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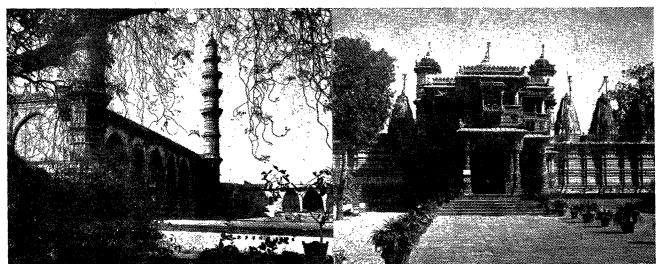
Prohibition Camp Welcomes Dr. Senseman

Upon his arrival in Ahmedabad for a one-day visit, Advocate P. B. Patwari by CECIL B. GUILD welcomed Dr. L. A. Senseman in the traditional Indian way.

R. LAURENCE A. SENSE-MAN was the guest of

an All India Prohibition Workers' Training Camp at Ahmedabad. honour, February 11, at In speaking to the audience, Dr.

Senseman mentioned the three A's that give trouble in industrial To page 4



Two interesting sights of Ahmedabad are the 53-spired white marble Jain temple in the Shah Alam Mausoleum.



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Speak unto the People



"And the Lord said . . . speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward" (Exodus 14:15).

Dear Children of God,

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

Frequently, when referring to this text, we emphasize the word "first." Another equally important emphasis, the first emphasis, in fact, is: "But seek ye first." There should be action on our part if we are to expect-God's blessings.

When Moses was called to deliver Israel, he recognized his own inadequacy. He was troubled lest he not measure up to the magnitude of the task ahead. This did not lead to inaction. Instead Moses put forth earnest effort to efficiently accomplish his sacred mission.

Moses would never have measured up to the challenge given him had he not sought diligently to work out solutions to the problems which he faced. This was not a denial of faith or of trust in God. Had Moses remained in prayer and mystical contemplation of the burning bush and the miraculous deliverance, God might have had to choose another to lead His people. God needed a man of action.

Light from heaven, as also the outpouring of the power of God, cannot be expected by His servants unless and until they diligently seek to measure up to God's expectation. A difficult task is never accomplished by the contemplation of it. The promise of inspiration and power must be accompanied by action with faith that the necessary strength and wisdom shall be given. It is only those who seek who may expect to find!

Too often, as God's followers, we remain somewhat childish in our expectations. We sit back, as it were, looking for something miraculous to take place as though we expected a "helping hand" in the overcoming of every obstacle regardless of the fact that we have not stirred ourselves.

"Unless we exert to the utmost the powers which He has given us, we shall ever remain weak and inefficient. Much prayer and the most vigorous exercise of the mind are necessary if we would be prepared to do the work which God would entrust to us. Many never attain to the position they might occupy because they wait for God to do for them that which He has given them power to do for themselves."—Testimonies, vol. 4, p. 611.

We are bound to face many obstacles. However, let this along with the Lord's promise to be with us to the end, only serve to strengthen our determination to go forward in faith, expecting to accomplish the tasks assigned to us through the spirit and power of the Lord.

Roscoe S. Lowry, President

CHURCH CALENDAR 1971

April 3* Bible in the Home Evangelism
(4) SMC Lay Student Aid April 10 Offering April 24 Stewardship Day May 1* Health and Welfare Evangelism May 8 (4) Disaster and Famine Kelief Offering May 15 June 5* Spirit of Prophecy Day Visitation Evangelism June 19 (1) Communion Service and Poor Fund Offering July 3* July 1-31 MV Evangelism Day MV Evangelism Month

(3) Bible Society Offering

MV Week of Prayer

(1) MV Offering

OUR TIMES Evangelism Day July 10 July 17-24 July 24 August 7* August 1-31 OUR TIMES Subscription Campaign September 4* VOP Visitation Evangelism September 1-30 VOP Evangelism Month

Sept. 11 (4) Mission Extension Offering
REVIEW AND HERALD Campaign
Sept. 18 (1) Communion Service and
Poor Fund Offering
Oct. 2* Neighbourhood Evangelism Day
October 2-8 Health Emphasis Week
October 9 Sabbath School Visitors' Day
Oct, 16 Literature Evangelist Rally Day
Oct. 23 (3) Temperance Day Offering
October 30-Nov. 6 Week of Prayer
Nov. 6 (4) Annual Sacrifice Offering
November 13 (1) Church Lay Activities

November 20
December 4*
Dec. 11
December 18

(1)
December 18

Offering

JMV Pathfinders' Day

Lay Trophy Day

Commitment Day

(1)
Communion Service

and Poor Fund Offering

*On the first Sabbath of each month the offering is for the Lay Activities Department of the church (except in November 1971).

The number against the offering indicates where it goes: (1) Local Church; (2) Section; (3) Union; (4) Division.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS
March 27
June 26
September 25
December 25
December 25
Australasian Division
Afro-Mideast Division
Trans-Africa Division
Far Eastern Division

• The time for the Division Quadrennial Council and pre-session meetings is revised as follows:

Ministerial Council—Feb. 16 to 19, 1972.

Departmental councils — Feb. 20 to 21.

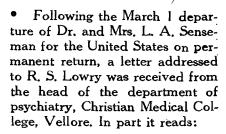
Quadrennial Council—Feb. 21 evening to Feb. 26.

The dates for the 1971 yearend Division committee will remain Dec. 6 and 7. Union budget meetings will be held during the remaining portion of December.

• The mid-year 1971 Division General Body Session date is set for June 29 and 30.

Poona

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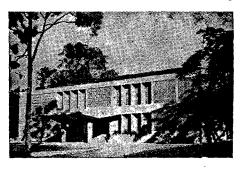
"I wish to write a few lines in appreciation of the contribution made by Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Senseman to our department during their one and a half year stay here. . . . The staff greatly appreciate the way Dr. Senseman adjusted to this entirely new environment and the type of work and patients. . . . Dr. Senseman contributed much in the way of teaching both the staff and the students. The Mental Health Centre will really miss him.

"We are thankful to the Seventh-day Adventist Mission in making it possible for Dr. and Mrs. Senseman to work in the Vellore Mental Health Centre." Signed: Dr. Rose Chacko.

Members of the special educational survey team, which visited Southern Asia February 4 to 24, took part in speaking appointments at Salisbury Park the week-end of Feb. 19 and 20.

Dr. C. B. Hirsch, secretary, General Conference department of education, speaking at the Friday evening MV service, told of the 4,500 school Seventh-day Adventist educational network with nearly 400-thousand students.

Starting with the largest unit, Loma Linda University with eight schools, he also told of the school in South America where students attend its floating classrooms by boat, and the highest unit at Lake Titicaca in the high Andes. It costs U.S.\$90 per minute to run the Seventh-day Adventist educational



programme, said Dr. Hirsch.

Speaking from Romans 13:11 at the Sabbath morning worship hour, V. Edward Garber, vice-president for financial affairs, Andrews University, emphasized the word now. It is now that we are to be the light of the Lord. Ephesians 5:8. A now Christian is one whose life is controlled by the Holy Spirit. The time is soon coming when what we now are will be eternally fixed.

Pastor Garber brought courage from the religious revival which is taking place at Andrews Univercity to have others believe that when we speak of perfection and sanctification we are not speaking of something in the future but something that can take place in Christ now.

A special Sabbath afternoon meeting was called to hear Dr. Rudolf Klimes, president, Japan Missionary College, tell of his experiences. Dr. Klimes was born in Czechoslovakia and lived there during the German occupation. His family were wealthy people but they left their homeland with one suitcase after Russian influence extended to that country. Experiencing the hardship and inconvenience of fleeing refugees, the family eventually arrived in Canada. Here they started life anew. It was in Canada that Dr. Klimes became a Seventh-day Adventist. He entered denominational employ at the invitation of B. H. Stickle. This beginning led him to mission service in Singapore, Bangkok, Indonesia, the Philippines, Korea and currently in Japan, Dr. Klimes studied at Kingsway College, Oshawa, and Walla Walla College, in Washington State. He took his Ph.D. at Indiana University.



All India prohibition leaders and visitors were happy to have their picture taken with Dr.

Senseman during his one-day visit to Ahmedabad.

The poster represented Gandhiji as saying, "If I were allowed to rule India as a dictator for one hour, the first thing I would do is to close down all the wine shops without paying any compensation."

Prohibition Camp

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America. They are: Alcoholism, Absenteeism and Accidents. These three A's are inter-related, he said.

From his vast experience and research Dr. Senseman stated that alcoholism is now the No. 1 health problem in America. It is

also the country's largest mental health problem. Dr. Senseman asked the question, When a drug is fatal in one or two cases, we withdraw it. Why don't we do it with alcohol? He said that atheism, materialism, racialism and alcoholism has caused the downfall of 19 out of 21 civilizations.

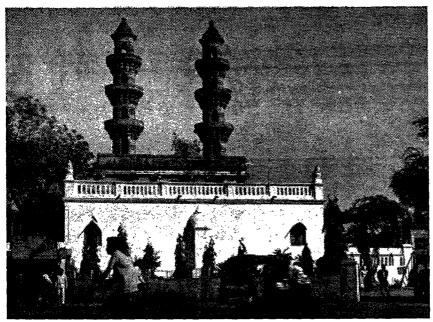
In the United States, Dr. Sense-

Leaders in the Prohibition Workers' Training Camp included, from left, Justice Tek Chand, chairman, Study Team on Prohibition, Smt. Indumatiben Chimalal, president, Nashabandhi Mandal, Gujarat; Advocate Prabhudas B. Patwari, chairman, All India Prohibition Workers' Training Camp; Shri Vithalbhai Patel, director, Prohibition and Excise, Government of Gujarat. Translating for Dr. L. A. Senseman at stand is Shri P. B. Joshi, deputy director of prohibition, Gujarat.

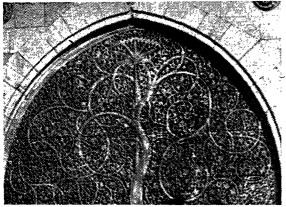
man was chairman of a commission in the State of Rhode Island to include information regarding the dangers of alcoholic beverages in school textbooks. But he said that mere information in textbooks cannot be expected to do what the church and home must do. There is evidence of this fact in that in a hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, which treats drug addicts, ten patients are doctors or nurses to one who is not. This shows that facts on drugs do not help members of the medical group. These facts, however, continued Dr. Senseman, should be included in many subjects such as science, driver-training, physiology, hygiene and civics.

Dr. Senseman clearly indicated that, in the medical profession, there is no excuse for the prescription of alcohol, for alcohol is neither a medicine nor a food.

The All India Workers' Training Camp met, February 6 to 12. It was organized by the All India Prohibition Council under the auspices of Nashabandhi Mandal, Gujarat, About sixty delegates were in attendance from twelve states, numbering some as far distant as Jowai, Assam. Members came from leading government workers, including some members the legislative assembly. Seventh-day Adventists attended the camp, Feb. 10 and 11, were the only Christian group represented.



The shaking minarets are a unique feature of Ahmedabad's ancient architecture. Vibration in one minaret is reflected in the other.



A high point in Gujarat is this stone carving in a mosque.

Senseman skilfully fielded questions on prohibition. Contrary to expectation, almost a full compliment of press corps attended this conference.

The case against tobacco was also introduced. This came at an evening showing in the medical college auditorium of the two films, One in 20,000 and Verdict at 1:32. These films were well received.

Kindness of the hosts included well-prepared and tasty vegetarian meals, one of which was served at the circuit house. This is the building where Mahatma Gandhi's trial was held. The hosts arranged special sight-seeing tours, taking in a visit to Mahatma Gandhi's Ashram from where the famous salt march to the sea was started. Other interesting sights of Ahmedabad, which in olden days was one of the finest cities in India, where shown on a special tour for the Poona visitors.

Gilbert Jacob, local Seventhday Adventist representative, was invited to sit with the planning committee and work with the prohibition workers in Ahmedabad.

 Australian students Ronald Lawson and Gregory Mann, en route to the United States and England respectively, spent the week-end of March 13 in Poona

In his characteristic manner, James exhorted the Sunderai delegates to zeal in their endeavours. John M. Fowler presented a paper on The Case for Prohibition, and, at the invitation of the planning committee, the writer gave a paper on Liquor and the Bible, giving a brief history of temperance work among Seventhday Adventists and a statement the present temperance organization.

At a lively press conference Advocate Prabhudas Patwari, chairman, All India Prohibition Workers' Training Camp, briefed newsmen on the purpose of the camp. Justice Tek Chand, chairman, Commission on the Effect of Prohibition in India, and Dr.



The audience displayed great interest in Dr. Senseman's presentation of facts.



Prizes for the highest sale of regious literature went to two Northeast students: K. A. Shimray, shown here, and Paisho Shimray. Their sales were respectively: Rs. 5,573 and Rs. 3,054.

J. TITO and M. D. Joseph took honours for the highest student literature sales in the Southern Asia Division and were presented awards at the time of the annual student literature evangelist banquet held the evening of Feb. 14 at the Spicer Memorial College cafeteria. This banquet climaxed



A. J. Tito and M. D. Joseph had the highest 1970 sales.

Top Student LE's Take Trophies

a long week-end institute in preparation for the coming vacation. Ninety Spicer students attended the institute. J. M. Curnow was assisted in instruction by India's union publishing

department secretaries: M. C. Lall, Northern Union; A. I. John, Central India; and D. Raju, South India Union.

As master of ceremonies, John M. Fowler recalled that twelve



These students earned super scholarships.

From left to right, they are: M. R. Satyavadi, M. D. Joseph, F. Sangliana, Lalchandsanga, Paisho Shimray, Leona Lyngdoh.



Nine students earned full scholarships to Spicer Memoral College. They are, from left: Edwards P. Sam, A. J. Tito, V. S. Ebenezer, K. Jones, Kwarson Ryngki, W. Dkhar, S. M. Joseph, Calvin Joshua, D. Prabhakar.



J. M. Curnow and A. J. Johanson congratulate M. D. Joseph (Rs. 3,146), Lalchandsanga (Rs. 2,229) and F. Sanglina (Rs. 2,229) for being the students with the highest credit to their accounts.

years ago he was among those receiving awards at a banquet of this kind. In his welcome, M. Amirtham carried his thoughts back to 1931 when his father purchased Daniel and the Revelation on the instalment basis. This was his father's first contact with Seventh-day Adventists.

Ninety-eight college students and 40 high school students

joined the literature ministry during the 1970 vacation period. These students sold a total of Rs. 331,985 worth of literature. Forty-three scholarships were earned.

Twenty-three-year-old Leona Lyngdoh, the only girl from Spicer who canvasses, finds her only source of funds for a Christian education is through



A. J. Johanson presents M. D. Joseph with an award for being the only student to receive a double scholarship.

literature evangelism. Each vacation period Leona is back in her home territory of Assam. During the four vacations that she has canvassed, Leona has earned three super scholarships.

Leona recalls that at the end of one vacation period when it was time for her to return to Spicer, her total credit was not enough for a scholarship. With no other means of support, Leona

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Leona Lyngdoh, Johnson Mall and Samuel Margee were rewarded for having the highest percentage of sales as credit: 41 per cent, 45 per cent and 41 per cent respectively.



India Union publishing department secretaries, D. Raju, South India, M. C. Lall, Northern Union, and A. I. John, Central Union, assisted in the February 11 to 14 literature evangelist institute at Spicer.

QUARTERLY STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN AS

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Our Unions Report



75 Central Union Workers Unite in Council

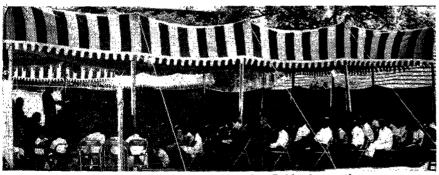
in Hyderabad, capital of Andhra Pradesh, and India's fifth largest Seventy-five workers included union and section officers and departmental secretaries, hospital and school representatives,

Veteran G. Isaiah translates for Dr. Lowry.

unionwide workers' meet- the Division. ing was held, February 24 to 27,

HE FIRST Central India pastor-evangelists and five from

In opening the well-arranged



Local members joined workers for Sabbath meeting.



These were in attendance at Central India Union's first workers' meetings.

programme, V. D. Ohal, union secretary, said. "We are facing the largest task, the strongest competition, the deepest need, and the shortest time. But we still have the greatest message this world has ever heard. We have the greatest evangelistic opportunity of this age and the greatest means to preach this message."

V. P. Muthiah, union president, announced that the union had reached and surpassed its Rs. 150,000 Ingathering goal. Then from a pulpit in the form of a cross, he spoke searchingly of how the cross cost God everything but also gives us our only hope.

Reports were given from each department and the three local sections. In Andhra Section Narsapur students held a youth effort using 50 Bibles, 50 baptismal manuals and one thousand Voice of Prophecy cards: a shepherd gave sheep worth Rs. 2,000 toward building a church near Nellore: a non-Christian promised Rs. 1,000 toward building a church, reported P. S. Prasada Rao.

Sharad Pandit, from North Maharashtra Section, reported a new day of interest among wellplaced people, including a B.Sc., a retired D.S.P., a high school principal, a lady doctor, medical students and a corporation manager. Man has limitations, said Pastor Pandit, but the message has no limits.

S. B. Gaikwad, of South Maharashtra, announced a baptismal goal far beyond previous accomplishments. Ninety per cent of baptisms are by the help of laymen, he said.

Gilbert Jacob, from faraway Ahmedabad, has twelve to eighteen persons attending Sabbath meetings. With 50.000 Christians in Ahmedabad, he sees no reason why Adventists should not have a goodly number of members in that city and he appealed for more evangelistic help.

In the stewardship hour, O. B. Jonathan, Andhra Section



Telugu workers were happy to hear a group of Maharashtrian singers.



The well-known Telugu aptness in song was well illustrated when this group sang during the Sabbath school hour.



Gilbert Jacob sang, "O Mighty God, How Great Thou Art."

stewardship secretary, told how he was invited to attend a Methodist conference on stewardship. With only 15 minutes allotted to him, the following dialogue took place:

Question: Why do you believe in tithe?

Answer: Abraham and Jacob paid tithe.

Question: Can you show examples in the New Testament of those who paid tithe?

Answer: Jesus said, "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matthew 23:23).

Question: Does the Bible com-

mand tithe-paying?

Answer: Malachi 3:8-10 exhorts, "Bring ye all the tithes." This same text says that those who do not pay tithe are robbing God.

Question: When members do not pay tithe, what is to be done?

Answer: God blesses faithfulness but He brings a curse upon

those who do not pay tithe. In my younger days I sold ten fowls for Rs. 120. At that time my children needed clothing so instead of paying my tithe, I used the entire amount for clothing. Three days later I fell sick. My illness cost me Rs. 120. This experience taught me to be faithful



I. James was ordained Sabbath, Feb. 27. After a sermon by W. H. Mattison, the ordination prayer was offered by R. S. Lowry. V. P. Muthiah gave the charge and P. S. Prasada Rao the welcome to the ministry. Mrs. James stands with her husband.

in paying my tithe.

Question: How do you make your people pay tithe?

Answer: When people are truly converted they will be honest with God and will pay their tithe.



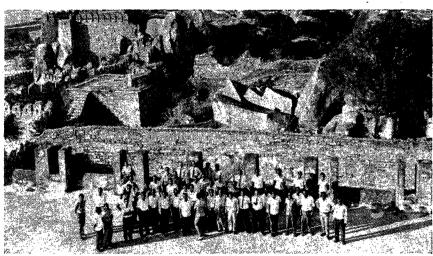
on tithe.

In a lay activities programme M. D. Moses said, "If all the people in the Central India Union were divided equally among two hundred workers, each worker would have a parish of 750,000 people. If evangelism took place at the rate of 60 per year for each worker, it would take 12,500 years to finish the work. But with the help of 14,360 laymen winning one each per year, the work can be finished in a few years.

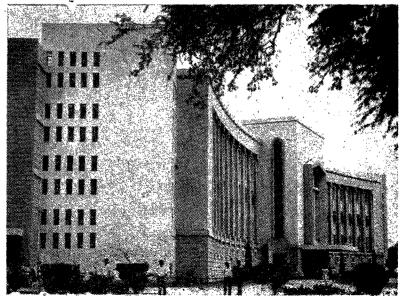
Unlike many of those who attended the gathering, M. D. Moses, from the first, was well able to call every person in attendance by name. Others fulfilled



The ladies in attendance joined in serving lovely meals to 75 hungry guests. Left to right: Mrs. J. V. Prasada Rao, Mrs. I. James, Mrs. V. P Muthiah, O. B. Jonathan answers questions Mrs. G. S. Nelson, Mrs. P. S. Prasada Rao, Mrs. Devaprasad, Miss Ch. Estherani and Miss Ch. B. Sarojini.



The Feb. 25 afternoon trip included a guided tour of Golconda Fort.



Two bus loads of workers visited Salar Jung museum with its art collection, including the famous "Veiled Rebecca" in stone and a 120-year-old clock.

the stated partial objective of the meeting by becoming much better acquainted with their fellow workers whom they had only known by name before.

Sabbath afternoon Injety James, Narsapur High School preceptor and Bible teacher, was ordained to the gospel ministry. Bro. James comes from Lakkavaram where his father was one of the first Seventh-day Adventists and a charter member of the church there. After intermittent field and school work, Pastor James graduated from Spicer Memorial College in the class of 1970.

A unanimous note sounded through devotional exercises that in an overwhelming population of some 150 million people, but with ample methods, the work can be finished when Jesus is fully represented in the lives of each one of His people.

-Cecil B. Guild

Adventists Attend

Methodist Institute

NE HUNDRED delegates attending the Methodist Stewardship Institute sat spellbound as Seventh-day Adventists explained their method of church finance. In response to the invitation for Adventist representation at the institute S. John, treasurer South India Union, Monickam Thavesmony and O. B. Jonathan, stewardship secretaries, Tamil and Andhra sections respectively, and the writer, accepted. The institute was held at the Methodist Mission compound, February 16 to 19, at Vikarabad.

Seventh-day Adventists were given a special welcome to the conference by Rev. A. T. George, District Superintendent of Vikarabad, Bishop Mitchel, chairman of the institute, and Bishop Sundaram. Throughout the institute Adventists were treated like VIP'S.

Guest speakers at the conference included Dr. Lott from the United States and Rev. Paul Wagner from Nepal. The main topic for discussion was how to make the churches self-supporting. We found these people believe in tithing but very few practise it. Seventh-day Adventists were given one hour during the institute to tell about Adventist principles and the way our funds are raised.

The writer spoke on the subject, Who Are Seventh-day Adventists? What Do They Believe and Teach? S. John continued with Offerings. O. B. Jonathan concluded the hour by explaining Why and How We Teach Our Members to Pay Tithe.

During the institute we four Adventists stayed with Dr. Rupersen who is all praises for Spicer Memorial College since he attended the Christian Medical Association Conference held there last October. In his library Dr. Rupersen has two thousand rupees worth of Adventist literature. I am almost a Seventh-day Adventist, he confessed.

The cafeteria arrangement for the institute was excellent. Food and lodging for the four days totalled Rs. 27 each.

Vikarabad is a small railway station on the Bombay-Hyderabad line, about 44 miles from Hyderabad. Everything seems to be bad, true to the end of its name, except the Methodist Mission compound. This small township, as someone said, had at one time, and perhaps has even now, more drunkards than any other part of Andhra Pradesh. Dusty roads, rocky ground, dry and arid terrain add to the badness of the place.

However, the pioneers of the Methodist Mission, for some good reason, chose this place to establish their work. The extent of the mission property is 80 acres. They have a high school, a hospital, rural development centre and a workshop.

This place is the headquarters of the Hyderabad Conference which has a membership of 160, 000. The other conference is known as South India Conference and has a membership of 120, 000. Each conference is divided into six or seven districts. Each district is headed by a district superintendent. Above them is a bishop. There are four bishops in the whole of India.

All of the workers and leaders are provided with free, well furnished houses.

-M. D. Kodan

Narsapur Boys Evangelize Village

WENTY Narsapur High School boys, mostly from the upper standards, took time from their school programme, during the fore-part of 1971, to conduct a youth series of evangelistic meetings at Sitarampuram. This village is about two miles from the school compound.

Months before the holding of

a youth effort was thought of by the school administration, Dean of Boys, I. James, helped these young men make up sermon outlines. Each of the twenty boys mastered one subject.

M. D. Moses, former principal of Narsapur High School, inaugurated the series of meetings. To an audience of four hundred people, Pastor Moses explained their need of Christ, the Saviour of the world. Night after night, the boys, in well-chosen words, presented the cardinal doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist church. At the end of each lecture, Pastor James summarized the message of the evening.

The twenty meetings drew an average attendance of one hundred adults and fifty children. The children loved the pictures which were shown and the Christian songs which they learned to sing. Many parents are proud of the songs which their children can now sing. And a headmaster of near-by Telugu elementary school says that he does not begin his school programme for the day without first asking his students to sing one or two of the songs which they have learned at the Seventh-day Adventist meetings.

At the concluding meeting, held Feb. 16, Pastor James asked, by a show of hands, how many would like to take their stand for Christ. In response to this appeal, fifteen adults raised their hands. This interest in Bible truth, begun by 20 young men, is now being followed up by members of the staff who are holding two meetings each week at Sitarampuram.

-K. Bhaskara Rao, principal.

Narsapur High School

Eleven Lasalgaon Students Are Baptized

School students were baptized at the close of the Feb. 17 to 20 Week of Prayer. Two of the 11 students are children of non-Adventist but Christian parents. The Christian influence of the teachers and the year-around bap-

tismal class prepared the way for this good baptismal service.

The Lasalgaon chapel seats one hundred students conveniently. All of these seats were filled for the Week of Prayer meetings. In addition students sat on the rostrum and in adjoining rooms, Although the students who attend Lasalgaon High School largely come from Seventh-day Adventist homes, still there is a liberal sprinkling of non-Christian students among the group there. During this Week of Prayer many of the non-Christian students testified of their faith in Jesus and expressed their determination to follow Him openly. Practically all in attendance responded to the call of complete dedication at the Feb. 20 morning service.

Principal R. S. Shinge and H. J. Jump, headmaster and church pastor, were a source of encouragement to the speaker.

-S. James

Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Lowry visited Lasalgaon High School, February 8. During this one-day visit the Lowrys recalled the early '40's when they served Lasalgaon as principal and food matron respectively. At that time R. S. Shinge, now principal, was one of their students. During their stay in Lasalgaon Dr. Lowry, V. P. Muthiah and V. D. Ohal studied with school leaders plans and placement of future buildings and the need of a more adequate water supply. The students presented an evening cultural programme.

-J. John Wycliffe, reporting



Pathfinder Training Courses Are Held

SEVENTY-THREE Pathfinder Staff Training Course certificates were issued in courses conducted in three South India Union centres during February. These trainees returned to their respective fields determined to start Pathfinder clubs in their various churches.

W. R. Samraj, secretary, MV department for the Tamil Section, S. G. David, South India Union MV secretary, and the writer led out in instruction in the Pathfinder Staff Training Course held February 17 and 18, at the Madras English Church, Delegates came from as far away as Pondicherry. Altogether 14 completed the course.

The same instructors moved on to E. D. Thomas Memorial High School to conduct the same course there. Here delegates came from Prakasapuram, Pallainappapuram and Madurai. Several high school students along with selected staff members made up the group. Twenty-two delegates received certificates.

S. G. David and the writer left Tanjore on Feb. 21 for Kottara-Kerala. Unfortunately kara. Pastor David was admitted to hospital in Quilon before reaching Kottarakara. K. P. Philip, secretary, MV department, Kerala Section, assisted in conducting the class at Kottarakara from February 22 to 24, Delegates from all parts of Kerala were joined by a large group of students and several staff members. A total of 37 completed the course at Kottarakara.

An MV Leadercraft Course was conducted, Feb. 26 to 28, for the young people of the Bangalore Central Church. Here 22 teachers and senior youth completed the course. G. G. Isaiah joined S. G. David and the writer in giving instruction. At the closing meeting all stood in rededication to the task of leading out to finish the gospel commission in this generation.

—W. J. McHenry

• D. S. David, Janet Calebs and D. R. Watts attended the All India Vegetarian Convention held, Feb. 5 and 7, at Bangalore. In a 15-minute speech Pastor Watts outlined God's original diet for man and indicated the result to man of eating flesh, even of clean animals, after the flood. His an-

nouncement that Seventh-day Adventists serve a vegetarian diet in hospitals and educational institutions operating in 192 countries met with spontaneous applause. Pastor Watts pictured the Christian's heaven as a place where even the wild animals will eat a vegetarian diet. Convention leaders said that when they go travelling they look for Adventist institutions to find vegetarian food. One said, "Your people are among our strongest supporters."

-Janet Calebs, reporting

- Tamil Nadu's father and son evangelistic team, A. Dason and Y. Asirvatham, witnessed the baptism of 142 people during 1970.
- One hundred seven people are now members of the Seventh-day Adventist church in and around Nazareth as a result of the work of John Willmott, ministerial secretary of the Tamil Section, and his team. These new believers worship in a beautiful and suitable building which is purchased at a cost of Rs. 15,000.
- Two new self-supporting schools, opened during the second quarter of 1971, operate without any financial obligation to the Tamil Section. The schools are at Gudunagar and Kadayanallur.
- John Robert and his team opened new work in a village near Gudiyatham which resulted in the baptism of 35 people during 1970. One of the new believers is willing to give an acre of fertile land on which to build a church.
- Thirty-one people are baptized following meetings held in two villages near Puliangudi. The meetings were conducted by S. Monickam and his school staff.
- Layman Jebamoni and D. P. Thomas won 43 people in the Kovilpatty area in 1970. And in this area two new Seventh-day Adventist churches are built and dedicated,
- Layman Selvanayagam wants to work full time for the Lord. So he resigned from government employ. In 1970 he and S. Isaac won 41 people for Christ in the Dindugal area, Here also a church

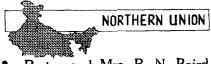
is built and recently dedicated.

 Forty-three tamilies are interested in the Bible as a result of a three-month series of meetings held in the Nagercoil area by Laymen Joseph and Singh.

-V. D. Edward, reporting

- Three hundred parents and friends attended the sixth anniversary programme held, February 22, at the Tiruvella English School, Kerala. P. I. Thomas, headmaster, Kottarakara High School, was the master of ceremonies. P. E. Cooper, principal, Kottarakara High School, was the guest speaker. Following speeches and special musical items by the students, various prizes were awarded.
- A new dining hall was opened, Feb. 23, at the Seventh-day Adventist High School, Madras. This dining hall is built to accommodate the Christian Children's Fund children who attend the Madras S.D.A. High School, Dr. I. D. Higgins, president, South India Union, and V. D. Edward, president, Tamil Section, were present for this occasion.
- In connection with his visit to Kottarakara High School, W. J. McHenry, on Feb. 23, spoke to members of three Adventist companies not far from the Kottarakara school. Most of the members of the three groups are young people who have been won to Christ by the youth of Kottarakara High School. The meeting shed in which they worship was built by a member on a plot of land donated by another member.

-W. J. McHenry, reporting



- Pastor and Mrs. R. N. Baird arrived in Calcutta, Feb. 11, returning from furlough. Pastor Baird continues as president of the Assam Section.
- From Calcutta, W. G. Jenson writes, "We now have about Rs. 29,500 in Ingathering with the prospect of going well over our Rs. 30,000 goal. . . . We are beginning Bengali meetings this

coming Sabbath [March 6]. These we will hold regularly on Sabbath afternoon.

Student LE's Take Trophies

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took her problem to the Lord. A triend suggested the name of a well-to-do man for Leona to visit. The rain was falling as the monsoon had come. Although money was precious Leona took a taxi and went with her books to visit this non-Christian man whose business was in the bazaar. Grateful to find him at his shop, Leona showed him a Bible Story set, Modern Medical Counselor, a Bedtime Story set and Herald of Health magazine. To her great joy the man bought everything she had. I will not have time to read all of this until I retire, the man said. To Leona this made no difference. Her prayers were answered and she returned to Spicer on time.

At Spicer, Leona is an elementary education major. She is the only Adventist in her family.

M. D. Joseph, from Andhra, is also the only Adventist in his family. When a student in Narsapur High School, Bro. Joseph earned a scholarship each vacation period but now that he is in college he does even better. During the 1970 vacation period he earned the only double scholarship, had the highest credit and came second in total sales. Bro. Joseph has attended Adventist schools for 11 years.

A. J. Tito, who came highest in sales during the 1970 summer vacation, is from Kerala. Bro. Tito has only been a Seventh-day Adventist for two years but in two vacation periods he has earned two scholarships. With a religious philosophy major, Bro. Tito hopes to be an evangelist when he finishes his college work.

During the 1970 summer vacation, Spicer students K. A. Shimray and Paisho N. Shimray sold the highest amount of religious literature. Both of these young men are religion majors. They both come

from Adventist homes. And tney are both from Manipur.

In addition to earning scholar-ships each of the three years that he has canvassed, Paisho recalls that in 1968 he held Bible studies with interested people in Phungrei, Manipur (his home) and experienced the thrill of seeing fifteen people baptized as a result. Paisho says when his education at Spicer is completed he hopes to continue as a literature evangelist.

K. A. Shimray is a 1971 Spicer Memorial College graduate. He will have received his Bachelor Arts of Liberal degree by the time this paper is in the hands of our readers. Bro. Shimray attended Assam Training School before coming to Spicer. In all, he has canvassed nine vacation periods and earned scholarships each summer. Twice he earned double scholarships.

The people of Nagaland will purchase any kind of Seventhday Adventist publication, says Bro. Shimray, whether it is story books, health books, religious or even textbooks. If you go to any official house of Nagaland today you will find some kind of Seventh-day Adventist literature. More than that you will find our publications in almost all public libraries. As I worked four summers in Nagaland, continues Bro. Shimray, I found many people who are yearning to know what Seventh-day Adventists believe. I personally feel that what we need today in Nagaland is a man to work as a full-time evangelist. And by the grace of God, Bro. Shimray concludes, when I finish this college I will go to give the message of the soon coming of Christ to my people!

Student literature evangelists in 1971 will have the advantage of a brand new set of subscription books, selling at Rs. 25 for the set. This includes an abridgment of God Speaks to Modern Man and a compilation by John M. Fowler of 50 chapters on health by leading specialists in that field. This bears the title, Radiant Living.

—The Editor

S.M.C. Listener

K. J. Moses

- The 62 member 1970-1971 graduating class announce their officers: Pandian Dason, president; T. S. Mwamwenda, vicepresident; Merle de Silva, secretary: Rajasekar Abel, treasurer; Rajkumar Attiken, class pastor. A. M. Perus is class sponsor. Six members of the class finished their requirements in the summer of 1970 and 14 in the first semester of the 1970-1971 school year.
- One hundred students participated in Ingathering during the field day on Feb. 10 when Spicer's goal of Rs. 15,000 was reached and surpassed. Total collections amount to Rs. 17,495.
- Twenty students participated in the VBS training programme conducted, the afternoon of Feb. 13, by W. F. Storz and Gloria Thomas.
- Charles B. Hirsch, secretary, department of education of the General Conference, V. Edward Garber, vice-president for financial affairs, Andrews University, and R. E. Klimes, president, Japan Missionary College, studied Spicer's curriculum, finances and needs with relation to the Southern Asia Division constituency.

The commission members were officially welcomed to Spicer the evening of Feb. 7. A staff gettogether for supper, the evening of Feb. 22, was held on Dr. Cherian's lawn. A variety programme which followed was held in the auditorium.

In a Valentine Day atmosphere and setting, staff members joined in telling their most interesting or most embarrasing experience of their married life at a staff social held, Feb. 15, at the cafeteria. They brought with them to the social, pictures taken prior to and following their wedding.



A. M. Perus is chairman of the staff social committee.

- Spicer young ladies invited the young men, the evening of Feb. 28, to "An eve with the Eves." With Mrs. S. S. Pandit, dean of women, as their leader, the girls escorted the young men to the cafeteria and entertained them at dinner. Then followed a variety programme in the auditorium at 8 P.M.
- Ten people were baptized, March 6, by Church Pastor R. H. Jones at the college church service. Three of the new members joined the Spicer Marathi church.

Pathfinder Club

Ventures Far

HE Spicer Pathfinder Club is venturing far. This year for their annual camp, held February 11 to 14, seventy Pathfinders travelled ninety miles to "Casuarina Haven", a lovely setting in a grove of tall casuarina trees just a few yards from the beach. Someone accidently called the camp "Casuarina Heaven." This was not really a bad mistake for the sight of the moon rising over the trees each evening and the sound of the waves washing on the beach combined to make one long for the wonders of heaven.

The Pathfinder's days were filled with regular Pathfinder camp activities, plus hiking along the beach, studying and collecting shells and other sea-shore life, and swimming. Gerald Hetzer, an experienced scuba diver. with staff members and counsellors, watched over the Pathfinders in the water and gave instruction in swimming.

Voyage of Life, the camp

theme, emphasized the nautical impression in this lovely beach setting. Pathfinders memorized Bible texts about the sea at morning worships. These were held at flag raising by R. H. Jones.

Each night at campfire, following worship and a rousing sing-along, campers were thrilled and inspired with reading the book, Island of Forgotten Men, by

Thomas A. Davis.

The Sabbath service was held in another grove of casuarines about a mile from camp. Here four staff members likened types of ships and boats to kinds of Christians.

The excellent, cheerful camp spirit is attributed to the wonderful spirit of 11 Spicer students who acted as counsellors. And the good food prepared by Mrs. D. P. David and her assistants hit the right spot.

One Pathfinder was heard to remark, "I enjoyed the Pathfinder excursion." It was too short, he said, to be called a camp! One wonders just how far they would like to go next time!

–Edith Willis

- As a result of an order placed by Goa educational authorities to the Oriental Watchman Publishing House, 200 Hindi Story Time sets, Nos. 1 to 10 and 200 Marathi All About the Baby will become a part of all Goa school libraries. This order amounting to Rs. 7,400 is credited to Literature Evangelist S. Kumar.
- Thirty-six workers in Southern Asia were 1970 quarter-centurions, bringing at least 25 persons each to accept Jesus as their Saviour and to receive baptism. Another 24 workers were half-centurions with baptisms exceeding one hundred. Eight of these workers are in the South India Union; one is in the Central India Union and one in the Northern Union. T. J. S. Fredarichs, Andhra Section, is a supercenturion, having had 248 baptisms during 1970.
- At the Poona Voice of Prophecy School fifty-five per cent of those who enrol in the Bible Highlights course graduate.