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New Girl's Dormitory

At a recent meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference Committee it was voted that we invite a number of our conference leaders to come to Keene and study with the College Board the question of what to do about the present girls' dormitories. These leaders met on the campus of the College, and after going through our present dormitories, and after careful study, they recommended to the College Board that plans be laid at once for the erection of a new girls' dormitory.

Two buildings are being used at the present time, and it was felt that these buildings are inadequate. The board has voted that plans be drawn for the new building at once, and that work begin as soon as money is available. The conferences and the union have pledged from their funds nearly \$150,000 to start the campaign for funds. It was also voted that we seek the counsel of the General Conference at an early date about this project and as soon as possible, the matter be presented to the constituency of the union.

I will not present at this writing some of the reasons why the board feels that something must be done at an early date. We have requested the General Conference to send a survey commission to study the problem with us. After this study has been given, a full report will be made to the constituency of the Southwestern Union Conference.

We are happy to report that the college is having, one of the best school terms in the history of the school. Both teachers and students are of good courage. The enrollment is increasing, and provision for housing is being given careful study by the board. We solicit the prayers of all our believers in behalf of Southwestern Junior College.

J. W. TURNER.

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An Open Letter to Our Sabbath School Members Everywhere

We wish to speak an earnest word to all our Sabbath school members about their weekly Sabbath school offerings.

Here at the headquarters of our work, our leaders take a very serious view of the present world situation. It appears that we are very rapidly approaching the end. The close of probation and the coming of Jesus must be very near. And yet there are millions of human beings who still grope in heathen darkness, upon whom the light of God's message has never shone. What shall we do about trying to reach them this year?

Jesus has warned us that "the night cometh when no man can work." Already its deep shadows are gathering. Very soon now our opportunities to save men will be forever past.

Our money is rapidly losing its value. Today the American dollar is worth only half as much as it was a few years ago. And soon it will be worth much less. I have in my possession a Chinese nationalist bank note for one million dollars. A few years ago, when the exchange rate with America was two and a half to one, this bill would have been worth four hundred thousand United States dollars! Now it is worth nothing!

Years ago those living in America were told by God's messenger that one dollar then was worth more than ten dollars would be at some future time. That must mean that moneterv values in America will continue to decrease. Why not use more of our money for the spreading of God's glorious message of salvation *now* while currency still has some value? This letter is intended as an appeal to our Sabbath school members everywhere to plan to give much more through the Sabbath school offerings this year than ever before. The year 1951 should be marked by our greatest efforts to reach the nation with the gospel of salvation and the message of Christ's coming.

Already doors are closing. Already many countries are beyond the reach of the foreign missionary, and another year may see this number greatly increased. Now is our day. W have only the present. The future is in God's hands.

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Adventure in Evangelism

These three words have been chosen as the challenging appeal and dramatic rallying call to our people everywhere for united participation in the 1951 Signs Crusade. In fact, they are the title of a thrilling sound moving picture film that has been released for presentation among our churches over the nation. These words also express the sentiment especially emphasized during the General Conference session of the past year, and through the intervening months.

For many years we have been assured that, amidst the overwhelming shadow of approaching universal destruction, there would be a great religious awakening. In sublime portrayal the prophet "saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory." This is that awakening destined to reach to the ends of the earth. We unhesitatingly

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Profitable Union Session

I would like to say from the very outset that the union session and the evangelistic institute was the most profitable and inspiring that I have ever had the privilege of attending. Everything was carried out so smoothly, with much precision, and so much was accomplished in such a short period of time that we were hardly prepared for the end which came all too soon. Our workers, to a man, left that meeting carrying back to their fields renewed consecration, a deeper devotion, and a stronger determination to put on the greatest program of evangelism ever dreamed of in our territory. W. W. FORDHAM.



1215 Marshali St., Little Rock, Ark. F. O. Sanders, President C. H. Gerald, Sec.-Treas. Make all wills and legacies to the Ar-Cansas Confernce Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Gems for Thought

"Those who do not use their talents in the cause and work of God, will have no part with Jesus in His glory." Notebook Leaflets, Vol. 1, No. 35.

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Camp Meeting

There is good news today! At a recent meeting of the conference committee it was voted to have a real conference-wide camp meeting this year at the conference academy in Gentry, Arkansas. The academy dormitories will be available for housing, as well as some rooms in the community. Meals will be served in the academy dining hall.

Please do not order room reservations now. Plans for reservations will be given at a later date. This is just an advance notice so that those who are working may make plans for their summer vacations. The dates of the camp meeting will be June 4 to 9. Plan now to have your vacation at that date and be present.

F. O. SANDERS.

Training Course

Twenty-two Gentry Sabbath school officers and teachers with their certificates in their hands are shown in the accompanying picture. They finished the General Conference Sabbath School Department Teachers' Training Course in December. Mrs. Crystal Duce was the teacher. Sister Duce has done such a commendable job teaching this class that the five nearby Sabbath schools have arranged with her to meet at one central place Sabbath afternoon and have her teach this course.



We wish to urge all our pastors and superintendents not to be satisfied with a dead formal process, but set to work this agency that your schools may become the noblest and most efficient in soul winning in the world in 1951. There is only one textbook— *Teaching Teachers to Teach*, price \$2. Order from the Book and Bible House, Drawer 1821, Little Rock, Arkansas.

W. H. WESTERMEYER.

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Baptism at Harrison

Sabbath, March 10, was a high 3_{D} for the members of the Harrison church. Nine precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Elder A. E. Eubanks was here to lead out in this service, and he and his wife provided special music. Also, Professor Joseph Metzger played some lovely violin music. This was a day long to be remembered.

The Lord is pouring out His Spirit upon us in a wonderful way. After coming to Harrison less than four months ago, we received word that я family had inquired about ovv church service and wanted to know where it was held. A few weeks later a family of four came out to the church Sabbath morning. We found that the wife at one time knew about Adventists but had no contact until she saw our name in the newspaper. We followed up this interest and found that she had two sisters and a brother. So as a result of intensive Bible studies and prayer, this family of three (one of the children was not old enough) was baptized, and also the two sisters and brother. We thank God for this family.

The other family also is a real blessing to us. They live nearly forty miles from Harrison and came to church the first Sabbath we were here. We visited and studied with this family and found that in their early years they had experience with Adventists. With earnest studies an⁴ prayer God has given us the husband, wife, and eldest daughter. At the close of the baptism, Elder Euanks said it thrilled him to see such wonderful people take their stand with God's people in these last days.

We ask an interest in your prayers that these will remain faithful and that they will give great service during the soon-coming effort here in Harrison.

LEE J. MEIDINGER.

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20th Century Bible Course

The following are just a few of the many notes we receive from the enrollees in the 20th Centry Bible Course.

"My little grandson found my lessons 23 and 24 and cut them all to

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"I am unable to send an offering, but hope I can sometime. My lessons have been such a help to me. Some of them are hard but I understand the Bible so much better through the help of these lessons. The Lord is helping me to understand. I believe the seventh day is the Lord's Sabbath."

"I am sending a small donation. I have just completed my lessons on the Millennium and am looking forward to my next lesson. God bless you in your work."

"I have finished the lessons I have on hand and am sending them in. I regret I have not received my return lessons as I look forward to every one."

"When I get discouraged or blue I go to the Bible and these wonderful Bible lessons and literature you have sent and through prayer I get a spiritual uplift. There is peace in my heart. So keep praying for me, I really enjoy your lessons."

"I am sending the names of two of my friends. I told them the course gets more interesting every day and that I had gained so much by its help. They too, want to enroll."

"This course has opened my eyes and has done more for me than all the churches I have ever attended. I thank God that I now can see." This man was reared a Methodist, but was not satisfied and was seeking for the Truth. He has now completed his course of study.

MAUDE E. HENDRIXSON.



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Nowata

The Civilian Defense and Dorcas Welfare activities of the Nowata Seventh-day Adventist church are well known in this area of Oklahoma.

Civilian Defense, promoted by Miss Edith Cornish, R. N., has been respinsible for eight Seventh-day Ad-

ventist members having finished the Advance Red Cross First Aid Course. Many others began the training, several having finished at least the Standard Course. An Instructors' Course is being planned for sometime in May. The local Red Cross has provided teachers for the classes.

A home nursing course under Miss Cornish's direction is scheduled to begin soon.

The Dorcas Welfare Society, with Mrs. Oran Blanke as leader, has recently undertaken a county-wide assistance program. The local Red Cross Chapter, together with the Nowata County Welfare Board, are providing names of individuals needing assistance and are also supplying clothing and other supplies.

The Dorcas room has recently been equipped with cupboards and racks, et cetera, to handle a large volume of clothing, food, and other necessary supplies.

Needless to say the pastor appreciates the faithful work done by these organizations. It has made our church very well known in the area, with leading officials expressing high compliments for our work.

C. V. BRAUER.

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Oklahoma City Evangelistic Effort

Members of the Oklahoma City church have worked and planned for many weeks to perfect the details of an evangelistic series in this city. They have seen the fruitage of their hours of preparation in a smoothrunning and successful program each meeting night since the opening on March 11. The meetings are being held by Elders Ernest Perry and Reinhold Patzer in the Vouge Theater, which has been leased for the series.

Though the weather was cold and windy on March 11 several hundred were in attendance at the opening meeting and the theater was nearly filled the following Sunday night. Mrs. O. J. Bell and Elder W. S. Sanders are assisting in the visitation and report an exceptional spirit of interest found in the homes as they call.

The work of the lay members is to be commended. O. E. Ramsey, missionary leader and elder, heads up a fine organization for handbill distribution, telephone invitations, and

other important activities. Mrs. W. H. Shaw is helping many hours each week in visiting interested persons.

Join this church in petitioning God for a large harvest at this time. E. E. PERRY.

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News Notes

★ Very encouraging reports are coming in from the evangelistic meetings in progress. If you have friends and relatives living in the places where these efforts are being conducted, we trust they will be encouraged to attend these meetings.

 \bigstar We greatly appreciated the recent visit of Dr. M. L. Neff of the Pacific Press Publishing Association. He visited several of our churches in the interest of the Signs of the Times.

 \bigstar A conference committee meeting was held at the office on Monday, March 26.

 \bigstar Dedication of the Lawton church took place on Sabbath, March 24. A more detailed report of this meeting will appear later in the RECORD.

 \star Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, our teachers from Shattuck, were recent visitors at the office.



3711 Oakland Ave., Dallas, Texas
 W. W. Fordham, President
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Week of Prayer

As has been announced to you previously by letter, bulletin, and during the officers' conventions, we are having our M. V. Week of Prayer, April 7 to 14. Material for this important meeting has already been sent to each M. V. leader, teacher, district leader, and local pastor in our conference.

If there ever was a time when we need to put forth a sincere effort to help our youth find and keep their way to God, it is now. Satan is putting on a gigantic effort to trap our youth and lead them to destruction. We must use all our power to counteract his activities and show our youth the better way. We are suggesting that prayer bands be formed now and that the names of those who are careless and indifferent be presented daily before the throne of God. This will be a very fine time to make definite plans for those friends of the church who have not as yet given their hearts to God.

Let the youth participate in the meetings as much as is possible and show them that they are an intergral part of the church. A concentrated drive at this time for our youth should result in a real victory for the cause of Christian youth.

C. C. CUNNINGHAM.

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Youth's Congress

From New Orleans to Lubbock, from Oklahoma City to San Antonio, and from Little Rock to Wichita Falls, the young people of the Southwest Region poured in to Shreveport, Louisiana, for the Easter week end, March 23 to 25. The purpose of this pilgrimage was the conferencewide youth's congress which was held in Shreveport.

The program was enjoyable, informative, and inspirational; and the youth expressed themselves as having received real help by attending. From the opening meeting Friday night through the thrilling temperance oratorical contest, which closed the congress on Sunday. every minute was interesting.

Elder W. A. Howe, the Southwestern Union Missionary Volunteer Secretary, presented the opening sermon and the keynote of his message was the keynote of the congress. He showed us that God leads us through all types of experiences, and our problems cease and our lives take shape and form when we release the reins ourselves and let God lead us. At the close we made a new decision to live for God.

The share-your-faith Sabbath school was thoroughly enjoyed. It was good to see the youth leading out and presenting such fine numbers on the program. Elder J. E. Cox of New Orleans presented the eleven o'clock message. He showed us that the church to which we belong is God's true church and we must stay by the message and prepare to go home to live with God. The response to the altar call at the close was practically unanimeus. Sabbath afternoon we participated in "operation doorbell." In about thirty minutes 60 young people visited 105 homes, had prayer in 83, and left Bible Correspondence School enrollment cards with 80. They returned to the meeting just beaming with joy at the happiness and help they had brought to others. One young lady expressed the sentiments of the entire group as she returned to the car and said, "I could keep doing this all evening."

Everyone enjoyed the talent hour and we were surprised by the unexpected solos, duets, trios, quartets, choirs, dramatic readings, and instrumental numbers which kept us inspired for over ninety minutes. We closed the Sabbath with a fitting vesper service. Saturday night everyone relaxed at a very interesting social. Sunday morning began with a shareyour faith workshop in which we were shown ways in which every one of

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Evangelistic News Notes

Almost every worker in the Texas Conference is at the present time, or soon will be, engaged in public evangelism. We are greatly encouraged over the reports that are coming into the office from the various sections of the field.

Elder Edwin Beck, who is holding a series of meetings in Waco, says, "We started our evangelistic campaign last night and in spite of cold weather we had a fair attendance. There were 100 present. About 50 of these were non-members. . . We even had a policeman in uniform present. He'll be baptized soon."

Elder Robert Wearner, who is holding a series of meetings in McDade, Texas, reports the following, "The cold wave was hard on the attendance early in the week, especially since there is no heat in the old building. However, we had a good attendance last night. About 32 nonAdventists were present, which is pretty good for this small community. . . There are a number who have shown a good interest. Also we got a number of Bible school enrollments."

From Henderson Elder A. E. Neil sends the following report. "As you know we opened our meetings last Sunday and we had a very good attendance for the size of the town. Between 100 and 125 were present and only 23 of these were Seventh-day Adventists, which is not bad for a town the size of Henderson (6,000). Tuesday and Friday nights were well attended with from 30 to 40 non-Adventists each night. We started our radio program today and reports have come to us that it was very good."

Brother Howard Voss, who is working with Elder H. Christensen in Dallas, reports that though their attendance is not large, they have some definite interest and are having good meetings.

At this writing Elder N. R. Dower is holding a week of revival meetings in the Houston Central church. A report of these meetings will appear soon in the RECORD.

We ask that you continue your noon-day prayer circle in behalf of these, and the many other meetings that are now in progress.

R. S. Watts Coming to Texas

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We are proud to announce that Elder R. S. Watts, president of the Missouri Conference, will be at Southwestern Junior College on April 21. This is Youth D Day, and Elder Watts will be the guest speaker at the afternoon meeting. He has served in the Far Eastern Division mission field for many years and will bring to the youth attending this meeting most thrilling experiences of mission life, especially in Korea.

Plan now to be in Keene April 21! HAROLD W. JEWKES.

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Purchase of Elgin Church Lot

"The world's best buy—a piece of Texas" is the slogan of a Houston real estate man. Another "piece of Texas" has just passed into the hands of the Texas Conference. A fine corner lot which will be used for a new church building has been purchased in Elgin, Texas. The lot is located in

Youth D Day		
Program		
· Keene, Texas		
April 20, 7:30 p.m.—Our Challenge April 21, 11:00 a.m.—Marching Ord- ers 3:00 p.m.—My Future 4:15 p.m.—Youth's Ans- wer 6:45 p.m.—Vespers 7:00 p.m.—"I'll Go" 7:45 p.m.—Youth Fellow- ship		

a good residential district on a paved street, one block off the main street of the town and two or three blocks from the business area.

Some months ago a wind storm damaged the little frame church which is located eight miles out in the country. When it was decided to put up a new church building it was also decided to build in the city of Elgin where the opportunities are greater for evangelistic activities. We were fortunate in being able to secure the lot at a very reasonable figure. The church members are laying plans for a masonry building.

Adventists are favorably known in Elgin through the good influence of the Jensen family and other members, and because the pastor has taken an active part in the church activities of the town. We hope to see real growth in our work in this part of the district.

This is the fourth time I have renresented the Texas Conference in the purchase of a church lot. The first was in Sulphur Springs, then Houston, then the addition to the Austin church property. I am a firm believer in the importance of having good church buildings located in good neighborhoods.

ROBERT G. WEARNER.

• Wedding Bells

In a beautiful candlelight ceremony on February 25, 1951, Miss June Marie Wardrop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wardrop of Fort Worth, became the bride of Addason E. Richards of Elm Creek, Nebraska. The wedding ceremony was performed in the Fort Worth Seventh day Adventist church by Elder E. F. Sherrill.

The bride's attendants were Miss Lula Margaret Starks, maid of honor; Misses Shirley Nixon and Gwen Johnson, bridesmaids. Carl Ashlock served the groom as best man. Leroy Gillan and Roosevelt Reich were ushers.

""" "I Love You Truly" and "At Dawning" were sung by Elder H. W. Jewkes while Mrs. Jewkes played softly the organ. Following the ceremony reception was held at the Fort Worth Junior Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards will make their home in Fort Worth where Mr. . Richards will continue his work in the colporteur ministry. We join their many friends in praying that God will richly bless this dear couple as they labor for the Master.

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1522 Van Buren St., Amarillo, Texas C. G. Gordon, President E. L. Moore, Sec.-Treas. Make all wills and legacies to the Texico Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Canyon, Texas

On Thursday evening, April 12, at eight o'clock, the American Temperance Society will present the program, Prisoner at the Bar, in the Canyon High School auditorium. Everyone within driving distance is cordially invited to attend this important attraction.

The "sheriff" in our program, Ed Money, made arrangements with the local high school principal for the use of the auditorium, and we have found all that have been approached, including the ministers of the city, very receptive to this type of program. We are looking forward to the opportunity of giving this most stirring presentation of the case against liquor. Be sure to attend this temperance program.

D. E. LATHAM.

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Red Cross Instructors' Class

A Red Cross Instructors' Class will be conducted here in Amarillo April 16 to 18. The first class will begin Monday evening at seven o'clock. Classes will be held Tuesday and Wednesday. Anyone having completed the

standard and advanced classes in Red Cross will be eligible to take this course. Your standard and advanced first aid certificates must be up-todate.

Those interested in taking the Instructors' Course should contact your conference Civil Defense Secretary, Elder I. V. Stonebrook, Box 1107, Amarillo. Texas.

Ingathering in Texico Schools

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At the beginning of our Ingathering campaign, which really started with the singing band work last fall. we set some goals for each one of our church schools. The primary goals were \$5.10 for each child in grades 1 to 4, \$10.20 for each junior in grades 5 to 8, and \$20.41 for each student in grades 9 and 10.

These goals made a total of \$2,422.52 for all our schools in the entire conference. We are most happy to report that the goal has been surpassed and that in so doing eleven of our church schools reached their goals.

The first three schools to reach their goals were Sweetwater, Midland, and Amarillo. Each school was awarded the 1951 junior reading course set. Other schools qualifying were Lubbock, Clayton, Albuquerque English, Albuquerque Spanish, Clovis, Dalhart, Roswell, and the Spanish-American Seminary, grades 5 to 8.

We truly appreciate the effort put forth by both teachers and students in this missionary endeavor.

I. V. STONEBROOK.

Master Guide Pins

You will recall that some time ago we announced the change from the term "Master Comrade" to "Master Guide." In doing this there was also a change made in the insignia.

The new Master Guide pins have been received and are now available through your conference Missionary Volunteer Department. They are thirty cents each. The new pin is a universal Master Guide pin that will be used by Master Guides in all countries. It is a very attractive pin with a gold border, a blue field and a map of the world in the center in gold with the letters "M V" embossed. Four gold stars are geometrically spaced in the blue field, · ,

If you are not yet a Master Guide, prepare to be one soon—a mark of achievement and a preparation for service!



"While It Is Day"

· You will remember that the Christian is admonished to work while it is day because the night comes on. Truly the dark clouds that will soon obliterate the spirit of brotherhood is fast covering our horizons. Are you fortifying yourself for the test that is ahead, Are you attending Sabbath school each week in order to obtain a better understanding of the word of God? Are you making use of the many good helps that are available to you for the express purpose of a clear understanding and a determination through the grace of our Lord Jesus to see this thing through to the victory?

Many of you have been and are doing these very things, and as a result you have grown in grace and strength until today your outlook is good, your courage is excellent, and your faith is sure. The second quarter's lessons are now being studied. The general topic is, Finishing the Work. A special study help has been provided in the form of a one hundred and seventy page book by Elder Ritchie entitled, While It Is Day. Do you have your copy? If not, then you are missing a blessing that was provided just for You.

Send your order today to the Texico Book, and Bible House, P. O. Box 1107, Amarillo, Texas, and it will be promptly filled. The supply is limited. Better act now *While It Is* Day. The price is only \$1.50.

D. (E. LATHAM.

Camp Texico

Now is the time to start planning to be at Junior Camp. Time flies rapidly, and June 24 will soon be here. We hope every Texico junior between the ages of 9½ and 15 (inclusive) can be with us for that week, June 24 to July 1, of inspiration, fun, and frolic.

The Missionary Volunteer Department no longer provides the uniforms. Khaki has been chosen for the boys' uniform and the trousers and shirts can be secured at J. C. Penny stores, or in other dry goods stores.

The recommended color for girls' uniforms is forest green. It may be selected in either poplin or Indian hear. We suggest Simplicity Patterns, No. 3281, view 2, for the skirt and No. 2277, view 2, for the blouse. This can be made into a one-piece or two-piece uniform, according to the desire of the individual.

The camp fee this year will be \$13.50. We have raised the fee only 50 cents. As you know, our costs will be much increased over last year. We only desire to break even with the operation of the camp.

How can you earn the money? Here are just a few suggestive ways. Sell *Life and Health*, either subscriptions or single copies, or by baby sitting, saving the weekly allowance, raking leaves, preparing or caring for gardens, mowing lawns, collecting papers, or working at food markets.

The Chinese have a proverb that we also use here in America. "Yo chih chih, shih ching ch'eng." It is just simply—"Where there is a will, there is a way."

We will see you at Camp Texico June 24 to July 1.

I. V. STONEBROOK.

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Let Your Light Shine

It was the occasion of the dark day, May 19, 1780. There was great panic in some places, while in others the people gathered in meeting houses to pray. The lower house of the lerislature at Hartford, Connecticut, broke up in alarm. A motion was made in the senate to adjourn so that the legislators could meet "The Day of Judgment," which they thought was approaching, with whatever courage they could muster; but a Yankee Selectman, who was a friend and advisor of George Washington, arose in opposition to the motion saying, "The Day of Judgment is either approach. ing or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournent. If it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. I wish therefore that candles may be brought."

The historic record tells us that the candles were brought, and the business of the senate continued. True the day was darkened in fulfillment of prophecy, and we accept it as one of the signs foretold by Jesus and others. In a much broader sense the same conditions exist in the world today, for the prophecies also say,' "darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people." While we recognize this to apply to a time of spiritual darkness, we must also recognize that the darkness now is upon the earth. While some are facing the future in fear and panic, others are "looking wistfully to heaven. . . . longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."

Candles were brought in to give light to those in the senate chamber, but Jesus says, "Ye are the light of the world." There is no question but that we are in the "Hour of God's Judgment," and as Abraham Davenport, the Yankee Statesman, chose to be found doing his duty, ought not every loyal servant of the Master be faithfully serving in his place?

If you have not found your place as yet, perhaps it could be in the colporteur work. A beginners' institute is to be conducted in Amarillo April 21 to 24. Why not get in touch with your Publishing Department Secretary, Box 1107, Amarillo, Texas, and plan to attend. The messenger of the Lord has said, "The great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as it has never been before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals." Colporteur Evangelist, page 100. "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 Scrip. tures." Ibid, page 80.

C. H. LOWE.

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Colporteur News

A colporteur rally day was conducted in the Galveston church on Sabbath, March 24, by Elder J. T. Welch and Brother Altus E. Hayes. The colporteurs from that area were present, and helped contribute to the morning services. The ladies of the church served a delightful lunch in the park. In the afternoon the colporteurs told their experiences, and

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in the evening pictures were shown. Everyone felt that it was a profitable day.

Brother Robert A. M. Wilson of Dallas, Texas, is one of our newest recruits. We are happy to welcome him and his family into the ranks of the colporteurs. Let us remember him in our prayers as he goes forth to carry the third angel's mes-'sage.

The colporteurs in and around Elgin, Texas, are looking forward to the colporteur rally to be held in the Elgin church on Sabbath, March 31. Brethren J. T. Welch and Altus E. Hayes will lead out in the rally, and as special guests the Fort Worth 'Men's Quartet will be present.

As the result of Paul Davis' handing out enrollment cards for the 20th Century Correspondence Course in conjunction with his colporteur work we are happy to report that we have had word that Mrs. C. H. Autry of Naples, Texas. is now a baptized member of our church.



The Voice of Prophecy subjects for the next two Sundays are:

April 8 LETTERS TO CHURCHMEN AND MARTYRS

April 15

LETTERS TO ANTIPAS AND THE JEZEBEL FAMILY

ARKANSAS

Arkadelphia Batesville	KVRC KBTA	$1240 \\ 1340$	9:30 AM 9:30 AM
Favetteville	KGRH	1450	9:30 AM 10:30 AM
Helena	KWHN KFFA	1360	9:30 AM
Hot Springs	KWFC	1340	9:30 AM 10:30 AM
Little Rock	KBTM KXLR	1450	9:30 AM
Pine Bluff	KOTN	1490	9:30 AM 9:30 AM
stuttgart	KWAK	1240	3:30 H.M

LOUISIANA

Alexandria	KVOB	970	9:30 A M
Baton Rouge	WLCS	1400	10:00 A M
Bogalusa	WIKC	1490	9:30 AM
Monroe	KLIC	1230	9:30 AM
New Iberia			9:30 A.M
New Orleans			9:30 AM
Shrevenort	KENT	1550	9:30 AM

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque	KVER	1340	8:30 AM
	KSVP		8:30 AM
	KWEW		
	KOBE		
Roswell		1400	8:30 A M

OKLAHOMA

Ada	KADA	1230	2:00 PM
Altus			9:30 AM
Ardmore	TURO	1940	6:30 PM
Bartlesville			9.30 AM
Chickasta		1560	9:30 AM
Elk City	KASA	1240	9:30 AM
Enid	KGWA	960	12:00 M
McAlester	KTMC	1400	10:00 AM
Muskogee	KMUS	1380	9:30 AM
Okla. City	KUCY	1340	9:30 AM
	FM-KOCY	94.7	9:30 AM
	KTOK	1000	10:00 AM
Okmulgee	KHBG	1240	9:30 AM
Ponca City	WBBZ	1230	9:30 AM
Seminole	KSMI	1260	• 9:30 AM
Shawnee	KGFF	1450	10:00 AM
Tulsa	KOME	1300	9:30 AM
Woodward			9:30 AM

TEXAS

Amarillo	KFDA -1440	10:00 AM
	KNOW 1490	
Bay City		10:30 A M
Beaumont (See	Port Arthur)	
	KVAL 1490	10:00 AM
Brownwood	KBWD 1380	9:30 A M
		9:30 AM
Corpus Christi	KS1X 1230	10:00 AM
	WRR 1310	9:30 A M
El Paso		
		10:00 AM
Lubbock	KCBD 1590	9:30 AM
	KTRE 1420	10:30 AM
San Antonio		9:30 A M
	KRRV 910	
	KXOX 1240	
Tyler	KGKB 1490	7:00 AM
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Brownsville, Texas	6: 496:52
Dallas, Texas	6:516:55
El Paso, Texas	6:296:34
Ft. Worth, Texas	6:536:58
Galveston. Texas	6:426:46
Little Rock, Arkansas	6:346:38
Muskogee, Oklahoma	6:476:54
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:236:27
Oklahoma City, Okla.	6:56
San Antonio, Texas	
Santa Fe, New Mexico	6:306:34
Shreveport, Louisiana	6:396:43
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An Open Letter

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Are there not many—perhaps very many—in our Sabbath schools who could and who would double their offerings this year? Several million dollars beyond any previous year's income are urgently needed this year to meet the needs of our world program so that we may quickly evangelize those who are still within our reach.

And this need can be supplied. In many of the home-base lands today God's people are unusually prosperous. God has dealt liberally with us. Shall we not show our deep gratitude for His blessings by reaching out a helping hand *now* to those who are still lost and dying?

Let us plan for enlarged gifts, and let us give systematically every Sabbath. Let us do it for God and for lost men for whom our Saviour died. Very sincerely your brother, W. H. BRANSON, president General Conference of S. D. A.

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Adventure in Evangelism

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affirm, too, that Seventh-day Adventists are going to spearhead that great awakening.

The movement is on, as evidenced by the missionary zeal and enthusiasm that has gripped the hearts of our people everywhere. Even though we are among the smallest of the various Protestant groups, numbering only a little more than half a million, our missionary zeal and soulwinning potential has elicited definite comment by our Catholic friends. In his booklet of instruction and appeal to Catholics for larger missionary service, a noted priest, John A. O'Brien, in Winning Converts, said, "If we could devise a suitable hypodermic needle by which we could inject the zeal virus of the Seventhday Adventists into our 25,000,000 lay Catholics, we would win the unchurched multitude of 80,000,000 Americans for Christ in a decade or two. With a zeal worthy of a better cause, these people are spreading leaflets and pamphlets like snowflakes across our land. They are ringing our doorbells and seeking to edge their way into our homes. . . . They are aflame with zeal."

We are truly thankful and appreciative for that ingenious analysis, and humbly affirm that we are presenting a "better cause" to the disillusioned inhabitants of a dying world. This is our hour, and it is. highly essential now that we restudy and re-emphasize our literature approach to the world. In our immediate planning two procedures are of paramount importance: first, a program that will guarantee world coverage with our literature. And second, a presentation that will provide greater efficiency in soul-winning.

Surveying the field of our missionary literature we happily discover that Signs 'of the Times fits most admirably into the mold of this two-fold objective. Designated hv Mrs. E. G. White as our "pioneer missionary paper," it is now reaching "clear round the world." A recent check of its mailing lists revealed a weekly over-seas distribution of more than 20,000 copies in 50 different countries, in clubs of varying proportions reaching more than 550 separate addresses. Unanswered requests due to lack of Signs World Extension Funds would increase this list by almost 100 per cent.

This enviable record of circulation achievement in lands across the seven seas is but an overflow of an ever-swelling tide of distribution among thousands of cities and towns over America. This circulation, averaging almost a quarter million every week, places *Signs* in top rank as the largest Protestant missionary weekly in the United States. Plans and prospects for the 1951 Crusade prompt us to anticipate a marvelous upsurge in circulation that will register a minimum of 300,000 per week.

Recognizing that *Signs* is destined to occupy a large place in the next great awakening over the world, its publishers have perfected a most unusual follow-up service designed to lead its readers into the valley of decision.

> Win One in '51 With "Signs" H. K. CHRISTMAN,

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Tomorrow time's relentless stream May bear what now you have away; Take what God gives, O heart, and build

Your house of happiness today. LORA E. CLEMENT.

Youth's Congress

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us can do something. Several practical demonstrations conducted by Elder W. W. Fordham added much to our appreciation of this hour.

A fitting climax for the congress was the temperance oratorical contest. The subject was "Why I do not Smcke or Drink" and the ten contestants certainly put their arguments across in a convincing fashion. It was difficult for the judges to reach a decision but Miss Myrtle O'Neil of Houston, Texas, emerged as first place winner. Miss Hubbard, New Orleans, and Miss Stevenson, Houston, tied for second place. Miss Johnson, Baton Rouge, was third place winner. These winners, plus Miss Murphy, Dallas, who had fourth place, received cash prizes. Every youth present vowed to do more to advocate the cause of temperance in his community.

• Our largest attendance was at the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath when more than 400 people were present. The other meetings were excellently attended and none of them were very far behind the figure mentioned. We thank the pastor and members of the Shreveport church for their excellent hospitality shown in the housing and meals that they provided so reasonably.

C. C. CUNNINGHAM.

Enjoyable Union Session

I want to say that we greatly enjoyed the union conference session. I think you gave splendid leadership to it. Our ministers in Oklahoma are determined to make 1951 an outstanding year in soul winning. Elders E. E. Perry and Reinhold Patzer will be engaged in an evangelistic effort in Oklahoma, City. Elders L. E. Rogers, H. Williams, and W. Bresee will be starting meetings in Tulsa. Elder L. C. Caviness will start meetings in Ardmore. Brother C. Brauer is starting meetings in Ketchum. Elder H. Shafer will launch a series of meetings in East Cooper. Brother G. I. Gantz is planning to hold an effort at Stilwell. Elder Kenneth Moore plans to have meetings in Enid. I want you to know that the membership in Oklahoma is working to the goal of having 1951 an outstanding year in soul winning. Every worker. as well as many of the laymen, will soon be engaged in active soul winning. H. C. KLEMENT.