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Oklahoma City, Okla.

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

OUR CONSTANT TASK

What would Seventh-day Adventists do if in some unexpected way every responsibility in the carrying of this message was lifted from them instantly? We have become accustomed to responsibilities and sometimes it seems that thus becoming accustomed to them has made us forget the urgency of the yearly needs. Recognizing the impossibility of finishing our work without extending the border lines if our mission fields each year our mission board endeavors to extend the stakes a bit and of course that means to strengthen the lines for the more missionaries we send out the more money that is needed. There is never a Fall Council except the mission calls exceed the possibilities. The mission board is always put to its wit's end to meet the urgent needs as they come from year to year. Our Sixty-cents-a-week report including June shows that we are still short something over six thousand dollars in amount of money over what was given in 1926 the first six months.

Our union stands at 24.4 cents per week per member which makes us short \$46,396.69 of our assigned mission goal. Harvest Ingathering will reduce this some twenty or twenty-five thousand dollars if we do faithful work, but there are still six months before the year is over and if we lag behind in the same proportion that we have the first half of the year we will still be far short.

Our union conference once in its history raised the entire quota assigned it. This was in the year 1920 and the mission quota was fifty cents per week per member. Our present mission quota is a sum of money

equal to sixty cents per week per member, only one-fifth larger. Brethren, if every one of us would give according to his ability to give and would keep it up regularly we would have sixty cents per week. If we could have sixty cents a week it would be a great blessing to our mission fields. Let us resolve that the last half of the year will show a better record than the first half.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SIGNS SPECIAL

From the Signs of the Times office we have received information that twenty-five thousand copies of the Signs special which deals with the growth and development of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination are to be used in our field.

Now, brethren, over half a million of these have been used throughout the country and the brethren are expecting to use another half million. It is a splendid number of the Signs and gives people a real understanding of Seventh-day Adventists and their work. Won't you plan to use many more? Let us scatter these papers everywhere and to every home where it may be read. Let us do it now. It is a splendid missionary work.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

THE HALF MILLION MARK PASSED JULY 15

Yes, a half million—500,000 copies—and more, of the special Seventh-day Adventist number of the *Signs of the Times* have been called for, and it would seem that many churches have just begun to get into action with this wonderful number. From the report of where these half million papers have gone we take the following figures representing the orders placed thus far by the conferences of the Southwestern Union, and the per cent of goal of ten copies per member set by the General Conference Home Missionary Department that has been reached.

Conference	Number of copies	Per cent of goal
Arkansas	5,814	88
North Texas	5,722	45
Oklahoma	9,608	30
South Texas	1,537	14
Texico	5,068	81
S. W. Union	24,749	42

While these figures are encouraging, in consideration of the very great possibilities with this number at the very low rate of \$17.50 a thousand copies, ought we not to regard them as just a beginning? Shall not our churches catch a larger vision, and work from this point on to do a large and thorough work in placing this number with its clear explanations of what Seventh-day Adventists believe and teach in the hands of the people? If we do, another half million homes may as well have its message within the next sixty days, and there is nothing to stop us with a million. The possibilities with this number are unlimited.

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 THE SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

For six months ending June 30, 1927

	Amount	Am't Per	Short cent
		Quota Received	
Ark.	8,456.40	3,248.40	5,208.00
Ark. C.	1,120.50	424.45	696.05

ARKANSAS NEWS NOTES

Elder Montgomery is visiting among the isolated members at Ola, Plainview, Ava and other points near. He will return to the office the first of the week.

Brother Black is taking his vacation among the mountains of Arkansas this week. Mrs. Black and their son, Marbert and wife, accompanied him.

Doctor Green left Little Rock the first of the week for Denver, Colora-

do, where he will undergo a very serious operation. We pray that the operation will be successful and that Doctor Green will be with us again as soon as possible.

Doctor Warden, of Monroe, Arkansas, brought his wife to Little Rock last Monday. She underwent an operation and is now recovering.

Professor and Mrs. L. N. Carter and Glenmore arrived in Little Rock Tuesday morning. They are visiting churches in the interest of Southwestern Junior College. They have found a number of young people who are very much interested in attending school this winter.

Mrs. Ethel Ockerman and daughter, Miss Ruth Beamer, are visiting Mrs. H. E. Roll in El Dorado this week.

Mrs. Ura Joy Spring and little daughter are away from Little Rock on their vacation.

Miss Mary Beamer and Miss Mattie Lassiter have returned from a two weeks' vacation in the mountains.

Miss Anna Stone is spending the summer in California. Sister Stone is traveling with her husband.

Miss Evangeline Green is working in the hospital of her uncle, Dr. W. C. Green, during her vacation. She plans to be in Keene when school opens there.

Mrs. J. J. Vance, of Hot Springs, has been in Little Rock for some time taking treatments. She also underwent an operation and is now out of the hospital and on the way to recovery. She is staying with her mother, Mrs. Olive Allen.

Mrs. Haughey has been on the sick list for a few days. She says she will be back in the office by the last of the week, she hopes.

Eight church treasurers failed to remember that all church funds should be forwarded to the conference treasurer immediately after the close of the month. Dear treasurer, please remember we need these reports promptly, each month.

Brother Lincoln who has been in the hospital for some time, has now gone to his home and is able to be up a part of the time.

Miss Ruby Bounds is visiting relatives in Mississippi.

VISIT WITH THE LUCKY CHURCH

I made my first visit with the Lucky Church last week. I arrived there Friday and we had a meeting Friday night, two meetings on Sabbath and one Sunday morning. It was a real pleasure to be with the brethren and sisters of this church, which is located about twenty-four miles southwest of Hot Springs. We go to Hot Springs and from there take the bus to Bonnerdale post office. The church is about two miles southwest from the post office.

Elder Hopkins was with us Sunday and we had a good meeting. Elder Hopkins will visit the church about twice a month while he is in Hot Springs.

The prospects are pretty good there for a cotton crop. Our people have an abundance of nice vegetables. We had some studies on the tithing system. Emphasis was placed on the importance of tithing the vegetables, fruit, milk, butter and eggs that are being used constantly. Surely the Lord gives us all these benefits and they should be tithed.

I shall be glad to visit the Lucky church again.

R. P. MONTGOMERY.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

2360 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 six months ending June 30, 1927		
	Amount	Am't Per
	Quota	Received Short cent
N. Tex.	18,597.60	7,230.66 11,366.94
N. Tex. C.	1,066.50	381.60 684.90

NORTH TEXAS NEWS NOTES

A special trip had to be made to Dalworth for more tents in order to provide for the campers beyond our original estimation.

The Sabbath School donations received the first Sabbath amounted to \$175.00.

We are glad to have in attendance Elder H. J. Miller and Brother Jones, of Waco, a few days, who represented the large colored constituency of the North Texas field.

The departmental meetings during the day, as well as the Bible studies have been well attended, while the attendance at the evening meetings so far has been beyond what we had faith to expect.

We are glad to report that the spirit of God worked mightily at the very beginning of the meetings. This is evident from the fact that thirty, mostly young people, came forward at the close of the first eleven o'clock Sabbath service when the call was made.

The book sales have been good so far. One item of special interest is that we received an order for twenty dollars worth of books which are to be placed in a public school library. There is a large undeveloped field along this line which has hardly been touched by us as a people.

The following brethren were in attendance during the first part of the meeting: Elder M. B. Van Kirk, President of the Southwestern Union Conference; Elder J. C. Thompson, connected with the General Conference Sabbath School department; Elder A. P. Harrison, Elder G. F. Eichman, Elder E. A. Pohle, representing the different departments of the Southwestern Union Conference; Elder H. R. Gay, manager of the book department of the Southern Publishing Association; Brother E. H. Abbott of the Southwestern branch of the Southern Publishing Association. While some of these brethren were not able to stay with us even through the first half of the meeting, others have come to remain through the close. We have on the ground at the present time Elder F. C. Gilbert, head of the Jewish department of the General Conference; Elder J. T. Boettcher, head of the German department of the General Conference; and Elder H. D. Casebeer, head of the Spanish department of the General Conference. Elder W. R. Elliott, president of the South Texas Conference, arrived Thursday morning. It is useless to say that we are having splendid meetings with such a list of General Conference men in attendance.

OBITUARY

WILSON—Carl Frederick Andrew Wilson was born in Selwig, Norway, February 13, 1857, and died near Clifton, Texas, July 19, 1927, at the age of seventy years, five months and six days. His sickness was of short duration, having been stricken with paralysis a week before his death, and

although taken away rather suddenly he left evidence of being ready to meet his Lord, both by his life for many years past, and especially by his expressions of hope, confidence and entire willingness to go during his illness. Of this, none who knew him intimately had any doubts.

Brother Wilson was one of the charter members of the Clifton church organized in 1897, and remained a faithful member to the time of his death, carrying official responsibility in it much of the time. By death and removals its membership had become reduced to only two families, and though so few in numbers for years past, yet they never ceased to have their regular Sabbath meetings under his leadership, he being elder for many years prior to his death. He will be greatly missed by the "little flock" of five he so faithfully ministered to so long.

In 1902 he was married to Miss Amanda Petterson, who, with five sisters and two brothers and a step mother survive to mourn their loss.

The writer, assisted by Elder Geo. W. Spies, of Waco, conducted the funeral services at the Seventh-day Adventist church near his home, which was attended by a large concourse of people attesting their esteem and friendship even though not of his religious belief. Even the threshing operations of the neighborhood ceased and the crews honored the occasion by their presence in recognition of the esteem in which he was held by his neighbors. Such a man "being dead yet speaketh." Words of comfort were spoken from Job 14:10-15; John 14:1-3; I Cor. 15:12-26; Rev. 14:13; I Thess. 4:13-18, etc. Brother Wilson "rests from his labors and his works do follow him." His bereaved family, and especially his devoted wife now left alone, "sorrow," but not as those "which have no hope." How cheering the Christian hope of a soon-coming Saviour and a reunion through the resurrection.

W. A. McCUTCHEN.

THE BOTTOMLESS PIT

At the beginning of the thousand years Satan is cast into a place called the "bottomless pit". Revelation 20:1-3. This place is mentioned in three other chapters in Revelation. In chapter nine an angel is represented as op-

ening the bottomless pit and there rises from it a great smoke and swarms of locusts. In Revelation 11:7 the beast that ascends from the bottomless pit makes war with God's two witnesses. This is not the Papacy, but is the rule of anarchy and atheism instigated by Satan during the French revolution. See G. C. 268, 9; 273. In Revelation 17:8 the same beast comes up again just before the end. Not only France but the whole world is getting ripe for the second "reign of terror" under this beast. Education 228.

We are accustomed to pass these words, bottomless pit, by with the one thought that the Greek word "abusses" simply means a place of desolation or chaos, and we make it fit in with the idea that the earth will be in that condition during that time. But this is not the real meaning of the word. Webster says a pit is a "large deep hole, an abyss, especially bottomless pit". His definition for abyss is "a bottomless depth, a gulf, any immeasurable space". Strong's Concordance gives these places where the words "bottomless pit" occurs, and indicates that in each it is rendered "abyss" in the revised. He gives the following designation for the Greek word "abusos" "depthless, abyss, deep (bottomless) pit".

The same word "abusos" is found in the Greek of Luke 8:31 where the devils besought Christ that they might not be compelled to return to "abusos" — the deep bottomless pit. This with the foregoing texts show conclusively that there was then, and always has been, a place called the bottomless pit. Into this abyss of outer darkness Satan and his wicked hosts were cast when they were expelled from heaven. They had no right to any part of God's creation and were therefore driven out from all the worlds into the abyss of space and darkness. They had gained access to this world by fraud and deception. This the demons at Gadara well knew, and this is why they so earnestly besought Christ that they might not be compelled to return to the abyss again. It was very natural that when the angel opened the way that swarms of these demons from the bottomless pit should fill the earth like swarms of locusts such as John saw in Revelation nine. The "angel of the bottomless pit", Apollyon, the destroyer, is none other than Satan the prince of devils. V. 11. While in a secondary and prophetic sense Apollyon symbolizes an earthly ruler, as in Ez. 28 where he is called the king of Tyrus,

and in Rev. 12 where under the symbol of the dragon he symbolized Rome; yet in a primary sense all refer to Satan who is "the ruler of this world" and the instigator of all the evil perpetrated by earthly rulers. G. C. 438.

The earth during the thousand years is to be the prison house of Satan and his wicked hosts. Of this there can be no doubt. G. C. p. 659. But this does not make the earth to mean all that is meant by the words bottomless pit. It rather indicates that the earth is itself to be removed to this abyss during the thousand years. Isaiah tells us that at the coming of Christ the whole heavens are to be shaken, "and the earth shall remove out of her place". Chap. 13:9-14; 24:18-22. It is "moved exceedingly," "shall reel to and fro like a drunkard", shall be as a "chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up", "it shall fall and not rise again". "The heavens depart as a scroll." Revelation 6:14. "The heavens above be black." Jeremiah 4:23-28.

The removing of the earth "out of its place" is evidently what causes the mighty shaking of the heavens which is to take place at that time. Hebrews 12:25-27; Habakuk 2:6, 7; Isaiah 13:13. When the earth is removed into the abyss there is to be a great shaking of these heavenly bodies as they adjust themselves to the change and regain their equilibrium. "The powers of heaven are the sun, moon, and stars. They rule the heavens. The powers of heaven will be shaken at the voice of God. The sun, moon, and stars will be moved out of their places. They will not pass away, but will be shaken by the voice of God." Early Writings 41.

No, the earth is evidently not the bottomless pit. It will be only a little speck of a world removed because of the curse into this great endless, immeasurable, bottomless abyss, there to be the prison house of Satan and his wicked angels for a thousand years. When this long prison term expires, he and all the wicked will be summoned to receive their final punishment in the second death, and the earth with its happy host of redeemed ones will be restored to shine with greater light and beauty than it did before sin marred its Eden beauty. May God hasten that day.

I. A. CRANE
Keene, Texas.

PEACE AND SAFETY

is the cry of dozens of international organizations. Read "The Disarmament Battle at Geneva" by Elder Roy F.

Cottrell, for the latest developments. In the September color *Signs*. Your neighbors and friends would enjoy the other excellent articles. Only four cents each in lots of ten or more. Your Book and Bible House will gladly supply you.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

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Okla.	33,307.20	13,529.88	19,777.32
Okla.	1,377.00	427.70	949.30

OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES

With a few exceptions all conference workers are on the camp ground making preparation for the soon coming camp meeting. We hope a large number of the membership are making definite preparations to attend. Do not forget that the first meeting will be held Thursday night, August 11. You should plan to miss none.

Brother Dortch, who assisted Elder Willess in the tent effort in Oklahoma City, is spending a week in Texas in the interest of students for Southwestern Junior College. He will return and have charge of the music at the Oklahoma camp meeting. He will be glad to have all who play instruments, bring them along to the meeting that a good orchestra may be had.

Elder Clark conducted the last six servicer of Brother Riffel's tent effort at Wayne. The meeting closed Sunday night with a record attendance; more than three hundred were present. However, it should be stated the meeting was broken by an approaching storm. Brother Riffel is remaining a week to follow up the interest. He expects to pitch his tent about five miles from that place after camp meeting.

Elder Beddöe is again in the office or rather on the camp ground, having returned from his vacation trip through Kansas and Missouri. We are glad to report that physically he stood the trip well and hopes to improve healthwise

by the rest and medical attention received while away.

A long distance call from Achille notified the office of Brother Sikes being in a very critical condition of health. Elder Clark went to Durant to give him attention and found that he had suffered a complete nervous breakdown. We have learned no further details of his condition the past few days.

Brother Hooper is in the northeast part of the state assisting Brother Bartlett in making his August delivery. He plans to visit some other colporteurs in that part of the state before returning to the office.

Brother Hickman made the office a call Monday on his way to Guthrie to assist in the camp work. He reports the work as onward at Ardmore where he is now located.

A report from Brother Loudon, of Ardmore, will appear in an early issue of the RECORD. We are sure you will note that the colored work in Ardmore is moving along nicely. The newly organized church there is asking for admittance to the sisterhood of churches at the soon-coming conference.

Three, and possibly four, churches will be received into the conference when it convenes at Guthrie, August 11. The one referred to as fourth is Vinita at which place a nice commodious little church has been erected during the past few months, preceding the organization of the church. This is a little unusual, especially so when we take into account that the property will soon be dedicated free of debt.

Mrs. Sam Bleakley, son, and daughter made a pleasant call Monday. They had driven from Binger to Oklahoma City on business.

Mail desired to reach the conference or Book and Bible House without delay should be addressed to Guthrie, in care of the Seventh-day Adventist camp ground, from August 8 to 19, otherwise it will have to be forwarded from Oklahoma City. The office will be closed during this time.

HOOKER, (OKLAHOMA) ENGLISH CHURCH

Sister Payne returned from Keene, Texas, where she attended summer school, and is getting ready to take up her school work here. We are glad to have her back as we are also making great efforts to have another good

school year.

Professor Zumbaum, from Keene, was here looking for students for Keene. No doubt there are some planning to go.

Elder J. A. Wasenmiller was asked to come to Hooker and baptize some candidates that had been ready for some time. He held meetings on Sabbath and Sunday, July 16 and 17. The meetings were held in the big church and were well attended especially on Sabbath morning when the Lord came very near to all. The words of the prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 55:10 and 11 were fulfilled, for the words spoken did not return void but accomplished its purpose and is prospering.

Sunday, July 17, the English and German churches went down to Beaver River where Elder Wasenmiller buried nine dear souls in baptism. Here at the river side eight members were taken into the English church by baptism and one by vote and one was received into the German church. Four members who were received live near the river and they were organized into a home Sabbath school.

May the Lord let his blessing rest on the dear souls that they may become strong and hold out faithfully. The church and Sabbath school officers go down once a month to hold Sabbath school and services, and the gospel band goes down to render programs.

J. P. GAEDE.

OBITUARY

Daniel McPhee was born in Lochwinnock, Scotland, September 24, 1848, and departed this life July 27, 1927, aged seventy-eight years, ten months, and three days.

At the age of one and one half years he, with his parents, came to America, in a sail boat, and settled at Ontario, Canada, where his early childhood was spent. In 1870 he came to the United States, and took up a claim in Minnesota where he experienced the hardships of the early pioneer.

July 1st 1877 he was united in marriage to Arvilla Barnum, to which union seven children were born. In 1887 the third angels message came to his attention through reading the *Signs of the Times* and he was baptized through the efforts of Elder Van Kirk.

In 1900 he moved to Perkins, Oklahoma where he lived for ten years, then moved to Boulder for his daughter Daisy's health. He has been in failing

health for several years having especially suffered during the past few months. During his illness he showed much patience and faith in the guiding hand of God, expressing himself as being willing to bow to the will of God. He fell asleep trusting in the blessed hope of the first resurrection.

July 1st this year they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, with all the children at home but one. He leaves to mourn, his wife and six daughters all of whom were present at the funeral except one, Mrs. Elizabeth Carman, of Everett, Washington; he also leaves six grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by Elder W. M. Andress. We laid him to rest in the Green Mountain Cemetery, Boulder, Colorado, to await the call of the Life Giver.

N. T. SUTTON.

OBITUARY

STRODE:—Brother Thomas Jefferson Strode was born near Alexis, Warren County, Illinois, August 22, 1853. During the latter part of his life Brother Strode was a Seventh-day Adventist and for a number of years has lived at Enid, Oklahoma. He died at his home July 4, 1927. He was a loyal member of the Seventh-day Adventist church at that place when death came. Funeral services were held at the Enid church the afternoon of July 7, conducted by the writer. Several of Brother Strode's brothers and sisters were present as well as some grandchildren and other relatives. We laid him to rest at the cemetery at Enid in the firm hope of the first resurrection. Sister Strode has our deepest sympathy.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

OBITUARY

BRICKMAN:—Peter Brickman was born January 24, 1855 at Franzosen, Russia, and died at the Enid, Oklahoma Hospital July 28, 1927, being seventy-two years, five months and twenty-nine days of age. Brother Brickman came from Russia in 1876, locating in Rush County, Kansas. Later he removed to Blaine County, Oklahoma, and about a year ago to Okeene, his home at time of death.

February 19, 1875 he was united in marriage with Amalia Stiebend. To

this union eleven children were born, five sons and six daughters, all but one son now living. His first wife died in 1918. In 1919 he was united in marriage to Matilda Zeltenreich who survives him.

Brother Brickman and wife embraced the Seventh-day Adventist faith forty-four years ago and were active members until death. Three years ago his health began to fail and during the last six months he underwent two serious operations, not surviving the last. His last expressed wish was that his loved ones would meet him on the "Other Side". Those surviving and mourning his death are his wife, four sons, six daughters, forty grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and a large circle of friends and other relatives. His home has been near Okeene for some years and a large congregation packed the Baptist church at Okeene for the funeral service which was conducted by Elder Wasenmiller and the writer. He was laid to rest in the cemetery near Okeene. His hope was firm that he would have a part in the first resurrection, thus leaving his mourners a legacy worth more than gold.

W. H. CLARK.

OBITUARY

TAUTFEST—Casper Tautfest, born at Dittle, Russia, March 12, 1857, died at Oklahoma City, July 27, 1927, at the age of seventy years, four months, seventeen days. Brother Tautfest's home was at Prague but he was in the hospital in Oklahoma City at the time of his death.

He came to America from Russia in 1887 and located near Prague, Oklahoma, in 1893 where the rest of his life was spent.

In 1890 he was united in marriage with Mary Kiester who preceded him in death, passing away 1920. In 1923 he was united in marriage with Mrs. Lizzie Bernhardt who with eight step children, twenty grandchildren and a large circle of friends survive him and mourn their loss. They sorrow not as others who have no hope for some thirty years ago Brother Tautfest was converted, accepting the Seventh-day Adventist faith, united with the Anvil church now known as the Prague church, of which he remained a loyal member unto death. Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church in Prague by the writer assisted by Brother Carl Riffel and burial was made in the cemetery near by where he awaits the return of

the Life Giver, W. H. CLARK.

SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

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S. Tex.	13,024.80	4,080.42	8,944.38	
S. Tex. C.	3,942.00	1,619.05	2,322.95	

SOUTH TEXAS NEWS NOTES

Elder Elliott left San Antonio Wednesday morning, August 3, for Keene to attend a few days of the North Texas camp meeting.

Elders Casebeer and Nicolas have just returned from a tour among the Spanish churches in the South Texas Conference. They bring back some encouraging reports of the work being done among the Spanish-speaking people. Brother Casebeer spent a few days in San Antonio before going to Keene for the camp meeting.

Brother Hanhardt and family left the office Friday for Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Valley where he will spend some time in the interest of Harvest Ingathering work.

The colporteurs of South Texas will be glad to learn that Brother Van Campen is improving nicely and is able to attend to some of his office work now and expects to be out in the field soon.

Brother Bodeman, treasurer of the Hondo Church, was an office caller last Tuesday.

The general meeting that was being held for the colored people in the Ephesus church closed night after the Sabbath, July 30. The work of Elders Greene and Miller and Brother Young were much appreciated in these services.

LYFORD

We are continuing the meetings here on Sunday nights and are doing Bible work during the week.

Last Sabbath, July 31, we drove down to Harlinton and attended Sabbath school and church. At the close of the

service we went to the Arrona, a mile south of town, where we buried ten dear souls with their Lord in baptism. It was a beautiful sight to see one whole family of six lead down in the water together and baptized. These with four others were the result of the meeting being held in Lyford.

The week before, July 23, we baptized four of the young people of the Harlingen Church. The work is growing in this part of the field, and we thank God for the souls He has given us as a result of our labors. We need your prayers that the work may continue to prosper and that a strong church may be raised up here at Lyford.

J. B. HAMPTON.

EDUCATION

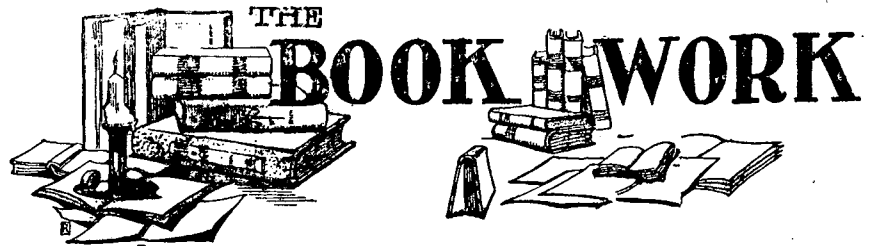
He that winneth souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30. We realize the truthfulness of this but for some reason most of us seem to think that we must be wise before we try to win souls. Jesus took some poor, humble, may I say, ignorant, fishermen and trained them to love him and gave them a desire to reach others. They did win others and thus met God's approval. After winning others these poor fishermen had their names recorded in history. Remember not all great men are wise men.

On page 92 of Gospel Workers, we read, "The work of winning souls to Christ demands careful preparation. Men cannot enter the Lord's service without the needed training, and expect the the highest success. Mechanics, lawyers, merchants, men of all trades and professions, are educated for the line of business they hope to enter. It is their policy to make themselves as efficient as possible." Should the servants of Christ show less diligence in preparing for a work more, infinitely more important?"

On page 72 we read, "House to house laborers are needed. The Lord calls for decided efforts to be put forth in places where the people know nothing of Bible truth. Singing and praying and Bible readings are needed in the homes of the people. Now, just now, is the time to obey the commission, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Matt. 28:20.

Timothy was a young man striving to do just this sort of thing. Paul's instruction to him was; "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Wm. B. MILLER.



COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT

OKLAHOMA COLPORTEUR'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 30, 1927

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
Arthur Burton	BR	57	7	44.00	23.45	67.45	.....
Chester Georgia	DR	50	7	40.50	8.00	48.50	.....
R. O. Laird	BR	46	7	40.50	37.25	77.75	21.25
Glenn Ross	DR	44	7	39.50	11.75	51.25	5.50
Chester Anderson	DR	39	1	5.50	5.00	10.50	.....
R. B. Dyer	PG	38	3	22.50	23.50	46.00	12.50
W. A. Lee	HP	37	6	42.00	10.50	52.50	.....
Ewell Walker	PPF	22	2	8.00	38.65	46.65	22.50
G. B. Boswell	PPF	98	44	198.00	59.25	257.25	6.00
R. B. Dyer	PG	28	.....	.....	41.75	41.75	22.00
C. L. Grenz	BR	24	7	41.50	4.30	45.80	.....
Clinton Woodland	DR	14	16	.....	.....	.....	113.50
Workers	11	497	107	482.00	263.40	745.40	203.25

SOUTH TEXAS COLPORTEUR'S REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 30

W. H. Atherly	RJ	31	42	139.00	8.75	147.75	34.75
L. S. Follette	RJ	41	19	61.00	.....	61.00	57.00
R. M. Flores	OD	31	16	60.00	5.00	65.00	2.00
Mrs. S. K. Guss	RJ	16	3	9.00	6.00	15.00	.25
Jose Llorens	HP	50	110	715.00	.....	715.00	.....
Charles Leedy	RJ	42	7	21.00	3.75	24.75	.....
Obed Klein	RJ	50	8	26.50	.75	27.75	.....
C. H. McCorley	OD	10	3	13.50	.....	13.50	6.00
Mae Oberholtzer	RJ	31	9	27.00	5.25	32.25	20.25
Isaias Perez	OD	48	3	11.50	.....	11.50	11.00
Wm. J. Prindle	OD	22	5	17.50	10.00	27.50	1.25
A. A. Prewitt	CK	22	3	12.00	7.50	19.50	.25
P. L. Seard	RJ	46	40	134.00	13.85	147.85	.....
Grace Wright	RJ	16	.....	.....	1.50	1.50	1.50
Workers	14	456	268	1247.00	62.35	1309.35	134.25

GRAND TOTAL:

Workers	25	953	375	1729.00	325.75	2054.75	337.50
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	Amount	Am't	Per
	Quota	Received	Short cent
Texico	7,921.80	3,810.49	4,111.31
Texico C.	918.00	437.55	480.45

THE MAN FOR THE HOUR

IS THE MAN FOR THE MESSAGE

Can you keep sweet when all around you go wrong, and they are blaming you with it all?

Can you be hated and not give way to hating?

Can you hold on when there is nothing on earth to hold to?

Can you have faith in God, to go work in His vineyard today, when the flour barrel is empty and the last dollar you have on earth is gone?

Can you wait upon the Lord and not be tired by waiting?

Can you hear people say that you are the smartest man on earth, and yet realize that you are only a fool?

Can you mingle with the modern crowd, and yet retain your virtue?

Can you stand for friends to say nice things about you and yet not look too smart, nor talk too wise?

Can you hold the esteem of your friends after once gaining it?

Can you walk with the great men of earth and remember not to forget the lowly Child Jesus of Bethlehem?

Can you live in this fault-finding and back-biting generation, and not talk about your neighbors?

Can you be driven from the home you love more than your own life and close the gate for the last time with a sweet smile and a gentle good-bye?

Can you have the very heart crushed out with criticism by your Super. and yet love and thank him for his kindness?

If you can my Brother, You are the Man For The Hour.

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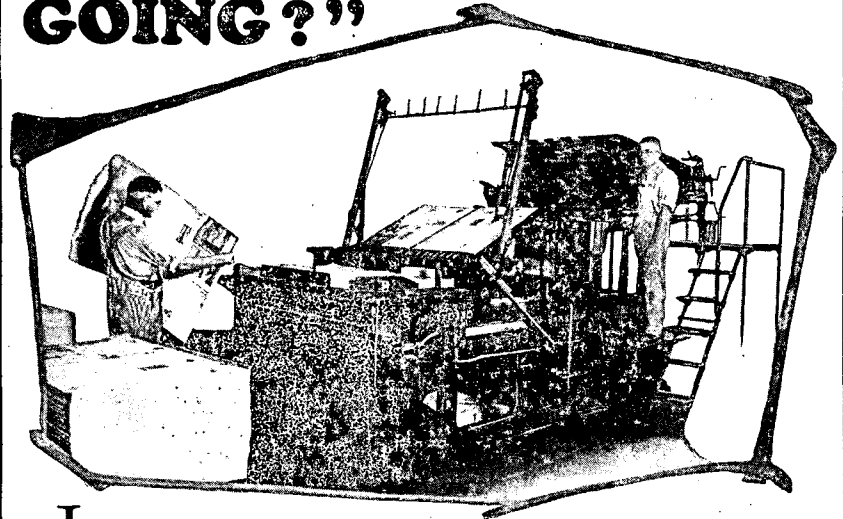
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