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Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Home Miss. Sec'y—G. F. Eichman

UNION NEWS NOTES

Elder Van Kirk and Eichman represented the union at the church officers' meeting held at Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Elder Eichman has been kept out of the office and field for nearly two weeks because of having the mumps.

Elder J. T. Boettcher of the General Conference was a visitor in Oklahoma City last Sunday. We are always glad to have our brethren with us.

Miss Preston has been extremely busy getting out reports and correspondence for all the men in the union office, but she is keeping up nicely.

Elder Van Kirk, Prof. Peterson, and Brother Smith have returned from College View where they attended the Union College board meeting.

Elder Eichman just received word that his brother, Oliver, at Fargo, Oklahoma, turned his car over and had two ribs broken in the accident.

Brother George Klein, of Hitchcock, Oklahoma, cousin of Mrs. Eichman's was in the city on business last week. He came to visit us at the union office.

Prof. Dan F. Eichman, a brother of Elder Eichman, was in the city last week visiting Elder Eichman while he was sick. Prof. Eichman is principal

of the Junior High School at Fairview, Oklahoma.

Elder L. R. Conradi, for many years vice-president of the General Conference, spoke in the Oklahoma City church Sunday night, March 16th. His talk on conditions in Europe was much appreciated.

Elder Harrison will return from North Texas this week. He has while there been visiting Southwestern Junior College, making plans for the institute he is to hold there soon with the students, in an effort to enlist some of them for colporteur work for the summer.

Elders Van Kirk, Harrison and Peterson are representing the union at the North Texas workers' meeting. From there Professor Peterson goes to Omega for the week of prayer, following which he goes to Lubbock, where he will be joined by Elders Van Kirk, Harrison, and Eichman.

April 19-26 Big Week.

FEBRUARY SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND REPORT

In this issue of the Record you will find a statement of the sixty-cent-a-week fund for two months ending February 29, 1924. We were very much disappointed when we made up the figures on this statement, as it shows we are losing ground. Our January report was not a good one, as our average was only 49.04 per cent of our quota, but at the close of February we have now dropped down to 40.86 per cent. We had hoped to make a good gain during the month of February, but instead of this we made a loss of over eight per cent.

I believe you will agree with me that this is not as it should be. If we continue to drop behind for two or three months more it will be almost impossible to make up our shortage and reach the goal at the close of the year. I sincerely hope every worker will study this report carefully and try to help us remedy

STATEMENT OF SIXTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND For Two Months Ending February 29, 1924.

Conference	Membership	Am't at 5.20 per member	Amount Received	Amount Short	Am't Over
Arkansas	441	\$ 2,293.20	\$ 555.84	\$ 1,737.36	
*Arkansas	65	231.45	92.28	189.17	
North Texas	1058	5,501.60	2,085.54	3,416.06	
*North Texas	59	255.47	65.66	189.81	
Oklahoma	2008	10,441.60	4,445.96	5,995.64	
*Oklahoma	133	575.89	138.13	437.76	
South Texas	594	3,088.80	1,427.33	1,661.47	
*South Texas	75	324.75	352.79		28.04
Texico	415	2,158.00	1,033.48	1,124.52	
*Texico	40	173.20	56.82	116.38	
	4888	25,093.96	10,253.83	14,868.17	28.04
Union Shortage			14,840.13		14,840.13
		25,093.96	25,093.96	14,868.17	14,868.17

Average per cent for the Union, 40.86

*Figured at 50 cents per week, or 4.33 per member.

the situation. The Mission Board is counting on our full quota and if we fall short it will be a disappointment to them and will mean that our workers in the regions beyond will not receive their full allowance.

We have received good reports from some parts of our field, stating that churches have made up their shortage and are now up-to-date with their mission offerings. We hope others will follow their example and that all shortages will be made up before the next monthly report is sent out.

We trust that each one who reads this report will give it careful study and do all he can to assist in giving liberal offerings in this time of need.

C. E. SMITH.

HOW ABOUT MY MISSION OFFERING?

Have you read the third chapter of Malachi recently? Were you not again deeply moved when you read God's view of our lives? Did you stop and ponder on God's invitation to turn about and be faithful to him? How can men and women who plan to be saved in God's kingdom be robbers and hope to receive that blessed, "Well Done" from the Master's lips?

Our mission offerings have come far short thus far to meet the needs of only two months already passed in 1924. Some conferences in our union have shown a decided increase over any time last year. Others have not. God has promised a blessing to the cheerful giver. Are you receiving his blessing? If not, why not?

How about a definite plan to earn your mission money for 1924? Did you ever try the plan of selling the

Watchman Magazine in order to earn your mission quota? Did you know that if you would sell an average of four copies of the *Watchman* each week you would be able to earn your mission quota of sixty cents? 208 copies will bring you \$31.20 profit, then too, you would be getting this excellent magazine into the hands of the people. Try it.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

FEBRUARY COLPORTEUR'S REPORT.

One more month is now in the past, and while we made a gain over January, I am sorry to say that we fell behind February of last year. If the workers who attended the institutes so far this year would hurry out into the field things would look different. Come on, workers, let us make haste and finish up this work. Only today I saw in the papers that in Jersey City, New Jersey, there were 20,000 cases of alleged violation of the Jersey Sunday laws, and these cases will be presented to the grand jury at once.

Also in Youngstown, Ohio, they are coming down heavy on the Sunday law violators, and even in Johnson County, Texas, fifty cases will be turned over to the grand jury.

Now, brother, in the face of the signs of the times what are we going to do? I have just been visiting the school at Keene, and prospects are good for at least thirty-five or forty fine boys and girls to go out this year. Our institute will begin at Keene April 11th and continue to the 17th. Let all our field secretaries take note and be there on time April 10th.

The work is onward, and if we who know this truth will not leave the

things of the world, and come at the call of the Lord, he will fulfil his word and will select others who care less for these worldly attractions, and will finish up the work. Watch out, brother, for your crown, that another does not step in and take it.

A. F. HARRISON.

THE MISSIONS PUBLISHING FUND.

Truly we are all aware of the fact that the date set for the Big Week is April 19-26, and, of course, we are all laying plans and pushing the same to the limits to the effect that the 1924 Big Week Campaign will be the most successful one that has ever been conducted in our field. The General Conference Committee has again asked the Publishing Department and the home missionary department to unite in this Big Week Campaign. This means that conference workers, publishing house employees, colporteurs, and every member in our churches will endeavor to do their full part towards raising the \$150,000, the goal for the mission publishing fund. Of the \$150,000, \$18,500 has been assigned to the Southern Publishing Association territory; and we, the Southwestern Union Conference, adopted a goal of \$6,000 as our portion of the \$18,500. We are very anxious indeed that all do their part.

It might be interesting to the reader to note the gain that we made last year during this campaign over the previous year. In 1922 we raised as a Union \$1288.83. In 1923 we raised \$3724.25, or a gain over 1922 of \$2413.42. If in proportion we make a gain for 1924, we will

REPORT OF THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR FEBRUARY 1924

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Bibles	Total	Bib. Del.	Bks. Del.	Value
South Texas	4	67	35	\$ 169.00	\$ 3.50	\$	\$ 172.50	\$	2	\$ 7.87
Oklahoma	10	344	102	445.55	39.75	201.50	686.80	199.17	100	528.17
Arkansas	9	558	127	679.85	109.75	24.25	811.85	50.25	92	388.85
North Texas	8	264	70	213.50	90.70	15.00	329.20	11.50	75	193.20
Texico	9	444	105	494.75	57.50	46.85	599.10	25.00	70	239.75
	40	1677	439	2002.65	301.20	285.60	2589.45	285.92	329	1357.84
Oklahoma Magazines							182.80			182.80
S. Texas "							79.75			79.75
N. Texas "							111.50			111.50
Texico "							150.00			150.00
Total							524.05			524.05
Grand Total							3113.50			1881.89

more than reach our goal. The amount raised last year averaged seventy cents per member for the entire membership of the Southwestern Union Conference. Of this amount Arkansas raised fifty-one cents per member, North Texas raised sixty-one, Oklahoma raised ninety-five, South Texas raised seventy-two and Texico raised seventy-one. Let us all make an earnest effort to raise at least \$2 per member during this year. Of course we all understand that this fund has been created for the purpose of assisting in building publishing houses in the foreign countries where literature can be printed in the native languages of the various countries.

Elder L. R. Conradi, in a talk in the Oklahoma City church on conditions in Europe and on prophecies yet to be fulfilled, clearly pointed out the fact that there is a war in the future which cannot be compared with the late world war. Travelers and students of international conditions do not hesitate to declare that the pent-up jealousies and misunderstandings existing between nations must soon break forth in a terrible catastrophe. Some journalists are bold enough to predict that the coming struggle will be on the scale of continents and hemispheres. I quote from a Walla Walla newspaper the following paragraph:

"It is not an idle conjecture to anticipate that the great oceans will then be strewn with mines, the sky darkened by aeroplanes dropping their deadly bombs upon cities and poisoning the air on all international border lines. This, together with censorship of mails and foreign publications, will cut off communications, and make impossible the transit of men and means from one country to another."

These words have been taken from a speech that Elder J. H. McEachern, Asst. Secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, made at the union conference meeting of the North Pacific Union. As a people we believe that we have a message to give to the world in this generation and we would naturally come to the question as to how this could be done under such conditions. How could it reach every nation, kindred, tongue, and people? The leaders of this denomination realize that the prophecies of the Bible foretell such im-

pending crises; and in order to safeguard the mission work, we as a denomination, from the General Conference president on down, are promoting the Missions Publishing Extension Fund. If we succeed in establishing printing presses in the foreign countries before the time comes as described above and all communications between the nations will be discontinued, our work will not be hampered, because of the fact that we will be able to print the message in the native languages of the various countries.

Let us all do our part in this great work and all get our shoulders to the wheel and lift together, because it takes the united effort of all the conference workers and laity in our field to do our share in connection with this great campaign.

G. F. EICHMAN.

S. W. J. COLLEGE



L. N. CARTER, Commercial Dep't

THE COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

BOOKKEEPING.

The training one receives in commercial lines enters largely into his daily life regardless of the line of work engaged in. Our young people should have sufficient training to enable them to become efficient workers in the business of the denomination, and also to understand how to transact business intelligently and render an account for funds entrusted to their care.

In "Counsels to Teachers" on page

218 we find the following statement:

"It is a matter of great importance that students obtain an education that will fit them for successful business life. We must not be satisfied with the onesided education given in many schools. The common branches must be thoroughly mastered and a knowledge of bookkeeping should be considered as important as a knowledge of grammar. All who expect to engage in the work of the Lord should learn how to keep accounts. In the world there are many who have made a failure and are looked upon as dishonest, who are true at heart, but have failed to succeed because they did not know how to keep accounts.

"To spell correctly, to write a clear, fair hand and to keep accounts, are necessary accomplishments. Bookkeeping has strangely dropped out of school work in many places but this should be regarded as a study of primary importance. A thorough preparation in these studies will fit students to stand in positions of trust."

With this in view the need of thoroughly-trained consecrated young men and women in our offices, the Southwestern Junior College is trying to include in its courses the things that will qualify for service, and for positions of trust.

Fifty students have enrolled in Bookkeeping and Accounting this year. The majority are taking elementary work which gives a general idea of the principles of keeping accounts and how to make and handle commercial papers.

SHORTHAND.

Many of the world's great men have been stenographers who used this accomplishment as a stepping stone to other fields of usefulness. Many students have paid their way through school by doing stenographic work or assisting in offices. There are many calls in the service of God for capable stenographers who are devoted, consecrated Christians.

A thorough course in Gregg Shorthand is being given, and six students are now in the class. They have covered the principles in the Manual; and have read Graded Lessons, which is a little book written in Gregg shorthand containing short stories, letters, articles on commercial products and the lives of famous Americans. They are now again reviewing the principles and diligently trying to master Speed Studies, a book that deals with the problems of speed and accuracy.

Two of the girls have already been taking dictation and transcribing letters

for Sister Moran and Professor Tucker. The department expects to install a new dictating machine soon, and by the aid of this, the students are expecting to gain the required speed of one hundred twenty words a minute on new matter.

Few people realize the educational and cultural value of shorthand. The power to observe, to compare, to judge and to make quick decisions is highly developed by its study. Exact thinking is cultivated by committing word signs and rules, and by the necessity of being able to retain many words of the dictator in mind while writing others. Quick thought and quick action is brought to play as in no other subject. The thoroughness required in the mastery of shorthand is greater than that exacted in most any other study. The knowledge must be worked down into the finger tips and there must be easy and absolute coordination between mind and hand.

BUSINESS ENGLISH.

Shorthand requires a thorough knowledge of English. If you can imagine a piece of dictation taken down in abbreviated longhand without capitals or punctuation, you will realize that without a thorough working knowledge of English Grammar, of spelling and punctuation and of the exact meaning of words and phrases, accurate transcription would be hopelessly out of the question. If this is true of longhand, how much more is it true of shorthand. Thirteen are taking advantage of the Business English class in which principles of Grammar and Composition are reviewed, and the different forms of business correspondence considered.

SALESMANSHIP

Fourteen are studying "Salesmanship and Business Efficiency." Character Building—How to develop a Strong Personality—The qualities That Enable One to Win—How to Recognize and Cultivate Positive Qualities and to Eliminate Negative Qualities,—These are some of the subjects studied in this course with many others which are fundamental to a successful life.

TYPEWRITING

Twenty-eight young men and women are taking typewriting. The clatter of the typewriters from early until late indicate that these students are learning that "Practice makes perfect." Lately they have been typing to music, using the records especially adapted to the assignments in the Rational Typewriting text. The use of these records produce an even and rhythmic flow

of strokes, and creates interest and enthusiasm which materially hastens the acquisition of speed.

PENMANSHIP

In this day and time when so many typewriters are in use, one is likely to overlook the value and need of being able to write a plain, rapid hand. Twenty-nine are practicing the "Muscular Movement Writing" as outlined by the Lister Method. In class special stress is given to the fundamental principles, correct form, movement, harmony of strokes and how to combine study and practice in a way to make this subject of intense interest.



MRS. A. M. WOODALL, Com. Dep't

OFFICE METHODS

In order that the student might become apt in figuring and familiar with the different methods of filing, organizing and systematizing the work in the office, a special two-hour class of eleven members is being conducted in Office Training and Rapid Calculations.

TRAINING FOR SERVICE

"The Christian aims to reach the highest attainments for the purpose of doing others good. Knowledge harmoniously blended with a Christlike character will make a man a light in the world. . . . He who is learning of the greatest Educator the world ever knew, will not only have a systematic Christian character, but a mind trained for effective service."

BOOK DEPARTMENT

Secretary - - H. R. Gay

AN OPPORTUNITY

From April 19-26, every Seventh-day Adventist in the Southwestern Union Conference will have the opportunity

of taking part in the extension of the publishing work in South America. Every member is asked to sell two dollars' worth of our small books, turning this amount into the treasury of his church. These receipts apply on the sixty-cent-a-week fund.

Our union conference is asked to raise \$6,000, and this can be easily accomplished, if you will do your part. The books, Steps to Christ, Story of Jesus, What is Coming, and Coming Man of Destiny, put in a neat wrapper will be used. They sell for \$1.00 and will cost 50 cents.

Brother, Sister, this may be the last favorable call which will be made to strengthen our publishing work in the "neglected continent." Who knows? Next year, we might be separated from South America by war. Begin to plan now to engage in the three-fold blessing which will be given. The first is our publishing house at Buenos Aires, the second is the entrance of the truth into the homes of the people, while the third is the blessing that God will bestow upon you. Write your tract society about the details.

The sun is fast sinking, soon the day of probation will close. The call comes, "Who will go?" The answer is given from every consecrated soul, "Here am I, send me." H. R. GAY.

WHEN? WHO? HOW? OF THE "BIG WEEK" PLAN.

When?—April 19-26, 1924.

Who?—Everybody who believes that Jesus is soon coming and who wants to hasten the glad day is needed to do his part.

How?—First. By arranging for territory in which to engage in the sale of literature.

Second. By selecting either the required number of small twenty-five cent books, which, when sold and the profit turned in nets \$2, or get a prospectus for one of our large subscription books with printed canvass, studying it so you can give a free and easy description of the book. Read the book clear through, that your soul may be inspired anew with the truth it contains. Even though you may have read the book in the past, re-read it in preparation for your work during Big Week.

Third. When Monday morning of the Big Week arrives (or Sunday morning, if that is feasible), go to work with a will and, if possible, put in five full days. If you are a conference laborer and are given the privilege of

retaining your profits on sales along with your regular salary, then give at least your biggest day's profits to the Missions Publishing Fund. If a colporteur, give your biggest day's profits. If a lay member, canvassing with the large book, do the same as the colporteur—give your biggest day's profits. If a lay member selling small books, give at least \$2 profit from your sales, which is the goal set by the Home Missionary Department for each member. If you cannot do either of the above, then give to the Lord one day's wage, whatever you may be doing.

If all Seventh-day Adventists would follow the plan outlined there would be no question but that the goal of \$150,000 would be reached. And, oh, the blessing it would bring to the missions publishing plants, to the people who purchase the literature, and to the individuals who take part in the work; and there would be great rejoicing in heaven over the results.

W. W. EASTMAN, Secretary
General Conf. Pub. Dept.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

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Bertie C. Richards
Arkansas Tract Society:
Field Miss. Sec'y—C. M. Norman
Sec'y-Treas.—L. J. Black

STATEMENT OF 60c-A-WEEK FUND

For two months ending Feb. 29, 1924

	Quota	Rec'd	Am't Short
Ark. W.	2293.20	555.84	1737.36
Ark. Col.	281.45	92.28	189.17

ARKANSAS NEWS NOTES.

Elder H. M. J. Richards was called to St. Louis during the past week.

Mrs. Lolla Baysinger of Nebraska is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. J. Black, at Little Rock.

Brother Frank M. Brown of Searcy has been visiting at Little Rock during the past week.

Brother O. H. England from Searcy made a brief call at the office March 12th.

Mrs. Richards visited at Hot Springs recently in the interest of the church school.

Mr. N. F. Childress of Alexander called at the office March 10th. He reports an interest at Alexander.

All members of the conference are earnestly urged to order their quarterlies for the next quarter early. Members do not wish to spoil their perfect record study by not receiving their quarterlies on time.

Little Rock awoke Thursday morning, March 13th to behold the heaviest snow in years. The church school children had the time of their lives playing and romping in the snow.

The Young people's Society of the Little Rock church visited at the Pulaski County Hospital Sabbath March 8. The young people distributed numbers of the *Watchman* among the inmates and were extended a hearty welcome to call again. The society is planning on visiting the hospital at regular intervals.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

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C. T. Burroughs
S. S. and Educ. Sec'y—Lorena E. Wilcox

STATEMENT OF 60c-A-WEEK FUND

For two months ending Feb. 29, 1924

	Quota	Amount Received	Amount Short
N. Tex. W.	5501.60	2085.54	3416.06
N. Tex. C.	255.47	65.66	189.81

A VISIT TO JEFFERSON.

A few days ago the writer, with Miss Wilcox and Professor Peterson, went to Jefferson to attend the annual board meeting of the Jefferson school. Brother Burroughs our home missionary secretary was also present to assist with meetings for the church and to promote Big Week. We were there from Friday, Feb. 29, until the following Monday night. We had some very interesting meetings indeed, and feel that this church is going to take hold of their work in a more determined manner than ever before.

First, we found the school making good progress. The students are making good grades and working hard. The parents seem well pleased with the school this year. In fact, we heard no complaint while there. In a financial way the school is doing better than it has done in years. After paying their teachers up to date, they had a nice little balance of cash on hand. We appreciate very much the way the teachers are taking hold of their work, and are glad to say that these same teachers have agreed to stay with the school for another year. Elder Wolf is principal of the school and has been doing some pastoral work in the church. He is well liked, and has promised to continue this line of work for another year.

The broom shop which was started last year is no more in the experimental stage. It is growing right along, and they are producing a very good quality of brooms. Brother Wolfe has had the oversight of this, with Curtis Culpepper acting as foreman of the shop. They are now making at the rate of sixty dozen brooms per week. Last week they sold eighty-four dozen, and the prospects are that they will sell about that many again this week. This is going to become quite a financial asset to the school and will afford work to help some worthy students through school.

When we presented the question of missions to the church we found them ready to respond. In fact, already some had begun to plan to take part in the investment fund. Two brethren had agreed to give an acre of cotton each, and others less amounts. The church there is going to put forth an earnest effort to make their full sixty-cents-a-week, and we believe from the way in which they are taking hold they will be successful in doing this.

Our last meeting with them was indeed a very interesting one. It was in the interest of Big Week. Last year the Jefferson church raised just 93 cents altogether during the Big Week, but they are determined to change that record this year. They ordered 225 sets of the crisis series. We had a small trunk along with us filled with ninety sets. These we left with them, and rushed the other 135 sets to them upon our return to the office. They do not propose to wait until Big Week begins, but are going to sell just as many as they can between now and the regular time set for Big Week. This will be a great help to them on their sixty-cent-a-week fund.

We enjoyed our visit to Jefferson.

and feel that it was a profitable meeting both in behalf of the school and the world-wide work. We ask that you remember this school in your prayers that the Lord may bless them and that many workers may be developed in the school that is being carried on there. J. F. WRIGHT.

WORKERS AND ELDERS MEETING.

According to appointment we were pleased to greet the workers and church elders as they gathered in the Dallas church last Thursday night, March 13, for the opening session of a three-day convention. From the very beginning it was felt that the Lord was with us, and the meeting increased with interest as the hours quickly passed away. At the close of the meetings, Sunday 1:00 P. M. the brethren expressed themselves as being greatly helped by the meeting and they felt that they were better fitted now to carry forward their work.

During these days, we endeavored to study concerning our own need spiritually and as to how we could become better leaders in the cause. A serious frame of mind prevailed all the way through. Friday, much of the time was given to the study of the church elder, deacon and their duties. All day Sabbath was given to the home missionary work. Equal time was given to looking into the needs of the educational and Young People's Missionary Volunteer departments. Many questions were asked, views exchanged and there was freedom all the way through.

Night after the Sabbath, questions in general pertaining to the conference work were discussed. Plans were mentioned about districting the conference. This we are planning to do right away, setting the workers over certain sections of the field, thus endeavoring to give help to all churches and unify our work. At the time of our committee which meets this coming Monday, March 24, we shall finish the plans concerning districting the conference, and then report further through the Record.

Some time was given to the matter of raising mission funds and the use of the pledge cards. Some churches are already using these cards, and all of the elders were urged to take home a supply

and lay the matter before the churches right away. We hope to reach sixty cents per member this year.

Since the union conference session, there has been some change in our laboring force. Elder West was called to Colorado. We hated very much to see him leave, but upon the advice of the doctor, he and his wife felt that they should go especially for their health sake. Elder McNay, recently from Africa, responded to a call from North Texas and he is located in Fort Worth at present to carry forward the work there. He supplies the place made vacant by Elder West. Then Elder C. U. Taylor was called to Texico and in his place we called Elder G. W. Spies from Texico to connect with our work here. He is located in Waco and will have charge of the work there and surrounding territory. Elder AcMoody responded to the call of the union to locate in Oklahoma. We have not secured anyone to take his place in Dallas, but we are hoping to soon find a suitable man to work in Dallas and the surrounding field. We are looking for such a man now. In the place of Elder Maloney, who is going to China, we hope to locate a man, who will be placed in charge of a district, cover-

ing the work in East Texas. So while we have released some of the workers, yet we have taken on some and will plan for others, as we can secure them, thus keeping a strong working force in tact.

In passing, we might add, that we had hoped to take on even more workers, as well as keep all that we have besides, had the city campaign fund brought in needed funds for the city work. We started in to raise \$5000.00 which was the amount voted by the committee to be raised for that work, but we only raised in pledges about \$1500.00 and just about half of this amount was ever paid in. THE REST OF THE PLEDGES ARE STILL UNPAID. You can easily see that about \$750.- would not go very far on a \$5000. program. So in order to carry on our work, we had to draw on other funds in hand. This keeps us from going ahead and building up our working force as large as we had planned, and doing all of the work we had in mind. We passed this information on to our workers and elders during the meeting, and so now pass it along to you.

Now dear brethren and sisters, we hope that as the workers and elders endeavor to place before you the needs of our mission funds, and the

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE SIXTY-CENT A WEEK FUND FOR FEBRUARY, 1924

Church	Memb.	Goal	Amt. Raised	Short	Per. Cap.
Avinger	3	7.20	16.39		1.36
Cedar Grove	6	14.40	8.26	66.14	.34
Centerville	6	14.40	**		
*Chireno (Col)	10	20.00	**		
Cleburne	27	64.80	9.41	54.39	.08
*Corsicana (Col)	15	30.00	23.02	6.98	.38
Dallas	175	420.00	261.23	158.77	.37
*Dallas (Col)	15	30.00	2.00	28.00	.03
Dalworth Park	59	141.60	57.19	84.41	.24
Denison	34	81.60	11.12	70.48	.09
Douglass	31	74.40	2.43	71.97	.01
Fort Worth	75	180.00	107.33	72.67	.35
*Fort Worth (Mex)	5	10.00	5.81	4.19	.29
Gainesville	15	36.00	8.24	27.76	.13
Henrietta	12	28.80	**		
Hillsboro	16	38.40	**		
Jefferson	100	240.00	36.33	203.67	.09
*Jefferson (Col)	5	10.00	**		
Keene	300	720.00	259.73	460.27	.21
Lone Star	10	24.00	10.03	13.97	.25
*Mosier Valley	7	14.00	**		
Myrtle Springs	25	60.00	7.79	52.21	.07
New Hope	20	48.00	1.31	46.69	.01
Salmon	20	48.00	4.29	43.71	.05
Sherman	22	52.80	23.45	29.35	.32
Valley View	45	108.00	26.68	81.32	.14
Waco	60	144.00	71.91	72.09	.25
*Waco (Col)	20	40.00	11.57	28.43	.14
Mt Pleasant	7	16.80	**		
Scattered	70	168.00	16.30	151.70	.05
Total	1215	2885.20	981.82	1768.17	.22

*Figured at 50 cents per week.

**No reports.

needs of the field that all will give themselves to helping push the work along as fast as we can. Let us all put our shoulder to the wheel. It is no time to fall back, but we must press ahead. We trust that 1924 will be a splendid year in every respect for the cause in this field. May the Lord lead us spiritually and bless us to such an end.

J. F. WRIGHT.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

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Oklahoma Book and Bible House:
Sec'y-Treas.—C. G. Ortner
Field Miss. Sec'y—T. J. Hooper

STATEMENT OF 60c-A-WEEK FUND

For two months ending Feb. 29, 1924

	Amount	Quota	Received	Amount	Short
Okla. W.	10441.60	4445.96	5995.64		
Okla. C.	575.89	138.13	437.76		

OKLAHOMA NOTES

Elder Clark is spending the week of prayer with the Addington church and school.

Brother Dart is spending the week of prayer with the Omega church in the interest of the young people. Professor A. W. Peterson will join him for three days of the meeting.

Elder Barr made a call at the office last week in the interest of the campaign to be held in Ardmore. The new church building is almost completed and will be formally opened by a campaign.

OKLAHOMA NOTES.

We surely appreciated Elder Nichol's visit to our conference. We visited three churches, Enid being our first stop. Here we received forty-five subscriptions for the "Signs of the Times." At Tulsa we receive one hundred ten subscriptions. This makes one hundred sixty "Signs" coming to the Tulsa church. Oklahoma City has subscribed for one hundred forty. The

small company at Guthrie subscribed for twenty-five.

The president of the Montana Conference received word from a man saying that there were twelve ready for baptism. They had been reading the "Signs of the Times." Does it pay to send out these papers? Do you have friends you wish to see saved? If so, send them "The Signs of the Times." "MORE SIGNS, MORE SOULS."

On Sabbath, March 29, let elders and secretaries see that every member has placed an order for books for the "Big Week." Let every member in the conference raise at least two dollars, either through the sale of literature or by giving a days wages for the building of the publishing house in South America. If you are isolated, order your books direct from the Oklahoma Book and Bible House.

CARL E. RIFFEL.

AMOUNT RAISED DURING BIG WEEK OF 1923.

	Amount	Per
Church Membership	raised	member
Addington	124 35.63	.28
Achille	37 3.55	.09
Ardmore	100 30.00	.30
Avard	18 610.00	33.88
Bartlesville	12 15.50	1.29
Binger	30	
Boley	8 6.00	.75
Clear Lake	12 10.00	.83
Coodys Bluff	10 2.00	.20
East Cooper	60 64.19	1.07
Elk City	45	
Enid	114 37.45	.32
Guthrie	23 51.80	2.25
Guthrie No. 2	15 1.43	.09
Henryetta	13 6.22	.48
Hitchcock	58 21.00	.36
Hooker Eng.	20	
Hooker Ger.	27 17.89	.66
Isabella	12 35.00	2.91
Jennings	45 24.75	.55
Ketchum	132 30.30	.23
Little River	8 13.50	1.67
Muskogee	85 69.50	.95
Muskogee No. 2	47 8.50	.18
Okeene	20 6.50	.52
Oklahoma City	290 190.35	.65
Oklahoma City, 2	30 17.90	.59
Omega	53 49.20	.92
Perkins	27 3.00	.11
Perry	25 38.08	1.52
Ringwood	24	
Sand Springs	24 4.00	.17
Shattuck No. 1	81 129.75	1.60
Shattuck No. 2	20 17.00	.85

Shattuck No. 3	12		
Shawnee	29	11.06	.40
Sapulpa	94	41.50	.44
Tangier	35	9.00	.25
Tulsa	111	67.90	.61
Tulsa No. 2	22	17.00	.77
Weatherford	24	26.63	1.10
Wewoka	77	12.10	.15
Woodward	19		
Conference	230	269.83	1.17

This is an interesting report for it shows what each church raised during the 1923 Big Week. There are only three churches in Oklahoma which reached the goal. The Avard church did exceptionally well, and Isabella and Guthrie both passed the goal. If all our church members in Oklahoma had done their part last year, and we hope and pray that with the help of the Lord Oklahoma may send on four thousand dollars to the Buenos Aires publishing houses this year. The gospel commission given by our Saviour applies not alone to the missionaries who are giving their lives in the regions beyond, but to you and me. How are we answering His call? Our workers are in South America, but they cannot reach the millions of that land without help. They must have literature in the language of the people. We can help give it to them. Remember our goal is *two dollars* per member. You can raise your part by selling literature, and while you are raising money for South America you will be doing missionary work at home. You will not have to sell a large amount. For instance, it takes only four of the dollar sets of four Crisis books, or three yearly subscriptions to the *Watchman* or fourteen single copies of that magazine. Place your order for books or magazines to sell at that time with our home missionary secretary, or if you are isolated, with the Oklahoma Book and Bible House. The Big Week begins April 19. Be sure to have your literature on hand. Place your order before March 29.

CARL E. RIFFEL.

TULSA CHURCH OFFICERS' MEETING.

The date for the Tulsa church officers' meeting has been decided on as March 28, 29, and 30. The first service will be preaching service Friday evening. Plans have been made for services at Tulsa, Sand Springs, and Sapulpa churches at that time. Preaching services will also be conducted at these three churches Sabbath, 11:00 A. M. All other meet-

ings will be held at the Tulsa church as follows: Sabbath afternoon, Saturday night, Sunday forenoon, afternoon, and night.

The following churches are to be represented at this meeting: Perry, Jennings, Bartlesville, Picher, Ketchum, Coddys Bluff, Muskogee, Muskogee colored, Henryetta, Sapulpa, Sand Springs, Tulsa, Tulsa colored, Claremore, Perkins, and Wewoka. Four or five workers from the union and local conference will be in attendance, all who possibly can should avail themselves of this opportunity to attend a church officers' meeting. Similar meetings held at other points in the conference have proven very successful, and we are looking forward to this meeting, with its large delegation, as being an excellent one.

The local churches are being asked to pay the expense of their officers, but where they cannot do so the conference will meet the expense of the elder or leader, treasurer, and Sabbath School superintendent. The Tulsa church will provide entertainment for all who attend. Elder A. C. Long, 920 East Sixth Street, Tulsa, pastor of the church, will have charge of the entertainment, and will appreciate an advance word from those who plan to attend. The officers of these churches are not only invited, but earnestly requested to attend this meeting if it is at all possible.

Let us hope and pray that the Lord will greatly bless our coming together by gracing our meeting with His presence.

W. H. CLARK.

THE BIG WEEK PLAN INCLUDES YOU.

In every age and crisis of the church there have been those identified with it who desire very much to receive the blessing God promised his faithful people without having taken any definite part in the obligations placed upon the church. Christ said to his disciples: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded, you, and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." First Christ said "Go ye therefore", and then he said, "and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Now then, someone may say, "I am busy with my spring work, the weather has been so unfavorable, and thus my field work has been delayed." This is no doubt a legitimate excuse as far as it goes. It does seem to me, however, it does not go very far, because it takes but little time to sell \$4.00 worth of literature. This may be done as you meet with your neighbors in the field. Again, our good sisters in the rural districts take eggs and cream to town once or twice a week. This affords a very good opportunity to sell some of our good literature to the business men and women.

"Yes, good and well. That is for those who can sell books, but I cannot sell books. I am not gifted along that line," someone else offers as an excuse.

There is still another avenue open for individuals who are more gifted along other lines. They may take an active part in the Big Week by contributing \$2.00 toward the \$3,000.00 goal set for the Oklahoma Conference. We realize that the city churches have far greater opportunities in this line of work than those in the country districts, and we certainly look to the city churches to take hold of the Big Week work whole heartedly. There is no reason why Oklahoma should not pass its goal of \$3,000.00 if each one of the approximately two thousand members in this Conference walks out as one of a large army working for lost souls, and our soon-coming Saviour.

C. G. ORTNER.

BIG WEEK.

Have you been reading about the Big Week? Yes, I am sure you have, but I wonder if you have decided to make it a big week in reality. It is not to be a big week because of additional or longer days, but because of big undertakings and accomplishments. Now, another question arises. What is to determine its bigness? And the answer is, The effort that you and I individually put into it. The old saying, "Well begun is half done," if put into practice, will go along way toward making April 19 to 26 a BIG WEEK in the interest of mission funds and the finishing of the work in the earth.

Before asking more questions, I think I should emphasize the reason

given for calling it Big Week. It is because the undertaking is big enough to include every member of the denomination, and many who are too young to be church members. The individual undertaking is not so big but what the smallest and weakest member may do his part, which, if well performed, will mean hundreds of thousands of dollars secured for mission work and millions of pages of truth-filled literature placed in the hands of a multitude of people; and both the funds raised and the literature sold will bring eternal reward, and save many souls for the kingdom of God. The maximum asked of each individual is so small that surely no one can say, "I cannot do my part." Who is there among us that cannot sell four dollars worth of literature, which will mean two dollars to pay the tract society bill, and two dollars for missions?

Now, another pointed question,—Have you ordered your literature so that it will be on hand and you ready to begin Well, the Big Week when it arrives? The needs of the mission fields are so great, and the little asked of each one so easily done, that surely not one will say, "I'll do my part at another time and in some other way." The Big Week funds apply on the sixty-cent-a-week fund. We cannot afford to come short of reaching our full quota for 1924, and this is a golden opportunity to make up your deficit without contributing from your own funds.

Can you not hear the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" and will you not return the answer, "Here am I, send me?"

W. H. CLARK.

OKLAHOMA BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE

In ordering Present Truth for systematic distribution our church missionary secretaries should order the new series, which comes in numbers 61 to 87 inclusive. They come at 85c per hundred, or \$7.50 per thousand.

We were glad to receive sixty-nine subscriptions for the Liberty Magazine from Mrs. M. M. Warner, the missionary secretary of the Ardmore church. Brother C. C. Voth, missionary secretary for the Hitchcock church, also sent in an order for thirty-two subscriptions.

Brother C. G. Ortner spent Sabbath the 15th with the Perkins church. The members at Perkins are of good courage. This is quite evident from the liberal spirit of giving to missions, the Sabbath School donations having averaged a little above 86c per member in attendance.

Five large boxes of books have arrived at the office the past week. These boxes contain the books for the Big Week. Have you decided how many you wish included in the church order for you? If not kindly report to the church missionary secretary. Big Week begins the 19th of April.

Even though it is now spring time we may do excellent work by distributing "Leaves of Autumn." A few weeks ago the new series, numbers 11 to 20, was introduced to the Oklahoma City church, after which a large army of twenty-eight expressed themselves willing to take part in this silent, yet far-reaching work. At least two thousand of these tracts have been placed into the hands of the people since that time, and nearly four thousand have been mailed to different churches in the field. They come at 35c per hundred; 85c for 250; \$3.00 per thousand.

For the benefit of those who have not yet the book called "Ministry of Healing" in their homes, we again call attention to the exceptional price of ninety-six cents per copy. This offer is good only until the present supply is exhausted. In order that you may more fully realize the value of the book we call attention to the following resolution which was adopted by the Northern Union Conference, "Resolved, that we encourage our church members to give serious and careful study to the counsels of the Spirit of Prophecy regarding the fundamentals of healthful living, and that we highly recommend for prayerful study, the book "Ministry of Healing." Calls for these books are coming from various sources. As soon as the demands in this field have been met we shall offer these books to some other field. We would be glad to receive your order for a copy at once.

C. G. ORTNER.

Every article in *Life and Health* is worth while. The health reform message was given so that by proper living

might comprehend the spiritual phase of this truth. Thus the one who circulates *Life and Health* may be the means of arresting the attention of readers in such a way that their lives will be altered so they can appreciate the doctrinal truths of this message.

In quantities of ten or more the April issue can be purchased at four cents each. The single yearly subscription is 75 cents. A liberal commission is given to those who secure subscriptions.

Why not write to the tract society to day giving a liberal order for the April issue of *Life and Health*.

SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

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Field Miss. Sec'y—Walter Kirkham
South Texas Book and Bible Society:
Sec'y-Treas.—O. D. Slater

STATEMENT OF 60c-A-WEEK FUND

For two months ending Feb. 29, 1924

	Quota	Amount Received	Amount Short
S. Tex. W	3088.80	1427.33	1661.47
S. T. C & M	324.75	352.79	*
* Over,	\$28.04		

SOUTH TEXAS NEWS NOTES

March 29—13th Sabbath—Dollar Day
—Don't forget—India needs it.

Brother Cavender, of Palacios, is in the city for treatments.

Elder Montgomery is enjoying a visit from his mother this week.

Brother McColrey has enrolled as a worker on the office building.

Mrs. Thos. A. Jensen and daughter and Mrs. R. L. Routt were in the city Wednesday.

Elder Corwin writes that they plan to begin the construction of the McAllen church right soon.

That pledge card you received: have you signed it and returned it to the office? Some of them are here and we are still looking for yours.

Work is making good show on the

new office building. The brick is making appearance on the wall and the floor and ceiling are now being placed.

Miss DeSalme reports a new line of readers since the conference meeting. Also she sent in \$2.00 from the Beaumont company as an offering to the Religious Liberty fund.

Word has recently come of the death of Sister A. A. Taylor, of Palacios. Sister Taylor is the mother of Sister Shone. Sister Taylor was a staunch member in the truth and her life of ministry will be long remembered.

March 29 is *Thirteenth Sabbath*. The Sabbath school membership for the conference stands around 850. Will that many dollars be given to missions on that day? How about you, will your dollar be given?

The young people of the Houston church enjoyed their first social in the home of Sister Chivers last Saturday night. Mr. Van Landingham is very enthusiastic in his work as leader of the volunteer society.

Word has just reached us of the death of Sister Gilbert, of Houston. Her husband and son found her dead when they went to her bed, Sunday morning. Sister Gilbert was a dear Christian woman and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Does your church hold regular officers' meetings? Do you take the *Church Officers' Gazette*? It has many helpful things for your interest as an officer in the church. Is your church giving ten cents or sixty cents to missions? If not, who is responsible?

Have you placed your order for a supply of Sabbath school quarterlies? Better now so they can be had for the first day's study in the new quarter. The lesson topic for adults next quarter is, "Love to God and Love to Man." The children will study Old Testament History. "Desire of Ages" and "Patriarchs and Prophets" will be used largely as helps during the quarter.

Elder Nunez has been holding some special meetings at Ephesus since the union conference meeting. The outside attendance has been good to the Sunday night and Sabbath services, as well as the Tuesday night Bible classes. Elder Nunez will go to Houston this week and will spend one week

with the Berean church. The Berean and Ephesus churches are two strong centers in our field.

OBITUARY

Alice Ann Downs was born in Lancashire, England, February 9, 1845, and died of neuritis, March 5, 1924, at the age of seventy years and twenty-five days. In the year 1873 she was married to John Thomas Taylor. To this union was born three sons and three daughters. Five children survive her, her husband having preceded her in death.

Sister Taylor was converted in early childhood under the Wesleyan movement and has always lived a quiet, consistent Christian life. She came to America in the year 1903 locating in New Bedford, Mass., where she accepted the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists, and was later baptized by Elder J. B. Hampton at Palacios, Texas, where she lived a faithful Christian life until her death. She was a kind and loving mother and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves besides her five children, thirteen grandchildren to mourn her loss, but we mourn not as those who have no hope.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Shone, Palacios, Texas, where she made her home. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13, 14; 1 Cor. 15:51 and kindred texts.
CHAS. D. PUTNAM.

SOUTH TEXAS

What are you going to do during Big Week April 19-26? Are you ready for that event? Are you making plans for a part in this biggest Big Week? Are you going to miss the opportunity that Big Week presents for real service for the Master? Can you remain idle while others are assisting in giving the last message? Are you satisfied with what you are doing? Do you not wish to do something that is really worth while? You may give the message at home by selling the books, and give the message abroad by sending the profits through the publishing extension fund. Now you wish to have a part do you not? I thought so. Let us begin now to plan for that work. If we all get busy, we can do much better than last year. Think of it, only \$400 last year; we are able with the help of the Lord to make it a \$1000 this year, aren't we? What do you say?

D. VAN CAMPEN.

TEXICO CONFERENCE

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Home Miss. Secretary—G. A. LaGrone
Educational and M. V. Secretary—E. G. Truitt
Texico Book and Bible House:
Sec'y-Treas.—G. R. Soper
Field Miss. Sec'y—J. J. Landis

STATEMENT OF 60c-A-WEEK FUND

For two months ending Feb. 29, 1924

	Quota	Amount Received	Amount Short
Texico W.	2158.00	1033.48	1124.52
Texi C & M	173.20	56.82	116.38

TEXICO NEWS NOTES

Elder Benton visited Hagerman, La-mesa, Big Spring, and Lubbock during the past week.

The new church at Lubbock has been completed and will be dedicated at the time of the church officers' institute. Those who carry responsibility as church officers will find this institute helpful and enabling. It will mean greater efficiency in your work, that is what you want, is it not?

Five requests to sell our large books reached the office during the past week. These came from those not acquainted with the message. If those who know it do not carry it, perhaps the Lord will raise up others. What ought we do about it brethren and sisters? Souls are perishing without the message. Can we allow it to continue without taking an active part to reach them? Will we allow our crown to pass to others?

TEXICO CAMP MEETING REMINISCENCES NO. 1

Alamogordo, 1909

It was my privilege, as a New Mexico laborer, to attend the camp meeting at which the New Mexico Conference was organized in 1909. The meeting was held in the beautiful city park in Alamogordo. At that time Brother Crippen was then care-taker of the park. Several families of us formed a caravan of covered wagons from the Pecos Valley. Among those that went from there was Brother Arthur Nelsen who has since served faithfully for

some years as a missionary in the most southern mission station we have in the world.

Brother C. N. Woodward who now edits and patiently supervises the publishing of the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD, was then secretary of the union conference, and Elder Clarence Santee was serving his last term as president of the union.

Among the helpers at this meeting was Elder Hennig, who caused much discussion in the camp by the introduction of the doctrine which affirmed that Christ offered himself to be blotted out of existence, or, in other words, to die an eternal death. Considerable argument and discussion followed.

Elder H. L. Hoover, who is now in Oregon seeking more healthful conditions for his wife, was elected the first president of New Mexico, and served in this capacity for several years. Brother Frank Weeks, W. A. T. Miller, Burt Bray, J. A. Leland and the writer were among the conference laboring force. Elder J. J. Graf had acted as treasurer of the mission before we were organized into a conference. Sister Henry Hardt later acted as custodian of the funds. Brother G. L. Truitt of Hagerman and the writer are the only two members of the present Texico committee that were members of the original New Mexico committee.

Next week we hope to have a report of the first West Texas meeting.

Now is the time to begin to plan to attend the Texico camp meeting this year. Date Aug. 27 - Sept. 8. Can we count on you?
R. L. BENTON.

A NOTE OF COURAGE

We are glad to sound a note of courage along the line in regard to the prospects in Texico. Where our churches have been visited and the matter of our foreign missions responsibilities laid before the brethren, there has been serious consideration, and a liberal response and we are encouraged to believe that Texico will raise her full sixty-cents-a-week for missions.

In one church where a letter was sent to the leaders regarding this matter, they felt the responsibility of raising their quota but saw no possible way of doing it; so they held a season of prayer to ask God for a way out, and when they arose one member suggested that they order and sell our small books, and thus earn their individual goal money. This was happily accepted by all and they sang praise to God that he had shown them a way to

accomplish their part.

Our tithe for February was almost twice the amount received last February. We received \$1693.91 as against \$863.11 a year ago. For this increase we thank God, and we believe that if all our members would sense the facts of how we are robbers when we withhold the tithe, and that robbers will scarcely enter heaven, and that besides this they are missing the promised blessing that the windows of heaven would be opened and a blessing too great to contain would be poured out, that there would be a much larger tithe every month than there has been.

We are told in Gospel Workers that "To show a liberal, self-denying spirit for the success of foreign missions is a sure way to advance home missionary work," so we can be encouraged to lift harder and still harder on the foreign missions quota and be assured that it is not going to detract from the home missionary work, but the more we push the former the stronger will become the latter.

Several of our churches are keeping ahead on the missions goal, and others are climbing up. We are planning and praying for each church and each member to do all that God would have them do.

We hope to have three or four evangelistic efforts going in the spring, and to see some new believers and churches this year in Texico.

Pray brethren, and work while you pray to the end of finishing the work in this needy field.

R. L. BENTON.

COMING! WHAT? BIG WEEK

Another golden opportunity is just before each of us, to render a very great service to our fellow men, in the call of the hour to help. The call is to help swell the loud cry of the third angel's message. How may this be done? no doubt is the question in your mind? Answer; by entering into the work of the extension of the missions publishing fund. This should be done as the message is to go to every nation. Now is the time to lay plans in a very definite way for the coming Big Week; do not wait until April 19 to lay your plans, and order your supplies; if you do, no doubt you will be disappointed in the results of your effort. Talk over your plans, PRAY, order your literature, assign territory, give every one something to do. Become acquainted with the books, or the magazine whichever you prefer using so that you can present it in a way that

will appeal to your prospective purchaser, and you will see results that will surprise you. Four sets of the Busy Man's Library, or more, fourteen *Watchman* or more; think of the good that you under the blessing of the Lord may do in this effort.

"As church members go forth at God's bidding, the Holy Spirit comes to give efficiency and power. . . . When we have entire, whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of the spirit without measure.

"But this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God." *Review and Herald*, July 21, 1896.

"When the churches become living, working churches, then the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their request. . . . Then the windows of heaven will be open for the showers of the latter Rain." *Review and Herald*, Feb. 25, 1896.

Shall we not, one and all, respond to this call and say, "Here am I Lord,

send me?" There will be a great response in Texico, I am sure.

G. A. LaGRONE.

WORKING SCHEDULE FOR THE BIG WEEK CAMPAIGN OF 1924

April 19-26

1. March 22.

We are asking the publishing houses to have their special Big Week order blanks in the churches by this date. These blanks to be distributed the 22nd, with an appropriate announcement from the desk. The blanks may be filled out for Big Week literature on that day, or any time during the following week; and on March 29 all Big Week orders are to be in the hands of the church missionary secretaries. This will allow three weeks for ordering literature supplies and having them on hand by Sabbath, April 19, which is the rally day for the Big Week effort.

2. March 29, April 5, and April 12.

The plan is to ask the church elder to

COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE For Week Ending March 8, 1924

Name	Address	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	Helps	Total	Del.
H. D. Whitney		PPF	14	3	11 25	2 00	13 25	
M. M. Sikes		DR	1	1	5 50		5 50	
J. P. Williams		OD	22	4	14 00	12 25	26 25	12 00
John Howard		PPF	6	1	2 50		2 50	4 00
Mrs. Schilt		PPF	9					18 90
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Agents	5		62	9	33 25	14 25	47 50	40 65
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TEXICO CONFERENCE For Week Ending March 8, 1924

Mrs. McNeely		CK	32	5	13 50	6 75	20 25	31 00
C. Turner		CK	26	13	37 50	15 50	53 00	2 25
N. M. Rutledge		OD	14	6	27 00	4 50	31 50	5 00
C. D. Elliston		BR	20					161 00
A. Espinosa		OD	31	26	81 25	16 40	97 65	6 15
C. K. Danielson		DR	48	7	39 50	20 50	60 00	13 09

Agents	6		171	57	198 75	63 65	262 40	198 40
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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE For Week Ending March 15, 1924

J. D. Wilburn		BR	9					50 75
M. C. Crown		DR	30	4	22 00	18 00	40 00	36 75
A. N. Colunga		PG	29	3	11 50		11 50	25 50
A. C. Reed		PG	15	1	5 50		5 50	25 25
Mrs. Harris		BR	49	10	55 00	8 50	63 50	25
Mrs. Smith		BML	40		42 00		42 00	42 00
J. N. Harris		DR	8	4	22 00	5 50	27 50	
T. M. Ludwig		BR	34	4	22 50	4 00	26 00	18 50
Mrs. E. B. Jones		OD	4	1	2 75	5 25	8 00	
Mrs. D. W. Courtney		PG	1	1	5 50		5 50	5 50
Bibles Del.								32 00

Agents	10		249	28	188 25	41 25	229 50	236 50
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Grand Total Agents	21		482	94	420 25	119 15	539 40	475 55
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give a three-minute talk announcing the coming Big Week.

(a) March 29 the call for the return of all orders for Big Week literature should be made, with appropriate remarks.

(b) April 5, some interesting item of Big Week news from the Budget Booklet should be presented.

(c) April 12, a very unique folder of literature experiences, as prepared by the Publishing Department, will be in the churches to be distributed to all the members, with a brief word of explanation and calling attention to the importance of the Rally Service the following Sabbath. This literature will be sent in quantity to conference offices, to be remailed to the churches, according to the number required in each church for the membership—based on three individuals to a family, or one circular for every three members. It is important that plans be laid in conference offices for sending these leaflets on promptly. They should reach the office about the middle of March and be on their way to the churches by March 28 at the latest.

3. April 19—Big Week Rally Day.

In harmony with a recent General Conference Committee action, the Home Missionary Department will prepare a suggestive program for the Rally Day service. This will leave our office about April 1st, and be mailed direct to church elders, extra supplies to be furnished conference offices for supplying isolated, etc.

4. April 26—The Big Week Offering.

While the church service on this date is not a Big Week service, it is the time when the offering and all donations for the Missions Press Extension Fund should be turned in. It is important that this offering be given due consideration at the opening of the service. Profit from literature sales, dedicated wages, and all donations for Big Week effort should be placed in the offering envelope, properly labeled as Big Week funds, and placed in the collection baskets.

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"And what does the Prayer Book say?"

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