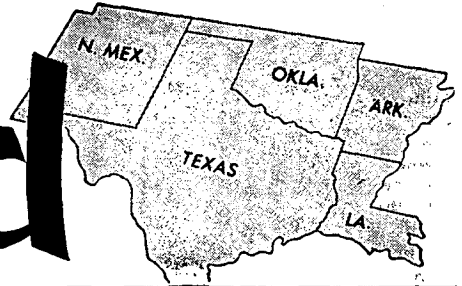


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Evangelism IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION

The Challenge of Northeast Texas

THE little church pictured on this page has the honor and responsibility of being the only Seventh-day Adventist church in the Northeast Texas district. It contains sixteen pews and has enough members to fill three of them. There are enough other Seventh-day Adventists in the district to fill six more of the pews—if they don't sit too closely.

In this area there are two lovely cities over 20,000 in population that have never been given the Sabbath truth in public evangelism. There are scores of towns and small cities there ranging from 1,000 to 10,000 in population that have never heard the third angel's message proclaimed publicly.

Through the efforts of Sister Lamoine Miller in Paris, an average of about fifteen adults meet in her

home, most of them non-Adventists. During the past year a Sabbath school was started in Clarksville, and is continuing to meet in the home of a Lutheran family there. At Commerce the believers meet in the home of the G. W. Taylor family for Sabbath school. Plans are being laid to organize a new Sabbath school in Greenville as soon as a suitable meeting-place is found.

Soul-winning is the chief interest of the members in Northeast Texas, and the results are beginning to tell. Thanks to the help of Brother W. L. Thomas and the Fort Worth MV Society, scores have been enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course, and hearts are being stirred by the Holy Spirit. Another baptism is planned for the near future.

An unusual radio program is being

conducted by Elder and Mrs. Sample, the leaders of the district. A bouquet of flowers is given by a local flower shop at the close of each broadcast. Several telephone calls are received each week. Prejudice is being broken

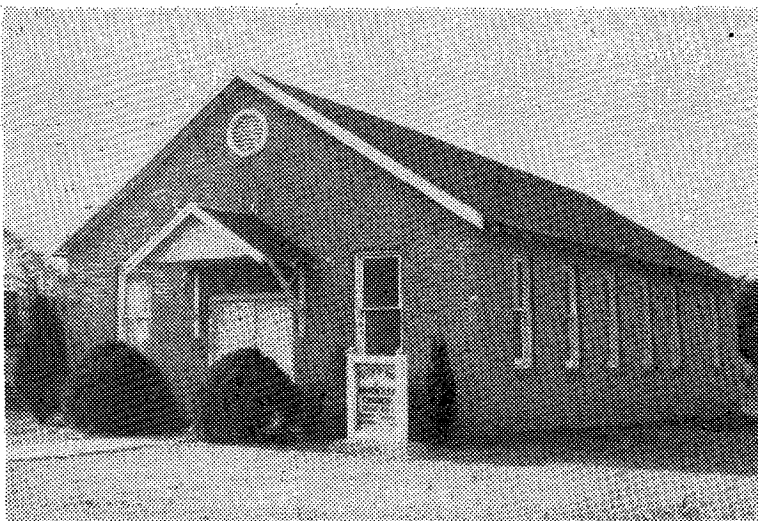


Melvin Sample, District Leader

down, and good-will is created for the message. The flowers are given in the name of the Seventh-day Adventist church, through the courtesy of the flower shop.

All of the major doctrines have been presented, including the Sabbath, the anti-christ, and the punishment of the wicked. One man wrote in for literature after listening to two broadcasts, and in a few days had made his decision to obey. He had not had so much as a personal Bible study or church service to aid him in his decision.

The first card this man wrote bears
(Continued on page 12)



GOD LEAVES US FREE TO DETERMINE OUR TITHE

"Voluntary offerings and the tithe constitute the revenue of the gospel. Of the means which are entrusted to man, God claims a certain portion,—a tithe; but He leaves all free to say how much the tithe is, and whether or not they will give more than this. They are to give as they purpose in their hearts. But when the heart is stirred by the influence of the Spirit of God, and a vow is made to give a certain amount, the one who vowed has no longer any right to the consecrated portion. He has given his pledge before men, and they are called to witness to the transaction. At the same time he has incurred an obligation of the most sacred character to cooperate with the Lord in building up His kingdom on earth. Promises of this kind made to men would be considered binding. Are they not more sacred and binding when made to God? Are promises tried in the court of conscience less binding than written agreements with men?"—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 149.

Nine Months' Comparative Statement of Tithe and Mission Offerings Southwestern Union Conference of S. D. A.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1951, 1952, 1952 Increase, Rate of Increase. Rows include Tithe, Mission Funds (Ingathering, Sabbath School, Other Mission Offerings), and All Mission Funds.

* Represents a decrease

WORD of commendation is due the members in the Southwest for the good total of mission funds last month. The September mission offerings amounted to \$33,569.63, some \$1,300 more than for the corresponding month of 1951. The Sabbath schools provided \$28,537.97, representing an increase of \$2,700. Some of the other mission funds were below the totals of a year ago.

The Missions Extension Fund Offerings to the close of September totaled \$2,881.90, which is an average of sixteen cents for each member. If we could have reached our aim of one dollar per member, what an excellent increase it would have provided!

Having heard at the Autumn Council many wonderful reports of remarkable progress and appeals for help to make possible the further extension of the mission program, I wish I could state the case in a way that would stir the members to still greater liberality. We are not forgetful of the fact that there are other special funds given which do not apply on the mission quota, and also that local church requirements and school dues have a claim upon us as individual members, yet we would appeal for systematic giving for missions "as God has prospered." The nine months' tithe of \$978,926.48 indicates that our combined earnings have been not less than \$9,789,264.80. The tithe paid

leaves \$8,810,338.32 as our combined net earnings. The mission offerings (excluding Ingathering, which comes largely from outside the church) total \$201,705.64, representing just over two cents for each dollar of income after payment of the tithe. If we were to share with the mission program just a bit more generously, a marvelous advance would result. If, for instance, we would contribute through the Sabbath school and special mission offering three cents of each dollar we have left after paying the tithe, instead of just over two cents as has been true for the first nine months, the mission funds from all the Southwestern Union, would be much more. A family whose income is \$50 now averages \$1.03 for missions; a family with \$100 income gives \$2.06; and one with \$300 income gives \$6.18 after paying the tithe. Three cents out of a dollar income faithfully tithed would make the mission funds, for these same families, \$1.35, \$2.70, and \$8.10 respectively.

I believe any member would say that three cents from each dollar of income is none too much to give for foreign missions, and no doubt some are contributing that much and more. We would urge that all our members study their giving with a view to making possible a substantial advance in the mission fields.

H. C. KEPHART.

BATTERIES RECHARGED

IN A small village off the main roads of travel lived three Seventh-day Adventist families, members of the Conference church. Eagerly they looked forward to receiving their weekly Review and Herald. Recently they said, "We have no church to attend but the Review messages live in our hearts and recharge our spiritual batteries every week."

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Pitcairn Speaks

Word has come in from the South Pacific island of Pitcairn that is very encouraging, and I wish to share it with other readers of the *RECORD*. Brother Ward has written as follows relative to the *Review*:

"Dear Brother Christian: We are happy to have the good old *Review* coming to our home—not each week, but as the mail manages to bring it

along. Sometimes we may have two or three copies at a time, or they may pile up till there are a dozen or more. But usually of late our mail has come about every three or four weeks."

Would that we could write to Brother Ward and say, "Courage, brother. Every Adventist home in North America will have the *Review* for 1953." But such is not the case to date. We believe, however, that the *Review and Herald* has a positive message for every Seventh-day Adventist family and that it should, without fail, be in every home.

Brother Ward, further down in his letter, writes: "Our subscription for the *Review* expires very soon, I believe, and we should like to have it renewed. Would you attend to that for us, please?"

Not only are we happy to take care of Brother Ward's order from Pitcairn in the South Pacific Ocean, but we would be very happy to have a *Review* subscription from every Seventh-day Adventist home at an early date. Take advantage of our money-saving offer now. Order through your Book and Bible House.

R. J. CHRISTIAN.

away from them, brethren. Have nothing to do with them."—*General Conference Bulletin*, April 6, 1903.

And the additional reason: "The trades unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began."—*Country Living*, p. 10.

So if you desire to be in harmony with the counsel God has given, your course is clear.

If you now belong to a labor union or secret society—get out of it.

If you are not now a member of a labor union or secret society—stay out of them, no matter what pressure is brought upon you.

Would you like to know how other Adventists have withdrawn, or declined to join, without harsh employment and economic disabilities? The procedures worked out by the General Conference Council on Industrial Relations will be sent you on request, and without obligation. Write to C. B. Haynes, 6840 Eastern Avenue, Washington 12, D. C.

IS THIS YOU?

BY CARLYLE B. HAYNES

THE majority of members now in Seventh-day Adventist churches have come into the faith during the past fifty years, perhaps during the past twenty-five years. A considerable number, when they embraced the faith, were members of secret societies, lodges, or labor unions. Many of these cancelled their membership in lodges and secret societies, but only a limited number withdrew from labor unions.

Presumably, all new members were instructed in one of the basic teachings of this faith, that to this movement God has restored the ancient gift of prophecy in the person and work of Ellen G. White. But they came only gradually to learn what this messenger of the Lord had been divinely commissioned to convey to this people regarding non-membership in secret societies and labor unions. More recently that lack of information has been corrected, and their attention has been directed to what God has instructed them to do about getting out, and staying out, of secret societies and labor unions.

Nearly fifty years ago God sent this message through His servant: "A power from beneath is working to bring about the last great scenes in the drama—Satan coming as Christ, and working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are binding themselves together in secret societies. Those who are yielding to the passion for confederation are working out the plans of the enemy. The cause will be followed by the effect."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 28.

Some have interpreted this to mean the trades unions of fifty years ago, and that it does not apply to labor unions now. They are wrong. The Spirit of God took particular pains in advance to refute such an interpretation. He did so by this message: "Those who claim to be the children of God are in *no case* to bind up with the labor unions that are formed or that shall be formed; this the Lord forbids."—*Country Living*, p. 12.

The reason for this counsel from heaven is plainly stated: "The trades unions and confederacies of the world are a snare. Keep out of them, and

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DOCTORS-DENTISTS DRAFT

By CARLYLE B. HAYNES

When the Doctors-Dentists draft began, information was published in this paper about its requirements and how they should be met. Evidently that information was not noticed by Priority III men, or was ignored, or has been forgotten. All the questions that information was designed to answer are coming into the office of the War Service Commission.

Doctors and dentists were divided into four priorities, to be called in order, beginning at Priority I.

Priority I has now been called. So has Priority II. Priority III is now being processed, preparatory to being called by next spring. Priority IV, a group, the members of which have already had more than 21 months of military service, is not likely to be called short of a world emergency.

Recently, to all Priority III men have been sent, by their respective local draft boards, two questionnaires. One of these is the regular Selective Service Questionnaire (SSS Form-100). The other is the special Doctor-Dentist Draft Questionnaire (DD-390).

The Special Questionnaire DD-390 contains 32 items to be filled in on the blank spaces provided for that purpose. Thirty of these are of a professional nature, such as the professional school attended, its location, the years in attendance, place of internship, residences, and fellowships, special instruction received, if any, while in military service, certifications received, memberships in professional societies, sub-specialties, licenses, diplomas, present occupation, private practice, whether general, practitioner or specialist, where and when, teaching associations and appointments with

professional schools, and hospital appointments.

Then follows Item 31. It reads:

"I [] am [] am not nor have I been a conscientious objector, and I [] am [] am not now and [] have [] have not been a member of any foreign or domestic organization, association, movement, group, or combination of persons, advocating a subversive policy or seeking to alter the form of government of the U. S. by unconstitutional means."

Our counsel has been to check the space which declares you are a conscientious objector and then, to avoid misunderstanding, to write in, with pen and ink, immediately after and above the line, the words, "but, as a Seventh-day Adventist, only to combat activities."

You will, of course, check the spaces which will clear you of all association with subversive organizations.

Item 32 reads: "I hereby apply for a reserve commission in one of the armed forces of the United States."

Some men have hesitated to sign such an application, thinking by doing so they will be hurrying themselves into service. This is not the case. It merely puts you on record that if and when you are called, you prefer to serve in a professional capacity rather than as a private. It does not hasten or assure the certainty of your call. To safeguard against this, you may write in, above the line, the following italicized words: "I hereby apply, *if and when required to serve*, for a reserve commission," etc.

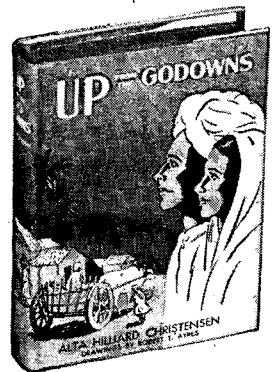
Many have already turned in their DD-390. There is no reason why you should not, if you so decide, go to your Local Board, ask for your folder,

and fill out these two items as suggested. It is your folder and you are entitled to examine it at any time.

India Beckons

"Three-day wedding . . . three days of noisy festivity to inaugurate a life of torture for a child. . . How can human beings, anywhere, treat little g'rls that way? . . . *Why* do they do it? And *why* do they marry them off so young?"

Thus mused a Christian missionary in India—the needy field to which our thirteenth Sabbath offering overflow will go this quarter. Alta Hilliard Christensen, who, with her husband, has given many years of loving service for those who sit in the darkness of Hinduism, has written *Up From the Godowns* from their experiences. Life in India is presented just as it is lived by the people there.

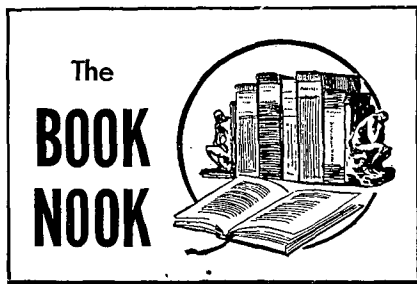


Mission work in India is progressing. The Tamil High School is to be one of the two beneficiaries of the thirteenth Sabbath offering on December 27, 1952. *Up From the Godowns* is the charmingly told story of two little Tamil girls whose parents lived in the "godown" (servants' quarters) of the mission compound in Bangalore. How they first saw the strange new white people arrive from the mysterious United States begins the story. How they grew up under the loving care of "Grandma" until they went away to this very school our thirteenth Sabbath offering will help, is the middle of the story. The end? Read it yourself—it is a dream come true.

This quarter's mission appeals will come alive as you re-live with the Christensens the joy of seeing the godown family, and others, turn from their heathen customs to serve the living God. India will become to you

a real place with real people who are looking and waiting for your help this coming thirteenth Sabbath.

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WANTED

Two out-of-print books are urgently needed by the General Conference Sabbath School Department. If any of our members have copies of these books that they can spare, it will be much appreciated if they will send them to the Sabbath School Department, General Conference S.D.A., Takoma Park, D.C. The books wanted are: *From Acorn to Oak*, by L. Flora Plummer, and *So You're the Secretary*, by Emma Howell.

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Weddings

Betty Nelson of Natchez, Mississippi, and Rexford Leatherwood of Elkhart, Texas, were united in marriage at a simple ceremony in the home of Elder and Mrs. A. E. Soper of Nacogdoches, Texas, August 26. Both the bride and groom had been attending Madison College in Tennessee. After a brief honeymoon the bride returned to Madison to continue her nurses' training and the groom was inducted into the armed forces.

Miss Edwina Bowen, of Fort Worth, Texas, became the bride of Mr. D. E. Latham, of Amarillo, Texas, on Wednesday, September 10, at eight o'clock. The ceremony was conducted in the Amarillo Seventh-day Adventist church with Elder Reuben F. Schneider officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Latham will make their home in Amarillo, where Mr. Latham is employed as manager of the Texico Book and Bible House.

REUBEN F. SCHNEIDER.

On Monday evening, September 22, Miss Iris May and Mr. Robert Berry were united in holy matrimony in the little rustic Seventh-day Adventist church in Carlsbad. Elder W. R. May, brother of the bride, officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry are making their home at Monterey Park, California. I am sure that their many friends wish them heaven's richest blessings.

DORIS MAY.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rees of Keene, Texas, on Tuesday, September 30, at 7:30 in the evening, when Mrs. Trevie Griffin and Mr. Joseph Feikes were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Elder J. H. Rhoads.

The good wishes of many friends attend Mr. and Mrs. Feikes as they go to their home near Oakwood, Oklahoma.

J. H. RHOADS.



Lawyer Appeals

What particular feature attracts listeners to the Faith for Today telecast? It is interesting to note differing attitudes in letters received at the office. Some mention how much they enjoy the quartet, requesting favorite selections. A very large number look forward to seeing both Pastor and Mrs. Fagal as they stand together appealing for more careful Bible study. Many people of every age and station in life appreciate the life stories that are enacted, emphasizing the fact that they are deeply impressed with these experiences of others.

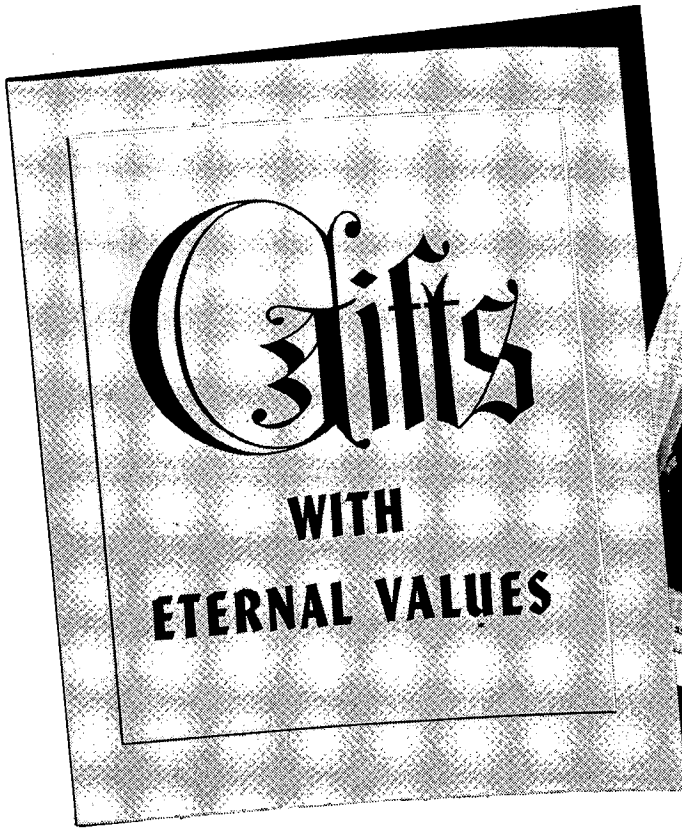
A lawyer, after searching for years for truth, was so moved by the message from Faith for Today that he wrote for the Bible course while the program was still on the air. Here is a portion of his letter:

"I, for years, have been in search of a means to secure assistance in learning God's word without any particular church affiliations or feeling that I had to subscribe to the beliefs of any particular church to feel at home in the house of God. My attempts have all ended in confusion. . . . I happened to have on the TV this morning (your program is still on), and it occurred to me that your course may be what I need to view religion and see God as I reason that I should. Please enroll me in your course until further notice and forward information about your work."

Many, like this lawyer, respond to the reasonableness of the presentations from week to week. Let us all pray that not only may the reason be satisfied, but that hearts may be touched so that souls will be saved in the kingdom of God.

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GEMS FOR THOUGHT

"It is impossible for anyone to retain the favor of God and enjoy communion with the Saviour and at the same time be indifferent to the interests of his fellow beings who have no life in Christ, who are perishing in their sins."—"Counsels on Stewardship," p. 29.

New Orleans

"For He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness." Romans 9:28.

We are seeing this prophecy fulfilled in New Orleans. Here are some samples. One of our sisters was anxious to give Bible studies but was tied to her home with a small baby and a sick husband. So she canvassed her whole neighborhood with literature, trying to find someone to study with. She found not one. She went home and cried. Then she knelt in prayer and God showed her one apartment over a garage she had missed. It was almost across the street from her home. She went there and found that the family with two teen-age children had lived near the Sligo church in Takoma Park, D.C. Two of the mother's brothers had become Adventists, and some cousins of the children were attending Southern Missionary College. Bible studies were begun, and the family is keeping the Sabbath and attending church.

A six-year-old girl started coming to church with her uncle. When school started she was put in a parochial school. After a few days she came home and announced she was not going to that school again. Threats and whippings could not budge her. They started sending her to our school, where she is happy. Who can know the final result?

About the same time a man and his wife began attending church. They were not Protestants but were connected with the Price Company selling Bibles. He claims to be one of the leading Bible salesmen in the United States and has many salesmen under him. He had been reading Seventh-day Adventist books for twenty years and had almost a com-

plete library of the Spirit of prophecy; also *Drama of the Ages*, which he loves. He and his wife asked to join the church. While they are not quite ready, they soon will be.

These are only three of the experiences that cause me to think with Christ, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." Luke 10:2.

As I look on this great city with its untouched territory, I think God must be sending angels to do what we can't find men to accomplish. Knowing that the work will close up first in the cities, we ask all our people to unite with us in praying for laborers to quickly finish the work here and find every honest heart.

We know that God does not bring new members into some churches because of the lack of unity and love which would cause some to be discouraged. But we believe the church in New Orleans has come near to God's heavenly standards. There is a unity and love that makes it a joy to work with. Perhaps that is another reason He is taking His children by the hand and leading them in.

LEONARD C. LEE.

Have You Told Your Neighbor?

One of the most impressive scenes found in the Spirit of prophecy is the one recorded in *Testimonies*, Volume 9, page 28: "I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard someone say, 'We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon.' Others, with agonized voices, said, 'You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know.' On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken." There are many, many people living in the world today that do not know about the judgments that are soon to fall upon the world. It will be a terrible thing during the time of trouble to have our friends and neighbors point their finger at us and say, "You knew that this was coming upon the world; why did you not tell us? We did not know."

One of the most effective ways of warning our friends and neighbors of the judgments that are soon to fall upon the earth is the distribution of our truth-filled literature. We are

nearing the close of earth's history. We have before us a great work to do.

Has God called you to have a part in giving this warning message to the world? Remember, you never make a mistake in answering God's call for service.

Calling? Yes, God is calling for workers today. Tomorrow may be too late. Have you told your neighbor?

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News Notes

★ A workers' meeting was held at the Oklahoma City church on Monday, October 6. At this time we were privileged to have with us Elder Walter Schubert, ministerial secretary of the South American Division. Elder Schubert's help at this meeting was very much appreciated. We were also pleased that Elder Strahle could be with us on this occasion.

★ Elder and Mrs. W. Mueller of the Central European Division were recent visitors in the Oklahoma Conference. We were glad they could stop for a meeting in the Shattuck district. Elder Mueller is the president of the Central European Division. We were indeed happy that Elder and Mrs. W. B. Ochs could be with them on this occasion.

★ Encouraging words reach the office of the various evangelistic efforts in progress.

★ Many enrollments for the 20th Century Bible Correspondence School are coming in. Have you sent yours in recently?

Farewell and Welcome

Miss Margaret Baker, who has been working in the educational, Missionary Volunteer, publishing and temperance departments at the conference office for the past two years, has discontinued her work. We are happy, however, that she is not leaving Oklahoma.

We take this opportunity of welcoming Miss Wanda Brownfield to

the working force of the Oklahoma Conference. Miss Brownfield will work in the educational, Missionary Volunteer, publishing and temperance departments. She comes to us from Boswell, Oklahoma. We extend a most cordial welcome.

H. C. KLEMENT.

Evangelism

I want to share with you some very important statements from the Spirit of prophecy on the important subject of "Evangelism." In a very definite sense, we all should be engaged in evangelistic work. Can we think of any time in earth's history when the needs of consecration to God's work should be any more wholehearted than today?

"Evangelistic work, opening the Scriptures to others, warning men and women of what is coming upon the world, is to occupy more and still more of the time of God's servants."—*Evangelism*, p. 17.

"Let men tremble with the sense of the responsibility of knowing the truth. The ends of the world are come. Proper consideration of these things will lead all to make an entire consecration of all that they have and are to their God. . . .

"The weighty obligation of warning a world of its coming doom is upon us. From every direction, far and near, calls are coming to us for help. The church, devotedly consecrated to the work, is to carry the message to the world: Come to the gospel feast; the supper is prepared, come. . . . Crowns, immortal crowns, are to be won. The kingdom of heaven is to be gained. A world, perishing in sin, is to be enlightened. The lost pearl is to be found. The lost sheep is to be brought back in safety to the fold. Who will join in the search? Who will bear the light to those who are wandering in the darkness of error?

"We should now feel the responsibility of laboring with intense earnestness to impart to others the truths that God has given for this time. We cannot be too much in earnest. . . .

"Now is the time for the last warning to be given. There is a special power in the presentation of the truth at the present time; but how long will it continue?—Only a little while. If there was ever a crisis, it is now.

"All are now deciding their eternal destiny. Men need to be aroused to realize the solemnity of the time, the nearness of the day when human

probation shall be ended. Decided efforts should be made to bring the message for this time prominently before the people. The third angel is to go forth with great power."—*Evangelism*, pp. 16, 17.

H. C. KLEMENT.

We Worshipped in Enid

Sabbath, September 27, was truly a day of inspiration to those who gathered for worship in the Enid church. Provision was made for participation in the various services for both young and old.

Elder Kenneth Moore, the pastor, Brother Ezra Riffel, the elder, Brother Alvin Heinrich, the Sabbath school superintendent, and Sister Orley Olson, the Missionary Volunteer leader, are to be especially commended for their leadership.

The pleasant Christian companionship during the social held after the Sabbath, in addition to the devotional features of the Sabbath, left an indelible impression on my wife, my children, and me that the work is going forward in Enid.

W. L. SCHOEFLIN.

A Boon for Shut-ins

We who have good health cannot appreciate the feelings of those who are ill and cannot take part in the everyday activities of life. One young lady from western Oklahoma, who has been an invalid for several years, writes the following:

"I have just finished my last lesson of your really fine and excellent Bible Course, and words cannot express what it has meant to me. It is my purpose in these few lines to especially thank you for your prayers, for detailed information, and for all kindnesses shown. You may rest assured that I will always speak a kind word for you folks and will try to enroll others in this course. I think it is wonderful that you invite people of all races, creeds, and colors into the fold. I know of no other body who take such an interest. God will bless you, and I sincerely thank you."

I am sure that all of us know of someone who is either permanently or temporarily shut in, unable to attend church or other gatherings. These folk have time on their hands that may well be given to a study of the Bible. Let us do all we can to enroll these people in the 20th Century Course.

BERNICE MALONE.



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Make all wills and legacies payable to the Texas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Farewell and Welcome

Our membership throughout the conference will be sorry to learn that our beloved conference treasurer, Brother P. W. Ochs, has retired from active service in the cause of God. For the past thirty years he has served faithfully and well the cause he so deeply loves. The past five years he was secretary-treasurer of the Texas Conference and rendered highly efficient service to this field. Since he has now reached the age of retirement, he feels that the burden should be left to younger hands, and on Monday, October 13, he left to go to California where he hopes to be able to find a suitable home. We shall greatly miss Brother and Sister Ochs, and wish for them both good health and continued joy in their walk with the Lord.

To fill the vacancy created by Brother Ochs's resignation, the Conference Committee called Elder and Mrs. R. S. Blackburn of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. They have accepted our call and are now in Fort Worth looking for a place to live. Around the first of November they will move here and take up their duties. They have had a rich background of experience in this field of service, and we are sure that our conference will be blessed by their ministry. We extend to them our sincere, heartfelt welcome.

N. R. DOWER.

SPECIAL NOTICE

WANTED—All Seventh-day Adventists in the Texas Conference to "come over into Macedonia and help us" by sending us your dollars to assist in building a small church here in Brownsville. Offerings for our assistance to be taken in all our churches Sabbath, November 29.

BROWNSVILLE CHURCH MEMBERS.

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NOVEMBER 22

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NOVEMBER 29

All welcome. Paris Youth Congress
film will be shown at each rally.
Harold W. Jewkes.

A Report From the Field

Many wonderful reports are coming in from our laymen throughout the field. Certainly the Lord is guiding and blessing those who have consecrated a portion of their time to the finishing of the work. We just received one such report from Sister Frank of Dallas. I would like to pass this encouraging note on to you.

"The 70-year-old mother of one of the ladies with whom I am studying came to visit her daughter just as we were studying the Sabbath. When we had the first lesson, the mother said she just didn't see how it could be true that the seventh day was the Sabbath when all the world was keeping the first day. When we had the next lesson, which was on the "First Day," the mother said that it looked like the Bible taught the sacredness of the seventh day, but she didn't see how people could keep it and live with other folk. The third lesson was on the "Change of the Sabbath"; she said that it seemed very strange, but it was plain that the Bible taught that we should keep the seventh day and she wanted to do right. She said to her daughter, 'You may do as you please, but I mean to keep the true Sabbath.' They planned to go to church with us the next Sabbath. We were going by for them, but the daughter phoned that her mother was ill. She was some better when we had our next study and said she had been looking forward to it. She asked for a list of scriptures on the Sabbath so that she could tell her friends about it. She was out of town for two or three weeks, and when she came back she said she surely did miss the Bible studies, that she had never enjoyed anything so much. Again they both planned to go to church with us

on Sabbath, but again the daughter phoned that her mother was ill, very ill. She did not get better this time, but grew steadily worse. She had her daughter phone for me to come and pray for her. She said she knew that she was seriously ill and that she was so sorry that she did not get to go to church at least once. The daughter took her back to her home in an ambulance, and she lived just a week. Although she was desperately sick and suffered terribly the entire week, she managed to tell her friends and her Baptist pastor that she had become a Seventh-day Adventist. She told the pastor that she wanted him to tell about it when he preached her funeral. The daughter said, 'Mother had a Seventh-day Adventist funeral.' Her only regret was that she was not able to attend church at least once before she died. The daughter is attending church with us now, and we are still studying together. Pray for us."

Let us all respond to Sister Frank's request that not only she but all our laymen who have consecrated their services to the Lord be remembered in our daily prayers.

M. H. JENSEN.

20th Century Bible School

Someone has been working for the Lord by enrolling his friends in the Bible Correspondence School. The letter below was written as a result of this contact.

"Dear Friends:

"I want to tell you how much I have enjoyed the Bible Course. My daughter took sick after she started the course; so I have finished it for her.

"I do not belong to any church; but your Bible lessons prove to me that you are right.

"My husband is sick all the time. Please pray for my family and for me."

Now is the time for us to work and show God's truth to others. The following quotation will help us to realize our responsibilities: "Those who have been enlightened by the grace of God, who have been adopted into the royal family, ought not always to be children in the work of the Lord. If they wisely improve upon the grace given, their capacity will increase, and their knowledge become more extensive, and they will be intrusted with a still greater measure of divine power. In putting forth earnest, well-directed efforts to bring their fellow-

men to a knowledge of the truth, they will become strong in the Lord; and for working righteousness on the earth they will receive the reward of eternal life in the kingdom of Heaven."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 632.

J. H. WARDROP.

Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation

"When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 114.

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ALTUS E. HAYES.

New Convert's Courage

His name is Johnny Roberts. He is fifteen years of age and is a sophomore in Austin High School. He was baptized on September 27 and became a member of the Austin church. An interesting story lies behind his conversion.

About a year ago several thousand tracts were passed out in Austin in preparation for the Winders-Gray evangelistic meetings.

Johnny found these tracts in his door. He sent in the Bible school card which was among the tracts, but never came to the meetings. Through the months he sent in lesson after lesson until all the lessons had been completed. He was convinced that he had found the truth.

When he decided in his own heart that he must obey the message he had learned, trouble came. His mother, a nominal Catholic, and his father, a nominal Baptist, could not understand. When the Adventist pastor called,

Johnny's mother made it plain that she was not happy over the situation.

Then Johnny began to attend Sabbath services, despite the strong opposition at home. After several weeks of regular attendance, he fully made up his mind to join the Sabbath-keeping church. In order to check him for baptism, it was necessary for the pastor to meet him at the high school.

We admire Johnny's courage and hope he can soon attend a Christian school and prepare to be a worker for Christ. We are thankful for the influence of gospel literature and especially for the work of the 20th Century Bible School. Two other Bible school students were baptized at the same time.

ROBERT G. WEARNER.



1522 Van Buren St., Amarillo, Texas
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BOOKS

Yes, BOOKS! There are all kinds of books—good books and bad books. Books have had more to do with molding the minds and characters of the modern generation than any other agency. God has ordained *good* books

as one of the mightiest agencies of preaching the third angel's message. The instruction is to scatter these books like the leaves of autumn.

The instruction that came to this people in the early dawn of the Advent movement will be true until the last sinner has been warned. There is still opportunity for you to join the ranks of the colporteur evangelists, but this opportunity will not be indefinite; it will be forever too late one of these days, when you least expect it.

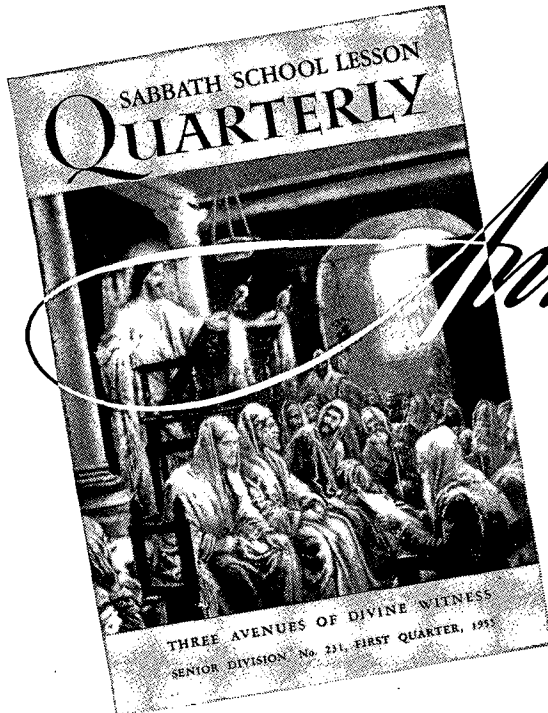
Two of our faithful lay members were visiting a prosperous business man they had become acquainted with, and his wife remarked in the course of their little visit that she had not attended Sunday school in ages but

planned to start going to church soon. Our brother said, "Would you make us a promise before you make the start? Would you promise to read a good book first?" "Yes," she said, "I'll do that." A couple of weeks later her former church friends heard of her decision to begin attending church with them again, and a delegation called on her, telling her how happy they were. She said, "Now just a moment. Don't be too sure. I am reading a book, and the past two weeks I have learned more about the Bible from reading this book than I ever learned in all my life before, and when I finish reading it, I will know which church I want to attend."

Our business is to place these BOOKS in the homes, and God will be responsible for the results.

We have come to the best time of year to do colporteur work. People are harvesting their crops, and most everyone is expecting to do something about Christmas, and are wondering just what to buy that will be practical. What better favor can we do them than to make it possible for them to secure a BOOK that will help them find the better way of living?

1852 Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Sabbath School 1952



In response to requests from the field, the *Senior Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly* has been enlarged and revised. New size to begin the first year of the second century of the Sabbath school, 1953. The teacher's edition of the *Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly* will be discontinued after the fourth-quarter issue of 1952.

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Pan-American Youth Congress

You will be interested to have this brief word about the 1953 Pan-American Youth Congress which will be held in San Francisco June 16 to 20. Six years have elapsed since the North American Youth Congress of 1947.

Delegates will be sent from the various MV societies of the conference. In addition hundreds of youth will be planning to attend at their own expense.

It was at the thrilling 1947 Congress that the Share Your Faith movement was started. Let us pray and plan for this 1953 youth gathering that it may direct our youth toward deeper consecration and more zealous service for our Master.

Watch for further word in the RECORD.

I. V. STONEBROOK.

New Dorcas Federation

The churches in the San Angelo and Midland districts spent a very profitable day last Sabbath in the Big Spring church. Everyone enjoyed the Sabbath school, and after the eleven o'clock service, all went to the park for lunch. At 2:30 we went back to the church and began our Sabbath school, home missionary, and Dorcas officers' meeting with a fifteen-minute song service. Brother Carl Rose opened the Sabbath school council meeting by giving a splendid talk on reclaiming Sabbath school members.

Elder W. K. Mansker led out in a profitable hour that was spent in planning soul winning through home missionary work. The two districts united in a Dorcas Federation and selected the following people to head this welfare work:

Dr. Norman Mayberry, president; Mrs. J. W. Murrell, vice-president; Mrs. L. C. Madison, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Frank Roberts, publicity secretary.

After the selection of officers, Elder Lowe gave an inspiring study on

local Dorcas and welfare work, and brought some inspiring quotations from the Spirit of prophecy to our attention. The meeting came to a close at five o'clock, and we feel sure everyone enjoyed the fellowship together.

Every member seemed to be determined to go home and work untiringly to help finish the work. May God bless these two districts and their leadership in winning souls for Him.

REUBEN F. SCHNEIDER.

Obituaries

EWING, William Albert, was born September 1, 1893, at Bonnerdale, Arkansas. While visiting his daughter in Washington, D. C., he became ill and passed away there at the age of 59.

In February, 1943, he was baptized in the Sugar Loaf Creek and became a member of the Bonnerdale Seventh-day Adventist church, remaining faithful to the church until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Florence Ewing; two daughters, Veda Nooner of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Eva Bainum of Washington, D. C.; two grandchildren, and seven brothers.

Brother Ewing is awaiting the call of the Life-giver.

D. H. MILLER.

JOHNSON, Mrs. Ida Mathilla, was born October 21, 1865, in Sweden, and fell asleep in Jesus August 19, 1952, at Alamo, Texas. She was united in marriage to John A. Johnson on September 1, 1883. Seven children were born to this union. In 1917 she was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church and remained faithful until the time of her death. She loved her church and fellow members.

A few years ago Sister Johnson suffered a light stroke. Being forewarned of God, she called her children together and said, "Children, you must be ready for the Lord to come." May the counsel that she gave her children be the abiding thought of each one of God's children.

She leaves to cherish her memory five sons, two daughters, eleven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Words of comfort were spoken by Elders R. E. Lunt and J. B. Hampton.

JAMES B. GRAY.

SIMMON, Ison S., was born in Scott county, Arkansas, March 10, 1867. He died August 15, 1952, after a long illness at Van Buren, Arkansas. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Judy Shepherd, of Lonsdale, Arkansas, and several nieces and nephews, one of whom is Mrs. N. B. Ward of Fort Smith, Arkansas. The funeral service was held in the Edwards funeral chapel at Fort Smith and was conducted by the writer, assisted by Charles Lafferty, of Rogers, Arkansas.

L. W. FREEMYER.

WELCH, Susan Scott, was born in Mason County, Missouri, August 29, 1866, and passed to her rest on August 17, 1952, in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. She was united in marriage to John E. Welch in 1892. To this union five children were born. Three of the children and her husband preceded her in death.

Mrs. Welch became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church 69 years ago. In 1901, when the first Sabbath school was conducted in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the few members met in Sister Welch's home. She was an active member until the time of death.

She is survived by two children: a daughter, Mrs. Esther Welch Keller, and a son, Hollie Welch. Funeral services were conducted in the Bartlesville church by the writer. Interment was at the cemetery of Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

EDWARD E. HERR.

Advertisements

Please send all advertisements to your local conference office for approval. Rate: Fifty words or less, one insertion, \$1.00. Payment must accompany copy.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

Oct. 31 Nov. 7

Amarillo, Texas	5:54	5:48
Brownsville, Texas	5:49	5:45
Dallas, Texas	5:37	5:31
El Paso, Texas	5:17	5:12
Fort Worth, Texas	5:39	5:33
Galveston, Texas	5:34	5:29
Keene, Texas	5:39	5:33
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:17	5:10
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:37	5:30
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:14	5:09
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5:37	5:30
San Antonio, Texas	5:49	5:44
Santa Fe, New Mexico	5:10	5:03
Shreveport, Louisiana	5:25	5:20

Southwestern Junior College

J. V. Peters, President

J. H. Bischoff, Business Manager

Enrollment Trends for the Fall Term

We know that many members in the Southwestern Union will be interested in a more detailed report of the enrollment now that the school year has been under way for six weeks.

The total campus enrollment this year is 590. We are happy to report a substantial increase in the college enrollment over last year, namely 8 per cent:

College enrollment,

Sept. 15, 1951—139.

College enrollment,

Sept. 15, 1952—143

Here is a further breakdown of enrollment by groups as of Sept. 15, 1952:

College men, 78;

College women, 73;

College total, 151.

Academy boys, 126;

Academy girls, 127;

Academy total, 251.

Specials & Adults, 32

The demonstration school reports a record opening enrollment. A room-by-room enrollment count indicates the following:

Grades 1 & 2—36;

Teacher, Mrs. Lottie Warren.

Grades 3 & 4—41;

Teacher, Miss Mary Jane Douglas.

Grades 5 & 6—37;

Teacher, Miss Violet Archambeau.

Grades 7 & 8—37;

Teacher, Mr. Perry G. Hills.

Demonstration school total—154

In addition to the four full-time teachers, Mrs. Walthers and Mr. O. E. Torkelson are serving as half-time teachers and are helping care for classes in the rooms mentioned above to provide smaller class groups in many of the subject fields. We are very pleased with the large overflow enrollment that is ours again this year. Hamilton Hall is experiencing its largest enrollment of men students since it was constructed eight years ago, namely 154 men. In fact, of this number, eleven college men are being housed in a former teacher's residence just west of the dormitory. There has been a tremendous upsurge in non-resident enrollment of both sexes in

the past five years. The men's hall was originally built to house 120 residents.

There has been a small decrease in academy students, due perhaps in part to the healthy growth of three local conference academies. The most recent addition to the group is the Texico Conference Academy established just this year. Perhaps very adverse crop conditions in much of the Southwest have also delayed some of the younger students in starting at a boarding school this year.

As of this date 103 girls are occupying North Hall, 28 girls are living in South Hall Annex, and 13 girls are being housed in a residence just off the campus. Mrs. Donnie Rigby, assistant dean of women, is in charge of these annexes. Next year, if all goes according to schedule, all girls who are non-resident students will be housed in a new, fireproof, brick building whose erection is now progressing rapidly. At present the ground floor is being poured and satisfactory progress is reported by Brother E. J. Miller, building supervisor, with the project as a whole.

Introducing Ruth Ingram, Dean of Women

Ruth Ingram, newly elected dean of women at Southwestern Junior College, began her duties at the college shortly before the opening of the fall term. She had previously served as



Miss Ruth Ingram

dean of women at the Central American College in Costa Rica for seven years. After proper negotiation with the Inter-American Division office, she was released in time for the open-

ing of our term here and flew in to Dallas by plane.

Miss Ingram was born in North Carolina. Her academy and junior college training were taken at Southern Missionary College, and after one year at Union College she completed her senior college work at Emmanuel Missionary College. Later she obtained her M. A. degree from Chicago University. Since graduation she has had twelve years' experience as a dean of women and teacher at a number of our schools.

We welcome Miss Ingram to our college family; and I know that parents and former students will want to get acquainted with Miss Ingram too. She has evidenced, in her few weeks on our campus, a sincerity and a Christian dignity that students and fellow teachers alike are appreciating.

We look with courage to the year's growth spiritually and scholastically, and we know that all will rejoice in the word that a fine new women's residence will soon grace the school campus to provide adequate housing for our girls as they come to school at Southwestern Junior College. Please remember the college and its students in your prayers.

YOUTH RALLY

Date—November 7 and 8, 1952

Place—Turner Auditorium

Guest Speaker—L. A. Skinner

Program—

Friday, 7:30 p.m., Vespers

Sabbath, 9:30 a.m., Sabbath School

11:00 a.m., Sermon

2:00 p.m., Operation Doorbell

3:30 p.m., Share Your Faith Reports

7:30 p.m., Social

8:30 p.m., "The Eternal Flame"

The Challenge

(Continued from page 1)

a beautiful testimony: "The Lord's Sabbath is of vital interest to me. . . . Above everything, I want to obey Him, if I walk alone." More than two-thirds of the Sabbath-keepers of this area have no church privileges, and are walking alone. They walk in faith, believing that soon the honest-heart will be found and they will have the fellowship of Sabbath-keepers.