



Weslaco Student Wins National Oratorical Contest

MISS Penny Lorraine Osborne, a senior student at Valley Grande Academy, was met at the Brownsville Airport Monday morning by her classmates and teachers in honor of her recent victory of winning first place in the National Temperance Oratorical Contest held in New York City for contestants from North America and Canada. This contest was sponsored by the American Temperance Society, a Seventh-day Adventist organization.

Penny, a future nurse, is the daughter of Pastor R. R. Osborne of Weslaco, who is pastor of the Spanish Seventh-day Adventist churches of the Rio Grande Valley. She has presented her oration four times. In her first presentation she won over her classmates of Valley Grande Academy, Don Mock, Ricardo Gomez and Verla Holub. This program was sponsored by the academy's student temperance president, Elias Gomez.

Penny next gave her speech in a five-state contest competing with other young people from the Southwestern Union Conference. Her victory here sent her and her mother, who was her coach, to New York City where Penny won over the seven other young people representing the eight SDA Union Conferences of the United States and Canada.

After a royal welcome at the airport Penny was taken to the KRGV-TV station where she once more presented her story as fellow classmates, who accompanied her to the studio, looked on. Pastor A. D.



Penny Osborne

Leach, director of the nine Seventh-day Adventist churches of the Magic Valley, revealed that Adventists definitely take a stand against the use of all alcoholic beverages (including beer), the use of tobacco, and intemperance of any kind. The reason, he stated, is because the church believes that the best way to instill principles is to be spirit filled.

The principal of Valley Grande Academy, C. A. Ortner, says that he and the school are very proud of Penny, and that this is the first time such an honor has come to Valley Grande Academy. The Magic Valley must be a wonderful area to cultivate leaders!

Medical Students — and Doctors — May Be Refused Recognition As Conscientious Objectors

Some months ago one of our students at CME learned that he could not receive a commission as a military officer unless he waived his rights as a conscientious objector. He wrote to me, asking for an explanation, because he knew that our medical men do receive commissions as officers in the various services without surrendering their noncombatant rights. I referred the question to the Department of Defense, asking for an explanation.

After some time had elapsed a reply from the Department of Defense stated that those students and medical men who accept military commissions under the pressure of a draft call may be recognized as conscientious objectors, but that those who accept commissions without being under such pressure will not be given such recognition. For that reason the medical student at CME had been refused a commission unless he surrendered his noncombatant rights.

GEORGE W. CHAMBERS, *Secretary*
War Service Commission.
General Conference

New Ellen G. White Book

Selected Messages, Books I and II, are brand-new Spirit of prophecy volumes. The work of compilation has been in progress in the offices of the Ellen G. White Publications in Washington, D.C. during the past two years. Here we have nearly a thousand pages of rare and out-of-print pamphlets and brochures. They were written at different times by Sister White throughout the 70 years of her ministry, with the special

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You will do well to obtain a set of *Selected Messages*, I and II, for your own library. Begin reading on page 1 straight through. It will be one of the most thrilling adventures in reading that you have ever enjoyed.

D. A. DELAFIELD,

Associate Secretary

Ellen G. White Publications.

The Pleasures of Economy

Several months ago I read a chapel talk by the president of Brown University, entitled, "The Pleasures of Economy."



T. C. Swinyar,
M.D.

I would like to share some of the high lights of that chapel talk with you. The president pointed out that in games and sports, one source of pleasure is the limitation imposed. In baseball, for example, the player is allowed only three strikes. If the batter were permitted to strike the ball as long as he pleased, the game would become too dull for the players and the spectators.

In golf the player is allowed one little ball and one drive at a time. If he could keep on driving until he got a drive which satisfied him, nobody would care to play with him. In fact, some of us would never get off the first tee. Similarly, life is a game which has to be played within the limits of time. Take, for example,

a man who spends much of his time in sleep. If it is needed sleep after useful work or useful service, then his sleep is beneficial, but if it is just the sleep of laziness, because he has no interests sufficient to keep him awake, then he is merely wasting time — just blotting it out.

Jesus was the supreme Master of the art of playing the game of life. He never permitted time to master Him. Never did He give the impression of dashing about Palestine trying to save time in order to keep to a schedule. Yet He knew that His earthly working days were few in number. He said so. There was an air of urgency about him but there was no feverish hurrying.

He had time to sit and talk with individuals on the way. He paused to play with little children. He took time off to spend much time in prayer. All this He did, yet He was not keeping to a calendar. He was, rather, fulfilling a life.

This story made a tremendous impression upon my thinking. So much so, that a week or so after having read the article I had the privilege of meeting our Seventh-day Adventist doctor in Benton, Arkansas, who is a living example of a busy man who is not pressed for time. Most likely many of you have met this doctor and have come to the same conclusion. He is none other than Dr. Theodore Charles Swinyar of Benton, Arkansas. How that man can carry on his crowded practice in his attractive office, take care of his surgery patients in the hospital, serve as local elder in the church, teach a Sabbath school class, help to keep the church school running in the black, keep the members' spirits buoyed up so that the Benton church was transformed from a neglected building to a modest sanctuary, and yet still find time to play with his three lovely children and write practical, sensible, down-to-earth newspaper articles on everyday living, is difficult to comprehend. Yet he does it.

It is so comfortable to fellowship with this type of Christian doctor. Although knowing his background we are sure that he is pressed for time, nevertheless he never gives people that impression. I believe his philosophy of life can be summed up in just one terse statement, namely—"To live right is to live so that yesterday, today and tomorrow add up to something useful and purposeful."

Dear member of the RECORD family, living as we do in this age in which man has learned to fly higher and faster than birds or sound, let us not catch the spirit of the age but correct it by not spending time but investing it, by budgeting our time so that we will not crowd out morning and evening worship, always find time to study the Sabbath school lesson, always make provision to attend Sabbath school, and by all means bring someone to the Master each year before probation closes.

A. R. MAZAT, *Secretary*
H.M. and S.S. Departments
Southwestern Union Conference.

It Wasn't Raining

It wasn't raining when Noah began to build the ark. There is no record that there was even a cloud in the sky. It wasn't even raining when Noah went into the ark, but Noah was ready when the great catastrophe came. By faith Noah knew that he needed this protection.

Parents of today, you know that military service is ahead for your young men. You do not need to take it by faith. You have seen your neighbors' sons called to serve.

Your church has provided an ark of safety for your boys. Their attendance at Camp Desmond T. Doss is their opportunity to prepare for the problems ahead. Don't be like the people in Noah's day, some of whom no doubt were convinced by that patriarch but, becoming accustomed to his message, neglected taking advantage of the opportunity.

Help your son to plan now to attend Camp Desmond T. Doss, June 3-17, 1958, at Grand Ledge, Michigan.

EVERETT DICK,
Associate Secretary
War Service Commission.

★ Southwestern Junior College

Keene, Texas
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Altus E. Hayes, Business Manager

Watch SWJC!

★★ Student elections were held April 17 for the Student Association officers to serve for the 1958-59 school year. Gerald Colvin of Olla, Louisiana was elected to serve as president, with Mary Nell Roper of Dallas, Texas as vice-president. Other officers chosen by the students

NOTICE VACATIONERS! Sabbath Services at Yellowstone Park

Again this year, the Wyoming Conference has made arrangements to hold Sabbath services for our visiting members in Yellowstone National Park.

There will be someone there each Sabbath to be in charge of the services which will convene at 10:00 a.m. Sabbath in the Recreational Hall at Old Faithful. Services will be held each Sabbath beginning on Sabbath, June 14, continuing through the months of June, July and August.

were Jim Hoehn as treasurer, Connie Jensen, secretary, Bruce Mazat, temperance leader, Charles Griffin, Missionary Volunteer leader, Judy Fenner, *Mizpah* editor, and Brenda Goza, *Southwesterner* editor. The newly-elected officers will attend a denominational workshop which convenes soon at Madison College.

★★ The Medical Cadet Corps under the leadership of C. C. Blackburn, commanding officer, held their annual bivouac on the Brazos River, April 18-22. Elder M. D. Lewis was guest speaker for the Sabbath service. The purpose of the bivouac was to simulate actual field problems in the care and treatment of sick and wounded personnel.

★★ The Hamilton Hall Furniture Fund Campaign officially closed on Thursday, April 17 with \$8,226.48 having been raised to that date. Don Schneider was announced as Grand Prize Winner, having raised \$815.50 with the cash in hand. Other prize

winners were Jim Sasser with \$618 and Jo Ellen Barnard, \$325. Prize winners for the most letters written were Don Schneider, 200, and Naomi Ewing, 71. Thirty rooms of furniture have been ordered with the delivery date promised before school closes.

★★ Elliott Fortner from Amarillo and Barbara Harkey of Lubbock were crowned Courtesy King and Queen for the month at a special honor service during the chapel of April 17.

ALTUS E. HAYES.

"Lucky Fellows!"

So a young man now in uniform describes those young men, who, with him, took Medical Cadet Corps training before going into military service. This young man, now serving as a 1-A-O draftee in the dispensary of an Army hospital, wrote as follows in a letter which reached us on March 25, 1958:

"It was in the year of 1954 that I attended the MCC Camp at Grand Ledge, Michigan. It is now that I have learned to appreciate the fine training, both the military as well as the spiritual, that was given to us lucky fellows." —Name withheld.

Every young man who is of draft age should be "lucky" enough to get this valuable pre-military training. However, "luck" is greatly aided by hard work and long-range planning. Now is the time for our young men to begin looking ahead and planning to attend the National Medical Cadet Corps Training Camp at Grand Ledge, Michigan, June 3-17, 1958. The combined plans of the young men, their parents, their pastors, their conferences, and their unions should provide all the help that "luck" will need. Let us do our best to see that they get it.

GEORGE W. CHAMBERS, *Secretary*
War Service Commission.

Denominational INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Southwestern Junior College has been authorized by the Board of Trustees to accept a limited amount of funds from our people to be used in the school's planned expansion program. Interest at the rate of 3% per annum will be paid, and the money is payable upon 30 days demand notice. Those having \$1,000 or more to invest for a year or more should write to the President or Business Manager, Southwestern Junior College, Keene, Texas.

CONFERENCE NEWS

★ Texas

PRAY FOR POWER AT THE NOONDAY HOUR

"On the Texas Trail"

(Part II)

Elder George Nickle and I found much activity in the Galveston-Texas City-Rosenberg-Angleton-El Campo district. Elder B. K. Mills has baptized 14 in the district already this year before taking up his new post in Houston. Elder R. D. Necker has arrived to take over the district leadership and is manifesting his usual enthusiasm and push in keeping up the momentum.

It is always a pleasure to stay in the fine Christian home of our Conference Committee member, Everett Calhoun in Rosenberg. Elder Necker arranged a district meeting held in a comfortable Richmond hall. The representation from all of the churches was excellent and an interesting program was planned. The district was "on fire" in more ways than one for the city fire department was called to extinguish a small fire in the building during Sabbath school. In the afternoon a special program appropriate for Easter time was presented with all churches taking part.

While the members were enjoying a film and social, Elder Nickle and I drove to Floral Avenue to visit the Youngs. We hope to have property for Pasadena soon. The work in this district is moving right ahead and both Elder Young and Elder Thurmon were planning baptisms very soon. In Houston Central we learned that both the prayer meetings and Sabbath school are growing in a most encouraging manner. Elder Harry Gray will be joining Elder Mills in a short effort in Waller this month. Prospects are bright indeed for both Houston districts.

Our next "hop" by Ford was southward. We arrived in Port Isabel in time for the evening evangelistic service held by Elders Findley and Gray. Bad weather had limited the

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

There has been some confusion regarding the MILLION-DOLLAR GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFERING goals. The church goal is determined by multiplying your church membership by \$2.00. Since there are many members missing, the Union and General Conference have recommended that the individual member goal be \$5 so it will assure our reaching our full church and conference quota. The world-wide field is depending on this coming in by the time of the General Conference Session — June 19. We know the churches of the Texas Conference will do their part.

—Robert H. Pierson.

attendance but the brethren were of good courage. They were planning a baptism for the following Sabbath. Elder Findley has done outstanding work in the Valley district the past several years and the members will miss the Findleys as they take up work in the Beaumont district soon.

Elders Schwindt and Patterson were just closing their meetings in the Lyford church and a baptism was planned for the next Sabbath. The church members had been encouraged and several took their stand for the message during the meetings. We are happy to have a strong worker like Elder Patterson to follow up these interests.

It was a pleasure to greet the Arthur Leach family in their new district for the first time. They have already won the hearts of all they have contacted. Already plans are under way for a good, strong all-around program in the newly-created all-Valley district. We look forward to Elder C. V. Leach joining his son in service in the Valley about July

1. We believe bright days are ahead for the Valley.

Elder and Mrs. Osborne are carrying on their usual busy program. A short effort was held in the Mission Spanish church by Elder Rendon recently and as soon as he returns to the Valley in May a similar series will be held in Mercedes Spanish church and then a long effort in Edinburg for our Latin-American friends. We are expecting a large harvest of souls among the Spanish-speaking population in the Valley.

Professor Clifford Ortner and his fine staff of teachers at the Valley Grande Academy are finishing up one of the best years in the history of our school. A splendid spirit prevails and the members in the Valley speak in glowing terms of the program this past year. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Osborne, has brought much favorable publicity to the school among the various churches visited in the southern part of the conference. Valley Grande scored again when Penny Osborne, Academy Senior, came out first in the Union Temperance Oratorical contest held while we were in the Valley. A trip to New York City, with her coach Mrs. Osborne, to compete in the North American contest was the prize, and as you will note in the front-page article Penny took first prize in the National Contest at New York City.

No report from the Valley would be complete without mentioning our doctors who stand behind the program so strongly. All are busy leading out in local church work and supporting the academy program. We deeply appreciate this.

After the Academy Board meeting had been cared for, Elder Nickle and I headed back for Fort Worth greatly encouraged with the prospects in the central and southern portions of our conference we had visited.

ROBERT H. PIERSON, *President*.

Trust Funds A Double Blessing

The arrangement in our conference whereby members can obtain a substantial income and security by investing in trusts, either small or

large, brings blessing and joy to them directly, but it also brings a real help and blessing to the work throughout the field.

Many needs can be met this way that would have to go unanswered otherwise. At least a dozen fine, new Christian doctors are wanting to come to Texas this year, and many towns in our state are calling for them. These doctors can be prepared and brought in as trust funds become available from our people. Other extremely important phases of our conference are also fostered through these trusts.

We urge more of our people to investigate this excellent plan of investing in God's cause. The interest and security is better than a bank and you will have the joy in having your investment working for God and not where "moth and rust doth corrupt."

Your conference needs these funds now and will be glad to answer your inquiries. Write us for further information on the plan of trust and annuities.

GLENMORE CARTER,
Medical Extension Secretary and
Association Representative.

Saved! By Your Pledge

"Do you really want to go to those meetings at the big tent?" questioned Dorothy. "Well, it surely won't hurt us any. Why don't we?" answered George. George and Dorothy were eating their evening meal. On the table beside them was a handbill announcing the opening meeting. For some time the young couple had been reading their Bible in an honest search for a deeper, more satisfying experience. As they attended these meetings their casual interest deepened into real conviction and within a few weeks George and Dorothy were baptized.

We thrill when we can read such stories of conversion. But, dear reader, do you realize that this couple was saved by your pledge? Yes, last year at camp meeting you pledged so much a month to Texas Evangelism. Without your pledge that tent meeting which George and Dorothy attended would not have been possible. They would not now be rejoicing in the truth.

So, it is a fact! Saved by a pledge. But actually, all of us have been saved by a pledge. In the courts of heaven God pledged to give His Son, and the Son pledged to give His life

for us. The disciples pledged their all, as have all Christ's true followers down to the present moment. You and I know this wonderful message because of those who pledged. Therefore how can any Christian say, I do not believe in pledging?

And now, back to George and Dorothy; they are pledging their all in order that still others may hear. But they are especially looking forward to camp meeting when the call is made to pledge to Texas Evangelism. We are going to be there, too, aren't we, ready to respond to the call so that many more in Texas may be saved by your pledge!

LEONARD F. WEBB,
Assistant Treasurer.

New Valley District Superintendent

Arthur Dale Leach, of Athens, Ohio has been appointed the superintendent of the Rio Grande Valley district.



Arthur Dale Leach

A native of Mount Vernon, Ohio, Elder Leach is the son of a minister, now retired and living at Walker, West Virginia. He is a graduate of Mount Vernon Academy and Washington Missionary College. During his college senior year he was nominated to a place in "Who's Who" in American Universities and Colleges. Immediately after graduation Elder Leach accepted an internship with the Ohio Conference.

Elder Leach is the brother of Elder Ben Leach, pastor of the Dallas church.

Elder and Mrs. Leach have three children, Arthur 7, Darlene 5, and Rhonda 1. Mrs. Leach is the former Christina Perez, and a native of Mansfield, Ohio.

The Leach family arrived in the Magic Valley on March 28, and Elder Leach preached his first sermon in the Weslaco church the following Sabbath.

It is a pleasure and a privilege to have Elder and Mrs. Leach and family in the Texas Conference family of workers and churches, and our prayers accompany them as they take up the reins and give strong leadership to God's work in the Magic Valley of Texas.

W. B. FINDLEY,
Publicity Secretary.

The Million-Dollar Offering For Missions

WHAT?

As usual, Texas will want to do her part in the great *Million-Dollar Offering to Missions* that will be reported during the forthcoming General Conference session.

WHAT FOR?

To help finish the work in all the world.

WHEN?

An offering is taken in *every* church *every* Sabbath. The accumulated offerings represent the gift of your church for this important project.

HOW MUCH?

The individual privilege is only \$5.00 — fifty cents a week for ten weeks! Hardly more than the daily paper.

OUR TEXAS GOAL?

\$16,000.

WHO?

YOU and YOU and YOU and ME!
ROBERT H. PIERSON, President.

Five Hundred and Sixty Miles to Save a Soul

One Seventh-day Adventist doctor, plus 560 miles driven to take two patients to evangelistic meetings, plus fourteen nights of Barron Brothers' services, equal one baptism, and one preparing for baptism.

This is the story of Doctor W. E. Tryon, of Santa Anna Hospital. Doctor Tryon was so eager that our own members and interested people from the Santa Anna area attend these meetings in Brownwood, that

he paid for the services of a bus for transportation.

At the close of the fourteen nights, Mrs. E. C. Smith and her mother, Mrs. Ed. Spencer, took their stand for baptism. Mrs. Smith is now rejoicing in the church, and her mother is looking forward to baptism.

When a busy doctor is willing to take time from his program and drive forty miles a night to take some of his patients to evangelistic services, the Lord will surely bless with baptisms.

JAMES B. GRAY, *Pastor*
Conference Church.

Elder F. F. Schwindt Joins Texas Conference Family

We are very happy to have Elder and Mrs. F. F. Schwindt join our Texas family for a few months. Elder Schwindt is helping us with our Decision efforts in our churches throughout the conference and the Lord is greatly blessing him.



Elder and Mrs. F. F. Schwindt

These faithful workers have labored in many places throughout North America and have brought hundreds of persons into the Advent Message. We feel especially fortunate to have them with us in Texas.

Efforts have already been held in the Weslaco, Harlingen and Lyford churches. In the months ahead efforts are planned for Mineral Wells, New Hope, Houston Central, Fort Worth and other important centers. Pray for the Schwindts while they are laboring in our midst.

ROBERT H. PIERSON, *President.*

Hospital Personalities

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murray, both natives of west Texas, came to the Santa Anna Hospital in 1953 to work for Dr. Henner. Fred worked doing



The Fred Murray family

the hospital maintenance and Jean as Dr. Henner's office nurse. At Dr. Henner's suggestion they moved to Abilene for Fred to take the laboratory and X-ray technician course at the Hendricks Hospital.

It was while the Murrays were in Abilene that the Henners donated the hospital to the Texas Conference. About a year and a half ago Fred finished his training and returned to the hospital as Lab and X-ray Technician. Also, about this time their son, Ricky, was born.

Last September when Mr. Jones resigned as hospital manager to take dental training, the board asked Mr. Murray, who attended school at Southwestern Junior College, to also assume the responsibilities of assistant business manager. Mrs. Murray has been helping out with the office work holding things together until Miss Sarah Barnetzke arrived to take over as office manager the first of March.

The Murrays, who are both willing workers and congenial folks, are well liked by all the hospital staff and are doing a good job for our hospital.

DUDLEY TOMBLINSON,
Hospital Administrator.

Ninety-Five Birthday Cards

Mrs. Amanda Wilson was born in 1863 in Sweden. She came to our beloved America when she was only eight years old. For seventy-seven years she has been a soldier of the Advent Message. Her early years bring to her recollection her working at the Battle Creek Sanitarium when Dr. Kellogg was there. Mrs. Amanda Wilson is one of the oldest conference members, and has spent 30 years in the Conference church of Texas. During her seventy-seven years of

living in the truth, she has been a continual reader of the *Review & Herald*. Now entering her ninety-sixth year of life, she still studies most faithfully her Sabbath school lesson quarterly and Bible. A visit with her will provide a historic sketch of the early pioneers and their work.

On her ninety-fifth birthday this past February 24, Sister Wilson received "95" birthday cards from her many friends. Those who were at the Texas Camp Meeting last year will recall having seen this cheerful sister enjoying every word as the speakers brought again to her the story of the greatest message this old world shall ever hear. We hope Sister Wilson will be able to be at camp meeting this year as she is



Amanda Wilson

nearing the time of Jesus' soon coming and her one hundredth birthday. Living this message has kept her mind sharp, her conversation "full of the message," and her face glowing with the love that she has for everyone.

H. R. ROBBINS.

Are You Looking For A Country Environment?

The faithful Seventh-day Adventist parent seeking to provide all the things conducive to the rearing of children after the Divine pattern finds existing conditions these days quite perplexing. How to correlate the admonition of the Lord regarding life and nature, education in a Christian school, and good church facilities, and at the same time secure suitable employment is a prob-

lem. Usually when one finds work where it is possible to live in the country there is no school, sometimes not even a church. Then occasionally you will find the latter advantages but no work opportunities.

At present, near our Jefferson 10-grade school, located in a rural Adventist community with new church facilities, there are occasional openings for skilled men in such trades as machinists, electricians, carpenters and a number of other trades. These jobs provide a forty-hour week and open shop. There are also openings at times in some of our local broom and broom supply factories, owned by Seventh-day Adventists.

We are sending out this word with the thought that it might be helpful to some of our brethren who may be searching for these advantages for their families. If further information is desired write:

LEE HADLEY, *Pastor*
Route 4, Box 99
Jefferson, Texas.

Food For Thought

What does this mean? "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

"The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Prov. 11:24,25

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.

"So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov. 3:9,10

It sounds from these texts that we have been doing some reverse thinking. It sounds like that in God's program to have something we must first give something away.

This is true when we want to make a crop in the field. If we do not plant the seed we will never have an increase.

"There is nothing save the selfish heart of man, that lives unto itself. The trees . . . the shrubs . . . the birds . . . the animals . . . the flowers . . . the sun and the ocean all give to bless others." DA pg. 687.

I understand that the Dead Sea always receives and never gives but is stagnant and poison.

How different the stream coming down from the mountainside, always giving to bless others, and always pure and sweet.

It was only when the widow of Zarepath put God's work first that she could claim the promise, "The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth." I Kings 17:14

Her physical life depended on the way she used the little she had. Do you suppose our eternal life is endangered if we are not faithful stewards?

Listen to what the servant of the Lord says about it in Vol. 9, page 250: "The tithe is the Lord's, and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure unless they repent." In viewing the judgment scene, it was observed that "Under the general heading of selfishness came every other sin." Vol. 4, page 384. Since this is true of us we need to make it our business to do all we can, with God's help, to starve out selfishness by being faithful in our giving.

Quoting from *Early Writings*, pages 56 and 57, we read, "I was shown that it is the will of God that the saints should cut loose from every incumbrance before the time of trouble comes, and make a covenant with God through sacrifice. If they have their property on the altar, and earnestly inquire of God for duty, He will teach them when to dispose of these things. Then they will be free in the time of trouble, and have no clogs to weigh them down."

"I heard some mourn like this: 'The cause was languishing, God's people were starving for the truth, and we made no effort to supply the lack; now our property is useless! Oh, that we had let it go, and laid up treasure in heaven!'"

It says in 2 Chron. 16:9, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."

Let us be faithful stewards so that when Jesus comes we may hear him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

N. H. WATERS.

After Many Days

Sister Romie Benoit, of Vinton, Louisiana, a member of the Orange, Texas church, has for years tried to help her neighbors and friends find the truth as it is in Jesus, but with

very little outward success until just recently.

About four months ago, Mr. and Mrs. Parish, a niece and nephew of Sister Benoit, were traveling over a country road and approached a very flimsy bridge over a very deep and dangerous creek. They were traveling faster than was safe. Mr. Parish applied the brakes, causing the truck to slip on the wet boards. It went over the side of the bridge, turning over and falling about twenty feet, almost submerging in the water of the creek. Mrs. Parish received a crushed right shoulder and other injuries. Mr. Parish was badly cut about his face and several of his ribs were fractured. They were pinned inside the cab of the pickup truck which was almost filled with water. Mr. Parish, though badly hurt, held Mrs. Parish's head up out of the water for over an hour until help arrived.

Mrs. Parish said, "If I had died there I would have gone to hell." For years Sister Benoit had tried to help Mrs. Parish find Jesus, but like so many today Mrs. Parish was living for the present, trying to have a good time with the things of this life. But down there in the creek, her body broken, with her husband holding up her head above the water, though he was in intense pain, she found Jesus. Like Peter on stormy Galilee she cried out, "Lord, save me," and He did.

Now she was ready for the knowledge of Jesus and His faithful servant, Sister Benoit, asked me to conduct studies there. Never before have I found anyone so eager to learn. She began attending church just before I left the district. She is a lady in her middle forties, but asked if she could go to the mission fields. She wants to redeem the time she has lost. Her husband works for the city and is trying to arrange for Sabbath privileges so he can follow Jesus.

I am sure that if it had not been for the faithfulness and perseverance of one good lay member this soul might still be in darkness.

JACK H. WARDROP.

Texas Book and Bible House News

Have you received your \$5.00 gift from the Book and Bible House? Why not send us your order today and claim this excellent gift. Yes, you

can have the *Index to the Writings of Ellen G. White* absolutely free with the purchase of either a set of the CONFLICT SERIES or the TESTIMONIES. The CONFLICT SERIES are \$23.50 in cloth for all five volumes, and the TESTIMONIES are \$24.00 in the four-volume cloth set, or \$27.00 in the nine-volume cloth set. Get your free *Index* soon by adding one of these excellent Spirit of prophecy sets to your home library. Allow 50c for mailing. Texas Book and Bible House, 706 West Lowden, Ft. Worth, Texas.

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What Are You Telling Your Child?

Parents today are faced with the rapid development of knowledge and how it affects their children. The sex story is one that comes to most children quite young in years. Dear Mother and Dear Father: Is that information coming from you FIRST? You can clothe it with the halo of heaven and make it beautiful, understandable, and acceptable to those little ones of yours. We in the Bible house have discovered a beautiful booklet called *The Story of Life* by Ellis W. Whiting. This is an intelligent answer to the question, "Mother, where do babies come from?" The author of this book says: "Your reward for telling the story FIRST will be that you, rather than any playmate, will be your child's confidant for future questions on this and allied subjects . . . and you will be able to offer friendly counsel whenever it is needed to help solve any vital problem of life." Although this book is not written by an Adventist, it is written with a genuinely Christian approach, and carries the endorsements of J. DeWitt Fox, M.D., editor of *Life and Health Magazine*, and Elder H. M. Tippet.

The delightful thing about this book is that it can be used at an early age — 4, 5 or 6. You will be very thankful for the aid it will bring to you as a parent. Both fathers and mothers will find it a real help. Be sure to get a copy

soon. Be ready for the questions that are sure to come, but better still, be FIRST with the correct answers. Ask for *The Story of Life*. The price is \$1.00 plus 5c for mailing. Write the Texas Book and Bible House, 706 West Lowden, Fort Worth, Texas.

NOTICE

The Greenville company would like to receive clean copies of "Signs of the Times" and "These Times" to place in reading racks. Send to Mrs. Dale Porter, Route 5, Greenville, Texas.

★ Texico

A Conference Visitor

How appreciative we are when a minister comes to our home with an encouraging word, has prayer with us, and truly has our welfare at heart. Many of us long for such a visit.

The Texico Conference Committee has given much study to a plan of visitation of all our members in the conference. Elder W. D. Kieser has been appointed to carry on this program, and will begin his visiting about May 1. As he visits in the homes of our members, he will have a plan to present which will serve to strengthen our faith in this wonderful message, and help us to be fully prepared for the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

M. D. HOWARD, President.

How Do You Do It?

A few questions, please, today in regard to your personal affairs. You will not need to write out the answers and send them to me, but I would like to know how you run your home or your business.

When you need to have your equipment serviced, whether it be automobile, tractor, or machines of any kind, or even possibly other equipment, do you ask for the service without expecting to pay those who render such service?

When you buy supplies for the home or office or farm, do you ask for those supplies without expecting to pay for them?

Do you want your church school

and academy to hire teachers and purchase supplies without having the money with which to pay for such services and supplies?

Do you expect to receive the services of your schools and academy, or it may be a college, without cost? If so, how will they meet their bills for salaries and services that they need?

What would you say if you were an academy administrator and \$15,000 was owed by the students for their tuition, board, and room?

Can any institution or private individual operate without funds?

If you are a patron of a church school, or an academy, or a college, won't you please make a special effort to meet your obligations and thus make it possible for the school to purchase supplies and to pay the salaries so that the school can continue to operate?

Thank you for an answer to all of these questions.

M. D. HOWARD, *President.*

S. V. A. Happenings

Spring Week of Prayer

The Spring Week of Prayer has just ended at Sandia View Academy and both students and faculty feel that they have had a very wonderful experience. Elder H. M. S. Richards, Jr., pastor of the Albuquerque English church, was the speaker for the week. He took as his theme, "The Christ of the Campus."

From day to day Elder Richards brought to us from the Spirit of prophecy helpful assurances and gateposts to happiness. Some of his topics included "The First Man," "The Christ of the Empty Tomb," "The Christ of True Happiness," "The Christ of the Third World," "The Third Man," etc.

We feel that many victories were won for Christ as most of the students expressed a desire for reconsecration of their lives to Him. Some who had never taken their stand for Him made that decision this past week, and all of us feel that it was good to have been present and to have enjoyed the blessings that the week brought us. We wish to express our appreciation for the timely counsel and the guidance which Elder Richards brought to us.

Academy Days

The Academy Days at Sandia View

Academy is scheduled from May 11 through May 13. Registration will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday. We would like to extend an invitation to every student of the Texico Conference who is of academy age — not only those who are attending our church schools at the present time, but to those who for some reason or other may have found it necessary to attend a public school.

Your room, meals, and entertainment while here will be taken care of by the academy, while each church will arrange in its own way, transportation for each group.

We have many interesting things in store for you as well as prizes and gifts which will be given to each one who attends. We trust that each member of your church will make a supreme effort to see that every youth will be at Sandia View Academy on May 11 at 3 p.m.

Summer School

We are planning to offer some summer school work for those who are interested in enriching their academic program this coming summer. Possible classes will be in English, History, Bible, and perhaps one or two other fields. These will be offered only as sufficient numbers request them.

Also to be offered for the school year 1958-59 will be courses in ground school and flying instruction which will be taught by a well-qualified Seventh-day Adventist pilot.

We have several openings for young men and women in our summer work program here at the academy. If you are interested in attending a Christian school, we would urge you to send in your application as soon as possible.

Broomshop Reopens

Our broomshop has just reopened under the management of Brother Carl Smith, from Jefferson, Texas, and more recently from Cocoa, Florida. He has had over twenty years experience in the broom business and we are fortunate that he has come to Sandia View Academy to operate the shop here. This will offer more work opportunities for young people who need to earn a major part of their way.

We are thankful to God that He impresses such men to sacrifice that our young people might have the opportunity to attend a Christian school.

G. H. BYERS, *Principal.*

Dates Set For Camp Texico

Texico's annual summer camp will be held this year at El Porvenir, New Mexico. The change was made from the usual site at Ceta Glen due to the fact that it was not available at a time when we could use it.

June 1-8 at El Porvenir has been chosen as the best time of any that was open to us in view of the coming General Conference Session, summer vacations, and camp meeting conflicts.

The El Porvenir Christian Camp that we are renting is a former guest ranch, located in the tall-timber country high in the Rocky Mountains twenty miles above Las Vegas, New Mexico. The accommodations are excellent and this promises to offer one of the outstanding summer camp experiences in the history of Texico's JMV's.

There is one sad thing about the holding of camp this year that we wish was not necessary to mention. That is, the camp must be limited to the first 115 applications received. This is a stipulation of our renting agreement due to the limited camp facilities. So any who expect to attend had better send their applications now. Remember, there were 145 boys and girls at camp last year. If for some reason you have no application blank, send your name and address on a piece of paper with \$2.00 deposit, the balance of \$15.00 to be paid at camp.

A strong spiritual, recreational, and outdoor program is being planned with special emphasis on hiking — long hikes, short hikes, overnight hikes, moonlight hikes!

Couple this with the usual good times, crafts, campfires, and horseback riding and you can easily visualize a summer camp that will never be forgotten.

There are still openings for adults who would like to serve on the staff as counselors, or teach a hobby or nature craft. Naturally, we cannot offer wages, but here is a real missionary project that will bring you many rich experiences and much soul satisfaction for the efforts put forth in most delightful surroundings!

Send your applications as a camper or adult staff member to MV Department, Box 1399, Amarillo, Texas. But do it this week. Delays will mean needless disappointments.

J. L. JESPERSEN, *Secretary*
Missionary Volunteer Department.

★ Arkansas - Louisiana

Lake Charles District

One of the principle activities of the Lake Charles church is welfare ministry. A Welfare Center is operated by our Dorcas Society and is able to give substantial aid to several families every week. Recently improvements, such as new shelves, new cupboards, venetian blinds, and new curtains, along with a rearrangement of the clothing, have given this center a new look.

Quite a number of minor repairs and improvements have also been undertaken, and many still need to be done for the correction of long-standing inadequacies in the Lake Charles church plant.

More fascinating than these, however, are the definite plans for a new house of worship, and a new school building with sufficient playground area for our children. We have a good school in Lake Charles, but we need a better location, with space for proper recreation. As soon as this provision can be affected, we are sure we shall have a larger enrollment of children in our school. Presently we have one part-time and two full-time colporteurs in this area. Please remember these workers in your prayers that the many books being placed in this district may be the means of an eventual harvest of souls for the kingdom.

On March 29 we were honored by a visit from our conference president, Elder I. M. Evans, as well as by a visit of the Baton Rouge Junior Academy Choir, with their principal, Frank Beeson. The young people presented a program in the DeRidder and Lake Charles churches.

The DeRidder church membership is very small, but customarily it is host to several service men and their families, who are in the army at Fort Polk. These young men have shown a real interest in missionary work by giving Bible studies among their buddies, by distributing timely literature, such as the temperance *Activities*, and the new book, *Questions On Doctrine*.

Mrs. Betty Lou Westphal is the Extension division secretary for the DeRidder Sabbath school. Her husband is stationed at Fort Polk. Through their faithful and enthusiastic efforts, DeRidder can claim an

extension division class as large as the class in the church, and a branch Sabbath school larger than the parent Sabbath school.

In New Iberia we have a company of very earnest believers. There are only six, but they are faithful. A few months ago these people began saving money toward the erection of a new church building in that city. We are sure God will honor their faith by sending an effort to their city, and by adding souls to their fellowship.

In Southwest Louisiana there is much land remaining to be possessed. There are many fair-size cities without an Adventist church, and with scarcely a believer. Some examples are: Eunice, Opelousas, Jennings, Crowley, Lafayette, Abbeville, Franklin.

Will you not pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into this part of the vineyard, and that the laborers already here may receive greater grace for greater accomplishments?

GEORGE S. STEVENS, *Pastor*
Lake Charles District.

Veteran Returns

Recent visitors at the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference office were Elder and Mrs. Frank A. Page, now retired and residing at Boulder, Colorado.

After the death of his father, G. W. Page, at Bradford, Arkansas fifty years ago, Brother Page took his widowed mother to Battle Creek, Michigan to continue his education there, and work in the Sanitarium. This is his first visit back to Arkansas.

In 1903 Brother Page was married to Jennie Briggs, South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Three years later, with their only son, now Doctor Donald F. Page, who is connected with the College of Medical Evangelists, they moved to Colorado where they have made their home ever since.

Elder Page served in the Colorado Conference as educational superintendent for five years, then later he served twelve years as Sabbath school and home missionary secretary.

Though 80 years of age, Elder Page is very active physically and spiritually. He and his wife drove through from Boulder, and all along the way he distributed literature and made missionary contacts.

They plan an extended trip to visit his old home at Heber Springs, and Bradford, where his father is buried; then on to Oklahoma and other points of interest before returning to their home in Boulder.

OFFICE SECRETARY.

Proud Parents

Mothers and fathers who do not seem pleased to be told that their offspring are "just like them," or "the very image of them," are few and far between. Even we who manifestly are uncomely seem to have an elated feeling when such remarks are made. Perhaps divine dictates in genetic laws provide for a pardonable pride to cover such conditions in the privilege of parenthood. There must be something akin to God in the desire of parents to want their children to reflect their image, hazard or no hazard.

Was it not revealed in the councils of Diety that such a desire did exist when it was proudly proposed, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Gen. 1:26. Is it any wonder that when the privilege of procreation was conferred on man the desire for "likeness" of offspring would not also be conferred? Are we not, too, Godward to our children? Let us then be glad that, though, "it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him." I John 3:2. Parents then can better understand His desire for us to "reflect the image of Jesus fully."

"Likeness," to Him in form is less lovely than likeness to Him in character. "God is love." I John 4:8. Giving is the most notable thing about God. His capacity to give outshines every other capacity. Giving is love's only means of manifestation. Giving is Godlike. Selfseeking is Satanic. Those who would be Godlike must be great givers. To restore and develop such a capacity in His children who had sinned, gifts and offerings were begun just outside the gate of Eden. Gen. 4:4.

As time went on and carnal nature displayed its perverseness, it was necessary for God to provide a plan that would prompt and test more than love and gratitude. Integrity and honesty were at stake. Testing and prompting for them must also be provided which in turn would provide support for His cause. Thus tithing was introduced through Abra-

ham, Isaac and Jacob. Gen. 28:22; Heb. 7:4.

Tithing is not giving. Tithing is returning; paying a just debt to the Landlord of the Universe. The Creator thus aids us in keeping conscious that "the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." Ps. 24:1.

Requiring us to return the tenth, reminds us that "all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee." I Ch. 29:14. If we take the tenth, we steal from Him in whom we live and move and have our being and are obliged to be cursed. If we return that which is His, which never was and never can be ours, we are honest and we will be blessed. Mal. 3:8-10.

After the tenth is returned we can give offerings as our faith and gratitude allow. Offerings cannot begin until tithe obligations end. How good the great Giver is to provide a means for our likeness to Him in the greatest of all His glories—GIVING.

J. LEE NEIL, Pastor
Little Rock District.

Franklin Avenue on the March

The New Orleans Franklin Avenue Church is on the Go! Under a well-planned program the people are rallying around in a way that is thrilling to behold. Each Sabbath afternoon finds a group of energetic ternoon finds a group of energetic and enthusiastic church members labeling literature and distributing the same to certain defined territories. Each person is responsible for a given area and leaves a copy of *Present Truth* each week for four weeks, then attempts to enroll the occupant in our Bible correspondence course.

The results thus far have been gratifying, as far as the public response is concerned, but equally thrilling is the response of our church folk to a well-planned organization. They enjoy their work and only eternity will reveal the results of their labors.

Brother Howard Gafford is the home missionary leader and is leading out in the program of helping to spread this message.

On Saturday nights the church members get together for ping pong and other games, and a real time of recreation is enjoyed.

Please remember our church and its program in your prayers that the close of 1958 will find us with a rich harvest of souls for the Master.

C. R. MORTON, Pastor.

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Farewell Mena — Hello Mt. Pleasant

Mrs. Ashton and I spent our summer vacation doing lay evangelism at Mt. Pleasant, Arkansas in 1954 and again in 1955. We learned to dearly love our Adventist believers there as well as the people of the community and made a promise to return after my retirement from the Postal Service in Brownsville, Texas and spend a few months with them. This retirement took place at the close of business on October 31, 1956.

We fully intended to go to Mt. Pleasant the following spring, but in November, 1956, Elder C. L. Beason, then of the Texarkana district, requested that we stop for a while at Mena, Arkansas, one of the cities in his district. In Mena we discovered a wide-open field for Bible studies. We made so many promising contacts that it seemed impossible for us to get away until recently. Even now, there are several dear souls with whom we were studying,

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who should be ready for church membership in a few weeks.

It was truly hard to pull away from our dear believers and interests in Mena. When we first went there, there were only eighteen consecrated active members under the leadership of Brother and Sister J. G. Harrison. June 1, 1957 the Mena Company was organized into the Mena Dallas Valley church of thirty-six charter members.

We feel confident that the work will continue to grow, and that those interests will be ably taken care of by Brother and Sister Harrison and Brother Guy Bible. Brother Bible studied his way into the truth under Brother and Sister Harrison, and he is now busy giving Bible studies with a tape recorder and films.

On the morning of March 4, we left Mena with our trailer, arriving late that afternoon at Mt. Pleasant. We are busy holding a few meetings in the church, in preparation for a series of lay evangelism meetings. We are renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. We have attended the Presbyterian and Baptist churches on Sunday, and have been invited to teach a Sunday School class in the Presbyterian Church, and also to preach. We took a "rain check" on the invitation to

preach, but responded to the invitation to give the scripture reading and offer the pastoral prayer. The pastor gave us a very cordial welcome and introduced us as Seventh-day Adventists.

We spoke in the Baptist church last Sunday evening on the subject, "A Purifying Hope." The Lord gave us a message that was well received by the congregation.

Recently we made contact with the *Batesville Guard*, a daily newspaper published in Batesville, having wide distribution in this area. They gladly agreed to publish our church bulletin each Friday, and also said when we were ready to start lay-evangelism meetings they would be glad to work with us in giving these meetings publicity.

Please pray with us and for us, that we may be humbly usable for God and that the work, under His direction, will grow here. Pray that there will be a great revival in our midst, and a great ingathering of souls, so that the Mt. Pleasant company can be organized by the end of the year into a regular church with a charter membership more than double its present membership of eighteen.

MR. AND MRS. WM. M. ASHTON,
R. F. D. 1,
Batesville, Arkansas.

★ Oklahoma

Within the Hour

Our Oklahoma City Dorcas Society responded to an appeal within the hour when a family of six was driven from their flaming home during a recent early morning butane gas explosion.

Workmen at the site of the smoking remains directed our ladies to the grandparents' home where they found the mother and two daughters — one of pre-school age, the other age ten, who, having lost a bitter struggle against polio, was confined to a wheel chair.

Since everything had been lost, it required two full days to meet the family's needs completely. It gave our society a pleasant feeling when they learned that their organization was the first to bring material aid.

F. W. HUDGINS,
Dorcas Welfare Secretary.

News Notes

● Brother Huff, accountant at the Ardmore Sanitarium and Hospital, phoned in that the footings for the new building have been poured this week. Another week may see some of the wall of the structure going up, and the entire plant assuming shape.

● Elders E. E. Herr and C. W. Pine are holding nightly meetings in the new Guthrie church with gratifying results. A goodly number of outside people are attending. The Guthrie church will be dedicated on Sabbath, May 3. Elder L. C. Evans, president of the Southwestern Union, will be the speaker.



Experience in the Philippines

The Voice of Prophecy recently received the following story of the conversion of Sergeant Teofilo Guzman.

In March, 1956, several young ladies visited the headquarters of the 23rd PC (Philippine Constabulary) Company at Barrio Abogado, Paniqui, Tarlac, canvassing for *Our Times* magazine and crisis books such as *Judy Steps Out* and *Emergency Care in the Home*. One by one the men refused to place any orders. As they approached me, I could see that they had refined manners and were very humble. I took pity on them and subscribed to *Our Times*, and bought the two books mentioned above. Little did I realize that my courtesy purchase would change my whole life, as well as other lives in my home. I paid the down payment and was given a copy of *Our Times*.

I began at once to look through the magazine, noting with interest the things it contained. When I came to the last page, my eye caught the advertisement for a free Bible course sponsored by The Voice of Prophecy, Box 8, Manila. I clipped and filled out the coupon. After a few days my first lesson arrived. I was so interested that I studied it and answered the questions that very day. The study of the lessons that followed was so exciting and soul-stirring that I sometimes neglected my work in the

office. By the time I reached the fifth lesson, I decided to enroll my wife in the Ilocano course. Together we studied, and little by little, we began to feel the effect of these lessons upon our lives.

When the lesson on healthful living came, we found that there were some things which we should not be eating. Since we believed that these lessons were teaching us God's truth, we ceased to partake of those unfit foods. Then came the lesson on tithe. We asked ourselves, "Could it be that God expects us to give one tenth of our limited income?" We studied this important subject many times, with the result that we began to send our tithe to The Voice of Prophecy in Manila. After paying tithe for about four months, a representative of the Back-Pay Division in Manila came to our home to inform me that a check for \$1,080 was being issued to me at the head office. When I received the money, my heart seemed to burst with joy, for I realized that the tithe which I had paid had been returned by God many times over.

The lesson on baptism brought a question to our minds — With which church is The Voice of Prophecy affiliated? Some time passed without an answer to our question. One day while traveling on the bus, I saw a signboard with the name Seventh-day Adventist on it, nailed to a coconut tree near a small chapel. I asked the driver to stop. Getting off, I went to the chapel and found a service in progress. At the close of the meeting I asked if this chapel had any connection with The Voice of Prophecy. To my great joy, I found that it was the very church that sponsored the Bible course we had been studying.

The church elder invited me to eat lunch at his home. That afternoon there was another service in the chapel at which time I was introduced to Miss Taaca, the Bible instructor for Northern Luzon Mission, who taught me more about the Bible. She invited me to bring my wife with me the following Saturday. The following Sabbath we worshiped at this little chapel in Carino, Tarlac.

Then a most wonderful experience began to take place. My sister-in-law and my niece, both of whom lived with us and had listened many times as we had studied our Bible lessons, began to attend the Sabbath services also. My sister-in-law was very fond of smoking, but after the lesson on healthful living she gave it up. She

had been quite sickly, but now her health improved considerably.

I have been a soldier for fifteen years, and I am ashamed to say that I have been addicted to vices such as liquor, gambling, and immorality. I have been ruthless and cruel in the performance of my official duties. But since that glorious day, March 28, 1956, when the first rays of God's light began to shine upon me and my home, those vices that once had such a strong hold on me began to fade from my life. Our home where prayer had never before been heard and where evil had held sway, is now a place of prayer and happiness. How thankful I am to say that it is now a real home.

December 15, 1956, is a day never to be forgotten, for it is the day that my wife, niece, sister-in-law, and I were all baptized by immersion in a little stream of water near Carino, by Pastor J. O. Bautista, president of Northern Luzon Mission.

Up to the present, I have been a finance clerk and investigator for the 23rd PC Company, with all the privileges that a company can give. I had free transportation to any place north of Manila, and was free to perform my official duties without bearing arms. I was at liberty to go out on the Sabbath and attend the services of the church. But I am glad to say that I have decided to enter the services of God as a colporteur. My application for discharge was approved and took effect on February 15, 1957. I am now taking my furlough with pay for 190 days. I have been in the canvassing work since my discharge and am happier to be in the service of my Master than in the work of an earthly ruler. I thank God for the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course and what it has done for me and my family. Pray with me that more souls will be won to the truth.

The intellect of the wise is like glass; it admits the light of heaven and reflects. —Hare.

Guard against that vanity which courts a compliment, or is fed by it. —Chalmers.

It is sad religion that is never strong except when its owner is sick. —Unknown.

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C.O.D.			
Gurley, Mr. & Mrs.	30	29.25	43.20
Hinesley, E. E.	146	1681.75	158.50
Uhrig, Pearl	120	71.50	71.50
C.O.D. Total	296	1782.50	273.20
District Total	322	1819.45	310.15

Southeastern Louisiana District			
E. J. McMurray, Supervisor			
H.H.E.S.			
Sears, Joe	38	73.90	73.90
Stewart, Bill	160	239.85	239.85
H.H.E.S. Total	198	313.75	313.75

C.O.D.			
Barnett, Sallie	51	428.40	373.55
Conrad, Mr. & Mrs.	23	185.40	147.25
Gaspard, Felix	60	329.50	68.75
Ruckstuhl, Leo	27	189.95	
Stumpf, Mrs. A.	22	63.75	37.85
C.O.D. Total	183	1197.75	627.40
District Total	381	1510.75	941.15

Northern and S.W. La., Ark. & La. Aux., and Magazines			
V. J. Rice			
H.H.E.S.			
Chaney, Ruth	15	167.60	167.60
Chaney, Mr. H.	2	79.95	79.95
Long, Mr. and Mrs.	97	409.85	409.85
H.H.E.S. Total	114	657.40	657.40

C.O.D.			
Galjour, Luke	137	912.25	278.80
Galjour, Mrs. L.	89	634.60	352.65
Nick, David R.	129	965.85	327.70
Pittman, L. E.	170	2405.30	66.75
Purcell, Bertha	56	107.60	41.00
C.O.D. Total	581	5025.60	1066.90

Arkansas Auxiliary			
McNorton, C.	102	220.30	175.05
Total	102	220.30	175.05

Louisiana Auxiliary			
Bolden, C.	87	208.29	168.10
Total	87	208.29	168.10

Magazine Work			
New Orleans			
Elizabeth Gaspard, Sponsor			
Fitzner, Henry	106	88.20	88.20
Other Workers		349.30	349.30
Total	106	437.50	437.50

Little Rock			
Mrs. Everett Terry, Sponsor			
Ford, Mrs.		17.50	17.50
Hargrove, Mrs.		16.45	16.45
Hinesley, Mrs.		17.50	17.50
L. R. Jr. Academy		105.00	105.00
Total		156.45	156.45

La. Auxiliary			
Viola Valentine, Sponsor	217.75		217.75
Bolden, C.			
Wells, Isaac			
Dovernay, A.			
Brown, J. L.			
Rogers, Morris			
Rogers, Eva			
Sylvester, Julian			
Clement, Theodora			
Green, Leona			
Terry, Mary			
Brown, Bertie			
Gardener, Lillie			
Stowers, Lillian			
Lonon, Agnes			

Grant, Hilda			
Coleman, Viola			
Gennett, J. J.			
Total Magazines		811.70	811.70
N&SW La., Ark. & La. Mag. Totals	990	6923.29	2879.15
CONFERENCE TOTALS:			
H.H.E.S.	338	1008.10	1008.10
C.O.D.	1355	9245.39	3112.35
TOTAL	1693	10,253.49	4130.45

OKLAHOMA

Olen Gilliam, Pub. Sec.

Name	Hours	Orders	Deliv.
Ardmore-Lawton District			
M. D. Starr			
Bieber, Glenda	8	79.95	79.95
Bodwell, Mrs. C. H.	67	96.22	96.22
Cavin, Enid	140	422.72	422.72
Harsha, George	170	627.52	627.52
Lewis, Bill	8	38.63	38.63
Neprash, Eden	140	35.36	35.36
Southerland, Sharon	117	332.93	332.93
Total	528	1633.33	1633.33

Oklahoma City District			
Earl Qualls			
Burton, Andrew	17	66.90	66.90
Callahan, Fred	57	308.63	308.63
Gentry, Layton	71	1288.82	1288.82
Howerton, Raymond	155	355.48	355.48
Hurst, Jerald	31	81.55	81.55
Magazines		138.35	138.35
Scaggs, S. B.		183.25	183.25
Surovik, Wm. J.	33	95.78	95.78
Wayland, Mrs. B.	86	227.92	227.92
Total	450	2746.67	2746.67

Tulsa District			
Dan McIntosh			
Hart, Mrs. Bessie	151	204.05	204.05
Miller, Frank	125	106.46	106.46
Okle, F. L.		46.50	46.50
Parker, Jack	71	346.89	346.89
Stansill, Mrs. W. R.	15	52.50	52.50
Ward, Gladys	17	52.50	52.50
Total	379	756.40	756.40

Narcotics Education			
Dimond, Frank W.	127	55.00	55.00
Roach, Robert	120	250.00	250.00
Total	247	305.00	305.00
GRAND TOTALS	810	5441.40	5441.40

SOUTHWEST REGION

J. E. Merideth, Pub. Sec.

Name	Hours	Orders	Deliv.
Stell, Jack	100	258.00	258.00
Washington, R.	185	297.11	297.11
Purvis, Mrs. L. V.	35	120.00	120.00
Davis, Jerry	15	30.00	30.00
Terry, Mrs. Mary	25	60.00	60.00
Wiley, Mrs. J. W.	10	9.00	9.00
Totals	370	774.11	774.11

TEXAS

J. T. Mason, Pub. Sec.

Name	Hours	Orders	Deliv.
Magazine Ministry			
Lee Sackett			
Allmen, Grace	15	17.50	17.50
Blakeway, Mrs.	220	321.00	321.00
Kasper, Mrs. Opal	218	390.05	390.05
Kelley, Mrs. A. H.	140	162.40	162.40
Kendall, Mrs. Mary	31	30.95	30.95
Kitchen, Carol		14.00	14.00
McCormick, Mrs.	78	128.60	128.60
Newland, Bruce		18.45	18.45
Roberts, Mrs. J.	204	303.85	303.85
Sherrill, Mrs. E.	115	406.50	250.20
Wharton, Mrs. Jack	56	68.50	68.50
Schools		134.00	134.00
Unreported		1000.00	1000.00
Total	1077	2995.80	2839.50

Southeastern Texas District

W. B. Hunt			
Ard, Andy M.	232	676.80	676.80
Benson, Dan	30	159.90	159.90
Brown, Mrs. B.	6	24.00	24.00
Cook, Delmer	249	1144.80	1120.55
Davis, J. H.	185	1120.85	1120.85
Davis, Mrs. R. Lee	112	217.15	205.75
Hanks, Mrs. Lillie	30		
Huenegardt, A. B.	10	226.45	86.05
Jones, Margaret	72	35.70	35.70
McGee, Maye	173	571.45	438.15
Philpot, Donald E.	141	1143.20	1143.20
Underdown, Flez	273	761.00	761.00
Unreported Sales		1000.00	1000.00
Total	1513	7081.30	6771.95

Southwestern Texas District

H. C. Morgan			
Arias, Omar	50	440.60	47.15
Brown, O. L.	58	57.10	57.10
Cadenhead, Alva	176	438.00	438.00
Cupps, Mrs. Hugh	178	988.60	988.60
Gomez, Eleazar	45	64.75	64.75
Oberlin, Mrs. G. A.	12	21.95	21.95
Qualls, Frank	3	152.00	152.00
Sampson, Clarence	217	477.00	261.70
Spears, L. B.	15	39.25	44.95
Tidwell, M. L.	253	1122.80	1122.80
Tidwell, Mrs. M. L.	219	962.00	962.00
Miscellaneous		135.65	135.65
Unreported		1950.00	1950.00
Total	1226	6849.70	6246.00

Northwestern Texas District

Autrey, Mrs. Leota	30		
Barnum, G. R.	259	633.20	368.60
Belew, Robert	45		
Ferguson, Mrs. J.	12	84.15	84.15
Jensen, Gerald	50	336.60	336.60
Kaser, Kathleen	30		
Kasiska, D. L.	135	338.10	338.10
Owens, Mrs. Ruby	46	163.05	200.00
Straight, H. W.	45	29.20	29.20
Williams, Earl		324.00	324.00
Williams, Mrs. Earl	13	93.90	93.90
Miscellaneous		32.80	48.05
Total	665	2035.00	1822.60
GRAND TOTALS	4481	18,961.80	17,680.05

TEXICO

J. D. Spiva, Pub. Sec.

Name	Hours	Orders	Deliv.
El Paso-Albuquerque District			
Albert Walters			
Beach, W. M.	150	1487.25	1487.25
Nichols, Melton	85	205.35	205.35
Sinclair, H. E.	123	581.75	581.75
Walters, Albert	140		
Total	498	2274.35	2274.35

Lubbock District

W. A. Stark			
Amedee, Mrs. A. E.	100	905.65	905.65
Briscoe, Mrs. R.	63	292.65	292.65
Brown, Mrs. Sam	27		
Powell, Helen	115	201.80	201.80
Seay, Thomas L.	58	785.70	785.70
Smith, A. Lloyd	99	504.10	504.10
Smith, Calvin	59	636.40	636.40
Stark, W. A.	140	391.75	391.75
Stephens, L. H.	80	705.55	705.55
Trammell, E. R.	115	1023.35	1023.35
Total	860	5446.95	5446.95

Midland District

Johnny Cox			
Brown, Marion	19		
Cox, Johnny	140		
McCoy, Denny	130	1741.60	1741.60
McMurray, J. O.	7	48.30	48.30
May, C. R.	172	1653.05	1653.05
Patton, James	150	1068.55	1068.55
Spiva, R. L.	134	815.70	815.70
Summers, James	141	1137.85	1137.85
Summers, Mrs. J.	130		
Total	1023	6465.05	6465.05

Pampa District

R. E. Appenzeller			
Appenzeller, R. E.	140	841.40	841.40
Flemmer, Ray	132	1884.20	1884.20
West, J. D.	190	926.20	926.20
*Moore, Marvin		297.45	297.45
*Sims, Nathan		389.35	389.35
Total	462	4338.60	4338.60
Magazines		215.95	215.95
*Students			

GRAND TOTALS	2843	18,740.90	18,740.90
UNION TOTALS	10,197	54,171.70	18,740.90

Until Morning Dawns

HILL, Lucretia R., was born in Tennessee on February 14, 1867, and passed to her rest on March 23, 1958, at Fort Supply, Oklahoma. Her husband preceded her in death.

Mrs. Hill was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Enid for many years.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder E. E. Herr on March 26, and interment was in an Enid cemetery.

MALONE, Maude Mayo, was born in Beaver City, Nebraska, October 5, 1884, and passed away March 20, 1958. She came to Oklahoma at an early age, moving to Oklahoma City in 1914.

On June 10, 1905, she was united in marriage to James Arthur Malone. To this union were born six children, two of whom died in infancy. Remaining to mourn their loss are her husband; 1 son, Glenn W. Malone of Atlanta, Georgia; 3 daughters, Mrs. W. H. Loftin, Bernice, and Margie, all of Oklahoma City, and Kathy Malone, foster daughter; 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, 8 sisters, and a host of other relatives and friends. W. P. Ortner.

PETTJOHN, Lucy Mae Craig, oldest daughter of Samuel Huston and Sarah Jane Craig, was born at Paris, Arkansas, May 1, 1885 and passed to her rest March 1, 1958. In 1907 she was married to Francis Marion Pettjohn and to this union 7 children were born.

Mrs. Pettjohn moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas in 1927 and was a faithful member of the Fort Smith Seventh-day Adventist Church for a number of years. Survivors include 1 son, Marshall; 3 daughters, Mrs. Faye Schoepp and Mrs. Mildred Landers, all of Fort Smith; and Mrs. Irene Lloyd of Lufkin, Arkansas. Six grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Her husband and 3 children preceded her in death. Funeral services were held in the Fort Smith Seventh-day Adventist Church, March 4. Interment in the Oak Cemetery in Fort Smith. Elder M. L. Wilson preached the message of comfort, assisted by the writer. Earl M. Cleek.

PINE, Lamar Barnes, was born June 28, 1908 at Bernice, Louisiana. He passed away February 23, 1958 at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He was the oldest of 8 children.

On July 3, 1928 Brother Pine exchanged vows with Miss Ruby Miles of Camden, Arkansas. Two children brought happiness to this home — Lamar Barclay, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and a daughter, Mrs. Lyndon DeWitt, wife of the pastor of the church in Greenville, North Carolina.

Brother and Sister Pine accepted the third angel's message and were baptized together in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, July 4, 1926 at El Dorado, Arkansas by Elder Mark Wilson.

Through his influence many souls were won to Jesus, notably his brother, now Elder Carl Pine, Lawton, Oklahoma. He was a loving husband and father, and he leaves his wife, his son and daughter, with a long chain of friends, not to mourn his passing, but to look to the blessed hope when he with others will be called forth from their graves.

Elders Isaac Baker, Malvern, Arkansas, and J. D. Dobbs, Hot Springs, assisted the writer and spoke comforting words at the service. Interment was near Hot Springs. I. M. Evans.

ROBINSON, Mary Robinson, was born June 16, 1878 in Ohio and died in Raymondville, Texas, January 9, 1958. She was married to C. E. Robinson on February 8, 1898, in Eldorado, Kansas, and moved to Willacy County from Gainsville, Texas in 1937. She became an Adventist about 9 years ago. Granny, as she was affectionately called, is sur-

vived by her husband, 2 sons, 5 daughters, 25 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. Sister Robinson was a member of the Lyford church and was a source of sunshine to those who knew her. A. R. Tucker.

SELL, Sylvester C., was born June 28, 1891, and died April 4, 1958. He was born near Birmingham, Illinois, the youngest son of 11 children born to Mallinda and Solomon T. Sell.

When a child his parents moved to Oklahoma. In 1916 he was married to Miss Florence Hansen, a Seventh-day Adventist church school teacher. To this union were born 6 children, one of whom met sudden death in an automobile accident 9 years ago.

Brother Sell united with the Little Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church, September 27, 1952. He was ordained as deacon and until his recent illness served faithfully in this capacity.

He is survived by his widow, 2 sons, Ralph Sell, Crystal, Canal Zone; Floyd Sell, Little Rock, Arkansas; 3 daughters, Yvonne Billock, Hubbard, Ohio; Geneva Kinder, Midwest City, Oklahoma; and Mina R. Caston, Little Rock. One sister, Mrs. Kate Reasoner, Mooreland, Oklahoma, and 7 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Griffin-Leggett Funeral Home by Elder J. Lee Neil assisted by Elder I. M. Evans.

Interment was at Roselawn Memorial Park, Little Rock. Office Secretary.

SONGER, Jennie B. Diles, was born November 1, 1879, in Kentucky and died at Muse, Oklahoma, March 18, 1958. She was married to Arthur R. Songer on September 28, 1899, in Arkansas.

Sister Songer accepted the Adventist faith, and lived for many years at Bonnerdale, Arkansas. Feeling the call to bear the message to a new place, she and her husband moved to the Kiamichi Valley of eastern Oklahoma, where they lived during the last 24 years.

She is survived by her husband, 2 daughters, Mrs. Della Yates of Cross Plains, Tennessee, and Mrs. Mamie Hughes, Keene, Texas, and a foster son, Beecher W. Songer, Burney, California. There are 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Services were conducted at Muse, Oklahoma, and burial was at Bonnerdale, Arkansas. George W. Reid.

TAYLOR, Joseph P., was born in Jay County, Indiana, April 9, 1875, and passed away in Oklahoma City, March 21, 1958. He came to Oklahoma in 1895, and has made his home in Oklahoma City since then. His wife preceded him in death in 1952. He was a member of the Oklahoma City Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Surviving are 1 daughter, Mrs. Viola Burdick of El Monte, California, 1 grandchild, and 2 great-grandchildren. W. P. Ortner.

WADE, Mrs. Blanche, was born on April 20, 1878 in Ridgeway, Michigan, and passed away February 22, 1958, in the Osteopathic Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of Logier L. and Dora Lowe.

In 1897 she was united in marriage to Warren W. Wade, who preceded her in death in August of 1944.

Mrs. Wade was a very faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and was loved by her neighbors and all who knew her. She leaves to mourn, 2 sisters, Mrs. Rhea Hengst, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Marjory Hammer, Columbia, Missouri, and a host of friends. Funeral services were held in the Luginbuel Funeral Chapel in Vinita, Oklahoma. Cyril Miller.

WILL, Rose Johanna Karley, was born December 25, 1879, in LeMars, Iowa. Here she secured her early education. She was married on December 13, 1898, to William Will. They made their home for a short time in LeMars, and then moved to Minnesota. In 1907 they located in Perry, Oklahoma. To this union were born 10 children, 1 of whom died in infancy. Her husband passed away in June of 1952.

In later years she accepted the Adventist teachings and united with the church at Perry, of which she was a devoted member at the time of her death. Surviving are 6 sons, 3 daughters, 22 grand-children, 3 brothers, and 3 sisters. After a brief illness she passed to her rest on February 24, 1958, at Wesley Hospital in Oklahoma City. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Elder W. S. Sanders. She was laid to rest in the family lot at Perry to await the call of the Life-giver. W. P. Ortner.

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	May 2	May 9
Abilene, Texas	7:21	7:26
Amarillo, Texas	7:33	7:39
Brownsville, Texas	7:04	7:08
Dallas, Texas	7:10	7:15
El Paso, Texas	6:47	6:52
Fort Worth, Texas	7:12	7:17
Galveston, Texas	6:56	7:00
Keene, Texas	7:12	7:17
Little Rock, Arkansas	6:54	7:00
Muskogee, Oklahoma	7:08	7:14
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:38	6:42
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	7:17	7:23
San Antonio, Texas	7:11	7:15
Santa Fe, New Mexico	6:52	6:58
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