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The Call



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POPULATION figures compiled in the various countries indicate that more than two billion people live on our world. Out of these more than one million three hundred thousand are worshipping heathen gods in one form or another. Among these, however,

are many honest souls, and the call from heaven to them is: "Come out of her, my people." As God's ambassadors, Seventh-day Adventists, with the last message to go to this world, are to be used in passing this call on to the honest in heart. God pictures the work of the remnant church, in the prophecy of Revelation, as swelling into a loud cry, represented in the message and work of the angel in Revelation 18. He has told us that it is largely through the literature work that this loud cry is to be accomplished.

The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time. . . . God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their

spiritual education and enlightenment." *"Colporteur Evangelist,"* p. 5.

The Lord emphasized the need of this type of work in these words: "Canvasser-evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls. The canvassing work should now be earnestly and decidedly taken up." *Id.*, p. 31. "Where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred. Canvassers should be encouraged to take hold of this work, not to canvass for story-books, but to bring before the world the books containing truth essential for this time." *Id.*, p. 7.

That brings us to the subject of this article, "The Call." On pages 41 and 42 of the *"Colporteur Evangelist"* we read: "The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work. . . . For Christ's sake, my brethren and sisters, make the most of the hours of the new year to place the precious light of present truth before the people." Further on page 42, "Jesus is calling for many missionaries, for men and women who will consecrate themselves to God, willing to spend and be spent in His service." And on page 79, "Missionaries are wanted everywhere. In all parts of the field canvassers should be selected, not from the floating element in society, not from among men and women who are good for nothing else and have made a success of nothing, but from among those who have good address, tact, keen foresight, and ability. Such are needed to make a success as colporteurs, canvassers, and agents." And He has told us, "As long as probation continues, there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work." *Id.*, p. 99.

So today the Lord is calling for

men and women with good business judgment and a deep Christian experience to enter into successful colporteur work. The call is for many fishers and hunters, for many men and women, for many canvassers to take orders for our large subscription books containing the message. We have the message; we have it in book form. We have light not only on the doctrines, but on healthful living, Christian education, and home-making. Our books were brought into existence in order that we might supply large armies of colporteurs with material that would bring the light of present truth to the millions now in darkness. Let us encourage one another and others to forsake the call of the world, and answer the call of God for faithful colporteurs in the Southwest.



Sixty Years Ago



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SIXTY years ago we had no gospel colporteurs, but there was one in the making. The first recruiting appeal ever made for this denomination was of heavenly origin, and was passed on to us through the Spirit of prophecy, instructing us that: "The press is a power; but if its products fall dead for want of men who will execute plans to widely circulate

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them, its power is lost. While there has been a quick foresight to discern the necessity of laying out means in facilities to multiply books and tracts plans to bring back the means invested, so as to produce other publications, have been neglected. The power of the press, with all its advantages, is in their hands; and they can use it to the very best account, or they can be half asleep, and through inaction lose the advantages which they might gain. By judicious calculation they can extend the light in the sale of books and pamphlets. They can send them into thousands of families that now sit in the darkness of error." *"Testimonies," Vol. IV, p. 389.*

One year after this appeal one recruit came forward. He really stood alone, without human encouragement. Nevertheless he remained undaunted in his desire to launch the plan. It was at the General Conference Session in 1881 that George King's wish finally prevailed, and the publishers consented to open the way and permit him to try the plan. So sixty years ago this year of 1941, the colporteur work was born. George King did not go out to try the plan. He went out to prove it, for his faith was anchored to the divine instruction given the year be-

fore. The plan worked, and is still working.

The Southwestern Union field has been blessed with a band of men and women who also heeded the divine appeal. During the year of 1940 they delivered \$38,267.07 in books and magazines, and this in spite of a number of changes in the local leadership.

Thousands of pages of truth-filled literature in the form of periodicals and books have gone into many homes. Individuals are today reading the meaning of the events taking place today.

If the printing press had never been invented, what an immeasurable loss we would have sustained. We would not have heard of George King. We would not have read an experience like this:

"Twenty years ago one of our colporteurs, who is now sleeping in Jesus, sold a copy of *Patriarchs and Prophets* to a man living near Frostburg, Maryland. The purchaser of the book later became ill and then spent much time in the study of its precious contents. The contents of the book were discussed by the family, and its truths were fixed in the minds of the children as they grew up and established homes of their own. About a year ago an effort was held in this city, and at its conclusion the grandmother, the wife of the man who purchased the book twenty years before, led the way into the baptismal pool, as thirty-two children, grandchildren, and relatives, followed in the sacred rite of baptism. Five more have been baptized, making a total of thirty-seven."

There is no single factor among us more potent in bringing men and women to a knowledge of this truth than the sale of our denominational literature. The silent pages are doing a marvelous work in many lands. This is our day for seed sowing. Let us remember that there can be no harvest without a seed sowing. A pamphlet written by Luther on Galatians fell into Bunyon's hands, and converted him, and today over one hundred translations of *Pilgrim's Progress* is the result.

A number of times I stood looking at the monument before the church of the Consistory of Paris. Here a Frenchman stands with a Bible in his hand. This Frenchman had been wounded at the siege of Saint

Quentin. As he lay languishing, his eye saw a tract on the coverlet. He read it and was converted by it. He became known as Admiral Coligny, the leader of the reformation of France. But that tract had not yet finished its work. It was read by Coligny's nurse, a sister of mercy, who penitently placed it in the hands of the Lady Abbess, and she, too, was converted by it. She fled from France to the Palatinate, where she met a young Hollander and became his wife. The influence which she had upon that man reacted upon the whole continent of Europe, for he was William of Orange, who became the champion of liberty and Protestantism in the Netherlands.

Yes, think of what has been accomplished since 1881 when George King proved that our books could be sold. But God promises to do greater things with the printed page. No failure in the work, for I read—"The publishing house is Thine own instrumentality, and we will not fail or be discouraged." *"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 211.* Jesus wants you in this work. Why not respond today? This is the very work God would have you do today.



The Challenge of the Hour



I. C. POUND
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Ark-La. Conf.

THE Arkansas-Louisiana Conference embraces a territory eight hundred miles long and three hundred miles wide. It is inhabited by nearly five million people. Its climate, its industries, its social life offer variations as numerous and as divergent as can be found in any section of the United States. That it is a fruitful field for the gospel colporteur is proved by our record of literature distribution covering years past. The opportunities awaiting those who have a mind to work are still unlimited, since we have many counties where as yet our bookmen have left no footprints.

As we think of the many cities, towns, villages, and extensive reaches of countryside that lie within our

borders, as yet unwarned, our despairing cry is, "How can we ever finish the work of God in this our own field?" Yet the answer to this question was given many years ago when we were told, "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory." "Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 140. But our publishing houses shed forth their light through colporteur evangelists, whose ministry has thus been described by a prophet of old, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation." Isaiah 52:7.

The need of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference is for its church members to lift up their eyes to see the vastness of the harvest field as compared with its few toiling laborers. Every member should clearly understand that God's plan for finishing the work is largely a matter of scattering our literature into every nook and corner of our territory. Every believer should be engaged in its circulation, giving, loaning, selling it wherever possible. We are not doing a tithe of what we can do, and must do, ere the work is finished. And we should see many strong, courageous men and women go forth into these unentered places as full-time colporteur evangelists determined under God to carry the light of truth to those in darkness. How dare we wait longer to undertake that which the Lord has told us to do? What excuse can we offer for being idle in an hour when heaven and earth is throbbing with activity? May we arouse from the subtle lethargy that has settled upon us, and find our rightful place in service before it is too late.

Let us scatter our books, magazines, and tracts as never before during 1941. Every member should be a circulating library of the third angel's message in his own community. And as the Master, looking over vast expanses where no reaper now labors, sends forth the call, "Who will go for us?" may many who are now occupied with less important things be led to respond, "Here am I; send me."

The Gospel Must be Published



C. L. GRANDON
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AT ONE time the disciples came to the Saviour upon the Mount of Olives inquiring "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?" Among the many significant signs that were given may be found the following prophetic words: "And the gospel must first be published among all nations." Mark 13:10.

This prophecy, given by our Lord nearly two thousand years ago, is today meeting with a marvelous fulfillment. No method has proven more effective, more economical, and more rapid in the carrying out of the gospel commission than the ministry of the printed page. God has ordained that, "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals." "Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 61. And now, in fulfillment of this divine prediction, we find that our books and periodicals, "the wings of the message," are swiftly bearing the truth to all parts of the world.

During the year 1940 our colporteurs sowed the seeds of truth in the form of gospel literature to the amount of nearly \$15,000 throughout the states of Arkansas and Louisiana. A number of souls have come to a knowledge of the truth, one colporteur having reported three people baptized, as a result of the literature ministry.

A few months ago I was privileged to visit one of these new converts. This sister, an elderly lady, was very enthusiastic and profoundly happy over her new-found faith. Her face revealed the joy and peace that come through a full acceptance of the third angel's message. Then, as I saw the book *Bible Readings* in that home and realized that God had used those printed words to bring about this transformation, I was convinced anew of the miraculous power of the press.

Many people are longing for a message of hope as the following experience, sent in by one of our student colporteurs last summer, indicates: "I

canvassed a lady who was in a bad condition physically, but who became interested in the book at once. She placed her order with \$1.50 down. When I told her the book would not be delivered until October, she was somewhat downhearted. 'Young man,' she said, 'I don't see how I could wait that long. Would there be any possible chance of sending it next week? I feel that I shall soon pass from this world, and before I do I want to read that book.' Many are waiting to hear this message. Let's spread it now before it is too late."

God is calling for volunteers to join our army of bookmen in publishing this gospel to all the world. "A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand. The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'Here am I; send me.'" "Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 333.



Oklahoma's Task



O. S. PLUE
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Oklahoma Conf.

"YOUNG men are wanted who are men in understanding, who appreciate the intellectual faculties that God has given them, and cultivate them with the utmost care." "Colporteur Evangelist," p. 53.

A bird's-eye view of the Oklahoma Conference fulfills this inspired statement as pertaining to the needs of the literature ministry ranks. Let us analyze the situation: in the *Ardmore District*, there is not a single regular colporteur, magazine or book canvasser to reach the many thousands who in the judgment of God may be dependent upon a humble colporteur for the three angels' messages. Will you who reside in this vicinity offer your services, or at least your homes as bases of operations for groups of colporteurs?

Have you ever thought of this? Oklahoma has the largest Indian population in the United States. Who will consent to be apostle to these dear



souls within the confines of our conference? Well might we consider the *Cherokee Indian Mission* the base for such a work.

And then, too, when we consider the *Enid District*, more than two colporteurs might be at work giving of their best for the cause.

Who will hear the call for the fertile *Okeene District*? This section of strong German churches ought to support at least one magazine worker and a regular book worker.

Prospects are brighter for the *Oklahoma City District*. Four workers were in attendance at the Colporteur Institute, and with a reorganization of the magazine work, there should be an increase of souls won this year from the Oklahoma City area.

We are thankful that the *Shattuck* and *Vinita Districts* accept the challenge to carry the burden, too, for this year promises to see greater advances with the printed page in both areas.

In the *Weatherford District* there are a few faithful part-time magazine workers for the Elk City area. Who will carry the lighted torch into Clinton, Sayre, Altus, Mangum, Hobart, etc.? Soon, we believe, a much stronger work will ensue in Lawton and Fort Sill.

Our colored brethren have a serious responsibility to reach the quarter million of their race in Oklahoma. More should be taking the *Message Magazine* and the volume, "*Hope of the Race*," to the thousands who sit in spiritual darkness.

Would that all districts in Oklahoma were Tulsa districts! Both *Tulsa* and *Muskogee* churches are ultra loyal in support of a strong and dynamic colporteur program. However, brethren, are we giving of our best to the Master? Where there is one worker, there ought to be many more to cooperate and extend the work.

In conclusion, let me say that if we will all pray for a great advancement this new year, greater things may be evident a year hence. The past year fourteen souls have been baptized as a result of the colporteurs' efforts, whole or in part. Two others are studying preparatory for that rite. Let us experience some enthusiasm: OKLAHOMA TO THE FRONT!

Publishing Work



F. D. WELLS
President
Texas Conf.

"AND after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory." Revelation 18:1.

The Servant of God says: "And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the

work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that I can look back to my experience in the colporteur field and know that there were hundreds, yes, thousands of books left in the field. I feel confident that most of them are still witnessing to the truths of the message. Those books have a halo about them that is continually expressing an invitation to individuals to read them.

It seems to me that a man's efficiency in the work of God is more than doubled when he can have books preach the sermons for him. It would be interesting to me to have a panoramic history of each book that I placed in the homes during those years I worked as an evangelistic colporteur.

I have the satisfaction and joy of knowing that some have accepted the message and are now helping us to carry it on to others. Just how many in the hundreds of homes that I visited have, or will, accept the message, I will never know until we have that glad reunion in the earth made new. I do know that "the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."

Because I have confidence in God and His willingness to guide every honest soul, I believe those books that were placed years ago will still do their appointed work, and especially when that time comes for the loud cry of the third angel's message,—hundreds will be lead to read themselves into our message.

We will never warn the 6,000,000 people in this great State of Texas unless our present forces are doubled and trebled. I believe there has never been a time since the beginning of the last World War when people have been so inquisitive about what the Bible says concerning present day conditions as they are right at this time.

I take this opportunity of extending an invitation to both men and women to consecrate their lives to the finishing of the work of God by joining the ranks of our workers.



Soul Saving in Texas



A. E. VAN NOTY
Field Sec.
Texas Conf.

IT WILL be of interest to our Texas constituency to know that last year was one of the most profitable years in soul saving so far as our colporteur work was concerned.

While attending our regional meeting in Dallas last summer, Brother Marion Brown, one of our faithful colporteurs, came to me, desiring that I meet a young couple who had accepted the truth as the result of a book he had sold to this gentleman's mother. You can well imagine the joy that was expressed in the faces of this young couple as they visited with Brother Brown, recognizing him as the means of bringing the message to them. They read the book, became interested in the message, and drove for several miles in order to contact one of our churches.

Brother Alvin Eubanks placed a *Bible Readings* in the hands of a young man who studied it faithfully, and also took Bible studies from the elder of the church. We find today that he and his wife are faithful Adventists.

These stories could be repeated over and over again, and we are happy to welcome these people to the truth; but, dear fellow-believer, do you realize that hundreds in this great Lone Star State are looking to heaven, praying earnestly that some

Christian worker will come to their assistance and give them a knowledge of this truth?

The year is fast passing by, and we are appealing to you—the laity of the organization—in these times of strife and struggle, to unite your efforts with those in the field in giving this gospel message during 1941.



“Who Will Go for Us?”



V. A. LAGRONE
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Texico Conf.

THE nations of earth are in a titanic struggle at the present hour for world supremacy. Every conceivable plan and idea is being thought of and worked to assure victory. They are not sparing means, energy, time or sacrifice to bring about the desired results. And, above all, they are not sparing man power where it is needed. The men who are called up for service expect inconvenience, hardships untold, toil, and weariness. The men in direct service are not the only ones who are involved; their families, left behind, are making their sacrifices. Surely, if the material things of this world are worth giving effort, sacrifice, time, and lives for, God's program is worth many more times what the earthly is, for it deals with eternal realities which are not to be compared to the present surroundings.

We are in a great struggle which means life or death to millions. The important part is that you are involved and so am I. Jesus is the leader of truth, righteousness, and eternal life. Satan is the general of sin, unrighteousness, and eternal death. The world is to be warned that souls may make their decisions, and if they desire, reign with King Jesus. Solemnly let us read Isaiah 6:5 to 8. “Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs

from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.”

The Lord is calling for men and women today to enter a special line of service for Him. “If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures.”

“We are fast approaching the end. The printing and circulation of the books and papers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work.”

“The Lord desires to have many take part in this grand work, those who are consecrated, whose hearts are humble, and who are willing to engage in any line that demands their service.”

God assures of success in this line of endeavor for Him. “The work of the colporteur is elevating and will prove a success if he is honest, earnest, and patient, steadily pursuing the work he has undertaken.”

“A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up some other line of work. This order of things should be changed. God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work, helping wherever there is opportunity. The Master calls for every one to do the part given him, according to his ability. Who will respond to the call? Who will go forth to labor in the wisdom and grace and love of Christ for those nigh and afar off? Who will sacrifice ease and pleasure, and enter the places of error, superstition, and darkness, working earnestly and perseveringly, speaking the truth in simplicity, praying in faith, doing house-to-house labor? Who at this time will go forth without the camp, imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit, bearing reproach for Christ's sake, opening the Scriptures to the people, and calling them to repentance? . . . “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” the response will come, “here am I; send me.”

“Careless spectators may not appreciate your work or see its importance. They may think it a losing business, a life of thankless labor and self-sacrifice. But the servant of Jesus sees it in the light shining from the cross. His sacrifices appear small in comparison with those of the blessed Master, and he is glad to follow in His steps.”

“My brethren and sisters, remember that one day you will stand before the Lord of all the earth to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Then your work will appear as it really is. The vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul-saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it?”

May our hearts respond to this earnest appeal from the servant of the Lord by saying, “Here am I; send me.”

(All quotations taken from *Colporteur Evangelist*)



The Colporteur Work in Texico and the Prospects for 1941



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IN SUMMING up our colporteur work for 1940, we find that 11 souls were baptized as a direct result of the work of our colporteurs, and that we made approximately a 20 per cent gain in deliveries over 1939. While we are very happy to see this progress in the

work, yet we are far from being satisfied with these results. For 1941 we want to see at least 20 souls baptized, and a 40 per cent gain in our deliveries over 1940, and with God's help and blessings we are planning on realizing this goal.

I am on my second recruiting tour since the first of the year, and the prospects for reaching our goal this year look very favorable. On the first trip there were 3 full-time and 2 part-time workers recruited, besides 2 good prospects for later on in the

year. Then thus far on the second tour, 4 full-time and 2 part-time colporteurs have been lined up. Along with this good start for increasing our colporteur force in Texico comes word from Elder Delafield at San Angelo that he has started out a fine colporteur there. The recruits are persons who have had from 4 to 25 years' experience in the work. This reminds me of the words of the servant of God when she said that the Lord is calling the colporteurs back to their work. I am sure that there are many other old colporteurs who will read these lines with whom the Holy Spirit is pleading to return to His work. May you listen to His pleadings, dear reader, and sit down and write a letter to your field missionary secretary who will be happy to help you return to the Lord's service.

Those who go to make up the others recruited this winter are those who have recently accepted the message. They are in their first love with a burning zeal to carry this message to those who do not know it. The Lord will bless that zeal and give them success. These dear believers have heard the call of God to them and have consecrated their lives to His service, and the Lord is calling still others who have not yet responded. I beg of you that you do not put off the response to that call until it will be too late, for the work is fast being brought to a close.

Now the question comes to you who have been a long time in this blessed truth. The Lord may be calling you to His literature ministry. If the call rings out clear in your heart, will you respond to that call? When Philip heard the call to go down into the desert, he not only went at once, but he ran, and by responding in that manner he made the connection with the eunuch who received the message, and was converted.

The need for more colporteurs in the Texico Conference is great. If the Lord is calling you to this work, may you not give Him a deaf ear in my prayer.



"Those who might have exerted an influence to save souls, . . . yet failed to do their duty . . . will have the blood of poor sinners upon their garments." *M.Y.P.*, 204.

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News Notes

Elders Pound and Ross have returned to the office from Keene where they attended an educational board meeting, and Elder Pound attended a meeting of the union committee. Returning from Keene, Elder Pound stopped at Shreveport to counsel with Elder Wilson.

Elder Ross met with the Monroe church on Sabbath, February 8.

Our sincere thanks to those who sent in their *Review* and Family Group installments promptly! Let us repeat the request we made last week: Please do not wait for a reminder from the office, but send your payments in promptly.

The conference has placed an order with the publishers for 104,000 leaflets which will be used by our churches in special literature campaigns this year. These leaflets are the very finest and most up-to-date that can be obtained. It will be three or four weeks before they will be ready, so those who learned about them at the time of our workers' council and have been ordering them will please take notice.

Church officers, please be planning to attend the church officers' meeting that will be held nearest to you. The first of these begins February 21 and continues through February 23. The first of four meetings will be in New Orleans, the second in Shreveport, the third in Little Rock, and the last at Gentry. These will be one week apart, in the order named. We owe it to our churches to render the very best service of which we are capable, and these meetings will help you to be a much better church officer.

The interior of the dining room above our conference store house has a very different appearance than at the time of our recent workers' and church elders' meeting. It is now ceiled, and the side walls finished, except for the window and door casings, which we hope to have in place shortly. Elders Pound, Ross, and Brethren Grandon and Vought put in several sixteen-hour days at this last week, resulting in some very tired muscles,

and considerable satisfaction over their achievements.

Members of our Hot Springs colored church expect to make final payment on their building this month. This has been made possible by a gift of \$500 from the General Conference Church Extension Fund. Thus another memorial will be established for the furtherance of the message in our conference.

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Oklahoma M.V. Rallies

DURING the next two months we shall be busy holding Missionary Volunteer Rallies in the following churches. All the young people and those interested in youth's problems are invited to participate in these meetings. Every youth living in a radius of 50 to 100 miles of the following churches should plan to attend:

Tulsa	Feb. 21, 22
Enid	Feb. 28 & Mar. 1
East Cooper	Mar. 7, 8
Elk City	Mar. 14, 15
Vinita	Mar. 21, 22
Shattuck	Mar. 28, 29
Ardmore	April 4, 5
Muskogee II	April 11, 12

These will be the largest M.V. occasions of the year. Bring questions and your convictions. Feel free to express them. There will be several conference workers present to help make the occasion an inspiration and blessing to all. R. A. NESMITH.

Attention, Men in Draft

MEN of draft age may receive the pamphlet "Seventh-day Adventists and Civil Government" by writing to this office. We have tried to contact all such men by mailing copies to the churches throughout the conference. It is evident some of our young men did not receive one.

As soon as your questionnaire is received you should obtain from your local draft board Form 47. You can obtain material from our office that will assist you in filling out Form 47. Remember that a failure of the registrant to file this special form may be

regarded as a waiver by the registrant of his claim as a conscientious objector.

Then, too, we would suggest that when called for physical examinations you make arrangements so that this will not fall on Friday night or Sabbath. Much difficulty may be avoided by this simple act.

R. A. NESMITH.

News Notes

Elders McConaughey and Eckman spent the week end with the Shattuck and Follett churches.

This week Elder McConaughey, Elder Wittenberg, Brother Lee, and Brother Plue, are attending the constituency meeting of the Southern Publishing Association at Nashville, Tennessee.

The Oklahoma City Young Peoples' Society sent their first seminar group to Choctaw this Sabbath. The young people furnished special music and the message for the after service. Plans are being laid for monthly trips to some of the smaller churches and Sabbath schools by the young people.

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 SEC'Y-TREAS., G. T. BURGESS

News Notes

Elder H. D. Casebeer spent the latter part of January and the first part of February in our conference visiting the Spanish schools and churches. Elder F. D. Wells accompanied him on the itinerary through the field. They found both of our Spanish workers, Elder G. A. Schwerin of San Antonio, and Brother Ray Archuleta of Mercedes, of good courage and ready to enter into a strong evangelistic program for building up the work in Texas. Brother Archuleta is beginning an effort immediately in a very beautiful hall furnished him practically free by one of the large plantations near Mercedes.

Brother A. K. Phillips announces that he still has a good interest in his evangelistic work, and a number of individuals are making their decision to obey the commandments of God.

Elder V. W. Becker and Elder F.

D. Wells joined with the other members of the Southwestern Union Educational Board in a meeting at Keene. Definite plans were laid for advancement in our educational lines.

Elder W. L. Barclay joined with Elder J. G. Dasent and Elder S. B. Huddleston in conducting a church officers' institute in the Dallas colored church on the week end of February 8.

On the same date, Elder A. W. Peterson joined with Elder R. J. Roy of the union and Elder Becker in conducting a convention for all M.V. officers of the conference. We understand that they had a fine attendance and a good meeting.

Elder B. L. Hassenpflug is erecting the Silver Dome Tabernacle in the city of Sherman preparatory to beginning his first meeting on February 16. We invite all within driving distance to attend this first meeting.

Elder T. B. Westbrook and Brethren Hackett and Andrews are binding off the interest left by Elder A. A. Leiske. We believe there will be a number of individuals baptized as a result of their efforts.

Three representatives of our conference office, Elders F. D. Wells and W. L. Barclay, and Brother A. E. Van Noty, were called to attend the constituency meeting of the Southern Publishing Association at Nashville on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 11 and 12.

OBITUARIES

LAUBACH—Henry Laubach was born March 10, 1854, at Messer, Russia, and died in his home at Tangier, Okla., February 1, 1941, having reached the age of 86 years.

As a young man he came to America and settled near Hastings, Nebr. It was here that he was united in marriage to Eva Margaret Meier November 13, 1881. To this union were born 5 children. In 1901 he moved with his family to Tangier, Okla., where he resided until death claimed him.

It was in the year 1885 that he heard the message of the soon coming of Jesus and with joy accepted it and became a member of the S.D.A. church.

He leaves to mourn his departure his companion, one son, four daughters, 9 grandchildren, and one brother. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Chenoweth Funeral Home of Woodward, Okla. Bernard Voth.

LAYLAND—Mrs. Ella Lee Layland was born Sept. 10, 1912, in Corpus Christi,

Tex., and died at her home in Cleburne, Tex., Jan. 30, 1941. She was the daughter of Mrs. Alma Furlow of Corpus Christi. Her father died when she was a small infant.

May 7, 1929, she was united in marriage to Irvin Layland. To this union were born one son and one daughter. A little over two years ago she began attending the Seventh-day Adventist church, she believed in the Seventh-day Adventist faith but never united with the church. She was a great lover of the Bible and read and studied it a great deal the last few weeks of her life. She had a loving disposition, and was esteemed very highly by her many friends. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, son, daughter, mother, one sister, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer assisted by Rev. W. A. Flynn, pastor of the Methodist church of Cleburne. Funeral services were conducted in the Keene church, and she was laid to rest in the Keene Cemetery to wait the call of the Life-giver.

J. B. Hampton.



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Gem Thought

As the great cause of the evil (of disease and crime) is to be found in the indulgence of appetite and passion, so the first and great work of reform must be to learn and practice the lessons of temperance and self-control. M.Y.P. 233.

Advertisements

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News Notes

The colporteur promotion work at the college was definitely launched, February 3, at the chapel period. Elder J. A. P. Green, union field missionary secretary, assisted by Archie Dalglish and William Elders, the newly appointed student leaders of the colporteur band, were the speakers.

Professor H. A. Morrison, secretary of the Department of Education of the General Conference, was in Keene Tuesday, February 4. He attended a meeting of the union educational board and addressed the students in chapel.

A message received by the president Tuesday morning tells of the death of Miss Ambs' mother, who has been ill for many months. Miss Ambs, the dean of women, was called to her bedside last week. During her absence Mrs. J. C. Turner, who is assisting this year in the English department, is taking her place both in the dormitory and in the classroom.

Professor A. W. Peterson, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the General Conference, attended a meeting of the young people's secretaries of the union conference in Keene last week. He spoke at the chapel service on Thursday. Professor Peterson was a former teacher at the college.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ball, Sr., both former graduates of our school, spent the week end visiting their son Clyde, a student at the college, and other relatives in the village.

Mrs. F. W. Thorp of Santa Clara, Cuba, who in her student days here was Ethel Whitfield, visited her sister Hazel over the week end. Her husband is the Bible teacher at the training school in Cuba.

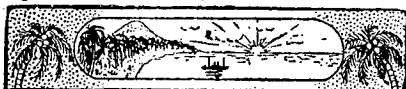
Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Ballew, former students at the college, spent Sunday in Keene. Mr. Ballew was for several years the foreman of the college print shop and now holds a similar position at the state teachers' college in Denton.

The Keene Missionary Volunteer Society sent several representatives to the officers' council held in San Antonio over the week end. Those who attended were Professor and Mrs.

Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams, Henrietta Oncal, and Coramae French.

Arden Clark, class of '39, an interne in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, visited Keene Monday. He was accompanied by his mother, and sister, and aunt, Mrs. Hargrove. They came to make arrangements for the entrance of two students into the college next year.

Mrs. M. L. Wilson of Shreveport visited Earl and Enid at the college Monday.



SUNSET CALENDAR

For Friday, February 21, 1941

Amarillo, Texas	5:35
Brownsville, Texas	6:23
Dallas, Texas	6:15
El Paso, Texas	5:59
Galveston, Texas	6:12
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:57
Muskogee, Oklahoma	6:10
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:53
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	6:18
San Antonio, Texas	5:27
Santa Fe, New Mexico	5:52
Shreveport, Louisiana	6:03

Keene Home and School

HOME and School held its first meeting of the year Thursday night, February 6, in the assembly room of the Normal Building. The new officers in charge were Mrs. Roy Cravey, leader; Mrs. Ben Putnam, assistant leader; and Mrs. Grace Allen, secretary-treasurer.

Seventy-four parents, teachers, and friends, relaxed in the homey atmosphere of the room and enjoyed a carefully planned program. The aims of the organization were briefly stated by the leader, who also introduced Mrs. Stearns, Normal Director. Mrs. Stearns welcomed the group and led in a salute to the Flag, preceded by group singing of "God bless America."

Misses Stoddard, Reid, and Larson, told of plans carried on in their respective rooms. Miss Larson's room was winner in a contest for attendance being sponsored by Home and School.

Special music was furnished by Eline Sims, pianist; Wanda Cheek, Corrinne Dortch, and Norman Abernathy, vocal trio of the Normal School; and O. B. Johnson, Kenneth Cole, John Wilson, and Ray Stephens,

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1941

	Bk.	Hrs.	Orders	Del.
Ark.-La., C. L. Grandon, Sec.				
Glenn M. Cox	HG	47	114.90	41.95
J. H. Wardrop	BR	39	128.95	67.95
W. M. Ladd	BR	37	31.75	15.30
Harry Vought	HR	35	38.95	35.50
Archie Peek	MH	34	26.40	20.90
Mrs. M. A. Gillon	Mes.	34	11.20	11.20
Vida Brooks	Wat.	31	18.50	18.50
Kate Pope	GC	20	57.00	3.00
Home Workers:				
Louis Battiste	Mes.	14	1.10	3.35
Miss H. A. Maury	Mes.	13	4.50	4.00
Mrs. V. Fields	Mes.	15	6.00	6.00
J. W. Daniel	OWB		10.00	2.50
Neville Jones	Helps		5.30	1.25
Elbert Rowe	BR			4.00
Total			319	454.55 235.90

Oklahoma, O. S. Plue, Sec.

*Millard Taylor	BR	132	263.25	161.00
*S. B. Scaggs	OT	72	57.95	24.45
*G. D. O'Brien	BR	65	108.25	38.50
A. S. Lutz	BR	41	49.75	17.25
*Mrs. M. L. Schilt	Mag.	56	21.90	21.90
*G. C. Kendall	BR	30	48.35	45.20
*Ed Randall	Mag.	46	14.15	11.90
*Mrs. Vera White	Mag.	22	12.00	12.00
Walton Cochran	GC	22	8.25	4.75
*Mrs. F. Copeland	Mag.	20	18.00	18.00
Irene Gettel	Mag.	15	11.00	11.00
L. L. Stevens	Misc.	14		16.00
Mrs. T. D. Wharton	HG	9	23.00	5.65
Murel Moddrell	BR	3		14.45
Sam Haffner	BR	2		4.75
Total			549	635.85 406.80

Texas, A. E. Van Noty, Sec.

Plez Underdown	BR	44	128.50	50.00
Cecil Corbit	BR	54	123.00	
A. E. Eubanks	BR	26	102.15	7.00
Marion Brown	BR	39	61.45	18.50
B. E. Wood	BR	42	57.45	7.95
Alva Cadenhead	Mag.	54	36.25	36.25
D. E. Swartz	BR	40	7.25	1.75
G. M. Jorgenson	Mag.	15	25.80	25.80
Lucile Dickerson	BR	20	18.45	.25
Albert Prewitt	GC	28	15.90	4.80
Edith Swartz	BR	25	13.75	7.25
W. L. Williams	RJ	7	12.00	
Thos. S. Carroll	BR	11	4.75	4.75
Mrs. S. K. Guss	Mag.		4.15	4.15
Wanda Wright	BTS	22	1.75	
Total			427	612.60 168.45
Grand Total			1295	1703.00 811.15

* More than one week.

male quartet of the College. Other entertainment included a reading by Mrs. Harold Williams.

To carry on the work planned, several committees were appointed including membership and attendance, program, social, and equipment committees. On one afternoon a month Mrs. C. W. Dortch is conducting a Hobby Club where mothers may meet and learn to make things for the home. Truly this year we plan to unite the School and Home.

MRS. BEN PUTNAM.