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## 1969 BOOK OF THE YEAR

# Though the Winds Blow

The story is told of the man who asked a tramp how he decided which way to go. The tramp answered that he put his back to the wind.

There are many people today who "put their backs to the wind" and are pushed about by all kinds of "winds of doctrine," political winds, and many other kinds of winds that we find blowing today. The wise man Solomon, wrote that of the making of books there is no end. (Ecclesiastes 12:12) I think we can say today, too, that of the blowing of winds there is no end.

The question then, is, what are we going to do about these winds? What are you going to do about them? Are you going to put your back to them and let them blow you wherever they wish; or are you going to be among those, who, having a rendezvous with destiny and knowing where they want to be when the winds have all stopped blowing, set their faces towards Zion and press on no matter which way the winds blow?

There's a book right now that will help you. It is written by our own beloved General Conference president, Elder R. H. Pierson. The title of this book is *Though the Winds Blow*.

This new book has been selected as the missionary book of the year for 1969, which means that you should use it as a special gift to your friends and loved ones to help them "face" the winds that blow and follow that road that leads to life, rather than the winds that blow to perdition.

Your book and Bible house has a good supply of these books right now. Why not order 10 or 20 or maybe more of these books for your own use? Give a copy to your merchant friends; or why not give a copy to those who made a contribution to the Ingathering? Then, of course, there are your neighbors, and, oh yes, your relatives, many of whom are full of questions and yet at times, hesitant to ask you.

Let's spread this book far and wide. There are many today who are puzzled by the "winds" that blow. They want to know the way. You already know. Why not tell them? Place *Though the Winds Blow* in their hands now. It will help them all year long and, perhaps, even open the door of eternity to them.

G. M. SCHRAM, Lay Activities Secretary,  
Southwestern Union Conference.



## ... The Story Behind the Book

The church today is a body whose philosophy was born in the horse and buggy era. It endured the growing pains of a world war, a depression, and another world war. It muddled through the 50's and emerged in this decade, like the majority of other religious and secular organizations, regrettably unprepared for the explosion of consciousness it must face.

Today one key thought is being frequently expressed, by both church laymen and leadership: It's time for the church to grow up. It must change, not simply for the sake of change, but for the sake of salvation. This involves exciting experimentation, perhaps some trial and error, and will hopefully result in methods that can meet the evangelistic challenge of a complex society.

This year the Southern Publishing Association has taken a denominational tradition, the Missionary Book of the Year, which has been published annually since 1952, and moved it to the evangelistic forefront. *Though the Winds Blow* is today's book, in approach and content, as well as in appearance. Its author, Robert H. Pierson, is president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He is in a position to constantly feel the pulse of the worldwide church and the millions of souls it seeks to reach.

In planning this important book, Elder Pierson considered every complicated facet of human existence. As a result, he presents the gospel message in beautiful simplicity, using language and attitude which fit today's mode. Truth becomes a workable, tangible part of life in Elder Pierson's succinct daily devotional readings.

But a book is not just an author and a printing press. And *Though the Winds Blow* is not merely a book; it is a complete soul-winning program. Before this important volume ever reaches the counters of this country's book and Bible houses, it will have been touched, molded, influenced, and improved by hundreds of dedicated Christian men and women.

As soon as Elder Pierson's manuscript reached the editor's desk, the long process began. Several editors were asked to do preliminary work on the manuscript. Countless conversations took place between author and editors, between editors and printers, between artists and editors. A small development committee did the basic planning for the book. These people considered every aspect imaginable: How many pages would it have? Should it be hardback? Paperback? Should the cover be realistic or symbolic? What colors would be the most appealing, attract the most attention? Even an item as seemingly insignificant as the placement of letters on the cover demanded a 45-minute discussion.

Since our age is an age of intense visual awareness, the selection of artists to illustrate *Though the Winds Blow* became an all-important consideration. James Converse, a well-known free-lance artist of Columbus, Ohio, designed the cover and did five original paintings to illustrate stories from the text. Paintings by Jim Padgett and Robert Ayers round out the inside illustrations.

As the book moved near completion, sales personnel set up a basic advertising program for it. By this time the manuscript had been copy edited and set into

Photos by Charles Cook

(Left) Assistant Art Director Joe Malmade puts finishing touches on the title page. (Right) Pressman Clyde England checks a proof sheet of "Though the Winds Blow" covers.





type. Elder Pierson received galley proofs which he corrected and returned to the editor. Then layout artists went to work cutting and pasting galleys into pages, exactly as specified in the original plan. The artists' paintings were photographed and in intricate process of color separation prepared them for printing.

Then the book itself went to press. After printing, it was folded into signatures, bound and packaged, ready for shipment.

Is that the end of the story? No, it is merely the very important first installment. For all the consecrated, concentrated planning and production will be of absolutely no value until

*Though the Winds Blow* reaches the world.

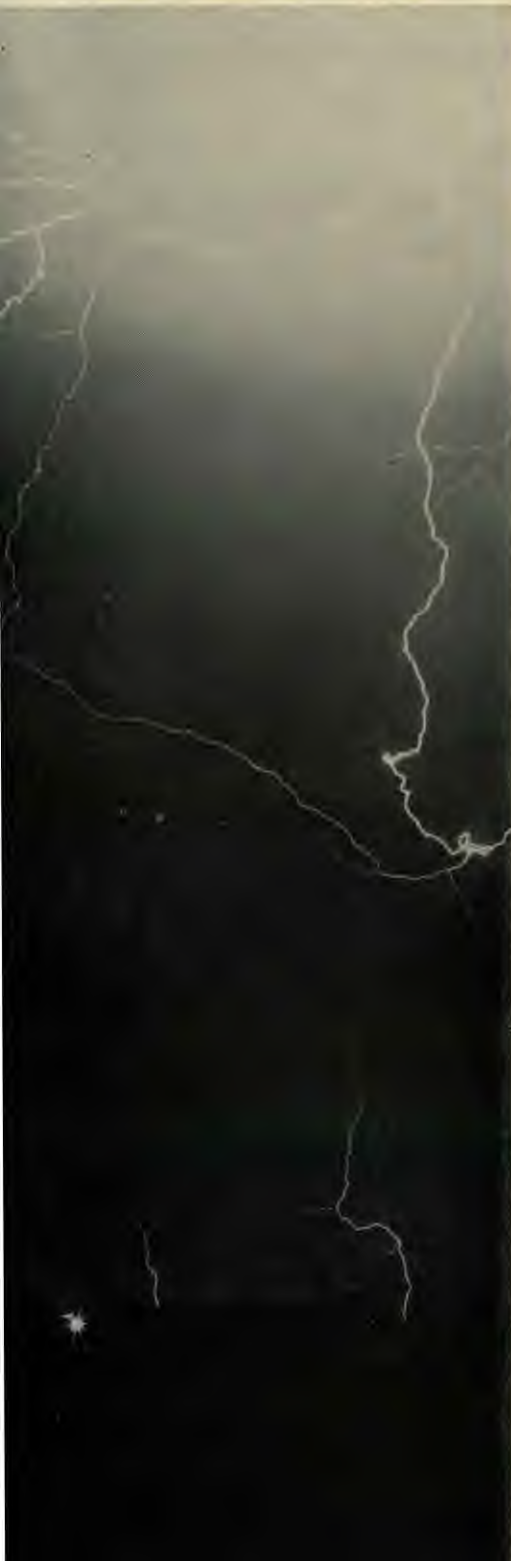
In the words of Christopher Morley, "When you sell a man a book, you don't sell him just 12 ounces of paper and ink and glue—you sell him a whole new life."

PAULA BECKER,

Public Relations Director,  
Southern Publishing Association.

## THE COMING TEMPEST . . . A WARNING MUST BE GIVEN

# Though the Winds Blow



I stood where the tornado hit first. An old Indian legend said that a tornado could never strike Topeka, Kansas. This was certainly proven wrong that hot summer day in 1966. It was just a few days after the tornado had struck, and one man was already at his homesite preparing to rebuild. He said he had been there when the tornado went through. He pointed up to the hill which the Indian legend said would divert a funnel, and then told us how the storm came. He said he had watched that big dark funnel come right up to the top of the hill and then straight toward his house. At precisely that moment he ceased watching and joined his family in the shelter. He, like many others, believed the warning that had been given and took shelter. The funnel left a path of desolation and destruction a mile wide all the way through the city. Beautiful homes were left in shambles or were completely taken away by the wind. Stately trees that had adorned parks and streets were left standing, but stripped of their limbs like cornstalks after the blasts of winter. It was impossible to imagine how wind could be so powerful.

The warnings had been sounded throughout the city prior to the storm. Indian legend or no, most Kansans have respect for the power of a tornado. All took shelter, and very few lives were lost. God says there is a lesson for us in the storms that come upon the land. Someday soon, a much greater storm is to come upon this earth. Here is the picture the servant of God has given: "Angels are now restraining the winds of strife, until

the world shall be warned of its coming doom; but a storm is gathering, ready to burst upon the earth. When God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture." *Evangelism*, p. 704. This is a storm that will involve every person on the face of the earth. There is a literal storm that will be just as destructive as the one in Topeka, Kansas. There is also a figurative story—when the great and final battle is fought for the souls of mankind.

Suppose those who knew the storm was coming to Topeka, Kansas, had failed to give the warning. Rather than lives being saved, thousands would have been lost; and those who should have given the warning doubtless would have been held for the loss of lives. God knows that the greatest of all storms is soon to take place. He has established His church to spread the warning. This must, of necessity, involve every member. (See *Desire of Ages*, pp. 824-826.)

He has given us the best books in all the world to use as our tools. *Though the Winds Blow*, our new missionary book of the year, is one of these. Elder R. H. Pierson wrote this book to help men and women, who shall soon face the storm, find safety. Here are his words: "Though the winds blow, though we live in an age of strife and commotion, there is refuge, there is help and hope, even happiness, for all who long to escape the troubled physical and political elements threatening to engulf us. The intent of this book is not to ignore the storm, but to point out a refuge from

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## A Salute to Southwestern Union Student Literature Evangelists

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

In this issue of the RECORD, we are honoring all of our student literature evangelists who canvassed during 1968. There were 69 of them in all, and they helped the Southwestern Union take first place in student sales. A report recently released from the General Conference shows that our students led in the following areas:

1. **PER CAPITA SALES** — Southwestern Union students sold more dollars worth of literature per student than students in any other union in the United States.
2. **MORE QUALIFIED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS** — 71% of all students who actually started canvassing at the beginning of the summer finished by earning scholarships. This is the highest percentage of any union in the United States.

In our work, we meet many students who would like to attend academy or college but say that they cannot afford it. God has given our church a special plan to help all students earn their way through school. Our students who earned scholarships sold an average of \$2,420 each. A large number sold more than \$3,000. Reggie Sherrill, a Southwestern Union College student, sold nearly \$9,000 worth of our truth-filled books. Certainly this is a wonderful way to earn one's way through school.

The students pictured here and many more testify to the fact that student literature evangelism not only provides an easy way to finance an education, but also is an education in itself. As parents, ministers, and teachers, let us encourage our youth to take up this important work.

Again we say, hats off to Southwestern Union students for coming up in first place!

### Here's What They Say . . .

**REGGIE PHILLIPS, Southwestern Union College**

The most challenging and uplifting work that a student can do in my opinion is literature evangelism. No



other summer occupation, or full-time work for that matter, offers as many benefits as you can receive in this line of work. Here are some of the benefits that I personally received and enjoyed during my summer literature evangelism work for God.

1. Thrilling experiences in dealing with people.
2. Seeing the Holy Spirit work on the hearts of prospects and helping them to take our literature.
3. Having the Lord lead me and direct me to the right home at the right time.
4. Learning much concerning the psychology of dealing with the human mind.

These are just a few and there are many more. If you don't believe me, just try it and see for yourself.

There is no failure in the work if you are consecrated to the task. All of the heavenly universe is watching you and holy angels are promised to be by your side and going ahead to prepare the way. This makes canvassing exciting and fun. The summer you spend canvassing will be the most exciting summer you will ever have.

Canvassing has done much for me. The only regret I have is that I did not start sooner. The Lord has blessed me with three good summers and

many wonderful experiences. I am thankful for the privilege of attending one of our Christian schools, but I am more thankful for the higher education that I have received as a student literature evangelist.

**BENJIE LEACH, Southwestern Union College**

Student literature evangelism is one of the highest callings a person can have. The challenge of meeting people in their homes and talking with them about their personal salvation was an unforgettable experience for me. Though not without its trying moments, in all respects the summer I spent canvassing



was the most rewarding summer I have ever had. There were many experiences I shall never forget—some disappointing, some humorous, and many very inspirational. I can highly recommend a summer of canvassing to any student. This challenging work develops the best in one's character. Any person who applies himself will come away from the summer's experience a better Christian, more dedicated, more industrious, and with far more knowledge of human nature. Anyone who keeps his nose to the grindstone, come thick or thin, will not only have all of the educational advantages but will also end up the summer with a nice scholarship. It worked for me—I am sure that it would work for others.

**GERALD CHRISTMAN, Chisholm Trail Academy**

Selling our literature is a wonderful way to spread our truth and earn a good scholarship for school at the



same time. I found out in my work that there are many people today who have never heard about Seventh-day Adventists or the seventh-day Sabbath. It is a wonderful privilege to share with them our truths by way of the printed page.

There are many good Christians today who know very little about the Bible and don't seem to be able to understand it as they study. I believe the books that I have left in many of



these homes will help them to study God's Word and find out His plan for them.

Not only is literature evangelism an excellent way to spread our message and to earn a scholarship to one of our schools, but it is also an excellent way to learn in the school of higher education, that is the school of dealing with human minds.

In the two months that I canvassed last summer, with God's help, I easily made all my tuition at Chisholm Trail Academy. We should have many more student literature evangelists here in the Southwestern Union. If we did, here are two things that I am sure would be accomplished:

1. Many more people would be won to the Seventh-day Adventist church.
2. We would have many more students attending our academies and colleges who might not be able to do so now because of lack of funds.

**ERTIS JOHNSON, Southern Missionary College**

I am happy to say that student literature evangelism works. God gave this plan, and I am thankful for it. I



believe God guides in the sale and distribution of our literature. Only He knows the effect it will have on those who purchase it. But besides the benefits to those who buy, there are also important

benefits to those who sell. Student literature evangelism has been a blessing to me. For those who are entering the ministry, certainly a summer of canvassing is a necessity. I also believe a student planning for any other occupation would do well to canvass.

I have spent three successful summers as a student literature evangelist. Each successive summer my sales have increased, my experiences became more interesting, my trust in God greater and consequently, my fears less troublesome. My canvassing experience will help me to be a better gospel minister. It has not only brought me in contact with many precious souls in my home conference, but has also taught me the greatest soul-winning secret—that of doing house-to-house labor.

I believe that summer canvassing, coupled with nine months of formal education, gives the student an un-

beatable combination of physical, mental, and spiritual development. I have found that every single subject studied during school has supplied me with at least one useful tool for canvassing during the summer.

I believe any student willing to do this work will find the above things true in his experience also. I highly recommend this work for students as well as full-time workers.

**TOM JONES, Southwest Region Conference**

Literature evangelism is one of the greatest assets to any student. It has three distinct advantages.

1. An intellectual challenge.
2. Financial rewards—a college scholarship.
3. Future dividends from your experiences. Every contact calls for decisions and thinking. With God leading in your life, experiences will come that you have not dreamed of.

As you meet with individuals in their homes, of all races, creeds, and culture, you are forced to learn the lessons in dealing with the human mind. This experience, I believe, is most valuable to any person, regard-



less of what he might do in later life.

Student literature evangelism is very rewarding financially. I have always been able to meet my college expenses. But the greatest reward is to see the look of gratitude on the face of a spiritually thirsty customer. I am sure God will lead souls into the kingdom as a result of the books that I have sold the past few summers.

Here is just one experience—two years ago my work called me to the home of a 62-year-old woman. I was invited into the home and gave the canvass. At the end, she said, "I am not interested." After a few words, I thanked her for the opportunity to be in her home and for her kindness in listening to me. I asked if we might bow our heads in prayer. To this she gladly consented. After prayer, I shook her hand and turned to leave. She said, "What did you say your name was?" And then she said, "Mr. Jones, I have never had a salesman to come into my home and pray in all my 62 years. I am going to buy one of your books." She not only bought one, but three! Now I call her "mother" for she has corresponded with me from that time to this. I know of one of my customers who has joined the church directly as a result of my work. By God's grace, I am sure He will lead many more into this truth as they read the message contained in our books.

## Your Union President Recommends Literature Evangelism

by **B. E. LEACH, President, Southwestern Union Conference.**



One of the finest experiences that can come to a young man or young woman is to serve the Lord as a literature evangelist. The rewards are rich and far-reaching. Consider some of the benefits.

1. You help spread the truth of God.
2. You develop your own personality.
3. You learn salesmanship (a great asset, equal to any college course).
4. You learn to cope. This is important in life. Every day is a new challenge.
5. You learn Christian grace, which

helps you become a better Christian.

6. You handle a superb product, one that brings blessing and changes lives.
7. You benefit financially (one of the best financial opportunities I know of).

I can wholeheartedly recommend this wonderful work to our Southwestern Union youth. I know the benefits and the blessings of this great work. I have been a colporteur and I can testify that it is one of the best things I ever did. Why don't you become a better person for it.



# Happy Literature Evangelists

Mardi Gras, Canal Street, Bourbon Street, the French Quarter, are terms we associate with corruption, abandon, and unbridled merriment. A city you would not consider a very likely place to make a living selling religious books, yet it is a city whose people are very much in need of Christ.

The smiling young couple in the picture are happy literature evangelists who have answered our prayers and responded to the challenges and great need of the Crescent City—New Orleans, Louisiana. They came to the city where others have said, "You cannot sell our literature." The greater the challenge, the greater blessings that come from God to those who respond to His call and in faith see it



Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Sherrill.

through. It makes us very happy to introduce to you the *leading* Arkansas-Louisiana literature evangelists for 1968—Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Sherrill.

In the city where "it can't be done," they delivered \$24,252.25 in 1968. This is indeed a record to be happy with. It is even more of an achievement when

you realize Eddie also carried a full load of school work at the Louisiana State University of New Orleans.

Their success is an example of what the Lord is waiting to do for other young couples who will give their lives into His hands for service. In this great conference there are other cities waiting for dedicated young people to accept the challenge and enjoy the happiness that comes from full-time service in the army of the Lord.

"The Lord calls upon our youth to labor as canvassers and evangelists, to do house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth. . . . Those who go forth to work under God's direction will be wonderfully blessed. Those who do their best will obtain a colporteur for the future immortal life." *Colporteur Ministry*, p. 19.

## A NEW APPROACH NEEDED

### How the Truth Intrigues in 1969

by ELDEN WALTER, Secretary of Evangelism, Southwestern Union Conference.

I have been sharing with some of you my growing conviction that: We are not emphasizing as we should the most alluring part of our faith for the *Year of Evangelism, 1969*. Our faith *does* contain what people are avidly seeking today. But I fear we are not approaching people with this facet of it.

Just last night here in Houston, hundreds paid one dollar a seat to hear a man offer inner peace and happiness through meditation. After the meeting, scores enrolled in a brief three-day course costing \$75 to achieve the benefits of this very elementary spiritual development. A few weeks ago in Dallas, thousands turned out for a similar meeting.

What are these teachers offering?

Here is a list of benefits mentioned on their printed program: personal peace; energy; happiness; stability; harmonious development of the mental, physical, and spiritual faculties; et cetera.

We should be able to see clearly that thousands are eagerly searching for these personal fulfillments.

It is also impressively evident that people in 1969 are showing a growing belief and interest in the spirit world. Books and articles on spiritism are

best sellers. Meetings and lectures by spirit mediums are packed.

This ought to tell us that people are not only willing, but also eager to accept the realm of the supernatural.

One other encouraging development is the way people are flocking to living-room discussions of faith and spiritual truths. There is obviously a desire for fellowship and mutual discussion about the things of the soul.

These facts of the public mood today indicate to me that we could gain the attention and interest of the people much better if we would learn to tell how much Christ has done for us in these areas of our own lives. If we have a positive testimony in this realm, people will be eager to learn how they, too, may have the same.

There is not much interest in 1969 about the doctrinal differences between churches. The great question today is "Can any church or any teaching bring the personal joy and peace, the certainty and inner experience I crave?" These souls do not realize that correct concepts of Christ and His plan of redemption are vital to permanent spiritual fulfillment or that sound doctrine is also a necessity.

## 1969

**You** must be active in it or it will fail.  
**Every** member must search for souls.  
**Adventists** know that time is short.  
**Remember** the eternal implications.

**Organize** for effective work.  
**Forge** ahead in spite of distractions.

**Enlist** the youth.  
**Volunteer** your time and effort.  
**Agitate** 'til things get moving.  
**Never** give up.

**God** has promised to be with you.  
**Encourage** those who lag.

**Look** to Jesus for your courage and pattern.

**Inform** yourself about the spiritual needs people feel.

**Send** your prayers for power continually.

**Mention** the Lord's blessings to you and others will want to follow.



We know this, and we must share this with them, too. But all they realize now are the inner needs of the soul, the heart hunger, the spiritual void they feel.

If we would reach people today, we must first: be certain that this part of our own Christian experience is real; that we are enjoying peace, rest, joy, life abundant, the re-born life in Christ, pardon from guilt, deliverance from the slavery of sin, the life and

energy and vitality that flows from the true believer like a river of living water; that we bask in the precious atmosphere of love and fellowship which the family of Christ can know, brotherhood and communion that no earthly fraternity can compare with; that we enjoy a communion with the supernatural Spirits of the heavenly realm, more intimate and rewarding than any medium ever knew. In short, we must be certain that the genuine,

heaven-provided experiences of the believing soul are so wondrous that we simply must share them with our friends. Second: learn how to express it and talk of it with enthusiasm and ease. Third: Share it with every hungry heart we can.

Then they will be eager to learn why we believe as we do about the church doctrines.

Let's make 1969 a real year of evangelism!

## 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

#### ★ Hold Everything!

... That is, hold your Christmas cards! After the appeal for Christmas cards to be sent to Indonesia, we find out there is a mail embargo on all surface mail. So, unless you want to send your old Christmas cards by airmail, why not hold them for awhile until notice is given that regular mail can again go into Indonesia. Your interest in this project is much appreciated. We are sorry for the inconvenience this emergency has been to some of you.

G. M. Schram.

### OKLAHOMA

#### ★ Names Needed for Evangelistic Series in Bristow

If you have relatives or friends living in the area of Bristow, Oklahoma, whom you would like to have contacted during our series of meetings to be held there beginning April 11, please send names, addresses and information to Elder Robert Dale, P.O. Box 528, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101.

#### ★ Oklahoma Public Relations Workshops, March 1-6

Elder Marvin H. Reeder, General Conference Public Relations Department, guest speaker.

##### SABBATH, MARCH 1

Jay Seventh-day Adventist Church  
11:00 a.m. Worship hour  
2:00 p.m. Workshop

##### MONDAY, MARCH 2

\*Lawton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1610 North 19th Street  
7:30 p.m. Workshop

##### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Ardmore Adventist Hospital, 1012 14th Avenue, NW  
A.M. and P.M. Workshop for hospital personnel

##### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Oklahoma Conference Office  
A.M. Workshop for departmental secretaries, office secretaries, and city pastors

##### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

\*Tulsa Seventh-day Adventist Church, 920 South New Haven  
7:30 p.m. Workshop

\*All church officers, PR secretaries, and pastors are invited to attend the PR Workshops in Lawton and Tulsa.

Robert Rider, Public Relations Secretary.

### TEXAS

#### ★ It's Time Again for Big Bend

The dates to remember are April 10, 11, and 12 for Big Bend. Yes, Texas Conference is looking forward again for a wonderful time in the mountains. If you have never been to Big Bend, this is your opportunity to see something altogether different in the state of Texas. Some of the most beautiful mountains in the west are right here in our great state.

I hope that many families can enjoy the mountains the weekend that we have planned. We have already written to the national park and they have reserved campground space for our group. So, make plans now to be at Big Bend. This weekend is designed for families, so come together and camp. Of course, there are many different interesting things to do at this national park—wonderful hiking trails, a place to swim, and a beautiful stream; and the park rangers are very helpful in pointing out interesting things for us to see and to study.

Each family should be responsible for sponsoring their own children. Each one, of course, provides their own food and camps together in family groups. The conference cannot be responsible for young people who come unchaperoned. So, we make the request that all parents be sure that their young people have proper sponsorship.

John Thurber, MV Secretary, Texas Conference.

#### ★ Prayer Requests Are Invited

Many special requests for prayer come to the attention of the conference office workers—sometimes by phone, letter, or a personal contact with a pastor or secretary. These requests are regarded as a sacred trust and are brought before the office staff in the morning worship service.

Aside from these individual petitions, specific leaders and members in our churches, schools, and medical institutions are remembered each morning in the Fort Worth office.

Your conference leaders welcome your special requests for prayer. Please feel free to write your conference president, Elder G. C. Dart, concerning your prayer need.

### SUC

#### ★ Saturday Night Programs at SUC

February 22 — Artist-Adventure Series —

Burke's Aristocratic Canines; Jay Johnson, Ventriloquist; Sam Cunningham, Wonder Wizard of Magic

March 1 — College Amateur Hour

March 8 — Music Department





## Brandom Corporation to Rebuild on OA Campus Following Fire

The recent loss of the Brandom buildings on the campus of Ozark Academy has caused a severe handicap in the work program of the school. While this fire may seem to have been a detriment to the present school year, the plans for a bigger and better plant have become a reality.

On Tuesday evening, January 28, Elder J. J. Swinyar affixed his signature to a contract with the Young Building Company of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, to construct a building 150 feet wide by 450 feet long. This new facility will more than double the working space and increase the production of the Gentry plant three-fold.

This building will be colored a light blue with a white roof. Extra precautionary measures are being taken during the construction phase to insure against the repeat of the loss by fire. Fire doors and a complete sprinkler system will be installed as a part of the initial project and an air-filtration system which will reduce the hazard of dust inhalation. No device is being overlooked for the safety of the workers and the over-all safety of the plant.

Work is scheduled to begin on this project as soon as the weather permits and is to go to completion as rapidly as possible. Several years ago the Executive Committee of the school was impressed to purchase 12 acres of land directly north of the former site, and it is on this land that the building is to be built. Surely the hand of the Lord was in this transaction for it is now possible to begin construction without waiting for the debris to be cleared.

The picture shows Elder Swinyar signing the contract and Mr. E. M. Bill Young, the contractor, looking over the details of the document. We are all enthusiastic about this new and greater venture in behalf of the youth served by the school and trust that your daily communications with Omnipotence will keep us ever before Him.

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

## Missionary Volunteers Invested in Fort Smith Church

The Fort Smith, Arkansas, Seventh-day Adventist Church was recently the scene of a highly successful youth rally. Elder Don Schneider and his wife, Marti, deserve much acclaim for the well-planned and carefully executed program which began with the Friday evening meeting and ended with a Saturday night social hour. No detail was overlooked. The theme for the weekend was "Here am I; send me."

The church was packed on Friday evening as Elder H. E. Haas, MV secretary for the union, began the devotional service. This meeting was followed by prayer bands which were held outdoors in the light of torches. This gave a touch of spiritual empha-

sis to the entire weekend. Elder E. Frank Sherrill, president of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, gave the Sabbath morning message.

An investiture service was held Sabbath afternoon conducted by R. W. Bendall, MV secretary. At this service five Master Guides and nine juniors were invested. Special mention should be made of the Pathfinders. This group was organized in January. The



Elder Don Schneider invests his wife, Marti, as a Master Guide.



Above are five Master Guides invested at the recent youth rally in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Left to right they are: Mrs. Don Schneider, Mrs. Eula Lee Roberts, Mrs. Alvin Hallsted, Mrs. Gene Scaggs, and Mr. Gene Scaggs.



Elder J. J. Swinyar and contractor E. M. Young look over plans for the new Brandom building.





This group of Pathfinders and Master Guides participated in the Fort Smith, Arkansas, investiture service recently. Included in the group is R. W. Bendall, MV secretary, left; Elder Don Schneider, pastor, left back; and Elder E. Frank Sherrill, president, extreme right back.

fact that they had earned many honors and had several displays for the investiture service bespeaks great credit to their leaders.

Elder Haas delighted the audience during the Saturday night social hour as he presented his magician's program. Special music for the weekend was provided by students and faculty members from Ozark Academy and Southwestern Union College.

Elder and Mrs. Schneider have proved themselves real anchors for the young people of their district and we offer them our thanks and congratulations for a most fruitful weekend program.

R. W. BENDALL, *Secretary,*  
MV Department,  
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.



## Book and Bible House Celebrates Diamond Jubilee

On October 9, 1892, a meeting was held which resulted in an organization known as the Oklahoma and Indian Territory Sabbath School Association.



Ben F. Bowen

Elder R. H. Brock was named president. At the close of 1892 there were 132 members, and the workers included one ordained minister and 10 canvassers who worked out of an

organization called the Oklahoma Tract Society. This was the beginning of the Oklahoma Book and Bible House.

The canvassing work proved to be very successful. Elder Corthers of Battle Creek, Michigan, looked after this work till the spring of 1893, and then J. N. Dickerson of Texas directed it for a time, followed by R. W. Parmele.

At a camp meeting held in August

of 1894 the Oklahoma Conference was organized with a total membership of 500. Elder J. M. Rees was voted as president of the conference and of the Oklahoma Tract Society, E. T. Russell as vice president, and R. W. Parmele as secretary-treasurer and canvassing agent. The Oklahoma Tract Society had its first home at 318 Fourth Street, Oklahoma City, with total sales of approximately \$12,500 for the first year.

In the year 1923 the name of the Oklahoma Tract Society was changed to the Oklahoma Book and Bible House.

Through the years that have followed this humble beginning many thousands of dollars worth of our truth-filled literature has been sold by the Bible house. In 1962 the total sales of colporteurs and members amounted to \$130,000. In that year all colporteur sales were transferred to the union Home Health Education Service office in Dallas, and since that time the Bible house's only source of

sales has been from the members of the conference.

But the Lord has blessed and sales for the 1968 calendar year amounted to \$147,237.89, or an average of \$38.57 worth of merchandise purchased for each member in the conference.

We feel that 1969 is a great year to celebrate our 75th anniversary and to praise God for His many blessings.



A Bible house customer uses his new charge-o-plate to purchase the 1969 Missionary Book of the Year, "Though the Winds Blow," from Mrs. Lee Thomas, Bible house secretary.





Mobile book display helps in making it more convenient to take book sales to the Oklahoma Conference churches.

With such a history of growth as we have we can all be proud.

Book sales have been scheduled, starting February 22, for many churches in the Oklahoma Conference to take this celebration to our people. Watch for the date when we will be in your church and then purchase some of the most wonderful and inspiring books in the world today.

BEN F. BOWEN, Manager,  
Oklahoma Book and Bible House.



Elder A. J. Webb reports for his district at the Ingathering victory dinner. The Sapulpa district achieved the highest percentage and the Bristow church had the highest per capita in the Oklahoma Conference.

## Earliest Ingathering Victory Celebrated And "Go Tell" Emphasized at Session

The workers of the Oklahoma Conference met together the night of January 5 to share the joy of Oklahoma's earliest Ingathering victory. The Oklahoma teachers were also invited to this occasion. Each pastor gave a report of his district's total and also shared unusual experiences. The final report:

Total amount raised	\$102,421.08
Overflow	8,146.08
Per capita	27.16
Date of victory	December 17

Jim Miller provided organ music during the banquet meal, and the evening's entertainment was by faculty and students from Southwestern Union College.

During the workers' meeting which followed, January 6-9, Elder George Vandeman, associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Department, presented topics on the minister's program of continual self-improvement. In discussing new approaches to evangelism Elder Vandeman reminded his fellow ministers

that it is a thing of the past to believe that just "printing a large handbill will insure an overflow crowd." He pointed out the need for total lay-involvement in such programs as gift Bible evangelism. Thorough preparatory work will assure a harvest.

Other challenging messages were brought to the conference workers by Elder B. E. Leach, union president; and Elder Cyril Miller, newly elected union secretary; and the union departmental secretaries. Elder W. M. Adams, at the religious liberty rally held in the Oklahoma City Central church on Monday evening, warned of subversive encroachments on our personal liberties. He reminded us of the sobering need of "matching our teachings with deeds in the daily life."

One and a half days of the meeting was devoted to "GO TELL" evangelism. This program has been studied and analyzed in view of the needs in Oklahoma and new plans and improvements have been made to strengthen the follow-up phase. Eld-



Elder C. W. Skantz, Oklahoma Conference president, discusses the "Lost Sheep" program of evangelism. During 1968 over 300 former members were contacted by pastors; 60 have begun church attendance again; 24 have been re-baptized.

ers C. W. Skantz, Robert Dale, and Robert Rider led out in the discussion of these new plans.

Special emphasis was placed on the need of total laymen-pastor participation in "GO TELL" evangelism. Oklahoma is moving forward with this new emphasis. The pastors will be able to conduct evangelistic meetings with a productive harvest.

This workers' meeting launched Oklahoma into its greatest program of pastor-laymen teamwork in "GO TELL" evangelism. We invite every layman to join the ministers and workers in praying for and working with this soul-winning program. God will bless if we are willing to do our part.

## Choctaw Breaks Ground for New Church

Ground was broken Monday afternoon, January 27, for the new Seventh-day Adventist church to be located on the east edge of Nowata. Rain didn't deter members and in-



(Left) General Conference Ministerial Department associate secretary, Elder G. W. Vandeman, presents new approaches to evangelism in reaching the masses. (Center) Elder Cyril Miller speaks about prophecy being fulfilled and the great opportunities and need for evangelism. (Right) Elder W. M. Adams of the General Conference Religious Liberty Department warns of subversive encroachments being made on our personal liberties.





Preparing for the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Nowata Seventh-day Adventist Church are, left to right: C. W. Skantz, conference president; A. E. Richardson, Nowata mayor; Dr. Lowell Meister, local church elder; Mrs. Charlotte Myers, Chamber manager; and T. E. Dennis, pastor.

terested citizens from attending the ceremony.

A. E. Richardson, Nowata mayor, welcomed visiting church officials and members of the congregation. He praised the local congregation for un-

dertaking the construction of a new church. Mrs. Charlotte Myers, Nowata Chamber manager, also spoke briefly. Others assisting in the ceremony included C. W. Skantz, conference president; R. R. Rouse, treasurer; T. E. Dennis, pastor; and Dr. Lowell Meister, local church elder.

The \$30,000 building will have 2,700 square feet and will seat about 100. The church will be finished with brick on the inside and brick or stone for the outside walls. The sanctuary will have a cathedral-type ceiling and the floor will be carpeted.

The new church will probably cost \$30,000, but a number of church members plan to donate their labor and the cash outlay will be less than the value of the new building. The plan is to have the new church completed in July.



Ezra Riffel of Enid tells of 49 "GO TELL" and Voice of Prophecy interests currently attending the pastor's Sabbath school Bible class.

## "Go Tell" Leaders Attend Training Class

Forty "GO TELL" secretaries met in the Central church in Oklahoma City on January 19 for a "GO TELL" secretaries' training council. This was the first such meeting of "GO TELL" secretaries in the Oklahoma Conference and its purpose was to give careful study to the important role of the "GO TELL" secretary in gift Bible evangelism.

In his devotional talk Elder Lee Hadley challenged the secretaries to give untiring service to "GO TELL" evangelism out of love for Christ and His church. He drew practical lessons from the experience of Nehemiah.

Elder Robert Rider discussed "GO TELL in Perspective" in the Oklahoma Conference and the "GO TELL" monthly report to the conference. Elder Robert Dale presented the many responsibilities of the "GO TELL"

secretary in the gift Bible program. Pastor Ben Bowen explained the procedure in ordering supplies from the Oklahoma Book and Bible House.

With the singing of "So Send I You"

by Elder L. H. Opp the meeting closed and the "GO TELL" secretaries and pastors left—but with a renewed dedication to strengthen the important role which they play in the "GO TELL" program of evangelism in their local churches.



Materials for "GO TELL" evangelism are discussed by Elders Robert Dale, C. W. Skantz, and Robert Rider.



Elder R. R. Rouse talks with "GO TELL" secretary, Thomas Mayes, of Pryor, Oklahoma. Mr. Mayes is a recent convert to the Adventist faith through "GO TELL" evangelism.



"GO TELL" secretaries who attended the council in Oklahoma City. January 19.



## It Happened Again at Ardmore Hospital — A \$10,000 Gift

The \$10,000.00 check handed to me in my office at 12 o'clock noon on December 26 was no less a Christmas gift miracle by coming a day after Christmas. This surprise donation left me just as awed and overwhelmed as did the similar gift earlier in 1968. It was only 11 months ago that the same donor handed me an envelope containing a \$15,000.00 check, an unsolicited contribution to the hospital. My thoughts, as I remember them, on that occasion were feelings of deepest appreciation, thankfulness to God for touching the heart of this man, and that "this kind of thing doesn't happen every day." Yet it has happened twice within the period of a year.

Our visit and conversation was friendly, cordial, and concluded with our friend's words, "Your hospital continues to do a good work which I can heartily support; please accept my check for \$10,000.00, a stipulated amount to be credited to the patient account of one of my employees and the remaining major portion to be



Wm. V. Wiist, administrator, hands \$10,000.00 check to cashiers Keren Lott and Carolyn Wilson for receipting.

used as you may determine, for capital improvements, and future steps of progress. I wish to remain anony-

mous and wish to have no local publicity attached to this donation."

I could only muster simple words of sincere appreciation and gratitude and again be reminded that there are "good" men in this world whose hearts are touched by the Lord and we are blessed by their response.

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

## OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING

JULY 11 - 19



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## New Evangelism Tools Introduced at Soul-Winning Rallies

More than 3,000 members from the 100 churches in the Texas Conference attended one or another of the five soul-winning rallies conducted on successive Sabbaths beginning January 11. Since 1969 has been designated as the "Year of Evangelism" for the Texas Conference, it was felt that all members should unite for the all-day gatherings.

God's Spirit was mightily present as Elder G. C. Dart appealed for entire consecration at the 11:00 a.m. worship service of each of the area meetings.

The evangelism "timetable" for



Youth evangelism was emphasized at soul-winning rallies. (Left) Elders John Thurber and G. C. Dart discuss methods between sessions. (Right) Youth gathered for special meetings during the rallies.







Various music groups performed at soul-winning rallies.

(Above) Gordon de Leon leads VGA choir at San Antonio rally.

(Left) Elder Richard Lange, newly arrived worker in Texas, is joined by his two sons in a trio.

(Upper right) Student group from SUC, Terry St. Clair, Pam Borth, Don Stevens, and Rip McDonald, sing and play at the Houston rally.

(Right) A ministerial quartet, Paul Kilgore, John Thurber, Stewart Crook, and Don Siebenlist, sing with violin obligato, played by Elder Don Christman.



1969 was presented with practical suggestions as to how we can best win and influence others for Christ. One of the best methods of inviting our friends and neighbors to study the "Go Tell" Bible lessons is to distribute the "door-knob" enrollment cards—not just once to each home, but several times. Already 260,000 cards have been sent to our churches.

Of immediate interest to every pastor and member in every church is the winning of those who were once members but who are no longer walking with us. After Elder Dart explained the "Concern" program that has been organized by the General Conference Ministerial Department, it was encouraging to see the large number who purchased the record

album and accompanying material to be used in appealing to our former members.

More than 40 "pulpit exchange" evangelistic meetings are scheduled during February, March, and April. A special evangelism offering will be taken May 17, and anxiously we will look forward to camp meeting when evangelism reports and plans will be the main topic of prayer and discussion. More than 300 members have already made personal commitments to win, by God's help, one soul for Christ by camp meeting, 1969. Will you not join this group and know the "greatest joy this side of heaven" by winning a soul to Him.

DON R. CHRISTMAN,  
*Evangelism Secretary.*

## Dallas MV Society to Sponsor Weekend of Youth Activities

The Dallas MV Society will be host to a full weekend of activities February 28—March 1. Gene Jennings and Marie Thomas, a musical team from Andrews University will be the featured guests. Gene comes from Wyoming and Marie's home is Indiana. Gene and Marie combine their talents and dedication into a harmonious organ-piano duo that has set many hearts to singing and inspired congregations across the country. They appeared with Evangelist Don Jacobson in 1967 in a city evangelistic campaign in Dayton, Ohio. Since that time they have appeared at various evangelism and youth rallies, academies throughout the Lake Union, and a few appearances in the Central Union. They are scheduled to appear in Florida, Minnesota, and at Southern Missionary College in the near future. Besides playing the piano, Gene is a very accomplished accordionist and has written many of the arrangements that he and Marie play. Marie is featured in long-play album, "Heavenly Harmonies," in which she combines her talents on the organ, piano, and vibra harp. The Dallas MV



(Left) Members buy books from the Bible house display at the rallies. (Right) Elder Harry Robinson presents mission challenge at Houston rally. He is former missionary to the Middle East and is dressed in native costume.





Gene Jennings and Marie Thomas.

Society is very pleased to welcome this team to our area. Eeveryone in the Dallas-Fort Worth area is invited to join in the inspiration of the rally weekend.

Friday evening, February 28, at 7:30, the rally will begin with the presentation of a sacred drama by the Dallas young people entitled "The Challenge of the Cross." Sabbath afternoon, March 1, at 3:30 there will be a "Singspiration for Inspiration" in which many young people will witness to their love for Christ in song and testimony. You won't want to miss this spiritual feast.

MARVIN PONDER, *Youth Pastor,*  
Dallas First Church.

## New Medical Personnel Join Menard and Eden Hospitals

### DR. FILEMON C. CABANSAG

Filemon C. Cabansag, M.D., received his medical training in Manila, Philippines. Coming to the United States he served for two years as a residence doctor in Pueblo, Colorado, and one year as a residence surgeon in Detroit, Michigan. For two years he was a residence physician at the Adventist hospital at Madison, Tennessee.

Called to the mission field of Honduras, Dr. Cabansag was medical



Dr. Cabansag



Dr. Robbins

director of our mission hospital in this country. After another year of general practice in Nuremburg, Pennsylvania, he joined our medical force in the Texas Conference.

Mrs. Cabansag is a registered nurse and also received her B.S. degree in education before teaching for eight years in our Philippine Union College.

The Cabansags have five children: Nellie, 16; now a student at Valley Grande Academy; Wayne, 12; Faye Lynn, four; Dean Allen, three; and Earl Bryan, eight months.

### DR. CARRIE J. A. ROBBINS

Carrie J. A. Robbins, M.D., a graduate of Pacific Union College and of the Loma Linda medical college in 1933, is now serving in our Menard and Eden hospitals. Dr. Robbins began her medical internship at Boulder, Colorado, and later practiced in Nederland, Colorado. After an O.B. internship in Chicago, she returned to Boulder as a staff physician, and for a short period practiced her profession at Grand Junction, Colorado, and Lincoln, Nebraska.

Accepting a call to serve in the Seventh-day Adventist hospital in Karachi, Pakistan, Dr. Robbins gave 20 years of her life to the cause of God in this needy area. Even after the passing of her husband, also a doctor, she stayed for many years to serve the people she had learned to love. Her story was dramatically told in Elizabeth Spaulding McFadden's book, *Some Rain Must Fall*.

Dr. Robbins' daughter, Marian, is married to Raymond Welch who is beginning his work as a ministerial intern. Seven-year-old Valinda is with her in Menard.

### CHARLES ROSS SMITH

Charles Ross Smith is a graduate of the Loma Linda School of Physical Therapy. A native of Dallas, he attended Southwestern Union College and later Pacific Union College. For three years he served in the United States Air Force after which he established the Crippled Children's Treatment Center of Hidalgo County in the Rio Grande Valley.

For seven years he served at our Montemorelos hospital in Mexico and taught physical therapy while there. This department was established under his direction during this time.

Mrs. Smith, formerly Billie Berry, is from Colorado City, Texas, and attended Southwestern Union College and Walla Walla College. She holds a Texas State Teacher Certificate and



Charles R. Smith and patient.

her B.A. degree from the Pan American College of Edinburg, Texas.

The Smiths have three children: Sandra Seree, a dental hygienist, now living in California and married to Don Moore of Loma Linda; Charles Ronald, who recently completed the physical therapy course with a B.S. degree at Loma Linda University; Donald Allen, a freshman at Southwestern Union College.

## VGA Student Chosen to Represent Texas at World Youth Congress

Glenda Menges, a senior student at Valley Grande Academy, has been selected by the Texas Conference as their representative to the World Youth Congress in Zurich, Switzerland, in July.

The big announcement was made during the soul-winning rally held in San Antonio recently. Miss Menges was asked to come on stage ostensibly to answer some questions concerning Valley Grande Academy and after asking several questions, Elder John Thurber, Texas MV secretary; and Elder Charles Dart, president of the Texas Conference, broke the good news to her.

She will be the Texas Conference

Glenda Menges beams as Elder G. C. Dart tells her she has been selected as world youth congress delegate.





official delegate and will have certain commitments and duties to perform as well as speaking engagements on her return. Glenda is a fine student and her activities include registrar's assistant, annual editor, chorale, choir, and band. VGA is honored in the choice of Miss Menges as we feel she is typical of the students in the Valley.

GORDON DE LEON, *Principal,*  
Valley Grande Academy.

## Local Ministers Join Hospital Devotions

The Beeville Ministerial Alliance has taken a special interest in the work of the Memorial Hospital and has organized a program of participation in the daily devotional services. Guest speakers from the area churches come regularly to the hospital for speaking appointments.

Not only do these men contribute with excellent talks, but they also

have expressed their appreciation for being invited to join in the religious exercises of the institution. It has been interesting to see the way in which the employees, many of which are members of the various community churches, have been pleased by the visits of these ministers.

WAYNE EASLEY, *Chaplain,*  
Beeville Memorial Hospital.



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## SUC Student Missionary Tells of Inspiration Gained in Work

To the people of God, a select and called people, has been committed a special work of taking a special message to all the world in this generation. This is our responsibility, and should we ever forget it, we will have lost our purpose for existing as a separate and distinct people.

Our denomination feels that simply giving to missions is not enough. Without a personal interest, our program will suffer both from a lack of funds and dedicated people willing to serve as missionaries. From this belief arose the student missionary program, which sends students to a foreign country to become better ac-



Tom Kimbrow, 1968 student missionary from SUC, makes friends with the children of Guyana, South America.



**Old age had to sneak up** on Albert Wagner. It skulked around behind the Little League ball club, the grandchildren, and the new boat trailer. A month ago it struck. Martie isn't making any guesses about how soon Al will swing a bat again—if he ever does. So he swings his cane and keeps himself laughing. It's a good show until you catch him with the twinkle in his eyes dimmed out with pain and the panic light flashing.

*Lord, reach down past all the grim cheerfulness into Al Wagner's apprehensive mind. "These Times" is going to be there month after month after month. Help it to crowd out the hollow laughs. Let it light the path ahead with something like peace for Al and Martie. Only \$2.75*

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quainted with mission work. Hopefully, this close association will spark an interest in the student, so that upon completion of his education, he will want to be a part of the foreign-mission program.

Last year I had the privilege of being the student missionary from Southwestern Union College. I feel there is no greater opportunity than to work with people of different cultural, religious, and social backgrounds. It is promotion of missions; it is a mission of goodwill; it is an invaluable experience and a real education; it is a profitable venture—profitable to the church because of the high probability that this student will return as a supporter of missions and perhaps eventually a missionary himself. For these reasons the student missionary program is a worthwhile project.

I wish to express my appreciation to those who supported the program last year and made it possible for me to go to Guyana, South America. Because of this I am going to serve for a short while at Unini, Peru, beginning this summer.

In the near future you will hear more about this year's student missionary and where he will be sent. I solicit your continued support in this program so that another individual may have the rewarding experience of being a student missionary. Your contributions may be sent directly to the MV Department, Southwestern Union College, Keene, Texas 76059,

TOM KIMBROW,

*SUC Student Missionary, 1968.*

## Elder D. W. Hunter To Visit Southwestern Union College

An associate secretary of the General Conference, D. W. Hunter, will visit the campus of Southwestern Union College for four days, February 27 - March 2. While on campus Elder Hunter will emphasize the importance of the mission program to the Seventh-day Adventist church. He will speak in the chapel on Thursday, February 27, Friday night vespers February 28, and the church service Sabbath morning,



Elder D. Hunter

# SOMETHING Wonderful Happens April 1



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March 1. Elder Hunter will be available for student interviews and to meet with different classes.

## James Procell, SUC Graduate, Accepted in LLU Medical School

Word has been received that another SUC graduate, James Procell, has been accepted in next year's



James Procell

freshman class at Loma Linda University Medical School. Mr. Procell is one of many who graduated when SUC was a junior college who has been accepted to Loma Linda Medical School. While on campus he was president of his graduating class of 1963. His education was interrupted by a term of service with the military, and Mr. Procell is presently finishing his bachelor's degree at East Tennessee State University.

## THOUGH THE WINDS BLOW

(Continued from page 4)

it—to help guide one through the tempest to the quiet haven of peace here and the hereafter."

Fellow believers, God has given every Seventh-day Adventist a knowledge of what is to come. He has also placed upon us the responsibility of warning those we meet of the danger soon to come. Not all can preach, but all can help give the warning. There are 23 million judgment-bound souls in the Southwestern Union alone. We meet them at the grocery store, the bank, across the fence, in our business, and a hundred other places. God wants us to sound the warning and offer a message of hope to these people. One of the quickest ways to help warn them is to give a copy of *Though the Winds Blow*. Many of our members will be distributing more than a thousand copies of this book this year. The price is still only \$1. No other publisher offers so much for so little. Let's make a covenant with God to distribute at least two copies of *Though the Winds Blow* each month during 1969. If every member did this much, we would reach at least three million people with this book this year.

A storm is coming, of this there is no question. The question is, will we who know warn those who shall soon see and feel its fury. J. W. GRIFFIN,

Publishing Secretary,  
Southwestern Union Conference.



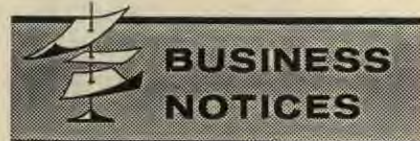
NEAL, Mrs. Barbara, was born Dec. 15, 1877, in Lumpkin, Co., Ga., and passed to her rest Dec. 18, 1968, at the age of 91.

Sister Neal had been a faithful member of the Muskogee Seventh-day Adventist Church for a number of years and was living in the Tower Hill Nursing Home in Muskogee at the time of her death. Her husband preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons: Owen Neal of Muskogee and Paul Neal of Oakland, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Young, Chicago, Ill.; one brother, Arthur Fletcher; one sister, Mrs. Minnie Barrett; 14 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren, and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer and she was laid to rest in the Greenhill Cemetery where she awaits the call of her Saviour.

R. E. Barrett.



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Brownsville, Texas	6:29	6:34	6:35	6:38
Dallas, Texas	6:17	6:23	6:29	6:34
El Paso, Texas	5:57	6:03	6:08	6:13
Fort Worth, Texas	6:19	6:25	6:31	6:36
Galveston, Texas	6:13	6:18	6:23	6:27
Gentry, Arkansas	6:05	6:13	6:18	6:25
Keene, Texas	6:19	6:25	6:31	6:36
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:57	6:04	6:10	6:16
Muskogee, Oklahoma	6:09	6:16	6:22	6:28
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:53	5:58	6:03	6:08
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	6:18	6:25	6:31	6:37
San Antonio, Texas	6:28	6:33	6:38	6:42
Santa Fe, New Mexico	5:51	5:58	6:04	6:10
Shreveport, Louisiana	6:05	6:11	6:17	6:22
Tulsa, Oklahoma	6:11	6:18	6:24	6:30





# on the record

a heart-to-heart chat with your union conference president

## Courage in the Lord

One of the greatest attributes of human character is courage. How we admire the person who stands for something, who stands under fire, who takes his stand for principal, and who humbly keeps standing there for God.

Wouldn't you like to have seen Elijah on Mt. Carmel as he faced all the prophets of Baal—"How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." I Kings 18:21. That took real courage in the Lord.

I would loved to have heard Joshua take his stand as he declared "Choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15. That was a great day for Joshua and it was a great day for God. Thousands were saved because one man took his stand.

Who wouldn't have liked to heard Martin Luther take his stand before the princes and without hesitation stand to his feet and declare, "Here I stand; I can do no other." Talk about thrills—that will always bring a thrill to pure Christian hearts.

We live in an hour that calls for courage. God needs men of courage like Daniel today *who do right because it is right*. Men who know where they stand, and then

stand for right "though the heavens fall."

As God's remnant people in these latter days, we face great challenges, hard times. Great courage in the Lord will be required of every believer. Are we in earnest? "We must now be terribly in earnest. We have not a moment to spend in criticism and accusation. Let those who have done this in the past *fall on their knees in prayer*." *Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 46.

What kind of courage to do we need?

1. Courage to believe.
2. Courage to move out in faith.
3. Courage to speak the truth.
4. Courage to stand in the face of persecutions.
5. Courage to die—if need be, for God and His cause.
6. Courage to keep sweet and cheerful—fully believing God's promises.
7. Courage to hold on when others start slipping.

God will have His moral heroes in these last days. While some will lose their footing and fade away, others will stand like giants—and there will be some big surprises as to who will stand.

That's the great question—who will stand? Who will have the courage to stand? Where will you stand?

Yours for courage in the Lord—courage to stand,

B. E. LEACH.

## OFF THE RECORD

Recently my faithful secretary's mother, Mrs. Bessie Turk, was laid to rest in Laurel Land in Dallas. She lived a beautiful Christian life. I would like to dedicate the following poem to Mrs. Lena Day, my secretary, and her husband, Brother Bill Day. They also lost a daughter a few months ago.

B. E. L.

### DEEP ROOTS

Have you heard the sighing, groaning, of a tree before a storm,  
Heard the scraping of the branches in the bending of its form?  
Have you seen it sway and straighten, then be swayed again,  
Seen the leaves like tiny banners, whipping, dripping in the rain,  
Seen it in its strength and beauty stand defiant in a blast,  
Seen it proud and undefeated when the mighty winds have passed?

Have you seen a fellow mortal weighted down with many cares,  
Heard him sigh when dread disaster came upon him unawares?  
Have you seen him bear it bravely, overcoming all his fears,  
Seen him turn his face to heaven, gazing upward through his tears,  
Seen his countenance of sorrow change and wear the victor's smile,  
Seen him stand complete in triumph o'er the bitterness of trial?

Winds have ne'er uprooted timber growing deep beneath the sod,  
Grief has never conquered mortals who are rooted deep in God.

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"One soul is of infinite value. Calvary tells its worth." *Gospel Workers*, p. 184.

# GOD HONORS FAITH





**PARTNERSHIP:** A word denoting a business agreement.

## **PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD:**

A phrase denoting the full and ultimate meaning of the word.

Establishing a partnership is simple. A handshake between two of like mind has launched many a great business enterprise.

But not one of these can begin to equal the enterprise you launch when you clasp in partnership the Hand that was pierced. Partnership with God is a business agreement based upon a spiritual acknowledgment and understanding of God's relationship to man.

Thousands of Seventh-day Adventists are already enjoying the satisfaction and rewards of being full partners with God. That is, they have planned their entire lives—their day-to-day work, their family security, their church activities, their hopes for tomorrow—in the context of this partnership.

Of course, all of this didn't just happen. The ready and completely confidential services of the Conference Association were sought in many instances. And with very good results.

You, too, can easily avail yourself of these services—without any obligation—simply by writing or telephoning your Conference Director of Deferred Giving. He will supply you with important information on Christian wills, living trusts, life income plans, annuities, and numerous other stewardship opportunities.

## **BE A FULL PARTNER WITH GOD**