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Evangelism in San Antonio

BY DOUGLAS MARCHUS

FOR the past two years EVANGELISM has been the key word in God's work in San Antonio. During this time sixty-two have joined the ranks of the remnant church by baptism and profession of faith in preparation for a home in Christ's kingdom which "shall never be destroyed."

Those baptized have been the results of the faithful efforts of many people who have cooperated in various ways in this soul-winning work. The public effort, the Bible study, the revival meetings, the Week of Prayer, the Bible class, the church school, the personal visit, the Bible correspondence course—all united together in making these results possible. In addition to the faithful work of the conference workers and the church school teachers here in San Antonio, I wish to speak my personal appreciation for the loyal efforts of the many, many lay members who have had a part in this work.

Two public efforts have been held in the church, the first during the early part of 1951 and the second during the closing months of the same year. Associated with us in the first effort were Brother and Sister Alfred Matar and Miss Rachel Lemon; in the second, Brother and Sister J. W. Lehman.

On September 28, 1953, we opened another public meeting in the San Antonio church. Brother and Sister Elvin Benton are associated with us. Mrs. Imo Laue is in charge of the Bible lessons; our colporteurs, John Davis and R. L. Spiva, take care of the book and Bible display; Doctor Wier and Billy Jones operate the public address system and movie pro-

jector; Robert Anthony is head usher; Mrs. Benton and Mrs. Marchus play the musical instruments. Brother Ben-



Douglas Marchus

ton has organized a male quartet which is known as the Heralds of Faith Quartette. They give excellent help each meeting.

For this effort we are trying something we have never attempted before; thus far it is proving a success. On Sunday nights a children's story hour is conducted for the children of ages four to ten. These are divided into two groups, and following the pictures in the auditorium they go to their own meeting. Mrs. Donald Guinn is in charge of the younger group, and Mrs. J. G. Jacobs is in charge of the older group. Each Sunday night shows an increase in attendance—last Sunday nearly forty—and we believe some definite good is being accomplished.

In addition to these members who are leading out in the various phases

Congratulations to the Sabbath Schools

BY H. C. KEPHART

WE WANT to share the encouragement derived from certain compilations of figures as we wrote up the records for another year. It is not surprising that our steadily growing membership should contribute larger contributions year by year, especially in this era of continuing prosperity. But increased numbers and prosperity alone do not fully explain the steadily increasing totals of the gifts for missions. Our Sabbath school leaders and members are to be commended for faithfulness in keeping the stream of funds flowing steadily and in increasing volume.

Here is the yearly total of Sabbath school offerings for the Southwestern Union for the past ten years:

1943	\$112,288.08
1944	136,478.73

1945	148,924.06
1946	169,316.51
1947	182,323.75
1948	201,528.39
1949	222,279.73
1950	236,842.33
1951	242,047.87
1952	253,364.15

One other tabulation is submitted to further show that the Sabbath school offerings are consistently enlarging. Note the comparison in the quarterly totals during the past two years. We hope to see this trend continued in future contributions.

Period	1951	1952
First Qtr.	\$54,981.85	\$56,753.94
Second Qtr.	59,865.11	60,881.16
Third Qtr.	56,851.59	63,579.56
Fourth Qtr.	70,349.32	72,149.49
Year	\$242,047.87	\$253,364.15

of the effort there are many others associated with them and helping to make the entire program move along with efficiency and success. To all these we pay a sincere tribute. It is a real encouragement to know that the entire church is supporting this soul-winning program with their

prayers, their work, their money, and their attendance.

The attendance has been good and an interest is being shown. When you pray for the Lord's work all around the world, please remember the soul-winning efforts being put forth in the Alamo City of Texas.

Comparative Report of Mission Offerings and Tithe for Years 1951 and 1952

Southwestern Union Conference of S. D. A.

Fund	1951	1952	1952 Increase or Decrease (%)	Rate of Increase or Decrease (%)
Ingathering	\$190,839.02	\$201,958.66	\$11,119.64	5.8%
Sabbath School	242,047.87	253,364.15	11,316.28	4.7%
Other Mission Funds	41,607.59	37,261.97	4,345.62*	10.4%*
All Mission Funds	\$474,494.48	\$492,584.78	\$18,090.30	3.8%
Tithe	\$1,269,819.30	\$1,381,989.93	\$112,170.63	8.8%

THE RECORDS for 1952 are closed. The condensed report herewith presented indicates how the mission funds and the tithe in the entire union territory compared with the same funds for 1951. Mission funds were not quite four per cent greater in 1952 than for the year previous, while the tithe (which should be an index of the earnings of the constituency) was nearly nine per cent greater in 1952 than in 1951.

Let us faithfully serve the Lord through our payment of tithe and contributions during 1953. All these funds are used to conduct the work of God at home and abroad, and God takes note of the faithfulness of every follower. Christ gave His all for us; we may show our devotion and love by giving generously, liberally. May 1953 record our appreciation of God's love for us!

H. C. KEPHART.



Sponsored "Signs" Subscription Raises New Church

IT STARTED in Palo Alto, California. Brother and Sister T. Thaute, devoted members of this church, sponsored *Signs* for their nephew, Mr. Firman Mock, of Byers, Colorado, for a period of two years. Only recently they were thrilled to

receive the news that the entire family, including father, mother, and three children had accepted the message.

After reading themselves into the truth through the *Signs*, they made contact with our office in Denver,

some distance from their little town of about 200 inhabitants. It was an eventful Sabbath day when the family journeyed to this city where they were baptized and accepted into fellowship.

They returned home and immediately began to work for their neighbors and friends. A church of forty members was organized recently, and at this juncture a new church building is nearing completion as a living monument to their devotion and service. Two sons are now in Union College, one preparing for the ministry and the other for medicine. It pays to send *Signs* to friends and relatives.

Home Health Education Series

IN ADDITION to the first aid, home nursing, and other emergency training programs, Seventh-day Adventists may very well avail themselves of the health education opportunities presented in two sets of lessons.

One is a Health and Hygiene course consisting of fourteen lessons, and the second is a Food and Nutrition course consisting of twelve lessons developing basic concepts of nutrition and diet. Each set is available in an envelope and costs forty cents a set.

Your Book and Bible House will be able to supply these sets to you.

T. R. FLAIZ, M.D.

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THOSE WHO ROB GOD ARE DEPRIVED OF HIS BLESSINGS

"To rob God in tithes and offerings is a violation of the plain injunction of Jehovah, and works the deepest injury to those who do it; for it deprives them of the blessing of God, which is promised to those who deal honestly with Him."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 644.

Our Message Wins a Friend

BY R. E. CRAWFORD

TODAY I would like you to meet a friend of Faith for Today who views the telecast with sincere appreciation as occasion affords. But this is not his only contact with Seventh-day Adventists. He has read much of our literature and is deeply convicted. The book *Education* he considers a classic. He is especially delighted with L. E. Froom's three volumes, *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*. These he has painstakingly read, as indicated by his letter to Elder Froom:

"I read every word in the chapters, the acknowledgments, the bibliography, many of the footnotes, the introductions, the appendices, and some attention to the topical subjects and the indexes."

If, by now, you have concluded that an important individual is being introduced you are correct, for he is church editor of a newspaper having a Sunday circulation approaching half a million. Naturally, then, he would be interested in great religious agencies such as radio, television, powerful writings, and people who live godly lives. As a result he made the following statements in his letter to Elder Froom:

"As to the prophecies, they cannot be intelligibly questioned. My oft-stated conviction is, we are running exactly on schedule time, just as we have been informed time and again by God's prophetic spokesmen. My conviction now is, we have only two sure things: (1) the certainty as to what men will attempt to do, (2) the sure certainty of what God's holy Bible says will come. Personally, I have not one whit of hope or trust in anything else. All else is 'sinking sand.' Would that our 200,000 preachers in America would occasionally give forth on these

sublime themes. 'My heart is fixed.'"

The writer has visited with this devout editor in his home. Be assured he is doing more than write letters about his convictions. And if our eyes could but be opened we would note deep interest on the part of multitudes of others, both in high places and in low, who view in a favorable light God's truth for this time as a direct consequence of all combined active agencies that God has placed at our disposal.

May we awaken to the possibilities open before us in presenting the truth to the multitudes who eagerly await it.

Health South of the Border

IN SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER areas where germ-free water is a luxury and intestinal parasites and childhood diseases are the villains in a drama of life and death the United States is winning more friends at less cost than almost anywhere else in the world.

Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, California's director of public health, reports in an article in the January issue of *Life and Health*, a national health journal published in Washington, D.C., that a program carried out through the Institute of Inter-American Affairs for development of health, agriculture, and education is making the good-neighbor policy really work in 17 participating Latin-American countries.

Dr. Halverson heads a survey team of distinguished public health experts who were commissioned to evaluate the results of ten years of cooperation among Western Hemisphere republics on matters of public health. The program was begun in 1942 as a war measure, but was extended by Con-

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Weddings

Patsy Flory and Richard Harrison were united in marriage November 9, 1952, at the Lawton Seventh-day Adventist church. Mrs. Harrison is the daughter of Elder and Mrs. Harold Flory. She has been a student at Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, and formerly at Southwestern Junior College, Keene, Texas. The Harrisons are making their home in Lawton for the present and plan to complete their education as soon as Mr. Harrison has finished his term of service for his country. He is stationed at Ft. Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

L. C. CAVINESS.

On the evening of November 10, 1952, a large number of people assembled in the Dallas Seventh-day Adventist church to witness the wedding of two of the members, Dorothy Hugh and Ralph Barkhurst. Elder Herbert Christensen, who had baptized the bridegroom and the bride's mother, officiated in the service.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Barkhurst are active members in the young people's department of the Dallas church, and both are elected to office for the new year. We wish God's richest blessing on them as they walk life's path together and establish a new home consecrated to God.

MRS. W. B. FRANK.

Mrs. Alma Strader Padgett and Mr. Richard Chatfield were married November 15, 1952, at the Ardmore Seventh-day Adventist church, Ardmore, Oklahoma. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Wade Walker, and given by her brother, Mr. Glen Strader. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Nick Chatfield. The Chatfields, following a tour of the mid-west states, will be at home at Valley View, Texas.

L. C. CAVINESS.

In the Albuquerque Spanish Seventh-day Adventist church on the evening of November 16, 1952, Miss Lucas Martinez of Sandoval, New Mexico, became the bride of Joe Hernandez of Socorro, New Mexico. Elder William Goransson officiated at the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, Patrocinio Martinez, the bride is the youngest daughter of the large Martinez family. As a school teacher of

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A Generous Television Offering February 28

Russian Bible School

RUSSIAN people living in thirty-four different countries are today receiving and studying the Russian Bible Correspondence Course offered by the Voice of Prophecy. The greater number of these are displaced persons now living in the United States and Canada. How pleased they are when word comes to them, either by listening to the Voice of Prophecy broadcast or through a friend, that a free Bible correspondence course in their own language is available to them at no cost! Their words of appreciation do our hearts good here at the Voice of Prophecy headquarters.

Mrs. Olga Goncharow, who is in charge of the Voice of Prophecy Russian Bible School, recently made this statement: "Many of these people have escaped physical starvation and are now hungry for the Bread of life. Last year we sent out many Russian Bibles, tracts, *Steps to Christ*, and other books. Seventy-one students were graduated from the Russian Bible School, some of them in Germany, France, Norway, Argentina, Venezuela, and Australia. Thirty-two persons asked to connect with the church, and their names were sent to the conferences."

A letter from two Russian women says: "Thank you for your wonderful lessons. We studied the Word of God for two years. Last September we both were baptized. We have here a small church, only thirty-five persons, who believe Jesus Christ will come soon. We are only two Russian women; the rest are Poles. We want to bring the message of salvation to many of our people, but it is very difficult. Maybe you can do it better through your Bible Correspondence Course. Please send it to the addresses enclosed. We pray for you; please pray for us."

Those of you who know of Russian-speaking people living near you could do a good work for Christ in giving them a friendly invitation to enroll in the Russian Bible Course of the Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles 53, California. Only you may be able to give such an invitation!

Time is short, so will you not take it upon your heart to reach every Russian-speaking person you know? Thank you! D. V. POND.



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E. L. Moore, Sec.-Treas.

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

Organizing Sandia View Academy Church

Sabbath, January 24, was a historic day of importance for the Sandia View Academy of Sandoval. With the presence of our conference president, Elder M. D. Howard, the organization of the Sandia View Academy Church was completed with forty-four charter members. Elder E. B. Halsted is the pastor of this new church, which is made up of the academy students and the members of the community preferring the English services.

In bringing the message for this special service, Elder Howard stressed the purpose for the organizing of churches by declaring: "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 9.

As the most important educational center of our conference, and as we all work for the building up of our youth in Christian education, we are sure to see this church grow.

The Spanish Sandoval church will continue to function as such to fill its appointed place in God's work.

WILLIAM GORANSSON.

PLAN TO ATTEND
FIFTH ANNUAL
Master Guide Rally
FEBRUARY 20-22
SANDIA VIEW ACADEMY
Hear Elder L. A. Skinner

Roswell District

★ The Carlsbad church voted recently to gather funds, plan for, and build a 44 ft. by 100 ft. school and recreational building. The plan calls for two large schoolrooms, a kitchen,

and a large recreational hall. The members plan to begin construction June 1 and will finish the building by the first of September so the building can be used for school this coming term. We have eight grades represented already and plan a two-teacher school. The board also voted to consider plans for enlarging the church building and adding Sabbath school rooms. Pray for us that we may be aided from above in this heavy undertaking.

★ On January 17 the Hagerman church voted unanimously to open a church school this coming school term. The Hagerman school has been closed for years but the rooms and equipment are still in good condition and will be used again this fall. The decision was a step by faith, but we have no fear for the future as we know the Lord is leading. It was also voted by the church to begin extensive remodeling and repair on the church building beginning January 19. Remember Hagerman in your devotions.

★ The members in Carlsbad, Roswell, and Hagerman churches are to be commended for their active personal work programs. There are about one hundred active interests now in the combined Bible study schools. We are anxiously looking forward to some evangelistic meetings in the near future. As the personal work interests come to a head, we plan to step in with public evangelism and bind off the interest. Just now it appears that we may be ready for the first evangelistic meeting by early summer. Our slogan is "Souls for Christ." Won't you join us with your prayers? Last year over forty souls were baptized in the district. This year we plan by God's help to win at least seventy-five souls. Don't forget us.

W. R. MAY, District Pastor.



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GEMS FOR THOUGHT

"There are only two places in the universe where we can place our treasures,—in God's storehouse or in Satan's; and

all that is not devoted to God's service is counted on Satan's side, and goes to strengthen his cause."—"Counsels on Stewardship," p. 35.

Baptisms

The final reports for 1952 have now reached our office. As we view these reports we are encouraged, even though we had hoped they would be better. Two hundred thirty souls were added by baptism and profession of faith during 1952. While this falls far short of the sixth consecutive year, our additions by baptism and profession of faith have remained above the two hundred mark. There may have been others baptized who were not placed on the record.

Nine churches did not report even one baptism for the entire year. Eighteen churches show a gain in membership for the year, and thirteen show a loss. The other churches remain at the same membership at the close of the year even though they may have had additions by baptisms.

Hats off to the churches at Baton Rouge and Shreveport! They are the only two churches, besides the conference church, having a baptism each quarter and with baptisms which equal 10 percent of their membership at the beginning of the year. Incidentally, the Shreveport church closed the year as the largest church in the conference except the conference church; but Gentry is a close second. The churches at Benton, Decatur, El Dorado, Jonesboro, Lake Charles, Monroe, Pine Bluff, Shreveport, and the conference church also had baptisms that equaled 10 percent of the membership at the beginning of the year. A number of others had baptisms for three of the four quarters, and several lacked only a few baptisms of reaching their 10 per cent goal.

We were discouraged in noting the small net gain in membership during the year. We began 1952 with 3,145 members and closed the year with 3,154 members—a net gain of only 9 members. Perhaps there is little we can do to conserve the loss. Ninety-nine more people moved out of the conference than moved in as indicated by the loss in letters. Ninety-four were dropped by apostasy and missing. If these could have been

held, it would have helped our gain situation considerably.

We can face the future with courage, however, because it seems that through the years baptisms have been heaviest on alternate years. 1952 was the year when we naturally would expect lower baptisms. With this fact in mind, it would seem that 1953 would be a year when baptisms should be expected to reach an all-time high. Since last year we lacked just six of reaching the 300 mark, we should plan now to baptize more than 300 in 1953. Then, too, our apostasies and missing for the year were unusually high. This indicates that a number of churches have cleared their records, so we could naturally expect a smaller loss on this score during the coming year. Viewing the matter in this way, it would seem that the year before us would be a very good year. Shall we not pray and work now for a large number of baptisms during 1953? As a church elder, set your goal to lead your church into greater soul winning than ever. As conference workers, accept the challenge for evangelism during the coming year.

F. O. SANDERS.

Jets of Light

The messenger of the Lord, Ellen G. White, has mentioned that little jets of light could be seen springing up all over the earth. Then, too, she mentions that the work of God on the earth will be finished by consecrated ministers and laymen joining hands.

The members of the Hot Springs church have accepted the above challenge and are carrying out the divine plan of spreading the word. Just north of Hot Springs is a little lumbering community known as Mountain Pine. At the present time it is served by a lovely community church with different pastors taking care of the services. The men of the church in Hot Springs passed out a large number of issues of *Present Truth* and other tracts, also Bible School enrollment cards in order to create an interest.

Just before the holidays, we began a series of Monday night meetings in

the church with the laymen conducting the meetings, assisted by the pastor and the ladies of the church. The attendance was small at first, but at the last meeting approximately seventy-five were present. The offerings more than take care of the expense of the meetings. The men are already contacting former Adventists who are attending. Those laymen directly connected with the meetings are Robert Colgrove, Guy Overlees, James Nixon, Fred Hoover, Gerald Stricklin, besides the other members of the church.

Let us each take hold of the promises of God and launch out in the winning of souls, ministers and layworkers alike, and God will give the increase. We need your prayers.

W. J. LIGHTHALL,
District Pastor.

Music Progress at Ozark Academy

The music department of Ozark Academy, along with the other departments of the school, is making rapid progress during this present school year.

Newest organization on the campus is the orchestra, which at the present time has twenty-three members. This group was organized in October and has given two short concerts this year—one for the student body and the other for the board. It is anticipated that the membership will reach thirty or more by the end of the year.

The academy chorus has an enrollment of seventy for second semester. Besides being the regular church choir, this organization, in cooperation with the junior choir of forty-eight, presented just prior to the holidays a sacred concert entitled "The First and Second Advents of Christ." Life-size scenes drawn in chalk by Mrs. Gene Armour and a script helped the choir to tell the story of their Saviour's birth and soon coming.

A selected cappella choir is being organized at the present time for the purpose of giving talented students an opportunity to learn some of the fine music in the field of a cappella choir literature.

Eighty students are scheduled to receive private lessons each week. Instructors for these include Mrs. Leon Russell, organ and piano; Mr. George Fisher, vocal; and Mrs. Donald E. Woodruff, instrumental and piano.

MRS. D. E. WOODRUFF.

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Evangelism in Bartlesville

On Sunday night, September 21, 1952, a series of evangelistic meetings was opened in the newly purchased Seventh-day Adventist church in Bartlesville. Meetings were held each Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday night for a period of eight weeks. Baptismal classes were conducted the last four Friday nights of the series with eight in the class.

From the opening night to the close the attendance was nothing outstanding, but we were not discouraged for we knew the Lord was leading. The meetings were primarily planned for a revival among the church members and to bind off the

interests that had previously been formulated.

On the opening night we were very happy to have Elder and Mrs. George Gantz from the Muskogee district with us. Elder Gantz led the music, and Mrs. Gantz gave an interesting chalk drawing. For the remainder of the series, however, my wife and I had the responsibility of the music as well as the presenting of the subjects.

Misses Nell Marie Thomas and Zena Walker were very faithful in their ushering, and we did greatly appreciate their assistance.

Elder and Mrs. Klement were with us on December 13, at which time we were happy to witness the baptism of eight individuals.

The offerings were good throughout the effort, and the total cost to the local conference was less than \$100. Truly the Lord has blessed our endeavors as we today see these dear ones rejoicing in this message.

E. E. HERR,
Pastor, Vinita District.



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Gulf Coast MV's

Through the masterful leadership of G. Lester Stauffer and secretary, Millie Urbish, a full day of top interest events was enjoyed January 24 by all loyal Gulf Coast MV's.

Sabbath school was different. Youth talent from SWJC put the program over with unusual success. Elder M. D. Lewis, Bible teacher at our college, brought to our youth and the friends of youth who completely filled the church a heart-touching, soul-stirring message. In response one more precious soul was saved and all gave their lives anew in consecration.

The afternoon found nature-loving Volunteers on the Galveston beach. It was truly ideal, refreshing, and inspiring. At four o'clock the church was again filled to capacity. Alert youth challenged fellow youth to join the MV Legion of Honor. In response

to the call made by the conference MV leader, new legionnaires stood and, with hands raised, repeated the covenant together. Now it's loyalty to the colors!

The evening's program was secular. Guests from the college presented a variety program to a very appreciative audience.

The next Gulf Coast MV Association meeting will come in April.

HAROLD W. JEWKES.

20th Century Bible School

(Continued from last issue)

"The first Sabbath of this year was the first one I've kept holy. I have no service to attend. But my nurse, Brother 'N', as you know, is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and he and I read the Sabbath school lesson and keep God's fourth commandment. I've made a resolution for this year—part of it is to keep God's commandments wherever I may be. Enclosed you will find ten three-cent stamps for the paying of my tithe. That's the other part of my resolution—not to rob God. Please pray for me that I will be faithful to God in every way." Brother "T" is an inmate of the Texas State Prison System. Yes, he

made a mistake in his life, the same as you and I have so many times. The only difference is, he made the wrong kind of a mistake; but God has forgiven him, just as you and me, and has accepted Brother T as a son through Christ Jesus.

He has been studying the 20th Century Bible Course, with the help of Brother N. Brother N has been a real help to Brother T and to another young man confined in Huntsville who are about to take their stand for the truth. Brother N writes, "I hope to see them baptized before I leave here in June."

Please pray for these dear souls daily.

J. H. WARDROP.

Foxhole Conversion in Korea

Jim had been a drunkard before he was sent to Korea; but while he was there, his mother sent him a set of *Bible Pageant*. He read the books in the foxholes and took them with him everywhere he went. He interested his buddies and company commander in reading them too; as a result, five of his buddies accepted Jesus as their Saviour. The day before Jim died, he wrote a few words in one of the books to his mother and told her he had accepted Jesus.

Four of those five buddies died in Korea, but one of them returned to the United States with the worn-out *Bible Pageant* set. He brought it back to Jim's mother. He wanted a set for himself but couldn't find anyone who had them for sale. Jim's mother told him she had purchased the books from a man who came to her door. The books were so worn out that one could hardly read the words.

One day another colporteur knocked on the door of Jim's mother's house, and how happy she was to find that she could purchase a new set of the *Bible Pageant*. She said that she was going to give them to the soldier friend who was Jim's buddy in Korea.

God is truly working on the hearts of the people in our day. Many are longing to know the way of truth and will gladly purchase our truth-filled literature if only we will give them the opportunity.

One of our colporteurs received this letter from a customer who had purchased *Modern Medical Counselor*, *Bible Readings*, and *Bedtime Stories*:

"Enclosed you will find a check in payment for the books, which have been quite a blessing in our home. We are just so thankful that you found your way to our door."

Today God is calling for consecrated men and women who are willing to go into His vineyard and work as colporteur evangelists. Time is short; the hour is late. Why not respond to the call and say, "Here am I, Lord; send me"? JOSEPH C. GREENE.

Ingram Church School

One of our interesting rural church schools is located in the hill country of Texas near Kerrville. The closest town is Ingram. Brother E. E. Butterfield is successfully teaching the small school and acting as the church leader of this group. Mrs. Butterfield stands faithfully by his side. She writes the following concerning the loyal group there:

"It is so nice to give a birthday offering in Sabbath school because it goes for 'new workers in new places.' But those new places are in faraway mission lands as a rule.

"We should have many new workers in new places here at home—yes, even in the great state of Texas.

"A few years back two families of lay workers, the Damons and Louis Clarks, did go into a new place, and held meetings in the little white schoolhouse across the creek. There was an interest, and several were baptized. A little white church was built on a hillside, and land was dedicated for church and church school.

"As yet the school cannot speak of workers gone out in the 'vineyard,' but we thank God for a faithful student going from door to door with the story of Jesus during her vacation.

"The school belongs to the church, and the church is part of the school—a beautiful bond of Christian love."

"What Conception Have They?"

I paused at a bus stop for a few minutes, glad to be out of the hurrying throngs crowding the sidewalks of a central, metropolitan city. Wearily I remarked to my Adventist friend, "Won't it be wonderful in the new earth—no crowds, no schedules, none of this?" She smiled her reassurance, but I had looked up in

time to face the puzzled glances of several who had overheard my remarks. No doubt I was a candidate for an institution, in their minds. My friend and I commented on the subject no further, but my mind spun round thinking of the comparison of the earth today and the earth made new.

As our bus turned into a street paralleling a gigantic structure of overpass under construction, my friend spoke of the relief in traffic this would afford, and I added, "It's hard to imagine that a thing as magnificent as that will crumble to ruins and destruction in the end." This time I didn't look up to see if I had been overheard. My mind went back to my former remarks, and I felt a sincere pity for those whose glances had branded me unbalanced. Truly, what conception had they of life in the hereafter? Were we to question one of them, he doubtless would concede to belief in another life after death, yet, upon hearing my unexpected statement, registered genuine amazement.

How do we go about changing the picture? How do we modify the look of surprise so often reflected, as if this mode of conversation were taboo? The answer lies in evangelism—lay evangelism, as much as the evangelistic ministry. We must enlighten those out in darkness. The servant of the Lord was counseled repeatedly that it is not the ministers alone who will finish the work but a people with hearts fully surrendered to Jesus and feeling a burden for the conversion of souls. "SON OF MAN, I HAVE MADE THEE A WATCHMAN UNTO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL; THEREFORE HEAR THE WORD AT MY MOUTH, AND GIVE THEM WARNING FROM ME." Ezekiel 3:17.

There are none of us overworked in the cause of Christ, but many souls have need to be harvested, and the
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Obituaries

CAMPBELL, Helen Evelyn, was born Feb. 11, 1900, at Wakita, Okla., and died Nov. 28, 1952, as the result of an automobile accident. She gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church at the age of sixteen. Upon completing her education she taught in a public school near her home. In 1930 she affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist school system and taught in Southwestern, Southern, Atlantic, and Columbia Unions.

She held a Life Certificate for Teaching in Elementary Grades. In recent years, because of the poor health of her parents, she returned to her home and again taught in the public school of Wakita, Okla.

Sister Campbell loved children and teaching. Her life was one of constant and vibrant Christianity. Hers was truly a life of service for others. She is sur-

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SUNSET CALENDAR

	Feb. 6 Feb. 13	
Amarillo, Texas	6:21	6:28
Brownsville, Texas	6:18	6:23
Dallas, Texas	6:04	6:10
El Paso, Texas	5:44	5:51
Fort Worth, Texas	6:06	6:12
Galveston, Texas	6:01	6:07
Keene, Texas	6:06	6:12
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:43	5:50
Muskogee, Oklahoma	6:03	6:10
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:41	5:47
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	6:03	6:10
San Antonio, Texas	6:16	6:22
Santa Fe, New Mexico	5:36	5:43
Shreveport, Louisiana	5:51	5:59

vived by her parents, Brother and Sister W. A. Campbell, of Wakita, Okla.; two brothers, and two sisters. Funeral services were conducted at Wakita.
Kenneth Moore.

CARSON, Mrs. Bell, age 89, quietly went to her rest in the Lord at the home of one of her daughters, Mrs. Margaret Weaver, of San Antonio, on Dec. 29, 1952. About 30 years ago a colporteur brought the message of a soon-coming Saviour to Mrs. Carson, and after a period of study she was baptized by Elder Hampton. In addition to Mrs. Weaver, those who survive include another daughter and one son. The funeral service was conducted by Elvin Benton and Douglas Marchus. Interment was in San Antonio.
Douglas Marchus.

CRADDOCK, Mrs. Hester Ann, was born on July 22, 1870, at Allmare, Ill., and passed away on Jan. 5, 1953, at the age of 82. Mrs. Craddock joined the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1916 and remained faithful until the time of her death. She was loved and respected by those who knew her. She loved God and delighted to study His Word. In spite of her many years in bed, she was cheerful and happy, ever looking forward to a home in heaven.

Sister Craddock leaves to mourn four sons, two daughters, grandchildren, and a great many friends. We mourn her death, but not as those who have no hope. We humbly submit to our heavenly Father's will, knowing that He doeth all things well.
L. E. Rogers.

EBERT, Walter William, was born in Blaine County, Okla., April 16, 1895, and died at the Will Rogers' Hospital at Oklahoma City, Jan. 16, 1953. He was loved and respected by his hospital attendants for his patience during his entire illness. During World War I he served in the Hospital Corps with the 80th Infantry. He was married to Olivia Kline in 1919. Surviving are his wife of Okeene, Okla.; two daughters, four grandchildren, five sisters, and one brother. Funeral services were conducted by H. C. Klement. Interment was at the East Cooper Cemetery. H. C. Klement.

FEIL, Emma Amelia, was born on the 23rd of Dec., 1877, in Russia and passed to her rest Jan. 9, 1953. At the early age of 7 she joined her parents in leaving the home of her birth and coming to America. She was married in the state of Kansas on the 10th of Feb., 1898, and to this union 10 children were born. Two children preceded their mother in death. Her husband also passed away in 1926. Sister Feil leaves behind to mourn her passing 8 children, 25 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and 2 sisters, as well as many other relatives and friends. In the year 1901, Mrs. Feil came to Oklahoma and settled near Shattuck, and the last 52 years of her life were spent here. In 1932 she joined the Shattuck Seventh-day Adventist church and was a good loving Christian throughout the years of her life. Funeral services for Sister Feil were conducted from the Shattuck Seventh-day Adventist church, and she was laid to rest to await the time of the glorious resurrection.
A. G. Streifling.

GRUNAU, Alma Lorene Schneider, was born on a farm near Enid, Okla., on June 7, 1906, and passed away Dec. 14, 1952. At the age of fourteen she gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church. On June 30, 1925, she was married to P. Irvin Grunau. To this union were born one daughter, Shirley Ann, and one son who died in infancy. Sister Grunau is survived by six brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were conducted in the Enid

Seventh-day Adventist church by the writer.
Kenneth Moore.

KOOBS, Mrs. D. H. (Marie), whose funeral service was conducted in the San Antonio Seventh-day Adventist church on Dec. 26, 1952, was born in Sterling, Ill., Oct. 17, 1900, and fell asleep in death at her home in San Antonio, Dec. 23, 1952, with the hope of life eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord. In 1930 she united with the South Side Seventh-day Adventist church of Chicago. At the time of her death she was the faithful treasurer of the San Antonio church—a position she had efficiently carried for many years. She is survived by her husband, three children, her father, three brothers, and one sister. The funeral service was conducted by Elders Holt, Mattison, Marchus, and Brother Elvin Benton.
Douglas Marchus.

STANLEY, Mrs. J. T. (Sophie), was born in St. Louis, Mo., on Sept. 10, 1879, and died at her home in San Antonio, Jan. 7, 1953. She was 73 years of age. She was a faithful member of the San Antonio church for more than 26 years. Mr. J. T. Stanley, of San Antonio, survives. The funeral service was conducted by Elvin Benton and Douglas Marchus. Interment was in San Antonio.
Douglas Marchus.

“What Conception . . . ?”

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time of reaping is upon us. As the time grows shorter it would be well for us to engage in a personal work of warning others of the nearness of Christ's return, then the danger of indulging in the sins that come with idleness will be lessened. A heart fully surrendered and aided by the Holy Spirit can work successfully in presenting the plan of salvation and further an understanding of God's way of life in the minds of the worldly. It may be through just such efforts as these that full conception will find its way into the minds of the honest in heart. Here in Waller we look about us and realize that in our neighboring towns there are those who are hungering for the words of life. Have you no “ready fields,” brethren?

FLORA MAE VINCENT,
Waller, Texas.

Health South of the Border

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gress after the war because of its effectiveness in strengthening U. S. relations with Latin-American countries.

For the most part the program in any particular country is administered and largely supported by that country.

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Weddings

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the Texico Conference she spent two years teaching grades 5-8 of the Albuquerque church school. The bridegroom was recently discharged from service after two year's duty with sixteen months overseas. Before this he attended the Sandia View Academy and is now planning to continue his education by studying for the ministry in Arlington, California.

May the Lord's blessing attend these young people as they further prepare in service for the Master and establish their new home.

WILLIAM GORANSSON.

Miss Veda Pearl Quinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Quinn, of Coleman, Texas, became the bride of Roy Allen Cope, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cope, of Coleman, January 4, at 10:00 a.m. in the home of the bride's parents. Elder R. A. Jenkins, pastor of the church at Brownwood, officiated at the wedding ceremony.

Let us pray that God will abundantly bless this new couple as they assume life's responsibilities together.

R. A. JENKINS.