, our motto, No compromise and no cessation of our efforts till the victory is gained." *Gospel Workers*, pp. 387, 388.

As we come to the close of 1954 and begin to look out onto the horizon of 1955, may every church member feel his responsibility in this phase of God's closing message in this hour. May 1955 find every church member a *member in the American Temperance Society*. Let us talk for temperance, work for temperance, pray for temperance, with no cessation of efforts till the victory is gained. May 1955 be the greatest year for temperance work in Northern California is our prayer.

R. E. ADAMS,
 Asst. Temperance Secretary.

"The world needs to-day what it needed nineteen hundred years ago,—a revelation of Christ. . . .

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'"

"The Lord will withdraw His blessing where selfish interests are indulged in any phase of His work; but He will put His people in possession of good throughout the whole world, if they will use it for the uplifting of humanity."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 146.

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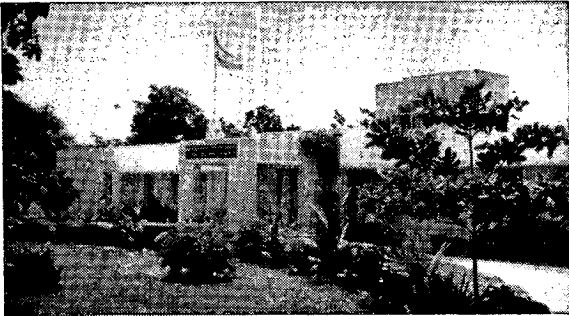
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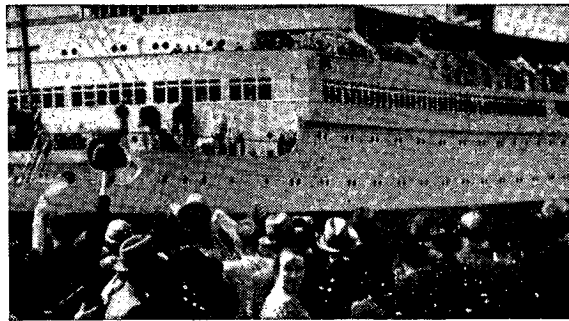
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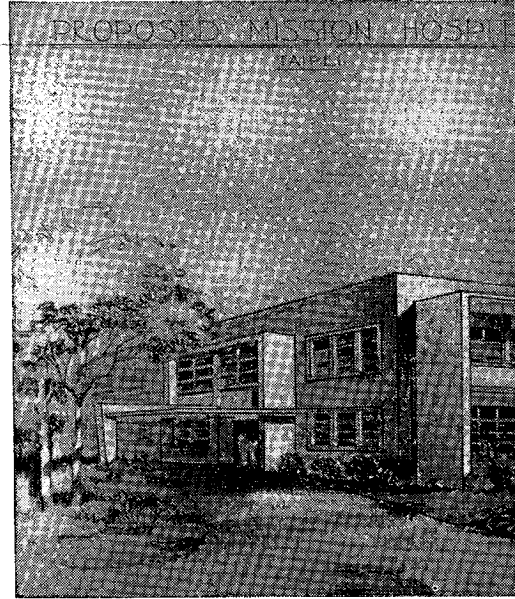
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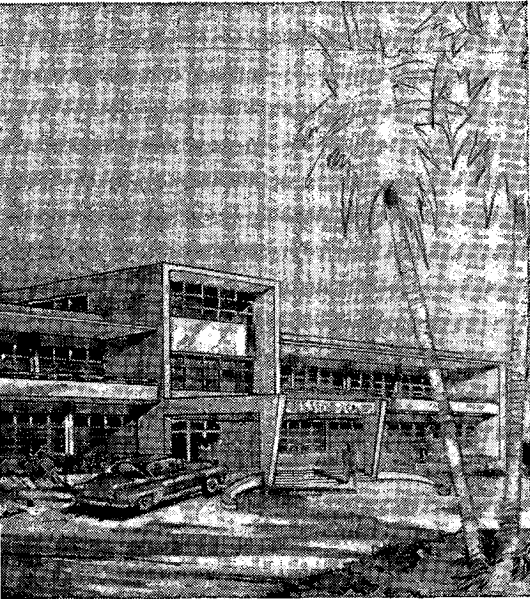
This quarter the thirteenth Sabbath falls on Christmas Day. What an appropriate time for us all to give Our Best Gift to Jesus. The spirit of sacrifice must be predominant in the lives of the people of the Advent Movement. We are told, "All who follow Christ will wear the crown of sacrifice."—"The Desire of Ages," page

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"If you are unwilling to sacrifice that you may save means for the work that is to be done, there will be no room for you in the kingdom of God."—Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 103.

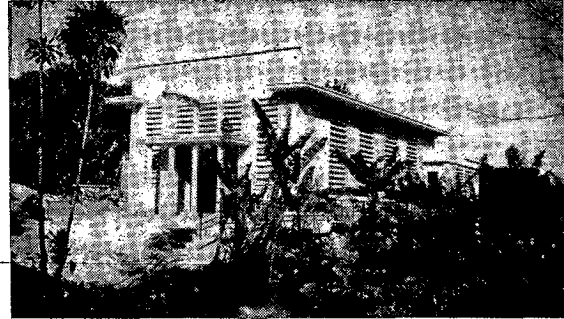


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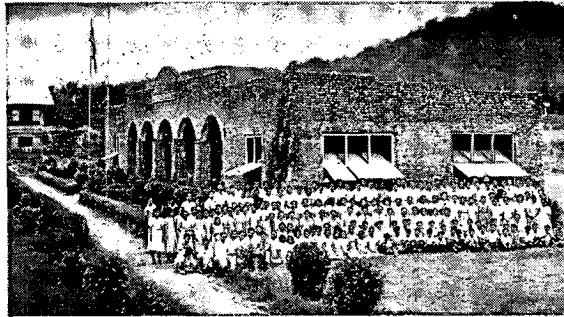
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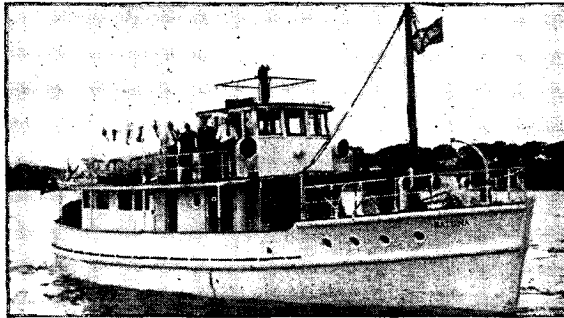
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his real character what would have happened as he tempted Adam and Eve?

6. If Adam had remained faithful what would have been the result?
7. Is immortality promised to man? And on what condition?
8. Why did Christ need to come to this earth?"
9. Describe what terrible beliefs result from the "first great deception."
10. When are the dead raised?

D. L. OLSEN.

Attention, Lynwood Academy Class of '44

A reunion is planned for January 1, 1955 at 6 p.m. at the Lynwood Academy Cafeteria, 11081 Harris, Lynwood.

Potluck supper. Write Lois Parkhouse Rosenthal, 10548 Harvest Avenue, Norwalk, California, or phone TOrray 3-2942.

Time and Today

Time, that precious element, as it goes racing into eternity, is leaving most of us stranded without the things being done that, if we could relive yesterday, we would have done.

There is no time so precious as right now—just at this very moment. Yesterday can never be relived. Tomorrow is still beyond our grasp. It is today that's important—right now, right here.

Time takes on a very real meaning when we think of the good we might do with the time we have. Here's a practical example of what we're talking of: Are you today, this very day, ordering that extra copy of *Great Controversy* that you are intending to order? Or are you putting it off until tomorrow?

There's no question about the usefulness of this inspired book. Its great catalogue of the struggle between good and evil appeals to church members and non-Adventists alike. It is useful in your own home, as a gift for the coming holidays, or for distribution to neighbors or friends. No, there's no question about the book. You ought to have several copies to meet these aforementioned challenges—and you should have them today.

But today is the day to take care of this matter. At the end of this year the cost of this book will again return to its former price, and the end of this year is closer than you think.

Better take care of this matter today!

HERBERT FORD.

The Pathfinder's Day

All morning long feverish activity had prevailed throughout the camp meeting auditorium at Lynwood.

At 12:30 p.m., the area adjacent to the auditorium suddenly filled with eager, squirming and happy youth, some 700 of them. Quickly they formed into neat ranked units. Then came the commands, "Forward, march. Pass in review."

And with those commands the 1954 annual Pathfinder Fair of the Southern California Conference officially began.

Smartly the units passed the reviewing stand crammed with officials. Mayor Percy Bruner of Lynwood stood watching. Also on the reviewing stand were Elder Henry Bergh and Elder Clark Smith.

Into the auditorium marched the Pathfinders to attend a rousing program which featured speeches from the visiting officials. Four Boy Scout scoutmasters who had come to help judge in drill and parade competition were introduced.

Immediately following the program came one of the highlights of the Rally. Through the doors of the auditorium came colorfully decorated floats powered by bicycles—a float from almost every Pathfinder unit present. Quietly and quickly the judges went through their list of judging points.

Then followed an afternoon filled

with intense activity which included competitions in drill, semaphore signaling, first aid, compass relays and pioneer knot tying. During each competition the judges worked swiftly to be fair to each competing club. The point totals mounted as one after another club representative would slip during a competition and the ranks would thin to one or two Pathfinders holding out under the sharp commands and scrutiny of the supervisor and the thousands gathered around the sides of the auditorium watching.

Behind the crowds ringing the auditorium were the booths prepared by the 30 Pathfinder clubs of the conference. During the afternoon the judges visited each of these booths compiling a grand total for each club.

Finally, when the shadows had lengthened over the floor and the last competition had ended, the judges totaled up the points. The grand award in the first division of clubs with 35 or more members went to the Glendale Pathfinders. This club won 60 of their 157 total points on various phases of their splendid booth which featured survival camping methods. Members of the club demonstrated such survival pointers as the processing of acorns for use in making bread, the chipping and flaking of obsidian arrowheads, and the roasting of cattail roots. Grand award in the second division of clubs with 2 to 35 members was a tie, with San Gabriel and Baldwin Park carrying away the honors.



—Public Relations Dept. Photos.

Pathfinders of the Gardena (left) and Glendale clubs demonstrate their activities at two of the many outstanding booths displayed at the Pathfinder Fair. The Gardena youngsters are demonstrating firemaking with flint, while the two Glendale Pathfinders peel and roast cattail roots as they demonstrate survival camping.

Third division grand award was won by La Crescenta.

Some 3,000 parents and visitors attended the annual Fair on November 7, which held excitement, thrills and bushels of fun for every Pathfinder present.

HERBERT FORD.

MV Coming Events

(Clip and save this schedule)

Master Guide Class:

Every Tuesday evening, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the conference office, continuing through April. Contact MV department for an outline of class assignments.

Health and Healing:

December 21, 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the conference office. This class to be taught by Mrs. Helen Austin.

MV Officers' Convention:

January 14-16, Catalina Island. This is a meeting for delegates only, and MV officers will be appointed delegates by the local churches. All MV leaders, MV secretaries and MV Pathfinder directors should plan to attend this conclave.

MV Leadership Training Course:

Beginning Thursday, January 20, this course will operate for six Thursday evenings at the conference office. Tuition will be \$2 per session or \$10 for the entire course of six sessions. Enrollment will be limited and certificates will be granted for successful completion. Write us for further information.

MV Pathfinder Training Course:

(Los Angeles Area)

January 23, 24, 26, 30, 31 and February 2, at the conference office. We will offer a full course of training for Pathfinder counselors and staff members.

MV Pathfinder Training Course:

(Ventura County)

January 30, 31, and February 1, 2 and 3, at Newbury Park Academy. We will repeat the Pathfinder Training Course for Ventura County.

Leadership Campout:

February 11, 12 and 13, leaders will be given practical camping instruction in a campout situation.

Sam Campbell:

January 22—Paulson Hall

January 25—Glendale Union Academy

This popular author of MV Book Club books, such as *Moose Country*, *Seven Secrets of Somewhere Lake* and *Loony Coon* ('55 selection) will speak on "The North Country—Land of the



Thousands of persons viewed a booth sponsored by the Ridgecrest church at the Ridgecrest Desert Empire Fair held recently. Located near one end of the main tent of the Fair, Ridgecrest booth graphically portrayed the work of the denomination throughout the world. More than two hundred persons enrolled in Voice of Prophecy Bible courses at the booth where denominational magazines and samples of Loma Linda foods were also distributed. The space for the Ridgecrest booth at the Fair was donated by two local merchants.

Brother Howard Carter of the Ridgecrest church, and his wife are shown above in the booth.

Herbert Ford.

"Voyageur" in Paulson Hall, and "Animals of the North Woods" in the Glendale Academy Auditorium. Don't miss these outstanding lectures.

Youth Mass Meetings:

January 29, 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. at the Shrine Auditorium. Plenty of action, music, and thrilling events. You'll want to be there with the thousands.

HENRY T. BERGH.

A.S.I. News

At the recent annual meeting of the General Conference Association of Self-Supporting Institutions which was held at Madison, Tennessee, two institutions in Southern California were added to the membership list.

One is the Compton Steam Baths at 933 E. Rosecrans Street, Compton, operated by Miss Esther A. Hansen, R.N., who is a graduate nurse from Skodsborg Sanitarium, Denmark. At the Steam Baths there are facilities and equipment for various types of hydrotherapy and electrical treatments. Missionary work is carried on by Miss Hansen in her treatment rooms by means of our Christian books, pamphlets and periodicals.

The second new member of the A.S.I. is the Behrens Memorial Hospital of Glendale. The hospital has a capacity

of 120 beds and a working staff of 152 persons. Elder H. O. Olson, the chaplain, was formerly secretary of the South American Division. G. A. Johnstone, M.D. is the medical director.

Several other institutions in Southern California Conference hold membership in the A.S.I.

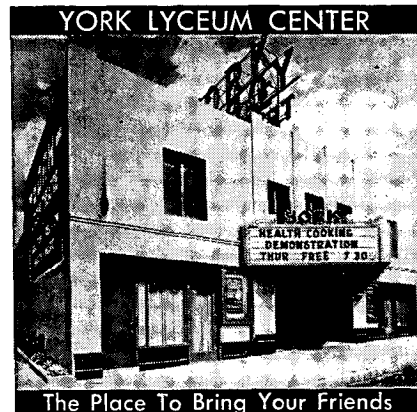
Through skilled, intelligent and loving Christian care given by workers in these institutions, many persons may experience a closer walk with our Saviour, or may for the first time consecrate their lives to His service. Several have already, as a result of their stay in these institutions, made their decisions to become children of our Heavenly Parent.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Coming—January 15

Stan Midgley presents his all-color film, "Cycling through Yellowstone and the Tetons," plus, as special attraction his first showing of the 1955 Rose Parade. This should be of special interest to all, since the parade falls on Sabbath this year. Tickets are available at the Registrar's office, White Memorial Hospital, or phone AT 2-3000, Mrs. John Peterson, for reserved or regular seats. Tickets—reserved \$1.50, regular \$1.00, children 50 cents. This program is being sponsored by the San Gabriel Home and School Association.

Remember—Paulson Hall, Michigan and State Streets, Los Angeles—7:45 p.m., January 15, 1955. Come and bring the family.



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Sunday, December 19, 7:30 p.m.

Paul Campbell
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Talents of Music

Nearly three thousand persons braved one of Southern California's most severe fogs Saturday evening, November 27, to attend what many observers called "the very best" annual Southern California Fall Talent Festival in Pasadena's Civic Auditorium.

Contestants from the conference's four academies and California's two Adventist senior colleges presented a variety of musical combinations and compositions which ranged from vocal sextets to trombone solos. Some 38 young musicians participated in the event.

A special feature of the Festival was a concert by the famed Hall Johnson Negro Choir of Hollywood.

Those singled out by the judges to receive special awards included: Youth Section—Billie Rue, clarinet solo "Concertina"; Carolyn Stilson, "Gypsy Air," marimba; and Orville Williams, trumpet solo, "La Virgen de la Macarena."

Senior youth section awards went to: Joyce Moore, flute solo, "Night Soliloquy"; Anne Lambert, piano, "Reflections"; Edward Lindquist, violin solo, "Nigun"; Paul Hill, trombone solo, "Air Varie"; and a trumpet trio composed of Jerry Peek, Gerald Lammerding, and Virgil Heinrich, "Bugler's Holiday." HEBRERT FORD.

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Growth in Bakersfield

Greater Bakersfield is a thriving city of 135,000 population. In this city we have had for years a growing work, and especially in recent months there has been marked progress. Our church building, with a seating capacity of 400, became too small more than a year ago. At that time the church was divided into two sections, one meeting at the school assembly hall at 8:15 a.m. followed by Sabbath school, the other at the regular hours in the church. Now both assembly hall and church are crowded and all available space is filled with chairs in order to accommodate the people. While this condition poses many problems, we are made happy to see so many precious souls being garnered in for the kingdom.

Recently Elder E. J. Folkenberg, us-

ing his diorama method of evangelism, opened meetings in the Fairgrounds Building Auditorium. At this writing, with most of the testing truths already presented, there is a splendid interest. Lester Ortner, Ina Hopson, Olga Arentz, and Alfreda Odegaard are assisting in the effort. Also Elder Stanley Hiten, pastor of the Shafter church, and Elder W. E. Penick, pastor of the Bakersfield colored church, and their congregations have wholeheartedly united with us in the evangelistic program. Only eternity will reveal the fruitage of this thrilling campaign.

During the last three years Bakersfield Junior Academy has been relocated and rebuilt on a beautiful and convenient ten-acre tract of land. There are three units consisting of ten large classrooms, two music rooms, library, and office. Also, a building that houses the cafeteria and assembly hall, a building for the Pathfinders, and a building for teachers divided into two apartments. The total investment represents approximately \$200,000. John Thompson is the principal. The twelve teachers and the 240 children enrolled are doing much to build for bigger and better spiritual leadership not only in the local church but throughout the great world field.

We appreciate the work of our Dorcas Welfare who have helped scores of needy families; of our lay workers who have enrolled hundreds in the Bible courses; and of our more than thirty doctors who have done much to break down prejudice as they support the church program with their means and consecrated ability.

The future looks bright for the Advent message in this part of the Lord's vineyard, and our faithful and loyal membership here join with fellow believers everywhere to speed the task and finish the work of God in all the earth.

CLARENCE E. SMITH, *Pastor.*

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Monterey Bay Academy

The thirty-five voice Monterey Bay Academy choir and the trumpet trio will present Roy Ringwald's eighteen-minute production number, "The Song of Christmas" on Channel 8, December 21 at 4 p.m. Special art work for the production was done by Toni de Mercurio.

D. J. BIEBER, *Principal.*

A District Workshop

For Sabbath School Leaders and Teachers

(Please note change in date.)

The workshop will be conducted in Fresno at the Parkside Auditorium, West Belmont Avenue, Sabbath, December 18, 3-6 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Elder Eugene Sample, editor of *Our Little Friend*.

Mrs. Sage, a worker of long and successful experience has prepared new material for the juniors. You will not want to miss the presentations by Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Will. There will be other demonstrations and displays.

We'll see you then.

MRS. A. E. GESCHKE.

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"An Inspiration to Us"

Many times complaints come to our office concerning the work of our ministers, and we are led to feel that our workers are not appreciated as much as they should be. I feel confident that our ministers are endeavoring to do all they can to advance the work of God.

Sometimes a word of encouragement to our ministers is a great source of help and strength to them in their work. The following letter came recently to my office, signed by the members of the church. I am passing it on to the readers of the RECORDER. We are omitting the names and the place of the church, but it is one of our good strong churches, the pastor and his wife having served there for a number of years.

"In the course of our busy everyday living we are quick always to retaliate if someone is unpleasant or hurts us personally. Enjoying and taking for granted those persons which are pleasant and tend to benefit us, never do we seriously consider a commendation orally or written for these people which we find good. However, there are times when to step out and say what is on one's heart becomes a necessary thing, because of someone's unselfish example of a 'Christ-like' life.

"We of the ——— S.D.A. church have taken this matter seriously and our decision to write you a letter concerning our pastor's efforts seemed a

very good and small way of showing our gratification for his wonderful leadership.

"Elder ——— has been an inspiration to us in a very marked way. Our church has seen a growth in membership that has been miraculous, but above this he has imbued us with a strong sense of love for one another. Never in his busy program has he failed to counsel with the membership, and to offer always the best that is in him. We find in him a true consecrated man; a picture if you please of what we hope our church leaders are, or should be. We realize too, the heavy burden that is the pastor's lot, and we felt that perhaps he would understand our deep love and devotion to him if we did something tangible. This is the purpose of this letter, to let you, the conference leaders, know how at least one faithful servant is doing out in the field for the Lord.

"It seems only natural to mention our pastor's wife in connection with her pastor husband. To us they represent a wonderful and fine balance, as they both work and pray side by side with us. She is as faithful and earnest as her husband in all she has undertaken, and our love for her is also great.

"We have tried to write this letter in a true sense of humility, and pray that you will see the thanksgiving and love we have in our hearts for these dear people. Our sincere hope and prayer is that other church members may feel and respond to their pastor as we of this church have tried to respond to ours.

"May God continue to bless the movement and our people. We remain, as always, devoted and thankful servants of the Lord."

It brings a lot of cheer to the officers of the conference to have reports like this coming in from our churches. May God continue to bless our people in our churches as they work together for the finishing of our work.

H. H. HICKS.

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Miracles of Grace

A year ago a man and his wife were sitting in their home, smoking cigarettes and studying literature coming from a city in Texas. The man was a Methodist, his wife for seventeen years a backslidden Adventist. For fifteen months they had been studying the deceptive doctrines of a false prophet. It so "happened" that I met this lady, told her of the deception in the things they were studying, and arranged for an appointment in their home. Never was more evident the struggle between the hosts of darkness and the legions of light, in the battle over these souls. The followers of the false prophet converged upon their home, but the Lord gave a signal victory. The truth of God on the subject of the Kingdom dispelled the darkness of the "intermediate kingdom" error. The voice of the enemy was silenced. Then a series of studies were given in the home by an earnest soul-winner, Brother Del Herrick. The last Sabbath of the week of prayer was a day of rejoicing as they were baptized into the faith of our Lord.

For thirty-three years a blind lady, daughter of a Church of Christ minister, and her husband, a former Methodist, had never attended any church. Then through Dr. Brentford she became interested and agreed to take studies. In the second study, Mrs. Johns invited the husband to listen to the study. Realizing that the husband could be better reached by a man; the studies were turned over to Brother Francisco, associate pastor of the La Sierra church. The struggle of this brilliant woman, who had found comfort in her blindness in the cigarette, to overcome the habit, was severe; but the Lord gave the victory. They, also, were baptized.

Another lady in the baptismal group was won to Christ through the influence of an Adventist neighbor.

Within the shadow of our churches and schools are many who are looking for the light. Angels cooperate with us in reaching them, if we are true to our trust. The miracles of grace in the homeland are as great as those in fields afar.

VARNER J. JOHNS.

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"It is a religious duty for those who cook to learn how to prepare healthful food in different ways, so that it may be eaten with enjoyment." *Counsels on Health*, p. 145.

"Animals of the North Woods"

Yes, it's Sam Campbell; and this name means action, color, and thrilling stories of nature to hundreds of school children and nature lovers in South-eastern California. This outstanding naturalist-lecturer will twice present his most interesting program, "Animals



Author-Lecture-Naturalist SAMP CAMPBELL with one of his friends—a pet deer.

of the North Woods" in our conference. This program will be made more interesting by his beautiful color motion pictures which will be shown at both places.

The first Campbell lecture will be Sunday evening, January 23, 7:30 o'clock at the La Sierra College Auditorium, and the other will be in San Diego the next evening, Monday, January 24, 7:30 o'clock also.

If you have read of Inky, the Porcupine, Loony Coon, Moo-Moo the Moose or any of his other nature friends you will not want to miss the story of a man who finds his greatest joy in the out-of-doors.

Posters will be available soon for all churches and schools, and tickets also will be sent out to all schools immediately. School children are encouraged to sell tickets for the program, and to the school room selling the largest number of tickets per capita will be sent a 1955 JMV Book Club set. Two complete sets will be given out, one for the northern half of the conference and one for the southern area.

Why not order one of Sam Campbell's books now from the Book and Bible House and begin reading right away; then you'll enjoy his program that much more.

Remember, all Palomar Nature Club members will be admitted at half price. If you enjoy nature and yet are not a member, why not join now and benefit

by this reduced price as well as a 1955 membership in the Palomar Nature Club.

PALOMAR NATURE CLUB.

"The Desire of Nations"

The choral organizations of Loma Linda Union Academy will present "The Desire of Nations" Saturday night, December 18, at 8 o'clock in the Hill church at Loma Linda. The program, based on the life of Christ, will feature traditional Christmas carols, including an antiphonal arrangement of "Silent Night." Other selections included in the program are: "In the Night Christ Came Walking," by Cain; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," by Bach; "Lamb of God," by Christensen; and "Lift Up Your Heads," by Ashford.

Soloists include: Shabethai Dawson, violinist; Opal Vinnard, soprano; Eldon Dickinson, tenor; and Martin Badger, baritone. Also assisting in the program are Elder Charles H. Baker, reader; Mrs. Richard Barnes, pianist; and Mr. Albert Avilla, organist. "The Desire of Nations" is produced and directed by Mr. Wayne Rouse.

An offering will be taken.

Hawaiian Mission

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Time Is Short

Brother Thompson, recently from the mainland, canvassed a young mother. After ordering a set of books for her little girl, she said that she had graduated from the Hawaiian Mission Academy, married a Catholic boy, and drifted far from the life at school. A few days later when our colporteur called for the deposit, she told him that her husband refused to take the books and she wondered if she could cancel the order. She was assured that her order could be cancelled, but that she could not cancel her obligation to God. Regardless of how far she had drifted, it was a serious matter not to turn back to the only One who could bring peace and happiness to her life.

Later that afternoon, in the same block, Brother Thompson had just convinced a Japanese Mormon lady that it would pay her to give up a certain psychiatry course that cost her \$7 a week, read the *Ministry of Healing* that she had in her home, and apply the \$7

a week on a set of Bible books. While she was signing the order, the former student from the Hawaiian Mission Academy came in. She told the Mormon lady that our colporteur was a Seventh-day Adventist and that he could help them learn more about the Bible. They decided that they would like to go to church, and it was agreed that both would be ready when he called for them in the morning.

The friendly spirit, sacred songs, and the study of the Bible were so impressive that they agreed to be present again the following Sabbath. Arrangements have been made for a church member to give Bible studies in their homes.

Are any standing idle in the market place in this eleventh hour? Here is work to do. Many are waiting only to be gathered in. Have you felt that you should have a more definite part in the Lord's work, that you should be engaged in our literature ministry? How can you wait any longer? This is a critical hour; unusual things are happening. Time is short.

Why not decide NOW? We are holding our annual colporteur institute from January 16 to 18 at the Hawaiian Mission Academy. Elder Reiswig from the Pacific Union will be with us to give some very fine instruction on Christian salesmanship. This will be the best time for you to get started. Let me know if you plan to attend our training class for literature evangelists.

D. D. DIRKSEN.

Elder Bergherm Visits Honolulu

Servicemen and civilian church members in the Honolulu area were privileged to have the services of Elder W. H. Bergherm, associate secretary of the General Conference War Service Commission, from Friday, December 3, through Wednesday, December 8.

Since there are nearly forty Seventh-day Adventist military personnel on the Island of Oahu, Elder Bergherm spent time visiting with officers and men of the Army's Schofield Barracks, Trippler Army Hospital, Naval Air Station at Barber's Point, the Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine Air Base at Kaneohe.

Friday evening a special meeting for our servicemen was held at the Wahiawa church.

On Sabbath, Elder Bergherm, who has just returned from a tour of the Orient, where he has held servicemen's congresses in Japan and Korea, shared his experiences with the members of

the Kaimuki church during the eleven o'clock hour.

At noon he ate with the servicemen at the dinner, served regularly for them, in the Dorcas room of the Honolulu Central church.

The Japanese members on the island of Oahu were especially pleased to hear Elder Bergherm's report of our work in Japan and Okinawa.

The Central church was filled again at 4:30 p.m. to hear more thrilling experiences of our boys in service.

Because Elder Bergherm is traveling under special orders from the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., he was able to make strategic contacts with officers in important places here in Hawaii. The visits were most cordial and these officers were found very understanding and cooperative in the Sabbath problems of our faithful Seventh-day Adventist boys.

Elder Bergherm's work here in Hawaii was greatly appreciated by both laymen and service men.

EARL WRIGHT.

Kaimuki Baptism

We believe that the angelic host united their voices in triumphant song as twelve individuals turned from the world in response to the call, "Follow Me," on Sabbath morning, November 20.

We of the Kaimuki church on the Island of Oahu joined in the rejoicing. A brother and sister, two brothers, another brother and sister, three young friends, and a father, mother, and daughter, in turn, followed the footsteps of their Saviour through the baptismal waters to a new life in Him. What a precious sight to see the juniors coming to Jesus, offering an entire life in consecrated service!

We invite you to join with us in placing a hedge of God's protecting care about these new believers through earnest prayer to God for their faithfulness.

D. L. KENNEY.

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. *Advertisements will be printed as space permits.*

SPACE AVAILABLE.—Shoe repairman (Sabbathkeeper, wife S.D.A.) can spare part of store 14 x 100 ft., big window display, plus storage. \$75 month. Center of business district, near banks. Suitable for dry cleaning, tailoring, etc. Wife available to help in alterations. Population 6,000, growing community. S.D.A. church. 90 No. Monterey St., Gilroy, Calif.

POSITION WANTED.—Man with 20 years' experience in office procedure, credit, purchasing, statistics, payroll, accounting etc., also experienced in hospital and clinic work, would like position in business or related fields. Can furnish good references. Please reply to G.B.B., 635 Dahl Ave., Port Hueneme, Calif.

WANTED.—Experienced, qualified S.D.A. couple to manage nice apartment house in West Hollywood. For added information call or write Mr. W. Don, 703 So. Norton Ave., Los Angeles 5, Calif. Phone DUnkirk 3-2548.

ADVENTIST MAN with 10-year-old daughter, wife dead, wishes permanent job and place to live. Experienced caretaker, landscaping, gardener, florist, designer; can sell. Also do maintenance such as carpentry, plumbing, painting. Available about Jan. 1, 1955. Write "R" c/o V. G. Wilson, 4933 Strong Ave., Arlington, Calif.

SABBATH SCHOOL BRIEF.—Ready for mailing now. Made by the Monroe church Dorcas to aid in building a much-needed church home. Send \$1 to Monroe Dorcas, Box 282, Monroe, Washington, for the January, February, March mimeographed Bible texts for lessons.

FOR GIFTS, SABBATH SCHOOLS, CHURCHES.—Full-color reproductions of "Our Rejoicing Shepherd," a beautiful new painting of Christ smiling by Clyde Provonsha, Adventist artist. Available in 2 sizes (plus borders) 8 x 10—\$1, and 16 x 20—\$2, tax included, postpaid. Write to Pictures from Paradise, 1560 Bille Rd., Paradise, Calif.

TO SERVE YOU BETTER.—W. H. Nash Co. has moved to 1717 Brooklyn Ave., Los Angeles 33, Calif. Come in or phone us about your merchandise needs—watches, silverware, furniture, carpeting, appliances, luggage, and many other things. We believe that we must really help you if we expect your business. Phone CA 1-2960 or CItrus 3-4573.

THE HOLLYWOOD LIQUEFIER reduces any food to liquid form within 2 minutes; thus providing beneficial bulk, without irritating roughage; and greatly multiplying vitamin and mineral food value. Countless home uses. Charles M. Cottrell, authorized distributor, P.O. Box 475, Loma Linda, Calif. (Street address 124 Yardly Pl.) Phone Loma Linda 6-3762.

GET YOUR watch, clock, tape recorder, appliances, radios, silverware and dishes with S.D.A. discounts from the Swiss Shop Jewelers. Open all day Sunday till Christmas. Hugo Eickmann, 1617 East Santa Clara St., San Jose, Calif. Phone CYpress 5-2223.

FASTENATORS.—Hazel Cundle's "Fastenators" hold shoulder straps in place. Price \$1.50 plus 10 per cent Federal excise tax; California residents add 5 cents sales tax. Sterling silver, rhodium plated, no tarnish. A sensible, useful gift, mailed in a gift box. Mrs. Hazel Cundle, 704 Via San Clemente, Montebello, Calif.

HELP WANTED.—The White Memorial Hospital is in need of a first-class carpenter and a machinist with general mechanical experience. Please contact the Personnel Officer, 312 No. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles 33, Calif.

WANTED.—A pensioned lady living alone would like to correspond with an elderly lady who wants companionship and a good home. Have good health, lots of room, and a garden. Rt. 2 Box 110-G, Exeter, Calif., or 280 Belmont Ave.

FOR SALE.—House trailer, 1951 model, 21-ft., aluminum. Completely modern and clean. Sacrifice at \$1,625. Available January 15. Returning to mission field. Donald N. Holm, M.D., 4928 Strong Ave., Arlington, Calif., c/o Elder E. L. Sheldon.

FOR LEASE.—Nicely furnished 9-room home northeast Pomona. Forced air heat; 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, second kitchen, basement rumpus room. Large yard, roses, fruit. \$140 per month for 4 or more; yard work and certain cleaning included. No pets. Mrs. Florence A. Beck, 4929 1/2 Kinsie St., Los Angeles 22, Calif. Phone ANgelus 1-8782 or ANgelus 1-3803.

FOR SALE.—Ranch, 55 acres; 3-bedroom, 2-bath house, 5 years old. 4-car garage, guest room; gas pump, swimming pool. Fine well. No smog or fog. 3200 ft. elevation. Yield, \$100,000 potatoes past 4 years. \$50,000; terms made easy. Delma Thompson, Box 116, Hesperia, Calif.

FOR SALE.—2 acres. \$50 down and \$50 in 30 days, balance \$25 a month; total price \$2,000. Gas, electricity, 80 pear trees, and red house-trailer all in deal. 3 miles from 10-grade church school. Write Clarence Smith, 1129 Hayes St., Napa, Calif.

FOR SALE.—40 acres unimproved mountain land 2 miles southeast of Groveland. 3,000-ft. elevation, some timber. 2 miles to newly dedicated church. Nice S.D.A. community. Price \$35 per acre. Write C. S. Stickels, P.O. Box 55, Wawona, Calif.

SPECIAL on 1955 Chevrolets, f.o.b. Flint, Michigan. For your confidential price list, write to Harold Roberts, 931 S.W. Gaines, Portland, Oregon.

WANT to get in touch with a chiropractor who might wish to change locations. Frank Chedester, 5058 So. Compton Ave., Ideal Ct., Los Angeles, Calif.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.—Half block from La Sierra Academy and elementary school, near college—level lot, 75 x 138. Write 11209 Pierce Pl., Arlington, Calif.

Our Commission

"Our commission is to let the light shine forth everywhere from the press. By the printed page the light reaches isolated ones, who have no opportunity to hear the living preachers."—E. G. White, Letter 21, 1902.

The light is shining forth in thousands of homes as a result of the *These Times* missionary subscriptions which



have been sent and through the copies placed in the homes by literature evangelists. This is producing fruitage in souls won. The accompanying picture is of a mother and her three fine daughters who were baptized early this year by Elder James Gray of Texas. The influence of *These Times* was a dominant factor which led to their baptism. It was placed in this home by Mrs. Gladys Cupps, a faithful literature evangelist who rejoices in having had a part in bringing this family the light of truth through the printed page.

A gift subscription to *These Times* could be the means of winning those loved ones and friends for whom you are burdened. While the low gift rate of only \$1.00 a year is available, secure an order form from your church missionary secretary and turn in your gift list. Upon request, which should be indicated when your list is sent, an attractive Christmas gift notice will be sent to convey the season's greetings to all who are to receive *These Times* gift subscriptions. I. H. IHric.

"Soldier of the Month"

Two months in a row Seventh-day Adventist servicemen were chosen "Soldier of the Month" at Fort MacArthur near Los Angeles.

The two Adventist servicemen are Pvts. Elwyn Christenson, of Clark's Summit, Pa., and Frank G. McMurry, both members of medical units. They



—U.S. Army Photo.

Seventh-day Adventist Soldiers of the Month—Pvts. Elwyn Christenson (second from left), and Frank G. McMurry (third from left) receive congratulations from their immediate superior, Col. Leonard Swanson (left). With them is James Hardin, pastor of the San Pedro church.

were selected for this honor on the basis of their work, military knowledge, appearance and personality.

Pvt. Christenson was named Soldier of the Month for October and Pvt. McMurry for November. They were selected from soldiers stationed throughout Southern California and received cash awards and other honors from Col. Wilson Potter, Jr., chief of the Southern California Sub-District and commanding officer of Fort MacArthur.

Pvt. Christenson, age 23, was born in Giffard Mission Hospital, South India, where his parents were Seventh-day Adventist missionaries. He attended academy at Southwestern Junior College and graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration in 1953, the same year he entered the army. During his college career, Pvt. Christenson was a colporteur for two summers. He plans to take graduate work on leaving the service and eventually become a denominational worker.

Pvt. McMurry, was born October 11, 1928, in Covina, California, and later moved to Oregon and graduated from Sweet Home Union High School. In the summer of 1947 he and his parents attended Adventist evangelistic meetings conducted by Elder J. H. Apigian,

LA SIERRA COLLEGE

Evangelism in Action

The students of La Sierra College are currently conducting an evangelistic campaign in nearby Arlanza Village. This is being managed by the class in Evangelism under the direction of Elder Wilber Alexander, their instructor.

"Adventures in Prophecy" is the theme of the series of meetings, using a new presentation device known as Diorama. While one purpose of the series is laboratory experience for prospective church workers, this is not the main purpose. The main purpose is to satisfy an evangelistic burden for people who are soon to face an eternal destiny.

Student participation is widespread—far beyond the Evangelism class enrollment. Students organized first for a community census of all the homes in the area to discover church connections or lack of them and interest in religious meetings. Next, visits were made to the homes to invite people to the proposed meetings. Now that the meetings are under way, student teams of two each go to the homes of interested ones to conduct Bible studies, have prayer, and awaken religious interests among the people of the community.

Social Science Activities

Members of the History and Social Science Division at La Sierra will attend meetings of the Pacific Coast branch of the American Historical Association, to

who convinced Pvt. McMurry's parents to send him to Walla Walla College, where he was baptized in 1948. His parents were baptized the same year.

He studied theology at Walla Walla and did colporteur work in the Idaho Conference for one year. He plans to enter the ministry after army service is completed.

While he has been stationed at Fort MacArthur, Pvt. McMurry has taken advantage of opportunities to lead his fellow soldiers to Christ. A corporal who received Bible studies from this consecrated Adventist serviceman has already been baptized and a sergeant and his wife are now receiving studies.

Pvt. McMurry hopes to enter the ministry when his army duty ends in 1955.

be held at the University of Southern California during the Christmas vacation.

Dr. Wilfred Airey, chairman of the History department, has been appointed to one of the panel discussion groups of the Institute of World Affairs, the meetings to be held at the Mission Inn, Riverside, December 12 to 15. Many students in classes here will attend some sessions of the Institute as they can arrange class schedules. This institute draws speakers and discussants from among the most noted specialists in America.

Students Provide Food Boxes for Needy

Annual distribution of food boxes to local homes in need, sponsored each Christmas by the student Religious Activities committee, will take place December 18. Food boxes prepared and packed by the College dining hall service will be left at the homes of 25 needy families in the surrounding area. At the same time Christmas carols are being sung by accompanying student groups.

Paul Hill, the coordinator, says that five truck-loads of students, each truck-load carrying five boxes, will visit the homes and leave their gifts as well as their songs with those who might otherwise have a bleak Christmas.

To add to the blessing for the students and to pay for the food, each student and faculty member will have the chance of contributing financially to the program, indicates the coordinator, in the Christmas devotional in chapel, December 17.

Hirsch Is Official Delegate to History Society

Dr. Charles B. Hirsch, assistant professor of history and political science at L.S.C. has been elected as the official delegate of the Delta Epsilon chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, national history honorary society, for the 1954 biennial national convention at the University of Southern California, December 28 to 31.

Representing Indiana University at the biennial convention, Dr. Hirsch has been named a member of the committee on constitution revision.