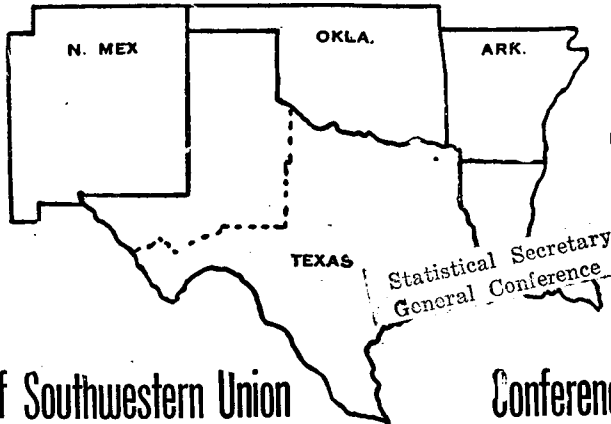


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A Modern Miracle

On October 20 there occurred a most terrible accident in Cleveland, Ohio. In one part of the city were large gas tanks. In these tanks the gas was held at a very low temperature and was in liquid form. For some undetermined reason, one of these receptacles exploded, spraying a sheet of burning gas over a large area. There seemed to be fire everywhere. The death toll soon mounted to over 133 and there were many others whose bodies were not found.

In one home a fourteen year old Seventh-day Adventist girl was scrubbing the floor. She heard the explosion and looked out and saw fire all around. She dropped to her knees and asked God to protect her and their belongings. This prayer was answered. Today there stand two houses not damaged by the fire as a result of a little S.D.A. Christian finding favor with the God of heaven for Whom there is nothing too hard to do.

On every side of these two houses the fire extended. Far beyond, windows were blown out. Yet the home of this child of God remained intact.

E. A. MANRY.

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Home Missionary Council

There was held on November 28 and 29 a Home Missionary Council in Keene. Elder R. G. Strickland of the General Conference was present and gave excellent counsel. Each conference in the Union was represented by its president and home missionary secretary. The Union men, with the exception of one, were in attendance part of the time. Elder Griffin,

pastor of the Keene church, also gave valuable help.

Many items of importance were discussed and plans laid that will result, we believe, in souls saved in the kingdom of heaven. Among the many items considered were a new laymens' plan for reaching souls in the rural sections, and a more practical plan of organizing the churches for service.

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Service Center Address Changed

The location of our service center in Abilene, Texas, has been changed. The present address is 1265½ N. Second Street. This covers the entire second floor of the Masonic Building.

R. J. ROY.

My Mother's Hands

My mother's hands are lovelier than any hands I know.

Although they bear some scars and cuts, I am still thinking so.

There may be whiter skin than theirs, and fingers shaped more fine,

But of all hands on earth, give me the hands of mother mine.

Thy do for me what none would do of all the hands on earth;

They soothe me in my sufferings and guide me in my mirth.

They've worked for me full many a day and many a lonely night;

They show me things that I should see—yea, all that's true and right.

They tuck me in my bed at night in such a tender way!

They've taught me how to fold my hands when we together pray.

What mother's hands do mean to me can never be told.

But this I know, they're lovelier than diamonds and gold.

F. STEINMANN.

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA

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Last Chance

There is only a limited time left between now and the time when the opportunity to get the *Review and Herald* at the reduced rate will be gone. Please read the following paragraph:

"The *Review and Herald* and the *Signs of the Times* are cheap papers at the full price. The *Review* is a valuable paper; it contains matters of great interest to the church, and should be placed in every family of believers. If any are too poor to take it, the church should, by subscription, raise the amount of the full price of the paper, and supply the destitute families . . ." *Testimonies, Vol. IV, p. 598.*

We invite every officer of our churches to make definite plans so that each member of our conference will have access to our church paper.

FRANK D. WELLS.

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Church Schools

The following is a comparative report of the educational work in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference for the two school terms 1943-44 and 1944-45. This report is based on the opening of school reports.

The report does not include Ozark Academy except when it is definitely stated that the academy is included. For both years we have had the same number of schools and teachers—

nineteen schools and twenty-nine teachers. However, last year two of our schools were home schools, while this year instead of having two home schools we have added two regular church schools—one at Hot Springs, Arkansas, with an enrollment of sixteen and the other at Benton, Arkansas, with an enrollment of seven. Last year four of our schools were mission schools, while this year we have only one mission school.

Last year the opening report showed a total enrollment of 385, while this year we have an increase of twenty-five, giving an enrollment of 410. Since the opening report, this has been increased by about fifty.

You might be interested in noticing some of the districts that are leading out in the school work in the conference. The New Orleans white district has only one large church. They have a good, strong two-teacher school, and are planning definitely on a new, modern school building. At the present time they have about \$7,000 in the bank to be used in erecting this building. This is the only district in the conference that has a church school in every church in the district; of course, a district with only one church has a slight advantage. The Little Rock district has probably made the largest percentage of gain of any district in the conference. There are five churches in the Little Rock district, and four church schools. Only one small church does not have a church school. The Little Rock district has added two new church schools this year. The Texarkana and Baton Rouge districts have three churches and two schools each.

The Baton Rouge school has the highest percentage of increase in enrollment of any school in the conference other than the two new schools that opened this year. Last year Baton Rouge had two teachers and twenty-five students; this year the opening report showed three teachers and forty-five students, which is an eighty per cent gain over last year. The Baton Rouge teachers are quite happy to be in three new and modern schoolrooms. They have one of the best school plants in the conference. The Little Rock school has made a very good gain in enrollment. Last year they had two teachers and sixteen students, while this year they

have two teachers and twenty-seven students. This makes a gain of sixty-nine per cent in enrollment. This Little Rock school has recently installed the best playground equipment that we have in the conference. We trust that other schools will follow this good example. Before another school year, Little Rock expects to have finished a new school building.

The Gentry church school also shows an excellent increase in enrollment. Their opening report last year showed they had two teachers and forty-five students while their opening report this year showed three teachers and sixty-one students. Since the opening reports were sent in about nine more students have enrolled, bringing their total enrollment up to seventy. Basing their increased enrollment upon their opening report, it would show that they had an increase of thirty-six per cent.

The record of Ozark Academy shows that last year they had an enrollment of seventy-five students, while this year their enrollment is forty-eight. Last year there were thirty-seven students from Arkansas, while this year there are only twenty-eight. Last year Louisiana sent ten students, while this year there are only six. The number of students from the state of Oklahoma has dropped from sixteen to six, and from Texas it has dropped from six to one. The state of Missouri has increased the number of students in Ozark Academy from one for last year to three for this year. This year there are students from New York, California, and New Mexico, in addition to the states already mentioned.

In spite of the decrease in the enrollment at the academy, we are glad to report that this year will be the best year in the history of Ozark Academy. Many improvements have been made in the physical plant. The scholastic standards of the school have taken a very definite step for the better. The spiritual and social standards are up where the parents in our conference expect them to be. We are proud of the excellent work that is being carried on in Ozark Academy this year.

Let us pray that the Lord will bless our faithful teachers as they carry on the educational work throughout the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference during this school term.

LEE CARTER.

Literature Needed

Mrs. C. A. Efferson, Route 2, Box 173-A, Hammond, Louisiana, requests back numbers of some of our papers such as *Signs of the Times*, *Watchman*, etc., for use in her tract rack in the bus station in that city. She states: "We are now having studies as a result of our tract rack." Any of our good people in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference having papers that they themselves cannot give out might care to send them on to Sister Efferson.

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Ozark Academy News

The young ladies of the school homes took an earnest part in Week of Sacrifice endeavors. They pledged themselves as a group to sacrifice one meal a day for the week.

Ozark Academy has made 100 per cent response to the call to plan for bigger things in mission fields, both for the present and the after-war reconstruction and expansion.

C. E. KELLOGG.

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News Notes

★ H. H. Mattison is joining with brethren F. H. Hewitt and Leon Strickland in Jonesboro, Arkansas, this week. Our brethren are meeting the Christian minister in that city to study the Sabbath question in a

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public way. We are certain God's truth will triumph.

★ Brother Mattison is also carrying on Sunday evening services in Hot Springs continuing the effort begun by Brother Delafield. He reports that new individuals are interested in the message.

★ Elders Hackett and Sousa are continuing their meetings in Fort Smith and have also begun a special series of meetings in Van Buren with a good interest.

★ Brother Morris Lowry, who has been spending several weeks in Houston in connection with Elder Shuler's meetings, has now returned to his field. He says he received many profitable lessons.

★ Our newest worker in this conference is Brother Gordon Osgood and wife and little baby girl. They have come to this territory from North Dakota to take up work in our field. Brother and Sister Osgood are young workers, but are enthusiastic and consecrated to help finish the task God has given us to do. We give them a hearty and warm welcome.

★ Elder Glenmore Carter reports they have a splendid interest in Madisonville, Louisiana, and are looking forward to having sufficient number to organize a new church in that place. We rejoice in this report.

★ The workers and church elders will be meeting in Little Rock for a combined meeting December 13 to 16. Elder W. H. Branson from the General Conference, with our union workers, will assist us in carrying forward this meeting.

★ A very interesting letter comes from Brother Leon Strickland, one of our ministers at Jonesboro, Arkansas. He reports they are having five cottage meetings a week with a growing interest, and it looks now as if we might yet have an established church in Jonesboro.

★ The readers of the RECORD will be especially interested to learn that the first baptismal service of the effort in Fort Smith included twenty. Around forty people are interested and at least twenty of these are expected to be ready for baptism soon. However, they are not rushing them. The Bible workers report they feel these converts are the best prepared of any group they have ever seen baptized, and the workers are trying to do a thorough work.

★ Elder Delafield and the writer, with Mrs. Wells, had the privilege of visiting the Union office and the college during the week of November 27, also attending a college board meeting and union committee, and joining in the home missionary council to make plans for 1945. It would have been an inspiration for each individual member to have been present and see what the opportunities will be for next year.

★ Brother T. R. Gardner has returned from his auditing trip through the southern part of the conference. We hope he can find time to make further trips along this line, for other calls are coming in for him to audit books.

OKLAHOMA

Box 528, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.
J. L. McConaughey, President
R. E. Spangle, Sec.-Treas

Fiftieth Anniversary

On December 30, we will be celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Oklahoma Sabbath schools. On that day special celebrations will be held in all of our Sabbath schools, and churches.

The special Fiftieth Anniversary Sabbath school awards have been sent from our office. There is a place for the name of the Sabbath school member and a place recognizing the number of years that the individual has been a member of the Oklahoma Sabbath schools. These are beautiful little certificates which will be signed by the pastor of the church, the Sabbath school superintendent, and the secretary. I am sure they are little treasures that our people will want to keep in remembrance of their many blessings that the Sabbath school has brought to them over the years.

We have been most anxious to receive the names of all those who have been members of the Oklahoma Sabbath schools for forty years or more. We plan to publish these in the RECORD. We are listing below the names of those who have been members of the Tulsa Sabbath school for forty years or more:

Mary E. Barnes
Mrs. Duty
Mrs. Etta Simpson

So far the oldest member who has been reported in the conference is

Mrs. Etta Simpson from the Tulsa church, who has been a member of our Sabbath schools for forty-four years. We would like for the secretary to be sure to continue to send us the names of those who have been members of the Sabbath schools for twenty-five years or more. If possible, we would like to have the exact year above twenty-five.

I am very happy to note a fine response to the birthday celebration of our Sabbath schools. Already many of our members are planning to give a dollar for every year they have had the privilege of being a member of the Oklahoma Sabbath schools. This will bring us, we believe, the largest Thirteenth Sabbath offering we have ever had in our history, and it will truly be an offering of appreciation and gratitude to God for having brought us into this wonderful message.

CLIFFORD ECKMAN.

Save to Give

"The only plan which the gospel has marked out for sustaining the work of God is one that leaves the support of His cause to the honor of men. With an eye single to the glory of God, men are to give to God the proportion which He has required. Viewing the cross of Calvary, looking upon the world's Redeemer, who for our sake became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich, we shall feel that we are not to lay up for ourselves treasures on the earth, but to lay up treasures in the bank of heaven, which will never suspend payment nor fail. The Lord has given Jesus to our world, and the question is, what can we give back to God in gifts and offerings to show our appreciation of His love? 'Freely ye have received, freely give.'" *Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 287.

Lawton District News

The first two Sabbaths of November were "high days" for Lawton and Elk City churches respectively. Two meetings were held each Sabbath. At Elk City, three families came from

fifty to seventy-five miles to attend the all day services. At noon a buffet dinner was served for the Elk City church and the isolated believers.

Elk City is looking forward to a city-wide evangelistic program. Thousands of tracts have been ordered and will be used in pre-effort house-to-house distribution. The faith of the church is high and a large interest is anticipated.

Obstacles have come up that have delayed the purchase of church lots for the new Lawton church building. But the Lord is still guiding His people and the Lawton church is moving forward with the plans.

We invite the readers of the RECORD to remember the Elk City and Lawton churches before the throne of grace.

MELVIN K. WAHL.

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Read

Storybook of Peter and Paul—In this age of cheap comics and other questionable literature, fathers and mothers will be thankful for this fine, new book—one of the grandest boys and girls could possibly have. The life story of two outstanding apostles is related with simplicity so every child will grasp the meaning. Attractively bound. Price \$1.25. Order from your Oklahoma Book and Bible House.

REUBEN SCHNEIDER.

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Radio

Your radio secretary has just returned from a visit to the Bible Auditorium of the Air in New York City. They are doing a splendid work and handle a good number of lessons daily. Elders Watts and Haynes are managing this program with a staff of ten other workers. On the way back from New York a stop was made at Washington, D. C. Elder W. G. Turner expressed great encouragement over the success and extension of the work of the Voice of Prophecy.

It is encouraging and inspirational to find conferences in every portion of North America that are carrying forward a strong radio and Bible correspondence program.

Unselfishly we look away from our own state and view this type of work

through the eyes of a world-wide interest. May our prayers rise heavenward in behalf of every kindred work.

JOHN HEGEMAN.

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From the Mail Bag

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: From Governor Robert S. Kerr: "I want to thank you for sending me your folder 'Thanksgiving', containing the 'Retrospection' and 'Complete Thanks.' This is very impressive and I hope it has been distributed in many places and that many people have and will have an opportunity to read it."

Wagoner, Oklahoma: "I wish to thank you for your Thanksgiving poems. I think your Thanksgiving sermon was wonderful. I am enclosing \$1.30 to help keep you on the air. It's a prize I won on a cake at the egg-and-cake show. I promised the Lord whatever I made I would give it to you, so I got first prize."

Perry, Oklahoma: "Dear Brethren in Jesus name: Enclosed find one dollar to aid in your program. Sincerely, Reverend --- ---."

Oklahoma: "I am glad to have finished the very inspiring course. I have saved all of my lessons and shall check them over. You have my prayers for your continued success."

Shattock, Oklahoma: "We appreciate the Thanksgiving poems. They will be used in our special Thanksgiving young people's program."

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News Notes

★ A letter from Brother Henry Meissner states that he has closed his public meetings in Hooker but plans to continue for several weeks longer with Sunday night services. Brother Meissner writes that he is of excellent courage and enjoying his work there at Hooker, also that "there are a number who have expressed their desire to unite with us."

★ We have been interested to note that several of our churches throughout the conference are taking advantage of the weather and this special holiday season of the year for getting in some good work in the interests of their Ingathering campaigns through singing bands.

★ We are glad to know that several of our colored churches are getting organized for the Ingathering cam-

paign which will start shortly after the first of the year. Brother Cox, the pastor of our Tulsa II church, phoned for Ingathering papers the other day and stated that they hoped to have their church goal the first day of the new year. This will be setting a good pace for us all.

★ Brother Reuben Schneider is planning to visit many of the churches between now and the first of the year. He is planning a program of moving pictures for Saturday evenings and a display of new and interesting books. I am sure our people will appreciate this opportunity to look over and become acquainted with our publications.

TEXAS

2838 Hemphill St., Ft. Worth 3, Texas
L. L. McKinley, President
G. T. Burgess, Sec.-Treas.

Review and Herald

We as a people feel that the *Review and Herald* is the leading denominational paper, and of course, we are very anxious to have it in all our homes. The special subscription price is only effective during November and December. The regular price is \$3.00, but the special price will be \$2.75 during this period of time.

I think there are several reasons why all of our people should have the *Review*. First of all, it keeps us intact with the work throughout the entire world field. Second, since 1945 is the year that the General Conference session will be held, I think all should have the *Review* because the reports of this meeting will be printed through this agency. Many of our people will not be able to attend the General Conference and would like to read concerning the meetings that will be held at that time.

I hope all will put forth a special effort to subscribe or renew your subscriptions during this period of time.

L. L. MCKINLEY.

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"Sorry" Giving

It quit ticking—the old mantel clock. It was next seen, but not heard, on the teacher's desk.

The flag was faded and frayed. A new one proudly took its place. The old one was draped—and drooped—in the church school room.

Someone sat too heavily in the old cane-bottomed chair. It is now the property of the church school.

The dear old piano, too, heirloom of four generations, has been "loaned" to the school. They just didn't have the heart to part with it. In the school-room it reposes sans felts, sans ivories' sans tune, but hallowed with sentiment for old Aunt Maggie.

Brother ——— was moving. Books are always a problem then, so he gave his encyclopedia, vintage of '79, to the church school.

And the donors, all with one accord, felt a flush of satisfaction for their gratuities.

Truly intentions are good and motives are not to be questioned, but the fact remains that many of our church schools are using obsolete, unadapted, worn out, and ruined materials and equipment because it was given to them. It was a case of that or nothing.

The church school is like the younger brother who inherits all the outgrown castoffs and hand-me-downs of the older members of the family.

Stuff that isn't suitable for our houses or churches uncannily gravitates toward the school room. It is assumed that since we can't use a piece of furniture, a book, or some other obsolete gadget, an ingenious teacher will have a place for it in her business.

The school becomes a depository for out-moded articles; the place for senile objects to pass their last days of semi-usefulness, the morgue for the mangled dead, the graveyard where may repose the decrepit remains of once useful things.

So many objects I find in our school rooms are too ancient to be useful, yet they are scarcely old enough to be of value as antiques. I have speculated slightly on the project of gathering up a quantity of these miscellaneous articles for a second-hand store, a rummage sale, or perhaps more properly, a junk yard. Would I encounter serious opposition from school boards if I did?

In fairness it should be said that many of our boards are cognizant of the existing situation, and are making appropriations of funds for the securing of modern, effective, and useful materials. The trend is to be commended. Omens of a better day

for our schools are at hand, and we are not discouraged, neither do we mean to be critical or peevish.

Nevertheless, in many places our schools are yet the object of a dubious variety of charity. They are still too frequently the recipients of a cheap sort of benevolence. Too much of our present gear was modern when grandpa was in his teens, and really ought to be in somebody's attic, woodshed, or better yet, the substance for a fine glowing up-to-date bonfire.

The best is none too good for our boys and girls. It is going to take much more than a haphazardly equipped school to fit them with an education adequate for the mighty days ahead. Wise, forward-looking churches will make provision for schools in the annual budget. Candidly, don't you think your board should set up a substantial amount this coming year—say \$50, \$100, or \$200 as a fund to be held inviolably for the sole purpose of improving your school?

If you do, then "speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward!"

J. H. RHOADS.

Thought Provokers

Self is the greatest enemy that we have to combat. Often we say: "If they would only elect me as church elder," or "If it wasn't for Brother Blank" or some other "If," then I could do something worthwhile. No one can stand in our way if we are dead to self and Jesus lives and dwells in us. Limitless possibilities for soul-winning are before us if we die to self. In *Testimonies, Vol. VIII, p. 19*, we read: "There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God."

E. F. FINCK.

Special Notice

For the past year we have been receiving a great many orders from our membership in Texas, asking for books, periodicals, and tracts, but in-

closing no money with the order. We have promptly filled all these orders and sent a bill for the merchandise. A duplicate copy of this bill is kept in a special file in our office. At present this file is filled and running over.

Our committee has now decided that we cannot accept any orders for supplies unless cash accompanies the order. It may be that many of you do not know the prices of books, etc. If you would like us to send you a price list, just drop us a line and we will be glad to do so. Any special prices prevailing will be announced in the RECORD from time to time.

We know you will understand our position. We want you to know that we appreciate your orders. We are glad to do anything that we can to help you in any way we can. This is your Book and Bible House and we want it to be of service to you.

TEXAS BOOK & BIBLE HOUSE.
C. L. PADDOCK, JR.

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Christmas Gifts

I just returned from town where I did some Christmas shopping. Never have I seen such a scarcity of good merchandise. On the things which I would like to have, a price far beyond my means has been placed. Thus I came home discouraged. Perhaps many of you have had the same experience.

Why not give good books as Christmas presents this year. Our good books are of the same character-building quality they have always been, yet the prices are the same. Books are something which will last forever. This is a sure solution to your Christmas shopping headache. Let me make a few suggestions:

Bedtime Stories (Cloth, 5 vol.) ea.	\$1.20
Best Stories	1.05
Golden Stories	1.50
Bible Pictures and Stories (4 bks.)	5.40
Storybook of Peter and Paul	1.25
Selections from Testimonies (3 beautiful books)	5.65
I Love Books	2.50
The Ten Commandments35
Who is the Greatest?	1.00
Testimonies for the Church (4 vol.) cloth, \$11.90—limp	13.50
Conflict of the Ages (5 volumes) cloth, \$9.40—limp	13.15

And to this list I could add many more but space does not permit. The

above prices are special prices which we are offering for the holiday season.

Why not drop us a line today and send us your order for books. Next Christmas we may not have the privilege of offering just the books we would like to have. We are at your service.

C. L. PADDOCK, JR.

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E. F. FINCK.

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Houston Effort

Sunday night, November 26, marked the opening of the twelfth week of the evangelistic meetings in the Music Hall under the direction of Elder J. L. Shuler. "The Great Day of Judgment" was the topic for this lecture and a good crowd was present.

All the principal truths of this message, including health reform, Christian standards, and the Spirit of prophecy have been presented from the desk. At the present time there are about 250 keeping the Sabbath. There have been 110 who have responded to the call to come out of Babylon and take their stand for this message and its wonderful truths. This number represents the first call and there will be many others to respond as future calls are presented.

On Friday night, November 24, twenty-seven persons were buried with their Lord in baptism. Provisions were made to hold this baptism right on the stage of the Music Hall. Many expressed the opinion that this

was the most beautiful and orderly baptism that they had ever witnessed.

In a marked way the offerings are continuing to be good. Sunday night the freewill offering amounted to \$207.35 making a grand total of \$6,447.97 since the meetings started. For six Sunday nights in succession a friend has placed a \$50 bill in the offering plate. The sale of gospel literature at the bookstand has amounted to \$746.40 and \$568.12 has come in as contributions through the Bible Correspondence School. Truly God is blessing this meeting with means and we give Him all the glory and praise.

As workers we rejoice to see these new believers take their stand for this message. Scores are in the valley of decision; many are meeting with trials; therefore, we ask a special interest in your prayers at this crucial time for these dear people.

IRA C. POUND, JR.

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Red Letter Week

November 19 to 25 was indeed a red letter week for the Valley. This is a week long to be remembered, for seldom, if ever, have so many distinguished guests been in the Valley at one time.

Elder R. G. Strickland, secretary of the home missionary department of the General Conference, conducted the week of prayer at the Valley Grande Academy and also held meetings each evening in the Weslaco church. Sabbath morning he spoke to a capacity crowd in the canvas tabernacle in McAllen. Many responded to the call for a deeper consecration. Sabbath afternoon the Society of Missionary Men and the Dorcas Federation met for a meeting at the academy. Elder Strickland spoke to the Society of Missionary Men while Elder Manry, home missionary secretary of the Union, spoke to the Dorcas Federation. Since both groups were anxious to hear each speaker, the procedure was reversed and Elder Manry spoke to the men while Elder Strickland spoke to the ladies.

For many weeks the Society of Missionary Men, under the aggressive leadership of Brother Thad Collins, has been planning a big temperance rally. The beautiful city auditorium at Harlingen, with a seat-

ing capacity of 2500, was secured. Much publicity was given to the meeting through the newspapers, over the radio, through the W.C.T.U. organizations of the Valley and the various churches. Elder F. C. Carrier, secretary of the American Temperance Society, was invited to be the guest speaker. On November 23, he spoke to a most attentive and enthusiastic crowd. We greatly appreciate the help given by Elder Carrier.

Elder McKinley was with us the first part of the week and gave valuable help in connection with the meetings. Elder Finck was here for the temperance rally.

We feel that the valuable help given by these brethren will be lasting, and we invite their speedy return.

M. H. JENSEN.

TEXICO

419 Rencher St., Clovis, New Mexico
R. R. Bietz, President
O. J. Bell, Sec.-Treas.

District Officers' Meeting

On Sabbath, December 16, an officers' meeting for the Lubbock, San Angelo, and Midland districts will convene in the Lubbock church on 20th and K Streets. We are looking forward to this meeting with a great deal of anticipation, knowing that it will be a most profitable one.

We hope that the following officers from each church in these three districts will attend this meeting: elders, deacons, home missionary leader and secretary, treasurer, clerk, Sabbath school superintendent and secretary, missionary volunteer leader and secretary. The transportation for the above will be paid by the conference.

The program will be conducted in such a manner that the officers will receive splendid help. The program will be as follows:

Friday, December 15

Sermon—8:00-9:00 p. m.
(for local church)

Sabbath, December 16

Sabbath school—9:30-10:45 a. m.
Sermon—11:00-12:00 a. m.
Officers' meetings—2:30-5:30 p. m.
(in groups)
Sound mission pictures—7:30 to 9:00 p. m.

Let us make every effort to be in Lubbock Sabbath, December 16. This is your chance to learn more about the work the church has asked you to do in 1945.

R. R. BIETZ.

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Within another few days Christmas will be over. The thing that we think about after Christmas is New Year's. New Year's brings to us the possibilities of another whole year. It may be that eternity is in that year for you. Are you going to use your time, your energies, your abilities, in a way that God would have you use them? One of the best ways, and most sure ways, for us to develop a true and genuine Christian experience is through good reading. The Bible stands foremost in this. Are you, during 1945, going to devote a few minutes each day to the study of God's word?

The new 1945 Morning Watch calendars are now available from your Book and Bible House for only ten cents. These are also put out in the deluxe edition which sells for fifteen cents. However, something new has
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Spirit of Prophecy
Reading Program



Assignments for Fifty-first Week,
December 17 to 23

VOLUME: *Acts of the Apostles*

Dec. 17	565-567
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Dec. 23	580-583

GEM THOUGHT

God does not prevent the plottings of wicked men, but He causes their devices to work for good to those who in trial and conflict maintain their faith and loyalty.—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 574.

Obituaries

WARREN. Noble, was born May 21, 1876, in Itasca, Texas, and died Nov. 25, 1944, at Decatur, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Mrs Ruth Willis-Warren, two sons, two daughters, two brothers, one sister, and six grandchildren.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Dr. Bell, pastor of the Methodist church of Decatur. Interment was in the cemetery at Boyd, Texas.

A. C. GRIFFIN.

SUNSET CALENDAR

For Friday, December 15, 1944

Amarillo, Texas	5:38
Brownsville, Texas	6:32
Dallas, Texas	6:17
El Paso, Texas	6:08
Galveston, Texas	6:21
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:59
Muskogee, Oklahoma	6:12
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:03
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	6:20
San Antonio, Texas	6:34
Santa Fe, New Mexico	5:54
Shreveport, Louisiana	6:05

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Mrs. Grace Allmen	Mag. 18	57.60	57.60	
*Mrs. J. Noles	BRL 22	53.85	9.90	
Imer Lillard	HS 14	13.00	73.00	
Rachel Ross	GP 3	11.25	11.25	
Mrs. M. E. Gentry	Mag. 4	11.10	13.60	
No Name	Mag. 14	9.50	12.72	
*Mrs. L. Warden	Mag. 17	25.10	25.10	
Mrs. J. F. Nichols	Mag.	8.00	8.00	
Mrs. E. R. Thompson	HS 1		18.35	
Juanita Delgado	CM 10		16.10	
Mrs. M. Brown	Mag. 6		9.85	
C. R. May	HS 54	360.60	76.35	
Mrs. E. H. Seale	HS 1		11.40	
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ANNOUNCING the opening of Green's Health Institute located at 407 So. Anglin St., Cleburne, Texas. Swedish massage, hydrotherapy, colon therapy, physiotherapy, Turkish baths, and a special foot technique. Owned and operated by C. A. Green, graduate masseur. Tel. 350.

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been added. A new book by Dr. Lynn Wood, entitled *Mysteries Unveiled*, is now off the press. This book contains a stimulating commentary on the texts used in the Morning Watch for 1945. How many times in the past have we wished for just an additional thought or two as we studied our Morning Watch text each morning. Those of us who know Dr. Wood know that he is not only a deep student, but also a man with a rich Christian experience, a man who is able to pass on his experience to you and to me. His book, containing 300 pages and bound in cloth, sells for only \$1.00. Or if you would like the rich deluxe edition, which will come packed in a beautiful red box, this sells for only \$1.50. Certainly this is an opportunity which we should not pass up. Won't you get your order in at once so that you will be assured of getting your copy in time to begin the New Year in the right way? If you have not purchased all your Christmas gifts, this would make an ideal gift for your friends at Christmas time.

Some time ago we were told that the new *Daniel and Revelation* in the trade edition, which will be about the size of *Great Controversy*, would not be out until some time in January. I am glad to tell you that we are now able to furnish you this book in the trade edition. Certainly, we are happy for this information. It is something for which we have been waiting a long time. These will sell for \$2.50 regularly, but between now and the end of the year at the special rate of \$2.25. Get your order in now so you can start the New Year reading this new-old book especially adapted for our people at this time.

VIRGIL BARTLETT.

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What Are You Reading?

It has been said that next to our personal friends, we are influenced most by our book friends. What kind of book friends are you choosing? We are usually quite careful when it comes to choosing personal friends. We do not like to be seen with anyone who has a bad reputation or who does not have a good standing in his

community. But how often we may choose a book friend of questionable character, one that we would be ashamed of should it suddenly become animate and start walking around with us.

But the book friend of questionable character may have an evil influence upon your mind just as definitely as would a personal friend of questionable character. In *Messages to Young People* we are told: "Satan knows that to a great degree the mind is affected by that upon which it feeds. He is seeking to lead both the youth and those of mature age to read story-books, tales, and other literature. The readers of such literature become unfitted for the duties lying before them. They live an unreal life, and have no desire to search the scriptures, to feed upon the heavenly manna."

We as Seventh-day Adventist young people have no reason to resort to demoralizing literature in order to find something to read, for a wealth of excellent material has been provided for us. To make it easier, however, each year the General Conference M. V. Department chooses several good books for our reading pleasure and benefit. As you know, we are speaking of the reading course books. The General Conference urges that every home where there are young people obtain a set of these books. The new reading course books for 1945 have already been listed in the RECORD, but in order that there will be no question in your mind about them, we are listing them again here. They may be ordered from the Book and Bible House.

Senior: *Conquering Personal Problems, Isles of Solomon, Dr. George Washington Carver, Road to Alaska.*

Junior: *Sons of Incas, Abe Lincoln's Other Mother, How Things Work.*

Primary: *The Child's Storybook of Peter and Paul, Ben Franklin—The Printer's Boy, and Pogo's House.*

M. V. DEPARTMENT.

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News Notes

★ Elder Bietz spent Sabbath, December 2, with the Portales and Causey churches. He reports good meetings at both places. Brother Colburn is continuing on at Causey for a while,

working and studying with those who have recently come in as a result of his efforts.

★ Elder Rogers and Brother O'fill met with the Hereford church on Sabbath and outlined the Union Lay Evangelistic program for 1945.

★ On December 3 Elder Bietz left for Lincoln, Nebraska, where he had to attend a Union College board meeting.

★ We are happy to be able to state that Elder Barker has at last found a house which he can rent. Considering the conditions here in Clovis, we believe this is nothing short of a miracle.

★ From Abilene comes word that the Service Center is now housed in new quarters. The address is 1265½ N. Second Street. We understand that the new location will provide about twice as much floor space as the former location. They surely need this extra space as there are now about 600 Adventist boys located there.

★ Upon his return from the Home Missionary convention at Keene, Brother O'fill reported that plans for an organized lay movement in the Southwest are taking shape. Brother Strickland of the General Conference Home Missionary Department was present at the meeting, and his inspirational counsel was greatly appreciated.

★ From our Home Missionary Department we also have the report that splendid returns are coming in from areas where literature is being sent by mail. Many cards are coming in requesting more literature.

★ We were happy to have Brother Carlisle from Amarillo visit us here in the office recently.

★ Remember to send in your subscription for the *Review and Herald*. Take advantage of the special price which is now \$2.75. The *Review and Herald* is your church paper and should have its place in every Adventist home.

★ The Book and Bible House now has a supply of the Conflict Series. This is composed of *Patriarchs and Prophets, Prophets and Kings, Desire of Ages, Acts of the Apostles, and Great Controversy*. The regular prices for these are \$2.50 each or \$12.50 for the set of five volumes. All orders received between now and December 31 will be given a ten per cent discount.