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Rural Investment

A. R. MAZAT, *Secretary*
Sabbath School Department
Southwestern Union Conference

OUR troubled world today needs something more dynamic than mere decency. There is a crying need for men who are not only upright but uplifting. It is commendable to be a gentleman who keeps his word; it is still better to care enough for truth to find out the facts and make one's word worth keeping.

The Sabbath schools we have visited around the world are truly unlike some modern church organizations which act as a mob of hermits, each carrying his cup of self-satisfaction to be filled at church once a week, and then carrying it back to his own little cave. Vibrant Sabbath school members find themselves not so much possessing something as being possessed by something to which their head, heart, and hands belong.

A good share of our Sabbath school students are eager and willing to do their Christian work well. They want to see their total task clearly and are anxious to have someone suggest well-formulated plans on the know-how of Christian service. Usually they will take an assignment and do it splendidly if they are convinced of its importance and are familiar with the procedure.

Under the enthusiastic planning of Elder Cyril Miller, together with the virile leadership of Brother V. D. Singer and the wholehearted co-operation of the Gentry, Arkansas church members, a new day for Sabbath School Investment has dawned.

About six Adventist families liv-

ing in that rural, rustic and rigorous locality have invested thirteen acres of land for the Lord. A similar number have invested their farm machinery to work the land. Another group purchased sweet potato sets and fertilizer, while yet another group of people set out the plants. God is sending the sunshine and the rain.

The thirteen Investment acres are receiving much tender care. The Sabbath school members are working and praying for a good harvest. The brethren in Gentry believe they will invest at least \$2,000 for the Lord this year. This speaks well for the 254 faithful Sabbath school members who are ever on the lookout to attempt greater exploits for the Lord.

Two Million TV Lessons Corrected

During the time that the General Conference was in session in Cleveland, the 2,000,000th Faith for Today Bible Course test paper was corrected in the New York City headquarters, marking a most important milestone in the history of the television ministry. Nearly half a million individuals have written requesting the privilege of studying the Bible under Adventist guidance. More than 30,000 have completed the lessons which include two on the Law and three on the Sabbath. Of this number, over 2,000 are already bap-

tized burden-bearing, tithe-paying members.

Announced each week as a presentation of the Adventist church, the Faith for Today telecast is an untiring preacher of the last warning message. This evangelistic marvel of the electronic age takes no vacation, but its witness goes out without fail even while you are on vacation.

Thousands of you supply yourselves with TV logs and Bible school enrollment cards before you start your summer holidays. Reports indicate that vacationing members are doing most excellent missionary work as they travel across the country.

Not everyone takes an annual vacation, however. A recent letter from such a couple contained a check for \$50 — an amount that represented a real sacrifice. Here's the message that accompanied the letter:

"My wife and I have felt that we could not afford to take a vacation trip this year. But, when we read your little note, we felt that we could not afford NOT to stretch ourselves a bit to help make sure that Faith for Today is not denied to any watchers and listeners who should receive it. So, we are digging a little deeper into the bag and are sending an extra \$50 this month. How we wish that it could be many times more, but this little is accompanied by our prayers that God will multiply it. May the excellent work you are doing never be hindered by a lack of means."

With the third million lessons starting on such a note of devotion and sacrifice, the Faith for Today workers join you in heartfelt rededication. May multiplied thousands find their way into the kingdom as a result.

FAITH FOR TODAY.

CONFERENCE NEWS

★ Arkansas - Louisiana

\$1,000 Vacation Bible School At Little Rock

The Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3400 South Hayes Street, Little Rock, Arkansas has just finished a very large and successful Vacation Bible school. This is the first time that the church here has conducted a Vacation Bible school and so it was considered a real adventure in child evangelism. All those who participated as leaders and teachers received a blessing and were encouraged by the response that the students showed to the Christian educational activities.

The school was under the direction of Alfred L. Heitzmann, the principal of the Little Rock Junior Academy and at the present time acting pastor of the church. He did a splendid job of co-ordination and con-

tributed much toward making the school a success.

The division leaders were: Mrs. W. G. Larson, junior division; Mrs. Edith Bowers, primary division; Mrs. Juanita Brown, kindergarten division. Those capable leaders were supported by the many able teachers and helpers found in each division.

Twenty individuals were involved in leading out and teaching and an additional five or six persons helped out in other capacities such as working on the committee for the care of the children, (children too young for Vacation Bible school who belonged to teachers in the school), committee on transportation, committee on advertising, and the committee on refreshments. The splendid co-operation of all individuals concerned and the smooth functioning of the organization to a large extent accounted for the mechanical success of the school. The attitude and Christian spirit of the teachers influenced the hearts of the children to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as He came to each one of them.

Many wonderful testimonies voluntarily stated by the children encouraged the leaders and led us to think that our Vacation Bible school was second to none.

Twenty individuals were enrolled from the junior department in the Bible Correspondence Course. Nine of this number were from non-Seventh-day Adventist homes. A number of non-Adventist children have been attending Sabbath school since

the closing of Vacation Bible school. All of these things have boosted the spiritual morale of our church and have certainly increased good will toward us in the community.

The total enrollment stood at 95 students. The average daily attendance was approximately 80. Fifty-five per cent of all boys and girls attending were from non-Seventh-day Adventist homes.

It has been calculated that if all the teachers and leaders were paid a wage of 75c per hour, in addition to the usual expense of literature and material, this Vacation Bible school would have cost \$1,000. However, with the volunteer work contributed by all persons, the total cost will come to only a fraction of this amount.

We are encouraged here at Little Rock by the way the Lord has blessed this missionary venture in child evangelism. We feel that it has been good for the church, the students, and the community. The work was hard, but enjoyable, and we are looking forward to another Vacation Bible school next year. LEO HERBER, M. D.,

Sabbath School Supt. and Home Missionary Leader.

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Educational staff of the \$1,000 Vacation Bible school at Little Rock.

to be informed and be directed in this line. Although this picture is several months old, it will show you the courtesy King and Queen, Roy Allen Ulmer and Patsy Aloise of our New Orleans church school. Congratulations, Roy and Patsy, for your good work. Keep it up.



Roy Ulmer and Patsy Aloise

We also want to commend our church school teachers, Brother and Sister Louis Fick, for carrying on this kind of a program. Church school is fulfilling its purpose in developing the head, heart and hand.

Others chosen as King and Queen for a period of time were Chuck Stumpf and Peggy Ulmer, and Howard Gafford and Debbie Brantley.

EUGENE F. ARMOUR,
Educational Superintendent.

Barton-De La Plata

Albert Marquez De La Plata of Equador, South America and Pansy Marie Barton, of Vian, Oklahoma were united in marriage June 9, 1958 in a simple ceremony at the home of the writer, in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

This young couple attended Madison College where they became acquainted and are now residing near Vian, Oklahoma. We wish for this fine couple heaven's richest blessings as they walk life's journey together.

EARL M. CLEEK, *Pastor*
Fort Smith District.

Please Note

Radio Station KLIC of Monroe, Louisiana, will discontinue the Voice of Prophecy broadcast as of August 17, 1958.

Beginning August 24, the Voice of Prophecy program will be heard on radio station KMLB, 1440 kilocycles at 9:30, Sunday morning.

We trust that our members residing in the Monroe, Alexandria, and Shreveport districts will inform their friends and neighbors concerning the new station carrying the Voice of Prophecy program.

Remember, God does not hold us responsible for success, but for faithfulness. A. R. MAZAT, *Secretary*
Radio Department
Southwestern Union Conference.

Opportunity For Denominational Investment

The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Committee has authorized the officers to accept a limited amount of funds from our people to be used in our literature expansion program and to complete the new boys' dormitory at the Ozark Academy by September 1.

Interest at the rate of 3% per annum will be paid. The money is available upon 30 days request notice. Those having \$1,000 or more to invest for a period of one year or longer should write to the president or secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

I. M. EVANS, *President.*
P. I. NOSWORTHY, *Secy.-Treas.*

News Item

◆ Elder J. R. Carner, pastor of the Rogers district, recently baptized three members of one family into the commandment-keeping church. Brother and Sister Dave Shatswell and their daughter, Thelma, residing at Jasper, Arkansas have become members of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

★ Oklahoma

Echoes of Oklahoma Bookmen

Happy for a job well done, this young student is receiving a scholarship certificate which will pay his church school tuition for 1959. Bruce is the eight-year-old son of Elder D. C. Aalborg, pastor of the Tulsa district, and is a student at our



Bruce Aalborg and Olen Gilliam.

church school in that city. To earn this scholarship, Bruce worked 100 hours and sold over 400 single copies of *Life and Health* and *These Times*, working the shopping area, and from home to home. He worked with enthusiasm and enjoyed meeting people. Long before his magazine stock depleted, he would order more. This young man can earn a scholarship each summer through grade school, academy, and college, gaining a personal experience and personality that will prepare him for a greater work for the Lord. Many literature evangelists are needed with courage and enthusiasm like Bruce. Will you contact your publishing secretary today in your own local conference for more information? OLEN GILLIAM,
Publishing Secretary.

Wedding

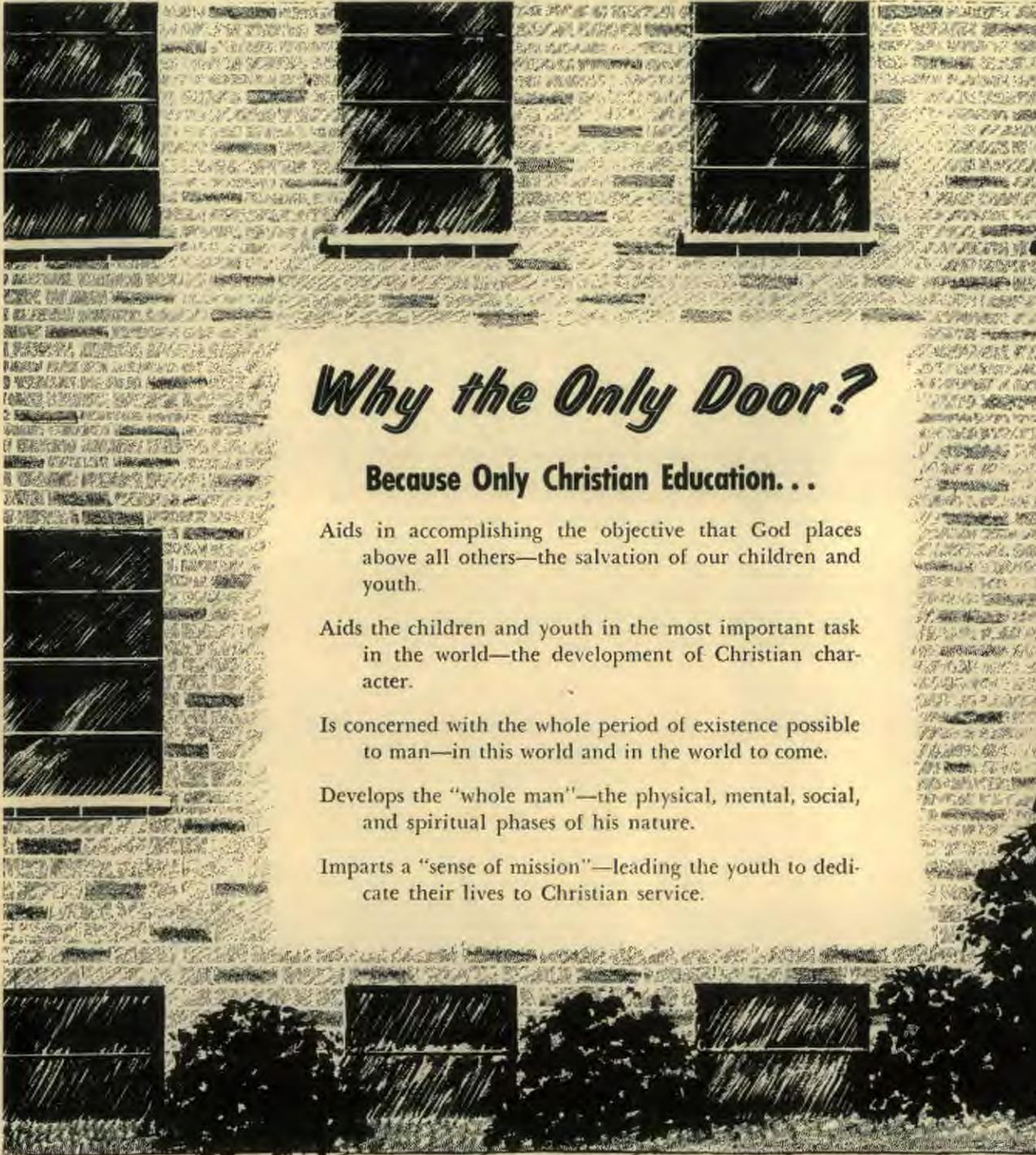
The Choctaw Seventh-day Adventist Church was the scene of a beautiful wedding service for Miss Barbara Wolfe of Choctaw and Clyde McCulley of Benton, Arkansas, on Sunday evening, July 14.

The candlelight, flowers and beautiful musical numbers all created an ideal atmosphere for the matrimonial vows. Elder E. L. Moore performed the service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wolfe of Choctaw and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. B. W. McCulley of Benton, Arkansas.

Miss Donna Wolfe attended her sister as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Barbara Henderson, Shreveport, and Ruth Ann Wilson, Jones. Janet Young of Jones was flower girl and Maxine Whitford and Laura Fay Couch of Oklahoma

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Department of Education, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



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Wedding

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City were candlelighters. Don Biles of Houston was best man and ushers were James Ramey, Fort Smith, and Louie Mann, Jones. Miss Judy Wolfe presided at the guest book and Jimmie Miller provided the organ music.

Mr. and Mrs. McCulley are continuing their education at Madison College, Tennessee.

★ Southwest Region

Another Vacation Bible School Succeeds

The Hot Springs Arkansas, Seventh-day Adventist (colored) Church recently joined the ranks of several other Vacation Bible schools conducted throughout the Southwest Region Conference that have presented successful and fruitful Bible school evangelism.

During the period of June 2-13, the Webb Community Center of Hot Springs was a continual round of scheduled activities mingled with the laughter of happy children.

Approximately 75 eager children reported each day to follow their group of staff workers.

Mrs. Birdie Lockhart, director and secretary, was ably assisted by Sisters Charleste McNorton, Annie Greene, Dorothy Logan, Miss E. I. Miller, and by Mr. Burl Swan and Pastor Carey McNorton who served as teachers.

Mrs. Effie Jackson, R.N., gave medical service, and Mrs. Chester Luden, Mrs. Hattie Porter, Mrs. Sloan and Mrs. Lee; Misses Ollier F. Wright and Mildred Logan served as members of the music and refreshment committees. A picnic was the fitting climax for the two weeks' activities.

Plans for next year's Bible school are already under way and enthusiastic plans are being laid for active follow-up work by the Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath school departments of the church.

A. R. CARETHERS, *Secretary
Sabbath School Department.*

From Small Beginnings

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

This oft-quoted and familiar Bible text could have been the very approx-



Hot Springs Vacation Bible school.

imate motto of the Vacation Bible school which was held in Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 16-20.

Mrs. Myrtle Gilliams, Mrs. Latrait Gordon, Mrs. Charleste McNorton, Mrs. Dorothy White, and Miss E. I. Miller worked fervently as approximately 25 boys and girls looked to them daily for guidance in craft and memory work.



Fort Smith Vacation Bible school. Arrows point to the teachers who are, from left to right: Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Gilliam, Miss Miller, and Mrs. White.

The favorable results of the Bible school were clearly indicated during the closing program on Friday, June 20, 1958.

This Bible school, like so many others, plans to do an even greater work next summer.

A. R. CARETHERS, *Secretary
Home Missionary Department.*

★ Texico

Notice

The Voice of Prophecy broadcast can now be heard on Station KCMR over the Mutual Network, at 1450 kilocycles, Sunday mornings at 8:30.

The KCMR radio station is located in McCamey, Texas, which means that people residing in Odessa, Midland, Big Spring, San Angelo, Sweetwater and El Paso should enjoy good reception.

Why not do a little "radio evangelizing" by introducing your neighbors to the King's Heralds and the Voice of Prophecy.

Be sure to tune in next Sunday to KCMR at 8:30 a.m.

A. R. MAZAT, *Secy. Radio Dept.,
Southwestern Union Conference.*

A Capsule For You

The *Reader's Digest* has provided an example of procuring "the cream of the crop" from many books and magazines. These condensed articles are great time savers. Our own Review and Herald and Southern Publishing Association sensed this value. For you they have compiled *The Best of Life and Health*, and *The Best of These Times*, packing inside ingredients as "Easy Does It," "Fresh Air," "Sunshine for Relaxation," "How About Drugs," "Hidden Hunger," and others. Put all these together and for only 75c for *The Best of Life and Health*, and 50c for *The Best of These Times* you have two readable and re-readable volumes. Remember Box 1399, Amarillo, Texas, where you will get "the cream of the crop" by ordering the above booklets. They are non-fattening but solidifying for better health, better Christian experience. Right away, write today. The destiny of tomorrow hinges on decisiveness of today.

H. W. PRITCHARD, *Manager,
Texico Book and Bible House.*



The New Borger Church

Borger, Texas, Church Dedication

On July 18, 1958, the new Seventh-day Adventist Church of Borger, Texas, was dedicated to the Lord in special ceremonies that attracted a capacity attendance.

The writer, who is the pastor of the church, gave the welcome. Elder G. A. LaGrone, under whose leadership the church was organized in April of 1939, offered the opening prayer. Mrs. Norene Smith, press secretary of the church, read the history of the church. The Amarillo church choir sang "God's House." Elder L. C. Evans, President of the Southwestern Union Conference, delivered the dedicatory address. Elder M. D. Howard conducted the formal act of dedication and offered the dedicatory prayer, after which Alexia Childers sang "To See Thy Face."

Construction on the building began May 4, 1958, and was completed shortly before the dedication. The former property was sold and a more desirable location was purchased on the corner of Hedgecoke and Ninth Streets. This large lot gives ample room for future expansion.

The church building is of practical design. In addition to the main sanctuary, facilities include a mothers' room and a church school room. This new and beautiful church building has led our faithful members at Borger to a firm resolve to put forth greater efforts toward increasing their numbers. Pray with them that they may reach this objective.

Thoroughly to teach another is the best way to learn for yourself. —Tryon Edwards.

High Ideals

Do you recall the days when you were young, when there was that some certain hero of your life? Consciously or unconsciously you patterned your life after that individual. Psychologists tell us that children grown tall still imitate those whom they admire. Your children, my children, are very dear to us. Wouldn't it be absurd to think that we care little for them, or the influences being exerted on them in our own home? Have you stopped to consider the importance and availability of good reading material for them? My mind turns to the home life of Ellen G. White and her children. She had a habit of collecting the very best of stories she could find for boys and girls and assembling them in her own personal scrapbook. Ernest Lloyd has selected and edited the best scrapbook stories from her personal library and put them into the book, *Scrapbook Stories*. Wouldn't it give you a sense of satisfaction to have these available for your children? Write us today. Box 1399, Amarillo, Texas. Price \$2.50, postage 15c.

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Sermon Topics

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- 17 The Salt of the Earth
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The worship most acceptable to God, comes from a thankful and cheerful heart. —Plutarch.

Tears are often the telescope through which men see far into heaven. —H. W. Beecher.

Business Notices

Send all advertisements to your local conference office for approval. Rate: Fifty words or less, one insertion, \$2.00. Payment must accompany copy.

FOR SALE: 2-Bedroom house on city sewer. One block from campus. Corner lot. Paved street in front. Nice shade trees. Priced at \$5,450 for quick sale. Harold S. Rees, Box 343, Keene, Texas. Phone MI lton 5-5788.

Disability forces sale of choice lot 475 ft. by 115 ft. near Sandia View Academy. Ditch irrigation. Would also sell home joining this on 115 ft. x 250 ft. lot consisting of 5-room house, bath, and utility with shop and storage building 12 ft. x 24 ft. Write Box 122A, Sandoval, N. M. 32-2

FOR SALE: Lovely, almost new, 3-bedroom home, one block SWJC campus, inspiring view, large lot, city sewer, tile bath, brick front, kitchen on front, large attached garage. Consider renting our beautiful new, nicely-furnished, 3-bedroom home — one-half block SWJC campus, to responsible adults. A. C. Griffin, Keene, Texas. 31-3

Full color documentary filmstrip presenting a complete pictorial record of the General Conference in Cleveland will be available 60 days after close of the session. Film will contain approximately 90 frames. Send \$5.00 (plus shipping charges) for each copy you wish to the College of Medical Evangelists, SM Alumni Association, 316 N. Bailey St., Los Angeles 33, California. 32-2

Sunset Schedule

	Aug. 15	Aug. 22
Abilene, Texas	7:24	7:16
Amarillo, Texas	7:36	7:27
Brownsville, Texas	7:08	7:02
Dallas, Texas	7:13	7:05
El Paso, Texas	6:50	6:43
Fort Worth, Texas	7:15	7:07
Galveston, Texas	6:59	6:52
Keene, Texas	7:15	7:07
Little Rock, Arkansas	6:57	6:49
Muskogee, Oklahoma	7:10	7:02
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:41	6:34
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	7:19	7:11
San Antonio, Texas	7:14	7:07
Santa Fe, New Mexico	6:54	6:46
Shreveport, Louisiana	7:00	6:53



L. G. Scales, President; A. E. Hayes, Business Manager

ELDER JAMES W. EVANS TO PASTOR THE KEENE CHURCH

Elder James W. Evans, who for the past three years has served as pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in San Antonio, has accepted the invitation to become pastor of the Keene church. He succeeds Lawrence G. Scales, who is now president of the Southwestern Junior College.

Elder Evans preached his first sermon as pastor of the church at Keene at the eleven o'clock hour, August 2. Elder Ben E. Leach, president of the Texas Conference, introduced him to his congregation.

The new pastor is a native of Ohio. He attended Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan, and is a graduate of Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee. His first pastorate was in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

Before coming to the Southwestern Union Conference, Elder Evans served as pastor of the New England Sanitarium church in Melrose, near Boston, Massachusetts. Prior to that he ministered in Connecticut where he built a new church in the Bridgeport district.

Mrs. Evans also attended Southern Missionary College, majoring in music.

The Evanses have three children: James, Jr., 9, Cathy, 6, and Jeffrey, 1 year. The family will move to Keene at an early date.

Elder Evans is the son of Elder L. C. Evans, president of the Southwestern Union Conference, which includes 254 churches and over 19,000 members. **MRS. HAROLD WILLIS,**
Pub. Secy., Keene Church.

(Editor's note: Elder Ben Leach, president of the Texas Conference, will, in the near future, announce other district changes through the columns of the RECORD.)

Secret study, silent thought, is after all, the mightiest agent in human affairs. —Channing.



Elder James W. Evans

Watch SWJC!

★★ L. G. Scales, president, is visiting the camp meetings in the Texico, Oklahoma and Arkansas-Louisiana Conferences. Others representing SWJC at these meetings are Altus Hayes and Robert Wagner at Texico, William Bassham and Harold Lickey at Oklahoma, and Robert Merchant in Arkansas-Louisiana.

★★ The College Press reports a 9% rise in printing sales for the fiscal year just ended, according to John Wohlers, Press manager. Of the total business done by the College Press, approximately 50% is for the denomination and the balance is commercial work. One of the major improvements in the plant this past year was the installation of the new Miehle 29 offset press.

★★ To date, 370 applications have been received from prospective students for the coming school year. This report was made by Evlyn Lindberg, secretary of Admissions. Students are urged to send in their

applications before school opens to ensure room reservation and to assist the college admissions committee in working out a labor schedule.

★★ The kitchen cabinet division of the Bandom Corporation, located on the campus of Southwestern Junior College, has been on a 24-hour day working schedule for the past few weeks. Roy W. Crawford, director of student labor, reports that there are still openings in the plant for students who are 18 years of age or older.

ALTUS E. HAYES.

Important Seminary Announcement

Students not currently in residence at the Seminary who have credits toward the Master of Arts degree but who have not completed degree requirements, should plan to return not later than June 22, 1959 to finish requirements for the degree.

After August, 1959, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, a division of Potomac University, will cease to offer the Master of Arts degree. Students who desire to qualify for this degree, matriculating for the first semester of the 1959-60 year and thereafter, will register in the School of Graduate studies.

This means that prospective candidates for the Master of Arts degree in the Seminary must begin studies September 15, 1958, February 2, 1959, or at the beginning of the 1959 Summer Session, June 22.

Ministerial students desiring to qualify for internship according to General Conference recommendation, who matriculate in the Seminary in September, 1959 and thereafter, will receive a certificate of internship after completing the prescribed curriculum of two semesters and one summer session. This curriculum is the first stage of the three-year Bachelor of Divinity curriculum.

Questions on the above announcement may be addressed to Dean C. E. Weniger, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, 6830 Laurel St., N. W., Washington 12, D. C.