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LIGHT THE WORLD



We are living in an age of great scientific progress. The modern way of life is filled with ease and comfort. Inventions in the areas of communication and transportation, as well as the high standard of living, have almost made this the golden age. In spite of these things, there is still fear and frustration in the hearts of people everywhere. There is war and hatred between and among the nations. Yes, even though we are living in an age of great scientific progress and enlightenment, we are in a time of trouble, a time of spiritual darkness—spiritual darkness in the homes and hearts of men and women everywhere. Isaiah, the gospel prophet, states it very plainly in the following words: "For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people . . ." Isaiah 60:2.

People everywhere are reaching out for a better way of life. They are grasping for something which will bring them joy and contentment. What is the answer to the world's needs? Is there hope? Is there light in this time of darkness? Yes, there is light and that Light is Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. In Matthew 5:14, Jesus says, "Ye are the light of the world." That means you. That means me. That means every Seventh-day Adventist. In John 8:12 Jesus again states "I am the light of the world . . ." Can we harmonize these two statements from the Master? Yes, we surely can. Jesus is the great Light. We become lights as we reflect the grace, charm, and beauty of Jesus Christ. The responsibility of every worker in the publishing department is to reflect the Light from heaven and to **LIGHT THE WORLD WITH LITERATURE**. ". . . will you put on the Christian armor? 'Your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.' you will be prepared to walk from house to house, carrying the truth to the people . . . the Lord will go before you, and will let His light shine upon your pathway. Entering the homes of your neighbors to sell . . . our literature, and in humility to teach them the truth, you will be accompanied by the light of heaven, which will abide in these homes." *Review and Herald*, May 24, 1906. It is through the publishing arm of the church that the world in a large degree will be

WITH

Literature



by D. A. McADAMS,
Secretary, Publishing Department,
General Conference.

lightened with a knowledge of the plan of salvation and the truths found in the sacred Scriptures. This thought is undergirded by the following statement: "And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory." *Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 140.

The Seventh-day Adventist church operates 44 publishing houses and publishes literature in 260 languages and dialects. Today we have the best equipped publishing houses and the most beautiful literature we have ever had in the history of the church. We have the books. We have the magazines. But, God is looking for men and women with hearts aflame for the message who will go forth as beams of light bringing hope and happiness into the homes of people everywhere through gospel literature. Yes, the time has come to LIGHT THE WORLD WITH LITERATURE. "A world, perishing in sin, is to be enlightened. . . . The lost sheep is to be brought back in safety to the fold. Who will join in the search? Who will bear the light to those who are wandering in darkness of error?" *Review and Herald*, July 23, 1895.

Who will join in the search? Who will bear the light? Remember, there is a blueprint for every life. The great call of the church for total evangelism constitutes a challenge to every member. Many years ago Mrs. E. G. White made the following statement: "Night after night I am standing before the people, bearing a very positive testimony, and pleading with them to be wide awake, and to take up the work of circulating our literature." *Review and Herald*, April 20, 1905. It is the plan of the denomination to have at least one literature evangelist in every church. Is there a light-bearer for truth in your church going from door to door with truth-filled literature? God needs you. The people who are living in spiritual darkness need you. You need the enriching experience which you will gain as you go forth to work for the Master as a literature evangelist. Why not respond to this great challenge and join our faithful bookmen around the world and help to LIGHT THE WORLD WITH LITERATURE.

A Quick Look at The Home Health Education Service Office

by J. N. MORGAN, Public Affairs Secretary,
Southwestern Union Conference.

One entire wing of the Southwestern Union Conference office houses the Home Health Education Service and Book and Bible House. Six full-time employees are engaged here in processing literature evangelists' sales accounts and looking after the myriad of smaller activities relating to the literature work. This is the home office for 75 literature evangelists of the five conferences of the Southwestern Union. Supervising this phase of the literature ministry is Paul A. Bernet, manager and associate publishing secretary of the union.

A quick rundown of how this office relates to the individual literature salesman might be helpful. A prospective literature evangelist would find the program something like this. Having made the necessary arrangements with his local conference publishing secretary, he would begin a two-week period of close supervision in sales work. Each sale made is known as a contract and the contracts are processed in the Home

W. J. Griffin, director of the Home Health Education Service and publishing secretary of the Southwestern Union, looks over one of the thousands of "Bible Story" books that are sold annually in our five-state territory. The HHES office is headquartered in one wing of the Southwestern Union Conference office building.





(Pictures above, left to right) Mrs. H. E. Haas, secretary, separates the reports received from the literature evangelists from the five conferences in preparation for processing.

Mrs. W. J. Griffin spends full time processing new business that comes in from the literature evangelists.

Miss Carol Cheadle, accountant and secretary to Mr. Griffin, spends a great share of her time posting to the general ledger in keeping her accounts up to date.

Mrs. Jennie Meadows is responsible for keeping the files in order and here she is looking up payments received from customers and attaching these to the ledger cards.

Health Education Service office. After a full week of sales work following leads provided by the Home Health Education Service office or from door-to-door sales, the literature salesman draws his first check from his account with the Home Health Education Service. This arrangement

is made so that the literature evangelist can receive a regular salary, for most sales are made on time payments that extend for several months. By processing his sales through the Home Health Education Service, the office assumes the responsibility of collecting the accounts and leaves the literature evangelist free for full-time sales work. This also gives him a somewhat stabilized salary. There is no limit to what he can earn, however, because the more he sells the more the salary. Literature evangelists that deliver \$15,000 or more each year also receive a home and travel allowance of \$110.00 a month to supplement his regular commission.

Success in the literature ministry can virtually be assured according to publishing secretary, Jim Griffin. "Our publishing work in this union is part of a world-wide program that involves 44 publishing houses and employs 6,000 literature evangelists who reached 37 million dollars in sales in 1966. Already we are \$10,000 ahead of the same period last year in our own union," he stated.

Our biggest need is for many more persons already successful in some area of business to be willing to launch out with the Lord and devote their talents and energies to becoming successful literature evangelists.

Periodical training classes are held to equip each person with necessary information and material for beginning a successful career working for the Lord. The next class is to be held in Dallas, Texas, April 7-9. For application blanks and more of the details contact should be made with your local publishing secretary.

The publishing ministry is destined to fill a vital place in reaching the large numbers of people in every

country. God has ordained this work for the last days and a great work is being done. But how much more could be accomplished with a larger corps of literature evangelists with an eye single to the glory of God. We emphasize anew that time is short, the opportunities are many, the need is greater than ever, and the Lord is waiting and wanting to bless. Perhaps you have given some thought before to joining the working forces of the church as a literature evangelist; this may be your first invitation. Either way, men, women, and young people are needed now for full-time service in some area of the Southwest. For a friendly visit and further information, you are invited to contact one of the following men:

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(Left) Miss Janice Meadows is operating one of the many machines used in the office, posting payments to customer accounts.



(Right) Mrs. Wayne Thurber is responsible for following through on each account and here she is seen sending out special letters for collection of each account.

(Below) One of the joys of a business of this kind is the payment each Monday of commissions to the literature evangelists. Here Carol Cheadle gives a check for an advance commission, based on contracts that have been processed, to Sing Chi Wu, one of 75 Southwestern Union literature evangelists.



Our Leaders Say...

Why I Support Literature Evangelism

by G. C. DART, President, Texas Conference.

There is one primary reason for the existence of the literature ministry — to win souls. Our publishing department was not organized just to supply jobs for our members, either as salesmen in the field or as workers in the publishing houses. We do not have a publishing department merely to boast of the large number of sales. As the president of the Texas Conference, I support the work of the literature evangelist for only one fundamental reason — because it is designed to lead people to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I could also say that another reason I support the book ministry is because my grandfather was a literature evangelist; my father also was a bookman, and for a summer during my college days it was my privilege to be a literature evangelist.

As a matter of fact, I can trace my life in the Seventh-day Adventist church to a book sold by a colporteur. Near the early beginning of literature evangelism my great-grandfather bought *Bible Readings for the Home Circle*. Although he never paid much attention to the book, nor did he ever become a Seventh-day Adventist, yet his son, Charlie, began to read this book as a teenager, became convicted that the seventh day was the Sabbath, and began to keep it. His father violently opposed him to the extent that he was forced to leave home. Not knowing what else to do, young Charlie asked permission to sell the book that brought him the light of present truth.

Later he went to a Seventh-day Adventist academy in Tennessee, and after completing his school work devoted the major portion of his life to literature evangelism. The truth that was presented in that one book was passed on from father to son to grandson. How thankful I am for the faithful work of one colporteur.

Knowing the importance of the printing press to spread the gospel, the devil would do everything to destroy the effectiveness of this ministry. He is flooding the market with all kinds of propaganda for his kingdom of evil. Through the printing press he is glamourizing the kingdom

of sin. He is using radio, television, and other forms of amusement to distract people from reading the books that present God's message for today. Of course, he doesn't stop working outside the church. He would influence the major portion of our church members from seeing the importance of the work of literature evangelism. He will even try to discourage those already engaged in this work.



Publishing Work... A Soul-Saving Work

by E. FRANK SHERRILL, President, Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

The reason we exist as Seventh-day Adventists is to win souls. Therefore, the only reason our publishing houses are printing books, magazines, and periodicals is to prepare people to meet their God. "The great object of our publications is to exalt God, to call men's attention to the living truths of His word. God calls upon us to lift up, not our own standard, not the standard of this world, but His standard of truth." *Colporteur Ministry*, p. 2.

Thousands today around the world are rejoicing in this wonderful mes-

The corps of literature evangelists in our church I liken to the Marine Corps of our nation. These are the men and women who are selling the gospel in book and magazine form to establish beachheads in the hearts of individuals so that God's army may continue to push back the forces of evil and conquer souls for His kingdom. What a noble work this is!

Some of you have felt impressed that you should be on the frontlines giving this message through the colporteur ministry. I would like to challenge you to talk with your publishing secretary about joining this "Marine Corps" of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

sage because they found the truth in one of our publications.

We are told by the servant of the Lord that our publishing work is to be doing the same work throughout the world as was done by John the Baptist for the Jewish nation. We are to get our books into the hands of the people urging them to study and to follow the teachings of the Bible.

"And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven

with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory." *Testimonies*, vol 7, p. 140.

We are to work now as never before to scatter the pages of truth as the leaves of autumn. We must take advantage of every opportunity to win souls to Christ. There is a great work to be done today. Truly the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few. Here are some challenging statements from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White: "The vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul-saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it?" *Colporteur Ministry*, p. 37.

"Books will reach those who can be reached in no other way, those living far from any large settlement. I call these the byway hearers. To such

ones our canvassers are to carry the books containing the message of salvation.

"Our canvassers are to be God's evangelists, going from house to house and the out-of-the-way places, and opening the Scriptures to those they meet. They will find those who are willing and anxious to learn from the Scriptures." *Colporteur Ministry*, p. 39.

During 1967 one of our literature evangelists brought four precious souls into the church through his literature ministry. Perhaps, the Lord is calling you to take up this important work. The rewards are many both now and in the world soon to come.

Brothers and Sisters, let us pray and think seriously about it, and then let's do something about it before it is forever too late.

Going and Growing For God; 27 Won in Oklahoma in 1967

January 27 and 28, 1968, were two high days for the literature evangelists from throughout the state of Oklahoma. They met at Tulsa for an all-day rally on Sabbath and a workshop on Sunday.

On Sunday morning Elder C. W. Skantz was the devotional speaker. The text he used seemed to be just for us. "And David went on, and grew great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him." II Samuel 5:10. The margin gives the meaning of "going and growing."

God blessed the Oklahoma bookmen last year with 27 souls won, and many others are planning to join the church in the near future. Our pastors and literature evangelists are following through with Bible studies. Brother David Boyles was the leading literature evangelist of the Southwestern Union in deliveries for 1967 with a total of \$20,527.72. He also helped to bring 17 of his customers into the church.

Courage ran high Sunday morning after Elder Skantz's sermon, and the group set goals for God in 1968 as follows: 256 demonstrations per week, 100 souls to be won, and \$200,000 or more in book deliveries.

A new club was formed by Elder Griffin which is to be known as the "Seven or Two Club." Brother David Boyles is the president for the first six months of 1968, and Brother Tommy Good will be the president for the last six months of the year. The purpose is a self-imposed requirement which will encourage the literature evangelists to expand their ministry and increase the possibility of winning more souls to Christ. In the "Seven or Two Club" our literature

Literature Evangelism Results...

One Book Wins Three Families

"...God has a care for His truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read." *Colporteur Ministry*, p. 150.

Mrs. Keenan had been attending "The Bible Speaks" Crusade in Bentonville, Arkansas, and was troubled by some of the "new doctrines" that Pastor Don Houghton was presenting. These things seemed so new, so different, yet somehow had a familiar ring, too.

The things presented were right from the Bible! Was it really truth? Or was it just a skillful fabrication of error? How could she be sure?

Then she remembered! Of course! That old book that her father had bought so many years ago and had read so often to the family! She would check on Pastor Houghton's "new doctrines" by reading what the old book said about them.

Mrs. Keenan soon found the old leather-bound book, *The Great Controversy*, copyright 1888. To her amazement, she seemed to be reading Pastor Houghton's sermon notes! It was the same message and it was truth!

Not only did Mrs. Keenan accept this wonderful truth but she brought her two daughters and their husbands and children, the Carlises and the Powells, with her.

Some faithful literature evangelist will have a wonderful reward when he meets this family in God's kingdom.

A total of 37 precious souls, including Mrs. Keenan's family have been baptized from the Bentonville crusade. This harvest resulted from the combined efforts of Elders Adrian C. Woods and N. C. Petersen of the Springdale district, Duane Lauer and Elder Don Houghton of the Gentry district, and the consecrated faithfulness of the church members in the area. Ozark Academy provided the inspirational music program under the leadership of Elder Orlin McLean and Bob Bolton.

DON F. HOUGHTON, *Pastor,*
Gentry District.

Mrs. Keenan holds the leather-bound "Great Controversy" that won her along with her two daughters and their families, the Powells and the Carlises, into the truth.



evangelists will call on seven homes, or make two sales presentations, each morning before they call on any person who has sent in a card requesting to see the books. Please pray for these men and women of God.

God has placed a burden upon the hearts of His people as never before to help finish His work through the distribution of the printed page. The General Conference motto is "Light the World with Literature." Do you feel God's call? If so, write or call your publishing department secretary today.

OLEN F. GILLIAM, *Secretary,
Publishing Department,
Oklahoma Conference.*

It CAN Be Done

Many times one will hear the expression, "That's not for me, I don't think I can make it." This is a negative approach. The task may look difficult, but have you tried it? Why should you stand by and let others come in and reap the blessings that should have been yours?

We have young people as well as adults throughout this union blessed

with automobiles and a desire to work for the Lord, particularly in the publishing work, but they are somewhat afraid to make the first step. Are they saying "It can't be done"?

Here is a true story of a student literature evangelist who believes that it can be done. Mallam Para Mallum, before coming to our field last summer from Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, was ill. The doctor wanted to admit him to a hospital bed; Mallam thought otherwise.



Mallam Para Mallum

He came to Dallas without a car, but he was fortunate to borrow a bicycle. When I assigned him his field of labor in South Dallas, he said to me, "This is the poorest section of the city." "The poor people are the ones that will help you," I exclaimed.

He went to work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As you will note, South Dallas gave way to Mallam. As he pedaled his cycle, school children stopped to look at him. The

clergymen invited him to their churches, and their members invited him to their homes.

The devil was mad with him, and went to make war on him. A boy stole Mallam's bicycle, and for one week he was unable to meet all his appointments. Soon after, his bicycle was reclaimed, and down the streets and lanes, in the nooks and corners, he carried the message on the printed page. Did the enemy of truth leave him? No.

One rainy morning as he rode to deliver one of his truth-filled books a car was about to crush him; but seeing the danger, he leaped from his cycle only to hit the hard pavement with his forehead, washing it in blood.

Mallam is a success, he worked successfully. Of the nearly \$30,000 worth of books that were sold by 13 students last summer, Mallam delivered \$3,800. The experiences of Mallam can be yours, if you would answer the call of service and let the Spirit lead you.

The hour is late, won't you come and join the bookmen's army?

A. S. FRANCIS, *Secretary,
Publishing Department,
Southwest Region Conference.*

Annual Union Audit Completed

by J. N. MORGAN, Public Affairs Secretary, Southwestern Union Conference.

Annual review of the Southwestern Union Conference financial statement and audit of its staff has been completed for 1967.

Union committee members, along with conference treasurers and college officers, spend an entire day each year in analyzing the membership growth, finances, and policies of the Southwestern Union Conference and Home Health Education Service.

This year's meeting was also attended by Elder Neal C. Wilson, president of the North American Division of the General Conference. His view of the Seventh-day Adventist work of the entire country helps to coordinate the church's activities of the Southwest with other parts of the country and to bring a unifying spirit to the work of this union with its sister unions.

Even though the Southwestern states form a large territorial union, the membership is comparatively small. As present the constituency numbers 23,721. While 1,510 persons

were baptized in the conferences during 1967, there were 604 persons dropped by apostasy or missing. This

number plus loss by deaths left a net gain of 701. We praise the Lord for this increase.

Tithe increase for 1967 amounted to \$283,968.00. The total tithe received in the conferences of the union was \$3,429,989.00. A large portion of this

Watch the Southwestern Union

1968 Ingathering Progress

Conference	Goal	Total to date	Per Capita	100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10%
Ark.-La.	105,125	104,425	25.00*	
Okla.	92,700	102,417	27.62*	
S. W. Region	72,418	71,721	17.26	
Texas	212,300	212,458	25.01*	
Texico	67,200	69,753	25.94*	
S. W. Union	549,743	560,774	24.15	

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Feb. 27
Jan. 16
Jan. 2

Dec. 12

Nov. 28

560,774

is sent on to the General Conference to support the church's work in all the world.

One of the big items of the day was the approval of the 1968 budget. Tithe of the preceding year is the base figure used for computing the budget. Income to the union consists largely of tithe funds shared by the conferences, although of recent years trust funds and annuities that have matured are providing additional funds for the union to use in supporting the work of the local conferences.

Various reports of the union conference departmental leaders indicate steady and consistent progress in the areas of their responsibility. Evangelism is a key program and strong emphasis is placed on front-line soul winning. Lay activities is becoming increasingly more interesting, and involvement of laymen in soul winning and church leadership is reaching new bounds. A more determined effort is being made to establish the medical work according to the blueprint and to enlist physicians, dentists, and paramedical personnel in making effective the right arm of the message in this late hour. Literature evangelism is making new records and sales are increased. The Home Health Education Service has experienced a financial turn for the better and shows every sign of eventually becoming financially independent. Trust funds in the Association show a marked increase and denotes a confidence and support for the work of the church in operating its business affairs. The union youth program continues to expand and reports of the forthcoming union-wide Youth Congress were given. All indications are for the largest Adventist attendance of any meeting ever held in the Southwest.

Along with the audit, a full day was spent in survey of each local conference. Administrators of the conferences joined to evaluate the work of the separate fields and to receive help for some of their own unique problems.

The group was cheered by the presence, for part of the day, of Elder B. E. Leach, Southwestern Union Conference president. Elder Leach has been away from his responsibilities for several weeks due to illness. While still not completely recovered, his co-workers were happy for his presence and the assurance of his physician that he will be back to his

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SOUTHWESTERN UNION

Youth Congress

April 11-13, 1968



The striking skyline of Dallas, Texas, one of the most progressive and fastest growing cities of our nation is a beautiful backdrop for the auditorium where the Southwestern Union Youth Congress will be held April 11-13, 1968. It is the large circular building pictured in the lower right with the large parking lot adjoining.

Youth Congress Housing Information

For those desiring hotel accommodations we recommend the Adolphus Hotel, which is only three blocks from the auditorium and is surrounded by a number of very nice eating places. The management of the Adolphus Hotel has made a special rate to our group. The price will be \$5 per person where there are two or three in a room; and \$4 per person where there are four in a room. When the father and mother rent a room, there is no charge for the children. Roll-away beds can be brought in where necessary. Those wishing to make reservations at this hotel should identify themselves as Seventh-day Adventists attending the convention and send their correspondence to Adolphus Hotel, 1321 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75200. Some may want to come in camp trailers or pick-up campers. Arrangements have been made for these to be parked at the State Fair grounds. For further information on this please contact the MV Department, Southwestern Union Conference, Box 400, Richardson, Texas 75080.

AT THE BEAUTIFUL
Dallas Memorial Auditorium
DALLAS, TEXAS



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

SUC

★ 22nd Annual Amateur Hour

Southwestern Union College will present its 22nd Annual Amateur Hour March 9, 1968, in the Evans Hall auditorium at 7:30 p.m. General Admission will be \$1.00. All are invited to attend.

★ Henry L. Scott Piano Concert at SUC

Dr. Henry L. Scott, the hilarious virtuoso of the piano, will present his "Concerto for Fun" at Southwestern Union College's Turner Auditorium on Saturday night, March 16, 1968 at 8 p.m.

Henry L. Scott, striving to prove to concert-goers that music can be fun, has become famous as "America's greatest artist in the humorous concert world." He is a master interpreter of some of the world's greatest composers. Scott has appeared in Carnegie Hall, Town Hall, as soloist with symphonic orchestras, and in concert halls, colleges, and universities throughout the United States and Canada. His one-man show is full of surprises, and it promises to be an exciting evening for both the serious and light-hearted alike.

Come early for a good seat. Admission for adults is \$1.00, children \$.50, high school and college students \$.75.

Texas

★ North Texas Youth Music Festival

Come enjoy the North Texas Youth Music Festival, Sabbath, March 23 at 3:00 in the Fort Worth First church. The best musical talent in North Texas will be participating with John and Wayne Thurber as the masters of ceremony. Plan to be there for a special Sabbath blessing.

★ Texas Home and School Meetings

We are happy to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Miller of Worthington Foods will be in our conference territory during March and April. Their itinerary is as follows:

Monday, March 25 — Santa Anna, Texas
Tuesday, March 26 — Keene Elementary School
Thursday, March 28 — Fort Worth Junior Academy
Sunday, March 31 — Dallas Junior Academy
Monday, April 1 — Dallas Oak Cliff
Tuesday, April 2 — Grand Prairie
Wednesday, April 3 — Mineral Wells
Thursday, April 4 — Wichita Falls
Sunday, April 7 — Valley View
Monday, April 8 — Paris
Tuesday, April 9 — Marshall
Wednesday, April 10 — Jefferson

★ Sabbath School Workshop

A Sabbath school workshop is planned for Sunday, March 17, 1968, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Edinburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1409 South 9th Street, Edinburg, Texas. There will be something of interest for every department of the Sabbath school. A special feature will be Elder John Thurber speaking on music in the Sabbath school. Also of special interest will be the songs and finger plays in Spanish by Betty Collins of Montemorelos. Pastor Wayne Easley will present help for junior leaders and teachers.

Who should come? For Sabbath school leaders, teachers, and helpers, it's a MUST. MV leaders will also find help; Pathfinder leaders will profit from junior division discussion and the instruction for adult leaders and teachers.



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louisiana**

Arkansas-Louisiana Welcomes the J. H. Turners to Monroe District

We are very pleased to welcome Elder J. H. Turner and his family to the Monroe-Jonesboro, Louisiana, district. The Turners come to us from the Texico Conference where Elder Turner was the pastor of the Amarillo district.

Elder Turner is a graduate of Southern Missionary College, and since graduation he has served in the Carolina, Alabama-Mississippi,

Minnesota, Michigan, and Texico Conferences. He was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, so he is coming back home to work in his native state.

Mrs. Turner's maiden name was Clarice Spurgeon. She and Elder Turner were married in Pine Mountain Valley, Georgia. Mrs. Turner also attended Southern Missionary College with her husband.

The Turners have two children.



Elder and Mrs. J. H. Turner, Mickey, and Debbie.

Mickey, who is 15 years old, loves sports, especially water skiing. Since there are plenty of nice rivers and lakes around Monroe, he will find his new home a most enjoyable one.

Their daughter, Debbie, is 11 years old. She enjoys music and is a member of the band. She, too, enjoys the cut of doors and plenty of water activity.

We are very sorry that Elder and Mrs. W. B. Moore, former district pastor, had to leave our field because of illness. Their many years of dedicated service to the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference are greatly appreciated. We wish them the Lord's richest blessings in their new home near Collegedale, Tennessee, and pray Elder Moore will regain his health soon.

We are confident the Lord's work will continue to move forward in the Monroe-Jonesboro district under the leadership of Elder Turner. We solicit your prayers in behalf of this dedicated family as they continue their work in this area.

E. FRANK SHERRILL, *President,*
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

Parents of E. Frank Sherrill Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Elder and Mrs. E. Frank Sherrill of Shreveport, Louisiana, honored his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Edgar Sherrill of Jefferson, Texas, Sunday afternoon, December 17, with an open house celebrating the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill were married at Mt. Pleasant, Arkansas, and in 1934 they moved to Jefferson, Texas. They have one son, Frank, who is the president of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, and three grandsons, Ed-

die, Reggie and Stanley. Mrs. Sherrill is the former Myrtle Shaw.

More than 100 relatives and friends called to extend greetings and best wishes to the couple. Congratulatory messages were also extended by President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, Governor and Mrs. John Connally of Texas, and Senator and Mrs. J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas.

Delicious refreshments of punch and cake were served from a table overlaid with a white lace cloth over gold and centered with a beautiful floral arrangement.

P. I. NOSWORTHY,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

Little Rock Students Get Annual Medical Examinations

On Sunday, December 10, the church school children of the Little Rock Junior Academy were given their annual physical and dental examinations.

For several weeks preceeding the check-up the students had been anxious about the event which included immunizations and basic laboratory work.

For the past two years a student health service has been maintained for the school through the cooperation of the Home and School Association, Civil Defense Organization, and medical personnel of the Little Rock church, which equals and probably excels that of the public schools of Arkansas.

A folder is kept on each child, consisting of a complete and accurate



Ruth Parnell, R.N., gives needed immunization to student, Paula Guest.



K. Merlin Mathisen, M.D., examines Billy Thompson, a student of Little Rock Junior Academy.

medical history. Each year all necessary immunizations are brought up to date and appropriate recommendations are made to each parent regarding his child's health problem.

This year the four physicians, Doctors Mathiesen, Starks, Simmons, and Homer, and one dentist of the church, Doctor Welsley Smith, gave complete physical and dental examinations to each child.

They were assisted by three registered nurses, a laboratory technician, the teachers, and several other volunteers.

MRS. LADON HOMER.



Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sherrill

OA Student Wins Union-Wide Contest

The student body of Ozark Academy was delighted with the news that Rip McDonald had won the Annual Temperance Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Southwestern Union Temperance Department. The scene was the chapel at Jefferson Academy on Saturday night, February 3. This event has served to weld the students of our academies into a single unit as they battle for the minds of men and women in this most important phase of Christian living.

Even the victor found it impossible to cheer, for those who had partici-



Rip McDonald accepts winners cup from Elder H. E. Haas. Looking on are Elder W. D. Welch and Mr. Floyd P. Gilbert.

pated with him proved to be able contestants and the closeness of the results indicated a true dedication on the part of each to do his best and represent his school in a manner pleasing to all.

The presentation of the trophy by Elder H. E. Haas topped the event, for his jovial humor endeared him to all. Present for the reception of the winner's cup were Mr. Floyd P. Gilbert, sponsor of the Ozark Academy Chapter of the American Temperance

Society, and Elder W. D. Welch of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Temperance Department.

We shall look forward to the results of this and other similar gatherings to swell the cause ordained of God to rid the world of the oppression and servitude that intemperance causes. Our sincere congratulations to all contestants, judges, and sponsors of this important convocation.

J. J. SWINYAR, *Principal,*
Ozark Academy.



Debbie Shrouder, age 12 years, holds the funds she solicited in six nights of Ingathering work. She brought the bowl full of money (\$91.72) to turn in on Sabbath morning recently. She has already collected over \$150.00 and is still working! Her dedication, along with many others, helped the Gonzales church attain their goal in a record-breaking three weeks.

T. O. Hoover, Pastor.

New Orleans Franklin Avenue Church Launches "Operation Outreach"

On Sabbath, January 20, the Franklin Avenue church launched "Operation Outreach," a coordination program of member visitation to reach the inactive members, shut-ins, and non-members interested in enrolling in Bible study courses. This program is a joint effort of the Sabbath school and lay activities departments and includes the "Andrew Club," sunshine bands, and weekly contact of missing Sabbath school members.

The "Andrew Club," named after the Biblical Andrew who on several occasions introduced others to Jesus, meets at 1:00 p.m. each Sabbath af-

ternoon, following a potluck dinner which includes any visitors who care to stay. After 30 minutes of instruction in visitation and soul-winning procedures, the members divide into teams for visits and Bible studies, thus putting into practice the ideas just discussed. The children of team members are provided a program at the church until their parents return. At 3:00 p.m. a second session of the "Andrew Club" meets for those unable to be present at the earlier time; at this time also, the sunshine band is formed to bring cheer to the shut-ins and sick.

Dedicated to extending the gospel message in this large city while the doors are open, Franklin Avenue members are banding together to reach others for Jesus. Soon, telephone evangelism will be added to further extend "Operation Outreach," and make 1968 truly a year of advancement in New Orleans.

T. J. MOSTERT, JR., *Pastor,*
New Orleans Franklin Avenue Church.



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★ GO TELL THY NEIGHBOR

Ardmore Hospital Personnel Cited for Life-Saving Aid Given Accident Victim

"Scott Compton may be the luckiest six-year old in Ardmore." These were the opening words of the reporter's Ardmore Seventh-day Adventist Hospital story as it was published recently in the *Daily Ardmoreite*.

Under the direction and blessing of God, two men of the Ardmore Adventist Hospital, Bill Allen, chief inhalation therapist, and Aubrey Boyd, chief physical therapist, combined

their talents and energies to save the life of Scott Compton and restore him to normal health.

On a rainy day recently Scott was hit by a car as he crossed a street intersection on his way home from school. He was thrown 60 feet from the point of impact. As his lifeless body lay on the rain-swept street, Bill Allen arrived on the scene. He immediately began mouth-to-mouth

resuscitation and directed external heart massage. Soon there was a heart beat and the boy was breathing on his own before the ambulance reached the hospital.

At the hospital Scott was placed on the Bird Respirator (automatic breathing machine) and during the first few critical days, Brother Allen hardly left his side. Even though the child's condition was very serious his rate of improvement was remarkable from the beginning. Scott was almost totally paralyzed on his left side and suffered some damage to the right side, especially his leg. He



PHYSICAL THERAPIST—Aubrey Boyd works with Scott Compton. The daily therapy sessions have restored almost full use to Scott's injured limbs.



SERVICE PLAQUE—Bill Allen, right, Ardmore Seventh-day Adventist Hospital inhalation therapist is presented a community service plaque by James Floyd representing the "Woodmen of the World." The plaque was given to Allen in recognition of his efforts toward saving the life of six-year-old Scott Compton.

could not move his left arm, and though he could move his left leg, he could not lift or flex his foot.

As soon as his life was clearly out of danger, the hospital's physical therapist, Aubrey Boyd, began working with him. Brother Boyd worked with him each day until his release from the hospital and since that time, Scott has returned daily for a treatment session and for tender loving care from Boyd.

Now Scott's walk is almost completely normal and he has generally progressed in a way that amazes everyone. He continues to steadily show marked improvement. Brother Boyd says, "I am amazed at the progress he has made; at first we didn't dream that we could do this much for him."

It is a pleasure and privilege to have these two dedicated men on the staff of our hospital.

W. V. WIIST, Administrator,
Ardmore Adventist Hospital.

LaMar Allred Joins Oklahoma Family As Association Secretary

We extend a hearty welcome to Elder LaMar Allred and family as they join the staff of the Oklahoma Conference.

Elder Allred is no stranger to the Southwest having served successfully as the publishing secretary of the Texas Conference for the last eight years. He is a graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University). Upon graduation he started his ministry in the Michigan Conference where he labored until



LaMar Allred

his call to the Texas Conference.

As secretary of our Association, Elder Allred will fill a great need in our conference program. His dedication to God and his kind, personable manner will endear him to all our members. As he visits your church, you will want to get personally acquainted with him. And if you desire information or help in the area of estate planning such as wills, trust agreements, et cetera., please make your desires known to him and he will be happy to comply.

The Allreds have two children, Denny, a musician; and Marla, a junior at the academy in Keene, Texas. **C. W. SKANTZ, President,**
Oklahoma Conference.

Suburban District Churches Are Victorious in Ingathering Crusade

Ingathering in the Suburban district was a real inspiration, and we have many outstanding persons and achievements that could be mentioned. One Chickasha member, Mrs. G. E. M. Risberg, who is 73 and is still working full time as her husband's nurse and receptionist, found time to go out and ingather \$363 from the business community of Chickasha. This figure amounts to over one-half of the entire Ingathering goal of the Chickasha church.

The Norman church, in spite of many handicaps, including the loss of seven key ingatherers, was the first to achieve the Silver Vanguard Goal.

The El Reno church was blessed with the arrival of a family that just couldn't wait for Ingathering time to come so they could get to work. When the time did come, Brother John Halley gave one full day and several afternoons to business calls. The results were that the El Reno church also had a smashing victory in the Ingathering campaign. One family in the district gathered \$620. The teen-ager in that family brought in \$230, and the two little ones, on their first year out, each solicited over \$100.

Perhaps the most notable achievement should go to the Choctaw church. The faithful laymen and



Mrs. G. E. M. Risberg, a busy lady who solicited \$363 for Ingathering.

youth of this church worked long and hard during the Ingathering season climaxing with a \$36 per capita attainment.

D. E. LUND, District Pastor.

Sand Springs Celebrates Ingathering Victory

"This is the night that we have been looking forward to," was heard over and over again among the members of the Sand Springs church as they gathered on January 1, 1968, to enjoy a victory dinner. The church had reached its goal of \$2,075 on December 6, 1967, the earliest date in

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ATTENTION... Oklahoma Laymen

3 Great "Go Tell" Rallies

Tuesday, March 19 — 7:00 p.m.

OKLAHOMA CITY — New Southern Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church,
1221 S.W. 74

Wednesday, March 20 — 7:00 p.m.

TULSA — Seventh-day Adventist Church, 920 South New Haven

Thursday, March 21 — 7:00 p.m.

SHATTUCK — Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6th and Santa Fe Streets

Featuring... **MUSIC** — Duets, Solos, Choral, and Instrumental Selections

INSTRUCTION — in the Techniques of "Go Tell Thy Neighbor" Evangelism

BAPTISMS — of "Go Tell" Converts

Featuring...



Elden Walter,
Evangelist,
Southwestern Union.



C. W. Skantz,
President,
Oklahoma Conf.



G. M. Schram
Lay Act. Sec.,
Southwestern Union.



Forrest Rossler,
Lay Preacher,
Houston, Texas.



Robert Rider,
Lay Act. Sec.,
Oklahoma Conf.

Featuring... the Dynamics of "GO TELL THY NEIGHBOR" Evangelism in Visitation and the Art of Obtaining Decisions which Will Result in 100 BAPTISMS by the 1968 Oklahoma Camp Meeting!



Oklahoma Conference president, C. W. Skantz, congratulates the assistant pastor of the Sand Springs church, Dan Neergaard, for an early Ingathering victory.



Phyllis, Philip, and Pearlina Just, and Lynn Knight are Jasper Wayne Award winners — over \$130 each. The attractive goal device was made by a newly baptized member of the church. Seven members raised over \$50, and 13 others ingathered over \$25 each.

its history. Elder C. W. Skantz, Elder R. R. Rouse, and the Robert Rider family were present from the conference office to help celebrate this happy occasion.

After enjoying a delicious dinner, a program was presented which included music by Miss DelJean Scott of Tulsa and Al Sweatt, a humorous reading by Avolt Just, and the presentation of the "Dan Awards" by Dan Neergaard. These awards recalled a number of humorous incidents that had taken place during the nights of Christmas caroling.

The Sand Springs church is now determined to set new records for the cause of God in next year's Ingathering crusade.

DAN NEERGAARD, Assistant Pastor,
Tulsa-Sand Springs District.

SOONER NEWS NOTES

At the end of the fourth quarter, the Oklahoma Sabbath schools had reached .538c per capita. The following schools exceeded 50c per capita:

Jay	\$3.43	Ardmore	\$.80
Wagoner	2.21	Davis	.72
Guthrie	1.49	Duncan	.71
Woodward	1.32	Ponca City	.669
Alva	1.31	Sapulpa	.606
Hooker	1.21	Sand Springs	.589
Fairview	1.17	El Reno	.586
Shattuck	1.10	Claremore	.585
Bristow	1.07	Stillwater	.559
Nowata	.939	Sallisaw	.559
East Cooper	.92	Elk City	.55
Tahlequah	.895	Guyton	.537
Choctaw	.836	Seminole	.506
Addington	.83	Okeene	.505
Chandler	.816		

The Oklahoma Book and Bible House made an excellent record in its book sales during November and December with a total of \$11,000. Ben Bowen, manager, reports the

good response on the part of the membership in the following churches, as well as sales of lesser amounts in other churches, has helped to make this possible.

Tulsa	\$1,550
Muskogee	850
Shattuck	700
Lawton	500
Enid	300

Elder Norman E. Wagness, Lawton district pastor, recently conducted a successful Five-Day Stop Smoking Clinic at the Halliburton Plant in Duncan. Forty-four registered for the course, and 40 of this group gave testimonies of victory in overcoming the tobacco habit. Halliburton has 2,500 employees in its Duncan plant. A second Five-Day Plan began February 25.

The Oklahoma Conference experienced an increase in tithe and missions offerings for 1967 as follows:

	1966	1967	Increase
Tithe	\$518,198.71	\$564,934.60	\$46,735.89
Missions	187,964.69	193,495.09	5,530.40



texas

Fort Worth Listens to "Family Bible" Phone Evangelism

The Fort Worth Shopper of Sunday, February 11, carried the following four-line announcement to 125,000 homes:

"DIAL YOUR FAMILY BIBLE—for comfort, hope, and security, a new recorded two-minute Bible message every day. A 24-hour a day free service. Dial AX 3-3805."

This small announcement was sufficient to begin the almost continuous dialing to listen to Elder James Hayward's "Record-o-Fone" message. When it became apparent that one machine could not handle all of the

calls, another identical machine with the same message was added.

When Elder Hayward contacted salesmen at WBAP-TV asking about the cost involved in placing spot announcements on both the radio and TV stations he was more than surprised to hear them say, "For this type of announcement we will be happy to give you free public service time. There will be no charge." Thus began a series of announcements through this medium which did much to popularize the "Dial Your Family Bible" program.

"The Bible messages are changed daily," explained Elder Hayward, "but we are able to present our beautiful truths in capsule form to hundreds of people. Our plan is to follow through with these messages for about three months and then present 'Teen Dial' for a time with actual teen-age young people doing the talking. There are other plans for presenting the five-day plan as well as health messages by some of our doctors," he informed us.

Each message closes offering a free Bible course to all who wish to

leave their names and addresses. A dial tone indicates the time when the caller can give this information after listening to the recorded message. "The first week of our operation brought 82 enrollments in our Bible course, this was a thrilling beginning!" Elder Hayward stated.

"It has been truly amazing to listen to the voices of many teen-age young people and see how they are taking advantage of this service. It is not just elderly people who call. A large percentage of the dialers are young people," Elder Hayward remarked.

One teen-age girl said, "I really appreciate 'Dial Your Family Bible.' It has helped me a lot to live a better life." This girl asked for the Bible course.

"Praise the Lord. This is a very good movement!" another man exclaimed.

"I enrolled yesterday in the Bible course, but I'm calling every day so as not to miss a single message. I want to tell you how much I enjoy these talks," a young lady answered.

"The possibilities of soul winning through this plan are limitless," Elder Hayward declared. "We are preparing cards to pass out that will announce our telephone service and also stickers that can be placed on individual home phones. And there are so many other ways which we hope to use to bring this before the hundreds of thousands who would not be reached by other evangelistic endeavors," he concluded.

This evangelistic program can be used everywhere — wherever there are people and telephones. It takes work, but it works. Many of our pastors and church officers are laying



Elder James Hayward dictates a message for the "Record-o-phone" telephone evangelism machines now operating in his home.



That a good time was had by all was evident after a thrilling police-dog show on Monday night, January 15, at the Fort Worth Meadowbrook Elementary School Auditorium.

The show, presented by the Fort Worth Police Department Detective Bob Denton, with two patrolmen assisting, was a demonstration of the K-9 Patrol. Two well-trained German Shepherd dogs acted perfectly in their roles, showing how they obeyed their handlers and reacted to those threatening their safety. It was pointed out that the dogs are trained to grasp people by the arms or legs to hold them for the policemen. They are not trained to kill. The dogs live in the homes of the patrolmen who handle them.

The show was sponsored by the Fort Worth Handley Pathfinder Club, which acted as host to four other neighboring Pathfinder Clubs: Irving, Grand Prairie, Cleburne, and Keene.

Fredna Sturch, Director, Pathfinder Club, Handley Church.

plans for similar endeavors. Let us pray that every city in our conference can have a telephone evangelistic crusade operating continuously. Surely, this is one way in which every home can be reached with the last warning message.

DON R. CHRISTMAN,
Evangelism Coordinator,
Texas Conference.

Chisholm Trail Academy Makes Ingathering History

Chisholm Trail Academy's first Ingathering campaign on December 13, 14, and 16 was very successful. Here are some of the high lights:

- Ninety-five per cent of the student body of 160 participated with the help of strong faculty leadership.
- A total of \$1,850.00 was raised in three evenings of the campaign.
- All of the Ingathering was done in areas at least 25 miles from Keene.
- It rained each evening but this did not lower the enthusiasm of the student body. It rained steadily for two hours the last evening but 17 cars brought in almost \$700.

The courage of the CTA students in their Ingathering was a source of real inspiration to the Keene church.

S. J. STEINER, Pastor,
Keene Church.

JEFFERSON ACADEMY NEWS NOTES

▶ A Student Week of Prayer was held February 12 to 17. The Spiritual Committee, chaired by Gene Godwin, sophomore from Houston, chose the theme "Our Wonderful Jesus" and the theme song "Wonder of Wonders."

Each morning the students in morning classes met in the church for a song service and a short devotional message presented by one of the students. After lunch a similar meeting was held for students in the afternoon classes. All of the students joined in the evening for the main service of the day, presented by fellow students on the theme of the week.

▶ Jefferson Academy was host to members of the Rotary and Lions Clubs of Jefferson on January 24. After dinner the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Carol Jean Kennedy, sang "The Lord Is My Light" and "Give Ear to My Word, O Lord." Buzzy Ray, senior from Tyler and president of the choir, directed his group in singing "No Man Is an Island."

▶ Sandie Forcke has been named the 1968 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Jefferson Academy. Sandie, who comes from Palacios, is now eligible for state and national scholarship awards.

▶ On the third-period honor roll with a straight "A" average are Margie Hicks and Sandie Forcke, seniors, and Jeanie Hooper, freshman. With a "B" to "B-plus" average are Lois Hicks, Judy Shaw, Joyce Pierce, Jerilyn Pierce, Rita Belz, Patty Cowan, Robert Rachels, Judy Smith, and Craig Barber.

On the semester honor roll with all "A's" are Margie Hicks, Sandie Forcke, and Jeanie Hooper. Lois Hicks, Judy Shaw and Rita Belz had "B" to "B-plus" averages.

▶ Buzzy Ray was Jefferson Academy's contestant in the Southwestern Union Temperance Speech Contest held at Jefferson Academy on February 3. Jeanie Hooper and Marilyn Bick were the Bible Quiz participants. Rudy Magana's temperance poster and Jeanie Hooper's jingle won second and first places, respectively, in the union judging.



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Milton Hinkle Joins Texico Family as Midland-Odessa-Big Spring Pastor



Pastor and Mrs. Milton Hinkle and their children: Karl, Alane, and Milton, Jr.

The Texico Conference is happy to announce that the Milton Hinkle family is now settled in Midland, Texas, where he will pastor the Midland, Odessa, and Big Spring churches.

Born in Covina, California, he brings his sunny California spirit to Texico. Milton married Californian, Helen, in Santa Barbara. Three children grace the Hinkle household: Milton, Jr., 15; Karl, 13; and Alane, 11.

Brother Hinkle has operated a successful business for himself and has worked seven years with Loma Linda Foods as district manager in Fort Worth, so we know what his consecrated ability will hold him in good stead as he "sells" the gospel message to the Midland-Odessa district.

We welcome you, Brother and Sister Hinkle, and your lovely family, to the Texico team. The churches are already feeling the impact of your dedicated service.

Sandia View Academy Launches Campaign for "Heart Transplant"

At Sandia View Academy things are on the move. A total of 110 students and their staff are enjoying a very busy and vigorous school year. A fine school spirit is evidenced throughout the campus.

During February "Operation Decoration" was launched. It is a special movement which is being vigorously promoted by the students and staff

at the academy to raise funds to redecorate the chapel. The entire school is beautiful with the exception of the chapel which the students have referred to as the "heart" of the institution. In a very interesting program the campaign was launched by the School Council the first of February. The diagnosis of the patient was made and it was found that every-

thing was in good shape except the heart, so a new heart must be supplied.

Students and staff are writing letters, selling candy, doughnuts, and every conceivable, available thing to raise funds. The students have set themselves to raising \$1,200, and Sandia View church members have set themselves to matching dollar for dollar what the students raise. Our many patrons and friends throughout the Southwestern Union will doubtless want to help in this important project. Checks, cash, or money orders may be mailed to SVA "Operation Decoration," P.O. Box 98, Corrales, New Mexico 87048. Your generous gifts will be most deeply appreciated. And may we request that each Southwestern Union family remember Sandia View Academy in your prayers?

ERVIN L. SORESENSEN, *Principal*.

TEXICO'S NEWS TIPS

► Conference evangelist, R. G. Pollard, who has just finished a revival and evangelistic series in Albuquerque, reports that in a series of three baptisms there will be over 30 new members in that city.

Currently, Pollard is holding meetings in Taos, New Mexico, and solicits your prayers for their success.

Pollard's "Almost Midnight" series is scheduled for Las Cruces, March 15-23. Write the Texico Conference if you know of interested persons in this area.

► We want to welcome anyone who passes through Socorro, New Mexico, to visit our church at 348 Garfield Avenue. Brother Tony Torres, a faithful member and artist, painted signboards for both sides of the city. All the church members chipped in and bought a beautiful gold carpet for the sanctuary. As each member paid \$2 a month until the \$300 cost was cared for, it wasn't difficult for anyone, and the carpet does much to enhance our place of worship.

Grace Wilson, *Press Secretary*.

► Elder Eugene E. Johnson, formerly pastor of the Alamogordo-Las Cruces-Deming-Truth or Consequences district, and more recently lay activities secretary of Texico, has transferred to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to pastor there.

► Leaving Texico also is Willa Dean Heinrich, office secretary in the treasury department, who has moved to Las Vegas, Nevada.



southwestern union college

W. A. Schram Announces Retirement



W. A. Schram plays the pipe organ he built for the SUC music hall.

At the end of this school year, W. A. Schram, a music teacher of long standing, will be retiring from active service. Mr. Schram has led the band and taught the band instruments and organ at Southwestern Union College since 1953.

Other places where Mr. Schram has served include Atlantic Union College, Broadview Academy, Fox River Academy, and Indiana Academy.

Mr. Schram started his denominational work in 1929 as dean of boys at Indiana Academy. He has taught all the different phases of music and has established a reputation as an organ and piano craftsman as well. Mr. Schram has assembled and built several organs, one of which is in the music hall of Southwestern Union College.

Mr. Schram indicated that he will retire in the community of Keene.

E. C. WINES, *President*.

Two New Faculty Members Join SUC Staff

The 1968-69 band director for Southwestern Union College is Mr. Jack McClarty. Mr. McClarty is currently completing the requirements for a doctorate in music education at the University of Montana. Mr. McClarty plays a number of band instruments but prefers the trumpet for public solo performances.

Mrs. Wilma McClarty is completing her doctorate in the spring also. She will be teaching on the faculty of the college in the English and education departments. Her special interest is English teaching and instruction in methods of teaching English.

The McClarty's will be moving to Keene shortly after they complete their doctoral requirements and will be assuming their duties at that time. It is possible that Mr. McClarty will be appearing at some of the camp



Jack McClarty will be the SUC band director for 1968-69.

meetings in the Southwestern Union to perform and to meet students who will be coming to Southwestern Union College.

E. C. WINES, *President*.



Wilma McClarty



Jack McClarty

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post very soon. His encouragement and direction is vitally needed as the union launches out into larger and more complicated programs.

The Lord is blessing the Southwestern Union. Its leadership, administratively and departmentally, is dedicated to its growth and prosperity. Your prayers are needed as we seek new heights of accomplishment during 1968.

LEGAL NOTICES

The Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the regular biennial session of the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

will be held in the Dallas City Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church located at 1900 South Boulevard at the corner of Harwood and South Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, March 31, 1968.

The first meeting of the session is called for 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and departmental secretaries for the ensuing term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one additional delegate for each 25 members, or fraction thereof.

V. L. Roberts, *President*,
L. D. Henderson, *Secretary*.

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The Southwest Region Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Region Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its constituency meeting in connection with the

biennial conference session at Dallas, Texas, March 31, 1968. The first meeting is called for 11:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a Board of Trustees for the ensuing biennial term, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the association. Delegates to the Southwest Region Conference Session are also delegates to the Association Constituency Meeting.

V. L. Roberts, President,
L. D. Henderson, Secretary.

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The Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the fifty-fourth biennial session of the Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Southern Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1201 S.W. 74th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 7, 1968. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the ensuing term, and to conduct such other business as may come before the conference. Each church shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof. The first meeting is called for Sunday, April 7, 1968, at 10:00 a.m. C. W. Skantz, President, R. R. Rouse, Secretary.

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Oklahoma Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the fifty-fourth session of the Oklahoma Conference Corporation of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Southern Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1201 S.W. 74th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 7, 1968. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Board of Trustees for the ensuing term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the corporation. The first meeting is called for Sunday, April 7, 1968, at 2:00 p.m. C. W. Skantz, President, LaMar Allred, Secretary.

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Ardmore Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Constituency Meeting

Notice is hereby given that there will be a constituency meeting of the Ardmore Seventh-day Adventist Hospital at the Southern Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1201 S.W. 74th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Sunday, April 7, 1968, at 2:45 p.m. We urge all to attend.

C. W. Skantz, President,
W. V. Wiist, Secretary.

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Jay Memorial Hospital of Seventh-day Adventists Constituency Meeting

Notice is hereby given that there will be a constituency meeting of the Jay Memorial Hospital of Seventh-day Adventists at the Southern Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1201 S.W. 74th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Sunday, April 7, 1968, at 3:15 p.m. We urge all to attend.

C. W. Skantz, President,
R. R. Rouse, Secretary.

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RUST, Evelyn Estelle, was born April 30, 1935, at Keene, Tex., and passed to her rest on Jan. 14 in a Denver, Colo., hospital.

Sister Rust was baptized in Texarkana, Tex., in 1947 and had lived most of her life in and around Texarkana. She moved to Denver four years ago and was employed as a nurse.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Lotis Rust; two sisters: Mrs. Nina Sue Haight and Jeanne Rust; six aunts: Mrs. L. A. Scott, Mrs. T. E. Beal, Mrs. W. B. Keys, Mrs. Glen De Witt, Mrs. N. L. Palmer, and Mrs. Frank Williamson; and a nephew, Michael J. Haight.

Funeral services were held Jan. 19 at the Texarkana Seventh-day Adventist Church by Elder Glenmore Carter and Elder J. H. Wardrop.

Interment was in the Rose Dale Cemetery in Ada, Okla., where she awaits the call of the Lifegiver on the resurrection morning.

Dan W. Schiffbauer.

SELL, Florence Lydia Hansen, was born Sept. 10, 1892, in Providence, R. I., and passed to her rest Jan. 21, 1968, at Loma Linda, Calif. She was born into an Adventist family and lived with her missionary parents in India and Burma until she entered Union College at Lincoln, Nebr., graduating from there in 1913. She later taught church school in Oklahoma.

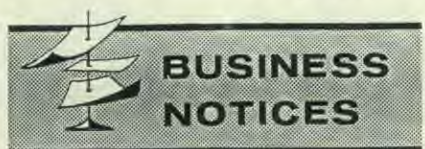
In 1916 she was united in holy wedlock to Sylvester C. Sell. To this union three sons and three daughters were born. Her husband and one son, Walter, preceded her in death.

At the time of her passing she had the longest number of years of membership in the Little Rock church. She was faithful in attending prayer meetings and active in Dorcas.

Surviving her are two sons: Ralph L. Sell of Cristobal, Canal Zone, Floyd C. Sell, of Little Rock; three daughters: Mrs. Yvonne Billock of Loma Linda, Calif.,

Mrs. Geneva Kinder of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mrs. Mina Gaston of Little Rock; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Interment was at the Rose-lawn Cemetery where Sister Sell awaits the call of the Master at His return.

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the story of an old "Bible Readings"

by W. J. GRIFFIN, Publishing Secretary, Southwestern Union Conference.



W. J. Griffin

Unbelievable, you say. Yes, but true. You see, I am a book. My name is BIBLE READINGS. I do not know the name of the literature evangelist that placed me in the home that day, nor the name of the person that bought me. I guess you would say I had a hard life. I really wasn't appreciated. I was pushed around and had little care. My covers were nearly torn from me. One day, to top it all, I was thrown up into the attic with five or six others. I thought I

would never get out. Many years passed. Eventually, my owner moved and all of us books were left there in the attic alone. I guess they put the old house up for sale, for it wasn't too many days until people started looking through.

That was ten years ago. A certain young man and his family decided to move to the country. They looked at the old house near Hammond, Louisiana. "This will be lovely for the children," said the father, "and I can drive back and forth to my work in New Orleans." The purchase was made. One of the first things that they did was to clean up. In the process, the new owner went to the attic. "You never can tell," he thought, "there may be some money up there." He looked carefully. All he could find of any value were five or six old books. He was going to throw them all away, but then something in one of them caught his attention, so he kept the old BIBLE READINGS. A little later he had opportunity to look at it again. The first thing that he noticed when he opened the book was the section on the Sabbath.

Now, Denton James was not a religious man. He had not been attending any church, but the Sabbath truth was driven home to his heart by the Holy Spirit. Immediately, he was convicted that he should keep God's seventh-day Sabbath. He must think this through carefully, however. He decided to visit some of the pastors in the area. He visited the Methodist, then the Baptist, et cetera. He asked one question: "What about the seventh-day Sabbath?"

"You don't need to worry as long as you keep one day in seven, that is all that God expects," he was told. "I appreciate this information," said Denton. "Could you give me some texts to prove this?" "Well, no, but you don't need to worry." Denton was now more concerned than ever. If this was what God expected, he must follow.

One evening he was driving with his family down a certain street when suddenly he saw a sign: THE SEV-



Denton James

I WAITED 50 YEARS TO TELL MY STORY

ENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH. "This is it!" he said to his wife. They stopped the car and went into the church. It was a social occasion, but the James family was taken in just like members. This was the church for them.

Denton drove to and from work with his friends. They had many discussions on the Bible. They knew Denton as a non-church member, and he knew them as Sunday school teachers. Imagine their surprise when he would supply the texts to answer arguments. "How do you do it?" they queried. Finally he told them about BIBLE READINGS. They all wanted to buy it. One said, "Name your price." "The book is not for sale," he said.

Denton wanted to become a Seventh-day Adventist, but was sure that he could not get his Sabbaths off. He asked and his convictions were confirmed. He decided to quit his job. He made good money, and it was a position that offered security. The boss said, "You'd better take 30 days off, Denton, and think this over pretty carefully," and this he did.

Within a few days of his introduction to the church, the publishing department in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference had a weekend rally in the Hammond church. Denton was surprised to find out that these books could still be purchased and even more surprised to find out that he could sell them. Denton James gave his termination notice to Kaiser Aluminum in New Orleans and became a literature evangelist. God blessed him from the beginning with success in sales and in souls.

So, you see, I did wait 50 years to tell my story. As a result of my witnessing, even though I was an old BIBLE READINGS, God led Denton James and his family into the truth, and he in turn led 23 others into this message. In addition to that, he has sold thousands of dollars worth of other books just like me and has in turn trained many others to do the same. Wouldn't it be wonderful if there were millions of books just like me scattered all across the great Southwestern Union?

Today, Denton James is a successful publishing leader in the Oklahoma Conference. Brethren and sisters, he wouldn't be there if it had not been for a faithful literature evangelist carrying a truth-filled book. We are thankful for the way God has led, but we are concerned for the millions that do not have our truth-filled books in their libraries or in their attics. Did you know that there are more than 22 million judgment-bound souls in the Southwestern Union, and that we have more than 22,000 church members. The sad part is that we have less than 100 literature evangelists to spread these truth-filled books. The greatest need in the church today is for thousands of consecrated workers to leave their positions of security in the world and engage in the soul-saving work of literature evangelism.



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