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## Our Home-Foreign Field

IT HAS been quite a while since a report has been sent from Lake Grove Indian Mission. We are still here, however, and are going strong. The progress of work this winter has been rather slow. We have been snowed in until we could not reach the Indian camps except on foot or on horseback. This has been so far about three months. The Indians visit the mission regularly, though, and the interest has been kept up remarkably well. The Indians walk up to fifteen miles to get to the mission. There was a number came Sabbath who failed to get here in time for the services. One man said he had to walk a way, then stop and rest, the snow was so deep. He seemed disappointed that he missed church. They are always ready for a Bible study and seem very interested. Some Sabbaths, in spite of the snow, we have had as many as thirty-eight Indians out to services. So we are of good courage and are pressing on in the good work God has called us here to do.

The enrolment at school this year has reached twenty-four. Tilden Jones is the only white boy in school; the rest are Indians. During all this bad weather we have kept all the children at the mission. The extra children have slept on sheepskins on the floor, covered with quilts. We needed more covers so badly that two sewing periods and after school hours were devoted to quilt making for one week. We finished six quilts. Of course the present sleeping arrangement is far from ideal, but it is the best we can do. Different arrangements must be made before another school year, else we will lose our pupils.

The closest pupils not staying are

two and one-half miles; some come six miles. Pray about this situation, brethren, and let us work together that some way, somehow, we can have some kind of a dormitory, be it humble, before another cold winter comes.

Perhaps some of you would be interested in some figures as to how we are spending the mission money. During January our school kitchen served 1340 meals. This included Sabbath dinners and all. The food from which to prepare these meals cost us \$44.81, making these meals cost three and one-third cents each. The children have plenty of good food such as beans, potatoes, tomatoes, dried fruit, whole-wheat bread, cocoa, postum, and fresh apples. The children are steadily gaining in weight.

Christmas at the mission was cold, and the ground was covered with snow. One hundred and six Indians came. After a dinner of potatoes, cheese, bread, postum, and apples, they all gathered in the school house. There Brother Worthie T. Jones told them the story of Jesus. A number of songs were sung and they were dismissed with prayer. As the crowd came out of the door they were counted, and Mr. Jones and Sister Pate handed out sacks of treats. These sacks contained an apple, a handful of peanuts, a handful of candy, a frosted cookie, and popcorn. Before Christmas season was over 195 sacks were given away. Some had to care for the sheep and didn't get to come on the 24th; they came later for their treats.

Mrs. J. D. Lecklider, of Battle Creek, had charge of our hospital in 1931. She was released in January 1932, and our hospital is closed at present pending the arrival of another nurse or doctor. The needs are great here. One of my pupils, a boy about seventeen, lies at the point of death, about two and one-half miles from the mission. He would come to the mission hospital, but does not want to go so far away from home as the government hospital. They are keeping his illness

quiet, and the native medicine man is dancing and singing over the poor sick boy. We must have our hospital opened again soon. A number of cases have been turned away lately.

We have had three months of snow-covered ground. We are seeing the ground in spots now. The past two or three days the temperature has ranged from thirty-two to forty-seven degrees above zero. It has drizzled rain for the past two days, and the snow is melting fast. For three months we have been snow-bound for from one to four days each week. Now that the snow is melting the roads are so soft that cars cannot get over them, and the mail went from Crown Point to Thoreau and back on horseback today.

It has been the hardest winter known here by "old timers". Much stock has been lost. The Indians have suffered, and they are now having their food given out by the government; many Indians are working for their food. But through it all God has been good to us all and cared for us carefully. The present mission workers are happy in their work, and are of good courage, and want to send a word of cheer to all workers everywhere. Read John 3:16; then Isaiah 41:10; then Revelation 22:7, then we can know that now is no time to despair, but let us all press forward with a heart filled with good cheer until we finish the work God has called us to do. Pray for us and the Indians.

MRS. W. T. JONES.

## "I Have Established a New Sabbath School"

WE greatly rejoice to receive the good news that the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the first quarter of 1932 has been voted to China. The Sabbath schools throughout the world are truly doing a marvelous work with their liberal contributions for advancing God's cause in the earth. It is significant, too, to note that whenever work is started in any new place in the mission fields, the

Sabbath school becomes the first organization to be established.

This thought was especially impressed upon my mind a short time ago, when one of our evangelists entered my office saying, "I have established a new Sabbath school." He then went on to relate a very interesting story about how God had gone before us to lead some precious souls to inquire into this message. One day a man came into the city, and as he was passing our chapel, he stepped inside. The evangelist sat down with him and told him the gospel story, and urged him to accept Jesus.

The man was much impressed, and stated that he had heard the gospel before, but had never heard it related in this way, and he felt that we had something that was new to him and something that he needed. He wanted to know the truth as it is given in the Bible. The next time he came he brought with him one of his friends, who was just as eager as he to learn. They attended our meetings several times on Sabbaths, and were very anxious that we should start work among them, as others, too, were interested.

When the evangelist visited the place, he found a great interest. Meetings were started. When the first meeting was over and the benediction pronounced, the people made no preparation to leave. They wanted to hear more. The evangelist then started another meeting, and went on preaching for another hour. Again he closed the meeting, but the people were not yet satisfied; still they wanted to hear more. So he started with the third meeting, and went on until midnight. These long meetings continued for several days. There was a real hungering after hearing the Word of God, and the evangelist said that he had never heard anything like it before. When it finally became necessary for him to leave the place, the people were organized into a Sabbath school. Lesson quarterlies were provided, and now they are meeting to study the regular lessons every Sabbath,—a part of the world sisterhood of Sabbath schools.

These people are very happy in the message. They have obtained a large supply of literature which they are distributing to others in the village, as they are anxious that they, too, shall know the truth and share with

them the glad tidings of a soon-coming Saviour. We hope in the near future to see a large company in this place preparing to go forward and follow the Lord in baptism.

Just now it seems that God is going before us everywhere opening doors, and asking us to step in. We praise Him for this, and we look confidently to our dear people in the homelands to help make possible the answering of these many calls.

BERNHARD PETERSON,  
Superintendent Manchurian Union  
Mission.

### Hands Around the World Will You Help Answer These Macedonian Calls?

A GROUP of missionaries in Shanghai, China, have been using a club of *Watchman* each month, distributing them among the American soldiers and sailors stationed there. Young men have accepted Christ and are now engaged in Christian work as a result of this literature distribution. However this club has now expired, and the work is at a standstill until further funds are provided.

#### INDIA

A Christian doctor, located at Simla, the summer capital of India, is in close contact with the Viceroy and his staff. He has been using a club of *Watchman* which he has placed in the hands of English government officials and high caste Indians. When his club expired recently, he wrote: "Our work in Simla this season has certainly been the most interesting during all the time of our operations in India. We are doing our best to meet the situation and we need all possible help. The continued club of *Watchman* would give us such aid. Can you secure its continuation?"

#### THE PHILIPPINES

From the Philippine Islands, a missionary writes: "I have scattered

the magazines you have sent far and wide, and they have helped me to make contacts which I hope will result in some souls saved in the kingdom. I am sorry that this club is expiring now. If at all possible for you to do so, I will be very happy if you can send this club another year."

What shall our answer to these self-sacrificing workers for Christ be? The only means we have of providing clubs of magazines to these missionaries is through the kindness of those who read this advertisement. Will you not help us answer these Macedonian calls for this soul-winning journal?

### The Past Month's Voyage

ON the rock-bound shores of life we find the wreck of many a craft that has been washed up by the waves of sin and ignorance and crime. In the March *Life Boat* you can read the log of the past month's voyage, the accounts of many souls rescued from the depths about to engulf them. Listen to their shouts of praise and thanksgiving for a sure arrival in the harbor.

The *Life Boat* is needed—and desperately—by those floundering in the stormy seas, but what of those still on the sinking ship? Think of the young people you know who are drifting thoughtlessly toward the hidden reefs of worldly pleasure—and send them *The Life Boat*... No need to wait till their young lives have been wrecked—save them *Now* and *Keep* them saved! The *Life Boat* costs only one dollar a year, addressed to The *Life Boat*, Hinsdale, Ill.

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Magazine

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Lyndon L. Skinner, Secretary,  
Lend-a-Hand Club,  
THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Friends: I am interested in the work you are doing through the "Lend-a-Hand Club" and you will find inclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help finance this work.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

### ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

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 Sec'y-Treas.—Ella Winn  
 Arkansas Book and Bible House  
 Sec'y-Treas.—Ella Winn

### The Colored Church at Marianna

**L**AST Sabbath I was with our colored believers at Marianna. There was a good attendance at the Sabbath school, and at the eleven o'clock service. The Sabbath school is well organized and is very interesting. The fifteen minute service is observed there, too, when home missionary reports are made, and some promotion work done.

One family attends the Sabbath school who live about ten miles out in the country. The only way they have to come in is by walking. Some times they have to walk the entire distance both ways, providing they do not catch a ride. Brother Johnson, the elder, is conducting Sunday night meetings in the church with good attendance and interest. More of our churches would do well to have Sunday night services.

R. P. MONTGOMERY.

### To All Our Arkansas Believers

**A** STIRRING and solemn warning comes from the General Conference Committee through the Sabbath School Department and otherwise. One statement before me is. "Something out of the ordinary must be done or 1932 will be a disastrous year for our beloved cause."

The facts are these: Our mission work, already operating on a short budget, had received \$227,000 less for the first eleven months of 1931 than for the same period of the year before. The General Conference Committee were considering it. "It was a solemn meeting." It could not be otherwise.

What should be done? The following is a part of the action taken by the committee and adopted by our local conference committee at its last session.

#### AN ADDITIONAL NICKEL A WEEK FOR MISSIONS

*Whereas*, During the depression of the last two years our people responded even to the point of sacrifice in providing funds to maintain strongly the work on the world field,

making possible the continued proclamation of the message in many tongues, resulting in a rich harvest of souls, and,

*Whereas*, During recent months there has been a marked shrinkage of income to the General Conference in this hour of need when unprecedented openings for the proclamation of the message are everywhere significantly manifest, and,

*Whereas*, A small added donation if given weekly, even so small an increase as five cents a week per member might carry us through the present financial crisis.

*Resolved*, (1) That we ask all our people everywhere to arise to the present need by giving weekly such increase of offering as they are able.

(b) That in North America we ask everyone to give through the Sabbath school an additional offering of at least five cents,—a nickel a week to help to bridge the present crisis.

(c) That we ask the Sabbath School Department to promote strongly in every Sabbath school the idea of the added offering of a nickel a week, or more, for missions.

2. *Further resolved*, That we earnestly request our people whom the Lord has blessed with means, to come forward at this time with large special offerings to help save our missions from retrenchment.

We believe the heart of every Seventh-day Adventist will beat a bit faster if the true import of actual conditions is realized and that our loyal people will rally to the call of our leaders.

C. W. RUBENDALL, *Secretary*,  
 Arkansas Sabbath School Department.

### NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

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 President—Elder F. L. Perry  
 Sec'y-Treas.—L. R. Alexander  
 North Texas Book and Bible House  
 Sec'y-Treas.—L. R. Alexander

### Church School Teachers

**O**N ACCOUNT of the union meeting, it will be impossible to send out our Educational Bulletin this fourth period. I am therefore sending this though the RECORD to give the teachers the information that the fourth period closes February 26, and the period reports should be sent in soon after.

Check up again so that your eighth graders are taking the required subjects to finish. Grades from other schools should be, and must be, recorded in our office. Do not let things hang on until the last of the year.

A. F. RUF.

### Some More "Signs"

**O**N my recent trip to the southwest, Miss Leota Newman at Rochelle, related to us among other providential stories one that shows that people are eager to get our literature. The man lived about eight miles from the Newman home. He had heard they were Seventh-day Adventists. Several years before when he lived in Arkansas he heard an Adventist preacher. He got so hungry for some more of such messages that he decided to come to the Newman home to ask for some literature. They gladly gave it to him. Well, this is coming eight miles to get Adventist literature. Let us have some *Signs* for such people.

A man in San Antonio bought a copy of the *Signs* from a lady, and became so interested in a food article by Doctor Cornforth that he wrote for more information. This information was sent to him from the *Signs* office. With his appreciative reply he sent a check for \$1.50 for a subscription for the *Signs*. Let us get a few *Signs* to sell.

Signs Campaign February 7 to 20.

A. F. RUF.

### An Appreciated Visit

**E**LDER and Mrs. V. J. Maloney spent January 29 to 30 with the Waco church, giving interesting and inspirational help to the church from which they were called to China eight years ago.

Elder Maloney spoke each night as well as twice during the Sabbath to a large number of our own members and many visitors. Night after the Sabbath he devoted to showing many of the curios which he brought back with him from China. Sunday night he showed stereopticon pictures of the progress of our work in the field where he has been laboring. Sunday afternoon the church officers met together for several hours' discussion and study of their various problems.

The Waco church very much enjoyed the visit of Brother and Sister Maloney. They had many old friends

here who were glad to see them and talk with them after their absence in the mission field. The talks of Brother Maloney were especially interesting in view of the recent strife and trouble in the Far East. The visit of these missionaries left the church with a greater determination to press on to a closer walk with God and a greater part in the finishing of the work in all the world.

GLENMORE CARTER.

### Among Isolated Believers in Southwest District

(Concluded)

**A**FTER the meeting Sunday at Rattler we went on to San Saba on Monday. Here is where Sister Mackie is upholding the standard of truth. Several of her children are with her in the faith. We found them all well. Our next stop was at Richland Spring, where the Callender family is located. Upon our arrival we found that Grandma Callender was able to be up again, for we had heard of her sickness. They do not have much of this world's goods, but we believe are rich in faith. One of the girls is attending school in Keene.

In Rochelle we were happy to meet the Newman family. Sister Newman accepted the truth about fifteen years ago. She has kept faithful all these years. Her oldest daughter hopes to be able to attend our school at Keene this fall. We hope this can be the case.

Our next stop was near San Angelo, but since we had to go through the city we stopped for a few hours to visit with Sister Ebner, who also was so kind as to give us lunch. As North Texas Conference workers we felt honored to be entertained by our good Texico members. Our visit out of San Angelo was with Sister Lippe, and a Lutheran minister near Miles. He has become interested in the truth.

From here we went to Coleman to visit our believers at that place. We found several sick, but enjoyed our visit with them, and were glad to learn of their faithfulness in the message. We enjoyed our trip and the kind hospitality of our people.

A. F. RUF.

Next Sabbath program is to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of our first and greatest president, George Washington.

#### OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

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Sec'y-Treas.—Lowell Estes

### Oklahoma Colporteur Institute

March 9-to-16

Oklahoma needs fifty colporteurs at once. Write C. M. Norman, Box 1077, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### Does the Colporteur Work Save Souls?

**I**N September 1931 a lady living in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, whose name is McMahan was impressed that she should go to a vacant house two blocks away. She made known her impression to her husband who wondered why she wanted to go to the old house. Anyway she went, and all she found was an old bucket and two old books, one a "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" which had its back torn off and at least one-third was entirely gone.

She took them home and threw them in the yard expecting to burn them on wash day. In the meantime it rained on the books, and when wash day came she picked up the old Bible Readings and was about to place it on the flames when she thought there might be something good in it, and again threw it on the ground. When her washing was finished she picked the book up, went to her bedroom and started reading it, and continued for five hours.

When her husband returned home she told him; "The seventh day is the Sabbath and I am going to keep it." He, of course, made light of the idea, but a few weeks later one Friday he asked the Lord that if Saturday was the Sabbath, something might happen in the mill where he was working, and about 4:00 P. M. the old mill broke down. He said he knew it was the sign, but was afraid to tell the folks there as they might think he did it. He, too, started keeping the Sabbath. When I returned home last week I brought \$2.85 tithe which they had given to one of our sisters to send in for them. In telling me the story the sister said the

lady bought a loose leaf leather binder to cover the old book with and when her neighbors would come in she would read it to them. One lady made light of the book and she wept about it telling our sister that she dearly loved the book. Our sister told her; "don't worship that old book, but worship God and the principles it teaches", but she answered; "You don't know how much this book means to me."

C. M. NORMAN.

Field Sec'y, Oklahoma Conference.

### Oklahoma News Notes

A large audience was present for the dedicatory service of the Oklahoma City church last Sabbath. Sister Rechenberger had charge of decorations and prepared the church in a beautiful manner. Sister Gant had charge of the music, rendering several very special selections. Elder Nott gave a brief history of the church and the liquidation of the debt which made it possible to dedicate free of debt. Elder Clark gave the dedicatory sermon and Elder Van Kirk offered the dedicatory prayer. All seemingly were much pleased with the service.

News items are very scarce as everybody is making ready for the union conference session, even to the office force turning in for a general clean-up and redecoration of the conference office.

Every one should keep in mind that February 20 is not only Religious Liberty Day but a part of the George Washington Bi-centennial. It is hoped that every church will carry out the program prepared by the department. And do not forget that the offering should be the largest ever made.

If any one who made a remittance to the Oklahoma Conference about January 1 has not received a receipt for the same, will you please notify the Conference office. It is evident some mail has failed to reach our office and this information will be of value to us. Please state amount and whether sent by check, money order or cash.



### SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

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### Our Financial Situation

**A**T A recent session of our conference executive committee we devoted several hours of earnest study and prayer to our financial situation in our conference. Our tithe fell off about eleven per cent over the previous year. The falling off of our offering was not as great.

Of course the readers of the *Review* have already learned that at the Fall Council a cut in appropriation of ten per cent was voted, and since we are still on the appropriative list it effected our conference to a certain extent. We still have the same number of workers we had last year. We cannot afford to lay off workers because we recognize that we would seriously handicap our work in our conference. There are many more calls for evangelistic help than we can possibly answer with the present force. So we feel that laying off workers would seriously handicap our work.

Of course we recognize that we may be forced to take more drastic steps to adjust ourselves so that we can operate within our income. We voted a cut in the salaries of all the workers, also a cut in our budget expense for 1932. The cut in salary and the cut in our estimated expense for the present year means a saving to the conference of more than our loss in tithe over the previous year and cut in appropriation. So we hope to be able to operate within our income this year. However it may be necessary that we take a greater cut or lay off some workers.

If all the churches who owe us money would at least pay the interest it would help us wonderfully. Most all of the churches in the conference owe us quite a bit of money, and with the exception of two or three they have all failed to pay the interest for several years. Recently I was made very happy when in the Houston church I was informed by the church officers that at a recent board meeting a few days ago they organ-

ized to pay the back interest and one-fourth of the principal during this year. Committees were appointed and started their work.

The chairman of the committee who looks after the interest, Sister McGee, informed me that in just a short time the interest for one and one-half years was provided, and the other year and a half was already in sight. This of course pays up three year's back interest, and plans are being made to reduce the church debt to the amount of one-fourth. We certainly would be glad if all the churches in the South Texas Conference would do this. The Houston church has been having heavy responsibilities because of their intermediate school. A heavy pavement tax was thrown upon them when the road in front of the church was paved.

We hope that all of the churches in our conference will follow the good example of the Houston church. We do not wish to be hard on our churches when we ask them to pay at least the interest. We do not expect our creditors to wait on the interest, we always pay the interest when the notes are due. So we feel that we are only fair when we ask our churches to pay the interest—some of which has been due for several years.

G. F. EICHMAN, *President.*

### Houston Institute

**O**WING to sickness and other hindrance many of the folk who planned to attend the San Antonio institute could not. So we planned another institute of five days to be held at Houston, and have just finished this institute. There were sixteen persons who attend the entire institute, and many of the church members of Houston attended what they could. Truly the Lord blessed us in these meetings. It was during this time that one young man and his wife decided to take their stand for the truth, which meant that he was dropped from employment, so now they are planning to both enter the colporteur work. Then there was another gentlemen who had inquired of the publishing house about selling our literature, so arrangements were made for him to attend the institute and he also accepted the truth, and is

planning to join the church his first opportunity and enter the colporteur work. We feel that as a result of the institute three persons have taken their stand for the truth.

Out of sixteen who attended the institute nine are taking up the work immediately in Houston and vicinity; three in Baytown and vicinity; one in Victoria, and another is entering the magazine work. The other two are planning to begin work in Houston within the next few weeks.

Let us pray that the Lord will richly bless these new workers and that nothing may hinder them from carrying out their plans.

R. R. COBLE.

### My Recent Trip

**I**N MY recent visit to Austin, Beaumont and Houston I was delighted with the improvement in many ways. In Houston the good spirit of co-operation seems to be very excellent, and the church officers' convention was very good. Elder J. J. Reisinger, of the General Conference, was appreciated; also our union president Elder M. B. Van Kirk, and local president, Elder Eichman, gave us timely instruction which will long be remembered and reduced to practice in a good way.

On a small income on the church building a good foundation will be laid, I know, if all will help give all you can for the baby church, "Calvary" Seventh-day Adventist church at Box 612, Beaumont.

Austin is waiting for a good effort soon. Pray, too, that they may have one.

When I returned home I found that Elder W. H. Baker, wife and daughter were doing a good work in the colporteur field, and missionary work which has been a great help to all the church.

All are of good courage as never before, even in these times of perplexity, and we believe this will bring in more souls and a greater tithe in the conference. The church is very active and delighted over the meetings. Our goal is for ten souls in ten days. Pray for us.

Everywhere calls are coming in for us to come and help and give lectures. Send in your back tithe and help. One dear soul sent in to the Houston church \$150. Others can do the same, even if not so much. Bring in your

tithe and offerings, and don't forget that special \$3.00 offering for our colored school in the north.

"Let us come up for our own." Ezra. 8:21. W. S. NORTH.

### Among the Spanish Believers

RECENTLY I visited the family of Brother Queronga at New Braunfels and found them of good courage. We held services in their home to which thirty-five persons, both children and adults listened, and they insisted that I visit them more frequently. From there I went to Waelder where I stayed three days holding meetings each day. Brother Jose Martinez and his mother had requested baptism, so at this time they were baptized. There are a number more of interested ones who plan to be baptized later.

I also visited Brother Francisco Pena in Smiley, finding him of good courage. I spent three days there studying with him personally and holding meetings at night. On Sunday, February 7, I baptized a daughter of his who had expressed her desire to be baptized some time ago. She had saved up her tithe, and Brother Martinez also had some tithe to hand in.

On my return to San Antonio I visited Brother Jirnez at Stockdale and found him of good courage, and that night we had a meeting in his house with an attendance of about forty persons. They, too, expressed their desire that I should visit them more often.

I ask your prayers for these souls that are studying the Word of God.

L. H. LOPEZ.

#### TEXICO CONFERENCE

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 Sec'y-Treas.—W. C. Day  
 Texico Book and Bible House  
 Sec'y-Treas.—W. C. Day

### Another Convention in the Past

JUST returned from Albuquerque where we had a very interesting church officers' and home missionary convention. We are living in a time when our people are ready to respond to God's call, and no doubt as a result of our convention our people will respond for God's service in a larger way. During the recent series of con-

ventions we organized the churches into groups, and leaders have been appointed. This organization is arranged according to Jethro's counsel to Moses as recorded in Exodus 18th chapter. May the Lord bless our people as they launch out to find honest and sincere souls for God.

W. H. HANHARDT.

### Obituary

GLASS—Vina B. Glass, little daughter of Brother and Sister W. D. Glass, of Lubbock, Texas, passed peacefully away January 22, 1932, of intestinal flu and bronchial pneumonia. Kind hands did everything they could to save her life, but it seemed to be the Lord's will that she should be laid away and be saved the terrible troubles that are soon to come upon this old world. Her life of sunshine in the home will be greatly missed, but it won't be long as the Saviour is coming soon, and will send his angels to carry her to the arms of her parents where parting will be no more.

Little Vina B. was born near Littlefield, Texas, February 9, 1930, being only one year eleven months and thirteen days old.

She leaves to mourn their loss her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Glass, two brothers, Glendon and Burnis, one sister Viola Wilkinson, D. C. Sims her grandfather, H. P. Glass her uncle, and his family, all of Lubbock, Texas, her grandmother Glass of Hill County, with a host of other relatives and friends.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Lubbock, Texas, based upon Jer. 31:15-17, 1 Cor. 15: 22-26, Rev. 1:18, 1 Thess. 4:13,16-18.

She was then laid away in the Lubbock Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver.

J. B. HAMPTON.

### Truth or Tradition?

SEVENTH-DAY Adventists have held a most enviable position in the eyes of the world for many years, for they have been reported the best Bible students among Christendom. Do they deserve this great honor bestowed upon them by their sister denominations?

While it is true that many of our people are good Bible students, and

have supplied themselves with the richest of all Bible commentaries, the Spirit of Prophecy in written form, yet we fear that some, even many, have become careless regarding Bible study, and do not deserve to be called, "good Bible students."

Many years ago the servant of the Lord warned us of this carelessness regarding Bible study in the following words: "The fact that there is no controversy or agitation among God's people, should not be regarded as conclusive evidence that they are holding fast to sound doctrine... I have been shown that many who profess to have a knowledge of present truth, know not what they believe... When the time of trial comes, there are men now preaching to others, who will find upon examining the positions they hold, that there are many things for which they can give no satisfactory reason... And there are many in the church who take it for granted that they understand what they believe, but until controversy arises, they do not know their own weakness. When separated from those of like faith, and compelled to stand singly and alone to explain their belief, they will be surprised to see how confused are their ideas of what they had accepted as truth... God will arouse His people; if other means fail, heresies will come in among them which will sift them, separating the chaff from the wheat." Testimonies Vol. 5, p. 707.

So dear brethren and sisters, in the blazing light of this startling prediction, which constitutes a warning to both preachers and laymen, shall we not return to our first love of the Bible and Testimonies, lest we fall under some "heresy" which God has told us would come, if we fail to keep up a diligent study of our own message? Our plea, then, is that Seventh-day Adventists may arouse themselves at this time when "every wind of doctrine is blowing," (Vol. 5:80) and become real Bible students, and thus retain that good reputation gained by the pioneers of the Advent message.

E. T. WILSON.

### After Many Days

ABOUT four years ago, Brother A and Sister Kirk moved into a neighborhood near the little postoffice of Claunch, New Mexico, located in

the mountains about forty miles from Carrizozo.

Sister Kirk being a church school teacher for many years, and a real missionary, began at once to visit her neighbors, the community Sunday school, and to scatter our literature. Soon calls began to come in to the office for a minister to "come and help." Finally Elder Taylor answered the call and held two short meetings some months apart, but several were converted and took their stand for the message, among them being the postmaster and his entire family.

It was this writer's privilege to visit this new company Sabbath, February 6, and to our happy surprise a well-filled school room of earnest mountain folk greeted us at the Friday evening service, and on the Sabbath people came from all directions, in wagons, on horseback, and on foot, and a few in automobiles, until there were more than fifty people in the

Sabbath school which opened at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

All stayed the entire day having brought their lunches. We spoke at 11:00 o'clock, at 2:30, and again at 7:00 p. m., and between services answered questions of honest seekers for truth, and visited one of the shut-ins who could not attend the services.

After this blessed day of happy service for God, we reached the railway station at midnight, feeling that it had been good to be among this simple mountain folk, so far removed from the busy whirl of modern life.

Three young men gave their hearts to God in the closing service, and many bore grate testimony to the Lord for His precious truth which had come to their homes through this missionary family, and the ministerial help which has followed. How truly does this whole experience verify the words of the wise man who said, "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Eccl. 11:1.

E. T. WILSON.

**"A Book a Month"  
(In 1932)**

**O**BSERVING Seventh-day Adventists have seen a marked change of late in the attitude of many persons toward our people and our publi-

cations. Ears formerly deaf are now keen to every Bible explanation of world conditions. Doors heretofore closed to our workers and our literature are now open. Never have the opportunities nor the facilities for meeting them been larger. Never in all the history of our work has there been a time when it seemed that God was more definitely touching hearts and making them impressionable than now. It is our day of opportunity, and from our homes and lives the light of truth should be shining out in clear, strong rays. God calls upon us to go forth with His Word and His love in our hearts, and the "literature in our hands," to those who are longing and waiting for help.

"Literature in our hands." That is why our leaders are now suggesting that we each endeavor to sell "a book a month." True, we are all busy with our many duties, but could we not with careful planning make the effort to sell at least one book a month (small or large), to a neighbor, or friend, or merchant, or stranger? Who can tell what may be accomplished in that simple act each month? Will you not think it over prayerfully, and then write your Book and Bible House secretary for information as to suitable books for such work? He will be glad to assist you.

ERNEST LLOYD.



**E**LDER F. C. GILBERT, who has just returned from an extended tour of Palestine, Syria, and Egypt, will begin in the March color *Signs* a series of twelve or more articles, giving the latest information on archaeological findings in Bible lands. The past six or eight years have recorded startling finds, vindicating in the minutest particulars the Bible story. This series will be an excellent one to send to friends, relatives, and neighbors, and especially to those who are members of other churches. These friends will be sure to read of what the spade is uncovering, and of the reasons for the repainting of so many signs in the British Museum giving information regarding the history of Bible lands, stones, and their inscriptions.

A year's subscription to the *Signs of the Times* to any address in the United States for only \$1.50. Five or more subscriptions a year to separate addresses at \$1.40 each. Order at once from your Book and Bible House so as to get every one of these splendid articles.

**COLPORTEUR REPORTS**

TEXICO, WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 6, 1932, W. L. KINDER, <i>Field Sec'y</i>							
Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
R. B. Sheets	GC	42	.....	\$101.75	.....	.....	\$ 6.75
Mrs. Sheets	GC	38	.....	39.00	.....	.....	1.50
M. F. White	OT	36	.....	35.50	.....	.....	1.50
A. Medlin	DR	38	.....	13.50	.....	.....	.....
C. Moore	HP	45	.....	34.50	.....	.....	1.25
Mrs. Harkey	DR	33	.....	21.25	.....	.....	.50
P. Miracle	GA	28	.....	6.05	.....	.....	1.50
Armstrong	OT	21	.....	21.50	.....	.....	4.00
Williams	OT	21	.....	21.50	.....	.....	1.00
Armstrong	OT	8	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....
<b>Workers 10</b>		<b>307</b>	.....	<b>290.05</b>	.....	.....	<b>18.00</b>

OKLAHOMA, For Week Ending February 6, 1932, C. M. NORMAN, <i>Field Sec.</i>							
Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
Ole Fisk	.....	44	.....	\$25.00	\$.....	\$.....	\$28.75
O. Zimmerman	.....	41	.....	19.00	.....	.....	12.00
Ole Fisk, week old	.....	34	.....	41.75	.....	.....	7.75
J. P. Williams	.....	23	.....	7.00	.....	.....	5.25
S. B. Skaggs	.....	16	.....	13.00	.....	.....	10.00
Mrs. S. G. Payne	.....	12	.....	9.50	.....	.....	3.00
C. C. Voth	.....	13	.....	3.50	.....	.....	3.00
C. M. Norman	.....	9	.....	12.50	.....	.....	16.50
Magazine	.....	.....	.....	6.25	.....	.....	6.25
<b>Workers</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>\$137.50</b>	<b>\$.....</b>	<b>\$.....</b>	<b>\$179.25</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>\$427.55</b>	<b>\$.....</b>	<b>\$.....</b>	<b>\$197.25</b>

## Southwestern Union Record

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# SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE

The College Rhetoric class of 1931 and 1932 has found that in the course of events involved by taking Rhetoric it is necessary to write a lengthy theme. After checking and rechecking by Miss Taylor and Elder Miller, the best ones will be sent to the Pacific Press Publishing Association. Those accepted will be published in the *Signs* Magazine and the authors will receive a prize.

The colporteur band under direction of Miss Gilbert and Mr. Fred Moore, meets every Wednesday during organization period in the Spanish room. The purpose of this meeting is to create a desire and to instruct those who are planning on colporteur work next summer.

After a few opening remarks by our president, Miss La Vern Klein, the time of the Ladies' Culture Club was given to the "Southern Oriole Quartet" composed of Mr. Willard Johnson, first tenor, Mr. L. G. Small, second tenor; Mr. Glenn Fillman, baritone; and Mr. Raymond Turner, bass. They entertained with some very pretty selections. We, imposing on their good nature, have persuaded them to give us another program soon.

When those savory odors begin to float through the building, and your mouth begins to water, you can be sure it is the cooking class in the Foods laboratory. Miss Ruth Focte is instructor of this class, and she has planned a course of study that not only teaches the preparation of food, but also their successful combinations.

"Pay your library fine or do not attend classes." This is a new one added to the unwritten laws of the library. It isn't the fine money insists Miss Johnson, but just to help you remember that other people are calling for that book which is overdue.

The symposium was organized last week. It is composed of the following members; Mr. Willard Johnson, Mr. Glenn Fillman, Mr. Carlton Black-

burn, Mr. Raymond Turner, Miss Alice Will, Miss Maggie Lyon, Miss Florence Kinder, and Miss Nina Vee Wilcox.

Miss Etta Hewgley, who has spent the past five years in South America, spoke to the ladies of North Hall Thursday evening at worship. She told of the ways and customs of the South American young people.

Elder and Mrs. Vance Maloney are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Merzbacher of Dallas.

What if it does rain, and we can't play games on the campus? That doesn't spoil the fun. Professor Ryden with some assistants planned an enjoyable evening in the dining hall Saturday night.

Miss Martha Ann Spikes is spending the week-end at her home in Dalworth.

Mrs. Hanhardt has gone to Oklahoma City for medical attention. Her daughter, Anabell, and Ruth Cupp will stay in North Hall while Mrs. Hanhardt is away.

C. N. Woodward, President Kellogg, H. L. Wilcox, and Henry Schmidt as delegates will attend the Union Conference meeting to be held in Oklahoma City. Mrs. M. E. Little will attend the departmental meeting before the conference.

Those having charge of morning worship in North Hall this past week were; Miss Lila Tipton, Miss Alrita Lauener, Miss Eloise Callender, Miss Anita Spear, and Miss Betty Doub.

Mr. Earl Barham, and Mr. Harold Hampton conducted prayer meeting in West Hall last Thursday evening.

Mr. Daniel Brown enjoyed a visit from his parents last week.

Mrs. C. Ebner is visiting her son, Charles.

Mr. Max Williams has returned to his home because of illness.

Mrs. E. S. Ryden is visiting Professor and Mrs. Ryden for a few days. She is on her way to California.

Mrs. Vance Maloney spoke at Im-

provement Club last Thursday evening. She gave some interesting thoughts on courtship of the Chinese young people.

Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Beddoe, Evelyn Ruth Jensen, and Mr. Eddie Stewart are week-end visitors in Keene.

Professor Dake spoke at vesper service Friday evening. A very inspirational testimony service followed.

Mr. Kenneth Beem, editor of the Mizpah; Mr. Carlton Blackburn, business manager, and Mr. John Phillips, circulation manager, had the regular chapel period Thursday. Further details of the Mizpah were explained to us.

As variety is the spice of life, Miss Johnson decided that the boys and girls should change sides in the library.

Professor Dake's Nature Class went "star gazing" last Tuesday night. By the aid of a powerful telescope they studied the moon and several planets.

The library receives forty of the current magazines. How many do you read?

## Southwestern Junior College A Cappella Choir To Broadcast

THE A Cappella Choir of Southwestern Junior College, Keene, Texas, under the direction of Professor C. W. Dortch will go on the air Tuesday night, March 1st, from 9:30 to 10:00 Central Standard Time; 8:30 to 9:00 Mountain Time; 7:30 to 8:00 Pacific Time, and 10:30 to 11:00 Eastern Time.

The program will be broadcast from WFAA, Dallas, Texas, the 50,000 Watt Super-power station of the Southwest, 800 kilocycles. Both the radio station and the choir will appreciate a card or letter giving your comment and criticism of the program.

C. E. KELLOGG.