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THE COVER: Original color photograph by J. N. Morgan.

Calling the Bible an "Exploded Book," Voltaire predicted that it would be extinct in 100 years, but continuing demands by the world's exploding population keeps the Bible atop the best-seller list.

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The Holy Scriptures present a firm foundation for every doctrine of the church.

alone is to be our rule of faith." *Sabbath School Worker*, October, 1886.

The church today endeavors to encourage the reading and study of the Bible in a great variety of ways. The Bible is the focal center of the young minister's seminary training. Bible courses are required in every university and college curriculum of the denominationally operated schools, both graduate and under-graduate, and in each year of the elementary and secondary levels. The Bible is taught in the weekly Sabbath school classes around the world and members are encouraged to daily study their lessons. Senior and junior morning watch calendars are a constant reminder to daily Bible reading, and Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses around the world produce millions of dollars worth of literature each year, most of which is related in one way or another to the Bible.

Bible instructors are employed to devote full ority among Adventist evangelism and today are being supplemented by Bible conferences held in strategic spots throughout the world field.

Bible instructors are employed to devote full time ministry in the teaching of the Bible in the homes of laymen.

Bible reading plans are promoted by the young people's Missionary Volunteer department that emphasize the reading of the Bible through each year with correlated reading plans involving the character classics, consisting of the five books of the "Conflict of the Ages" series: *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Prophets and Kings*, *The Desire of Ages*, *The Acts of the Apostles*, and *The Great Controversy*.

These books, correlated with the Bible, give a historical review and a perspective to the Bible plan of salvation that makes it plain even for little children.

Closely allied with the reading of the Bible, and essential for a good Christian experience, is prevailing prayer. During this week of November 5-12 denominational emphasis is being placed upon a resurgence of prayer and Bible reading in the life and home of every Seventh-day Adventist. This is the great need of the church today and of human society as a whole—a deep, thorough-going, Spirit-wrought, God-sent revival. In these days of crises and uncertainty we extend a call to prayer and the reading of God's Word, the results of which will certainly stir us into greater action in a soul-winning ministry.

J. N. M.

Southwestern Union Participates in First Denominational Association Meeting

A milestone in denominational history was reached in Denver, Colorado, where from all over North America, General, union, and local conference administrators and Association personnel gathered, September 19 through 22, for the first Seventh-day Adventist North American Association Council meeting.

The meetings were conducted in the beautiful new Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church, which is located on the very lovely landscaped grounds of the Porter Sanitarium. The opening meeting found 250 delegates in attendance when the keynote service was given by our new General Conference president, Elder R. H. Pierson, who challenged the delegates to a closer walk with God with a greater dedication to the finishing of God's work on earth.

The chairman of the meeting was R. E. Osborn, newly elected assistant treasurer of the General Conference for the Associations throughout North America, who led the delegates' workshop covering every phase of the Association program.

It did not take one long to realize

that the denominational Association program covers a very wide scope throughout the denominational activities. Each session was very skillfully handled by men of experience, presenting separate phases of the Asso-

by H. D. BURBANK, Secretary,

Southwestern Union Conference Corporation.

ciation program. Anyone looking in upon this unusual meeting could not help but realize that our people all over North America are rallying to the call of God and are placing hundreds and thousands of dollars under the direction of the church through Trust Agreements, Annuities, Wills, and Life Income Agreements. It was not a secret that the church of God in these closing hours of earth's history, through its membership, is returning to the Creator of the universe their earthly possessions. The blessing of deferred giving through Trust, An-

nuity, or Life Income Agreement was expressed over and over again.

It did not take one long either to realize that the Association personnel throughout North America consisted of skilled, consecrated businessmen with outstanding legal ability in this special field of endeavor.

A number of panels were conducted, some of which were wholly made up of Seventh-day Adventist attorneys.

The atmosphere surrounding the work of each delegate seemed to have a certain urgency about it, helping one to realize that Jesus is coming soon, and that the earthly, material blessings given to God's people are being placed where they might not only bless the cause of God, but that a great blessing also shall be shared by all of God's people.

As a result of this unusual meeting, there was no doubt in the minds of all who gathered in Denver that God is definitely going to be holding every child of His responsible for the earthly, material blessings He has given them. It is definitely the responsibility of each one of His children to make certain that all the affairs of this life are in complete order at all times, so that means entrusted to Seventh-day Adventists will flow unto God's treasury when the Lifegiver's call is given to lay down his work.

In the words of the servant of the Lord in *Counsels on Stewardship*, pages 323 and 71, we read: "This means was only lent them of God to be returned to Him. God has a claim on us and all that we have. His claim is paramount to every other."

To the end of preserving this means to God's cause is the dedicated endeavor of each Association representative throughout North America. We know that as a result of this meeting our people can have even greater confidence in the cause of God and in the Association program in each conference throughout the union, for "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."



Southwestern Union delegates attending the first denominational "Association Council" meeting in Denver, Colorado.



Seventh-day Adventists Sell \$33 Million Worth of Books and Periodicals

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The 44 Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses in 42 countries last year sold more than 33 million dollars' worth of religious books and periodicals. The biggest seller was Arthur S. Maxwell's ten-volume set of "Bible Stories." William A. Higgins of the publishing department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists reports that during the last 46 years the Adventist publishing houses have printed more than 40 million copies of Maxwell's 102 books. Most are profusely illustrated children's books. Higgins said Adventists believe in the powerful influence of literature and are eager to circulate character-building books and magazines to combat juvenile delinquency.

'Affluent Church' Members Held Less Generous in Giving

MINNEAPOLIS

A Presbyterian minister has charged that members of so-called affluent churches are less generous than members of so-called poor churches. Pastor Robert K. Hudnut of St. Luke Presbyterian Church in Minnetoka told the annual Minnesota School of Missions that "the higher the class, the poorer the giving; the more the affluence, the less the generosity; the more the wealth, the less the compassion. And it strikes me as naive, to say the least," Pastor Hudnut continued, "for affluent church members to decry the spread of communism when they are so enchanted with its greatest competitor, Christianity, that they give the grand average of four cents a week for foreign missions. If a person is not willing to pay the price—which Christ said is 100 per cent and which I suggest is at least 10 per cent—" said Pastor Hudnut, "he shouldn't call himself a Christian. And he had better not compound his sins of self-congratulation and complacency with the sin of hypocrisy," the minister concluded.

Mission Plane Lost for Borneo Service

SINGAPORE

The only mission plane for the Far Eastern Division of Seventh-day Adventists is no longer flying, and Sarawak Mission's flying president, Pastor Richard C. Hall, is looking for a replacement. "Charlie," a single-engine Cessna 180, was being airlifted from Malanjok to Kuching on the Borneo coastline by a Royal Air Force helicopter when the sling in which the Cessna was being carried broke. The Cessna dropped 400 feet and is no longer serviceable. Just before the accident Pastor Hall had responded to an urgent request to bring the gospel to a new area of Sarawak. He asked that an airstrip be cleared and that the ground be dry. He received word that the strip was ready, but when he landed the wheels of the aircraft mired into the muck at one end of the air-strip. The RAF then volunteered one of its helicopters to carry the plane to Kuching for minor repairs. Work in the numerous villages of the mission served by five airstrips has halted. It will start again once the mission can obtain a plane.

Supreme Court Doesn't Alter Church Tax Exemption Rule

WASHINGTON, D. C.

A Maryland Court of Appeals ruling upholding the constitutionality of tax exemptions for churches and their property has been left undisturbed by the Supreme Court of the United States. The petitioners claimed the time-honored tax exemption was state aid to religion and was therefore forbidden by the First Amendment. The Supreme Court justices could have many reasons for rejecting the case, including the touchiness of the religious issue. Maryland's highest court found non-religious grounds on which to uphold the exemptions. The Court of Appeals said the tax relief carried out secular purposes in keeping with the general welfare, since churches attract new residents and industry, and perform other charitable community functions. Still pending before the Supreme Court are petitions to review the constitutionality of state grants to four Maryland church-related colleges.

Pentecostal Groups Plan Trial Merger

LONDON, OHIO

The Pentecostal Church of Christ has voted to join the larger Pentecostal Holiness Church on a trial basis. Chester I. Miller, general overseer of the Pentecostal Church of Christ, said his church will retain its name and enter into joint projects with the Pentecostal Holiness Church. In 1968, congregations will vote on whether to merge with the Holiness Church, possibly to function as a conference while retaining the original name, or to withdraw. Mr. Miller said the two churches are nearly identical doctrinally. Worldwide, the two churches have nearly 2,000 congregations and more than 90 thousand members.

NEWS to note

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

General Interest

★ Invite Your Neighbors to View Faith for Today

The Faith for Today station count now stands at an all-time high—270. A log listing will be helpful to you in inviting your friends and neighbors to view Faith for Today. Plan to watch every Sunday, but more important, let others know about the telecast. Tell them of the exact time that the program is featured and also the station over which it is televised.

Follow up contacts, in which you get a reaction to the program, also will be helpful.

Below is a list of stations in the Southwestern Union that televise Faith for Today.

ARKANSAS

Little Rock 11 KTHV Sun. 11:30 a.m.

LOUISIANA

Alexandria 5 KALB Sun. 10:00 a.m.

Monroe 8 KNOE Sun. 11:00 a.m.

New Orleans 12 WVUE Sun. 7:30 a.m.

OKLAHOMA

Lawton 7 KSWO Sun. 12:00 m.

Oklahoma City 9 KWTU Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Tulsa 8 KTUL Sun. 11:30 a.m.

TEXAS

Austin 7 KTBC Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Beaumont 12 KBMT Sun. 9:30 a.m.

Big Spring 4 KWAB Sun. 11:30 a.m.

Dallas 4 KRLD Sun. 6:45 a.m.

El Paso 4 KROD Sun. 10:00 a.m.

Harlingen 4 KGBT Wed. 11:30 p.m.

Laredo 8 KGNS Sun. 8:30 a.m.

Lufkin 9 KTRE Sun. 1:00 p.m.

Midland 2 KMD Sun. 10:00 a.m.

Waco 10 KWTX Sun. 10:00 a.m.

Weslaco 5 KRGV Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Wichita Falls 6 KAUZ Sun. *

* See local newspaper for time.

Gordon F. Dalrymple, Editor, Publications.

★ Andrews Education Workshop Scheduled for November-December

Four hours of graduate credit will be offered in an education workshop scheduled November 20-December 15, 1966, at Andrews University.

Designed for the superintendent in Seventh-day Adventist education, the meetings will include lectures, field trips, films, demonstrations, and exhibits.

With the theme, "The Conference Educational Superintendent Faces the Space Age," the session is planned as professional refresher training and general in-service upgrading for educational leaders confronted with the demands of the twentieth century.

Arkansas-Louisiana

★ OA Choir to Present Evening of Entertainment

The Ozark Academy Choir invites you to an evening of entertainment on Sabbath evening, November 19, 1966. This benefit program will include the mixed chorus, the men's quartet, the ladies' trio, and the ladies' sextette. You will not want to miss this concert presented in Callicott Hall. We'll be looking for all of our friends and patrons of the Ozark Academy.

J. J. Swinyar, Principal, Ozark Academy.

★ Are You Listening?

The radio program, "Steps to Christ," sponsored by the Broadmoor Seventh-day Adventist Church in Shreveport has been receiving a good response. Many letters have come in requesting the Bible in Hand study guides and also the book of the month.

Our Conference Church members may be particularly interested in tuning in each Sabbath morning to KCIJ, 980 on your dial,

from 8:30 to 9:00, to receive a Sabbath blessing from the inspirational messages given by John A. Sinksen. The program can be heard within approximately a 100-mile radius.

Oklahoma

★ Two Oklahoma Churches Report Cash Ingathering Victory

The Jay church is the first church in the Oklahoma Conference to report a cash victory in achieving their Ingathering Silver Vanguard Goal. The Woodward church is the second church to go over its goal. Congratulations are in order to both of these churches.

SUC

★ Choir to Perform for "It Is Written"

Upon the request and by the invitation of Elder George Vandeman, the SUC Choir will provide choral music for a color television production for the "It Is Written" program.

The choir's performance will be filmed and recorded in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for inclusion in a television program to be released in the relatively near future. An attempt will be made to alert the membership in the Southwestern Union of the showing of this film, which may be scheduled in this area in the future.

★ SUC Band to Play for Dental Convention

The Collegian Band has been invited to perform for a national convention of dentists in Dallas on Saturday night, November 12.

Later in the year, the Collegians will be performing for Seventh-day Adventist audiences in various parts of the Southwestern Union. The first of these performances will be in Dallas at a Youth Rally on December 10.

★ "Magic" Program to be Featured

Saturday night, November 19, 1966, Elder H. E. Haas, MV secretary for the Southwestern Union Conference, and A. F. Etling, dean of men at SUC, will present a program of entertainment featuring sleight of hand, juggling acts, and light-weight balancing. The program will be held in the college gymnasium and will be sponsored by the Hamilton Hall Men's Club. It is a program planned for the whole family and one you will not want to miss. Be sure and be there. The program will start promptly at 8:00.

ADMISSION: Adults—\$1.00

College and Academy Students—\$1.00

Grade School Children—\$.75

Pre-school Children—Free

All proceeds will be used in developing a better men's dormitory.

★ SUC Future Events in Union

Below is a list of SUC future events that will be of special interest to the readers of the RECORD.

November 19—Hamilton Hall Benefit Program in Keene

December 3—Choir performance in San Antonio

December 10—Collegian Band performance in Dallas

Tumbling Team performance in Shattuck, Oklahoma

Elder Harold Burr speaks in Shattuck, Oklahoma

Texas

★ Attention: Parents of College Students

If you have a student attending Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches, Texas, please send his name to Harry V. Wiant, Ph.D., 4107 Tara Lane, Nacogdoches, Texas. Doctor Wiant is a professor at the college and also a local elder of the church. We would like to make personal contact with each of the students from Seventh-day Adventist homes.

Jim Hoehn, Pastor, Nacogdoches Church.



arkansas-louisiana

Bentonville Opens Welfare Center

Mr. John D. Wright, mayor of Bentonville, Arkansas, formally cut the ribbon on the afternoon of October 5 to officially open the new Bentonville Health and Welfare Center. This new center brings the number of health and welfare centers operated by the churches of Arkansas-Louisiana to an even dozen.

The pastor, Elder R. G. Wertz, and the members of the Bentonville church are to be especially commended for opening this new house of compassion in Bentonville. The group has just finished building and dedicating a new church building this year and could logically have excused themselves from the large responsibilities of opening and operating a center, but they are a very missionary-minded group and therefore did not think of asking to be excused.

The building housing the center is of concrete block construction in a very favorable location. There are two rooms, one which will be used for an office and waiting room, and the other for the clothing room.

Elder W. G. Wertz, pastor of the Gentry district, was master of ceremonies for the opening services. J. J. Swinyar, principal of Ozark Academy, offered the invocation. Talks were given by Mayor Wright, W. H.

Elder, Mrs. T. R. Tomlinson of the conference federation, R. W. Doss, disaster relief coordinator for Northwest Arkansas, and Mrs. Alice Kohley, Dorcas leader of the Bentonville church.

We believe that this institution will help in translating the everlasting gospel into terms that can be more readily understood by the people of Bentonville. **W. H. ELDER, JR.,**
Director of Lay Activities.



From left to right: Pastor R. G. Wertz, Mayor John D. Wright cutting the ribbon, and Pastor W. H. Elder, Jr.

Malvern Rejoices Over New Members

Four precious souls were baptized recently into the Malvern, Arkansas, church. The scene took place on the beautiful banks of Ten Mile Creek. The service was under the direction of Elder M. H. Rossier, pastor of the Hot Springs district. Those baptized were: Stephen Winfred Burton, Patricia Lynn Burton, Susan Jane Burton, and Mrs. Melva Sue Burton.

Sister Burton was a Seventh-day Adventist a number of years ago. She became lax in church attendance and discouragement followed. Six years ago, she, with her husband and oldest daughter, Susan, joined a



Front row left to right: Stephen Winfred Burton and Patricia Lynn Burton, back row left to right: Mrs. Melva Sue Burton and Susan Jane Burton.

church of another faith. She relates that this move was against her better judgment, but seemed best for them at that time. Soon she realized that she couldn't allow her children to be taught untruths, and each week when they would come home from church, she would explain the right way to them.

There was hardly a dry eye among those who witnessed the rebaptism of this dear sister with three of her four lovely children. We are looking forward to the day, and we believe it will be soon, when Mr. Burton will join his lovely family by becoming a member of the remnant church.

M. H. ROSSIER.



Left to right: Mr. Milton Jensen, driver of disaster van; R. W. Doss, disaster relief coordinator for Northwest Arkansas; Mrs. Alice Kohley, welfare center leader for Bentonville; and Pastor R. G. Wertz, pastor of the Gentry, Arkansas, district.



Gentry church school group with Delano Gilliam, principal, extreme left; Mrs. A. Chesnut, second from left; Mrs. A. Burton, second from right; and Miss Susan Gifford, extreme right.

Inspiring Prayer Week in Gentry

Nothing could possibly be more rewarding than to conduct a week of prayer at one of our church schools where a good spiritual climate has already been prepared by dedicated teachers. Such was the privilege of the writer during the first week of October at the Gentry, Arkansas, church school.

Every morning during the week before the school day began, the teachers met with the writer in a prayer band. The entire student group and also especially needy students were held up before the Lord in special prayer by each teacher.

At the close of the week ten of the students of baptismal age indicated their desire to become members of the remnant church while all of the others, without exception, indicated a sincere desire to give their lives completely to Jesus.

Mr. Delano Gilliam, the principal, with the teachers, Mrs. Chesnut, Mrs. Burton, and Susan Gifford, are certainly to be commended for the well-balanced program being carried on in the Gentry school.

W. H. ELDER, JR.,
Departmental Secretary.

The Fantastic Bicycle Ride

Seventeen students from Shreveport Junior Academy, working on their vocational honor in cycling, completed their 50-mile bicycle ride requirement, Sunday, October 9.

These plucky students who were in grades five to eight, included a second grader, Teresa Jackson, and a fourth grader, Susie Wynne, who determined not only to win their vo-

cational honor by this 50-mile ride, but also to win a milk shake for their energetic and enthusiastic teacher, Miss Lockie Gifford. The principal of the school, Mr. George Draper, told Miss Gifford that if nine of the 17 students finished the ride he would buy her a milk shake.

Television station Channel 3 of Shreveport gave good coverage to this unusual event and called it "The Fantastic Bicycle Ride" on their newscast.

According to the rules the ride was supposed to be finished in ten hours, but the group accomplished it in nine hours including rest stops and the lunch period.

Adult sponsors who rode with the children for the entire time included Mrs. Patsy Huffacker, Jerry Wynne, and Ed Holton.



Left to right with bicycles: Susie Wynne, Tracy Holton, Tina Blevens, Sherrie Welch, Teresa Jackson, Cynthia Jackson, Mona Kay Elder, Shelly Wardrop, and Jerry Wynne. Second row, left to right: Mrs. Patsy Huffacker, Ed Holton, Sylvia Brun, Billy Gullion, Glen Gifford, Steve Welch, Carolyn Smith, Duane Hallsted, Sharon Smith, Eddie Holton, Glennene Perry, Miss Lockie Gifford, and Debra Wynne.

OA Teacher Receives Honors at University

Gerald F. Colvin, who has been on the teaching staff at Ozark Academy, is currently working on his Doctorate in Educational Administration at the University of Arkansas. He completed work on his Master's Degree summa cum laude in Counselor Education and won a research assistantship for the present year.

Gerald completed his high school work at Ozark Academy, then attended two years at Southwestern Union College, and later received his B. A. from Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mr. Colvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Colvin of Olla, Louisiana. Mrs. Colvin is the former Gayle DeGroat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. DeGroat of Gentry, Arkansas.



Left to right: Susie Wynne, grade 4, and Teresa Jackson, grade 2, finish the 50-mile ride.

They Made It an Even Dozen

"Christ healed ten lepers at one time, and I would like to have a part in healing that same number," said Brother Albert Halley of Fort Smith, Arkansas. True to his word, Brother Halley, a retired railroad man, and his wife, the Dorcas-welfare leader of the Fort Smith church, gave funds through the Investment program of the church equivalent to the amount expended in the healing of ten lepers in a foreign field. But the Halleys

were not yet satisfied. Their devotion to the finishing of the work and the alleviation of suffering led them a step farther. Just a few days ago these dedicated members said, "We want to make it an even dozen."

May the Lord use the sacrificial spirit of these good folks to challenge others to that second-mile experience.

W. H. ELDER, JR.,

*Sabbath School Director,
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.*



Brother and Sister Albert Halley of Fort Smith, Arkansas.



oklahoma

Over 600 Attend Oklahoma Vacation Bible Schools

The Oklahoma Conference Sabbath schools conducted 17 vacation Bible schools this year. This is an increase of six over the previous summer. One of the bright spots in the report for 1966 is that 52 per cent of the children in attendance were from non-Seventh-day Adventist homes.

Vacation Bible schools go a long way in winning a child's heart to Christ, and parents can be reached through the hearts of their children. This potential, combined with follow-up work through story hours, Bible school enrollments, becoming members of the regular Sabbath school, attending summer camps, and joining Pathfinder clubs, makes the vacation Bible school and effective method of evangelism.

Here is the statistical picture of the 17 vacation Bible schools conducted in Oklahoma:

Bible school enrollments	35
Number attending regular Sabbath school	13
Number of interested parents	10
Number of story hours organized	2
Number attending summer camps	2

The following Sabbath schools and vacation Bible school directors are to be commended for their outstanding work in child evangelism: Achille, Mrs. Tom Flowers; Ardmore, Mrs. R. E. Barrett; Bartlesville, Mrs. Elmer Mantz; Bristow, Mrs. Ernest Fisher; Choctaw, Mrs. Ernest Wolfe; Davis, Mrs. W. D. Schneider; Dun-

can, Mrs. R. D. Taylor; Enid, Miss Joan Becker; Guthrie, Mrs. Lee Thomas; Guymon, Mrs. Oletha Kirkpatrick; Lawton, Mrs. Doris Thompson; Muskogee, Mrs. G. W. Wallace; Norman, Mrs. Ezra Korgan; Ponca City, Mrs. Hazel Clouse; Sallisaw, Mrs. Nolen Perry; Shattuck, Mr. Edgar Browning; and Tahlequah, Mrs. Bill Bell.

Five pastors of the Oklahoma Conference and their laymen went the second mile for the salvation of our boys and girls by conducting two or more schools in their districts. The districts of G. W. Wallace and R. E. Barrett held three schools each. Two



Guymon Vacation Bible School.



Guthrie Vacation Bible School.

Total enrollment	604
Number of children from Seventh-day Adventist homes	287
Number of children from non-Seventh-day Adventist homes	317
Number of persons assisting	180
Certificates issued	526

schools were held in the districts pastored by Norman Wagness, C. A. Braun, and Don Lund.

In a few weeks the nominating committees will be meeting to elect church officers for 1967. EVERY church should elect a vacation Bible school director along with the other officers. This is the FIRST STEP in planning for a vacation Bible school in 1967.

Our GOAL for next year is TWENTY-FIVE schools. Will your Sabbath school be among the 25 in 1967?

ROBERT RIDER,

Sabbath School Department.



Two kindergarten students show that they, too, had a part in the Davis Vacation Bible School.



Proud juniors of the Davis Vacation Bible School look at their crafts.



The climax of the Davis Vacation Bible School is awarding the certificates.



Students and personnel of the Ardmore Vacation Bible School.

Oklahoma Weddings

CONSEN-SHOUSE

Two lovely wedding ceremonies took place last summer in the Ponca City Seventh-day Adventist Church. The first one took place on Sunday evening, July 3, 1966, when Beverly Shouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shouse of Blackwell, Oklahoma, was united in marriage with Thomas Consen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ireland Clouse, also of Blackwell, Oklahoma. Both of these young people had been baptized just three months before and became members of the Ponca City church.

After a short wedding trip, the couple made their home in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where Tom is stationed while serving in the armed forces. We wish God's blessing upon them as they walk life's way together.

SMITH-WHITE

The other wedding ceremony took place on Thursday, August 18, 1966, when Harlene White and Lonny R. Smith were united in marriage. Harlene White, a native of Ponca City, had lost both her parents, but a cousin, Charles W. Williams of Prairie Village, Kansas, gave her away. Lonny Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady W. Smith of Choctaw, Oklahoma.

In 1965 both of these young people graduated from Ozark Academy, and last June finished one year at Union College where Lonny is continuing his studies preparing for the ministry. Our prayers and best wishes attend them in their new home, and in their plans to prepare themselves for a place of service in God's work.

C. A. BRAUN.



Elder E. D. Clifford recently conducted a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking in Elk City, Oklahoma. Over 40 attended and a favorable reception was received in the local high schools where Elder Clifford and Pastor A. J. Webb showed temperance films.



southwest region

Ministerial Staff Assembles for Annual Workers' Meeting

The annual workers' meeting of the Southwest Region Conference was held October 3-5 at the beautiful Lake Texoma State Park and Lodge, near Durant, Oklahoma.

The administration planned well for the comfort of the workers. The atmosphere was perfect for relaxation, recreation, and ministerial instructions.

We were privileged to have as our guests Elder and Mrs. J. L. Spangler of the General Conference Ministerial Department, who spoke on ways and means to make our ministry more meaningful, new approaches in the presentation of the third angel's message, and practical methods to safeguard our health. Elder W. W. Fordham, of the General Conference Regional Department, spoke about the church's responsibilities to the masses of our people in the ghettos of America. Elder C. D. Brooks of the Columbia Union was the speaker for the devotional exercises. His messages were more than outstanding; they were superb. Elder B. E. Leach, the recently appointed union president, and the union staff met with the brethren as well.

We were thrilled with the report of evangelism. For the past nine

months our baptisms totaled 338. Our constituency now numbers 4,107, and the Southwest Region Conference has become the second largest conference in the Southwestern Union.

To mark the beginning of the Ingathering crusade, a record total was reported from the churches in the amount of \$22,000. Pastor H. M. Mouzon, one of our young workers, set the pace for all district leaders by reporting the entire goal for the Alexandria district. Elder L. D. Henderson, the conference treasurer and temporary pastor of the Fort Worth church, reported the entire Ingathering goal. We rejoice for the workers have raised one-third of the total Ingathering goal and look forward to the speedy completion of the Ingathering program throughout the field.

The conference committee met during our stay at Lake Texoma and the following recommendations were decided: Pastor R. E. Brown is now assigned to the Fort Worth district, Pastor Norman E. Snipes will supervise the Houston Fifth-Ward district, and Pastor Cleveland Holness will assume command of the Austin, Elgin, and Taylor churches. This change will lighten the load of Elder A. R. Carethers, who now adminis-



Left to right: L. D. Henderson, treasurer of the conference and pastor of Fort Worth church, reports Ingathering goal; H. M. Mouzon, center, reports district goal; V. L. Roberts, president.

ters to the San Antonio, Kerrville, and Luling churches. Pastor-Teacher J. E. Harris is now leader of the Huntsville, Conroe, and Willis groups.

The Lord is blessing the Southwest Region Conference under the capable leadership of Elder V. L. Roberts. We expect greater accomplishments in the future, for it is during meetings such as this that the ministry is inspired to lead God's people toward the conclusion of the gospel commission.

W. C. JONES, Secretary,
Public Relations Department.

Two New Pastors Join Working Force

After giving careful consideration to the growing needs of the Southwest Region Conference, the conference committee extended an invitation to two recent ministerial graduates of Andrews University to serve as pastors. Pastor C. A. Holness was given the responsibilities of the Austin district, and Pastor N. E. Snipes was assigned leader of the Fifth-Ward Houston district. Both of these young men come to the Southwest with high scholastic achievements in the field of education and ministerial attainments.

Pastor Cleveland A. Holness was born in Jamaica, British West Indies.



Workers in session at Lake Texoma.



Pastor and Mrs. C. A. Holness

inth Anderson of Jamaica in September, 1964. Mrs. Holness received a B. S. degree from Andrews University in the field of elementary education. Before coming to the United States, Pastor Holness pastored in Jamaica three years and taught school one year.

Pastor Norman E. Snipes was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. He received his ministerial training at Oakwood College and graduated in the class of 1963. He was granted an M. A. degree from Andrews University in 1966. In September, 1964, Pastor Snipes married the former Miss V'Esther Marshall of San Bernardino, California. Mrs. Snipes is a registered nurse, having graduated from Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing, Glendale, California.

Both of these young couples come to the great Southwest with a depth of knowledge and a far-sighted vision



Pastor and Mrs. N. E. Snipes

for a completed work in the Master's service. We welcome them to our field, and we know the constituency of the conference will pray that these young people will prove to be valiant warriors of the cross.

W. C. JONES, *Secretary,
Public Relations Department.*



Elders Steiner and Stevenson Welcomed as Keene Pastors

Elder Stanley J. Steiner with his wife, Nelle, and 14-year-old daughter, Elizabeth Ann, has recently arrived to succeed Elder G. Charles Dart as pastor of the Keene church.

Elder Steiner comes to us from the Mount Vernon, Ohio, church where his pastoral responsibilities included

working closely with the large group of young people attending Mount Vernon Academy.

For two years following his high school graduation, Elder Steiner served in the United States Navy as an electronics technician. Though not yet a Seventh-day Adventist, he at-

tended Columbia Union College with plans to study the pre-medical course. God directed otherwise and he changed to the theological course. Elder Steiner graduated from college in 1952 and attended the Theological Seminary.

Elder Steiner has served as pastor of large churches in Pennsylvania and Ohio during the past 13 years and carried the responsibility of associate religious liberty secretary for the state while pastoring the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, church. With his heart in active, front-line evangelism, Elder Steiner regularly conducted at least two, and at times, three public evangelistic campaigns during his service in the Pennsylvania Conference.

A competent secretary, Mrs. Steiner studied at Kent State University and later worked at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, at the



Left to right:
Elder Stanley
J. Steiner,
Elizabeth Ann,
and Mrs. Nelle
Steiner.

eastern branch of Loma Linda Foods, and more recently in the Ohio Conference office. Currently she is doing secretarial work at the College Press in Keene.

We welcome Elder Steiner and his family to Texas and know that God will continue to bless their ministry and leadership in the Keene church.

Michael H. Stevenson with his wife, Jennie May, and boys, Michael and Miles, arrived recently from South Africa and have already become a part of the Keene family.

Elder Stevenson graduated from Helderberg College in 1961 and began his ministerial work in the Transvaar Conference. In 1964 he joined the Cape Conference as Missionary Volunteer, temperance, and public re-

lations secretary and just previous to his call to Texas was actively engaged in evangelistic endeavors.

As associate pastor, Elder Stevenson will fill a great need especially

in supporting the numerous youth activities in the Keene church. We extend a hearty Texas welcome to the Stevensons as they unite with us.

G. CHARLES DART, *President*.

Elder and Mrs. Michael H. Stevenson and sons, Michael and Miles.



Dr. Stonebrook Accepts Position With General Conference

In the work of God, it becomes necessary many times to say goodbye to workers who have endeared themselves to us and to wish them Godspeed as they shoulder greater tasks in other places.

During the past seven years, Dr. Stonebrook has very efficiently served the Texas Conference as secretary of the department of education. During this period the educational program in Texas has strengthened and expanded notably. At present 81 teachers are employed in 28 elementary schools, and the Jefferson and Valley Grande Academies have made significant progress.

The General Conference Committee, looking for one who could be an associate in the educational department and direct the elementary schools for the world field, requested Dr. Stonebrook to fill this need. Workers and members would have wished that Dr. Stonebrook could have stayed in Texas, but realizing that an important work must go forward at our church headquarters, we can only believe that God's hand rules over His work.

As Dr. and Mrs. Stonebrook and their two daughters, Linda and Shirley, leave us, pleasant memories of the friendships formed will remain; and our prayers will accompany them always.

Undoubtedly, he will always be officially called "Dr. Stonebrook" in his General Conference educational

position, yet, to those of us who know him best he will always be just "Stoney."

The Texas welcome carpet will always be out, and we will be happy for visits as frequently as possible.

G. CHARLES DART, *President*.

'Til We Meet Again

After 15 years in the Southwest, we take temporary leave again for the East Coast. These past seven years and more here in the Texas Conference have been most enjoyable. What a pleasure it has been to travel the conference from Jefferson's tall, whispering pines to Valley Grande's southern climes, as I have visited from school to school!

It has been thrilling to see the program you have made in your ele-

mentary schools and academies. It has been even more rewarding, preparing to serve the Lord.

*"We never guess when we part below
How soon till the journey ends;
But it helps a lot for us each to know*

When we part, that we part as friends.

*And though the path of duty lies
Through many a changeable fate,
We hope to meet 'neath fairer skies
At heaven's beautiful gate."*

Our daughters, Linda and Shirley, are remaining at Jefferson Academy in order to graduate with their class in the spring. We will keep our home here in Fort Worth until June, when the family will join me in Washington, D. C.

We are most grateful to you for your many, many kindnesses; your cordial Texas hospitality; and your loyal support of the educational program of the conference.

I. V. STONEBROOK.

Dr. and Mrs. I. V. Stonebrook with their daughters, Linda and Shirley.





"Ground-breaking ceremony for the new \$90,000 San Antonio Junior Academy will be held on November 13. The immediate project includes a five-classroom building with principal's office, secretary's office, library, home economics room, assembly room, and ultimately a second phase which will include a gymnasium and will bring the project to approximately \$150,000. Construction is to begin immediately after the ground-breaking ceremony," states Pastor A. C. Rawson of the Laurel Heights church.

Dallas Church Uses New Evangelistic Approach

A unique series of evangelistic programs entitled "Seek," is being presented at the Dallas First church by the pastor and the associate pastor.

Although the series has continued for several weeks, not a sermon has been preached, and none will be. Instead, the message is presented in dialogue. This informal, conversational approach to teaching the truth has been received with enthusiastic interest by members and non-members alike.

Ellen G. White said ministers are to "pray to God for wisdom, and who under the guidance of God . . . can invent new plans and new methods of awakening the interests of church members and reaching the men and women of the world." *Evangelism*, p. 105. Following this counsel, the "Seek" program was devised to be tried on an experimental basis but has already demonstrated its merits during this initial series.

In this informal approach, the pulpit is removed and the ministers are seated at specially built dialogue desks. The completely relaxed at-

mosphere of the entire program puts everyone at ease and sustains an unusual interest. Even the appeals are informal and yet effective through the quiet working of the Holy Spirit.

In our age, the dialogue has become an effective method of communicating ideas in the social, educational, and political realm. It may well prove to have great potential in arousing new interest in our message.

JOHN L. HAYWARD, *Pastor,*
Dallas Central Church.

Recent Changes in Texas Pastorships

Pastor Robert Caskey and his wife, Marilyn, have moved to Mineral Wells to direct the work of evangelizing this district which includes two other organized churches in Breckenridge and Graham. Pastor Caskey has been associate pastor of the Dallas Central church and more recently of the Houston Central church.

Elder L. E. Rogers has moved to Austin where he will succeed Elder Robert Gibson as pastor of this district which includes the Elgin church. Elder Rogers has been pastor of the Waco, Fort Hood-Killeen, and Tem-

ple churches during the past four years.

Pastor Glenn Turner is now associate pastor of the Valley churches with headquarters in Weslaco. Pastor Turner will be working closely with the administrators of our Valley Grande Academy in setting up a special project that will give employment to our students.

G. CHARLES DART, *President.*

Farewell to Two Texas Workers

Elder Harry Curl and family recently accepted a call to unite with the Missouri Conference and have already taken up their new work. Elder Curl arrived in the Texas Conference in May, 1959, and served as associate pastor of the Keene church until 1963 when he moved to Weslaco.

The quiet but steady way in which he worked endeared him to the hearts of all who were associated with him.

Our prayers will accompany Elder Curl as he continues to dedicate his talents to the winning of souls in his new field of labor.

After three years of service in the Texas Conference, Pastor Michael Petricko accepted a call from the Texico Conference to pastor the Lubbock church.

Pastor Petricko worked in the Mineral Wells district and later served as pastor of the Houston Pecan Park church.

We wish the greatest of heaven's blessings upon Elder Petricko and his family as they take up their new responsibilities in western Texas.

They were greatly loved by those with whom they worked, and we are happy that they are still close to us in our neighboring conference.

G. CHARLES DART, *President.*



Pastors John Hayward and Charles Williams conduct the "Seek" program.

**texico****New Lubbock Pastor Arrives**

The newly appointed pastor of Lubbock, Texas, church is Elder Michael Petricko. His gracious "helpmeet" is



Mike Petricko

Bette. Additions to this partnership are three attractive children: William, 14; Robert, 12; and Brenda, 7. Prior assignments were in Texas as district pastor of the Houston and Mineral Wells churches.

Hard work is the claimed hobby of Elder Petricko. His success in 17 years of insurance—first as a salesman, then a sales manager, and finally his own agency—proves his hobby philosophy: "Do your best each day and make use of each minute."

When the opportunity knocked for the ministry he quietly sacrificed the earnings of a successful insurance business. That was not an instantaneous preparation for both the Petrick-

os had attended Southern Missionary College where he earned a theology degree.

Michael Petricko met Bette Lorraine Johnstone while colporteur in his home town of Toronto, Canada. Maybe he didn't sell a book, but he did encourage her to attend Southern Missionary College. Her course ended in matrimony September 19, 1950, at Collegedale, Tennessee. About her Elder Petricko says, "She makes a wonderful mother and housewife." Regina, Saskatchewan, is Bette's birthplace.

Robert and Brenda are now enrolled in the Lubbock Church School. William is a student at Jefferson Academy.

Gently the breeze of Texico welcome flows to the Petrickos.

H. W. PRITCHARD.

Dorcas Worker Honored in San Angelo Church

Born in Missouri, raised and converted in Oklahoma, *not* resting in San Angelo, Texas, is 81-year-old Mrs. W. O. Germany. It was 1909 when the book *Great Controversy* was brought to the Germany home by colporteur W. R. Brewer. That book, together with a godly mother-in-law's instructions, changed her entire course of life. Fifty-six years later in 1965, her "Dorcas" service to the Lord included 55 hand-made garments such as dresses and play suits. She was recently honored in her present church of San Angelo, Texas, by the local elder, James O. McMurray.

H. W. PRITCHARD.



Mrs. W. O. Germany



Manuel Contreras, El Paso Ingatherer.

He Speaks a Silent Language

Seventy-three-year-old bachelor, Manuel Contreras of El Paso, Texas, loves Ingathering! With his cane and can, he boards the city bus to downtown La Placita, where all city buses begin and end their daily runs. With an outstretched hand and effectual smile, Brother Contreras meets men and women on their way to work, shop, and those who have come to just enjoy the sunshine and friendship at the city square. His words are few and rare due to a speech impediment, but the Holy Spirit fills the vacancy. Already in three weeks he has garnered \$115 toward his \$500 Ingathering objective.

Elder Pascual Pena, pastor of the Spanish church of El Paso, comments: "I wish he would have a goal of \$2,500!"

H. W. PRITCHARD.

ON THE GO WITH TEXICO!

► Elder E. E. Johnson joined arms with Elder G. M. Schram and Elder and Mrs. M. H. Jensen at Amarillo, Albuquerque, Roswell, and Midland in strengthening the newly formed Texico Health and Welfare Federations. How to be prepared for a local disaster was the object of the meetings as well as how to develop and follow through on welfare missionary contacts. Attendance was high.

"Bicycles must be in good working order because safety is your business," explains Amarillo Sergeant Kelly Foss to Nancy Pritchard, Harry Weis (stooping), and Wayne Williams, Amarillo church school students, in an October safety rally.

A temporary rerouting of Interstate Highway 40 has trebled traffic near the Amarillo school. Principal A. L. Swanson made arrangements with the Potter County Sheriff's office for the guest appearance of Sergeant Foss.

H. W. PRITCHARD.





Mr. Don Davis, science and mathematics teacher, explains scientific equipment to the chemistry class in the newly remodeled science laboratory equipped for 24 students.



Pastor Dick Pollard of the Alamogordo-Las Cruces district chats with some of the students during the recent week of prayer. His theme was "The Christ-Centered Life."

Sandia View Academy

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Dorsey Cruzan plays the bells as Ken Henderson, Terry Barker, and Roger Rustad play their trumpets to accompany the SVA Choir for Pastor Kenneth Cox's evangelistic meetings in Albuquerque.



At the recent Prospector's Banquet, SVA pennants were awarded to those who had been instrumental in bringing at least one other student to Sandia View Academy this year.





southwestern union college

Students Earn While They Learn

Students attending Southwestern Union College or Academy are very fortunate to have a multitude of work opportunities available to them.

Very few Seventh-day Adventist schools have near the equal of these opportunities to earn while learning. Besides work opportunities on campus, a number of Adventist-owned businesses employ large numbers of students.

In this issue of the RECORD and those to follow, various of the major work opportunities on campus will be featured. The first of this series presents the opportunities to earn and learn in the College Press which is owned and operated by the college.

Fascinating Work Provides Financial Gain

Letterpress and offset printing, black-and-white, two-color, and four-color publications regularly rolling off the presses at Southwestern Union College Press are the end result of a fascinating process that regularly takes place at the College Press on the campus of Southwestern Union College.

Under the guidance of dedicated Seventh-day Adventist craftsmen, a multitude of different printing jobs are always in the process of completion in this interesting printing plant. A number of students regularly find interesting and challenging work as they learn one or many of the steps needed to produce fine printing.

The one item which is printed at the College Press which is most familiar to the readers of the RECORD is the RECORD itself. The beautiful four-color covers are produced from start to finish in the College Press, with even the color photographs at times being taken by one of the several skilled photographers on the staff of the College Press.

This modern, well-equipped, well-operated printing plant is a tribute to the management and the craftsmanship of the dedicated men and women who work with young people day by day, teaching them the skills which they themselves have acquired.

The College Press does commercial printing, as well as publishing the RECORD and printing supplies for many of the denominational organizations. E. C. WINES, *President*.

Shaping Secretarial Skills

The role of various means of communication in the modern world has increased tremendously, and to help meet the challenge of maintaining adequate communications in business and in the work of the church, Southwestern Union College's secretarial department trains students in the various secretarial skills.

Whether for personal use only or for use in an occupation, the skills of typing, shorthand, and various other of the secretarial sciences are valuable assets for any student.



Students learn secretarial skills in college typing class.

Training leading to a four-year baccalaureate program or culminating in a two-year terminal course is available in the secretarial science department of the college. Shorthand, typing, practice in dictation and transcription, a study of business machines, and business communications are all available in various course offerings in this interesting and profitable department.

More specialized training in medical terminology for those desiring to be medical secretaries is also available.

Over the years, many students have prepared themselves for useful, pleasant work after their schooling was over, and for helping earn their way through school, or for the many and varied personal uses to which secretarial skills can be applied.

Secretarial science is one of the many departments providing practical as well as theoretical training in preparation for life's responsibilities.

E. C. WINES, *President*.

(Left) The College Press provides work for academy students in the morning and (right) college students in the afternoon.



Non-Adventist Commends SUC Program

Recently a non-Seventh-day Adventist, living within driving distance of Keene, wrote making inquiry about the possibility of her children entering Southwestern Union College when they finish the secondary schools.

The first paragraph of her letter should be of interest to Seventh-day Adventist parents and an encouragement to Seventh-day Adventist young people. Here is the paragraph: "I have visited your community so many times in the past few years and I must tell you I have watched your students every time. They seem so at ease with each other, and environment up there is like in a different world. The boys and girls all seem like such a nice bunch of clean-cut students of high moral standards. I am just amazed every time I visit your community. I do not know what it is you possess, but whatever it is, I think it is wonderful."

This aptly describes the fine spirit and Christian conduct of students on the campus of Southwestern Union College.

The expanded offerings of the college make provision for all youth of the Southwestern Union to have the opportunity of Christian education on the campus of Southwestern Union College. Bulletins and other information are available upon request.

E. C. WINES, President.



Change and Progress

Most people by this time are aware that many changes are taking place on the campus of Southwestern Union College. The change that the Academy is most interested in is the greater distinction between the College and Academy. The advantages of this separation far outweigh any disadvantages that may appear on the surface.

First, the students of the Academy have never had a definite organization that they could call their own. This, of course, meant taking the

back seat or "playing second fiddle." This also meant that many opportunities for leadership were delayed until college.

Second, by having their own organization the students feel a closer identity to their program. It is felt that the hard-to-define term, school spirit, will grow until it blooms out to full pride in and defense for the school.

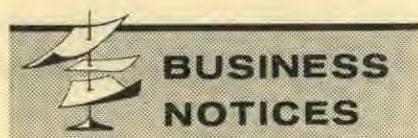
Third, by having their own organization, the teachers feel a more integral part of the program. They know that more guidance and consideration can be given to each case.

Fourth, the parents should feel

that more attention can and will be given to their young people.

There seems to be a unanimous impression by the staff and students that a fine school year is in progress. School began with 170 young people. There is room for more. It is the desire of the administration and staff to offer our services to any who wish to obtain a Christian education.

In the next issue of the RECORD a study will be made of the wages earned by the students in the Academy. This will be an eye-opener to many. The work opportunities for Academy students this year are more than the enrollment can handle.



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PECANS: Fancy Halves—\$1.15 lb., Medium Halves—1.10 lb., Large Pieces—1.05 lb., In Shell—50 lb. Postage: 15c per lb. under 1,000 miles; 20c lb. above. Insurance: Add 20c per order. Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, Miss. 39455. p12C-14C

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Jan. 21 and 28	Dec. 15
Feb. 4 and 11	Jan. 5



	Nov. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 25	Dec. 2
Ablene, Texas	5:41	5:37	5:35	5:33
Amarillo, Texas	5:44	5:40	5:37	5:35
Brownsville, Texas	5:43	5:40	5:38	5:38
Dallas, Texas	5:28	5:24	5:22	5:20
El Paso, Texas	5:09	5:05	5:03	5:02
Fort Worth, Texas	5:30	5:26	5:24	5:22
Galveston, Texas	5:26	5:23	5:21	5:20
Gentry, Arkansas	5:14	5:09	5:06	5:04
Keene, Texas	5:30	5:26	5:24	5:22
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:07	5:03	5:00	4:58
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:18	5:13	5:10	5:08
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:06	5:03	5:01	5:00
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5:27	5:22	5:19	5:17
San Antonio, Texas	5:41	5:38	5:36	5:35
Santa Fe, New Mexico	5:00	4:55	4:51	4:49
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Annual Sacrifice Offering

by NEAL C. WILSON, Vice President, North American Division.

"We've never missed a meal nor have we suffered in any way." This was the voluntary testimony of a 55-year-old couple recently. They were soft-spoken, neatly dressed, and delightful conversationalists. It was an inspiration to be around them. We were discussing the many financial appeals confronting Seventh-day Adventist church members. This couple with a moderate income told me they gave substantially to church expense, church building funds, conference projects, evangelism, Christian education, missionary journals, and missions extension. Upon probing more specifically I learned that this couple had increased their Sabbath school offerings as well as contributions to such projects as Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, Christian Record, welfare, temperance, and religious liberty work.

I wasn't quite satisfied so I inquired about tithe and the annual sacrifice offering. After telling me that they had carefully tithed for 32 years and had made it a practice each year to give a week's earnings for their annual sacrifice offering at the conclusion of the week of prayer, they punctuated their remarks with the sentence, "We've never missed a meal nor have we suffered in any way." Although we are somewhat younger than this couple, yet Mrs. Wilson and I, from personal experience, can whole-heartedly concur in their testimony.

We are approaching another annual sacrifice offering. The Lord invites us to reason together. In an attitude of love for the Saviour who gave all for us and with the realization of the urgency of the hour in which we live, I hope you will understand my burden and concern for



Neal C. Wilson

this offering. Usually this offering averages a little less than \$1 per member and is only slightly more than certain other annual appeals. It really seems to me that if we are totally committed to the work the Lord has given us to do, we could do much better. It also seems to me that for an offering once designated as Week of Sacrifice Offering and now known as Annual Sacrifice Offering, there could be at least \$1 million contributed annually by our nearly 400,000 members in North America. This would represent only about \$2.50 per member. God's people must advance; the everlasting gospel must surge forward. We must do everything to mobilize our forces and resources in combating the enemy of souls and in proclaiming the saving, delivering power of Jesus Christ our Lord. We must evangelize on every possible front.

The keynote of Christ's teachings is self-sacrifice. It will not be long before probation will close. If we do not serve the Lord with fidelity, how can we expect to meet Him unashamed? "The work of God, which should be going forward with tenfold its present strength and efficiency, is kept back, like a spring season held by the chilling blast of winter, because some of God's professed people are appropriating to themselves the means that should be dedicated to His service. Because Christ's self-sacrificing love is not interwoven in the life practices, the church is weak where it should be strong. By its own course it has put out its light, and robbed millions of the gospel of Christ. . . ." *Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 54.

Let us not hold back the "spring." Let us turn on the light and reach the millions with a ten-fold soul-winning thrust. I invite you, my dear fellow believer, to experience the privilege and wonderful blessing of laboring with God, claiming His promises, and beholding His glory as He works miracles of grace.

Our North American leader has made a gracious and sincere appeal for our support in the world-wide "Annual Sacrifice" offering. The Lord will greatly bless those who enter into a covenant by sacrifice with Him on November 12. Let us pray for a full surrender of our lives and possessions to His tender care. By His spirit we will know what we ought to do in this late hour.

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