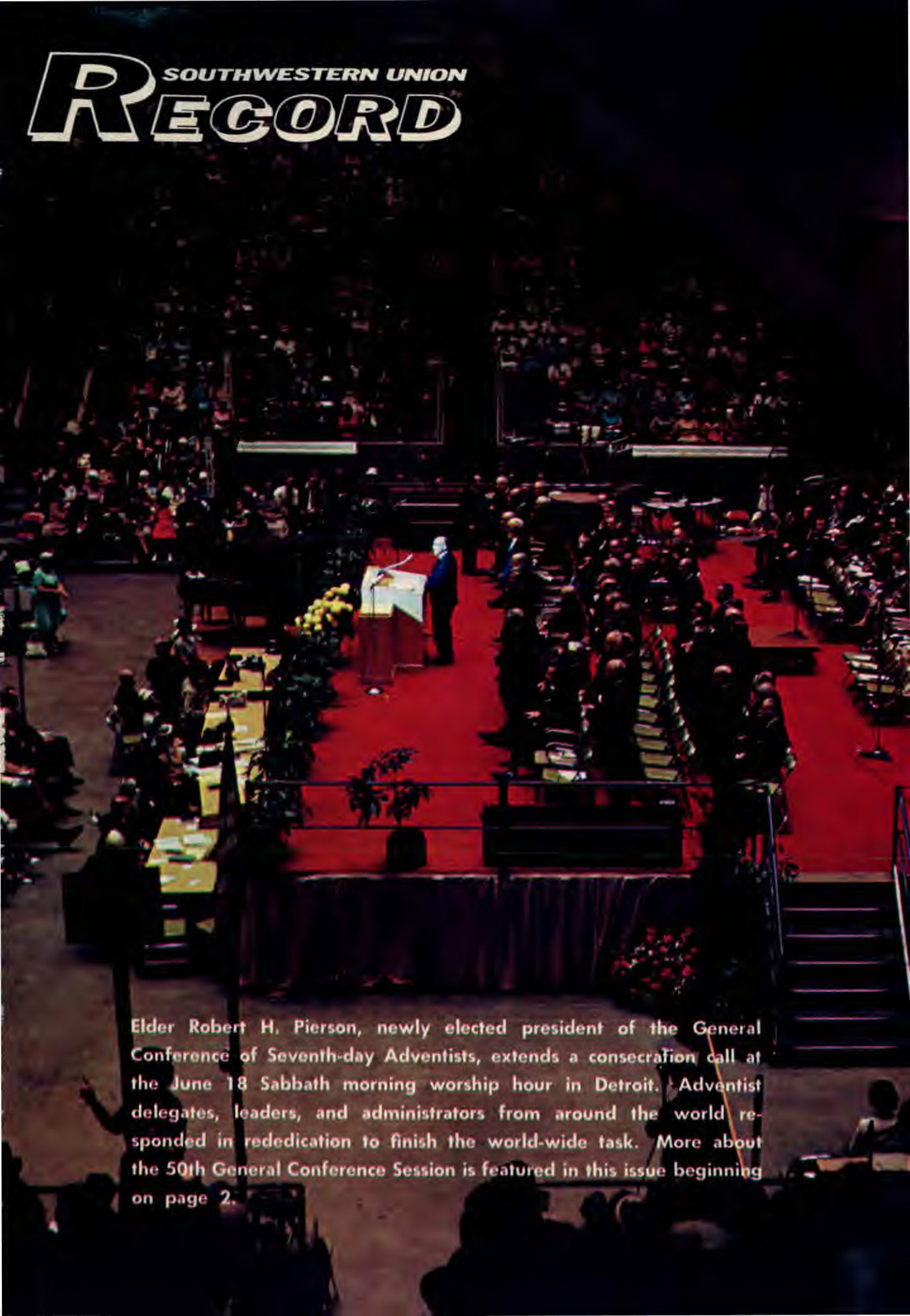


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Elder Robert H. Pierson, newly elected president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, extends a consecration call at the June 18 Sabbath morning worship hour in Detroit. Adventist delegates, leaders, and administrators from around the world responded in rededication to finish the world-wide task. More about the 50th General Conference Session is featured in this issue beginning on page 2.

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Elder R. R. Figuhr, right, retiring after 12 years as General Conference president, prepares to turn over the responsibilities of the church's chief administrator to Elder R. H. Pierson, who was elected to the presidency during the 1966 General Conference Session.

R. H. Pierson Chosen to Head Church Organization

Elder Robert H. Pierson was elected president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on Friday, June 17. He was chosen by the official church delegates, representing 1.6 million members around the globe, at the 50th world session of the church. Elder Pierson succeeds Elder Rueben R. Figuhr, who announced his retirement at the opening session of the convention. Elder Figuhr served the denomination as its president for 12 years, and during his administration the church ex-

perienced encouraging world-wide growth.

Elder Pierson has for the last eight years been president of the Trans-Africa Division with headquarters in Salisbury, Rhodesia. The mission force working in the strife-torn Congo area has been under his direction. The Central African area served by Elder Pierson has been one of the fastest growing for the Adventist church.

The new president has served the church as an administrator in North America and three overseas divisions. Elder Pierson is widely known in the Southwestern Union, having been president of the Texas Conference for two years in the mid-fifties.

During his address to the session Sabbath morning, June 18, Elder Pierson called for the church leaders and members to advance God's work on all fronts, "Now is the accepted time to move forward on every front in every land around the world." In his concluding remarks he called for reconsecration of the church's leaders, "A world-wide revival should commence with you and me. Now is the accepted time, not only for courageous planning, but most of all for victorious godly living."



L. C. Evans

It is a little hard to accept the fact that the 50th World Conference for Seventh-day Adventists is history. The pioneers of our faith had great hope that Christ would have come ere this. We, living today, still have this hope and we look for His coming in great expectation with visible evidence all around us that the DAY OF THE LORD IS near.

In such a setting the 50th General Conference session has ended in Detroit but in reality its effect has only begun. The evident spirit of brotherhood among people of all lands, the selection of capable dedicated leaders, the open doors of opportunity, and the Biblical assurances of the triumph of truth, we believe, are a part of God's great plan to pour out His spirit on His people for the proclamation of the mighty voice of the third angel's message to the world.

Today the baptized members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of all lands number 1,600,000. The adherents to Adventist beliefs probably far exceeds two million. This

large body of Christian people is about the size of the Dallas-Fort Worth area in Texas or the entire city of Detroit. Of this number about 25 percent live in North America with the second highest concentration of membership being in Africa. It is truly a world church fulfilling a world mission with established work of education, medical ministry, and evangelism, along with churches in nearly every land. From these lands a membership growth has totaled 469,048 during the last four years or the same effect as establishing a church of 2,255 members every Sabbath day during the four-year period.

This excellent record of growth and expansion in membership was a part of the report to the delegates by Elder R. R. Figuhr, world leader of Adventists during the past 12 years. His report brought great courage and a challenge to the convention that surely God is blessing this church and bestowing His favors upon it. Climaxing his report, Elder Figuhr called for the burdens of the

The Afterglow of a Great Meeting

By

L. C. EVANS, President

Southwestern

Union

Conference.

Over 1,400 delegates and nearly 11,000 visiting Seventh-day Adventists filled the great Cobo Hall arena on weekends of the General Conference Session. Another 8,000 Adventists gathered in smaller auditoriums of the Cobo Hall complex to observe the proceedings on closed circuit television, making a total of some 20,000 in attendance at the Sabbath services. A large choir is assembled behind the speakers' platform.





Southwestern Union Conference delegates join in singing on the opening night the theme song of the conference, "We Have This Hope." The 1,500 delegates seated on the main floor were joined by nearly 7,000 visitors for the first service of the session.

General Conference presidency to be laid on younger shoulders and announced his retirement after more than 40 years in mission, conference, and General Conference service. Elder Figuhr has served nobly and has been most effective in keeping the church in the middle of the road and away from extremism. His counsel will be valuable as new leaders assume the heavy responsibilities of the church.

Delegates from most of the countries of the world, representing every phase of the ministry and work of the church, met together in Cobo Hall in Detroit to constitute the highest authoritative voice of the church. By convention action policies which will affect the whole world

were ordered. Plans were implemented that give the denomination a united front in its approach to the world, yet ample provision was made for initiative and individual progress for each country.

It was a thrilling experience to be present at such a meeting and to participate in the selection of our world leaders for the next four years. Our new General Conference president, Elder R. H. Pierson, is an energetic, capable, dedicated leader. Many of our members in the Southwest will remember very pleasantly Elder Pierson who served so well here as president of our Texas Conference for several years. Most recently he was president of the Trans-Africa Division. He is a man of

unlimited capacity for the church and has a firm grasp of the needs of the world field. He will give strong leadership to a people that are willing in the DAY OF THE LORD.

The entire force of General Conference officers and departmental secretaries, as well as division officers and departmental secretaries, were appointed by nomination and approved by the delegation. Many hours of prayer and careful study were spent in placing men in positions of leadership whose sole work will be to build and expand the church and its message during the next quadrennium. We believe the Lord has led in this important task of selecting these leaders, and we pledge support to the program they will direct in the world field in the days ahead.

In the RECORD this week you will find a running account of the session, along with photographs of some of the personnel and events. In this way we hope to share with you just a little of the spirit of this great meeting. It is impossible by words to bring you the impact of such a meeting of God's people; but surely current events of today combined with the holy Scriptures and God's Spirit will call for you and all of us as leaders and lay workers to offer ourselves in prayer, consecration, and participation in the greatest program of soul winning in the world today, "The Mighty Advent Movement."

We call for all our people in the great Southwest to keep alive the great hope of Christ's coming, and to this end dedicate all the powers of mind and labors.

The Middle East Division exhibit consisted of items manufactured in that area and a background view of Jerusalem. This exhibit was typical of others set up for display from every division of the world field.



Vietnam Publisher Brings Progress Report to 50th World Conference

The sound and fury of the Vietnam war has not hindered the publishing work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Vietnam, said Le Cong Giao, manager of the Vietnam Signs Publishing House, during an interview at the recent General Conference Session in Detroit.

In spite of shooting and exploding bombs, Giao reports that in the past ten years book and literature sales from his publishing house have tripled.

"People have no hope for the future," he explains. "We can give them hope. We tell them of Christ's soon coming, of a new life where there is no more death, no more hunger."

Giao stated that destruction of homes and crops has left thousands destitute. There is a very great need for something with which to rebuild, for the bare necessities of life.

South Vietnam is crowded, he says. Since 1955 more than a million people have fled North Vietnam and flooded into the Saigon area and other population centers. The influx of 260,000 United States troops has added to the housing shortage and other shortages.

Saigon harbor is jammed with ships loaded with relief materials, Giao said. They have been there for months, some of them never unloading. The military's needs, of course, take precedence.

The war has come very close to Mr. Giao. Of his staff of publishing house representatives, numbering 88, nine have vanished since the war began. Still his literature evangelists travel throughout the whole of South Vietnam regardless of danger.

The sound of exploding shells is commonplace. The closest explosion was when a bomb destroyed a bus as it passed the mission.

Giao reports that the 45-bed Seventh-day Adventist hospital in Saigon is operating at more than capacity. There are daily 55 in-patients and between 100 to 150 out-patients. It is the only American hospital in Saigon.

The church also operates a mission school on the elementary level, and here business as usual is the order of the day.

Asked as to his feelings toward the present government in Vietnam, the publishing house manager replied that as an Adventist he did not become involved in political issues. Adventists, he said, are loyal to the

government whatever that government may be. He referred to Christ's injunction to "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and to God the things which are God's."

Le Cong Giao was one of more than 1,400 official delegates in Detroit for the 50th World Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church last month.

One of the busiest spots for delegates was the U. S. Post Office, set up in Cobo Hall as a special favor to the convention delegates. K. C. Beem, Southwestern Union treasurer; and W. B. Robinson, Texas Conference treasurer, wait in a long line for mail service.



Elder Charles Dart, pastor from Keene, Texas, watches a demonstration of "Smoking Sam." "Sam" is a manikin owned and operated by the General Conference temperance department. He serves as a teaching aid in revealing the evil of tobacco smoke, tar, and nicotine to high school students.



The Face of Adventism

By B. L. COOK, Usher, 1966 General Conference Session.

I watched the face of Adventism today. I stood, as it were, "At the Gate" and saw God's people stream by. I saw the easy flash of a smile on the face of the delegate from the Far East—not a smile of personal recognition, but a smile of fellowship and love. I looked into the deep brown eyes of the delegate from Trans-Africa; and I saw where once there may have been suspicion and hate, dancing lights of comradeship. I looked into the face of the delegate from Scandinavia, and in eyes as blue as the Fiords of the northland I saw strength and fervency of purpose. I heard them whisper a word of gratitude in my ear for just "being on the job" in their behalf. I saw a certain selflessness that leads one's thoughts to concern and thoughtfulness for others. I saw quiet confidence in a higher power and a bright future ahead.

Yes, I saw the face of Adventism today—and I found my own faith

strengthened for having looked for a fleeting moment in the eyes of the "Chosen Ones" as they steadfastly moved on and on toward the kingdom of God.

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Elder R. E. Nesmith looks over a charm wand held by J. M. Koko, publishing secretary of the Zambia Union in the Trans-Africa Division. Delegates from foreign lands wore their native dress and presented an unusual and colorful sight.

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Delegates from the Texico Conference, Elder G. H. Rustad, president; and Elder K. O. Cox, district leader at Albuquerque, visit with Paul Pieri, a native of New Guinea, and in Detroit attending the session representing the Australasian Division. In his colorful costume, Paul represents the old way of life among his people from which he has now been reclaimed. He rejoices in his new found faith and is an active minister of the gospel, bringing the good news to the people of his land.

The General Conference Session . . . 1966



Cecil Coffey

In the context of Adventism, the General Conference is God's highest authority on earth and the General Conference in session is the voice of God speaking plans for the advancement of His work and calling upon individuals to fill positions of trust and responsibility in the church. The fiftieth session of the General Conference, held recently in Detroit, demonstrated in a marked way the intervening and guiding hand of God in the affairs of His church.

The blessing of God has always attended the General Conference sessions, but even the most optimistic delegate could hardly have foreseen the remarkable spirit that took hold of the 1966 session from the opening meeting.

Some perhaps would attribute this to the more than usual changes recommended by the various working committees and adopted by the delegates, and there is for a certainty in the human thinking of man an initial surge of optimism when democratic changes are effected. And changes there were, scores in personnel, several in policy matters, and a sizeable number in plans and procedures.

But these surface reasons for the new optimism that swept through the delegates and visitors cannot account for the genuine spirit of unity and love that permeated the whole assembly. That can be accounted for only on a Divine basis. God's spirit seemed to be leading the minds of the delegates toward the speedy triumph of the Advent movement; and this was voiced by the new General Conference president, Elder Robert H. Pierson, at the closing meeting of the session.

"If you want to read the inspired account of the triumph of the Advent movement," he said, "turn with me to the words of the disciple out there on the Isle of Patmos, recorded in Revelation 7:9: 'After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes and with palms in their hands.'

"Brothers and sisters, here is no picture of failure or defeat. God's people are going to be there from Asia, they're going to be there from Africa, from Europe, from Australia, from North America, from South

By CECIL COFFEY, Book Editor, Southern Publishing Association

America, from Inter-America, from the islands of the sea. . . . What a glorious picture of progress and victory we have here.

"As we leave this great meeting, I want us to consider the formula for a finished work, for the final triumph of this movement. I find it from the pen of inspiration, recorded in the *Review and Herald*, December 15, 1885. Said God's servant: 'When Divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble.'"

Elder Pierson was elected to the church's highest office following the announcement by Elder R. R. Figuhr that he was retiring. Elder Pierson has served as a missionary official of the church in Asia, the Caribbean, and Africa for 25 years. He has served as president of the Southern Asia Division and more recently of the Trans-Africa Division. He first entered the service of the church in 1933 as a pastor in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. He also has served as a pastor in Takoma Park, Maryland, and as a broadcaster in New York City. During a four-year interim between mission calls, 1954-58, he served as president of the Kentucky-Tennessee and Texas Conferences.

Elder W. R. Beach was re-elected general secretary of the church; and

Elder Neal C. Wilson, more recently president of the Columbia Union Conference and formerly a church official in the Middle East, was named as vice-president for the North American Division. He replaces Elder Theodore Carcich who was made a general vice-president. Elder K. H. Emmerson was elected General Conference treasurer. Since 1960 he has been an assistant treasurer.

Among the more interesting aspects of the session held in Cobo Hall were the reports of successes in lands to which the church has few direct lines of communication.

One report indicated that in China, Adventists are still allowed to hold religious meetings, including Sabbath school and other Sabbath services.

A report from Poland revealed an active church of 70 congregations and 6,500 members. In addition, the *Signs of the Times* is published in that country.

The church in East Germany has a membership of 13,000 and is licensed to operate a seminary that trains future ministers to join some 200 workers already active in church employment. Gifts of paper from West Germany enable those in East Germany to print their own missionary and Christian literature.

Provision has been made by the military in Cuba to allow Seventh-

day Adventists there to join a special work force rather than bear arms. A seminary continues to train national ministers.

Freedom has been granted to preach in the 16 Adventist churches in Spain under a new law recognizing Seventh-day Adventists. The membership in that country is 2,300. Permission was recently granted to publish the first Adventist religious book in Spain in 29 years. The book: *Steps to Christ*.

Egypt is enjoying more religious freedom than it ever has, and this is greatly appreciated by the Adventists there.

All the foreign missionaries have left Burma; but despite the depletion of leadership ranks during the past four years, the membership in that country has increased by fifty per cent.

Sales of Christian literature in war-torn Vietnam have tripled in the past 10 years.

These typical reports show that Seventh-day Adventists the world over have the same hope in the second Advent of Jesus Christ. Though separated politically and ideologically, though differing in customs, costumes, and communications, Adventists around the world are dedicated to the global assignment of sharing their hope.



(Left)

Elder Dick Barron, Texas evangelist, greets Mrs. Watts and daughter from the Far Eastern Division. In the colorful costume of their land, these missionaries spent many hours explaining the growth of the Lord's work in the Far Eastern Division to the many visitors.

(Right)

M. H. Jensen demonstrates the work of the health and welfare ministry in miniature to Elder George Schram, director of laymen's activities of the Southwestern Union. The various conferences throughout North America maintain disaster relief units to aid victims of any type disaster. Typical of this was the help given by this organization last year during Hurricane Betsy.





(Left)

Among the many exhibits, one of the most photographed was the torture box at the Religious Liberty booth. Here, Elder J. N. Morgan, religious liberty secretary of the Southwestern Union, stands inside a replica of the box used extensively during the inquisition to force Christians to relinquish their faith.

(Right)

Thousands of words and pictures were used throughout the world in describing the conference to the public. Elder Herb Ford, in charge of the news room, spent endless hours in producing copy and answering questions of the reporters about the belief and way of life of Seventh-day Adventists. Scores of workers were assigned to the task of getting the news out by the press, radio, television, and denominational journals.

This is in contrast to much of modern-day religion, and Elder W. R. Beach noted some of the reasons for the ineffectiveness of much that is labeled "religion." "This age," he said, "is inoculated with mild forms of faith in practice. Men have become immune to real things. Religion is watered down to mean as little as possible. Recent generations have taken the attitude that it does not make much difference what a man believes, so long as he lives a good life. Goodness has become a matter of opinion rather than conviction, of prevailing custom rather than principle."

Another leader, retiring vice-president Frank L. Peterson, declared: "The return of Jesus is the great pole-star toward which the church is still moving. . . . The second coming of Christ is the cardinal doctrine of the church around which every other doctrine clusters. If you separate the Adventist people from the positive belief in the second coming of Christ, you will rob them of the joyous expectation of the 'blessed hope.'"

The session also provided some interesting sidelights. One delegate, for example, had every right to be footsore, although there was no physical evidence of such an ailment. His name, one name only, is Hmingliana; and he came to the session from Assam, India. When it became time to begin his journey to Detroit, Hmingliana found himself deep in Assam's Lushi hills visiting churches. Because of an uprising in the district where he was visiting, there was no

transportation available; and even foot travel was unsafe except on paths far removed from main trails.

But Hmingliana was determined to get to Michigan, U. S. A. He had been duly elected as a delegate and that meant that he should make a determined effort to get to Detroit. So he set off on foot to cover the 150 miles of steep trails to the nearest bus terminal. Bone-weary he arrived at the little hill town of Shillong some ten days later, climbed aboard a bus, traveled to Gauhati where he caught an airliner for the United States.

Then there were the two Japanese newly-weds who have been singing their way across the United States on their honeymoon. Tetsuya and Yoko Yamamoto were members of

the 45-voice choir of Japan Missionary College which appeared twice in concert at the General Conference session. This appearance highlighted a three-month tour of 22 states and 150 concerts.

And the "smoke-filled rooms" of the convention hall had no smoke in them. The bars were closed. The bartenders took the week off. And the foods cooking in the big cafeteria and those being served at the snack bars looked, smelled, and tasted—in fact were—just like those served in Adventist school cafeterias.

During the session the exhibit area housed what was by far the largest bookstore then operating in Detroit. More than 1,000 periodicals and book titles were on display, representing the work of 44 denomi-

The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference disaster service van was on public display in the exhibit area of Cobo Hall during the entire session. Each conference in the Southwestern Union operates a unit similar to this and is ready in a few hours notice to transport relief materials to a stricken area.





Missionaries and native workers from around the world paraded in their colorful costumes during the mission pageant held on the first Sabbath afternoon of the convention. Here, a delegation from Czechoslovakia is followed by groups from France and Greece.

national publishing houses and featuring publications in 30 languages of the 260 in which the church publishes.

One delegate, Elder Philip A. Parker, missionary to Burma, will not be returning to his missions post. He was the last Protestant missionary to leave Burma following the decree that all foreign missionaries must leave. In Burma for the past 20 years, he was the last to receive

eviction notice. The government had already nationalized the 115-bed Rangoon Seventh-day Adventist Hospital. This was done on June 1, 1965, without warning and with the stipulation that American physicians in attendance could make only one last round of patients before leaving the country. The 40 Adventist schools in Burma were taken over by the government in April of this year.

But the "move-forward-under-God" spirit that continued to build up throughout the session was not dimmed by the reports of adverse conditions, of persecutions, and of the many obstacles thrown into the path of the church. These are anticipated by Adventists and come as no great surprise, although there is shock at man's inhumanity to man.

Following the session, a consultant for the Michigan State Department of Education remarked to a young Seventh-day Adventist girl he was sitting by on a plane from Detroit to Nashville, "The television and radio coverage was the best I have ever seen for a convention in Detroit. I have never known anything about Adventists before, but I was quite impressed with their dignity and decorum and their professionalism." He went on to say that he was especially impressed by the mission pageant which was on local television.

The Detroit Session of 1966 will be remembered for the significant changes made and for opening the way toward more procedural changes

necessary to the success of the church in this time of unparalleled opportunity. The session will also be remembered by many for the splendid facilities afforded by Cobo Hall as well as for the inconvenient proximity to most of the hotels which didn't always provide the facilities they promised, for the embarrassment caused by the litter and filth strewn over the premises by a non-church group that held a Sunday meeting in one of the adjacent auditoriums, by the escalators that broke down numerous times, and by the extremely hot weather that swept into the city about midway in the session.

But most delegates and others in attendance will look back on such minor discomforts and embarrassments with a smile, knowing that the great contribution of the General Conference, 1966, was the new spirit it engendered. And the prayer was that this would bring a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit that Divine power combined with human effort might soon finish God's work in the earth.

The delegates left the city heading for every corner of the globe, and another convention moved in. With the new group came the noise makers, the political banners, the trucks laden with liquors, the bartenders, a much larger force of police to maintain order, and an army of sweepers and moppers whose work had been sharply reduced during the Adventist meeting.



A Yugoslavian choir directed by Leonides Majnaric sings the beautiful songs of eastern Europe at the General Conference Session. Good music was an outstanding feature of the ten-day convention.



Growth of Adventist work around the world was illustrated on this map by lights which show progress of the work by decades.



The Southern Asia Division showed handwork as well as dolls dressed in national costumes. In Pakistani costumes are Elder Austin John and Marie Hemel.



An African idol was examined by Elder and Mrs. T. M. Ashlock in the Trans-African booth. Many examples of native crafts were on display.



Two division delegates, Mrs. Lucille Walters, Jamaica, and Elder Jan Brinkmen, Dutch Guiana, greeted visitors to the Inter-American booth.

The exotic mystery of the Middle East was captured in the division booth. Elder Hilal Dose, left, Egyptian evangelist; Elder R. A. Wilcox, right, president of the division until General Conference, now president of the South American Division.



Paul Pieri, native New Guinea worker, with a future missionary nurse in the Australasian booth. Backdrop shows the airplane used in mission mercy flights.

Fifty years of progress were depicted in the South American Division booth. Hot, steaming jungles; wide, long rivers; modern cities—all form an interesting pattern in this progressive field. Olival Costa, left; Donald Sandstrom, right.





A General Conference session is always colorful, dramatic and packed with interest. There is a cosmopolitan atmosphere. With representatives from almost 200 countries in attendance, one gets a glimpse of the world work of Seventh-day Adventists.

Beautiful Cobo Hall and Convention Arena, part of a new Civic Center in Detroit, Michigan, served the delegates and visitors who congregated for the 1966 world conference. Every facility of the spacious arena and adjoining halls was taxed to capacity for the two weekends of the session. The arena, shown above, seats near 12,000 and was photographed at the first Sabbath gathering. Another 8,000 persons enjoyed the service in a nearby hall through closed-circuit television. Youth-

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age groups had their own speakers. Total Sabbath attendance was conservatively estimated at 25,000.

During the week, business was transacted through committees, reports were given by departmental leaders of the General Conference, and division programs inspired the large evening audiences.

Seeking to capture the flavor of such an international gathering, several union paper editors joined efforts in taking color photographs for this special union paper insert. Participating in this were the editors of the Atlantic Union Gleaner, Columbia Union Visitor, Lake Union Herald, Southern Union Tidings and Southwestern Union Recorder with special release to the Northern Union Outlook.

Departmental displays were indicative of the service each renders to the church organization. The Medical booth featured a transcribed message heard by using a stethoscope on the world. The Temperance Department gave a demonstration with Smoking Sam. The radio-TV depicted its part in communication. Youth were proud of their M.V. display; and many students of Home Study Institute met for the first time. Work of the Regional Department was attractively portrayed.





Record Distribution Reported by American Bible Society

NEW YORK

Distribution of Scriptures in 1965 by the American Bible Society reached a record high with more than 54 million Bibles and Scripture portions put into circulation last year. The total is nearly five and a half million more than the 1964 figure. An extensive exhibition of Scriptures is on display this summer in the Rare Book Library of the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D. C., as part of the Bible Society's 150th anniversary celebration. The exhibits show how the Bible came to America and illustrate 20th-century methods of translating and publishing the Bible. The exhibits will be on display until October 9.

U. S. Belief in God Survey Shows Decline Since 1952

WASHINGTON, D. C.

A Gallup poll indicates that belief in God has declined in the U.S. during the past 14 years. George Gallup's latest report shows that 97 per cent of those interviewed admitted some belief in God—about two per cent less than those in a similar survey made in 1952. The greatest loss of faith was registered among the Jews. Fourteen years ago, 70 per cent of Jews interviewed said they were certain of God's existence and another 18 per cent said they were fairly sure. Today only 39 per cent of Jews said they were certain and 31 per cent said they were fairly sure that God exists. Sixteen per cent of the Jews in the current survey described themselves as atheists or agnostics, compared with one per cent of the group as a whole.

Southern Baptists Allocate Funds for Mission Expansion

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has appropriated nearly five million dollars for the operation and expansion of mission work throughout the world. Included in the allocation was \$10,000 for famine relief in India, to be administered through Baptist World Alliance. Twenty-three new career missionaries were appointed at the board's spring meeting, bringing the total of Southern Baptist missionaries to 1,993. In addition, 49 youth were accepted for the church's missionary journeyman program. This program accepts single college graduates under 27 for two years of service overseas. The youth attend an eight-week summer training program before leaving for overseas posts.

Moratorium on Church Building is Proposed at Conference

CHICAGO

A suburban planning expert has declared that no more church buildings should be erected until the churches decide what the function of the buildings is going to be. The director of suburban planning for the Chicago Welfare Council told a religious architecture conference that it does not make sense to spend money and energy to build churches when old functions are outdated and new ones have not yet been determined. He said that a moratorium on all church building would allow churches to settle on basic issues so that they would know whether to build a church like a country club or like a conventional house of worship.

Seventh-day Adventist Church Exhibits Art Display on Life of Christ

DETROIT

An exhibition of original oil paintings on the life of Christ was the major public attraction of the 50th world conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Detroit, June 16 to 25. The exhibition of 43 paintings was opened to the public during the ten days the conference was in session. Featured work of art at the exhibition was a 10-by-20-foot oil painting of the Second Coming of Christ by Artist Howard Sanden of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Other paintings depicted the birth, baptism, crucifixion, resurrection, along with other events in the life of Christ.

Check under this head for announcements of interest to all and for news of the coming events in your conference.

Arkansas-Louisiana

★ Late Summer, Early Fall Meetings Planned

The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference revivalist, J. H. Wardrop, will conduct evangelistic meetings in the following cities in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference at the following dates:

Jonesboro, Arkansas - August 14 through September 3.

Harrison, Arkansas - September 11 through October 8.

If you know of interests or loved ones who are not members of the church, please write Elder Wardrop, P.O. Box 5548, Shreveport, Louisiana, before the meetings begin.

Oklahoma

★ FLASH!

Good News for Oklahoma

Elder Robert H. Pierson, newly elected president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, will attend the Oklahoma Camp Meeting August 5 and 6. This will be an important event for Oklahoma, and everyone will want to plan now to be at camp meeting to hear our new General Conference President.



oklahoma

A. E. Nelson's Bid Farewell; Leave for Thailand

Elder and Mrs. Arthur E. Nelson left the Jay Memorial Hospital, Jay, Oklahoma, on June 13, 1966, for the General Conference Session in Detroit, Michigan. From there they left for Bangkok, Thailand, to join their son, Dr. Roger Nelson, and his wife, Dr. Ethel Nelson, who have been serving since 1950 in the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital at Bangkok.



Elder and Mrs. A. E. Nelson

The Arthur Nelsons will help with the spiritual phase of the hospital's services. They understand the language since they have spent 27 years as missionaries in northern India, mostly in Allahabad and Lucknow.

They have five sons, all born in India, and a daughter who was born in the United States during a period that they were home on furlough.

The Nelsons left in the United States four children: a son, Dr. James Nelson, and family at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital in Washington, D.C.; a son, Stanley, and family, a building contractor in Loma Linda, California; a daughter, Dr. Florence Stuyvesant, and her husband, Dr. Wilford Stuyvesant; and a son, John Nelson, and family, a pharmacy clerk in Riverside County Hospital, Riverside, California.

Another son, Elmer Nelson, is an x-ray technician who sailed with his family from Los Angeles, California, July 17, to take up duties in the mission hospital at Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America.

MRS. OBED PATTY, *Press Secretary,*
Ketchum Church.



Alert Pathfinder, Jerry Spencer, in front of his pup tent.

Choctaw Pathfinders Enjoy Camporee

On a week end in late spring the Choctaw Pathfinder Club conducted a Pathfinder Camporee. On Friday evening they all gathered around a campfire and listened to Bible character stories as told by the staff members.

Sabbath morning found all in Sab-

bath school and worship services at the Choctaw Seventh-day Adventist Church. After a potluck picnic lunch, supplied by the parents of the Pathfinders, Elder W. A. Dessain visited the camp.

Saturday night, after sundown vespers, the Pathfinders entered into the skills contests with each Pathfinder taking part. Jerry Spencer pitched his tent in 2 minutes and 15 seconds.

Sunday morning after breakfast and camp cleanup, games were played until the parents came for their children.

The Choctaw Pathfinder Club is under the direction of Mrs. Vera Wolfe. Her counselors are Mrs. Florence Smith and Mr. Bill Stahlheber.

MRS. ERNEST WOLFE,
Pathfinder Director,
Choctaw, Oklahoma.

Six Baptized in East Cooper Church

Sabbath, June 25, was a high day in the lives of six persons as they were baptized and became members

of the East Cooper church. Five of these were young people who have attended the East Cooper church and Sabbath school most of their lives. It is always a thrill to our hearts to see our young people making this important decision to follow the Lord in this sacred rite and take their place in the church, working for the saving of others.

Dr. Joe J. White, a Chiropractic physician, whose office is in Watonga,

Oklahoma, was also baptized with this group. Dr. White attended a series of meetings conducted by Elder Rider and the East Cooper church about two years ago. Since that time, he has studied the book, *Bible Readings*, and other Seventh-day Adventist literature. Recently he made his decision to become a member of God's commandment-keeping church.

A. L. MAY, District Pastor.

Norman Lay Series Result in Eight Being Baptized

May 22 through 27, a series of lay evangelistic meetings was conducted in Norman. God richly blessed the series held in this part of His vineyard. These meetings were under the supervision of the local pastor, Donald E. Lund, but were conducted by two laymen, Jimmie Williams and Hub Shaw, from the Oklahoma City church.

The Holy Spirit was felt to be present during these meetings, and

those attending received a spiritual blessing. The meetings served to further prepare eight souls for baptism.

The baptismal services were held on Sabbath, May 28. Elder Robert Rider of the Conference lay activities department officiated at this service.

We wish to thank God for the increase and for these two faithful laymen who have a burden for souls.

LELAND DAVIS, Local Elder,
Norman Church.



★ OPERATION LONE STAR

Operation Lone Star Objectives

for the next six months—
July 1 to December 31, 1966

OBJECTIVES EACH PERSON CAN HELP US REACH

- ★ Become a Minute-Man Conference for the eighth time
- ★ Distribute 5,000 copies of the Missionary Book of the Year—"By Faith I Live"
- ★ Increase Sabbath School offerings by 3%

OBJECTIVES EACH CHURCH CAN HELP US REACH

- ★ Baptize 400 souls
- ★ A revival in every church
- ★ An evangelistic crusade in every district
- ★ Conduct 50 Vacation Bible Schools
- ★ 1,000 teams working with the "Go Tell Texas" Program
- ★ Exceed our youth MV Target 3,000 baptismal goal of 68 souls
- ★ Reach attendance goal for Texas in Union-wide Bible Conference
- ★ 10% increase in Pathfinder clubs

OBJECTIVES FOR CONFERENCE IN GENERAL

- ★ To appoint an Academy Development secretary
- ★ An Evangelistic Crusade in every district
- ★ Further explore possibilities of medical center in Houston area
- ★ Further explore possibilities of hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth area
- ★ Promote RN School of Nursing in Texas Conference territory
- ★ Build new 100-bed Valley Grande Nursing Home
- ★ Complete new gymnasium at Jefferson Academy
- ★ Build new Girls' Dormitory at Valley Grande Academy
- ★ Continue survey and plans for new Lone Star Academy in Crockett
- ★ Complete new Keene Elementary School
- ★ Complete new Cafeteria at Valley Grande Academy
- ★ Organize 2 new churches

- ★ Complete construction of 3 new church buildings
- ★ Begin construction on new Junior Academy at San Antonio
- ★ To expand the stewardship program of the Conference Association
- ★ Set in motion a revival program for the Spanish Churches
- ★ Study the possibilities of opening another hospital in a dark county
- ★ Study the possibilities of daily Voice of Prophecy in 2 new areas
- ★ Release Faith for Today telecast on 1 new station
- ★ 5% increase in enrollment in our elementary schools, academies, and Texas youth at Southwestern Union College
- ★ Open new church school at San Marcos
- ★ Start 5 new Literature Evangelists
- ★ 35 new Branch Sabbath Schools
- ★ Explore possibilities of Book and Bible House serving the major church centers with Mobile Book Unit



Elder W. B. Robinson, Texas Conference treasurer, receives commitments brought from the audience by the pastors while Elder G. C. Dart, Operation Lone Star director, who was ably assisted by Mrs. Arlene Tucker (not in picture), and Elder B. E. Leach, Texas Conference president, look on. The 1966 total of \$470,000 is largest in Operation Lone Star history. Last year's total was \$482,000 of which over 80% has already come into the conference.

OPERATION TEXAS CONFERENCE

Sabbath Afternoon

\$470,000 in cash and promises



The staccato fanfare of the trumpet trio composed of Bobby Rael, George Adams, and Greg Doyle (l. to r.) announced the beginning of another Operation Lone Star program! Mrs. Ouida Turner began to play "Onward Christian Soldiers," and the Texas Conference workers marched into Pultar Pavilion led by an honor guard of six San Antonio Pathfinders and their drill team leader.



Elder B. E. Leach, Texas Conference president, (right) and Elder W. B. Robinson, treasurer, begin the 1966 Operation Lone Star program with a report of how funds have been used since the launching of the program in 1958. Special emphasis was given accomplishments since last camp meeting.



"Are you one of the ten big men we need?" Elder LaMar Allred, Texas publishing secretary, asks the question in a unique appeal for additional literature evangelists. Allred, at the microphone to the left, holds the feet of the "Big Man" representing the foot soldiers of the Gospel, Texas literature evangelists.



Miss Wanda Grounds, elementary education supervisor, unveils the Little Red School House. The two Texas Conference-operated academies, Jefferson and Valley Grande, have building programs underway which will replace all existing buildings on both campuses as a part of Texas' "Master Plan for Christian Education."



Elder Altus Hayes, medical secretary, (not pictured), explains to the audience that the surprise "physical" for Elder Leach is a necessary precaution before hearing the medical report. Gerald A. King, M.D., conducts the examination assisted by hospital personnel, left to right: Mrs. Jean Murray, Santa Anna; Jim Quinn, Santa Anna; and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Starr, Menard.



Elder W. E. Burns, left, introduces Elder Leach, right, to the precision drill team from the San Antonio Pathfinder Club. Sgt. Dick Jenkins, Lackland Air Force base, trains and commands the fast-stepping, quick-turning group made up of four boys and two girls.

LONE STAR

CAMP MEETING

h, June 11, 1966

erty committed to God



Texas' outstanding and widely known evangelistic team, Elder and Mrs. Richard Barron, Elder and Mrs. Ray Turner, and Miss Barbara Oliver, report to Elder Leach over 300 baptisms since last camp meeting.



A "chain of baptisms" resulted from one piece of literature given in the 1930's by R. I. McCormick, Texas Conference mover, (extreme right of picture). Elder James Hayward, Fort Worth First Church, (at the microphone) tells of baptizing the last two "links" of that chain while Elder W. G. Larson, home missionary secretary (not pictured), looks on.



Elder R. E. Gibson, Texas Conference association secretary, John M. Baker, association treasurer, and Don W. Skantz, conference attorney, (left to right), discuss Christian stewardship with Elder B. E. Leach. So many persons made wills and trusts during camp meeting that these three men were kept busy with advice and paper work.



"Christian Education is the heart of the church," Dr. I. V. Stonebrook points out before adding the chest to the "Big Man" which was assembled on stage. Various phases of the Texas program were represented by the parts of the twelve-foot giant, constructed and painted by Elders Leon Strickland and Keith Morey.



Elder Leach introduces Elders A. Bob Thrower, revivalist, and L. E. Tucker, evangelism secretary. They were joined by the Barron-Turner team for the public evangelism report. Tucker holds the head of the "Big Man" symbolizing the "mouth" or "voice" of the church. The audience of over 4,000 had waited over an hour for this moment.



The Ministers' Chorus sings "The Song of Heaven and Homeland" as a fitting climax to a program of achievement and challenge. In the foreground is Elder B. E. Leach who has just said, "The man who is covered with the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ is the man of the hour. He is the 'Big Man.'"



"The Big Man," symbol of the unity of the church, covered by the robe of Christ's righteousness, stands before the colorful back drop asking the question, "Are You Ready?" Roy Pendleton, author of the song, "Are You Ready for Jesus to Come?", repeated the pointed question in song.



texico



Left to right: Irwin Basil, 12; Alice Lucille, 11; Mrs. I. B. Burton; Grace Elizabeth, eight; and Elder I. B. Burton, new pastor of the Carlsbad district.

Welcome to New Texico Workers, The I. B. Burtons

Elder I. B. Burton and his family recently moved to Texico where he has been appointed to pastor the Carlsbad district.

One year after graduation from Emmanuel Missionary College the Burtons responded to the call of the Trans-Africa Division where he served as assistant mission station director at Rwankeri and Rweze and director at Kirundi. For the last four and a half years he was accountant and auditor of the Central African Union at Bujumbura.

Brother Burton is a 1952 theology graduate of Andrews University. Returning to Africa was going "home" to Elder Burton who was born in Bulawayo, Rhodesia, Central Africa, but was a new experience to his wife, Thelma Lucille, a native of Ohio. Their lasting friendship was formed in their college days. They were married in 1952.

If intelligence is measured by the diversity of hobbies, Brother Burton rates highly for he likes photography, amateur radio, tape recording, kit building, and reading. His wife likes

sewing, reading, gardening, and cooking. But a greater interest is seen in the three children: Irwin Basil, Alice Lucille, and Grace Elizabeth.

H. W. PRITCHARD.

District Report From Abilene

The churches in the Abilene district are striving to do their part to make "Operation 3,000" successful. We are happy to report the following progress in this district.



R. E. Cash

The Sweetwater members made a nice new sign and erected it in front of their church building.

In San Angelo we had a good church school this past year and hope that the church

can have another one in the near future. Brother J. O. McMurray, the faithful local elder, conducted some lay evangelistic meetings in a country school house recently. He expects to continue the interest of several people with Bible studies. They are having some good, lively, prayer meetings and MV meetings in their church. One new member was added to the church in San Angelo recently.

In Abilene we were made happy recently by the addition of the Ken Wright family with three children for church school. This assures us of a church school in Abilene this fall if a teacher can be found for the little group.

On June 11, a sister, interested by Faith for Today, was added to the church by baptism. We look forward to having her husband join her in the near future.

This will be the last district report from us, for by mid-summer we will be on semi-retirement and located at the Tidewater Memorial Hospital in Tappahannock, Virginia, where I will be doing some chaplain's work and beautifying the grounds. Mrs. Cash will be either helping in the food department or doing some teaching.

We have spent 11 years in Texico and love the "Texico Team." We have served in four districts in that time and will leave behind a host of friends. But, we are following the doctor's orders to cut down on our heavy schedule and will be taking it a little easier for a little while.

We want to thank our many friends in the Southwestern Union for making the total of 18 years here pleasant. Those wishing may write us at our new home: Tidewater Memorial Hospital, Tappahannock, Virginia. We will not say goodbye; but, as we say in Spanish, "Hasta luego," or, until we meet again.

ELDER AND MRS. RALPH CASH.



Mrs. Wilford (Winnie) Anglin accepts class night honors from an honor award to Ella Chamber daughter, Sherry, while Larry Anglin peeks at photographer.

Principal R. H. Howlett gives an honor award to Ella Chamber daughter, Sherry, while Larry Anglin peeks at photographer.

Donna Rice receives diploma from Mrs. Paul Chapman, registrar, as she assists Principal of Dorthena Rachals. Howlett.

Commencement speaker Elder R. G. Beck admires diploma H. W. Pritchard.

Sandia View Academy Graduates Twenty-fourth Class

The weekend of May 27-29 was of double significance at Sandia View Academy: significant for the school itself, for this marked the end of the 24th year of Christian educational effort on this campus, and significant for the 24 members of this 24th graduating class, for this marked the end of four years of effort, growth, and achievement.

As the many relatives and friends of the graduates, the staff members, and student body entered the Academy Chapel on Friday evening, May 27, they saw featured in the beautiful decorations the class aim, "To Walk Past Failure," and motto, "The Higher We Climb, the Broader the View." All were impressed by the message and challenge to the Class of '66 as Elder Kenneth Cox of Albuquerque brought the consecration message.

Following an interesting Sabbath school program in which the parts were presented by parents of the graduating seniors, Elder Nathan Sims of El Paso, in his baccalaureate sermon, again directed the class to object lessons from God's Holy Word of men who walked past failure and climbed high enough to have a broader view.

The music department presented its annual program on Sabbath afternoon and all who were present could see what an important part music plays in the program of the Academy.

Saturday night was Class Night, the time when the graduates presented their program. As part of this program they expressed their appreciation to their parents and gave them corsages and boutonnières, pre-

sented their gift to the school, and said farewell to teachers and classmates. This year the graduating class is giving new Spanish-style, paneled, solid-core entrance doors for both dormitories.

Finally the hour arrived for the long-awaited graduation ceremony. Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the chapel was again crowded to hear Elder R. G. Beck of Lubbock counsel the graduates to pick a mountain and climb it, secure in the knowledge that the Lord would strengthen them by His Spirit for the successful performance of any worthwhile endeavor. The diplomas, symbols of the successful completion of the four-year secondary course, were presented by Elder R. H. Howlett, principal of Sandia View Academy, assisted by Mrs. Ruth Chapman, registrar, and then the

graduates received the compliments of parents, classmates, and friends. So ended another successful school year at Sandia View Academy.

Youth of Texico—if you weren't here as one of the school family this past year, you missed many hours of pleasant Christian living and achievement in the company of purposeful youth. Plan now to be one of the many who will work, play, study, worship, and grow—physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually during the silver anniversary year of Sandia View Academy.

Write now to the principal, Box 98, Corrales, New Mexico 87048, for bulletin and application blank so you, too, may enjoy all the benefits of Christian education this coming school year.

R. H. HOWLETT,
Principal.



Twenty-fourth graduating class of Sandia View Academy, June, 1966, Corrales, New Mexico.



AT REST

HUGHES, John Oscar, born Jan. 5, 1879, in Arkansas, died in Pasco, Wash., May 6, 1966. He had been a Seventh-day Adventist since 1916. Survivors are three sons: James Oakley, Woodrow, and William; four daughters: Mrs. Darrell Mounce, Mrs. Robert Campbell, Mrs. Doris Witt, and Mrs. Delores; one brother, Robert, and two sisters: Sue Hughes and Mrs. Galloway.

J. N. Brown,
Pastor, Grandview, Wash.

RICHERSON, Mrs. Elizabeth Luceil, was born March 10, 1899, in Montague county, Tex., and died June 12, 1966, at Sayre, Okla., at the age of 67 years.

She gave her heart to God in 1961 but did not affiliate with any church at that time. She began studying the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist church in the fall of 1965, after graduating from the Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence school, and was baptized and accepted into fellowship of the Elk City Seventh-day Adventist Church on March 26, 1966.

Mrs. Richerson is survived by her husband, John E. Richerson, four sons and one daughter by a previous marriage, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Her many friends with her family and loved ones mourn the loss of this dedicated Christian who rests from her labors.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Ray East of the Elk City church.
Alfred J. Webb.

SEXTON, Mrs. Louise Josephine, was born Dec. 16, 1887, near Coffeyville, Kan., and passed away in her home at Tonkawa, Okla., April 20, 1966, at the age of 78 years.

In 1908 she was married to Clarence G. Sexton at Coffeyville. Her husband and an infant daughter preceded her in death in 1919.

In 1942 she accepted God's message during an evangelistic crusade conducted by Elder A. A. Leiske in Coffeyville. Five years ago she moved to Tonkawa, Okla., to be near her two daughters. Until the time of her passing, Sister Sexton had been a very faithful member of the Ponca City church.

She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Cliff Salisbury and Mrs. Manuel Correll, both of Tonkawa, Okla.; two brothers: Albert Miner of Stilwell, Okla., and Clark Miner of Independence, Kan.; also, one grandchild and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Tonkawa Funeral Home, and Sister Sexton was laid to rest in the Independence, Kan., cemetery where she awaits the call of the Life-giver.
C. A. Braun.

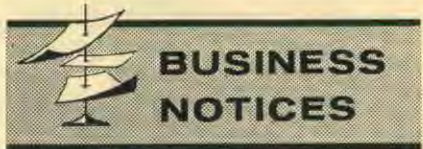
STUART, Daisy Koonce, was born Sept. 2, 1878, in Celine, Kan., and passed away May 26, 1966, in Levelland, Tex. She was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church when she was 14, and remained a faithful and active Adventist all her life.

In 1897 Daisy Koonce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Koonce, married Charles Albert Stuart in Meeker, Okla., where they farmed and ran a hardware store.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Idamae, in 1938; her husband, Charles Albert Stuart, in 1948; and a son, Wilford, in 1962. Surviving her are two sisters: Mrs. May Fogelsson and Mrs. Myrtle Lafollette; a brother, Bill Koonce; three sons: Charles, of Levelland, Le Roy

of Banning, Calif., and Keith of Lubbock; one daughter, Mrs. Opal Murrell, of Sweetwater, Tex.; a granddaughter, whom she raised, Mrs. Johna Mae Cody, of Walnut, Calif.; six other grandchildren: Mrs. Bee Miller, Gene Stuart, Dr. J. D. Murrell, Ferman Stuart, Ronnie Stuart, and Sheila Stuart; and 12 great-grandchildren. These dear ones, fellow church members, and a host of friends mourn her passing.

Though almost always isolated from a church congregation, her loyalty and spirituality were in constant evidence. Her main concern in life was that she and her dear ones be ready to meet Jesus. Though she rests in Jesus, awaiting the glad resurrection day, her works do follow after her.
Lynn Baerg



BUSINESS NOTICES

Send all advertisements to your local conference office for approval. Rate: Fifty words or less, one insertion, \$3.00. Each additional word, including names and addresses, 5c per word. Payment must accompany copy.

FOR SALE: Six-room modern house, one-half mile from Ozark Academy. Gas, lights and water. Rents for \$60.00. Good streams on place. Permanent swimming hole. Three acres bottom land. Good income possible. One and one-half miles from Gentry. Country living with school at door. E. B. Hausdorf, RFD 2, Box 17, Gentry, Ark. 72734. p5C-4

WANTED: Mature lady as housekeeper to live in motherless home and care for six-year-old-twin daughters. Excellent opportunity to live in a beautiful Seventh-day Adventist town. Contact G. J. Cacic, 740 Gilpin Drive, Boulder, Colo. 80302. p5C-1

FOR SALE: One acre with pecan trees, nice wire fence, metered water available, also lights, and phone. 1/2 block from Fort Worth Junior Academy. CR 2-5249 or GL 1-3936. p5C-1

Needed immediately due to expansion: day and night shift L.V.N.'s (2). Good working conditions, going wages, stimulating program, church and church school privileges available. Contact Mrs. Allene Henner, personnel director, Santa Anna Medical Center, Santa Anna, Tex. p5C-2

WANTED: Men with school-age children to work in plant or drive truck. Contact Brandon Manufacturing Corporation, Keene, Tex., or Gentry, Ark. b5C-3

WANTED: Men and women 30-55 years of age, interested in full-time denominational employment for Christian Record Braille Foundation, providing free services to blind people, contacting business firms, willing and able to travel. Representatives needed in Southwestern Union. Write: Ray Grierson, P. O. Box 4084, Austin, Tex. p2C-4

Need to move to Keene, Tex., for Christian education purposes? Need a home and income? Inquire about a good picture-frame and art-supply business. 4.17 acres, two bedroom home with den and fireplace. Will sell or lease to teach you the trade. Health reasons for selling. W. H. Schisler, Highway 67E, Box 191, Keene, Tex. p4C-2

FOR SALE: Spacious home on 150 x 600 ft. lot, fenced, pecan and fruit trees. Could be converted into income property. One block from college. Also have for sale: 14 ft. fiber glass boat, trailer, and Super 10 Mercury motor—\$250.00 30 in. Toro lawn mower with riding tandem—\$225.00. E. W. Brandon, Box 67, 121 East First, Keene, Tex. MI 5-5845. p4C-2

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FOR SALE: Beautiful new brick home in Keene, Tex. Three bedrooms, large family room, two baths, modern kitchen with built-ins, dining room, large closets, wall-to-wall carpets, air conditioner, all electric heat, 2250 sq. ft. of floor space, all curtains and drapes installed. Present loan of \$12,000.00 available. Two miles north on Old Betsy road. Contact James B. Ross, owner, P.O. Box 674, Keene, Tex. p4C-2

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Announcement for Event on Weekend of	Should Be in Local Conference Office by
Aug. 20 and 27	July 14
Sept. 3 and 10	Aug. 4
Sept. 17 and 24	Aug. 18
Oct. 1 and 8	Sept. 1



SUNSET SCHEDULE

	July 22	July 29	Aug. 5	Aug. 12
Abilene, Texas	7:44	7:39	7:34	7:27
Amarillo, Texas	7:58	7:53	7:46	7:39
Brownsville, Texas	7:21	7:18	7:14	7:08
Dallas, Texas	7:33	7:28	7:23	7:16
El Paso, Texas	7:10	7:05	7:00	6:53
Fort Worth, Texas	7:35	7:30	7:25	7:18
Galveston, Texas	7:18	7:14	7:08	7:02
Gentry, Arkansas	7:31	7:26	7:19	7:12
Keene, Texas	7:35	7:30	7:25	7:18
Little Rock, Arkansas	7:19	7:14	7:07	7:00
Muskogee, Oklahoma	7:33	7:28	7:21	7:14
New Orleans, Louisiana	7:00	6:56	6:50	6:44
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	7:42	7:37	7:30	7:23
San Antonio, Texas	7:33	7:29	7:23	7:17
Santa Fe, New Mexico	7:17	7:12	7:05	6:58
Shreveport, Louisiana	7:20	7:15	7:10	7:03
Tulsa, Oklahoma	7:37	7:32	7:25	7:18

Adventists' Pageant Shows Missionary Zeal

By HAROLD SCHACHERN
Detroit News Religion Writer

Cobo Hall and the Convention Arena became a religious United Nations Saturday as Seventh-day Adventists from 200 nations raised their national banners at a vast world missionary pageant.

More than 750 persons, all delegates to the 5th World Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, took part in the pageant, representing the countries in which they have served their church.

An estimated 20,000 delegates and visitors viewed the program, more than 11,000 of them jammed into the Convention Arena with the remainder watching on closed circuit TV in the vast exhibit halls.

SPACE AGE SYMBOL

The arena was darkened and its noise level hushed as the pageant began, then the quiet was broken by the rushing roar of rocket engines at take-off, symbolizing the space age confronting the church today.

As the roar subsided, a moving picture screen lighted up to present a film depicting the more than 100-year missionary history of the denomination.

A fanfare of trumpets announced the entrance onto the arena floor of approximately 1,000 additional foreign delegates and missionaries bearing the flags of the nations.

Heading the columns of marchers were the national emblems of the United States and Canada, host countries at the conference.

DRAMATIZE MISSIONS

As the marchers filed by, four tableaux of drama on the mission field were presented on the broad arena stage.

The first showed a church administrative group huddled together while a barrage of bullets destroyed their Elizabethville mission headquarters during the Congo crisis.

Another told of the spiritual exploits of a Korean convert, Yoon Jin Lee, who has baptized more than 1,000 of his countrymen since his own recent baptism.

A third tableau dramatized the work of Haroldo Lobo, vic-

president of the Bible Society of Brazil, while a fourth illustrated the exploits of Len Barnard, a New Guinea missionary bush pilot.

HONOR DEAD

Delegates and visitors observed a moment of silence in memory of Adventists who have lost their lives in missionary service.

There was special mention made of the most recent Adventist missionary martyr, Brian Dunn, struck down by a native spear last December on the island of Malacca in the South Pacific.

Walter R. Beach, secretary of the denomination and director of the tableaux, announced that his wife, Valorie, has returned alone to the mission field.

At the close of the pageant, retiring world president, Reuben T. Figueira, gave assignments to 20 new mission appointees leaving soon after the conference for posts in the far corners of the world.

GIVE \$1 MILLION

Following President Figueira's Saturday sermon, the largest church collection in Detroit history took place.

Adventists have the reputation of being the most willing "givers" in the entire Christian family, having for several generations been pledged to tithing the Biblical tenth.

Together with the checks previously given at congregational collections June 4, Saturday's offering totaled more than \$1 million.

Adding machines kept up-to-the-minute tallies of the collection.

LOOK TO NEW WORLD

In his Saturday message, President Figueira talked of "a world rapidly filling with water and soil pollution, with threats

of famine, with population explosions and with rapidly-increasing crime."

"There is no solution to earth's multiplying problems and to its increasing perplexities except the solution revealed in the Word of God—the end of this present order and the creation of a new Heaven and a new earth wherein righteousness shall dwell.

"Our task, therefore, is like that of faithful Noah—to announce the doom that hangs over the world and to point people to the only means of salvation—Christ, the ark of safety."

He cautioned Adventists against "letting our institutions of higher learning fall victim to a growing trend toward secularization among church sponsored colleges and universities."

REPORT ON CUBA

Speaking Saturday on Adventist work in Cuba, Clarence L. Powers, Miami, president of the Inter-American Division of the denomination, said that "We are glad to report that even though the church has had to face many problems, our Cuban brethren are faithfully witnessing for the truth.

"In the last two years 3,101 converts have united with God's people in Cuba and the membership now stands at 6,517.

"The Adventist Seminary at Santa Clara has become the anchor of our work in that island. Teachers and students know that God answers prayer and performs miracles in behalf of His children."

In Sunday conference business, delegates were in hearty reports from publishing, educational and medical departments of the church, together with a report from the denomination's medical training center at Loma Linda, Calif.

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Adventists Launch Meeting With Rocket and Fanfare

By HEROME HANSEN
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The daylong ball concluded with the shriek of a rocket taking off.

As the sparkling thrill faded a giant motion picture screen lit up and a 4½-minute film presenting a panoramic view of the Seventh-Day Adventist church's mission work was shown.

At the conclusion of the film trumpets blared and 1,000 foreign visitors and missionaries marched into Cobo Arena carrying the flags of their countries.

As the marchers made their way to the platform, four tableaux acted the mission field work present.

That was the scene Saturday afternoon as Cobo Hall was transformed into a multi-line United Nations by the 20,000 delegates and visitors

to 5th quadrennial World Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists.

The pageant was the highlight of Saturday's session and was held in honor the church's missionaries.

During the pageant, which coincided with charges being given to 20 new missionaries who will leave for their new assignments after the conference closes next Saturday, there was a moment of silence to honor members of the church who have lost their lives in mission service.

Earlier, the delegates joined Convention Arena for Sabbath Day worship and to hear their newly elected president, Robert H. Pierson, of Salsbury, Rhode Island, outline his program.

Even language barriers were not allowed to impede the workers. In addition to English, services also were

held in German, Portuguese, Italian and Spanish.

A section of the arena was set aside for the deaf and mute to worship in sign language.

Some 1,000 persons who could not get into the arena watched and heard the service on closed-circuit television.

PIERSON ASKED leaders and members of the church to advance God's word on all fronts.

"The work of God through the church must make advance moves on all fronts," he said.

"Our program, as we go here in our fields of labor, must include all departments and all fields. Ours must be a balanced, well-distributed program."

Discussing world conditions affecting the work of his church, Pierson said:

"If we are unable to reach one field because of trouble, let us concentrate on fields that are still open.

"Now is the accepted time to move forward on every front in every land around the world.

"Now is the accepted time for unceasing planning, but it is a time that requires costly living. Christ's planning and God's timing must go together."

PIERSON CALLED for a spiritual self-examination on the part of the church's leaders.

"A world-wide revival should commence with you and me," he said. "Now is the accepted time not only for courageous planning, but most of all, for victorious Godly living."

After Pierson's address, the presidents of all world divisions and unions of the church came forward with previous given offerings from 10 areas. They totaled \$1,000.

NO SMOKY ROOMS OR HANGOVERS

Adventists Amaze Cobo Staff

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By HAROLD SCHACHERN
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The 5th World Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church had only in one of the largest and loudest conventions in Cobo Hall history, but it also is one of the strangest. There are no "smoke-filled" rooms, for Adventists do not use tobacco.

Neither are there the usual convention hangovers, for Adventists do not drink.

The normal fun on the hot dog stands in Convention Hall

corridors also is absent, for Adventists do not eat meat.

The latter is not because their faith forbids it, but because of Adventist preoccupation with healthful living.

Even the coffee machines are missing from the corridors, and the cafeteria is offering only the unadorned variety for Adventists. That is the caffeine in coffee, tea and soft drinks is a minor deterrent to good health.

Cornelia Van Klief, Cobo Hall cafeteria manager, described it as a "unique experience to serve 3,000 meals a day without a pound of meat."

"No call for coffee, either," he said, "but do those vegetable and fruit plates ever disappear?"

Van Klief said he began preparing his meatless menu a year ago in preparation for the convention Adventist.

He said his staff is enthusiastic about cooking with meat substitutes, describing them as "salubrious and clean."

"We just substitute items for meat in many of our regular recipes," Van Klief said.

"They're an interesting group, these people I run around the world," said Ales Knudsen, assistant cafeteria manager.

"They come in colorful costumes, they speak different languages, their diets are different colors, but they all eat the same kind of food."

Knudsen said that a person accustomed to a meat diet might have difficulty adjusting to the Adventist regimen.

Some of the substitutes, he said, taste quite different from the meat dishes they represent, while others, such as a liver substitute, taste much like the real thing.

Much of the meat substitutes have either a wheat or soy bean base, a spokesman said.



This revolving globe greeted the General Conference visitor as he entered the Cobo Hall exhibit building in Detroit. Seventh-day Adventist universities, colleges, hospitals, and publishing

houses, along with other Adventist institutions from around the world displayed their exhibits in this spacious and accommodating building. Thousands of Seventh-day Adventists, including many from the Southwestern Union, filed through the exhibit area during the ten-day convention to see the many attractive denominational displays.