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Oklahoma City, Okla.
President—Elder M. B. Van Kirk
Sec'y-Treas. & Auditor—C. E. Smith

UNION NEWS NOTES

(These items arrived too late for last week's issue.)

Elder M. B. Van Kirk and Elder A. F. Harrison are attending a meeting of the Southern Publishing Association at Nashville, Tennessee.

Elder M. B. Van Kirk spent Sabbath with the Little Rock, Arkansas, church

Elder A. F. Harrison spoke to the Oklahoma City church last Sabbath in the interest of the Big Week campaign.

Elder E. A. Pohle spent last Sabbath with the El Reno, Oklahoma, church.

Elder M. B. Van Kirk was called home from Nashville, Tennessee, because of the illness of Mrs. Van Kirk.

Elder J. G. Dasent has returned from New Mexico where he held a series of meetings at Roswell. He will soon begin a tent effort at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

UNION NEWS NOTES

Elder E. T. Wilson, president of the Texico Conference, called at the union office Tuesday morning.

Elders A. F. Harrison and M. B. Van Kirk returned to the office Tuesday after attending the college board meeting and union conference committee meeting at Keene, Texas, Monday.

Elder E. A. Pohle is now in Keene, arranging for the Summer School work of Southwestern Junior College.

Elder G. F. Eichman is in the South Texas Conference in the interest of the Big Week work. He will spend some time in the Texico Conference and also in Oklahoma before returning to the office.

Mr. C. E. Smith is now auditing the

books of the North Texas Conference and Book and Bible House. Mr. Smith attended the union conference committee and college board meeting the first of the week and stopped in Dallas on his return trip.

FOLLOWING AFTER THE PIONEERING COLPORTEUR

That the Radio Lighthouse, WEMC, at Berrien Springs, Michigan, is an evangelical pathfinder in our work is evident from a letter which has been received at the office recently saying,

"The Bible I have is a King James Version, and I desire to ask you if you consider this version the true Word of God. Also I have the book 'Bible Readings for the Home Circle', also a group of six small books of which 'Steps to Christ' is one. I have had these books for some time but had never read them much until the last few months and I thank God for the desire I have to learn of the things of the Kingdom.

"At every opportunity I listen to the services from WEMC and wish to express my appreciation of the good the services do for me. Again thanking you for the magazine you have sent me, I am,"

Pray for the work of our great denominational broadcasting station at Berrien Springs.

INVESTMENTS FOR MISSIONS

There can be no doubt that the Lord is in this Sabbath School Investment Plan for foreign missions and that His spirit inspired it. Last year over \$36,000 were raised by this method, and the plan is quite new, only a relative few of our members having had a part in it. These dollars doubtless did not affect anyone's offerings to missions in the least, they being raised by simple little investments of various kinds, made for the purpose, and with the understanding that personal givings would not be slackened.

Some interesting accounts are told here and there of the ways in which

signal blessings have been received by those entering into this work. For instance, at Santa Barbara, California, a brother recently told in the writer's hearing, of giving a calf to missions. The butcher to whom it was sold said he gave the brother the largest price he had ever paid for a calf. This \$37.50 was donated to the Investment Fund. The interesting sequence is that since that initial act in investment work several years ago by the brother, the mother of the calf has given birth to twins three times.

Later this same church elder gave liberally to the Investment Fund from a crop of potatoes. After he had done so he was almost afraid he had impoverished himself. But he stated that he had not only had enough for himself from what remained, but had sold more to merchants than he estimated to be in the entire crop when it was dug. And, he added, he didn't seem to be able to exhaust the supply, like the widow of Blijah's day with her meal.

I recently heard of a member who runs a wholesale bakery, who used an interesting plan for raising investment money. He did not care to sell in a retail manner, but despite his feelings about this, neighbors kept coming into supply their small family needs. Finally the brother decided that he would turn over to the Investment Fund for money received from retail selling. Thus that which had been only a nuisance to the banker became a worth while thing, resulting in many dollars each quarter going into the mission funds.

Many and devious are the methods used by our people in this work, which we believe is destined to play an increasingly important part in missions money raising. The spring of the year is the best time perhaps for beginning on one's plans. We hope that a larger number than ever will take part in the interesting work this season.

J. C. THOMPSON,

Associate Secretary of the Sabbath School Department.

HAVE YOU ENROLLED IN THE FIRESIDE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL?

At the union conference home missionary secretaries council which convened in Washington, D. C. last December Professor Olson, the principal of the Fireside Correspondence School, addressed the delegates on the subject of courses in Bible readings, practical nursing, and salesmanship. Each union set its goal to enroll a certain number of students in that school. Our goal was forty-five. I have just received a letter from Professor Olson stating that so far only eight in our union have enrolled. Thus we are thirty-seven short.

Since this course offers training in giving Bible readings, practical nursing, and salesmanship, every one of our people should be interested and take advantage of this special offer that the Fireside people are still making.

If you have not enrolled yet, I hope you will do so at once.

G. F. EICHMAN.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE
1215 Marshall St.
Little Rock, Ark.
President—Elder R. P. Montgomery
Sec'y-Treas.—L. J. Black
Arkansas Tract Society:
Sec'y-Treas.—L. J. Black

STATEMENT OF 60c-A-WEEK FUND

For three months ending Mar. 28, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Quota	Received	Short cent
Ark.	4,071.60	1,503.60	2,568.00
Ark. C.	539.50	207.74	331.76

"WHERE WILL CAMP MEETING BE?"

This is the question that is being asked now all over Arkansas. It is a good one. After giving careful study to this question and looking over several probable places for camp meeting we finally decided upon Malvern. We already have a permit in writing granting us the privilege to hold our meeting in a nice pine grove on Page Avenue, just a few blocks east of the business section of Malvern. This grove is on a hill and the ground is well shaded. All the small tents can be pitched in shade. Inquiries have been made and we can get all the accommodations

there necessary to the comfort and success of the meeting.

Malvern is a nice town of about 5,000 on the Missouri Pacific road from Little Rock to Texarkana. It is about fifty miles southwest of Little Rock on a good road.

I am sure many of our people throughout Arkansas will now begin to plan to go to camp meeting. Let us talk about the meeting and pray for the success of the meeting.

R. P. MONTGOMERY.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be called a special session of the conference of Arkansas, to be held in connection with the camp meeting at Malvern, Arkansas, July 14-24. The first meeting will be at 9:00 A. M. July 15, 1927. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each fifteen members or major portion thereof. Reports of officers will be read and such other business transacted as may come before the delegates.

R. P. MONTGOMERY, President,
L. J. BLACK, Secretary.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Arkansas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be called to convene at Malvern at the Seventh-day Adventist camp 9:30 A. M. July 18, 1927. This is for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the Association. Delegates to the Conference are delegates of the Association.

R. P. MONTGOMERY, President,
L. J. BLACK, Secretary.

ARE YOU AN EVANGELIST?

Then you will want to take advantage of the new short term, low-priced *Signs* club offer. Every week, in connection with your meetings, the *Signs* can be taken to a select number of homes in the surrounding territory. Every issue is live; every fourth one is in two colors. Current news pictures catch the eye and arouse interest. Current articles on world conditions, on health, and on the home draw the person still farther into the paper, until he finally finds himself reading the strong serial doctrinal articles and Bi-

ble studies that run like a golden thread through the paper from week to week. When a journal filled with up-to-the-minute pictures and articles is placed in a man's hand, he can hardly resist reading it.

In your lectures you strive to present the prophecies in terms of current conditions; then why not have your literature do the same? In other words, why not use a club of *Signs* in your efforts from now on? That's logical enough, isn't it?

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE
2900 Live Oak Street
Dallas, Texas
President—Elder Roy L. Benton
Sec'y-Treas.—C. G. Ortner
North Tex. Book and Bible House
Sec'y-Treas.—C. G. Ortner

STATEMENT OF THE SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

For three months ending Mar. 28, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Quota	Received	Short cent
N. Tex. C.	513.50	184.50	328.97
N. Tex.	8,954.40	3,465.89	5,488.51

NORTH TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Sabbath, April 30, nine new believers were baptized in the Dallas church. Others are to be baptized later.

Elder Miller is at this writing, pitching his tent at Waco where he plans to hold a five weeks' effort for the colored people of that thriving city.

Brother Norman is canvassing in the vicinity of Corsicana. We believe Brother Norman will have a real Big Week not only in hours, but also in orders received.

The meetings at Wichita Falls are now in progress. Everything seems to be going well with the exception of the attendance, which we believe will increase with the progress of the meetings.

Elder Benton, was over the week-end at Lufkin, where he and Elder Wolfe and some of our good brethren and sisters, put the finishing touch to the tabernacle Monday and Monday night.

We were glad to have Elder Spies call at the office recently, and especially receive his order for 150 sets of Big Week books for the Waco church. We feel confident that Waco will do its part toward the Big Week extension fund.

We are glad to report that Brother Yates again had an over crowded hall last Sunday night at Denison. It was highly appreciated that Brother DeNufreo, one of our brethren, a distinguished harpist, consented to entertain the audience for a short time after the regular service.

The Dallas church is setting a real example in our conference in the promotion of Big Week work. Nearly every day this past week, a group of our faithful ladies of the congregation gathered at the office where they waited for a car to take them out to some of the near by towns to sell Big Week books. Their success was out of the ordinary. We hope that other churches will follow this good example.

Brother Ortner visited with the Valley View church, Sabbath, April 23. While our brethren at Valley View do not have the available time to sell books in the spring time, they have ordered thirty sets of Big Week books and contributed otherwise in good promises, in all to the amount of \$200.00 which gives them an average of nearly \$4.00 per member toward the Big Week extension fund. The Big Week campaign is broad enough to offer every member of this conference a part in it. Have you done your part?

While we are not able to announce just what Wichita Falls will do toward the Big Week extension fund, we have learned that they are planning to do big things. One of our brethren at Wichita Falls asked whether he could secure fifty sets of Big Week books for himself. He desires these sets made up of four books, which would mean 200 books which this brother plans to sell himself. We are glad to make up such sets for any one who wishes to sell the four book sets.

SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARIES' HONOR ROLL

Up to the present time, we have received all Sabbath school reports for the first quarter of 1927, with the exception of two. We are hoping these two will come in in time for us to send our report to the General Conference before the close of this month, or we will receive a black star for delinquency in reporting.

Below is a list of those who sent in prompt and complete reports, which entitles them to a star and flag seal in the record book:

School	Name of Secretary
Berea	Lois Hopkins
Cleburne	Jewell Layland
Corsicana (col.)	Mrs. M. R. McKinney
Commerce	Mrs. C. C. Welch
Chireno	Arnetis Menefee
Dalworth	Mrs. S. M. Coston
Fort Worth	Mrs. R. W. Williams
Graham	Betty Doub
Valley View	W. F. Sadau
Waco (col.)	Mrs. F. M. Jones
Wichita Falls	Delta Fern Wisdom

List of those who received a star for prompt reporting:

Athens	Ralph E. Whitaker
Big Sandy	E. H. Sewing
Beulah	Gladys Taylor
Clifton	Miss Lizzie Nystel
Corsicana	Lucile Turner
Dallas	Mrs. Robert Leslie
Douglass	Katie Stinson
Dallas (Span.)	Mrs. J. A. Salazar
Jefferson (col.)	Rosetta Griffin
Keene	Viola Bayliss
Lufkin	Mrs. J. P. Condon
Mount Pleasant	B. C. Allen
Mosier Valley	Levonvia Holder
New Hope	W. B. Capps
Olney	Freda Sadau
Paris	Mrs. E. S. Olson
Sherman	Mrs. Jess Totten
Salmon	Mrs. Florence Salmon
Terrell	Elizabeth Mosley
Waco	Mrs. Perczinsky

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT,
Nadine Harris, Secretary.

DALLAS CHURCH

The Dallas church was greatly favored Sabbath by having Elder Miller, and a group of the Seminar boys with us. Their symposium on "Jehovah" was well arranged, and the young men showed real earnestness, and a depth of Christian experience in its delivery. We are grateful for these young men, who will soon be out giving this message to the world.

We wish that every young person in our church might have the inspiration to go to Keene, and prepare themselves.

In the afternoon they also spoke on foreign missions at the young peoples' meeting, which showed preparation. This, too, was excellent. The selections rendered by the male quartet in the morning and afternoon were very much appreciated by all. Singers and speakers made a good impression upon our large audience, and it was refreshing to us in this large city, to see the good spirit, and mark the atmosphere of these young men, and to know that

they are our own college product.
H. S. PRENIER.

OBITUARY

Charles Edgar Cullins, who was the son of Albert J. and Sarah Ann Cullins, was born August 29, 1881, at Massadonia, Illinois, where he was reared; and died in Dallas County, April 22, 1927.

He married Amada Bennett, of Akin, Illinois, on January 23, 1901. To them were born seven children, four girls and three boys. All survive him but one.

In 1903 the family moved to Townley, Missouri, where Mr. Cullins joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was an elder in the church there for four years, and gave acceptable, faithful service.

In 1920 he removed to Texas and resided at Farmer's Branch until about five years ago, when he moved to Dallas, where he lived until the time of his death.

He was a devoted husband and a loving tender father, and a man who made strong friendships. The memory of his faithful life is cheering.

Interment at Farmers' Branch
H. S. PRENIER.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS NOTES

The Dallas church school is making preparations for their closing exercises.

Mrs. Guy Williamson, church school teacher at Dalworth, is able to take charge of her school again after being out because of an acute attack of appendicitis.

Young people, are you planning to come to camp meeting this year? It is not too early to begin getting ready. We want to meet every one of you at that time.

A number of applications for Reading Course Certificates have been received recently from the schools. We are glad to see so many of the children finishing the Reading Courses this year.

The Waco Missionary Volunteer Society was the first one to send their report to the office for the month of April. Their membership is fifteen and fourteen reported missionary work. We wish every report would show as good per cent of reporting members.

The Missionary Volunteer report for the first quarter of 1927 shows the fol-

lowing interesting items: Per cent of reporting members eighty-four; Number observing Morning Watch 273; Number Bible Certificates issued since first of year two; Reading Course Certificates issued since first of year twenty-two; Missionary Visits 881; Hours Christian Help Work 1484; Papers and Magazines distributed 7259; This shows that our young people and juniors are at work.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

The Central District of the North Texas Conference comprises the counties of Dallas, Collin, Denton, Rockwall and Kaufman. There are three organized churches: Dallas, Dalworth Park and Cedar Grove, besides quite a few isolated members. It is our plan to spend one Sabbath each month with the Dalworth church. They have about sixty five members, although some are living elsewhere. Last week it was my privilege to spend several days in Terrell, and with those in Cedar Grove and the surrounding country. They have very few church privileges, as they are so scattered. One small group meets for Sabbath School in Terrell. They also have a small family school for their children, which they greatly appreciate.

Meetings at the little church at Cedar Grove have been discontinued for some time. We hope, however, that from time to time we can get scattered ones together, and have services, and revive the old time activities that characterized this little church. Each one we visited showed a real spirit of earnestness and willingness to work. They are planning to take hold of the Big Week effort in a strong way. We found one elderly sister, in Rockwall, who is badly crippled, and has not been visited for six years. It is a real inspiration to me to see those less privileged ones, and note their faith and steadfastness. There is real power in a message that keeps people faithful under these conditions. We hope in the near future we will be able to visit all the isolated ones in the Central District.

H. S. PRENIER

TWO PRESENT TRUTH EXTRAS

Present Truth, No. 35, May 4, will be an extra war number. No. 37, May 18, will be another extra on the prevailing Peace and Safety Cry, in the face of wars and rumors of wars.

These two extras are brought out at

this time to impress the meaning of the present unprecedented unrest of many nations. Both will be ready to mail the first of May. They are intended to be distributed together.

D. W. REAVIS.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Box 1077

Oklahoma City, Okla.

President—Elder W. M. Clark

Sec'y-Treas.—Lowell Estes

Oklahoma Book and Bible House:

Sec'y-Treas.—B. E. Bridwell

STATEMENT OF THE SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

For three months ending Mar. 28, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Quota	Received	Short cent
Okla.	16,036.80	5,194.98	10,841.82
Okla. C.	663.00	145.74	517.26

OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES.

Brother Gant answered a hurry-up call to Addington the first of the week to assist the church in taking care of important school matters.

Elder Willess was called to Achille last Sabbath to conduct the funeral of Sister Muhlhauser, another of our faithful members who has gone to rest. Obituary will appear later.

A tinge of sorrow will be felt in many hearts to know that Brother E. W. Crawford, one of the pioneer colporteurs of the Southwest, will no more be seen at our gatherings. He fell asleep April 28, and was laid to rest the following day at Ardmore.

Elder Dasent made the office a pleasant call, having returned from an extended visit in the Texico Conference. He is on his way to Fort Smith to plan for the summer's campaign at that place.

Brother Fowler writing from Ardmore reports three baptisms as a result of his Sunday night meetings in that place, with still others deeply interested.

Several years ago Brother Laird, of Hewitt, canvassed the territory northeast of Admore. An interest created by the the books sold called Brother Loudon, of Ardmore, to hold a few meetings for the colored people in that district. He has started the meetings and reports an excellent interest. The silent messengers are winning souls.

Brother Gant spent the week-end with the Omega and East Cooper churches, being present for the closing exercises of the East Cooper school.

Elder Dart is taking a few days' rest at Doctor Gaede's Sanitarium at Weatherford and we hope will be much improved in condition of health. His strenuous campaign of the past three months brought him to the point of a nervous breakdown. Today's mail brought word that he was feeling much better.

Elder Clark's plans to meet with and organize the Brinkman church were carried out. Last Sabbath a goodly number of people came from Lone Wolf to participate in the all-day meeting. Twenty-six presented themselves for membership and were received into the fellowship in what is known as the Jay Buckle-Brinkman church. Elders Clark and Dart effected the organization and remained for three services Sunday. All present, including the Lone Wolf people, felt that it was a blessed season with the Lord. It really was an unusual meeting in some respects as during the time the church was organized, the ordinances solemnized, and officers ordained. This is the second church asking for membership in the conference this year.

SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

917 South Presa St.

San Antonio, Texas

President—Elder W. R. Elliott

Sec'y-Treas.—J. S. McMullan

South Texas Book and Bible Society:

Sec'y-Treas.—J. S. McMullan

STATEMENT OF THE SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

For three months ending Mar. 28, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Quota	Received	Short cent
S. Tex.	6,271.20	1,954.26	4,325.94
S. Tex. C.	1,898.00	833.87	1,064.13

EL CAMPO NEWS

Monday night, May 2, was a memorable occasion for the El Campo church school. On that night the school program was rendered. We had fully intended to have it one week earlier, but due to spring rains we had to postpone it. Many outside visitors were present; some even came from thirty-five miles away. Brother S. J.

Taylor and family, of Edna, were present. Brother Emil Gensler and family and a few friends were present from Danevang. Many more were here from Hahn, a nearby community.

Altogether the program was a success. Besides school songs and recitations, the play entitled, "The Ten Virgins," was acted out, and it was one of our best pieces. Beyond doubt the pieces which demanded the most compliments were the two duets rendered

by Misses Mabel and Jeanette Taylor. The visitors from Hahn were truly delighted over our program. Reverend Clark of the Hahn Evangelical church praised our school as the thing which was behind it. He said that he could surely see the difference in the training of children in public schools and the training they received down here at our church school.

ROY L. HOWARD.

TEXICO CONFERENCE
 419 Rencher St.
 Clovis, New Mexico
 President—Elder E. T. Wilson
 Sec'y-Treas.—O. D. Slater
 Texico Book and Bible House.
 Sec'y-Treas.—O. D. Slater.

STATEMENT OF THE SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

For three months ending Mar. 28, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Quota	Received	Short cent
Texico	3,814.20	2,237.81	1,576.39
Texico C.	442.00	185.35	256.65

COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT

ARKANSAS COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 1927.

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
Killis Boyce	RJ	43	5	15.00	1.50	16.25	37.25
Earl Shafer	DR	42	13	74.50	22.75	97.25	7.00
E. A. Huslsenbeck	OD	21	5	17.50	.50	18.00	.50
J. B. Hawkins	DR	15	....	....	23.00	23.00	119.00
Misc. Sales	....	....	....	157.75	....	157.75	157.75
Workers 4	....	121	23	264.75	47.50	312.25	321.50

OKLAHOMA COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, '27.

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
G. B. Boswell	BF	42	20	66.00	14.75	80.75	6.00
J. B. Roth	PP	41	5	27.50	11.75	39.25	....
G. W. Calloway	BR	35	17	19.50	2.00	101.50	....
W. S. Hicks	BR	33	5	27.50	17.25	44.75	3.50
J. P. Williams	GC	33	2	13.00	18.00	31.00	3.75
J. F. Stringer	BR	33	6	35.00	2.25	37.25	....
W. R. Barlett	BR	28	6	33.00	....	33.00	....
R. O. Laird	DR	31	4	26.00	9.75	35.75	21.50
Ewell Walker	PPF	24	5	19.00	6.50	25.50	6.50
R. D. Whitney	PPF	25	8	26.00	1.00	27.00	.50

BACK REPORTS:

G. B. Boswell	BF	85	26	85.00	23.60	148.10	11.00
G. W. Calloway	BR	69	....	155.50	....	155.50	5.00
Workers 10	....	479	118	613.00	146.35	759.35	57.75

SOUTH TEXAS COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APR. 30, '27

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
W. H. Atherly	HW	28	33	138.00	33.00	171.00	1.00
A. A. Prewitt	....	21	....	....	10.75	10.75	.50
W. J. Prindle	OD	35	3	10.50	18.50	29.00	23.00
Jose Llorens	HP	21	20	130.00	....	130.00	....
Isaias Perez	OD	39	3	10.50	1.25	18.50	4.25
Workers 5	....	144	65	289.00	63.50	359.25	28.75

TEXICO COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 1927.

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
T. A. Pate	OD	30	17	59.50	10.25	69.75	.25
C. L. Chastain	OD	27	9	33.00	9.00	42.00	30.75
G. F. Sillivent	OD	23	9	31.50	6.00	37.50	42.50
Mrs. McNeeley	OD	15	1	3.50	11.75	15.25	1.00
Workers 4	95	36	127.50	37.00	164.50	74.50

GRAND TOTAL:

Workers 23	325	233	1294.25	294.35	1595.35	381.50
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TEXICO NEWS NOTES

The Albuquerque church was highly favored recently by two stirring mission talks by Elder J. M. Cole, who has spent a long term of service in the South Seas. One of his talks was illustrated by the use of slides which greatly added to the interest. Elder and Sister Cole are real missionaries, and he surely makes you want to see Jesus when he tells about His great love for the fallen race, which accounts for the marked success of his labors among that benighted people.

Elder Wilson spoke to a combined meeting of the English and Spanish churches last Sabbath on the subject of Christian education, and a hearty response to his message was evidenced by a substantial offering at the close of the services.

Brother C. D. Colburne, elder of the Maxwell church, reports a new Sabbath School organized at Springer with a membership of eighteen, and a lively interest in the message. Springer is about fifteen miles from Maxwell, and located in a good farming section, under an irrigation ditch.

On a recent visit to some of our smaller companies, Elder Wilson reports finding a manifestation of the greatest faith he ever saw, and this trust in God was in the face of some of the severest trials ever permitted to come to the children of God. Surely we are living in the anti-typical days of the Apostolic church, and while some are losing their way, others are tightening their grip upon the strong arm of Jehovah, and he is showing himself Mighty to save.

FIRST CALL TO THE FEAST OF THE LORD

The yearly convocation of God's people will be held in Amarillo, Texas from August 4-14, and it is to be hoped that an even larger representation of the Texico believers will be able to attend than were present at Clovis last year, which exceeded in number any previous camp meeting held in this conference.

These yearly gatherings are appointments of the Lord Himself, and surely we ought to make a desperate effort to be where heavenly representatives congregate, and some way the writer has convictions that we are going to have the best camp meeting, ever had in this field. In fact, he believes this will be true throughout the world; for there are omens of the coming King on every hand, and our people are finding more time to go out and do missionary work near their homes, than at any time previous. So you may be assured they will want to tell their stories at this coming camp meeting, and you will want to hear them, for it will do your souls good to learn what the Lord is doing through humble instruments. Then others will want to hear your story, so begin to plan now for the meeting and the Lord will open the way for you to be there.

Did you say, "Who should attend this yearly feast?" Every member of the family, for surely we have come to the time spoken of by the Lord when we were told to "Take our wives and our children by the hand and make a rush for the kingdom."

May the dear Lord greatly bless every believer in Texico as he endeavors to hold up the light of truth in his home, and neighborhood and may the way open for each one to enjoy the annual meeting at Amarillo, this year is the prayer of the writer,

E. T. WILSON

OBITUARY

Charles Milton Porter was born in West Henryetta, New York, August, 1873, and died at Hynes, California, March 20, 1927. From the time he was just a young man Brother Porter showed an interest in Christian life and work, uniting then with the Methodist church. About fifteen years ago hearing the third angel's message preached he determined he must associate himself with this movement, and he has earnestly supported it since that time.

On account of failing health he came to California last June, but he did not regain his strength but feel asleep, faithful to the last and full of hope in a soon-coming Saviour. At the time of his death Brother Porter was a member of the El Paso church.

Words of comfort were spoken from 2 Tim. 4:7. Interment was in Inglewood cemetery, Los Angeles.

EARL R. REYNOLDS.

THE GROWING TIME

Youth is the growing time of life. It is during this period that the seeds are planted which will grow to mar or beautify our life and service in all future time. Since reading is one of the greatest character molders, should we not plant early and with sure foundation, seed-books, as it were, which will be worthy of a permanent place in our choicest belongings? One, two, — perhaps three books, may be the beginning of a selection which will grow into a comfort, a joy, and a true blessing all through life. For, owning a personal library does not mean that you must have a room full of expensive book-cases filled with many beautifully bound volumes. You may have only a few well-chosen books on a home-made shelf, but these, carefully supplemented, will grow into a library of inestimable worth.

The public library is an excellent place for extensive research work, but your own library is the place for real character-building reading. That great literary man, John Ruskin, recognized the value of having books of our own where we can read them and re-read them in times of leisure or in times of stress. It was he who said, "Life being very short, and the quiet hours of it few, we ought to waste none of them in reading valueless books; and valuable books should, in a civilized country, be within the reach of every one."

"When I was a boy," said Henry Clay, "my mother was very poor, but she was never too poor to buy her boy a good book, and to this more than anything else I owe my success in life." Another has well advised, "Patch your old coat, but buy a good book." In these times, when there are so many ways by which young people can earn cash of their own, it is not necessary to depend upon father or mother to buy our books. We appreciate most that which we obtain by our own efforts.

And what better books can be found to put into a growing library, young

people, than those selected each year for the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses? Do you own those listed in the 1927 course? If you do not have a library already showing sturdy growth, why not begin one with these excellent 1927 Reading Course books:

Senior

"The Lighted Way" M. E. Kern 1.25.

"From Beacon Fire to Radio" Walter Kellogg Towers 1.75.

"Cannibals and Head-hunters" C. H. Watson 1.50.

"Glimpses of Indian America" W. F. Jordan 1.50.

Complete set by mail 4.65

Camp meeting price 4.45

Junior

"Crossing the Plains" Edith Starbuck 1.25.

"Jungle Stories" E. B. Hare 1.25.

"Life of Joseph Bates" Autobiography 1.25

Complete set by mail . . . \$3.25

Camp meeting price 3.10

Primary

"Friends of Fur and Feathers" Myrtle Alley-Rice 1.00

"Uncle Jim's Visitors" Arthur S. Maxwell 1.25.

Complete set by mail \$2.00

Camp meeting price 1.80

"A little library, growing larger every year, is an honorable part of a man's history. It is a man's duty to have books. A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life."—Henry Ward Beecher.

EMMA E. HOWELL

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THE GREAT EXISTING CONTRADICTION

Wars and Rumors of Wars
with

The Peace and Safety Cry

Present Truth will set forth this world-wide contradiction, and proclaim the message of the soon-coming of Christ in these two Extras, ready to mail the first of May, one on the subject of the existing wars and the increase in rumors of wars and the other on the prevailing peace and safety cry.

The war issue will be the first out, and will deal with the subjects under the following sub-heads:

Will There Be Another Great War?

The War to End War; Natural Results of the Versailles Peace Treaty; The Seething Caldron of Earth's Hu

manity; Causes of War Still Remain; No Hope for Disarmament; The Black Cloud of Fear; War Springs From the Human Heart; Bible Prophecy Foretells War Yet to Come; The Nations are Angry; The Hour of God's Judgment; The World still Under Arms; Marshalling of National Resources; Active and Potential Armies.

Preparation for War Man's Greatest Industry

Many Types of Battleships; The Race for Crusier Strength; Submarine Warfare; War by Chemistry; The Race for Air Craft; The World War Spirit; Twenty Fever Spots of War Throughout the World; China—The Greatest War Fleet Ever Assembled in the Orient; Awakening National Consciousness, A Potent Cause of Future War; Asia's Rising Strength; A New Page in the World's History; The Age of the Pacific; The Kings of the East and of the West.

Christ's Second Coming Near

A Sudden, Tremendous, and Unexpected Catastrophe; "Be Ye Also Ready,"; The Manner of Christ's Coming; A Personal, Literal, Visible, Coming; What Christ's Coming Will Mean; The Destruction of War; The End of Sickness, Pain, and Death; The End of Poverty; Companionship With Jesus; Reunion With our Beloved Dead; The Fullness of Joy and Peace; Are We Prepared for Christ's Coming?

The second extra will expose, in a convincing way, the delusions of the Peace and Safety Claim. These two extras will be "meat in due season" and excellent material for general, miscellaneous distribution at this time when the public mind is centered upon the perplexities resulting from a seemingly irrepressible preparation for war in the midst of unprecedented declaration of peace and safety. The message for this hour will be plainly and impressively given in these two extras.

D. W. REAVIS.

A YEAR'S VOLUME OF LIFE AND HEALTH

Those who are not reading *Life and Health* do not know how much that journal gives for a little money. Since the change in subscription price, placing it at seventy-five cents a year for single subscription, and fifty cents three or more separate subscriptions given at one time, the subscription list has greatly increased. For the benefit of

those who may not be numbered among its subscribers, the following survey of a year's issues may be interesting.

The Journal contains sixteen pages and cover. It carries a minimum amount of advertising, confined almost exclusively to the cover pages, and therefore is able to give the fullest amount of reading matter bearing directly on its distinctive line. Different from the average magazine or journal devoted largely to fiction or general matter, the articles in *Life and Health* are particularly of interest to the health seeker.

In the volume for 1926 nearly one hundred articles were published covering editorials, matter from Mrs. E. G. White, and contributions by capable writers.

The illustrations, while good for their attraction and embellishment, are particularly suited to the subject matter. The *Review and Herald* art department spares no pains in making each issue not only attractive but effective in giving its health message. For the past year, one hundred and eleven such illustrations, graphs, and diagrams were used.

Each issue of the Journal contains material of special seasonal interest. Reliable information is given in simple language, easily understood by any reader. Instruction is given in methods of health protection and simple treatments. All phases of health instruction are covered. Practically every number has its article on the proper preparation of food, with helpful recipes.

In the Home Nurse Department appears from month to month valuable instruction for the home care of the mother, the baby, and the child, and related interests.

In the Questions and Answers Department Doctor G. H. Heald gives replies to questions, covering various phases of health needs, simple ailments, advertised remedies, food values, etc. This department does not attempt to diagnose ailments or prescribe treatment. It is not intended to surplant the family physician or otherwise render professional service.

In News Notes and Findings are given many short and pithy paragraphs presenting the latest in medical and health developments of particular interest to health readers.

The Children's Page is proving of real value to the young readers. Health instruction is made attractive and interesting by the use of suitable illustrations, usually to be colored by the children, helpful contests, and practical information on the develop-

ment of health habits.

Every reader of the Southwestern Union RECORD should take advantage of the low subscription price, either direct or in combination with the *Review and Herald* and *Liberty* and have *Life and Health* as a regular visitor. These three papers can be secured for one year, to one address for \$3.00.



BIBLE NUMBER

HERE'S a paper every boy and girl will enjoy. Full of good things from cover to cover. "Jimmy's Message to the Infidel," "The Faith of a Little Child," "Elsie and the Big Red Apple," "All Are Invited," and other captivating stories point out doctrinal truth in a way a child will readily grasp.

Attractively printed in two colors. Ten or more to one address cost you only 2 cents each, and sell for five cents each. Give or sell a copy to every boy and girl in your neighborhood.

Order a liberal supply of the Bible Number of "Our Little Friend" from your Book and Bible House to-day.

S. W. J. COLLEGE

COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT
S. W. J. C.

Elder A. G. Daniells will deliver the commencement address for the senior class of '27. The school is fortunate in

securing such a splendid speaker as Elder Daniells. He has long been a strong worker in our denomination. For twenty years he stood at the head of our organized work. He will give his address on the night of May 21.

President Thompson will conduct the consecration service at the beginning of the Sabbath on May 20. Elder H. S. Prenier, pastor of the Dallas church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon, Sabbath morning, May 21. The complete program for commencement week is as follows:

Class night	8 p. m., May 19
Consecration service	Vesper hour, May 20
Baccalaureate sermon	11 a. m., May 21
Commencement address	8 p. m., May 21

All of these, with the exception of the consecration service, will be held at the Keene church. The consecration service will be held in the college chapel. The college invites its many friends to visit it during the closing days of another successful school year.

A TRIP TO HONDO

On Sabbath, April 16, I visited the Hondo church and school. This is the first trip I ever made that place.

I found there an earnest company of believers and a splendid group of young people, a good number of whom plan to be in Southwestern Junior College next year. Brother John Gepford has charge of the school there, and it was a personal pleasure to meet him in the field of his work, and see the earnest and consecrated spirit he is showing in his teaching. We are glad that Brother Gepford plans to be in Southwestern Junior College again next year.

Brother and Sister Hanhardt and daughter drove with us from San Antonio to Hondo and return at a good deal of inconvenience to themselves. I very much appreciated this courtesy on their part. While in Hondo we stayed at the home of Brother and Sister Faseler whose gracious hospitality made our stay in Hondo most pleasant. For Sabbath dinner we were at the home of Elder Stewart, two of whose sons have already been students of Southwestern Junior College. One, Mr. Celian Stewart, is with us now and is one of our main stays in the Planing Mill. Another of Brother Stewart's sons plans to be with us next year.

I very much enjoyed my visit at Hondo, both because of the fine group of young people I found there, and be-

cause of the excellent spirit of Christian hospitality and friendliness existing in the church.

P. L. THOMPSON.

NEXT YEAR'S PLANS FOR SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE

We have just completed another board meeting at Southwestern Junior College and we are glad to report that it seems to be the general feeling of the board that the outlook for our school has never been better. One action in particular will be of interest: The board voted to petition the General Conference for permission to carry the pre-medical course next year, and we believe that this permission will be granted us. We want our young people in the Southwestern Union Conference to look this way for their training in pre-medical lines. In fact we have been giving the pre-medical course with the exception of two classes, and it is planned to add these two classes next year. This course added to the good strong normal course we have been carrying, and will continue to carry, and the equally strong commercial course, will enable our young people to look to Southwestern Junior College for all college work up to and including the fourteenth grade. This work will be second quality and standard to none.

We will have a strong faculty next year as we have had during the past and preceding years. It has always been our pride that our faculty has been equal to that of any of our sister institutions, and we believe the people of Southwestern Union are taking a genuine pride in their school.

We are encouraged by the good letters that come in from all over the field indicating not only a loyal support of the school, but a growing interest in Christian education. We believe in the future of Southwestern Junior College and believe that the people of the Southwestern Union Conference will continue to stand loyally by the work and to support it in every way.

If there are young people in your neighborhood who ought to be in Southwestern Junior College next year, wouldn't it be a good act of missionary work and an act to help build up the work, for you to give some consideration to what you can do both in influence and financial support to help these young people to get into school?

P. L. THOMPSON.

ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale—Extra cheap, if sold at once. Five acres land, with house, good well water, some fruit on place; price \$260.00 for quick sale. Four miles East of Cleburne, close to Keene, Texas. Apply to J. L. Edge, Bryan, Texas. —19p.

The William Mason Memorial Hospital offers opportunity to eight selected students, between the ages of 18 and 35, and who have nine grades in an accredited school, to enter our Nurses Training School, June 1, 1927. Our School is recognized by the State Board of Kentucky and graduates who register in Kentucky can nurse in any state in the United States except three. Cash monthly allowance is paid students in addition to board, room, tuition and laundry. Write at once.

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