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AN OLD LEGEND which is good enough to be true says that once on a cold, stormy night Martha was busy in her home preparing for the expected Christ. In the midst of her preparations, there was a knock at the door. Opening the door, Martha saw a ragged beggar standing there in the wet and cold. Immediately she shut the door on the beggar, saying as she did so, "I am expecting Jesus, the great Prophet, tonight. I have no time for beggars."

After a little while, there was another timid knock at the door. This time when Martha opened the door, she saw a frail, ill child standing without. To this

open its doors so that rays of light and life could penetrate the darkness and alleviate suffering humanity. To a large extent, this type of benevolent work is cared for through the annual Ingathering Crusade. We who are sheltered securely within the fold ought to take it upon ourselves to give at least \$25 per member for Ingathering and then go out and raise as much as we can. Surely we who have experienced the saving power of Jesus Christ want to share the same. We must be examples. We would not want others to support a program that we ourselves do not underwrite. Let us plan today to not disappoint the waiting people who are

outside the church portals. Let us open wide the gates of service and repeat together the words of our Master, "I am come that they might have life and have life more abundantly."

For the past three months the church members, under the dynamic leadership of Brother Williams of the Dallas City Temple, have accepted the challenge of "giving a lift that lasts." An empty five-gallon water jar was painted bright yellow and placed on the church table directly

in front of the speaker's desk. Each Sabbath the believers were encouraged to bring an offering and drop it in the big, bright jar.

On Sabbath morning, September 5, the bright yellow jar was placed inside an ample plastic sack whereupon Sister Hudson wielded a carpenter's hammer and broke the jar. When the pennies, nickles, dimes, quarters, half-dollars, and dollars were counted, it was learned that \$125 had been saved. All this happened ten weeks before the official opening of the Ingathering Crusade.

While fellowshiping with the pastor of the Dallas Temple, Elder C. E. Dudley, I learned that his church has already reached its Ingathering Goal for 1960.

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." Heb. 10:24.

Make the next two weeks count most in your INGATHERING CAMPAIGN. All must work and do his part in the organized church program if the Southwestern Union Conference is **OVER THE LINE BY CHRISTMASTIME!**



Just Outside the Door

A. R. MAZAT, *Home Missionary Secretary*
Southwestern Union Conference



child, Martha also said, "I am expecting Jesus tonight. I have no time to give to you." But before she could close the door, suddenly Jesus in all His majesty stood before her. Martha had been too busy to recognize her Lord. How is it with us?

Waiting at our church door is a sin-sick world. Horrifying as it might seem, two-thirds of mankind today lives in a hut, cannot read or write, his energy is sapped by disease, he labors for fifteen hours a day, he works on land he does not own, and he and his family are always hungry. Staggering, isn't it?

Waiting outside the church door are 40 million heathen who annually enter Christless graves. Think of it! That means approximately 100,000 heathen stand outside the church door daily, knocking for help, but when the door is opened, these 100,000 hopeless heathen yield up the ghost and die. Terrible, isn't it?

This condition which prevails outside the church can be corrected. Did you know that last year the average American citizen gave a little more than 2½ cents for Ingathering? At the same time the average American spent 9 cents a day on tobacco, 15 cents a day for alcohol, and 22 cents a day for recreation. Here lies the challenge. We who are inside the church, like Martha who was inside the house, need to open the door and give a lift that lasts. How can we do this?

There are numerous ways in which the church could

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Our Master's Command

CYRIL MILLER, Director
Public Relations and Fund-Raising

The Master has commanded us to minister to the poor by clothing the naked and feeding the hungry. During the holiday season we usually become more conscious of the needs of others and quickly respond with our money and food when a call is made for Christmas baskets.



Cyril Miller

This is good and worthy of praise; yet as a rule when we do this we are so far removed from the final transaction that we lose a large portion of the blessing which comes from giving. We understand that giving is designed to benefit both the giver as well as the receiver. It would be rewarding indeed if more of us could have a first-hand experience in feeding the hungry, at least once in awhile.

The members of the Carlsbad, New Mexico congregation set a splendid example by opening the doors of their church a few weeks ago and inviting 238 needy persons to come to a Thanksgiving dinner. To their delight, 150 people came and enjoyed the 250 plates of food that were served, while 100 more plates were carried home to those who couldn't possibly come, or for themselves. The names of these individuals were secured from the county welfare director.

Pastor A. W. Fiedler states, "Our people had a wonderful time. . . . All over town favorable comments have been made. One Methodist ladies' group made it the topic of their conversation in a meeting. . . . We definitely plan on repeating the same thing next year."

With Christmas just around the corner it might be that other churches would like to try the same thing. We plan our pot-luck dinners, banquets, and other social gatherings for ourselves, but would it not be much better if this one time we put on the serving aprons and enjoyed the rich experience of carrying out our Master's command?



The Midnight Cry

M. H. JENSEN, *Home Missionary Department*
Texas Conference

This is an old term among Adventists. It has its modern version. Just a few days ago I received a midnight call. Mexico had just gone through the worst disaster in its history. A hurricane had struck. It left hundreds dead and thousands homeless. The cry was for help.

The Texas Health and Welfare service responded with five or six tons of bedding and clothing. Alex Gomez, student at Southwestern Junior College and the author took the welfare van as far as Reynosa, Mexico. Brother Marvin Midkiff of Weslaco secured all of the legal papers necessary for getting the truck across. The customs officers at the border were most courteous. They did not charge us toll over the bridge; they took our truck down to the police station and cared for it until the other truck arrived. They also

provided police escort for seven hundred miles to Guadalajara, and he remained with the truck until all of the clothing was distributed.

The four accompanying pictures will just about tell the story of the distribution of the clothing.

We secured enough vaccine, shots, and anti-biotics for 5,000 people, and Dr. Donald B. Miller from Grand Prairie planned to fly it down, but we were unable to get it across. However, Dr. Pearson from the Valley did get a plane load across. It was greatly appreciated by the storm victims.

Elders Fleenor and House were in charge of the distribution. The governor's wife went right with our people and helped distribute the clothing. She was more than thrilled. She requested that our people start a school and hospital in the state of

Colima. We have no work at all in this state.

We received a very nice letter of appreciation from the president of Mexico and also one from his wife. She was in charge of the relief work.

Once again I am sure the Master will say "Well done" to our societies who have supported our welfare program so faithfully and made it possible to come to the help of the victims of these last-day calamities.

Laborers Together With God

(Continued from page 8)

shall doubtless come again, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalms 126:6.

Yes, when the chimes of eternity ring down the curtains of time and the glorious welcome to life immortal is extended to the faithful, overwhelming joy will be yours as you hear from the lips of many of those beyond the pearly gates, "'Twas you who invited me here."

May the Lord richly bless you in this great soul-winning work is my earnest prayer.



Upper left: Supplies are distributed by horseback and by plane in Colima, Mexico. Upper right: Truckload of clothes from the Texas Conference being distributed in the Colima area. Lower left: Herbert Fleenor (sun helmet) and Nurse Socorra Herra, with helpers, distribute clothes from the Texas Conference. Lower right: Clothing packed on burros, ready for the return journey to their homes.

Southwestern Junior College

KEENE, TEXAS

L. G. Scales, President
Altus E. Hayes, Business Manager

Watch SWJC!

★★ The men of the college entertained the ladies at a reception in Turner Auditorium Sunday evening, November 22, in one of the social high light events of the school year. Don Schneider, president of the Hamilton Hall men's club, and Henry Delgado, leader of the village men, were in charge of the event, and served as Masters of Ceremonies at the program following the dinner. The decorations included a huge backdrop depicting a southern riverboat scene drawn by student artists of the college. Following a program of entertainment featuring local talent, a film was shown to complete the evening's activities.

★★ Calvin Smith, a successful student literature evangelist from the Texico Conference, has been elected president of the Literature Evangelist Club for the 1959-60 school year, at a meeting with the Southwestern Union Conference publishing department secretaries following the chapel on Thursday evening, December 3. Other officers to be nominated were LaVerta Chrispens, vice-president; Bonnie Sharpe, secretary, and Harry Bennett, Jr., publicity secretary. Nearly 40 students were present at the meeting to help organize the club for the school year. For over 60 years Southwestern Junior College has been active in the denominational student scholarship program that is sponsored by the publishing department. The club organization meeting followed the chapel service which was under the direction of J. T. Welch.

★★ Ronald Malloch, a ministerial student from Louisiana, reports that approximately 30 students regularly attend the Power Hour bands each Monday and Thursday evening following the chapel program. The Power Hour is sponsored by the Missionary Volunteer Society of the college.

★★ The College chapter of the American Temperance Society has announced its annual oratorical contest. Rodney Burbach, leader, announces that the first place winner will go to the Youth's Congress in Atlantic City, June 21, 1960. ALTUS HAYES.

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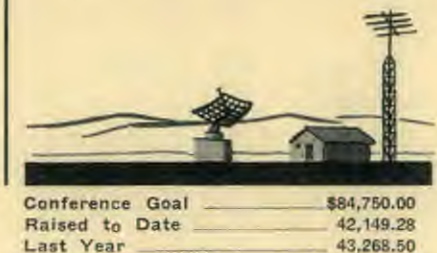
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OUR 1960

Ark.-La. Conference by Districts

Camden Dist. Goal \$ 2,950.00 C. R. Morton, pastor	634.69 1,857.89
Ft. Smith Dist. Goal 4,500.00 Earl M. Cleek, pastor	1,381.26 2,141.11
Gentry Dist. Goal 7,350.00 J. J. Swinyar, pastor	2,255.54 2,185.29
Hot Springs Dist. Goal 5,900.00 J. D. Dobbs, pastor	1,883.18 1,687.31
Little Rock Dist. Goal 7,525.00 G. D. O'Brien, pastor	4,043.01 4,307.34
Northeast Dist. Goal 2,925.00 J. L. Bowers, pastor	2,044.09 1,218.46
Springdale Dist. Goal 4,325.00 George Green, pastor	2,104.38 1,485.76
Texarkana Dist. Goal 6,575.00 C. C. Balsler, pastor	1,350.08 1,549.52
Alexandria Dist. Goal 3,450.00 J. Lee Nell, pastor	611.92 2,013.93
Baton R. Dist. Goal 10,175.00 H. J. Carubba, pastor	5,530.94 4,635.50
Hammond Dist. Goal 4,225.00 Joe L. Ray, pastor	3,876.55 2,097.51
Lake Ch. Dist. Goal 2,700.00 George Stevens, pastor	1,839.50 2,434.28
Monroe Dist. Goal 2,675.00 J. S. Jameson, pastor	1,554.76 1,449.29
New Or. Dist. Goal 9,550.00 T. J. Mostert, pastor	7,184.75 6,200.00
Shreveport Dist. Goal 10,025.00 E. H. Lehnhoff, pastor	5,754.62 8,015.30



Oklahoma Conference by Districts

Ardmore Dist. Goal \$6 G. E. Lindquist, pastor	3 1
Enid Dist. Goal 4 W. S. Sanders, pastor	4 9
Guymon Dist. Goal 2 J. W. Taylor, pastor	2 1
Ketchum Dist. Goal 3 James Hold, pastor	3 1
Lawton Dist. Goal 3 V. J. Rice, pastor	3 2
McAlester Dist. Goal 1 E. A. Lemon, pastor	1 1
Muskogee Dist. Goal 3 C. W. Pine	3 1
Nowata Dist. Goal 3 C. L. Jordan, pastor	3 2
Okeene Dist. Goal 5 Earnest Oliver, pastor	5 1
Okla. City Dist. Goal 17 W. P. Ortner, pastor	17 3
Sapulpa Dist. Goal 4 C. A. Braun, pastor	4 1
Shawnee Dist. Goal 3 W. S. Lawrence, pastor	3 1
Shattuck Dist. Goal 4 George Reid, pastor	4 -
Stillwater Dist. Goal 4 M. L. Axt, pastor	4 2
Tulsa Dist. Goal 12 R. H. Wood, pastor	12 4



Ingathering CAMPAIGN

Texas Conference by Districts

<u>Austin—Anderson—</u>	\$ 4,850
=====	33644.11
=====	1,144.73
<u>Beaumont—Mills—</u>	5,425
=====	1,006.93
=====	735.15
<u>Brownwood—Robbins—</u>	2,775
=====	2,446.91
=====	1,260.00
<u>Cleburne—Hancock—</u>	4,475
=====	2,328.14
<u>Corpus Christi—Rogers—</u>	5,950
=====	3,176.46
=====	1,747.47
<u>Corp. Ch.—Thompson—</u>	1,675
=====	1,722.13
=====	1,681.06
<u>Dallas Cent.—Hannah—</u>	15,175
=====	5,758.51
=====	5,420.00
<u>Dallas Oak Cl.—Roper—</u>	6,600
=====	2,137.72
=====	1,147.67
<u>Ft. Worth—Bill May—</u>	11,500
=====	11,526.25
=====	2,688.61
<u>Galveston—Osborne—</u>	3,800
=====	1,353.94
=====	1,217.99
<u>Grand Prairie—Fowler—</u>	4,850
=====	2,665.80
=====	325.00
<u>Handley—Findley—</u>	3,820
=====	3,418.00
=====	353.75
<u>Houston—Thurmon—</u>	13,775
=====	6,691.33
=====	5,215.67
<u>Houst. P. P.—Youngs—</u>	6,150
=====	3,953.90
=====	2,872.54
<u>Jefferson—Hadley—</u>	10,700
=====	4,067.58
=====	3,014.50
<u>Keene—Evans—</u>	29,500
=====	5,267.47
=====	6,370.22
<u>Laredo—Colon—</u>	2,400
=====	418.06
=====	461.15
<u>Lufkin—Carter—</u>	4,525
=====	2,308.97
=====	1,122.01
<u>San Antonio—Crews—</u>	15,900
=====	5,782.44
=====	3,953.75
<u>Sherman—Den.—Rider—</u>	5,000
=====	2,594.81
=====	855.32
<u>Sulphur Sp.—Schwab—</u>	2,325
=====	1,162.07
=====	1,211.79
<u>Valley—Leach—</u>	10,550
=====	3,137.50
=====	5,870.79
<u>Valley Sp.—Marinkovic—</u>	4,350
=====	416.57
<u>Waco—Winders—</u>	6,300
=====	993.85
=====	756.92
<u>Wichita Falls—Larsen—</u>	4,950
=====	792.06
=====	867.35

Conference Goal	\$191,500.00
Raised to Date	78,871.18
Last Year	50,426.73

Texico Conference by Districts

<u>Abilene Dist. Goal</u>	\$3,000.00
<u>G. M. Fillman, pastor</u>	631.32
=====	774.51
<u>Albuquerque Dist. Goal</u>	8,550.00
<u>H. M. S. Richards, pastor</u>	2,056.92
=====	1,474.50
<u>Amarillo Dist. Goal</u>	5,750.00
<u>J. D. Sammons, pastor</u>	1,624.14
=====	3,163.55
<u>Clayton Dist. Goal</u>	
<u>Kenneth Cox, pastor</u>	6,425.00
=====	1,065.37
<u>Clovis Dist. Goal</u>	4,975.00
<u>H. I. Miller, pastor</u>	1,202.87
=====	1,554.09
<u>El Paso Dist. Goal</u>	4,900.00
<u>E. D. Clifford, pastor</u>	985.03
=====	355.32
<u>Las Cruces Dist. Goal</u>	3,350
<u>J. D. Nichols, pastor</u>	958.84
=====	509.49
<u>Lubbock Dist. Goal</u>	6,750
<u>W. K. Mansker, pastor</u>	3,621.52
=====	4,217.70
<u>Midland Dist. Goal</u>	3,875.00
<u>R. E. Cash, pastor</u>	2,545.00
=====	2,449.06
<u>Pampa Dist. Goal</u>	2,300.00
<u>R. A. Jenkins, pastor</u>	1,302.85
=====	1,436.54
<u>Roswell Dist. Goal</u>	2,300.00
<u>A. W. Fiedler, pastor</u>	1,632.33
=====	992.15
<u>Sandia V. Acad. Goal</u>	2,775.00
<u>R. H. Hoffmann, pastor</u>	20.00
=====	20.00
<u>Conference</u>	114.25

Spanish Districts:

<u>Albuq. Dist. Goal</u>	5,025.00
<u>Manuel Lopez</u>	624.43
=====	314.00
<u>Dixon Dist. Goal</u>	2,300.00
<u>Frank Valez, pastor</u>	288.50
=====	421.11
<u>El Paso Dist. Goal</u>	2,875.00
<u>R. M. Sanchez, pastor</u>	1,260.36
=====	225.00
<u>Socorro Dist. Goal</u>	200.00
=====	225.00

Conference Goal	\$64,750.00
Raised to Date	17,872.25
Last Year	20,232.75

S.W. Region Conference by Districts

<u>Albuquerque Dist. Goal</u>	1,775.00
<u>L. B. Baker, pastor</u>	350.78
=====	
<u>Austin Dist. Goal</u>	\$ 3,500.00
<u>C. M. Bailey, pastor</u>	1,524.86
=====	2,005.81
<u>Baton Rge. Dist. Goal</u>	7,200.00
<u>W. J. Cleveland, pastor</u>	4,246.88
=====	6,516.55
<u>Dallas Dist. Goal</u>	6,425.00
<u>C. E. Dudley, pastor</u>	5,938.29
=====	5,904.84
<u>Ft. Worth Dist. Goal</u>	1,950.00
<u>D. J. Dixon, pastor</u>	729.78
=====	1,120.20
<u>Hammond Dist. Goal</u>	1,775.00
<u>J. L. Pollette, pastor</u>	1,160.11
=====	1,773.78
<u>Hot Springs Dist. Goal</u>	775.00
<u>C. McNorton, pastor</u>	519.42
=====	825.36
<u>Houston Dist. Goal</u>	4,950.00
<u>J. H. Williams, pastor</u>	1,696.84
=====	4,809.45
<u>Lake Ch. Dist. Goal</u>	2,700.00
<u>L. D. Henderson, pastor</u>	1,011.88
=====	716.40
<u>Little Rock Dist. Goal</u>	1,725.00
<u>M. M. Young, pastor</u>	1,653.96
=====	1,726.47
<u>New Or. Dist. Goal</u>	12,925.00
<u>R. L. Woodfork, pastor</u>	5,049.28
=====	8,213.78
<u>Okla. City Dist. Goal</u>	2,375.00
<u>Van Rannels, pastor</u>	2,243.11
=====	1,148.28
<u>Roswell Dist. Goal</u>	1,300.00
<u>G. J. Chissell, pastor</u>	1,181.72
=====	1,222.35
<u>San Antonio Dist. Goal</u>	3,075.00
<u>J. E. Cox, pastor</u>	1,448.85
=====	1,978.54
<u>Shreveport Dist. Goal</u>	4,050.00
<u>J. C. Smith, pastor</u>	2,095.62
=====	1,840.00
<u>Tulsa Dist. Goal</u>	2,375.00
<u>A. D. Shorter, pastor</u>	733.50
=====	844.11
<u>Tyler Dist. Goal</u>	2,325.00
<u>W. C. Jones, pastor</u>	1,613.16
=====	1,970.67
<u>Wichita Falls Dist. Goal</u>	900.00
<u>E. D. Rudley, pastor</u>	875.90
=====	619.90

Conference Goal	\$63,650.00
Raised to Date	33,103.71
Last Year	43,310.28

Conference News



The above picture shows George W. Reid receiving his ordination certificate from W. A. Dessain, president of the Oklahoma Conference. Harold Becker, H. L. Becker, and Elder L. C. Evans look on.

George Reid Ordained at Shattuck

At two-thirty o'clock on Sabbath afternoon, November 21, in the Shattuck Seventh-day Adventist Church, Brother George Reid was ordained to the gospel ministry. The large Shattuck church was well filled for the occasion, and the churches in Follett and Woodward sent strong representations. Brother Reid is district leader at Shattuck and has been there for three months, since our recent camp meeting, having previously held the pastorate at Stillwater and district.

He is a native son, having grown up around Seminole. He took his college work at Union College in Nebraska, then completed his B.Th. degree at the Seminary in Washington, D.C. For the past three years Brother Reid has been interning in Oklahoma, and the Shattuck District is his third appointment.

After appropriate music, and an opening prayer, Elder W. A. Dessain, president of the Oklahoma Conference, introduced Brother Reid to the congregation, announcing that he would deliver the sermon for the ordination program. His subject was "Man Shall Not Live by Bread Alone," based on the remarks of our blessed Lord during his temptation in the wilderness.

At the close of Brother Reid's sermon, Elder G. L. Sather, treasurer of the conference, led out in the ordination prayer, as hands were laid on Brother Reid setting him aside to the gospel ministry. Elder L. C. Evans, Southwestern Union Conference president, then read the ordination charge,

to which Brother Reid responded warmly and wholeheartedly, after which Elder Dessain read him the official welcome to the ranks of the gospel ministry. The men on the platform took turns in shaking Brother Reid's hand, embracing him, and generally making him welcome in the ranks of the ministry.

After the above service, when the benediction had been pronounced, and the last song sung, a welcome line was formed at the front of the church, and two or three hundred people came forward, shaking Brother and Sister Reid's hands warmly, and expressing their gratitude for this wonderful occasion.

W. A. DESSAIN, *President.*

Alva Leads Conference In Sabbath School Offerings



Alva, the 39th largest church in Oklahoma, led the conference in Sabbath school offerings by giving 83c per member during the second quarter. Always represented in the top 10, Alva's members heaped together a sum equal to 15% of their tithe to reach this spring peak in mission giving. The next seven ranking churches include Fairview 82c, Guyton 73c, Okeene 71c, Claremore 59c, Elk City 56c, and Enid 51c. If you'll give a dollar — NOT A DIME — then your church may be first next time.



The four young ladies shown with part of the 251 boys at Boys' Ranch, north of Amarillo, Texas, are left to right: Lanell Lafon, Barbara Hayes, Drucilla Glass, Judy Stevens. They said, "We all enjoyed this trip the most."

Lubbock Missionary Volunteers Visit Boys' Ranch

Sunday, November 15, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harkey, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pate, and twelve young people from Lubbock, Texas, went to Cal Farley's Boys' Ranch to present a program. The group arrived at 4:00 p.m. and spent an hour and a half touring the entire ranch. After the tour, the group ate supper with the boys, 251 in number. We were then escorted to the chapel by Chaplain Wayne Rhore to give our program, which consisted of instrumental and vocal numbers, and words of cheer and hope for the boys.

It was a real thrill to our young people to see the grand reception and reaction from the boys. This was another step in our outpost evangelism program here in Texico. A few months ago, the group put on a similar program at Girls' Town, at Whiteface, Texas. Also programs were given in rest homes.

The high light of our program always comes at the close of the hour when we present our books. We gave them a set of *The Bible Stories*, a set of *The Conflict of the Ages*, *Christ's Object Lessons*, and six animal and nature story books. We also left copies of the little book, *Mind If I Smoke?* with some tracts on tobacco. The little boys were happy to get one of the A. T. S. pins pinned on them. We will also send five subscriptions to the *LISTEN* magazine.

Young people, beg your church leaders to get busy and organize your group into a program of interesting missionary work. Let's get the wheels rolling. Remember, it's "This generation." C. C. HARKEY, *Temp. Sec.*

Lubbock, Texas SDA Church.

Why Sabbath School Teachers Resign

Why do they? Let's face the fact that most resignations are for reasons that cannot be called inevitable. North America statistics bear out the fact that approximately 45% of all Sabbath School and Sunday School teachers have been in their present jobs less than three years. Here are some of the reasons given why teachers actually wanted to be freed from their responsibility:

1. The S.S. Superintendent seldom called a Teachers' Meeting.
2. The Sabbath School Council doesn't know we exist.
3. We can't get a dollar out of the Church Board for visual aids
4. These lessons are too difficult. Nobody has shown us how to teach these lessons.
5. My minister never attends Teachers' Meetings.
6. No one in our church thinks a teacher's job is important.
7. We seldom get 30 minutes time to present the lessons.
8. I am tired of having other classes lump in with mine.
9. Many teachers do not arrive on time, therefore delegating all of the responsibility to those who come early.
10. You get the feeling it is only a tradition — dead — not going anywhere.
11. We are overcrowded in our lower divisions and no one is doing anything about it.

Now that we know some of the reasons why teachers resign, let us make positive plans to change the picture. Let us ask ourselves an important question:

HOW DO I INVITE MEMBERS TO BECOME SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS?

1. Never ask in a crowded corridor.
2. Never approach a prospective teacher at the back of the church after service.
3. Not even a telephone call is appropriate.
4. The assignment is too important for a casual approach.
5. Make a definite date to see the prospect in his home.
6. The S.S. Superintendent together with the pastor (if possible) and elder should call at the home of the prospective teacher.
7. Do not hurry the call.
8. Acquaint the prospective teacher with the available S.S. helps,



Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new church building for the Hemphill Seventh-day Adventist Church were held on Sunday afternoon, November 29, at the future building site on 2900 South Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas. The contemporary design building will have a seating capacity of more than 1100, and will provide for an evangelistic center. Elder W. R. May, pastor, Elder B. E. Leach, President of the Texas Conference, and Claude Dortch, chairman of the building committees, turn the first spades of soil.

- such as *Worker, Review, Instructor, Commentary, Bible Index*, etc.
9. Make provision for a Teachers' Training Class.
 10. Enlist teaching services for a year at a time.
 11. Assure the prospect that the job is not a "snap" — it will require time, effort, preparation, and prayer.

THE WORK OF THE TEACHER

The effectiveness of your Sabbath School rests to a large measure upon the teachers. The inspirational teacher will:

1. Prepare his S.S. lesson early in the week.
2. Get an over-all view of the lessons for the quarter, and then fit each lesson into the over-all pattern.
3. First get a telescopic view and then a microscopic view of the lesson.
4. Prepare your own outline of the lesson, adapting it to the local needs.
5. Save all of your outlines in a loose leaf binder, or on 4" x 6" cards.
6. Visit the students in their homes at least once a year.
7. Invite your class to dinner at least once a year.
8. Assign passages for additional research to certain members of the class.

9. Be sure to make provision for the report at the specified time — not a month later.
10. Encourage class participation — but stay with the topic.
11. Pray for each student, for the leaders, for the visitors, for yourself, and for new converts.

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Sabbath School Secretary.



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THE VOICE OF PROPHECY SERMON TOPICS
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Sunset Schedule

	Dec. 18	Dec. 25
Abilene, Texas	5:36	5:40
Amarillo, Texas	5:37	5:41
Brownsville, Texas	5:43	5:45
Dallas, Texas	5:23	5:27
El Paso, Texas	5:04	5:08
Fort Worth, Texas	5:25	5:59
Galveston, Texas	5:23	5:27
Keene, Texas	5:25	5:29
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:01	5:04
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:10	5:14
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:03	5:07
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5:19	5:23
San Antonio, Texas	5:38	5:42
Santa Fe, New Mexico	4:52	4:56
Shreveport, Louisiana	5:12	5:15



Laborers Together with God

L. C. EVANS, *President*
Southwestern Union Conference

(ED. NOTE — The following letter was written to our literature evangelists by Elder L. C. Evans, our Union Conference President, and I've received his permission to place it in the RECORD with the hope that it may induce some reader to make the decision to devote his life to literature evangelism.

If interested, contact your field secretary immediately. If there are things standing in your way, he can no doubt help you to become either a full or part-time literature evangelist.

J. T. WELCH, Publishing Secretary
Southwestern Union Conference.)

I'm thinking today about the great army of men and women whose hearts and lives are dedicated to the literature ministry here in the great Southwest. I want you to know that it is from the depth of my heart that I say with the apostle Paul, "We are laborers together with God." 1 Cor. 3:9.

The statement found on page 7 of the new *Manual For Colporteurs* has been a great source of encouragement to me down through the years. Even though all of us may be able to quote it, yet it does us good to read it often. "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus causing them to search the Scriptures." With such a statement as this from the Spirit of Prophecy, how can we help praying to our heavenly Father for His guidance and blessing upon you.

You can rest assured, dear fellow-workers, as you go forth day by day with your hearts and lives consecrated anew to Him for the task to which He has called you; He will pour out His Holy Spirit upon you as you seek new supplies of grace for efficient, faithful, loyal service, and many souls will be won and saved in His kingdom.

"The publications sent forth from our printing houses are to prepare a people to meet God. Throughout the world they are to do the same work that was done by John the Baptist." Vol. 7, p. 139.

As you respond faithfully and diligently

to the divine call and continue to yield your lives to the literature ministry, you will find men and women from all walks of life who will encourage you to continue in bringing new hope and new courage to the faithful and sinners to Him who is the way, the truth, and the life.

As you visit from home to home and talk of Jesus and His love for lost men and women, and as you have prayer at their family altars, many of them will assure you of an interest in their prayers that God will bless you abundantly for having devoted your life to such a worthy calling.

Many of the little children you see in the homes will be greatly blessed and some will never forget the "Bible man" who told them about Jesus and His love for little children. For many of these little tots, your visit will be the first introduction to Bible stories and Jesus and His love. Some of these little ones will never forget the atmosphere and influence your visit had upon them as you talked and prayed about Jesus and His soon return to this world to receive His people. Jesus said, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." He will bless you and give you success. He doesn't call to failure, but to success.

Of course there will be trials, and perhaps a few heartaches along the way. He has never promised to take His servants to heaven on flowery beds of ease; however, as you near the end of your service in the vineyard of the Lord, and the twilight of life begins to gather its clouds of purple and gray around you, joy and happiness will be yours for having dedicated your life to the literature ministry. Even your tears will be tears of joy, knowing well the promise of God — "He that goeth forth with weeping, bearing precious seed,

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