

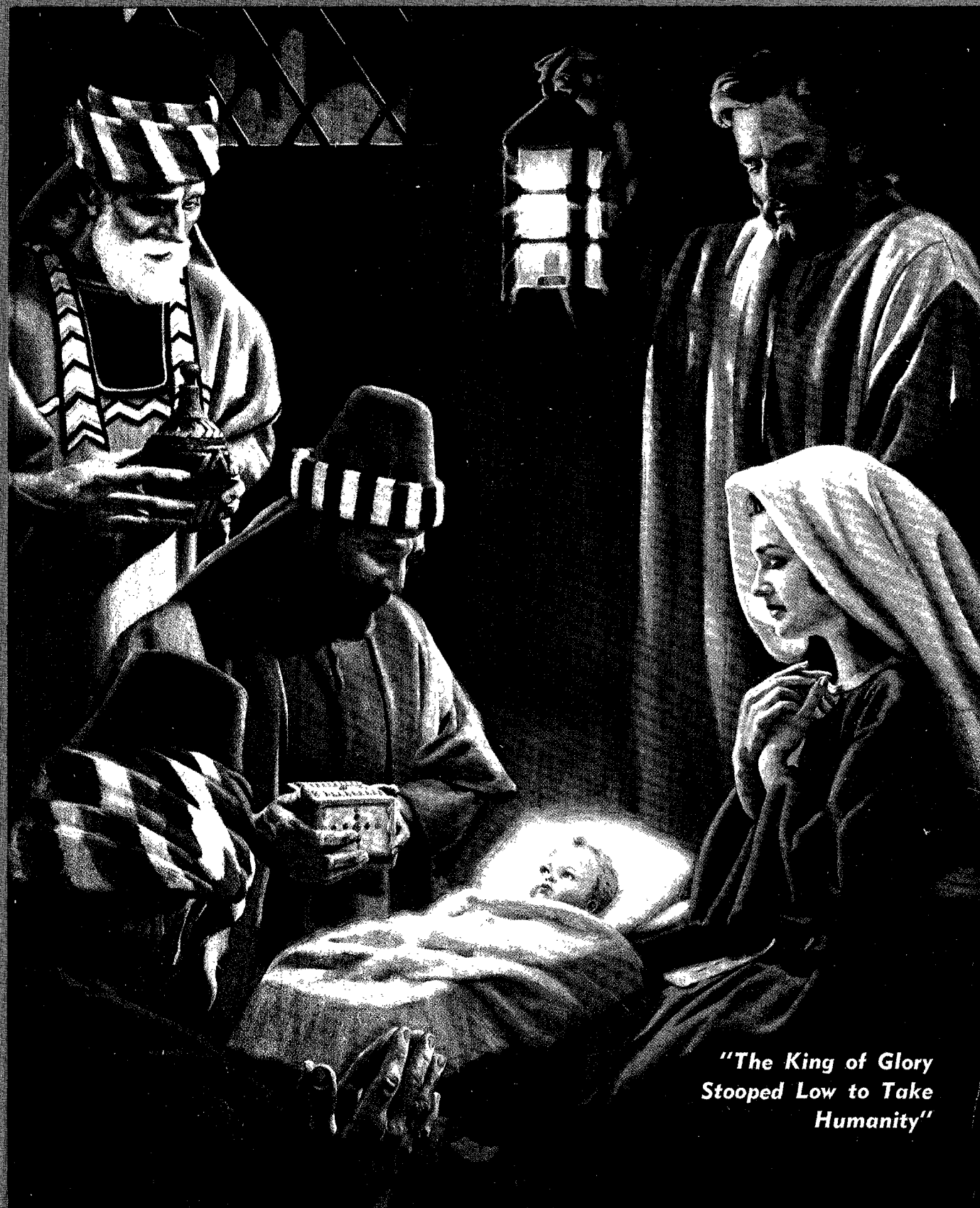
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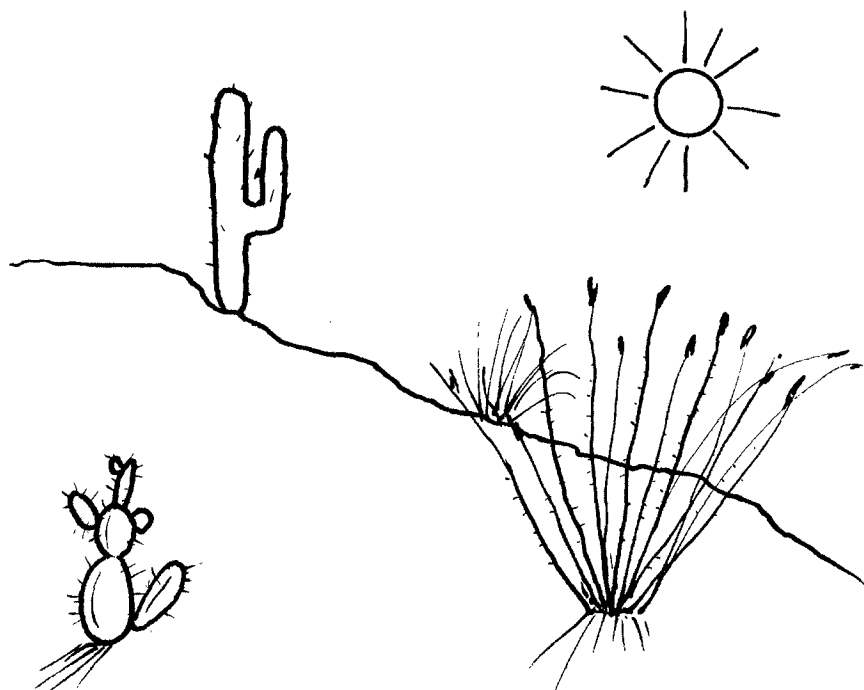
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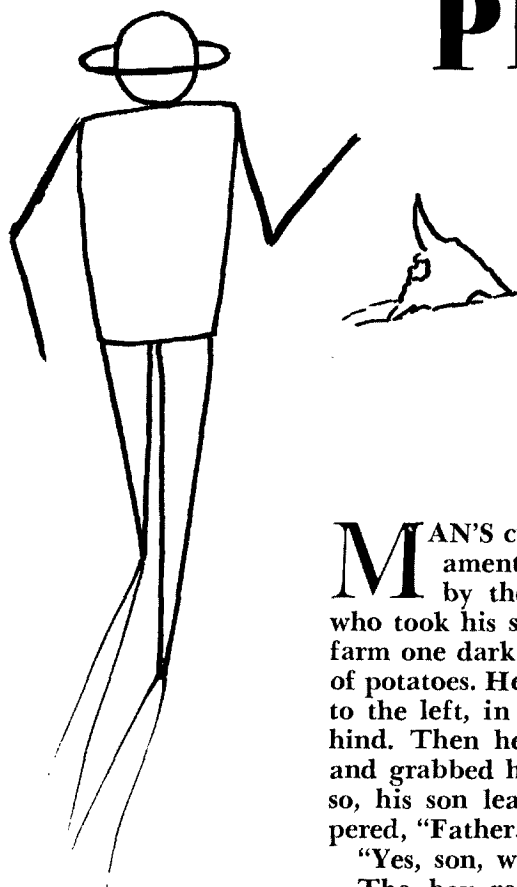
*"The King of Glory  
Stooped Low to Take  
Humanity"*



# Modern Man's Moral

## PREDICAMENT

By  
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**M**AN'S current moral predicament is well illustrated by the story of the man who took his son to his neighbor's farm one dark night to steal a bag of potatoes. He looked to the right, to the left, in front, and then behind. Then he put down his bag and grabbed his shovel. As he did so, his son leaned over and whispered, "Father."

"Yes, son, what is it?"

The boy replied, "There's one direction you didn't look!"

"Which direction?" asked the frightened father.

"Up," answered the boy.

"Up"—that is the direction frustrated and frightened modern man desperately needs to look before it is forever too late. The moral bank-

ruptcy of our times threatens civilization. The abandonment of fixed standards has brought about the greatest moral crisis in history. The immediate return to Christian ethics—the upward look—is a vital necessity for the survival of society, the home, even the Christian church.

One concerned author, after observing the moral chaos in the political world, the economic world, the social world, and even in the religious world, writes of the urgency and the gravity of the situation in these words: "Ethics is the incisive and universal requisite for survival."—Carl F. H. Henry, *Christian Personal Ethics*, p. 13. And Dr. Henry continues on page 15: "Hardly a home in America today

is unshadowed by the ethical hesitations and ambiguities of these tense times."

The sin of stealing is found in every country and among people of all nations. In America today stealing from stores has reached the staggering sum of \$1 billion a year! Purse snatching on the streets of our cities is no longer limited to dark nights.

All nations have laws against stealing. Why does the store stealer look around to see if he can spot a store detective? Why does the purse snatcher look up and down the street to see if he can see a policeman? Why did the potato stealer look to the right and left, in front and behind? There is only one answer. Not one of them wanted to get caught. They knew what they were doing was considered wrong; they feared the consequences of getting caught, and yet deliberately made the decision to take what was not theirs!

All these cases are included in the scope of ethics, the area of what is right and what is wrong. Note the threefold involvement of the mind, the heart, and the will. Mentally, each knew what were the commonly accepted standards of right and wrong. Each was apprehensive and feared getting caught, so the emotions—the heart—were involved. Each made the decision to act; the will was involved in making the decision to do the wrong thing. And each went on in his course of stealing.

Obviously, from these cases and a thousand similar ones that could be cited, it is not enough for man to know what is right or to know that it is wrong to steal. Something more is needed. This will be discussed later.

Offenders conceive a hundred ways to justify themselves, excuse themselves, or rationalize their ethics and whitewash their conduct or blame some other person for their deeds.

Since people today refuse to "look up" for guidance, they are fearful of the future. As a result, their fuzzy thinking leaves them frustrated, addled, muddled! The

maudlin mentality of modern man has brought the human race to the verge of moral anarchy!

### *The Return to Nature*

In modern man's descent to nihilism he has passed through similar stages as did the ancient pagans. For example, when we read of the Cynics of ancient Greece we are reminded of the "nature boys" and the "nature girls," the "flower children" of our day. It is a striking parallel. It shocks one to see the similarities. The acknowledged ideal of the Cynics was to be "homeless beggars, cityless wanderers." Their professed motto was "return to nature." They actually derived their name "cynic" from the Greek word *kunikos*, "doglike," cynical of all laws and all restraints. The Cynics were revolting against society and all authority and were truly rebellious and skeptical faultfinders. Theirs was a reactionary movement.

The leaders of the movement adopted the title Cynic as a sign of their return to the simplicity of animal existence. Their antagonists were quick to pick up the epithet, and called them dogs because of the "coarseness and immodesty" that characterized the Cynics. The founder of Cynicism was Antisthenes (444-399? B.C.). He was called the "downright" dog. Diogenes (412?-323 B.C.), his famous follower, was called the "royal" dog.

Of this group Dr. Henry has given us this penetrating observation. As we read we feel as if we are reading a description of many modern, revolting cynics. "The Cynics fixed upon the negative ascetic element as an end in itself and championed renunciation. They acknowledged nothing holy, withdrew from society, flouted contemporary norms and human ties. Civil and social relations were regarded as impositions. Society is an accident, said Cynicism; man should be sufficient unto himself. Law and civil institutions are tyrannical interferences with the simple life, often compelling men to act against their unitary nature. Self-sufficiency, as an inherent possession of every

man, was to be guarded at all costs; complete sacrifice for its realization was the essence of virtue. Self-sufficiency must be set free from social convention. The usual values of life, health, position, wealth, like poverty, shame, sickness, and death were to be treated with total indifference. Hippias taught that social laws and institutions are arbitrary and harmful, enslaving true human nature, which is individual and specific; the good life consists in renouncing them. The innate prerogative of simple manhood alone provides escape from social ills. Self-control meant not the ethicizing, but the cessation, of human relations. The professed ideal of Cynics was to be homeless beggars, cityless wanderers."—*Ibid.*, pp. 28, 29.

As we read of the shocking and repulsive stories of modern Cynics, Skeptics, and Sophists we are led to ponder the idea that history seems to repeat itself. And yet, as one wit has said, "We learn nothing from history except that we learn nothing from history." Dr. Henry saw the dangers in these pagan theories. "By espousing the dogma that what cannot be sensed is nonexistent, Sophism, Cyrenaicism and Cynicism reduce human life to moral anarchy, and foredoom every attempt to rescue it in the name of principle. A strictly sensate view empties life of all worth and meaning. The Sophists spell out this teaching to a relativistic conclusion, the Cynics to a nihilistic conclusion."—*Ibid.*, pp. 29, 30.

### *The Revolt Against Authority*

However, in spite of his moral bankruptcy, proud, stubborn, self-sufficient, rebellious man refuses to look up for guidance or for authority. Actually modern man is in revolt against authority—the authority of the home, the authority of the school, the authority of the state, the authority of the church, even the authority of God. "God is dead" is the cry of many dissatisfied with the teleological and cosmological evidences for God. They refuse to look up and see that the "heavens declare the glory of

God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." They have "open minds," they say, but it would appear that they are "open" only to doubt! So man makes himself the arbiter of all things. He wants to decide what is right and what is wrong. He doesn't need to look up or even look to the left or to the right.

Man, the moral rebel, demands freedom, freedom from all restraint, freedom to do as he pleases. Modern man wants freedom from all controls. As a consequence we hear such responses as these: "No one is going to tell me what to eat." "I'll read what I want to read." "I'll go where I want to go." "I'll do what I want to do." Thus man becomes his own god. He wants his own way. He continues walking in the footsteps of Adam, whose philosophy in the Garden of Eden was summed up in the rebellious phrase "My will, not Thine, be done." However, in another garden man's Creator and Redeemer made a different decision when He looked up and said, "Not my will but thine be done."

The perverted ethics of Adam and Eve turned the Garden of Eden into the wilderness of sin, in which man still walks, wanders, and wonders!

The ethics of Jesus, as practiced in another garden, the Garden of Gethsemane, will ultimately turn this desert of sin back into the Garden of God! Paradise lost will become Paradise restored. "And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose" (Isa. 35:1).

Today man is still stumbling, grumbling, and fumbling in the darkness of the desert. He is still groping for a way out of the moral mess of his own making, with no light but the sparks of his own kindling. Why, O why, doesn't he look up for light and guidance? Revelational ethics provides a lamp for our feet and a light for our pathway! But there are none so blind as they who will not see!

Yes, modern man is in revolt. He is a rebel. "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions" (Eccl. 7:29). With his quixotic imagination man has devised many impractical and visionary theories to solve his moral problems. He has seemed willing to accept any theory except revelational ethics, which requires man to test his standard of conduct by fixed, unchangeable, divine laws and rules. But man wants to make his own rules and play the game of life according to his own perverted appetites, corrupted inclinations, and demoralized naturalistic ethics.

*(Continued next week)*

*Give and receive  
through a*

## CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

By A. C. MCKEE

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**S**EVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS count it a privilege to enter into sacrificial partnership with Christ. Wishing to give more than they do at present, many are taking advantage of various plans of deferred giving. One of the most helpful of these plans now available through the conference associations is the charitable gift annuity.

According to this plan, a person 60 years of age or over, who has sufficient cash, securities, or other liquid assets, may contribute a specified amount to God's work.

Income at a relatively high rate is guaranteed for the lifetime of the annuitant or the survivor of joint annuitants. Rates range up to 8 per cent, depending upon the age of the annuitant at the time such gift is made. The annuitant may deduct a portion of the gift as a contribution on his Federal income tax forms. Only a portion of the annual income is taxable, and thus in effect his rate of return is increased still further and an effective hedge is provided against the present inflationary trends in the American economy.

If the annuitant transfers appreciated property (property that has gone up in value), he may also avoid maximum capital gains tax on the difference between his cost for the property and its present market value. In addition, he will receive a special satisfaction of knowing that his annuity will help advance God's cause. Thus his partnership with Christ is demonstrated during life and continued after death.

### Financial Security

A few years ago a woman who had recently joined the Adventist church in a large Southern city experienced the satisfaction that a gift annuity plan can give. Having inherited from her mother a valuable income property, she had promise of an adequate income for life. But at her age the responsibility of management of the property was a heavy burden. Realizing that none of her relatives was of her faith and considering prayerfully not only her own financial security but her responsibilities of steward-

ship as they related to her church, she asked her conference officers whether the property could be placed with the conference in exchange for a gift annuity. Details were arranged. She was happy to have her property transferred in a satisfactory way, freeing her of the burden of management, while assuring her a regular income that provided even more than she needed. She often expressed to her friends that her life was lengthened because of the peace of mind and tranquillity her decision brought.

On the day she was laid to rest to await the call of the Life-giver, her niece, not a member of the Adventist Church but the one who would have benefited most under the law of descent and distribution of that estate, expressed her deep satisfaction for the decision her aunt had made.

The property this faithful sister felt Christ had given her was used for evangelism, resulting in a number of baptisms. What a joy it will be for her to meet in the kingdom of heaven these redeemed ones who are there as a result of her partnership with her Master.

"Thus in His people He is glorified. Through them the Sun of Righteousness will shine in undimmed luster to the world. Christ has given to His church ample facilities, that He may receive a large revenue of glory from His redeemed. . . . He has bestowed upon His people capabilities and blessings. . . . The church . . . is His depository, in which the riches of His mercy, His grace, and His love, are to appear in full and final display."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 680.

"The Lord calls upon every one of His children to let heaven's light—the light of His own unselfish love—shine out amid the darkness of this degenerate age. If He sees you acknowledge Him as the possessor of yourself and all your possessions, if He sees you use your entrusted means as a faithful steward, He will register your name in the books of heaven as a laborer together with Him, a partner in His great firm, to work in behalf of your fellow men. And joy will be yours in the final day."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, pp. 299, 300.

**M**ANY of the more common diseases are permitted to overtake us because of ignorance of health principles or because of deliberate disregard of principles bearing on our health.

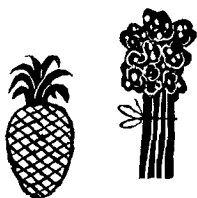
Some years ago a woman 65 years of age came into my office uncertainly balancing herself on two canes. She stated that she had been to many doctors and had followed their instructions and had taken their medications conscientiously but to no avail. It was apparent that if her present trend continued she would soon be bedfast and in great pain. In examining this patient, I found that she was running a dangerously high blood pressure, was 75 pounds overweight, and was short of breath. She complained of pain in her chest. Her knees were painfully crippled and limited in movement, making assistance in walking necessary.

In the interview I learned that the patient was not lacking in appetite and that she was generous to the demands of her appetite. Here was a woman in obviously critical condition. She was in danger of a fatal circulatory accident at any moment. Her weight-bearing joints were deteriorating and severely painful. Her morale was at lowest ebb and she was coming to just one more doctor as a gesture of real desperation. In the face of the serious complications with which she was concerned it would be reasonable to suppose that she and her advising doctors had given first thought to her eating habits, which largely underlay her condition. The fact that they did not, emphasizes the prevailing ignorance concerning even the more simple principles of nutrition.

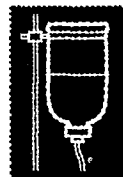
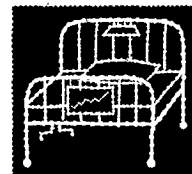
After a careful physical examination I found no evidence of irreversible disease, no evidence of cancer, no indications for radical treatment. Evidence pointed to the probability that her illness was traceable to dietetic indiscretion. For at least 20 years she had been intemperate in her food habits.

I may safely assume that some who read these lines will see their own situation in this case report, varying only in degree. I did give this woman some medication. However, I made it clear to her that her recovery was dependent almost entirely upon a change in her eating habits and the adoption of new habits of physical activity. After several weeks of well-controlled diet, she laid aside her walking sticks, and at the time of her last call it was a woman with a youngish appearing trim figure with a firm and comfortable gait who came in to assure me that she would not lapse into the intemperate habits that had led to her earlier break in health.

*"It is better to avoid disease than to have to cure it." Translated, that means:*



## "An Ounce of Prevention ..."



By T. R. FLAIZ, M.D.

There are millions of people in a similar situation today who would not be experiencing their current ill-health but for their ill-advised eating habits and who could recover their health by the appropriate change of habits.

### Thoughtless Disregard

We express amazement at the cigarette smoker who in spite of cough, short wind, and indigestion continues to smoke. What shall we say of the person with advancing heart and blood-vessel disease who has been clearly told of the need for limiting his food intake—especially animal fats, eggs, rich, greasy foods, dainties heavy in shortening, rich ice cream, and candies—and who comes back for second and third helpings, and frequently of the richest foods? And there are the many bright young professional men in their thirties and forties, carrying 50, 60, or 75 pounds of extra weight, who fail to relate their physical condition and what they know about heart disease to their practices at the dinner table. They avoid physical activity with consummate skill.

These overweights step into their car in the morning, drive as near to the office door as space permits, scarcely stir from their chair through the day, then go back to the car and drive to the back door at home, and after a heavy dinner recline in supreme comfort till bedtime. Oh, yes, they play golf once or twice a week, but even here the electric cart is becoming an increasingly comfortable way of avoiding exercise on the links.

Their degenerating atherosclerotic arteries make them too short-winded to be able to enjoy the rigors of walking on the fairway. Again they perhaps have not related these clear signs of diminishing heart strength to the well-known figures on cardiac deaths and the possibility that the end of the way for them is not far ahead.

One such devotee of physical inactivity told me he subscribed to the philosophy that we should never walk if we can stand still, we should not stand if we can sit, and we should not sit if we can lie down. No, do nothing that would disturb the accumulating atheroma in the walls of the arteries till they are large enough to be lethal when broken loose in the blood stream. These clumps of fatty material that develop in the well-nourished male who takes little exercise, these emboli lodging in critical spots—the coronary arteries of the heart or certain arteries of the brain—are taking the lives of many young and middle-aged men today. Why do these otherwise intelligent men of affairs persist in practices so well known to be fatal to tens of thousands annually?

Among the patients coming to doctors' offices a high percentage are middle-aged women, who come with a wide variety of ills, aches, and discomforts. Frequently the problem is related to the digestive tract, indigestion, constipation pains in the upper right side of the abdomen, possibly related to the gall bladder. Some have painful conditions of the joints and muscles, some complain of easy fatigue. A high percentage of them are



moderately to grossly overweight. All too frequently the busy physician addresses himself to relieving the symptoms, the discomfort in such cases, failing to take the necessary time to discuss with the patient the underlying cause of the illness, his total way of life. That feature most frequently involved is the matter of eating. It is possible to bring much relief with certain effective medications. However, unless the cause is studied and dealt with, the condition will return. More often than not the effective and permanent solution is a change in the patient's habits, guided by an intelligent understanding of the probable causes of the condition.

An anxious mother brought to my office her pale, anemic, and listless 16-year-old daughter. The girl had recently taken little interest in the usual recreational activities of the school and was now failing her studies. The mother had become aware of the increasingly anemic appearance of the girl and now suspected tuberculosis. Before doing a physical examination I inquired into the girl's general



health habits, her exercise, recreation, sleep, possible smoking, and her food habits. The mother assured me she was eating reasonably well. Pressing my inquiry on the matter of food habits, I learned that the girl preferred to stay in bed in the morning an extra half hour rather than eat breakfast.

At lunchtime at the school she usually had a soft bread and jam sandwich with a soft drink. In the evening at home she had come to demand the same menu day in and day out, macaroni and cheese in liberal amounts but ate little else. I asked if she did not vary this menu, and the reply was that she did occasionally take a snack in midmorning or afternoon, and that she occasionally liked a little ice cream and cake. In her diet were no vegetables, no fruit, eggs, meat, or dairy products, only this starchy macaroni with a little cheese, a diet well designed to produce the symptoms of malnutrition that she so clearly exhibited.

No intelligent parent would need to be told by a physician what was the cause of this girl's failing health. I outlined for this girl a good diet, including a substantial breakfast. Ten weeks later, when I discharged this patient as no longer needing medical care, she was in normal good health. Perhaps you are thinking, How lacking in intelligence can parents be to

permit such perversion of health principles? However, let me ask, Is your daughter eating a good breakfast? Are your children in school snacking on poor foods in midmorning or afternoon, spoiling appetites for the regular meals? Are you yourself neglecting regular meal hours, including a good breakfast? Many a serious illness has started in neglect of the regular mealtime or in careless selection of foods for the family. There are many young people who are in the same situation as the girl mentioned above, but in lesser degree. Their symptoms are not so pronounced, and hence the danger not suspected, just a slow deterioration of health reserves and the real significance of these changes may not become apparent till the appearance of a real break in later life.

Yes, much disease can be avoided, and plans to avoid disease should start in childhood. I would not wish to give the impression that all illness is the result of negligence. For example, the development of cancer to the point of recognition is not the fault of the patient. Failure to have regular physical examinations, which in many cases reveal the earlier stages of developing cancer, is definitely a negligence.

Also when there is suspicion of cancer, failure to entrust one's care into the hands of competent physicians is negligence, and it has cost many lives. Most of the nearly 15,000 women who die annually of cancer of the cervix and uterus could be saved from this tragedy by a pap test followed by the appropriate treatment if indicated.

#### Disinterest in Health

Study of both the direct and the indirect causes of the greater portion of the more common illnesses brought to doctors' offices indicates that a high percentage of them result from negligence or disinterest in health matters. There are, of course, many areas in which this neglect is evident, but I would here mention two that are of more than average importance. Our food habits are perhaps more significant than any other. Adoption of wholesome and sensible food practices along lines well known to most people would largely eliminate some of the common gastrointestinal disturbances. Even some of the heavy emergency surgery on the stomach and intestines could be avoided by the use of common sense and will power at the dinner table. Incidentally, this same common sense and will power could substantially reduce the blood-vessel changes that so frequently result in fatal coronary heart attacks. This suggestion is well worth

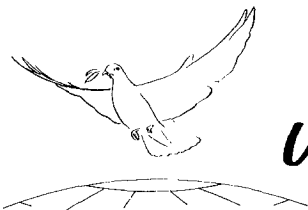
serious meditation by some too-well-nourished middle-aged men.

Second, I would emphasize the significance of physical activity, vigorous activity. Regular and vigorous physical activity would improve the condition of every organ of the body. It would go far toward maintaining a level of general health that would provide a thrilling new experience for many people. One of our well-known overseas workers, after reporting to me almost excitedly his successful weight reduction from 235 to 185 pounds, observed significantly, Why didn't someone tell me about this before? I never thought I would feel this young and fit again.

Exercise is one of the aspects of health that are hard to work regularly into a program. The question is often asked by the patient, How much exercise? What kind of exercise? and how shall I get it? Any adequate discussion of this topic would require more space than is available in this article. The subject has been well covered in a number of publications, and I would urge study of one of those available. The March (1968) *Reader's Digest* presents one of the more practical and concise of these outlines for planned exercise, under the title "How to Feel Fit at Any Age." This is extracted from the book *Aerobics*, by Kenneth H. Cooper, M.D., M.P.H., Major of U.S.A.F. Medical Corps. The material is now available in book form. I hope many will avail themselves of it.

Any practicing physician deeply concerned with the comfort and welfare of his patients should earnestly commend study of the following statement from *Counsels on Health*: "Health is a great treasure. It is the richest possession mortals can have. . . . It is a terrible sin to abuse the health that God has given us."—Page 86. And: "A misuse of the body shortens that period of time which God designs shall be used in His service. By allowing ourselves to form wrong habits, by keeping late hours, by gratifying appetite at the expense of health, we lay the foundation for feebleness. By neglecting to take physical exercise, by overworking mind or body, we unbalance the nervous system. Those who thus shorten their lives by disregarding nature's laws, are guilty of robbery toward God. We have no right to neglect or misuse the body, the mind, or the strength, which should be used to offer God consecrated service."—*Ibid.*, p. 41.





# Why World Unrest?

By THEODORE CARCICH

**S**WEEPING across the globe is a rising tide of unrest, revolt, and violence. Suddenly both rich and poor nations find themselves gripped by hatred and turmoil. Today's disillusionment, discontent, and uneasiness hurdle over all national boundaries.

Targets of the universal unrest are institutions of higher learning, civil authorities, political ideologies, the military, class distinctions, and anything else that once stood for stability and authority. Hence a new moral code controls the masses.

Assassins boldly cut down political and social leaders. Student rebels think nothing of disrupting great universities, destroying books, ransacking administrative files, and burning valuable research records. Victims of poverty and racial frustration rationalize the burning and looting of entire city blocks. Rapists and thieves invoke the protection of complicated legislation while through it all law-abiding citizens seem paralyzed and immobilized by the increasing resistance to authority, undisciplined behavior, and tolerated violence.

Of course, governments are grappling bravely with the mounting issues, but the problems of the day—monetary crises, racial conflict, crime, and social disorders—seem beyond the power of any legislative body to solve. As a result, pessimism has replaced natural optimism and hope is beginning to dim in the hearts of men.

What does it all mean? Political and social planners may speculate as to the cause and final outcome, but God's Word and the Spirit of Prophecy alone interpret the current world unrest correctly.

Rather than heeding the doubters, demagogues, theorists, and false prophets of our day, God's people would do well to reread the interpretation of our times as stated in the book *Education*, pages 179-181. Each sentence is important. Therefore, let us read, ponder, and heed the following:

"The final overthrow of all earthly dominions is plainly foretold in the word of truth. In the prophecy uttered when sentence from God was pronounced upon the last king of Israel is given the message:

"Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: . . . exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will over-

turn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.' Ezekiel 21:26, 27.

"The crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. God says, 'It shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.'

"That time is at hand. Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Everything in our world is in agitation. . . .

"The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed

upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the strained, restless relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place—that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.

"Angels are now restraining the winds of strife, that they may not blow until the world shall be warned of its coming doom; but a storm is gathering, ready to burst upon the earth; and when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture. . . .

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.' Jeremiah 30:7.

"Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.' Isaiah 26:20."



## The Lost Billfold

By MARGERY WILSON

VIOLET leaned against the kitchen sink in desperation. She closed her eyes for a long moment trying to think. Frantically she had searched in her purse, her bedroom, the kitchen, her jacket pockets, and even in the empty sack, but she could not find Aunt Alice's red billfold anywhere.

It had been fun pushing the grocery cart down the long aisles of the supermarket selecting things from the shelves just as mother did. She had put away the last can of juice and was going into the living room to return the billfold to her aunt when she discovered it was missing. When her frantic search failed to turn it up, she slumped on a stool in dejection. She knew that the billfold contained at least \$40, perhaps even more.

Since situations such as these easily upset Aunt Alice (she was confined to a wheel chair), the family would tell Uncle John first if anything went wrong. He was jovial and steady and had a way of letting Aunt Alice know that something unfortunate had happened that made her smile and relax.

But Uncle John wouldn't be home until late tonight, perhaps not until she went to bed, or even after she had gone to sleep. Luckily, Mrs. Parks, the Sabbath school teacher, was visiting right now. Auntie was enjoying an evening chat and

had completely forgotten the grocery list, so no questions were asked about the billfold.

Late that night a sad-faced little girl sat on the edge of her bed thinking seriously. She didn't want to deceive her aunt, but neither did she want to upset her. Uncle John was still busy at the office, so there was no one to talk to about this great loss.

Suddenly she brightened as she brushed her dark hair. "I know," she thoughtfully mused, "I can pray about this all by myself." Quietly and quickly she told Jesus about the lost billfold with the \$40 in it that her aunt and uncle would need to buy groceries and pay their bills. Then she climbed into the soft, snug bed, confident that Jesus would help her to find it.

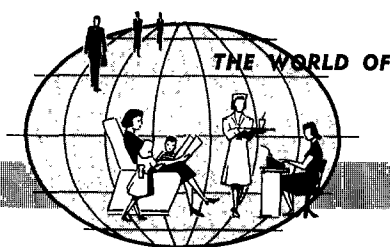
The next morning Violet hurriedly dressed for school. She could hear Uncle John whistling as he showered in the bathroom. She opened the front door softly to get the morning paper for her uncle.

As she stooped to pick up the rolled newspaper on the steps, she saw a strange red object on the sidewalk. She stood so still she felt like a frozen statue.

"Could it be?" gasped the young girl. "Oh—not out here on this busy street where all those big students from the high school walk by. Surely not!"

But Violet wasn't just seeing things. Out there on that sidewalk lay her Aunt Alice's red billfold. She carefully counted the bills inside, \$5, \$20, \$20—\$45." Hugging the billfold and bills to her heart, Violet ran into the kitchen.

"It's a miracle," she shouted. Breathlessly, Violet told her uncle how Jesus had answered her prayer for help and sent an angel to guard the little red billfold with so much money in it until she found it.



# The Adventist Woman

Conducted by DOROTHY EMMERSON

**N**OTHING exciting ever happens to me."

I was interviewing a fellow office worker who had spent a number of years in mission service. My anticipation had been keen as I began the interview. I could imagine a hundred and one exotic experiences that might overtake one stationed in a foreign land. Weren't our Sabbath school mission stories alive with such recitals? I prodded gently:

"Weren't you working in Singapore when the Japanese attacked?"

"Oh, yes, but we managed to get off on a ship, and spent endless dreary days on the ocean. You've no idea how big the ocean is until you've bobbed up and down on it for a month with nothing to do."

"But the attack," I said, trying to get back beyond the endless sea; "were you in danger ever?"

"I suppose we were. Yes, at times there were bullets and things flying over our heads, but none of us got hit."

Backtracking a bit, I tried another approach. "What's it like—working in a foreign land with so many unusual customs surrounding you—strange sights, strange sounds?"

"It's just like working in an office here," was the reply. "You get up in the morning, eat breakfast, go to work, get off for lunch at noon, work all afternoon, and then back to your apartment."

Quietly I put away my pencil and scrub paper. I was overwhelmed by a sense of sorrow for this girl who could find no excitement in living, even when the proverbial shot and shell were boring through the air about her. How could it be when there was excitement even in the way sunlight splashed leaf shadows across a walk, or in the swinging lilt of a wood thrush?

Later I talked with another girl who had spent a term as an office secretary in the same city.

"It's better than a college education," she bubbled. "I wouldn't have missed this experience for anything. Every day seemed to bring something new to do or see."

"Wasn't the office routine pretty much the same as in the States?" I asked.

"Yes, but there was a difference. You see, I got to visit a lot of those strange places, and when letters came

in from one outpost or another, I could just see the people and the place all over again. It was a real thrill, I can tell you, to think that I was part of a work as fascinating as that!"

"How about language? Did you learn the language over there?"

"I'm afraid I didn't do so well on that. I took lessons for a while, but I didn't get to use what I learned, and so I forgot too quickly. The language

## ✓ Check Your Perspective

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### CREATIVE COOKING

#### FROZEN FRUIT SALAD

- 1½ cups each pineapple tidbits, diced peaches, and fruit cocktail
- ½ cup each diced apples and bananas
- ¼ cup each coconut and almond slices
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- ½ tsp. plain gelatin
- ½ cup each sour cream and whipped cream
- 2 tbs. Mar. cherries
- ½ cup fruit dressing

Drain fruit and chill. Dice apples, slice bananas, add to other fruit. Add coconut, cottage cheese, almonds, and cherries. Combine dressing, sour cream, whipped cream, and gelatin. Add to fruit and fold lightly. Pour into a slender can or use loaf pan. Freeze overnight. Dip in warm water to remove from can. Arrange slices on plate that has been lined with lettuce. Serve with Boston brown bread sandwiches. Garnish with orange slices and crab apples.

Serves 8.



wasn't easy for me, but I'll never forget the people!"

"Would you advise others to accept a call to mission service?"

"Yes. There's nothing like it!"

I smiled—more at the excitement in her voice than at what she was saying. What a contrast! Two people in much the same environment, yet one was nearly bored to death while the other vibrated with the thrill of what was going on about her. The same things were there for both to see. One saw the excitement. The other saw only the dull routine. What made the difference?

Is it true that we see only what we look for? How fine a focus the subconscious vision must have! That familiar word *perspective* adjusts the sights.

Some people walk the streets of a city and see only the tall buildings, the heavy traffic. Others walking with them may see mostly the people, the way they jostle or stroll, the faces etched by pressures or rinsed in weakness.

I recall standing on a busy city corner toward evening, waiting for the traffic light to change. Suddenly above the rumble and clatter about me I heard a short "Peeet, peeet, peeet." Quickly I looked upward. High above the rooftops two night-hawks had begun their evening flight. When they had flown high enough I knew they would plummet downward at breakneck speed. I smiled happily and brought my eyes back to earth, eager to share my discovery.

The light had changed. I was alone.

Perspective. How it affects our lives! How it can brighten or dull them! We see what we look for. The magic to create a happy or a moribund atmosphere is in our hands.

My mother was one of eight children. The family knew no luxuries. At times the family was desperately poor. What memory of those childhood days stands out in her mind?

"I can see my dear old mother standing over the ironing board, the wood stove beside her in the kitchen making a summer's day doubly hot as it heated the irons for their job. The perspiration would be dripping off her face, but she would be singing, and her eyes—how they sparkled!"

The perspective of love? Of course.

No one is limited to one perspective. Life can be filled with excitement if we will put to work the perspective of adventure. It can grow smooth with peace if we take the perspective of contentment. It can throb with anticipation if we assume the perspective of learning, of discovery.

On and on it goes. As we look, so we see. Or as Luke 11:9 puts it: "Seek, and ye shall find."

## A Little Girl

and

## Her Sabbath Shoes



How does a little girl feel when it's time to leave for Sabbath school and her brand-new black patent leather Sabbath shoes are nowhere to be found?

Two-and-a-half-year-old Nichole Annette Parks, of Lincoln, Nebraska, reacted typically. She cried.

Her mother might have snatched up her baby and arbitrarily crammed unwilling little feet into everyday shoes. Instead, this wise mother took time carefully to explain to tearful Nichole that since her everyday shoes had been polished all "nice and clean and white," she could wear them, and Jesus would be just as pleased.

Little Nichole's face lighted up with a big smile as she understood her mother's words that Jesus would love her even if she couldn't find her shiny, brand-new black patent leather Sabbath shoes.

Understanding better God's love and character, she said, "I want to kiss Jesus," and smiled through baby tears as she left for Sabbath school.

(P.S. The Sabbath shoes were later found in grandmother's car.)

DULCIE M. OLIVER

## Keeping House

IN DECEMBER



By CAROLINE E. KEELER

THE snow is falling softly. Coming down so noiselessly, it caresses your cheek like a kiss. It is invigorating and refreshing to walk down a country lane or on a busy city street breathing deeply the air freshly washed and cleaned by the snow. Down a country lane you hear the friendly "dee, dee" of the black-capped chickadee, a most sociable bird. You see a flash of red as a cardinal flies past, and hear a bluejay calling "thief, thief." The snow weighs down the pine branches, and little bits fall off as the branches wave a greeting.

You walk on home to a supper of hot soup and dumplings and perhaps a piece of apple pie. You examine the Christmas greetings received in the mail and a few packages that have arrived early. You can't help pinching them and wondering what's inside. After the supper dishes have been done you may start the fruit cake by measuring ingredients or cracking nuts and cutting up figs or dates. Maybe you'll bake the Christmas cookies.

Or perhaps you'll wrap a few packages to mail. When you do this, have the table cleared of other things, assemble your gift-wrapping paper, the ribbon, the seals, the outside heavy wrapping paper, the scissors, and then you won't have to keep getting up for this or that. When one package

is gift wrapped it is well to put in a little penciled note someplace showing for whom it is intended. You'll be surprised how you may forget. Put all the packages for one family in a certain place.

Or you may go to the church to practice for the Thirteenth Sabbath program. Or perhaps the young people and the older ones, too, go out caroling for Ingathering. Christmas Eve is a good time to solicit for missions. People are in a giving mood.

As you bring up the potatoes from the basement, or the turnips, or the onions, or perhaps a can of peaches and one of rich red tomato juice, you can see in your mind's eye your garden of last summer. As you crack the black walnuts you can almost hear them bombarding down on the tin roof when the wind blew. It seems only a little while ago that the wild geese flew over, honking their farewell. Flock after flock flew over in a single day.

Well, we winter folks stay here. Some people go to Florida, but somehow I like the changing seasons. If I were a weather prophet I would predict an early winter because the geese flew over so early. Wintertime with us is wood-cutting time, for our wood furnace has an insatiable appetite. And the bird feeding stations go up again and we shell out sunflower seeds and put up chunks of suet.

So here we are in our snug little house on top of a hill with a driveway bordered by pine trees and black walnut trees. Think of us once in a while, and if you ever go through Branchport, stop and say Hello. The Keelers wish you a very happy new year and a God bless you.

# SPEEDING the GOSPEL



*Air-mail procedures have come a long way since the Old 249 flew the routes in 1927.*

By JAMES J. AITKEN

**T**HREE events have taken place in the past 500 years which, though widely separated in time and scientific achievement, have an important bearing on the progress of the three angels' messages. Five hundred years ago, in 1468, Johann Gensfleisch Gutenberg, inventor of movable type and the generally acknowledged inventor of printing, died.

Gutenberg's first book, the Bible, came from his hand press in 1455. It is regarded as Europe's first printed book. The printing of that first Bible heralded the beginning of a means of mass communication.

Before Gutenberg's invention, Bibles were hand copied by scribes. Since copying by hand was a slow and costly process, the written Word of God was limited to the wealthy class, most of whom collected manuscripts as art treasures and for their monetary value. And in the laborious process of copying the Scriptures there was an inevitable development and multiplication of errors. Someone has remarked, "In a single action of printing an edition, Gutenberg did more to establish a more uniform text than had been previously possible."

Today, 500 years later, with the many improvements upon Gutenberg's skill, the Bible has been printed in more than 1,326 languages and dialects. Since the organization of the American Bible Society in 1816 nearly 900 million copies of the Bible have been distributed!

The second event of great importance to the world and to Seventh-day Adventists particularly was the forming of the Universal Postal Union on October 9, 1874, in Bern, Switzerland. It is hailed as "the greatest event and the greatest accomplishment of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries."

Until 1874 mail from a foreign country waited until the person to whom it was addressed sent the money

for postage. It was not unusual for a letter from a foreign country to be several months on the way before it was received. With the forming of the Postal Union each country agreed to accept the postage of every other country and the letter arrived at its destination many times faster. Thus the spread of the message of the printed page was speeded up.

The third event took place on May 15, 1918. At that time President Woodrow Wilson, with the Postmaster General and other dignitaries, watched from the polo grounds near the White House as the first air-mail plane took off with its important cargo, thus inaugurating the United States air-mail service. In those early days planes were often forced down by bad weather. Sometimes the pilots, lacking the maps and navigation devices we have today, flew off course and got lost. Sometimes the planes were forced to land because of mechanical trouble. Even at that, the air-mail service could report a 92-per-cent flight completion record!

## Today's Records

Fifty years later the modern jetliner carries 27,000 pounds of mail from coast to coast in some four hours. More than 175,000 tons of mail will be moved by air in the United States during 1968.

On May 15, 1968, at Washington National Airport the fiftieth anniversary of the United States air-mail service was celebrated. Here, as great jets took off and landed bearing tons of important mail to all parts of the world, a tiny ship, dubbed *Old 249*, landed, and its pilot, Bill Hackbarth, delivered to Postmaster General W. Marvin Watson his sack of mail after 18 days of flight from California.

Because of what the invention of printing, the forming of the Postal Union, and the inauguration of air-mail service have meant to the progress of the Advent message, I wanted

to be present when the 1918-model De Havilland DH-4 biplane landed with one of the original air-mail pilots on this important anniversary.

As Bill Hackbarth climbed out of *Old 249* he reminisced a bit. "In those early days," he said, "we pilots flew mainly by courage and the seat of our pants; with no accurate maps or modern radio facilities to guide us."

In fact, that was the way Bill flew in 1968, and for that reason he landed at the wrong airport, the old Anacostia Bolling airstrip, a prohibited area for such aircraft.

"Just as soon as I touched down I could see that I was at the wrong place," he laughed, "so I pushed in the throttle and took off again."

"Mr. Hackbarth," the Postmaster

General said as he accepted the mail pouch, "it is a pleasure to welcome you to Washington. Your daring flight is in the very finest tradition of the air-mail and postal service. Fifty years ago you men wrote a magnificent chapter in the history of aviation. Today another chapter is being written by those who deliver 80 per cent of the nation's letters by air."

The story of *Old 249* is interesting in itself. She was constructed from the remnants of a former mail plane that crashed on Porcupine Ridge in the mountains outside Salt Lake City on December 15, 1927, during a blinding snowstorm. Its pilot then was Henry G. Boonstra, who miraculously reached safety after 36 hours in the wilderness. Though the mail was re-

covered and sped on its way, the plane had to be abandoned.

Forty-three years later Bill Hackbarth searched the mountain vastness and found 600 pounds of pieces and bits of *Old 249*. He brought them down the mountain and began rebuilding the mail plane for its historic flight to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of air-mail service.

"The thoroughfares of travel have been multiplied a thousandfold. God has wonderfully prepared the way. The agency of the printing press, with its manifold facilities, is at our command. Bibles and publications in many languages, setting forth the truth for this time, are at hand, and can be swiftly carried to every part of the world."—*Evangelism*, p. 702.

## The art of living *when you're Young*

By MIRIAM WOOD

### THE TAXICAB THAT ALMOST WASN'T

It's inevitable that every now and then you'll fall into the clutches of a person who is the managerial type. When a person of this variety explodes into your life, your suffering may be somewhat lessened if he's competent, as well as managerial. Alas, though, at times you'll be the helpless, quivering victim of an *incompetent* managerial type, who like a clumsy octopus doesn't know his own strength. In no time at all you're hopelessly entangled—tentacles to the right of you, tentacles to the left of you.

While I've met my share of these scourges, and shall undoubtedly continue to meet them, my all-time "favorite" at the moment is the proprietor of a small hostelry in a delightful European country. Mr. Proprietor got off to a rousing start upon our arrival by declaring firmly that we had "too much luggage." This, I had always thought, was a rather personal matter between the traveler and his muscles, but argument seemed pointless especially in two languages! Mr. P's majestic ascent of the stairs left us following meekly in his wake, suddenly-mountainous luggage and all.

The next morning, Mr. Managerial Proprietor grasped us again firmly in his tentacles. When we asked that he call us a cab he replied that he'd do so as soon as we had assembled our (vast) luggage in the hallway and were actually ready to go. "It takes only a minute for the taxi to come."

One thing the experienced traveler learns is never to leave even the minutest detail to chance, granted the detail is important in his total schema. Time in this case was a crucial factor. We had only the barest margin of extra minutes we needed to make connections with a bus downtown. In view of this, the owner of the other half of our luggage suggested that Mr. P. telephone immediately, requesting a cab in 15 minutes.

Drawing himself to his full height (not inconsiderable) our tormentor brushed aside the suggestion with a torrent of scorn.

"Cabs always come the *minute* I call!" he shrieked. "There's a cab stand at the corner, just one minute from here. I never heard of such a foolish idea as to call ahead of time!"

Abashed, we fell back, and crept up the stairs to the accompaniment of Mr. Managerial Type's barely-under-the-breath complaints about his trials at the hands of overnight lodgers. In due time we were back downstairs, luggage and all,

somewhat tense, and apprehensive for time was going, going.

Assuring himself by gimlet-eyed inspection that we were indeed ready to leave, our managerial friend dialed the cab stand. (I wish I could describe the commanding way he did this.) A busy signal. He waited a moment, then dialed again. Busy. And the hands of the clock kept moving. Over and over—dial the number, get a busy signal.

Angrily, Mr. P. turned to us as though we were somehow at fault. "This has *never* happened to me before!"

Now considerably apprehensive over the possibility of missing our bus (after all, we were the ones who had everything to lose), we asked that he telephone another company.

"I don't know the number of any others." But reluctantly he did look up another number, only to be told that there were no cabs available just then.

Glaring helplessly about him, Mr. P. continued alternately to dial and fume. And the hands of the clock kept their relentless pace.

We became desperate. "Why not just go out into the street and take a chance on finding an empty cab going by?" my partner pleaded.

"Because there just wouldn't be one," Mr. Managerial P. affirmed, putting down the useless telephone for what must have been the two-dozen-th time.

His splendid confidence in his own abilities and opinions was now certainly not shared by us. We'd caught on, you see. Managerial he was; competent he wasn't. His tentacles had to be hacked off in one decisive move or we'd never make connections with our bus. This move took the form of a headlong dash toward the traffic-filled street. Miracle of miracles, there *was* a cab going by—it was available; superhuman efforts dissolved the language barrier and made communication possible (the Berlitz phrase book helped a bit). The luggage was whirled aboard, and we departed—unceremoniously, to be sure, but what's dignity in that sort of situation?

As we hurled ourselves onto the bus which, mercifully, had been detained for reasons that never were entirely clear to me, I thought of my final glimpse of Mr. Managerial Proprietor. He'd pursued us onto the small front stoop, flushed and intensely disapproving. True to type to the very last, he kept reiterating monotonously, "I can always get a cab *at once*. I will have one . . ."

Well, as I said in the beginning, a managerial type makes life a thorny business for others. An incompetent managerial type can make it well-nigh unbearable.

NOTE: Are two suitcases and two brief cases so very much luggage? Of course, there *was* another insignificant bag and a camera case and . . .

**M**ORE than 150 single-spaced typewritten pages of minutes were recorded at the 1968 Autumn Council, which met in Toronto, Canada, October 9-16. We have selected those that would be of greatest interest to you. Many of them are reproduced here word for word; others are summarized for your convenience.

We believe you will enjoy reading some of the actions which affect the multi-faceted program of the church in its local and worldwide scope. As you read them we hope you will gain insight into the planning and movement of your church for accomplishing its great mission to the world.

### EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE

#### Baptismal Goal— North American Division

To meet the challenge of evangelism in this time of earth's history and to let our workers know that now is the time for us to attempt great things for God and to expect great things from Him, it was



*The two women on the General Conference Committee, M. Carol Hetzell of the Bureau of Public Relations and Mazie Herin of the Medical Department, caucus in the hall.*

# Actions of the Biennial Autumn Council

Reported by D. H. BAASCH  
*Associate Secretary, General Conference*

*Voted*, That we accept 30,000 baptisms as the objective for the North American Division for 1969, suggesting that each church, conference, and union strive for a baptismal objective of 10 per cent of the present membership.

#### Recruitment of Evangelistic Talent

In order to help our pastors and laymen in reaching the baptismal objective which has been set, it was

*Voted*, That conference administrators seek to recruit within each conference territory young men of evangelistic talent and give them an opportunity to develop this gift.

#### Leadership Evangelism

*Resolved*, That we re-emphasize leadership evangelism, encouraging leaders on the local, union, and division levels actively to participate in personal and public evangelism, thus taking the lead in a growing program of evangelism by members and workers.

#### Increased Evangelism Through National Broadcasts

Knowing that radio and television audiences for the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today could at least be doubled by increased coverage and effective advertising,

*We recommend*, That study be given to the setting aside of funds in the General Conference, the union conferences, and

in each of the local conferences so that a regular amount can be provided for this radio-television outreach, these amounts to be used for increased coverage, advertising through telephone evangelism linked with the broadcast, newspaper advertising, and radio and television spot announcements. It is suggested that a possible source of funds might be the "Union Tithe Reversion for Evangelism Fund."

#### God's Word in the Air

*We recommend*, 1. That by using radio and television in a wider way in these last days our church demonstrate concern for those whose spiritual, moral, and ethical values are being shaped primarily through the mass media.

2. That we ask that careful and serious endeavors be put forward for more effective use of local radio and television to provide access to the unchurched and nonreligious.

3. That in implementing expanding plans, the following areas be carefully considered:

a. Programming to reach specific audiences.

b. Training of selected ministers for broadcasting.

c. Adequate finance.

d. Thorough and effective follow-up.

4. That in recognizing the evangelistic potential in radio and television, conference administrations seek to provide funds for broadcasting on a regular basis as part of their evangelism budget.

#### Follow-up Work as a Personal Witness

*We recommend*, That the Radio-Television Department cooperate closely with the Lay Activities Department on all levels, seeking to produce and foster larger plans for personal witness, literature distribution, and telephone contacts that will increase audiences and names for follow-up.

#### Health Worker and Ministerial Cooperation

*We recommend*, That continuing study be given by union and local conference administrators to ways of promoting avenues of soul winning, utilizing the skills, devotion, and influence of our Seventh-day Adventist health workers in—

1. Annual medical-ministerial retreats.

2. Evangelistic planning and efforts.

3. Health Emphasis Week presentations in churches and schools.

4. Conducting Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking.

5. Continuing study to be given by the



*Division presidents surround GC President R. H. Pierson. Back row, left to right: C. L. Powers, Inter-America; R. S. Lowry, Southern Asia; F. C. Webster, Middle East; Neal C. Wilson, North America; W. Duncan Eva, Northern Europe; R. A. Wilcox, South America; L. C. Naden, Australasia. Front row: M. L. Mills, Trans-Africa; Marius Fridlin, Southern Europe; Elder Pierson; O. Gmehling, Central Europe; and P. H. Eldridge, Far Eastern.*

union and local conference administrators in the day-to-day personal contact with patients in the doctor's office by the physicians and dentists and their workers.

### Worldwide Laymen's Year—1971

We recommend, 1. That 1971 be designated as Laymen's Year around the world, and that plans be formulated for the greatest harvest of souls through lay evangelism.

2. That as new plans and tools are readied in preparation for this great soul-winning year they be immediately utilized in North America.

3. That the world divisions translate, adapt, and promote these plans and prepare these tools for their respective fields.

4. That plans be presented and the program be launched at the General Conference session of 1970, so as to involve every church, mission, conference, union, and institution in taking giant strides forward in the most important "house-to-house work, reasoning from the Word, explaining the Word" (*Welfare Ministry*, p. 60).

5. That each division and North American union set the following as its share (based on membership) of the world objective of one million Bible studies a month in 1971:

Australasia	50,000
Central Europe	27,000
Far East	121,000
Inter-America	132,000
Middle East	2,000
North America	235,000
Northern Europe	54,000
South America	118,000
Southern Asia	23,000
Southern Europe	78,000
Trans-Africa	160,000

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Atlantic Union	17,625
Canadian Union	9,870
Central Union	16,215
Columbia Union	28,435
Lake Union	26,555
Northern Union	7,755
North Pacific Union	27,260
Pacific Union	56,400
Southern Union	30,550
Southwestern Union	14,335

235,000

6. That to help achieve this great objective of one million Bible studies a month the Gift Bible program be further implemented as a coordinated evangelistic thrust with all departments participating with strong emphasis on follow-up work.

7. That in each division a standing committee be appointed to coordinate new lay evangelistic developments, including the area of Gift Bible Evangelism, to provide where possible new Gift Bible lessons geared to the younger generation, and to plan decision-type follow-up programs.

8. That Adventist Men seminars for business and professional men of our churches be conducted on a conference basis with instruction in these three specific areas—Laymen Speak for God, Disaster Relief Service, and Church Leadership.

9. That a new progressive teaching de-

vice in Picture Roll form be released early in 1969. This visual aid will supplement the Better Life Picture Roll #1 and will present subjects dealing with doctrine, prophecy, and decisions.

10. That the "In His Steps" filmstrip (series of ten now available) be translated into major languages to aid laymen in securing decisions.

11. That a new flashlight type of projector be developed for areas where there is no available electric power.

12. That the Lay Activities Department prepare a movie film to inspire and train members around the world in the techniques of reaching people, teaching people, and reaping people, with the divisions providing sound tracks in major languages, thereby making this film of greatest benefit to members in many countries.

13. That an objective to double the best previous year's record in number of pieces of missionary literature distributed be set and that a greatly expanded program be devised of distributing tracts, periodicals, and books using the following methods: pocket evangelism, systematic tract distribution, literature reading racks, motel book program, gift subscriptions to missionary magazines, and the penetration tract program.

14. That the laymen be challenged to double the best previous year's record in the securing of applications for Bible correspondence courses.

15. That in the Health and Welfare

Services increased emphasis be placed on spiritual ministry, introducing clients to Christ through personal witnessing, Christian literature, Bible studies, or invitations to Sabbath school.

16. That a new series of ten study guides, based upon *Christian Service*, be utilized by pastors and church leaders to motivate church members in working for the lost.

17. That to help launch this great soul-winning year in the world field laymen's congresses be held, with delegated representation, early in 1971 in each division.

### Missionary Book of the Year

WHEREAS, The effectiveness of the Missionary Book-of-the-Year plan initiated in 1952 is reflected in the distribution of at least five million copies under twenty-one titles to date (including the five-pack for 1968) bringing to thousands a knowledge of the Advent message, . . .

We recommend, 1. That *Christ's Object Lessons* in a modern, colorful format, and under a revised, appealing title chosen in counsel with the trustees of the E. G. White Estate, be the Missionary Book of the Year for 1970.

2. That all departments of the church give vigorous promotion to the distribution of this book, for we have the assurance that it will be appreciated by the rich and poor, educated and unlearned—people of all nations, all classes, all stations in life.

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## Statement of Gratitude and Devotion

1968 Autumn Council, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

We, the participants in the 1968 Biennial Council of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, meeting in the city of Toronto during Canada's season of national thanksgiving, render grateful thanks to the Father of all and the Giver of every true gift. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for His multiplied mercies, confirmed care, and given guidance in these days of tension, violence, war, hunger, and disaster, but also times of providential opportunities and gospel openings. God has blessed the intensive evangelistic endeavors of the church, and much success and progress have resulted.

We rejoice in the record accession, in all parts of the world, of 140,519 souls joining God's church of the remnant during 1967, and in the rising sacrificial offerings and openhanded donations of our believers, which have made possible the voting of an unprecedented budget. We fully realize, however, that the encouraging growth taking place in the many phases of the work and the definite forward strides made are the direct fruitage of the prospering hand of God.

We tender thanks to God for the loyalty of our people to the Advent Movement. In an age of growing dissatisfaction with religious institutions and structures, we praise God for the Heaven-born fidelity of our membership—even under such trying circumstances as war and persecution—to the message and organization of God's church.

It is with thankfulness that we recognize the increasing maturity of the Advent people expressed through the evidence of expanding fellowship, love, and togetherness, which unites them across barriers of dissociation. In this age of alienation and separation, we reverently thank God for His divine gift of justification, bringing us into harmony and right relations with God and man.

While in council we have made certain plans and accepted a number of necessary policies. We fully realize that God is looking less for better plans than He is for better men. We are convinced, however, that the adopted plans will help us to participate more fully in the vital Spirit of God. We pray for an increasing measure of His Spirit and of fitting humility, in order to prepare through constant renewal and total evangelism the way for the soon-coming King and Saviour.

In pledging to God, our fellow workers, and the people of God our unconditional dedication to the unfinished task at hand, we beseech our heavenly Father to grant us consecration equal to the sacredness of our calling, heavenly wisdom equal to the wiles of sin, courage equal to the crisis, love equal to the load, and deeds matching the needs.





## DISCUSSION IS HEALTHY

During the past few weeks—beginning with the September 26 issue—the REVIEW has opened its columns to a discussion of government aid for denominational schools. Some readers have interpreted this as an effort to “soften up” the Adventist membership, reducing opposition to a minimum in case church leaders feel it is wise to take advantage of legislation designed to help relieve the financial crisis of private schools.

We regret that some have taken this view. It is without foundation. The facts are that the editors of the REVIEW are committed to a program of providing readers with a maximum of information on this and other vital questions. They do not believe in withholding facts. They do not believe in slanting information. They do not believe in ignoring arguments that support an opposition viewpoint. They feel that readers should not be spoon fed with intellectual pabulum. They feel that readers are mature and capable of looking at facts objectively, evaluating them, and forming their own judgments.

These judgments may not always coincide with those of the editors. They may not coincide with those of other members in one's own family or church. They may not coincide with those of the majority within the denomination.

To some this is disturbing. They feel that something is wrong when brethren or sisters do not see eye to eye on everything. They equate unity with absolute uniformity. They feel that God's presence is more likely to be with a group where issues are not being discussed, where troublesome questions are swept under the rug, where noninvolvement has become a way of life. And, worst of all, they consider all who hold views different from their own as disloyal Adventists or at least as second-class Adventists.

Are these people right? We think not. To make our point, let us ask a few questions about a somewhat parallel area—one's relationship to civil government. For example, dare we label as unpatriotic those citizens who disagree with our personal political views or with government policies? Is a country healthy or sick when it permits—even encourages—its citizens to discuss freely its policies? Is a government strong or weak when its citizens are deeply involved in shaping its policies and carrying out its goals? Do citizens have a right to know facts that affect their welfare? Should news be managed? Should information be withheld if it seems unfavorable to a concept, however long held?

We think the answers are clear and that the conclusion is inevitable: strong churches and strong governments are built of strong people—well-informed people, involved people, people with strong characters and deep convictions.

### Strong Leaders Needed

But not only strong people are needed; strong leaders are needed. When important matters must be decided it is not enough for leaders to seek for consensus among the people, then act in accordance with the will of the majority. Leaders must not abdicate their own convictions. They must stand firmly for right, as they see it. Leaders must lead!

One needs only to review Israel's experience at Sinai to see how disastrous is the result when leaders yield to pressure—even majority pressure. While Moses was receiving the law from God in the mount, the people demanded that Aaron make them a god they could see, a god they could carry at the head of their company if they decided to return to Egypt.

Aaron yielded, with tragic results. The crisis “demanded a man of firmness, decision, and unflinching courage; one who held the honor of God above popular favor, personal safety, or life itself” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 316).

But Aaron was not that kind of leader. When he saw how determined were the people, when he saw how they attacked physically those who opposed their demands, when he saw that a few who conscientiously stood for right actually lost their lives in the confusion and excitement, he gave in. Afraid for his own safety “he yielded to the demands of the multitude” (*ibid.*, p. 317).

Interestingly, Ellen G. White says that “if Aaron had had courage to stand for the right, irrespective of consequences, he could have prevented that apostasy” (*ibid.*, p. 323). But the price would have been loss of popularity. Moses discovered this when he came down from the mount, and with righteous indignation called the people to account for their sin and rebellion. The people admired Aaron's gentleness and patience, and contrasted this with Moses’ “severe rebukes and the indignation he displayed in breaking the sacred tables of the law. . . . Their sympathies were with Aaron” (*ibid.*).

But God took a different view. He approved Moses' stern, courageous approach; and disapproved Aaron's passive, pleasant cowardice. “Those who are honored with a divine commission are not to be weak, pliant, time-servers. They are not to aim at self-exaltation, or to shun disagreeable duties, but to perform God's work with unswerving fidelity.”—*Ibid.*, p. 324.

So let it be clear: at times leaders must take a course that, though right, is unpopular; they must move forward courageously, seeking to do God's will as they understand it. As they do this, the church will prosper and God's people will be blessed.

### More Information Coming

But now back to the government-aid-to-denominational-schools question. Through the pages of the REVIEW certain facts have been set forth. Also, conflicting opinions have been expressed in the Letters column. At this point some readers would perhaps like to have the editors express their convictions. Be assured that we are not without convictions. But it would be premature for us to express them yet. We wish first to explore the subject further so that our readers, with the full range of facts before them, can make up their own minds. We do not wish to choke off dialog, or discourage individual study. Watch for articles that deal with other aspects of the topic.

In the meantime, lay at rest any lurking fears that the REVIEW is conducting a campaign to change the historic position of the denomination in the United States on the matter of Federal aid to education. Speculation and suspicion do not contribute to dialog or unity. Facts and mutual confidence are the ingredients

of enlightened discussion. Defensible positions have nothing to fear from examination. They come forth stronger and better supported when fully examined and better understood.

So stay with us for some stimulating journalistic adventures during the coming months. After the heat generated by the Federal-aid discussion has all been transformed into light, perhaps there will be other issues into which we can jointly sink our intellectual teeth. Who knows?

K. H. W.

## "WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR"

The Scriptures do not identify the star observed by the Wise Men from the East. Throughout the centuries, various conjectures have been made regarding its identity, such as that it was Halley's comet or a conjunction of two of the planets.

Concerning it Ellen G. White says, "The wise men had seen a mysterious light in the heavens upon that night when the glory of God flooded the hills of Bethlehem. As the light faded, a luminous star appeared, and lingered in the sky. It was not a fixed star nor a planet, and the phenomenon excited the keenest interest. That star was a distant company of shining angels."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 60.

Since the star the Wise Men saw guided them, first to Jerusalem, and later to Bethlehem, it would be readily distinguishable from the other stars. If it had been a fixed star or a planet it would have changed its relative position as the earth rotated, rising and setting, or moving in a circle around the pole star, as do the heavenly bodies during the course of the night.

In order for the star to guide men living in the East westward to Jerusalem, it must have appeared above the western horizon. But the Scriptures record the Wise Men as saying when they arrived in Jerusalem, "We have seen his star in the east" (Matt. 2:2). The most obvious explanation of this seeming discrepancy is to regard this passage as meaning, "We have seen his star in the East country," that is, while the Wise Men were in the East they had seen the star above the western horizon. Another explanation is that the word translated "east," *anatolē*, should here be understood in its literal sense, meaning "rising." The Wise Men would then be saying, "We saw the star when it rose," or "We saw the star when it first appeared."

### The Problem of Arrival Time

A more difficult problem with regard to the narrative of the Wise Men is to determine the time of their arrival in Bethlehem. The picture some have of the Wise Men bringing their gifts when Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were still in the stable where Jesus was born, is, of course, false. The Wise Men were in the East when they saw the mysterious light flooding Bethlehem's plains. Nor did they set out immediately; they studied and consulted ancient writings, including the Hebrew Scriptures, so as to discover the import of their sighting. Discovering Balaam's prophecy, "There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel" (Num. 24:17), and being instructed by dreams, they set out in search of the newborn King (see *The Desire of Ages*, p. 60). How much time was spent in this search we do not know.

Nor do we know how far they needed to travel. One estimate places the journey at 400 miles. Traveling only by night, they might have been on the road for at least a month, possibly more. Furthermore, we do not know how long they were in Jerusalem or how long it was before Herod became convinced that the Wise Men had evaded him on their return journey. Without modern systems of rapid communication, a considerable period

may have transpired. At any rate, when Herod decided to rid himself of a possible rival to the throne he ordered that all the children in Bethlehem be killed "from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men" (Matt. 2:16).

According to Oriental reckoning a child was considered to be one year old when he was born, that is, he was in his first year. He would be two years old a year later when he entered his second year. Thus the decree would include children from birth to two years from birth. If modern methods of reckoning ages had been employed his decree would have included children up to a year older.

From Herod's upper limit of two years, we need not conclude that two years had gone by since Christ's birth. In his rage Herod most probably extended the time beyond that indicated by the Wise Men so as to be sure of reaching his objective. He was a murderer, and such an act would be in keeping with his character.

At any rate, when the Wise Men arrived in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary and the Child had long since given up their temporary residence in a rude shelter where animals are kept. They were now living in a "house" (Matt. 2:11). Apparently they were planning to make Bethlehem their home. At least after their return from Egypt they planned to settle there. "Regarding Jesus as the heir of David's throne, Joseph desired to make his home in Bethlehem."—*Ibid.*, p. 66. Fear of Herod's successor and warning by a dream led them to return to their former home town in Nazareth of Galilee.

We should probably mention a sentence in *The Desire of Ages* that taken by itself might imply that Jesus was still in the "stable" when the Wise Men arrived. This sentence, describing what the Wise Men found in Bethlehem, says, "Jesus was cradled in a manger" (p. 63). But the context of this statement is the one we have already described, one that shows that a considerable period of time had elapsed since the Wise Men had seen the light that flooded Bethlehem's plains while they were still in the East country. We may therefore safely conclude that the "manger" was the crib used by Joseph and Mary to cradle the infant Jesus in the dwelling to which they had moved, called "house" (Greek *oikia*) in Matthew 2:11.

As the Christmas season approaches, let us not forget Jesus, our best Friend, with suitable gifts. Commenting on the gifts of the Wise Men, Ellen G. White adds, "If we have given our hearts to Jesus, we also shall bring our gifts to Him. Our gold and silver, our most precious earthly possessions, our highest mental and spiritual endowments, will be freely devoted to Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us."—*Ibid.*, p. 65.

D. F. N:

## To God

By RUTH PARRISH

The lonely walks I take in prayer,  
Knowing I can find You there.  
On bended knees I travel far,  
Going where I know You are.

Opening mind and soul and heart,  
Tearing all restraint apart.  
Finding all I am searching for,  
Wanting, needing, more and more.



## From Readers

### GRANDMA'S COOKIES

**EDITORS:** When I was looking through my latest copy of the REVIEW (September 26 issue) the cute picture of the baby getting into the cookie jar caught my eye. After reading the poem, however, I would like to register a complaint about the sentiments expressed. Sure, it's a "cute" poem and a "cute" picture, but the principle expressed is so opposed to our Adventist health teachings that I am surprised you would print it.

One thing I have tried to impress on my small daughter is that eating between meals, particularly sweets, is harmful to her. Therefore I do not leave cookies or other desserts where she can reach them easily. I don't believe children can begin too young to learn to control their appetites.

MRS. PHYLLIS ANDERSEN

► *The poem need not be understood as necessarily implying eating between meals. Don't little boys who finish their meals deserve the fun of getting grandma's nutritious homemade cookies ("cookies like that aren't sold") out of the cookie jar all by themselves? Besides, grandma's home is for building up extra special kinds of memories.*

### APPREHENSION OVER FEDERAL AID

**EDITORS:** Would the acceptance of government aid to our educational program necessarily assure a correspondingly larger budget for updating purposes? It might change only the source of income rather than the amount. Past experience has shown that "windfalls" frequently result in our members' diverting their sacrificial gifts to areas of greater need.

A. D. CHILSON

Richland Center, Wisconsin

**EDITORS:** Regarding the panel discussion on "Church-State Relations," September 26: It is somewhat disturbing to me that it was even found necessary to conduct this panel. This "sphere between" has not in the past seemed too bothersome, nor called forth such searching investigation. When President Kennedy made his magnificent statement of September 13, 1960: "I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute," I don't think he was advocating the taxation of church buildings and church related nonprofit institutions. It would seem he had no extreme views of "absolute" in mind, but he did include in that pronouncement this: "... where no church or church school is granted any public funds or political preference."

While people among some of the other religious groups are becoming agitated over this issue, sensing potential danger, and in some cases refusing to accept funds from the public treasury, it would appear that some among us are being besieged by a great many complexities. I accept the divine counsel against closing up avenues that the Lord has opened, but let us consider the way this

avenue was opened. Can we really believe this to be the Lord's doing?

Law is law, but not all law is good law! Can we forget who it was that for long years brought the pressure that finally resulted in this bad legislation? Do we really wish to put our stamp of approval upon this? Should we not rather go on record as solidly protesting this education bill, which according to historical standards is unconstitutional? It seems to me it doesn't take a marvelous faculty for clear thinking to see that this situation does not approximate anything we read in the Bible concerning church-state relations, Nehemiah notably; nor does it resemble the occasional gifts we have received from rulers in mission lands, who deeply appreciate the work we are doing for their needy people.

Seventh-day Adventists, more than any other people, understand the meaning of developments in the world today. Surely we realize that soon the lamb of Revelation 13 will speak as a dragon! Can it be that some of our educators have been looking so intently at the trees that they can no longer see the forest?

I believe our greatest need is not for public tax to "upgrade" our educational machinery, but for that kind of education that will upgrade us for citizenship in Christ's soon-coming kingdom. I feel sure there is sufficient means among our people, if rightly used, to operate our schools at an acceptable level for as long as we can keep our schools. Soon all our possessions will be of no use to us. Does not the Spirit of Prophecy counsel us to sell our surplus and put the money thus gained into the Lord's work as we see the end approaching? If there was ever a time when we can see the end approaching, is it not now? Would we not be benefited a great deal more by the spirit of sacrifice among our people than by Federal aid?

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Ps. 127:1).

Lowndes, Missouri ELIZABETH COOPER

**EDITORS:** Thank you for the September 26 report of the panel on "Church-State Relations." Throughout the exchanges of these able men ran a thread that concerned the eventuality of government "restrictions," "conditions," "strings," "intervention," or insistence on "compromise."

A panelist noted, "... a partner in paying the bills for our schools becomes a potential partner in controlling those schools." Yet others did not see "significant or crippling restrictions now on the private college in matters of ... employment or ... admission."

Knowing well the financial pressures of an SDA college administrator, I too have been tempted to wish this were true. But the record tells me otherwise. A telephone check this morning with the administrator of Title II of the Higher Education Facilities Act tells me that the matter of church-related recipient institutions is "entirely unsettled." These issues are now being tested in court, in Connecticut, for instance.

Meanwhile, regardless of the provisions of any grant law, enforcement officials of the Civil Rights Office of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare remind me that Executive Order 11246 prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

And Executive Order 11375 amends EO 11-246 by specifically substituting "religion" for "creed." This order is much more comprehensive than Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Some of our institutions have in fact found that this over-all order not only extends to religion but also that it applies to the holder of any government contract, including research. In the case of facilities grants the Government has an inspection privilege and obligation for at least 20 years involving a number of restrictions.

One very sticky problem rises from the fact that many government men do not understand what the courts know—(1) that our religion is not only in our seminary or religion departments, but is woven warp and woof through our entire program, and (2) that this dictates employment whenever possible of those who uphold and advance our beliefs. We may find ourselves deeply involved in grants because of their ignorance of this policy, and later be forced to hire those we should not. There may be times when certain of our institutions may of necessity, and their own choosing, retain non-Adventists on their staffs. This is considerably different from being forced by government to employ such a person they would not otherwise elect to employ.

The thread through the panel discussion is a strong one: As with Nehemiah, Cyrus, Rhodes, and others, it says in effect that before we do accept public money for our church institutions let us make sure that there are no conditions that we cannot meet in good conscience. Only thus can we be certain of not being forced to employ those whose beliefs are alien to our principles. Times may change, but at this point I am convinced that there is no such certainty if we accept Federal aid.

RAYMOND MOORE

Chicago, Illinois

### REVIEW MEETS VARIED NEEDS

**EDITORS:** It seems the REVIEW always knows just what's troubling me and has articles of help.

BETTY MOORE

Blossvale, New York

**EDITORS:** I want to say how much we enjoy the weekly visit of the REVIEW. If I don't get it read through when it first comes to the mailbox midweek, my husband won't let go of it on Friday evenings! Thanks for all the wonderful articles in the REVIEW.

INA JEAN JOHNSTON

Calimesa, California

**EDITORS:** The article (REVIEW, Oct. 10) about nervous exhaustion was so good. I read it for family worship, for too many are headed that way, it seems, and maybe the youth mostly.

MRS. JUNE POWERS

Cleveland, Tennessee

### COULDN'T HELP PEEKING

**EDITORS:** Finally a column "Especially for Men"! At last our invulnerable Giblartars are learning that it is not a feminine trait to have the simple trust of a child!

(Couldn't help peeking!) My husband also enjoys the column.

MRS. JERRY PEAK

Burlington, Iowa



**The Northern European Division relief team for Nigeria, with their vehicles, in front of the administration building of the Adventist Hospital, situated at Ile-Ife, Nigeria.**

## Europe Sends Relief Team to Nigeria

By **ARTHUR M. OWENS, M.D.**  
*Medical Director, Ile-Ife SDA Hospital*

The Northern European Division relief team, recruited for service in Nigeria, has now entered the field, using the Seventh-day Adventist hospital at Ile-Ife as a staging base.

Team leader Dr. Bernard Richardson, of Watford, England, is associate medical secretary of the British Union Conference. He arrived in Nigeria, September 20 and spent a few weeks at Ile-Ife gaining experience in treating diseases that are common in Nigeria but rare in England. He also gave valuable assistance to the hospital, which has been short of medical staff for some time.

Lionel Acton-Hubbard, a former missionary in Nigeria and Ghana, arrived at the same time. In addition to organizing the team's supplies, Mr. Hubbard helped the school of nursing at the hospital. He is a qualified nursing instructor and was for some years in charge of the nursing school at Kwahu Hospital in Ghana.

The other members of the team arrived about three weeks later. R. H. Surridge, lay activities and Sabbath school secretary of the West African Union Mission, is welfare officer of the team; he will distribute food and other relief supplies. From Denmark came Markur Henriksen, chief physical therapist at Skodsborg Sanitarium. Bruce Anscombe, from Watford, England, is driver and mechanic.

Although the team's expenses are paid by the Seventh-day Adventist Church organization, the team is under the direction and control of the International Committee of the Red Cross, as are all other relief organizations working in Nigeria. The team's vehicles—two Land Rovers and a five-ton truck—were provided by the Red Cross. Two of the vehicles were donated by Oxfam, the British relief organization.

Dr. Richardson and the rest of the team expect to spend three months working in an area reoccupied by Nigerian

Federal forces. They will be succeeded by another team, and that team by another. Relief operations will be required for not less than 12 months, according to present indications. Some recent visitors to the war zone have estimated that as many as 500,000 civilians may have died as a result of the Nigerian civil war, and that 6,000 people may be starving to death every day.

It is not known whether the division relief team will be able to bring direct relief to any of our church members. Most of the 15,000 members in the former eastern region of Nigeria had lived in the territory still under the control of the secessionist regime. Another relief team, from the North American Division, is working in the breakaway territory of Biafra.

A large shipment of drugs and medical supplies sent by the SDA Welfare Service has arrived at Ile-Ife. These supplies will be sent to the war-stricken area as soon as communications are restored.

**Hundreds of candles lighted and held aloft in the Seoul, Korea, Academy auditorium, symbolize the carrying of the gospel into every part of Korea. V. W. Schoen (center), associate lay activities secretary of the GC, holds the torch from which all candles were lighted.**



## Bible in the Hand Successful in Tehrān

By **L. C. MILLER**  
*Departmental Secretary  
Middle East Division*

The Adventist Center in Tehrān, Iran, is the site of a pilot Hiways to Happiness evangelistic campaign intended primarily for Moslems. These meetings are being conducted by Medical Secretary H. C. Lamp, M.D., and Ministerial Secretary L. C. Miller, of the Middle East Division.

Following Spirit of Prophecy counsel advocating that doctors and ministers unite in evangelism, the speakers have been discussing, in dialog, how to find personal happiness, success, and peace of mind by giving attention to the whole man. The dialogs, dealing with questions on physical, mental, and spiritual levels, have filled the Adventist Center to its 150-person capacity for the first half of the five-week campaign. Eighty per cent in attendance are Moslems, the majority of them young university students.

The second half of the campaign (currently in session) is a series of Bible investigation meetings, featuring the Bible in the Hand plan. As many as 100 have attended this series, with a solid core of about 60 attending every night. These show intense interest in the Bible prophecies being presented, and they carefully look up each text.

The evangelistic team is heartened by the prospects of so many Moslems investigating the Bible for the first time. This event is significant for our work in the 98 per cent Moslem Bible lands.

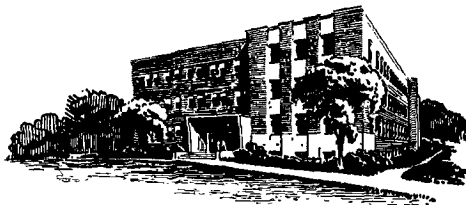
## Korean Laymen Accept Call to Evangelism

By **W. L. WILCOX**  
*President, Korean Union Mission*

About 1,000 laymen and workers attended the Korean Union Laymen's Congress in Seoul, September 17 to 21. V. W. Schoen, associate lay activities secretary of the General Conference; L. A. Ship-

# DATELINE— WASHINGTON

By Arthur H. Roth



*A monthly roundup of happenings at General Conference headquarters*

**STAFF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.** The world headquarters of the church is located within the territory of the North American Division. This is natural, because it was in North America that the Advent Movement first took root. However, more than three quarters of the church membership now is outside of the North American Division. Leaders in other lands desire the ministry and counsel of the church's world administrators and departmental men. Thus the General Conference Committee, in planning the service to be given by the staff, has authorized some 60 overseas itineraries by staff members for 1969.

Many officers are now abroad attending year-end planning and budget meetings. When these meetings will have been held, denominational workers in all lands will be ready to undertake the work of the new year. Abroad now are W. R. Beach and W. L. Pascoe, Australasia; R. S. Watts and W. E. Phillips, Central, Northern, and Southern Europe; O. A. Blake and D. S. Johnson, Far East; Robert H. Pierson and H. D. Singleton, Inter-America; F. L. Bland and R. E. Osborn, Middle East and Southern Asia; Robert H. Pierson and K. H. Emmerson, South America; Theodore Carcich and C. O. Franz, Trans-Africa.

Forty-four departmental staff members have been authorized to visit overseas divisions in line with their assigned work at various times of the year.

In addition to the types of service mentioned above, staff members have been requested to travel abroad to assist in Seminary Extension Schools, the World Youth Congress, and other special assignments.

**NEW STAFF MEMBER.** Elder and Mrs. Wayne Martin and son have come to Washington to join the staff. Elder Martin is an assistant secretary in the Public Relations Department. Prior to coming to the General Conference, the Martins served in Thailand and the Carolina Conference.

**EAST NIGERIA RELIEF TEAMS.** A team of three doctors and two nurses—Drs. Duane Bradley, Lake Port, California; Paul Shakespeare, Seattle, Washington; and Gordon Goude, Riverside, California; and Nurses Charleene Riffel, Loma Linda, California, and Margaret Roelke, Takoma Park, Maryland—left for Biafra at the end of November to re-

place the first medical relief team sent to that distress area. The first team was composed of Drs. Ronald Krum, West Africa; Ronald Rothe, Banning, California; Donald Wilson, Loma Linda, California; and Nurse Terry Brown, Madison, Tennessee.

**BENGHAZI HOSPITAL DOCTOR.** Dr. and Mrs. George N. Benson, who have been on the staff of Riverside Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, visited Washington briefly while on their way to the Benghazi Adventist Hospital in Libya. Mrs. Benson, a nurse, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Simons, who educated seven children at Oakwood College, five of whom are now denominational workers.

**STAFF WEEK OF PRAYER.** The General Conference staff had Dr. W. G. C. Murdoch, dean of the denomination's Theological Seminary, lead them in Week of Prayer services each morning from 8:00 to 8:30, November 4-8. Though many staff members were away from Washington, the General Conference chapel with its 300 seats was too small to accommodate everyone. Some found it necessary to listen to the services from the hallway leading to the chapel or by remote public address equipment which connected the chapel with the lounge and reception rooms.

**VISITORS.** In recent weeks we have been visited by Elder and Mrs. Fred B. Moore, Antillian Union, Puerto Rico; M. J. Church, Burundi, Africa; George S. Small, Tobago, West Indies; Conrad Henry, Antigua, West Indies; Mr. and Mrs. Z. P. Mikelson, Melbourne, Australia; Elder and Mrs. Donald von Pohle, Inter-America.

**VETERAN MISSIONARIES.** The halls of the General Conference seem to assume added dignity and significance when veteran missionaries walk in them. After Autumn Council we were visited by Dr. Roy B. Parsons, the founder and for 37 years director of Bongo Mission Hospital in Angola, Portuguese West Africa, and R. A. Hayden, missionary for 38 years among the descendants of the Incas in South America. Both these missionaries and their wives are now retiring from the active service they have given the Advent message and foreign missions.

wick, of the Far Eastern Division; and Lyu Hyung Whan, of the Korean Union, directed the program.

At first the meetings were to have been held in the headquarters church, which can seat about 500 people. However, a few days before the congress began, the planning committee saw that a much larger hall would be required. So they chose the large auditorium at the Seoul Academy.

The auditorium was well filled all through the congress, with 1,200 to 1,500 attending the evening meetings. On the weekend many were unable to find seats or even to get into the meeting place.

Thursday afternoon Elder Schoen called all the laymen forward who wanted to dedicate their lives to lay evangelism. Hundreds responded, dedicating their lives to this form of Christian service. Elder Schoen had these laymen sign their names on a special Lay Evangelism Scroll, and 269 responded to this challenge.

Some of the subjects presented at the congress were "Reaching the Soul," "Preaching to the Soul," "Reaping the Soul," and "Teaching the Soul." The laymen were brought face to face with the call of God to search out those who are longing for eternal life. Time was also given to laymen who had done outstanding work for God, to give their testimony.

The last message of the congress was given Saturday night by Elder Schoen. At its close an old layman, Bak Chong Kyu, from the Southwest Mission, came up the aisle carrying a lighted torch. This was presented to the night's speaker. Elder Schoen then requested all present to take back to their churches a new vision of the work of the layman and set their churches on fire for God. He went on to say that the spark ignited at this lay congress should result in the spreading of the gospel throughout the land. To symbolize what is to be done, the union president lighted a candle from the torch, passing the flame on to the mission leaders and they in turn to the laymen, until in a few moments the entire hall was illuminated by the light of hundreds of candles.

## First Teachers' Institute Held in Togo; Three Schools Open

An institute was held recently in the Togo Seventh-day Adventist mission for the teachers of the three primary schools that pioneering Missionary Henry Kempf has been able to open in Togo since work was established there in 1964.

Finances for the operation of the schools come from mission sources and fees paid by the children's parents.

The people in the areas of these schools, happy for what the mission has been able to do for them, have contributed free land and participated in the building of classrooms.

ØIVIND GJERTSEN  
Departmental Secretary  
West African Union



## Atlantic Union

### South Lancaster Church Renovated Inside and Out

Major alterations of both the exterior and interior of the historic South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Village church were recently completed.

The front was rebuilt to enlarge the foyer, as well as to provide easy access to the basement by way of two separate stairways, newly installed. This has eliminated a severe crowding situation between the Sabbath school and church services.

The inside of the sanctuary has been redecorated in a colonial decor and the platform restyled. The hallways and all traffic areas of the auditorium have been recarpeted, and a number of new windows were added. The entire outside of the building has been repainted in white.

The congregation, organized in 1863, met in a home, in the old Lancaster Odd Fellows Hall, in a carriage house, and finally in a church in 1877. Two major additions, the latter in 1943, brought the building to its present size. The most recent improvements were made under the leadership of Elder G. S. Remick.

Prior to 1955 the South Lancaster church was the home church for the students and faculty of Atlantic Union College. At that time the church had 976 members. That year the college church was officially organized, meeting on campus. The Village church's membership is now about 650.

RICHARD J. BARNETT  
Departmental Secretary  
Southern New England Conference



At South Lancaster the old (top) and new.

## Central Union

✦ R. C. Clarke reports a baptism of seven at the St. Louis, Missouri, South Side church October 12. This is the first fruits of an evangelistic series held in the church. At Bucklin, W. E. Iverson and Harold Miler concluded an evangelistic series, with a baptism of six persons. They have a strong interest for follow-up. On October 19, Mitchell Tyner baptized six persons at St. Joseph.

✦ Norman Baker began a series of meetings in Goodland, Kansas, November 23. Elder Baker and his wife are joining the district pastor, D. R. Culbertson, in this evangelistic thrust.

✦ W. A. Darby, Jr., Central States Conference lay activities secretary, reports that J. T. North, 92, has already raised a Jasper Wayne Ingathering goal this year. Mr. North, a retired literature evangelist, is nearly blind.

CLARA ANDERSON, Correspondent

## Columbia Union

✦ Joseph N. Barnes, director of the human dynamics research institute at Walla Walla College in Washington, was the speaker for the Kettering College of Medical Arts fall Religion in Life Week.

✦ Vandals caused extensive damage recently to the Baltimore First church in the Chesapeake Conference. Upholstery in the main sanctuary was slashed. Songbooks and other loose materials were torn, and the walls were defaced. Three nights later an explosion of unknown origin caused \$60,000 damage to the church. Police and firemen are investigating the cause of the blast. In the meantime, the congregation is meeting in the Greater Baltimore Academy gymnasium.

✦ About 85 teen-age delegates attended the Ohio Youth Bible Conference recently at Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio. Wallace D. Welch, Ohio MV secretary, directed the conference. Instructors for the five topical sessions were: Dr. George H. Akers, Andrews University; Paul Gordon, Ellen G. White Estate; Robert F. Schwindt, Columbia Union College; Philip Follett, conference president; and Arthur E. Harms, conference secretary-treasurer. E. M. Peterson, union MV secretary, was a guest speaker.

✦ The recent Christ Above All evangelistic crusade, with William Bornstein as evangelist, was responsible for the addition of 29 new members to the Cincinnati, Ohio, First church. There were 50 decisions, and many of these people are preparing for future baptism. An intensive visitation program was carried on by the pastor, Clayton R. Jepson, assisted by Richard Byrd and Stephen Ervin, ministerial externs, from Columbia Union College. Richard Quast and Stanton Clark,

newly arrived ministerial interns in the Ohio Conference, will remain in Cincinnati to follow up these evangelistic interests.

✦ A 1966 Dodge van was recently donated to the Endless Mountains church school in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, by a church member, Cecil Kilmer. Howard Lenigan is principal of the school and is assisted by Mrs. M. H. Rossier. The school enrollment is 15.

MORTEN JUBERG, Correspondent

## Lake Union

✦ A joint Lake Region workers' meeting was conducted recently at Green Lake, Wisconsin, for the administrative and educational departments. B. B. Beach, educational secretary of the Northern European Division, gave the keynote address and a series of lectures on the World Council of Churches and the ecumenical movement. Among those participating in the program were several teachers: G. E. Hutches, from the Lake Union; Harold T. Jones, C. E. Wittschiebe, and Miss Wilmoth Benson, from Andrews University; and C. E. Bradford and M. C. Van Putten, of the Lake Region office.

✦ Ella May Stoneburner, of the General Conference Medical Department, was the guest speaker at the eight fall federation meetings of the Michigan Health and Welfare Services. W. M. Buckman, conference health and welfare director, and Barbara Ringer and Edna Edwards, State federation president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, also attended. Among the experiences related were the baptism of a woman whose family had been helped and the \$5,000 donation by an interested businessman toward purchase of land for a new center at Jackson.

✦ An Adventist doctor has set up practice in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Gladstone Payton, D.O., a native of the British West Indies, graduated from the Kansas City School of Osteopathy last June and has interned in Mt. Clemens.

MILDRED WADE, Correspondent

## North Pacific Union

✦ More than 20 per cent of the total baptisms in the first nine months of 1968 in the Montana Conference were the direct result of literature evangelism. During recent meetings in Great Falls, of the more than 40 baptized, nearly one half were contacted by literature evangelists. R. K. Lee was responsible for nine and Betty Oksenholt for seven. The literature evangelists in Montana have already reported more baptisms in 1968 than in the past five years combined.

✦ Members of the Waitsburg, Washington, church, with help from missionary-minded Walla Walla College students, are conducting a concentrated lay activities program in the Waitsburg district. John Rudebaugh, church lay activities director, has mapped the towns of Waitsburg and Prescott and all the rural areas. Lunch is served in the basement of the church each Sabbath, following which assignments are made and the people fan out through the area. Every home is contacted several times with various approaches in an effort to create an interest.

✦ A two-day field trip, November 5 and 6, headed by Daniel S. Harris, Jr., sociology instructor, took 35 Walla Walla College students to Seattle, where the group toured government, private, and religious organizations and saw firsthand the social problems of the city.

IONE MORGAN, *Correspondent*

## Northern Union

✦ While several thousand people viewed a parade in Centerville, Iowa, one Sabbath recently, the members of the local Adventist church left 1,700 copies of the tract "Six Secrets of Family Security" in or on parked cars in the city.

✦ More than 300 attended the opening services of the new Thief River Falls, Minnesota, church on October 5. Nearly 100 of these were businessmen and community friends. Arthur Kiesz, president of the Minnesota Conference, was the speaker for the worship service, and a baptism of five young people was held in the afternoon in the new baptistry. Darrell Perry is the district leader.

L. H. NETTEBURG, *Correspondent*

## Pacific Union

✦ President A. G. Streifling reports that membership in the Hawaiian Mission reached a record high of 2,520 during the third quarter of 1968.

✦ Forty-three clubs participated in the 1968 annual Southeastern California Conference Pathfinder Camporee. More than 1,500 persons attended the recent Central California Conference Pathfinder Fair.

✦ An old-Bible contest, conducted at the Visalia, California, church in connection with revival meetings held by Pastor Joseph H. Nixon, was won by Robert Bolander for a 1517 Latin Bible.

✦ Thirteen persons have been baptized so far in the evangelistic program begun by T. Catrall Jefferson, of the Salt Lake City, Utah, Liberty Park church.



## California Church Dedicated

The Sunnyvale church of the Central California Conference was dedicated September 14.

At the afternoon dedication service E. R. Walde, president of the Central California Conference, gave the sermon. The congregation was led in the Act of Dedication by the pastor, and A. G. Munson of the union offered the dedicatory prayer. Other weekend speakers were former pastors—F. A. Soper, of the General Conference, and E. W. Voyles.

This is the second church built and dedicated by this rapidly growing church family. The sanctuary accommodates 650 worshippers, and even though it was twice enlarged during its construction it is not adequate to house the congregation, which has now grown to more than 700 members.

The youth chapel seats 200. The complex includes Sabbath school classrooms and Pathfinder and Dorcas Welfare areas. An additional parcel of land has been set aside for a projected multipurpose building.

The buildings and the land are valued at more than \$400,000.

ANSEL L. BRISTOL, *Pastor*

✦ Recently 14 students and five adults from the Navajo Mission School, Holbrook, Arizona, staged an "attack" on the Apache Reservation. For ammunition, they used *Our Little Friend*, *Primary Treasure*, *Guide*, and *The Youth's Instructor*. About 2,000 pieces of literature were distributed. In the homes they visited, they sang gospel songs and prayed. In one home they were requested to pray for a sick man. The group was led by Robert C. Nogle.

RUTH WRIGHT, *Correspondent*

## Southern Union

✦ Literature evangelists in Kentucky-Tennessee delivered \$25,947 during October. They gave away 602 pieces of literature and enrolled 368 in the Bible course.

✦ Literature evangelists in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference sponsored a booth at the Mississippi State Fair held in Jackson. The Paul Harvey *Bible Story* film was shown three times daily, and 1,146 persons signed request cards

for further information about Adventist books.

✦ Pastor L. A. Watson and E. E. Duncan, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference ministerial secretary, baptized 12 at Powderly, Kentucky, following a three-week series of meetings.

OSCAR L. HEINRICH, *Correspondent*

## Southwestern Union

### SOUTHWESTERN UNION COLLEGE

✦ Southwestern Union College library has changed from the Dewey decimal to the Library of Congress classification system. The 30,000th volume was accessioned this year, and the \$25,000 Harris Pine Mills gift for library books will aid in reaching the goal of 50,000 volumes. A curriculum library has been organized and is rapidly expanding.

✦ Enrollment for the first semester has reached 465. This is an increase of 39 per cent over last year. The first senior class to graduate from SUC is expected to have 29 members.

✦ Steven Nash, the first student from SUC to be accepted by Loma Linda University, has been elected president of the freshman class of LLU's School of Dentistry.

LLOYD S. DAVIS, *PR Director*

## Andrews University

✦ Oliver S. Beltz, Loma Linda, California, is offering two \$300 scholarships per year to AU church music majors for the next ten years. Dr. Beltz, one-time chairman of the church music department of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and later a voice teacher at Washington Missionary College, wanted to give impetus to a neglected field of study in the SDA Church. AU is the only SDA institution offering the church-music degree.

✦ A minor in journalism was created this fall when the curriculum committee approved of ten journalism courses proposed by C. A. Oliphant, associate professor of journalism, formerly book editor at Southern Publishing Association.

✦ Alice G. Marsh, professor of home economics, is the new president of the Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association.

✦ F. W. Detamore was speaker for the fall Spiritual Emphasis Week, November 3 to 8. Elder Detamore is a 1928 graduate of Andrews and was honored at homecoming last spring for his 40 years of service to the denomination.

OPAL YOUNG, *Correspondent*



A. W. Kaytor (left), president of the Alberta Conference, and Desmond Cummings, president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, visit in the hall during the Autumn Council.

## AUTUMN COUNCIL ACTIONS

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### Gift Bible Evangelism

WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands are studying the truths of the Word through the Gift Bible Evangelism plan, and when careful follow-up work is done, one of every three persons, on the average, who completes a study of the Bible guide sheets becomes a baptized church member,

*We recommend,* 1. That in every division of the world we give greater impetus to this fruitful plan of evangelism.

2. That we ask each church member to have at least three active students in the Gift Bible Plan during 1969.

3. That we request the General Conference to prepare an attractive brochure for use by laymen in introducing the plan of placing Bibles and study guides.

4. That a suitable tract including an offer for Bible correspondence school lessons be left in each home where the guide sheets are not accepted.

5. That above all we stress the importance of faithful and careful follow-up by:

a. Arranging instruction in follow-up techniques under the pastor's direction.

b. Calling regularly at the home with the appropriate guide sheets.

c. Offering to help the student with the lessons and to correct the guide sheets in the home of the student.

d. Introducing an advanced course when the initial series has been completed.

e. Giving personal Bible studies with the use of visual aids such as filmstrips or Better Life Picture Rolls #1 and 2.

f. Inviting the student to evangelistic meetings held by a minister, a layman, or our youth.

g. Organizing a branch Sabbath school.

6. That "Guidelines for Gift Bible Evangelism" be reprinted.

7. That all administrators, secretaries of all departments, and pastors join in leading our members in this satisfying and successful soul-winning service by promoting Gift Bible Evangelism at workers' meetings, camp meetings, and rallies.

### New Type Penetration Tract

*We recommend,* 1. That a new four-color tract (8 pages) be prepared and printed for distribution in 1969.

2. That we mobilize our entire membership in using this tract with the key points of our message to reach every family in North America by personal visitation, by mail, or "downtown contact."

3. That where the introductory offer of the Gift Bible is not accepted, this tract, containing Bible Good News on the Best Life, be given, thereby making every contact count for Christ and His message.

4. That we request the Regional Department to prepare a manuscript for a special four-page tract written and designed for use in the cities, to be submitted to the minority Missionary Literature Guidance Committee for adoption.

5. That in financing this new evangelistic thrust, the same subsidies be continued as in former years for Penetration tracts, namely: The General Conference \$1.00 per thousand, union conference \$2.00 per thousand, the balance to be shared by the local conference and the churches.

### One-to-One Youth Evangelism Literature

WHEREAS, The Youth Challenge Committee, the college MV officers, seminars, and various conferences have requested the General Conference MV Department to develop a program for Adventist youth of One-to-One Evangelism, which introduces a person to Christ and explains the steps to conversion,

*We recommend,* 1. The preparation of an introductory questionnaire for house-to-house visitation and other personal contacts.

2. The preparation of two concise contact leaflets, one for the non-Christian and one for the Christian.

3. The publication of *Steps to Christ* in a modern workbook format containing:

a. Contemporary youth action pictures with comments that lead the reader to key principles emphasized in each chapter.

b. Reaction sheets at the end of each chapter for the reader and one making contact to discuss and fill out together.

4. Following the initial contact and the filling out of the reaction sheets, the interest is followed up by:

a. MV rallies geared to evangelistic decisions.

b. Gift Bible lessons.

c. Voice of Youth and other evangelistic meetings.

### LOCAL CHURCH AFFAIRS

#### Literature Orders and Sabbath Observance

It has been suggested that guidelines be established for lay activities secretaries and Book and Bible House personnel for the handling of orders for literature on the Sabbath, thus ensuring proper Sabbath observance.

*We recommend,* That the statement on pages 11, 12 of Lay Activities Leaflet #5 (1964 ed.) be drawn to the attention of those concerned with the transaction of business for the supply of literature. The statement reads as follows:

"Recognizing the need of presenting to our congregations on the Sabbath plans whereby the church members may take an active part in giving the truth to others,

"*We recommend,* That appeals for specific missionary objectives, either home or foreign, be so presented as to afford food for spiritual development, and that care be exercised not to allow such specific appeals to take the place of worship and instruction from the Word of God. . . . The following plan shall be adopted:

"1. After a brief, spiritual presentation of the matter, those who desire to make pledges to pay for such literature shall write out their pledges, with names and addresses, on paper furnished, and pass them in, so that the church lay activities secretary may have them for record. Each person making such a pledge shall at the same time be given a church order envelope, with instructions to make out the requisition and enclose the necessary money during the week, the envelope to be placed in the offering basket on the next Sabbath."

"For the convenience of church members in ordering supplies, envelopes are provided with printed information on the outside, whereby the church members may designate the literature they wish to secure, specifying quantity, language, binding, et cetera. The amount of money covering the cost of literature they are ordering may be put in the envelope during the week, and placed in the basket at the time the regular offering is received. At the close of the service the church treasurer places the envelopes in the hands of the church lay activities secretary, who after the Sabbath gives the orders prompt attention. This eliminates any spirit of commercialism that might come into the church, and places in the hands of the church lay activities secretary orders in the individual's own handwriting, thus safeguarding from any mistake in ordering what is desired."

2. That the church pastor and elders take the opportunity to orientate lay activities secretaries, and others concerned, on Sabbath procedures when such officers

are newly appointed at the beginning of each period.

3. That when the pastor reviews the standards for Sabbath observance from the pulpit from time to time, he take the opportunity to remind the congregation of the necessity to cooperate with the lay activities secretary and the Book and Bible House representative in the ordering of literature, et cetera, thus ensuring that "a rightly directed program of activities in harmony with the spirit of true Sabbathkeeping will make this blessed day the happiest and best of all the week, for ourselves and for our children—a veritable foretaste of our heavenly rest."—*Church Manual*, p. 208.

## DEPARTMENTAL PLANS

### Ingathering Objectives

*We recommend*, That the following statement on Ingathering objectives be adopted as our official statement:

The Ingathering program is a Seventh-day Adventist presentation to the general public. Its prime purpose is evangelistic contact:

a. To acquaint people in house-to-house and business contacts with the worldwide medical, educational, evangelistic, and welfare program of the church.

b. To ascertain their interest in Bible study.

c. To furnish them an opportunity to enroll in a Bible correspondence course.

d. To provide further information about our church.

e. To present a yearly report on our humanitarian work, inviting people to contribute to its continuance. Further,

*We recommend*, 1. That the soul-winning opportunities of Ingathering and the importance of every-home contact be emphasized in the following ways:

a. The distribution of Leaflet #28, a compilation of the Spirit of Prophecy statements relative to Ingathering.

b. The scheduling in every church in North America of the ten-minute tape which presents recent soul-winning Ingathering experiences.

c. The wide use by members of the Ingathering interest pad to record interests, problems, and services rendered.

d. The training of members to direct the attention of the donors to the two special free offers on the magazine post card suggesting the expression, "You are entitled to these free offers—(a) an opportunity to explore your Bible, using guide sheets that come by mail; and (b) the chance to get acquainted with America's leading prophetic magazine by receiving a free issue."

e. Recognition of members with 25 hours of Ingathering service whether or not they have reached the Silver Vanguard goal.

f. The planning for Ingathering field days on Sundays, when more people are in a "church" mood, where conditions permit.

g. The development of follow-up plans which include introducing interested people to the Gift Bible Plan or one of the Bible correspondence courses, presenting them the missionary book of the year,

sending them the missionary magazine, and arranging Bible studies with them.

2. That at workers' meetings and appropriate church services, time be provided for demonstrations of proper canvasses and techniques based on the leaflet "Helps for Ingatherers."

3. That more business and professional leaders in every community be contacted during the Ingathering crusade, both for their sakes and for their goodwill support of our worldwide work based on proper concept of Adventist service projects. In building such lists, church leaders should plan for Ingathering before the Thanksgiving holiday.

4. That care be exercised in the assignment of territory to prevent as far as possible the duplication of Ingathering contacts.

5. That the North American Division set its financial objectives at \$7 million and that the other divisions aim at a combined objective of \$3.5 million making a total world objective of \$10.5 million for the 1969-1970 crusade, and that churches, conferences, and unions be encouraged to exceed every former per capita attainment.

### College and University Participation in the Ingathering Program

*We recommend*, 1. That in implementing the Autumn Council action of 1967 concerning the Ingathering program at our institutions, each university or college invite representatives from the lay activities, Missionary Volunteer, and education departments of the union and local conferences to study the problems and to formulate a plan, preferably sponsored by the educational institution, whereby students will be involved in some type of Ingathering service participation.

2. That the Secretarial and Lay Activities departments of the General Conference be requested to send one of their leaders or arrange for a furloughing missionary to visit the institution, bringing the latest overseas report to the students.

3. That unions and local conferences reserve suitable territory for the exclusive use of the university or college in its Ingathering program.

4. That the Ingathering monies solicited by the faculty and students of such institutions apply on the institutional goal.

### Guidelines for Denominationally Owned Radio Stations

*We recommend*, The following objectives and guidelines for denominationally owned radio stations:

#### Objectives

1. To present a well-rounded picture of genuine Christianity in harmony with Seventh-day Adventist philosophy and teaching through balanced programming including music, educational features, and religious programs of general benefit to the campus and community.

2. To present the station's programs in a professional and ethical manner which will reflect the standards of the sponsoring institution and the church at large.

3. To provide experience for those involved in training in the fields of speech, communication, and evangelism.

4. To seek to lead persons in need nearer to God and the truth of His Word.

#### Guidelines

1. The station shall represent the denomination and the institution or organization as a whole and not one section of it, in order that a balanced image may be presented to the community.

2. All programming shall be in accord with the standards of the industry and in harmony with the policy of the government agency granting the license for its operation.

3. In programming for the community and in the training of personnel, the standards of the denomination with respect to music, drama, talk programs, interviews, opinion, news, comment, etc., shall be observed at all times.

4. Wherever possible religious programming shall be provided from denominational sources. Any deviation from this must receive the approval of the controlling board of the station.

5. Items of divisive controversy in the areas of Seventh-day Adventist organization, doctrine, policy, and standards shall not be aired over the station's facilities.

#### Controlling Board

1. A controlling board for the station shall be set up with one of the officers of the institution or organization as chairman.

2. This controlling board shall include the various sections of the institution or organization operating the station, as well as representation from the General Conference, division, union, or local radio-TV departments as may be deemed most applicable, and further local denominational representation interested in the prosperity of the station. In the case of a university or college, the board could include, apart from the chairman, representatives from the speech, theology, and music departments, the public relations office, the financial administration of the institution, the student association, station management, and the university or college church.

3. The controlling board should be appointed by the executive board or committee of the college, university, or other organization, and shall operate within the framework of policies determined in harmony with the guidelines for denominationally owned stations and in cooperation with the General Conference Radio-TV Department.

#### Training of Writers and Illustrators

Recognizing that there is a critical shortage of textbook writers and illustrators among us, and that the denomination has no program for the training and development of such resource personnel,

*We recommend*, 1. That the Review and Herald Publishing Association, the Pacific Press Publishing Association, and the Southern Publishing Association be invited to study and implement a plan whereby textbook writers, editors of juvenile supplementary materials, and illus-

trators be trained and given inservice experience.

2. That these gifted individuals be selected from the English and art departments of Seventh-day Adventist colleges and awarded scholarships which will aid them in personal expenses while working as interns in editorial and art departments of Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses during summer months.

3. That in other instances the scholarships be used by the college students for tuition as they work on special assignments in creative writing and book illustrations for these publishing houses.

#### Complimentary Subscriptions to *The Journal of Adventist Education*

*Voted*, That study be given by the respective committees to sending complimentary subscriptions to *The Journal of Adventist Education* to Seventh-day Adventist teachers in non-Seventh-day Adventist institutions of higher learning and that the expense be borne by the union and local conferences where these Adventist personnel in non-Adventist institutions are located.

#### Liberty Magazine Goal—1969

Because there are nearly one million officials and other leaders in North America who should be receiving *Liberty* magazine,

*We recommend*, That for 1969 the promotional goal for *Liberty* magazine be two subscriptions per member in North America.

#### Training Home Health Aides

WHEREAS, There appear to be substantial opportunities for self-supporting medical ministry by home health aides,

*We recommend*, 1. That conferences be encouraged to—

a. Engage qualified teachers to offer

programs for preparing home health aides in harmony with community needs.

b. Develop organizations and registries for motivation, inspiration, and direction of home health aides.

2. That our medical and educational institutions be encouraged to study ways of cooperating in providing such instruction.

3. That we request the General Conference to give study to the promotion and direction of this program in the North American Division.

#### Preschool Education

*We recommend*, That the General Conference, through the Department of Education, make the following provision for the development of a program of preschool education for the denomination where society makes it necessary for such early curricula to be launched:

1. That the program of preschool education shall be an integral part of the department of education of each conference and shall be fostered, controlled, and financed in the same way as the regular elementary education program.

2. That guidance personnel and teachers in education departments encourage suitable individuals to qualify as kindergarten and nursery school teachers.

3. That additional individuals be appointed to the Curriculum Revision Guidance Committee who will plan for the preschool education curriculum and the necessary materials for the prospective teachers of preschool children.

4. That the Department of Education establish standards for kindergarten and nursery school facilities, equipment, and the instruction to be given.

5. That standards of certification for teachers of preschool children be established by the Department of Education.

6. That the college deans and directors of teacher education in Seventh-day Ad-

ventist colleges and universities in the North American Division make provision immediately for specific courses which will aid teachers in training to be prepared for teaching preschool children.

7. That in addition to the kindergarten program, Seventh-day Adventist churches and/or institutions be encouraged to offer day-care centers where the numbers of working mothers make such feasible, and that these centers be staffed by trained teachers.

#### Home and Parent Education

*We recommend*, That home and parent education be given its proper emphasis by:

1. Encouraging our young people in college to take courses in family life, home economics, and behavioral science that will enable them to qualify as good homemakers.

2. Establishing an active Home and School Fellowship in every church.

3. Organizing at least one Home and Parent Study Group each year in each church.

4. Encouraging each family to subscribe to *The Adventist Home* magazine.

5. Preaching frequent sermons beamed to parents and homemakers.

6. Recommending that each union conference department of education organize Family Life Clinic teams to conduct weekend clinics in our churches on problems of family living and that these teams be made up of specialists (trained family counselors, teachers of behavioral science, physicians, and representatives of other disciplines as needed) and that the minimum time devoted to such clinics be a Friday evening and Sabbath.

#### Inner City Health and Welfare

In view of the rapid population growth of urban America, and recognizing the serious dimensions of the complex problems of the inner city,

*We recommend*, 1. That union and local conferences and churches recognize the great human needs of metropolitan areas as a call to apply Christian principles and Christian action.

2. That union conferences take the initiative in establishing an inner city committee for each of the larger urban centers of their territory, the membership to include regional conference and regional church representation.

3. That in at least one metropolis of each union there be developed with great urgency a model Health and Welfare Services center, operated with integrated staff and supported by all our churches of the city and its suburbs.

4. That in these centers and in other suitable locations, such as public and church buildings, a strong educational program be developed for preschool and school age children, and for adults, with emphasis on health and welfare education and vocational training.

5. That students in these classes be invited to participate in social gatherings and musical programs and to participate in Health and Welfare Service activities for the community.

6. That each church in metropolitan



#### Guests at Branson Hospital

Executive personnel of Loma Linda University and some of the university councilors were entertained at dinner at the North York Branson Hospital near Toronto, Canada, where the 1968 Autumn Council convened. They are pictured here at the hospital's main entrance. Branson Hospital's administrator, A. G. Rodgers, is in the front row near the center with hands clasped in front of him.



areas be encouraged to stockpile supplies for relief in disaster and civil disturbances.

7. That each conference and our larger church congregations give consideration to securing, equipping, identifying, and stocking supplies for emergency vehicles ready to bring immediate assistance to victims in disaster situations.

8. That training classes in disaster relief service be organized for our church membership in such areas as medical self-help and mass feeding, and that such classes be sponsored by the Health Department and the Department of Lay Activities.

9. That conferences and churches plan and work in close cooperation with one another and with other government and voluntary health and welfare agencies.

10. That these coordinating committees for the inner cities develop plans for reaching the millions of North America with the message of Christ which we believe is the ultimate solution to all problems.

## Fighting the Drug and Liquor Traffic

*We recommend,* 1. That an effort be made to urge civic leaders, organizations, and churches to demand curtailment of liquor outlets and to more vigorously prosecute the purveyors of drugs, especially to the youth of the cities, and that centers be set up by civic and community committees to make nonalcoholic drink readily available where youth can engage in wholesome and constructive activity.

2. That the Seventh-day Adventist Church in cooperation with the proposed project, provide an additional program through distribution of *Listen* magazine and other appropriate literature, films, lecture-programs, rallies, and personal contacts to bring positive information about alcohol and drugs to these cities.

## Enlarging Our Missionary Service Through Literature

*We recommend,* That the following methods be adopted and adapted in each community where we have a church, with the members organized and trained for service.

1. *Pocket Evangelism.* "Carry with you, wherever you go, a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity."—*Christian Service*, p. 151. Every man can dedicate a literature pocket and every woman can carry in her purse the small plastic tract holder secured from Book and Bible Houses.

2. *Tract Racks in Strategic Places.* Well-tended tract racks should be placed, as far as possible, in laundromats, barbershops, beauty parlors, physicians' and dentists' offices, bus stops, airports, and train stations, and other places where people are waiting and have time to read.

3. *Motels and Hotels.* Certain books are ideally adapted for motel and hotel rooms. *Your Bible and You* makes an ideal companion to the Gideon Bible found in nearly all motel and hotel rooms. At present nearly one million copies of *Your Bible and You* have been published. These already have done an outstanding work in motels. There are still millions of rooms in motels and hotels without our books.

This is a large door of opportunity open before us. It has been suggested that our publishing houses prepare a small, attractive cardboard stand for motel lobbies with an appropriate announcement.

4. *Revival of Literature Bands.* Revival of literature bands in all churches and the conducting of field days, especially on Sundays or holidays, to blanket an entire new suburb of our cities and each nearby unentered town or county.

5. *Revival of Mailing Bands.* To cooperate in the plan to reach each box holder in each dark county by mailing appropriate literature.

## Enlarged Magazine Ministry

*We recommend,* 1. That as a continuing response to the call to the church for total evangelism, the Publishing Department, beginning in 1969, accept the challenge of raising up one million new Seventh-day Adventist "pulpits" in the homes of people living in the North American Division by adding a minimum of 10 per cent each year to the circulation of all our missionary periodicals.

2. That we earnestly strive to achieve this proposed enlarged magazine program by—

a. Renewed emphasis on magazine circulation by publishing department leaders and literature evangelists in both single-copy and subscription sales.

b. Organizing church magazine selling teams of both youth and seniors.

c. Increasing church members' magazine subscriptions for missionary purposes.

d. Encouraging the pursuit of earn-it-



## Taiwan Adventists Aid Vietnamese Refugees

Employees of Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital recently aided Vietnam refugees. In response to Madame Chiang Kai-shek's public appeal to contribute clothing, they brought more than 100 pieces of new and used clothing. To this the Sung Shan church added 800 pieces and the hospital sent along six cases of tonic medicine. Madame Chiang Kai-shek sent her appreciation for the hospital's support of her campaign.

Two hospital workers, Treva Burgess and Jane Lee, are shown here with packages of clothing.

R. G. BURGESS, Manager  
Taiwan Sanitarium

yourself projects such as: welfare fund raising; Pathfinder projects; summer camp costs; Sabbath school Investment offering; church school scholarship programs; school class trips; school equipment.

## Adventist Books in University and College Bookstores

*We recommend,* 1. That college and university bookstores purchase direct from the publishing house all trade books at a discount of 20 per cent and textbooks at 10 per cent. An additional 2 per cent discount will be granted for cash in 30 days. The publishing house will credit the Book and Bible House for its commission on such sales.

2. That college and university bookstores shall not promote or solicit sales to churches or to our membership.

3. That Book and Bible Houses and their branches shall continue to serve all churches in their respective conferences, including all bulk orders from churches or groups.

4. That college and university bookstores shall use and sell the above-mentioned books at current retail prices within current publishing department policies.

## Temperance Commitment

*We recommend,* 1. That we reaffirm our dedication and commitment to the principle of temperance as a spiritual doctrine of self-control through Christ, with the individual separating from every form of intemperance, including the use of alcohol, tobacco, narcotics, and psychedelic drugs, and that we renew our resolve for a greater implementation of these truths to the church and the community.

2. That we re-emphasize and recommend to every church member committed to these principles a renewed emphasis on temperance membership and involvement through the International Temperance Association and American Temperance Society membership plan.

## Temperance at Camp Meetings

*We recommend,* 1. That temperance be highlighted at camp meetings as called for by the Spirit of Prophecy with invitations to prominent civic and temperance leaders to participate so as to learn of our ideals and activities.

2. That temperance activities at camp meetings include youth involvement with special meetings and tours planned to such places as narcotic centers, police headquarters, and hospitals.

3. That temperance displays be incorporated in our camp meeting programs and that special temperance demonstrations and film showings be arranged for both adult and youth divisions.

## Serving Students in Non-SDA Medical, Dental, and Paramedical Schools

*We recommend,* That we encourage union and local conference medical secretaries to develop and maintain close contact with Seventh-day Adventist students in non-Seventh-day Adventist medical, dental, and paramedical schools for the

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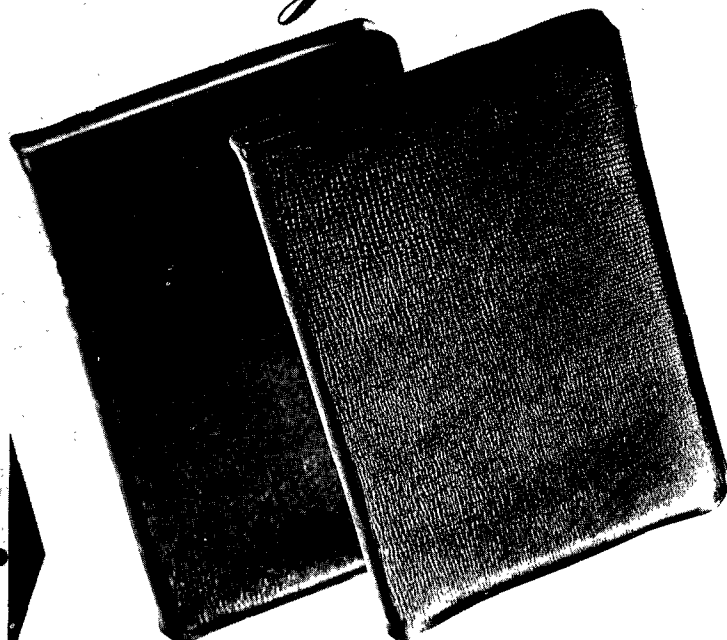
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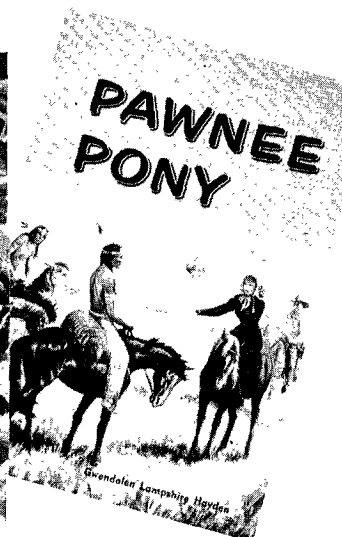


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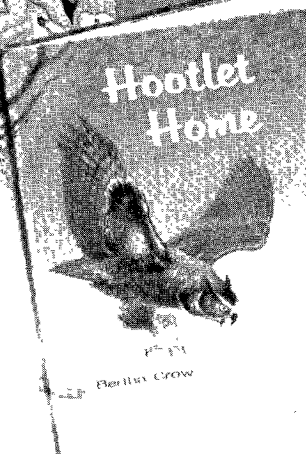
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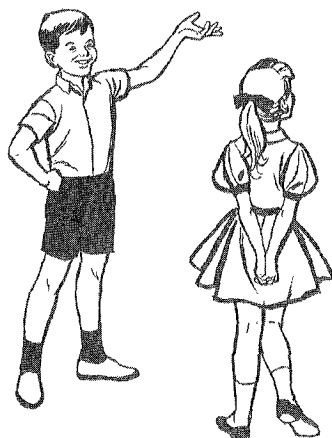
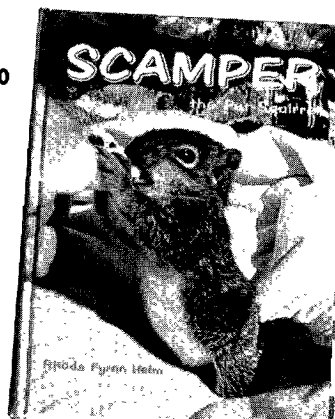
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## AUTUMN COUNCIL ACTIONS

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purpose of maintaining interest and enlisting their talents in the service of the church.

### Medical Evangelism in Large Cities

We recommend, 1. That the General Conference Department of Health, the Ministerial Association, and the Temperance Department, in consultation with the officers of the General Conference, study ways and means to strengthen and encourage the uniting of ministers and physicians in large-city evangelistic endeavor.

2. That at least one ministerial-medical team be developed within the North American Division as a means of immediately strengthening this work and of setting the pace for other teams to follow.

3. That Better Living Centers be established in appropriate and selected places with the understanding that where we now have Health and Welfare Centers these be utilized for this purpose, and that these centers strongly emphasize health education, disease prevention, the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, and give instruction in such areas as health and hygiene, nutrition and cooking, family and child health, first aid and home nursing, mental health, medical self-help in time of disaster, and Christian living.

### Cooking Schools and Instructors' Training

We recommend, 1. That each union conference in the North American Division be encouraged to make and implement plans to organize a team of food specialists to conduct cooking school instructors' workshops for ministers' wives and others prior to camp meetings or during workers' meetings.

2. That ministers' wives and others be encouraged to attend the cooking school instructors' five-day workshop held in their conference, and upon returning to their churches or districts, they organize cooking schools for the members of their areas.

3. That Loma Linda University be invited to sponsor a special dietetic seminar in 1969 and that one member of each union's food-specialists team be authorized to attend.

(Next week: General Resolutions)

## Church Calendar

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering  
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December 21

1969

Soul-winning Plans and Projects	January 4
Church Lay Activities Offering	January 4
Liberty Magazine Campaign	January 11-18
Religious Liberty Offering	January 18
GO Emphasis	January 25
Bible Evangelism Crusade	February 1
Church Lay Activities Offering	February 1
Faith for Today Offering	February 8
Christian Home and Family Altar Day	February 15
Christian Home Week	February 15-22
Listen Campaign	February 22
Visitation Evangelism	March 1

## Of Writers, Articles, and Miscellany...

Where but in *The Desire of Ages* could a single sentence be found that would so adequately, eloquently, and simply tell what happened at Christ's birth? The cover quotation, so beautiful in its understatement, is found on page 43. The rest of the paragraph reads: "Rude and forbidding were His earthly surroundings. His glory was veiled, that the majesty of His outward form might not become an object of attraction. He shunned all outward display. Riches, worldly honor, and human greatness can never save a soul from death; Jesus purposed that no attraction of an earthly nature should call men to His side. Only the beauty of heavenly truth must draw those who would follow Him. The character of the Messiah had long been foretold in prophecy, and He desired men to accept Him upon the testimony of the word of God."

Adlai A. Esteb, author of "Modern Man's Moral Predicament" (page 2), is probably best known for his books of verse, *Driftwood*, *Firewood*, *Sandalwood*, *Rosewood*, and *Scrapwood*. What isn't very well known is the fact that Elder Esteb holds a Ph.D. degree in religious

education from the University of Southern California, as well as an additional Master's degree from the University of California (Berkeley) in Chinese literature, with emphasis on the poetry of the Tang Dynasty.

Ordained at 21, Elder Esteb was probably one of the youngest men ever accepted into the ministry of the Adventist Church. He is in his seventeenth year as associate secretary of the GC Lay Activities Department.

For nine years Caroline Keeler has delighted her readers with the monthly column "Keeping House," in the women's pages. Mrs. Keeler's folksy descriptions of country living, her practical household hints, and her down-to-earth philosophy have brought nostalgic thoughts of a contented, unhurried, rural type of life we all would like to share.

With this month's column, Mrs. Keeler bids Review readers good-bye and invites them to stop and say hello should they ever be in the beautiful countryside of Branchport, New York.

Beginning in January, a new monthly column entitled "Today's Home" by Betty Holbrook will appear. Mrs. Holbrook will be introduced at that time.

We don't know how it happened, but in "From Home Base to Front Line" of the September 5 issue we incorrectly stated that Leland R. Shultz was to be a printer at the Adventist Press in Accra, Ghana. He was manager.

## Review and Herald

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# News of Note

## Far Eastern Appointments, University Plans Reported

The new president of the South Philippine Union Mission is M. M. Claveria, assistant auditor of the Far Eastern Division. He replaces V. M. Montalban, who is joining the General Conference staff as a field secretary.

Other developments in the Far East:

Walter Raranta, a departmental secretary, has been appointed secretary of the East Indonesia Union Mission.

Prospects appear favorable for the establishment of a Far Eastern Division university in the Philippines. [By cable.]

D. S. JOHNSON

## Secretary Named President of Central California

M. C. Torkelsen, executive secretary of the Central California Conference since 1967, was elected, November 25, as president to succeed Elmer Walde, who recently accepted the presidency of the North Pacific Union Conference.

Elder Torkelsen began his denominational service in North Dakota in 1950 and served in educational responsibilities in that State as well as in Colorado and Arizona before becoming educational secretary of the Central California Conference in 1963.

There are presently 17,735 Seventh-day Adventists meeting in 90 churches in Central California. [By Telex.]

W. D. WALTON

## European Adventists Active in Nigerian Relief Work

"Eight tons of high-protein foods and medicines were sent to Eastern Nigeria in October by Swedish SDA welfare societies. The Danish welfare societies have about

12 tons of high-protein foods and medicines ready for shipment. The British Union and South England Conference have just sent by surface transport 36 bales of clothing for refugees who are living in Togo."

Continuing, M. T. Battle, lay activities secretary of the Northern European Division, says: "The Adventist welfare service is one of the ten mutual-aid organizations affiliated with the International Committee of the Red Cross. This committee has invited me to attend a special conference in Geneva. The general secretaries of National Red Cross Societies who are rendering aid to Nigeria and the ambassadors from these respective countries will be in attendance at this important conference.

"We are now organizing relief groups for the present medical and surgical teams who are in Nigeria. Here in Northern Europe we are doing our utmost to aid and alleviate suffering and starvation. This has kept us very busy in recent weeks and months.

"We appreciate the demonstration of concern by Adventists around the world in the November 30 offering for Nigerian aid."

J. E. EDWARDS

## Mission in West Indies Achieves Conference Status

The Bahamas Mission of the West Indies Union Conference in the Inter-American Division was organized into a conference during its business session November 14-18. The meeting was held in the Centreville church in Nassau, Bahamas.

Delegates elected S. N. McKinney president of the conference. He has been mission president for the past four years. N. E. Scavella was named secretary-treasurer.

The work of the church began in these small islands off the coast of Florida 73 years ago. The membership has steadily

grown, even though the population is small, until there are now about 1,800 members.

In the last four-year period the tithe gain has been 75 per cent and mission offerings gain 154 per cent. Considering the growth in membership and the growing financial strength of the mission, the West Indies Union Conference and the Inter-American Division committees approved the recommendation of a survey committee favoring the organization of this field into a conference.

H. D. SINGLETON

## Foreign-Language Workers to Meet in Denver Next May

The North American Missions Committee (NAMCO) is planning for a national convention to convene in Denver, Colorado, May 13-17, 1969.

Foreign-language workers of the division will be invited to attend these meetings. Special study will be given to foreign-language evangelism, including evangelism for the deaf, the Indians, and the Eskimos.

CARIS H. LAUDA

## Clyde Harris Dies Suddenly; Donor of Harris Pine Mills

Clyde Harris who, with his wife, Mary, donated Harris Pine Mills to the denomination 17 years ago, died suddenly at Pendleton, Oregon, November 28. He was 78.

Funeral services were held December 2 in the Pendleton church and at the graveside at Milton, Oregon. Participating in the services were W. J. Hackett, R. R. Figuhr, C. J. Nagele, and F. G. Roper.

We extend deepest sympathy to Sister Harris in the loss of her companion.

## N.A. Ingathering Report—1

As of November 27: \$2,468,646. This first-week report is about \$400,000 ahead of last year's. Last year's campaign total: \$6,608,000.

Four regional conferences have made significant gains over last year, and a total of 31 conferences are ahead of their last year's figure for this date.

Alabama-Mississippi and Carolina have exceeded their Vanguard goal.

To date 6,935 requests for literature or Bible courses have been received, as compared with more than 9,000 last year. The Alberta Conference reports that three persons visited by Ingathering solicitors last year have now become members of the church.

## IN BRIEF

✦ At the South American Division year-end council Walter J. Streithorst, president of the North Brazil Union, was elected president of the East Brazil Union; and Joao Wolff, president of the Paraná Conference of South Brazil, was elected president of the North Brazil Union. [By amateur radio.]

## First SDA Expedition to Be Reported in "Review" Soon

By undertaking the excavation of an ancient Biblical site, the city of Heshbon, Seventh-day Adventists have taken a giant step forward in their Biblical research. Sponsored by Andrews University and under the direction of Siegfried H. Horn, professor of archeology and history of antiquity at the university, a staff of 42 this past summer conducted its first season's operation on the ancient mound, which is situated near Amman, the present capital of Jordan.

In a series of five articles by Dr. Horn, beginning in the January 2, 1969, issue, *Review* readers will be given a firsthand account of this first archeological expedition ever undertaken by a Seventh-day Adventist institution. Denominational history was made this past summer.

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