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A Word of Warning

A NUMBER of our members are receiving letters asking for the names and addresses of Seventh-day Adventists residing in their community. When question is asked as to why these names are desired, the reply is usually given by the person writing that this collecting of names and addresses is merely a hobby. It has been found, however, that as soon as these names and addresses are sent to the "hobbyist," the information is used for the purpose of mailing subversive literature to the persons whose names have been provided. This literature comes from the Shepherd's Rod Headquarters in Waco, Texas. It is labeled Seventh-day Adventist literature with nothing on the heading to indicate its actual content, but its teachings are misleading and are

contrary to the views and beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Statements made by them to the Government have not properly represented the position held by the regular body of Seventh-day Adventists, with the result that we have found it necessary to appear before government officers in order to disavow this misrepresentation and declare our denominational position.

We would therefore take this opportunity of asking our church members everywhere to exercise the utmost care before responding to these inquiries, made only with the motive of attempting to introduce teachings that are neither scriptural nor sound. We feel sure that all our members will want to cooperate with us in this.

W. G. TURNER,

Gen. Conf. Vice Pres.

for the North American Division.

Do Not Submit to a Mistake in Classification

SOME Seventh-day Adventist selective service registrants have been wrongly classified; and they have submitted to it. They ought not to do so. They do not need to be belligerent about it; but no man is required to submit to a wrong classification.

This wrong classification is with reference to the claim for noncombatant service. We have endeavored to distribute information to all of our people in all of the churches, that will be helpful in making out registrants' Questionnaires and the Special Form for Conscientious Objectors. We find, however, that in some

cases this information has never reached the registrant; in other cases, after it has reached him, he has ignored it; and when the time has come for him to fill out his Questionnaire or Special Form for conscientious objectors, he has filled them out wrongly. He has made his claim for exemption, not from combatant service, which would be in accordance with the instruction of the denomination and its historic non-combatant stand, but for exemption from non-combatant service, which puts him in a totally different classification under the draft.

As an illustration of what I mean, here is the case of a Seventh-day Adventist, married, with four children, who would be entitled to classifica-

tion in Class 3-A. It is not likely that he would ever be called to army service in that classification. But either through lack of information or some other cause, without meaning to do so, he has made out his claim on the Special Form for Conscientious Objectors for exemption from non-combatant service instead of exemption from combatant service.

Now it so happens that the members of selective service boards, all of whom serve voluntarily, are not always informed about their own duties and are not as acquainted with selective service regulations as they should be. It happens also that in some areas of the United States there exists a positive prejudice against the claim of conscientious objection to war, and members of selective service boards are not any more free from this than other people in these areas. Therefore, either from lack of information and acquaintance with their duties, or from prejudice, a man who claims to be a conscientious objector is sometimes handled with scant courtesy.

The selective service regulations require that in classifying conscientious objectors, all other claims for deferment shall be considered first, before any consideration is given to the claim on the grounds of conscientious objection. The language of regulation 363 of the selective service regulations is: "In the case of any registrant who claims to be a conscientious objector, the local board shall proceed in the ordinary course to classify him upon all other grounds of deferment and shall investigate and pass upon his claim

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as a conscientious objector only if, after physical examination, but for such claim, he would have been placed in Class 1-A, Class 1-B, Class 1-D, or Class 1-E."

There are two classes of conscientious objectors, and sometimes selective service boards do not discriminate between them. One class is conscientious objectors opposed to combatant service only. The other class is conscientious objectors opposed to combatant and non-combatant service. Unless the registrant himself is careful in making his claim, he may not provide sufficient information for a selective service board to classify him properly. Then he is likely to be placed in class 4-E, as an absolute conscientious objector.

If selective service boards proceed to classify conscientious objectors in accordance with instructions in the selective service regulations, they would put all men entitled to deferment on the grounds of dependency in Class 3-A, and then it is not likely they would ever be disturbed. In the case to which we have referred (a man who was fully entitled to be put in Class 3-A because of a wife

and four children who are entirely dependent upon his earnings, but who claimed exemption from both combatant and non-combatant service), this man was placed in Class 4-E, and in that classification is subject to call, and will be called and sent to a conscientious objectors' camp to spend one year in work of national importance under civilian direction. If he had been rightly classified, he would not be called at all.

Men wrongly classified have five days for an appeal from their classification. This is to be lengthened to ten days. Appeal boards are connected with all selective service boards, through which these appeals are to be made. Even when the appeal board refuses to reclassify such a man wrongly classified, there is still an appeal to the President of the United States.

There is no reason why Seventh-day Adventists should not make these appeals when they are wrongly classified. They should not submit to wrong classification, and when selective service boards make mistakes in classifying men, they should undo these mistakes and classify them properly.

We believe that mistakes of this nature are not so likely to occur if careful attention is given to following the instructions which have been sent out to help our men make out their claim for exemption from combatant service. These instructions are contained in two leaflets, which can be obtained without charge. They are called, "Filling Out the Special Form for Conscientious Objectors," and "Seventh-day Adventists and Civil Government."

These leaflets have been sent out to all the conferences in the United States. They should have been distributed to all of the churches. If they have not been placed within your reach, you can obtain them by writing to your conference headquarters. If the conference has no supply, it can obtain a supply by writing to the General Conference Commission on National Service and Medical Cadet Training, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES, Sec.,
Commission on National Service
and Medical Cadet Training.

"The faith that cannot carry you to your duty will not carry you to heaven."

An Appeal

THE Southwestern Union is at the bottom of the list, way down. In fact we are so far down, that we are not even near any of the other unions. Here is the list:

Atlantic Union	85%
Pacific Union	84%
Columbia Union	80%
Lake Union	71%
North Pacific Union	59%
Central Union	49%
Canadian Union	48%
Southern Union	48%
Northern Union	42%
Southwestern Union	34%

How would we like to have someone tell us what they think of us? What do we really think of ourselves and our record as shown above? I am sure that none of us are very proud of it. In fact, I hesitated a good while before printing it, it looked so bad to me. How I wish it could be changed!

What is it all about? Well, it is the *Youth's Instructor* subscriptions. The percentages shown above are the percentages of their goals which each union has reached. I am very sorry that our record is so bad on this point, for surely we are losing greatly by not getting this good paper into the hands of our boys and girls. There is no better magazine in all the world for our young folks than the *Youth's Instructor*. It is educational, inspirational, and always intensely interesting. In my personal opinion, as for my own children, I feel it is the biggest single factor in character forming that I can provide for them. I would make any sacrifice for them to have it from childhood on. I have no doubt but that it will mean eternal life to hundreds of young people.

We have been very much concerned about this for some time, and in a recent meeting of our conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries, a plan was recommended to the publishers of the *Instructor*, which they have accepted. We are quoting it for your information. Read it over carefully, present it to your young people, and make it work! Let us see if we cannot upset that old record, and get on top instead of at the bottom. Here is the plan:

"From April to September, we shall be glad to give a year's subscription to the *Youth's Instructor*

free to any Missionary Volunteer who, in this six months' period, will send in ten yearly subscriptions to the *Instructor* at the regular price of \$1.95. All orders should be sent to the Book and Bible House." It is understood that the Book and Bible House will report to the Review and Herald the names of those who have earned the free subscription, and of course the person earning the free subscription will report to the Book and Bible House.

Let us go after them. We can get these subscriptions from Adventists and non-Adventists, new subscriptions or renewals. Please give this plan wide publicity in your church, talk it over and get all the young folks working on it. We need the *Instructor*, and it will do us all good.

R. J. ROY.

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA

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SEC'Y-TREAS., O. J. BELL

A Report

THE new church building at Kinder is completed and ready for dedication. We are very happy over this new memorial for God.

The tithe from the Shreveport church for March was \$587.43; Sabbath school offerings, \$104. The church is rejoicing to have a new, commodious church home, after two years' of worshipping in a rented building. The church members are visiting one thousand homes each week, preparatory to an evangelistic meeting in the new church building, beginning April 13. The church school is progressing nicely under the teaching of Miss Annie Laurie Gifford. The enrollment is the largest for a number of years.

The Lake Charles church is distributing a large number of papers, looking forward to an evangelistic meeting there.

M. L. WILSON.

News from District No. 8

WE EXPERIENCE a little of the joy that Paul must have felt, as we visit among the believers in our district. The task of reaching the many thousands in this section is almost overwhelming at times, but with the churches and companies rallying to

the front, the message goes onward triumphant over obstacles.

Sabbath, April 5, was spent with the De Witt and Stuttgart companies. Sabbath schools were being held in each place. It was good to see these new believers carrying on their Sabbath services in as orderly a fashion as many larger schools. They, too, have caught the vision of a world field and the speedy finishing of the work.

A recent report from two lay brethren in Searcy was encouraging. They are conducting Bible studies with two or three families who became interested as a result of the stereopticon lectures and two week's meeting held there.

The newly organized Dorcas society at Mt. Pleasant is a bi-monthly reminder to the ladies that it is time again to patch and darn and sew for those less fortunate than they. Several have to walk two and three miles to get to the meeting, but the time spent together is worthwhile. This week a box of clothing was fixed for a family whose home burned.

There are four other Sabbath schools in the district, along with a score or more of isolated members, who are enthusiastically carrying forward the message in their part of the field.

We have begun distributing 1000 each of four consecutive leaflets in Batesville as preparation for a series of tent meetings to be held early in May. Pray that the Lord will bless this effort. So although the task does seem overwhelming at times, our courage is quickened by the laity through whom God is working to help finish the work in district 8.

MRS. CHARLES BEELER.

District No. 4 Colored

WE MARCHED in March. On the fourth of the said month the writer and family moved from Baton Rouge to New Orleans. This is a change of location, but not of district. Our present address is 4120 Clara, New Orleans, Louisiana.

A baptism was held in the New Orleans church on March 22. Four were baptized. After the baptism, the Lord's supper was celebrated.

On March 30 we had the communion service at Hammond. The believers from Covington met with the Hammond church. Our hearts were

made glad to see two from Covington and one from Hammond take their stand for God at this time.

While we had joy over the three who declared their allegiance to God at Hammond, New Orleans was rejoicing over four who did likewise on the same date.

We have a class of over sixty in the Lay Evangelism class, who are studying how to labor more effectively for others in New Orleans.

J. H. WILLIAMS.

News Notes

THE LORD surely has blessed our conference financially, as well as in other ways. Our tithe for the first three months of this year shows a splendid increase of \$5119.04 as compared with the same period last year. This refers to the white department only. In offerings for missions there has also been a nice increase of \$192.27 for this period.

In our colored department we can report an increase in tithe of \$303, and an increase of \$140 in gifts for missions.

The A Capella choir for Southwestern Junior College were in Gentry Friday night and in Fort Smith Sabbath, and their most interesting program was enjoyed. After dinner, the members of the choir motored to Little Rock and the program was given in the church in the evening. Here, too, they had an appreciative audience. Leaving Little Rock Sunday morning, they moved on to Shreveport, for a program there that night.

J. B. Ross recently made a trip to Union College in the interest of the educational department.

Many thousands of copies of the New Day series of tracts have been shipped to the churches, and these soon will find their way into thousands of homes. We are furnishing these to our churches at the rate of \$2.25 per thousand, the conference joining in sharing the expense. Please remember in ordering these that they come in packages containing 100 of each tract, and that packages will not be broken, so they must be ordered accordingly.

Our evangelistic efforts are getting under way throughout the conference. Elder Pound just concluded an effort at Benton, Arkansas, and at the present writing he is in an effort at

Shreveport with Elder Wilson. Elder Neil is in the midst of an effort at Ponchatoula, Louisiana, and Elder Frazee is about to begin a strong effort at Baton Rouge. Each of our ministers plans on a strong evangelistic effort this year.

OKLAHOMA

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F. C. Gilbert Appointments

WE ARE very happy to announce that Elder F. C. Gilbert, one of our General Conference Field Secretaries, will fill two appointments in the Oklahoma Conference as follows: Tulsa church, April 25 to May 1, inclusive, and Oklahoma City, May 2 to May 8, inclusive. Elder Gilbert will hold meetings every night during the time he is visiting these churches. Nearby isolated believers take notice. J. L. MCCONAUGHEY.

Central Area Singing Convention

THIS singing convention will be held in the Oklahoma City church on April 26, 1941. A full day's program has been planned for you.

The following churches are especially invited: Alva, Binger, Carney, Choctaw, East Cooper, El Reno, Enid Guthrie, Hitchcock, Okeene, Omega, Perkins, Perry, Pleasant View, Ponca City, Ringwood, Southard, Weatherford.

We are anxious for each church to furnish some special music. Come early, and bring your lunch; we will spread them during the noon hour on tables at the new campground.

R. A. NESMITH.

Golden Wedding

NEIGHBORS, relatives, and friends were received by Brother and Sister George Heinrich at their home southeast of Okeene, at an open house observance of their Golden Wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, April 6. Their children assisted them in their reception of the guests.

Brother and Sister Heinrich, who were married April 5, 1891, at Lehigh, Kansas, came to Oklahoma in 1896 and established their home on a farm northwest of Enid where

they lived until moving to Okeene a few years ago.

A short service was conducted by the writer. BERNARD VOTH.

New Church Hymnal

MUSIC is the language of religion. Uplifted voices mean uplifted hearts. What brings God closer than a noble hymn softly sung! What prepares the heart for worship so fully as praise poured forth in congregational singing!

This inspiration is found in the new *Church Hymnal* which is ready for your order. Until you see the *Church Hymnal* you cannot know the treasure chest of fine old hymns and gospel songs now available in one volume to our churches and Sabbath schools. The committee which planned this book has drawn on the great wealth of music from this and past generations and has carefully gleaned the best of all the noble hymns of the ages which have long enriched Christian worship. Added to these are the choicest newer gospel songs and a Responsive Reading section so complete as to meet every need. Following is a list of the prices:

Brown cloth	\$1.50
Black cloth	2.00
Pebbled morocco	4.75
De luxe morocco	7.50
With Bible No. RH6X.....	19.00
No. RH8X with concordance	20.00

On all orders received before June 30, we will accept copies of *Christ in Song* (regardless of age or condition) as part payment on the new hymnal, allowing 37½ cents (more than half of average original cost) for each copy returned on a book-for-book basis. Your church will want to be among the first to use the new hymnal. Plan now to take advantage of this special introductory offer. Send your *Christ in Song* along with your order to the Oklahoma Book and Bible House, Box 528, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

TEXAS

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PRESIDENT, F. D. WELLS
SEC'Y-TREAS., G. T. BURGESS

Review and Herald

THESE lines will remind you that our General Conference will hold its quadrennial session in San Francis-

co, May 26 to June 6. The *Review and Herald* will print a full report of all meetings and business transacted during the session, and it does seem as though every Seventh-day Adventist would be intensely interested in what is taking place in our organization.

Word has been received that the *Review and Herald* is offering a two months' subscription, May 28 to July 24, which will include all of these reports, for the price of \$1. If you are not a subscriber and want to have these reports, kindly send your subscription to our Book and Bible House here in Fort Worth.

F. D. WELLS.

Record Offering May 10, 1941

ONE of the heavy items of expense to each of the four conferences in the Southwestern Union is the printing of the *RECORD*. In discussing this item at the union committee session a few weeks ago, it was unanimously voted to present this problem again to our membership and invite every family to give liberally toward the printing of the *RECORD*.

This little paper comes to your home each week—more than fifty papers through the year. We are confident that the majority of the families appreciate what the *RECORD* means to our conferences in keeping each family informed as to the development of our work in our fields. Seventh-day Adventists who are anxious to see the gospel go to all the world are not willing merely to receive this paper free; so while we are not placing a subscription price upon it and saying that you cannot have this paper unless you pay the full subscription price of 75 cents, we do invite every family to give a liberal offering toward the printing of this paper.

It might be of interest to the members in Texas to know that it costs our conference approximately \$100 every month to send this paper to your home. We are, therefore, once more asking you to help us in this item by giving a donation on Sabbath, May 10.

FRANK D. WELLS.

"No cloud can overshadow the true Christian but his faith will discover a rainbow in it."

TEXICO

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SECY-TREAS., T. R. GARDNER

Be on Guard

WE ARE reminded very often that we are drawing near the end. Material which is placed in our hands emphasizes this fact. The people of God will need to be constantly on their guard so that they will not be misled or deceived by the artful planning of the enemy of all mankind. Men will come to us, material will be sent to us, purporting to come from God. It is the people of God that Satan is working so hard to deceive. The Bible says, if possible he will deceive the very elect.

God has laid down a plan whereby any one who has received new light may make it known to the proper authorities and then that light, if accepted by the leading brethren, will be given to the membership. If the person who has received additional light has been given an opportunity to go before the brethren of the General Conference, and the General Conference brethren see no light in accepting the message, then if that person is being led by the Lord he will be willing to comply with the counsel of the servants of the Lord. God has never led anyone to try to tear down His work. God has led this people through all these years. "Enfeebled and defective as it may appear, the church is the one object upon which God bestows in a special sense His supreme regard." *"Acts of the Apostles,"* p. 12. So, when an individual begins to question and to insinuate doubt and distrust, we know immediately where this spirit comes from.

God is not the accuser of the brethren, but the source of all evil is the accuser of the brethren. God endeavors to build up confidence and trust while the work of Satan is to tear down. On pages 294 and 295 of *Volume VIII*, we read: "I say to all, Be on your guard; for as an angel of light Satan is walking in every assembly of Christian workers, and in every church, trying to win the members to his side. I am bidden to give the people of God the warning, 'Be not deceived; God is not mocked.' ... I have been instructed that it is

not new and fanciful doctrines which the people need. They do not need human suppositions. They need the testimony of men who know and practice the truth, men who understand and obey the charge given to Timothy: 'Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.' ... Walk firmly, decidedly, your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. You may be sure that pure and undefiled religion is not a sensational religion. God has not laid upon any one the burden of encouraging an appetite for speculative doctrines and theories."

"In order to sustain erroneous doctrines or unchristian practices, some will seize upon passages of Scripture separated from the context, perhaps quoting half of a single verse as proving their point, when the remaining portion would show the meaning to be quite the opposite. With the cunning of the serpent, they entrench themselves behind disconnected utterances construed to suit their carnal desires. Thus do many wilfully pervert the word of God. Others, who have an active imagination, seize upon the figures and symbols of Holy Writ, interpret them to suit their fancy, with little regard to the testimony of Scripture as its own interpreter, and then they present their vagaries as the teachings of the Bible." *"Great Controversy,"* page 521.

It is indeed strange that any one would use the Spirit of prophecy to try to prove their points and to win individuals to their way of thinking and yet utterly disregard other teachings in the Spirit of prophecy which have to do with the teaching of new light. God has told us through His servant that if any new light is received, it should be taken to our General Conference brethren and if they see no light in accepting it, then we as a people should reject it. God has never placed the responsibility upon any individual in His organization to be the accuser of the brethren.

Let us bear in mind in our spiritual lives that Satan is dressed in Sheep's clothing. We need to beware lest we be led astray from the narrow path that leads to life everlasting. Dear people, we need to study our Bibles and the Spirit of prophecy more and more as we draw nearer the

end. If we do not have our feet firmly established upon the true foundation, Satan will, without doubt, deceive us and lead us to destruction. But the power of God is sufficient to guide us from day to day if we sincerely ask heaven for it. May God keep us true to His message until the end.

V. A. LAGRONE.

News Notes

Brother Sedillo, one of our Spanish members who was baptized this past summer, is doing a real missionary work around Lincoln, New Mexico. He has called for a worker to come and hold a few meetings. He has thirteen people that he thinks are about ready for baptism. This brother has done all of this work with the Lord's help. Truly his example is worthy of emulation by all of our believers.

Brother G. W. Casebeer is holding a meeting at present at Dixon where we have a splendid Spanish school being taught by Brother and Sister Ham. It has an enrollment of 69. Brother Ham stated that there are at least six pupils who plan to be baptized. That is the reward which comes to our teachers—seeing the young men and women, boys and girls, give their hearts to the Lord.

The folk in Portales will worship in their church for the first time on April 19. They have a very beautiful building and have much for which to thank the Lord in being able to erect a structure of this type in that place.

The colporteur work in the field is making progress. We have room for more colporteurs. We hope that those who should go out and handle our books, and are being impressed by the Holy Spirit, will do this. Brother Coble our field missionary secretary, has been spending most of his time in the field and is on a trip at present which will take him to Gallup, New Mexico. Let us remember our colporteurs before the throne of God in our daily devotions.

Brother and Sister Schneider, who are holding an effort at Littlefield, report that the work looks very encouraging. We are looking forward to splendid results from this effort.

Elder G. A. LaGrone is meeting with our folks in Causey and holding a series of studies.

Brother A. T. King is holding meetings in Hagerman. The members

there have requested that he be with them.

A number of our young people will visit the school at Keene on Academy Day. We hope that many of our young people are making plans to be in this school another year.

Elder C. E. Weeks of the General Conference Publishing Department was with us for several hours on April 14. We were very glad to have Elder Weeks with us. It was his first visit to our office. We hope that he will come back and see us again.

Brother Carter made a trip to Union College and contacted young people for teachers for another year.

Many of our folks will be interested to know that Brother Lee Carter's son, Arthur Lee, is just about holding his own. We pray the Lord will give him recovery if it is His will.

Remember, seniors and juniors, that your camp will be held this year in the Sandia mountains in the same location as it was last year, July 14 to 21. Make your plans to be there and enjoy this outing.

If for any reason you did not get to turn in your Big Week offering on April 19, please do not fail to turn it in at an early date.

May 10 is the day for receiving the offering for the RECORD. We hope that all of our people will be liberal in this offering, helping to defray the expenses of this paper which is sent out weekly. It costs 75 cents for a yearly subscription.

Brother H. L. Peden recently held a meeting at Stanley and reports he baptized one young man who was called into the army camp. There are several others who will be ready soon for this rite.

From the Book and Bible House

Ideals for Juniors, by C. Lester Bond—Talks to boys and girls by one who loves and understands them. This book will help the juniors reach an understanding of the purposes and principles embodied in the Junior Pledge and the Junior Law, and fix in the life of each reader a determination to practice those purposes and principles. Buckram binding; price \$1.50.

Pastor La Rue, by Hanley and Wheeler—Boys and girls will get a new inspiration from this life story of Abram La Rue. At the age of sixty,

he felt impressed to carry the gospel to China. He made preparation for this work, and then, as an old man, went to Hong Kong as our pioneer missionary. A compelling story. Cloth, \$1.50.

The Jewish Problem, by F. C. Gilbert—In this new book the author presents the entire Jewish problem as associated with past, present, and future events, from the standpoint of the sacred Scriptures. This timely book is informative and authoritative, and deals with a prominent issue of the day. It will fill a real need of historical perspective essential to a correct understanding of one of the most acute problems which confront the forces of religion and government at this critical juncture in world affairs. Cloth, \$1.50; paper, 85 cents.

His Messenger, by Ruth Wheeler—Written to acquaint our youth more fully with the life and work of Mrs. E. G. White. Incidents alive with interest to younger minds, from the life story of this frail girl who became a messenger of God. Through this book, youthful readers will get a clear conception of the origin and function of the Spirit of prophecy in the second advent movement. Cloth binding, price \$1.50.

The Perfect Prayer, by Taylor G. Bunch—Sit down with the author, while he unfolds to you the sparkling gems of inspiration which he finds in the Lord's prayer. You will ever be thankful that you have had opportunity to read this volume, and you will appreciate more Christ's answer to the request, "Lord, teach us to pray." Cloth, 128 pages; price, \$1.



Orders continue to pour in for *The Blackout of Civilization and Beyond* necessitating a fourth printing edition which will make a total of 55,000 printed in a month's time. The rush of work in the factory has made it necessary to sandwich in runs of *Blackout* between other urgent work in order to fill the large orders coming from all parts of the North American field.

One of the most interesting parts of the work at the publishing house is that of reading the letters that

come from people who have read a book or tract or magazine we have published and who express in one way or another the benefit and satisfaction they have received. The following excerpts from recent letters of this kind may be of interest to those outside the publishing house as well.

One just received from a subscriber to the *Watchman* Magazine says that although a member of another denomination he rejoices in the privilege of observing the Sabbath. He says that he does not know of a Seventh-day Adventist church in Gentry County, Missouri, which he can join, and he writes to ask counsel as to what course to pursue.

A church member in Arkansas writes: "I sent a copy of the *Watchman* to President Roosevelt, calling attention to that article on the inside of the first page, 'God bless America.' His secretary, Mr. Early, wrote me a very nice expression of thanks from the President."

From a small Wyoming town comes a letter written by a woman who found a copy of *Good News* which was stuck in her screen door while she was away. She wishes to know how she may obtain additional material for herself and several relatives. She writes as follows:

"I wondered if perhaps we might be able to procure a complete set of *Good News* and a Home Bible Course to place in our church library if those interested cannot obtain individual copies. . . . Oh, I am thankful for your good work in this Bible Study League. I have not met any of your representatives personally so I know little about the source, but I do know that the material I have seen is of great value. We got the five other copies just last night and I read A and B before going to bed and already have plans to use B in one of our Young People's Society Sunday evening programs.

"Please can you spare me a set of your helps and these three for my three families of loved ones? I pray God may cause a great harvest of righteousness to spring up over the nation for those praiseworthy efforts."

Armageddon

TWENTY years ago a man in Massachusetts laid away a copy of the *Signs of the Times* in order to watch the course of

events in the light of an article that impressed him. This is his interesting explanation in a letter written the publishers a few days ago:

"A voice out of the past. Twenty years ago, there fell into my hands a copy of *Signs of the Times*—October 5, 1920. The opening article is Armageddon, the future World War."

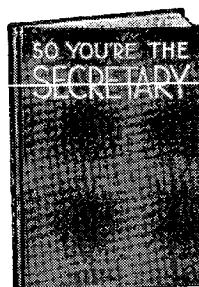
"I saved it to see when, and if, its prediction would come true. Long forgotten, but today it turns up in my hand. The paper is yellow, and it cracks with age. I'd like to have a fresher copy."

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FLASH!

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

"From a vine we expect grapes; and from a Christian, the fruits of a Christian life."

Reaching the Children

THERE is a fine response everywhere to the proposed plan of going out and inviting boys and girls in non-Adventist homes to come into the Sabbath school. As suggested by the General Conference Sabbath School Department, *Our Little Friend* is being introduced, and many are taking three months' subscriptions at the special rate of twenty-five cents. The offer to send a club of *Our Little Friend* free for four weeks to a branch Sabbath school to help get the work started, is being continued by the publishers. Furthermore, free sample copies are offered the S. S. members who are going out visiting the homes and interesting parents to provide the children with subscriptions for *Our Little Friend*. Your Sabbath school secretary will get these copies.

OUR LITTLE FRIEND.



Assignments for Eighteenth Week,
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Gem Thought

In all the department of one who possesses true love, the grace of God will be shown. Modesty, simplicity, sincerity, morality, and religion will characterize every step toward an alliance in marriage. MYP 459.



SUNSET CALENDAR

For Friday, April 25, 1941

Amarillo, Texas	6:27
Brownsville, Texas	7:03
Dallas, Texas	7:07
El Paso, Texas	6:39
Galveston, Texas	6:52
Little Rock, Arkansas	6:49
Muskogee, Oklahoma	6:02
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:33
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	7:10
San Antonio, Texas	6:07
Santa Fe, New Mexico	6:44
Shreveport, Louisiana	6:55

OBITUARIES

CRANFORD—Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Cranford was born in Hood County, Grandbury, Tex., Mar. 6, 1866, and died in Ballinger, Tex., April 4, 1941, at the age of 75 years. She was survived by five children, one

brother, five sisters, nineteen grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

She was the first of nineteen converts baptized as the result of an effort last summer in San Angelo, Texas. She was the first of the nineteen to die; but she was indeed "faithful unto death," and some day soon the blessed Lord Jesus, we feel sure and confident, will give her "a crown of life." Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

R. E. DELAFIELD.

PIFER—Bert Franklin Pifer was born in Centralia, Ill., July 17, 1884, and died at Bonnerdale, Ark., April 2, 1941. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two daughters. The deceased was a member of the S.D.A. church at Bonnerdale, and was laid to rest in the little nearby cemetery to await the trump that shall call forth the sleeping saints. Elder Pound had charge of the funeral service. The many friends of the bereaved family extend their sympathy.

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COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 1941

	Bk.	Hrs.	Orders Del.
ARK.-LA., C. L. GRANDON, Sec.			
Harry Vought	BR	55	137.35 121.30
Glenn M. Cox	HG	45	132.10 30.15
W. M. Ladd	BR	43	43.00 21.25
Jeff Young	BR	41	100.00 4.75
J. H. Wardrop	BR	38	61.70 61.95
Lucille Whisnant	BR	38	18.50 33.40
Mrs. M. A. Gillon	Mes.	35	11.20 11.20
Vida Brooks	Wat.	30	12.90 12.90
Kate Pope	GC	20	33.00 34.25
<i>Home Workers:</i>			
Miss H. A. Maury	Mes.	12	5.90 5.90
Birdie McCluster	Mes.	8	5.60 5.60
Ruth Johnson	BML	8	1.10 1.10
Mrs. E. E. Hartnett	Wat.	6	3.15 3.15
E. E. Barham	HR	2	6.95
J. S. Bachman	BR	1	4.75
Elbert Rowe	BR		6.00 11.80
Neville Jones	Helps		1.40 1.55
Louis Battiste	Mes.		.20 .20

Total 382 580.05 365.20

OKLAHOMA, O. S. PLUE, Sec.			
M. C. Graves	GC	45	29.25 5.25
S. B. Scaggs	OT	40	10.80 23.80
Mrs. M. L. Schilt	Mag.	33	15.70 15.70
Forrest D. Smith	BR	32	53.50 25.25
*Millard Taylor	BR	58	131.75 71.50
A. S. Lutz	BR	31	36.25 26.00
Murel Moddrell	BR	30	32.00 14.00
<i>Home Workers:</i>			
Walton Cochran	GC	20	23.50 17.00
Marvel Harris	Mag.	11	10.00 10.00

Total 300 342.75 208.50

TEXAS, A. E. VAN NOTY, Sec.			
Plaz Underdown	BR	46	126.50 50.00
A. E. Eubanks	BR	40	84.15 42.50
Marion Brown	BR	40	40.75 11.00
C. Corbit	BR	40	41.50
D. E. Swartz	BR	49	14.25 21.50
Alva Cadenhead	Mag.	30	10.10 10.10
Lucile Dickerson	BTS	36	4.50 9.25
Mrs. Edith Swartz	BR	24	1.50 9.75
<i>Home Workers:</i>			
Mrs. C. A. Green	Mag.		18.00 18.00
G. M. Jorgenson	Mag.	20	8.60 8.60
*Mrs. M. L. Miles	GH	56	11.25
*L. W. Miles	OWB	40	8.50
W. L. Williams	RJ	7	2.75

Total 428 372.35 180.70

TEXICO, R. R. COBLE, Sec.			
*Jose S. Espinosa	CM	70	73.50 16.00
Joe C. Martinez	CM	32	20.00
F. R. Mayer	BR	29	22.25 9.75
Ellen Chenard	GC	28	2.75 12.25
Clifford Yarnell	BR	24	9.50 21.25
Geo. W. Winn	GC	8	18.50 10.00
Mrs. Theophilus	BR CM	6	7.00 19.75
Rex Adams	BR	1	4.75
<i>Home Workers:</i>			
Roy Mason	BR		6.75
T. J. Connors	OT		22.00 22.00

Total 198 175.50 122.50

Grand Total 1308 1470.65 876.90

*More than one week