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**THIS WEEK'S COVER** shows Lay Evangelist L. C. Haswell and SPA pressman, Charles Moore, in front of the Tennessee State Prison where Charles was won to the faith while an inmate.

# "I Was in

Ask Leonard C. Haswell, Nashville, Tennessee, his opinion of *These Times*, and he will tell you the magazine is a valuable tool in personal evangelism.

His opinion is based on personal experience, for over the past 20 years he has seen 300 individuals give their hearts to Christ, partly with the help of the magazine. The almost unbelievable saga of Mr. Haswell and his remarkable experiences began two decades ago. He and his wife had just been baptized.

The couple look for missionary work. Their pastor, seeing their willingness to help, suggested some tasks. "I would like to have you visit some of the shut-ins who do not have a chance to come to church," he told the Haswells. And, as an afterthought, he asked, "Would you take a *Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly* to a young man in prison?"

Mr. Haswell's ideas of visitation did not corresponded exactly with those of his pastor. To visit shut-ins seemed like a good idea, but he had reservations about visiting a locked-in person—one who had broken the law and was jailed. Instead of visiting the prisoner, he mailed the *Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly*.

Gently prodding her husband, Mrs. Haswell suggested a personal contact with the prisoner instead of a proxy visit through the postman. Hesitantly, Mr. Haswell drove to the grim, foreboding Tennessee State Prison.

Even though the first visit was casual, several prisoners asked an unexpected question: "Would you start a weekly worship service?"

From this request came a Sunday morning Bible class with Mr. Haswell as the teacher. The group continued to grow in number. With growth came shifts to larger quarters—the printing room, the library, and finally

to a newly constructed prison chapel. This last shift led to another change, the institution of a Sabbath morning service.

Rapidly the years have slipped by, and today Mr. Haswell's prison church has a weekly attendance of from 50 to 60 inmates. But most remarkable has been the effect on the prisoners. Over the two-decade span of the weekly penitentiary visit, about 300 prisoners have been baptized.

Faithfulness is part of the secret of Mr. Haswell's success. In the 20 years of visiting the dismal prison, he has missed only four Sabbaths. It has been no easy task, for his Sabbath day begins early—very early—at 4:30 a.m. when he arises to study. He drives to the prison for Sabbath school at 7:50 a.m. and preaches for the worship service at 8:20 a.m.

Another part of the secret of Mr. Haswell's success has been literature. "I use *These Times* and *Message* each week," Mr. Haswell reports. "The magazines are largely responsible for the conversions that have taken place."

by MORTEN JUBERG



# Prison"



Refer to Matthew 25:36

One of those who has been baptized is Charles Moore. A smiling, light-hearted young man, he is now a pressman at the Southern Publishing Association. A former prisoner, he now helps print the magazines that aided his decision to follow Christ.

Before this, Charles Moore's life plans and hopes came to a jolting halt when he was convicted of a crime and sentenced to the Tennessee State Penitentiary. In the painfully-dull monotony of a prison, almost anything that breaks the routine is a blessing. This applies even to Bible study, an unusual choice for criminals.

"I was looking for a means of es-

cape," says Charles Moore of his experience. "When you are behind the walls, you watch people and see their characters."

Two inmates made an impression on Moore, and he followed their example by attending the Sabbath morning church services. It was more than a break in the routine to the young prisoner. There was hope. This led to Bible study.

"I got so involved because for the first time I found something that was real," says Moore. This led to his baptism by the prison chaplain.

Following his release on parole from the penitentiary, he was hired by

the Southern Publishing Association. With the job came training in a trade, and Charles Moore is now a skilled pressman.

One of the promises of the Scriptures is, "My word . . . shall not return unto me void." The weekly ministry of Mr. Haswell aptly demonstrates the truth of this text. Though the spoken word and in the printed page, God speaks to man.

*These Times* and *Message* carry on this ministry of the printed page. Seven years ago a new idea for the two magazines was born. Special center-spread articles were prepared, and reprints of these articles were

Mr. Haswell is searched for weapons at the prison by a guard. This is only a formality, as Mr. Haswell has preached every Sabbath at the penitentiary for the past 20 years.



Mr. Haswell, right, visits with a prison official in connection with the congregation that meets behind the prison walls each Sabbath.



Happy Charles Moore enjoys his work as a pressman at the Southern Publishing Association. Moore is only one of 300 men who have found Jesus Christ as a Saviour from sin through the work of Leonard Haswell at the Tennessee State Prison.







Leonard Haswell conducts services in the prison every Sabbath morning.

made available as tracts. These up-to-date reprints have proved to be a valuable tool to the layman also. In the seven years of using the reprints, nearly 28 million of them have been distributed.

All of the eternity-slanted material has its effect. Letters by the hundreds come to the editorial offices of the Southern Publishing Association expressing appreciation for the magazines.

Many find the journal in doctor's offices or in hospitals. A lady from Mississippi wrote: "Would it be possible for you to send a copy of the May magazine to me? I am enclosing 50c and 10c postage. I really want to replace the magazine I borrowed from the hospital. It had so many good readings in it. I just had to take it home with me."

A Pennsylvania man found a copy of *These Times* in a laundromat. "I was so interested in it," he wrote, "I brought the magazine home. Today I read it almost through." He ordered a series of reprints for further study.

An interesting letter came to *These Times* this past summer. A lady wrote of her experience with the grandad of *These Times*—*The Watchman*.

"Nearly 50 years ago," she wrote, "someone sent us for a year a very attractive magazine, *The Watchman*. At this time we lived on a farm and had little good reading. We read every word of it and became so interested in its explanation of the Bible that we subscribed for it ourselves."

After reading the magazine for several years, they found themselves in agreement with its teachings. The

family looked in vain for Seventh-day Adventists.

One Saturday the husband went to a neighboring town. As he passed by the courthouse, he heard the strains of gospel music coming from a meeting room. His curiosity led him to investigate, and he found a group of Adventists holding Sabbath school.

This led to Bible studies and the baptism of the husband and wife. Later three daughters, who are now nurses, were also baptized.

In closing the letter, the lady concluded, "I can truly say we have never regretted taking this step, as God has richly blessed."

Such is the influence of *These Times* or *Message*. These magazines can be a helpful tool for you. As you plan a program of progressive evangelism, use the tool that fits into every facet of soul winning—*These Times* and *Message*.

## "Life and Health" Can Help Your Family

You can have help for yourself and your family every month from our magazine *Life and Health*. It gives information for you on how to bring up your little ones, how to cook for them to assure good health, and how to teach them to live for Jesus and His coming back to earth. More than that there is help for you, too. You can avoid many diseases in your family by knowing the principles of prevention.

*Life and Health* sends out information every month for the blessing and help of the Adventist family. Outside the family, it makes friends

for the message everywhere it goes.

In the May issue of *Life and Health* there is an article telling about the family doctor. The old family doctor has almost passed out of the picture with the coming of specialists for every kind of medical problem, but now you may expect him back to help you with your family medical problems. "A New Image of the Old Family Doctor," by Sally D. Jarrott, is the article from which you can gain much helpful information.

"Exercises for Backache," by Carlsson Wade, is an article on a condition which you may suffer. Most of us have a backache now and then, and we would be glad to find out how to get the best of it. When you do the exercises suggested in this article you help yourself to get rid of your nagging backache.

Then there are articles on "Tobacco and Digestion," by William Travis Gibb, M.D.; "Is Insulin Obsolete?" by Angeline Ozga, R.N., for diabetic patients; "Care of Baby's Skin," by Mary Bayley Noel, R.N.; "Gout Is Still a Crippler," by Jack Eicholz; "Lessons on Food—2 (Vegetables and Salads)" by Nutritionist May Wright; and "Domestic Animals and Disease," by James A. Brussel, M.D.

*Life and Health* comes to your home every month bringing fresh facts on health subjects that will lighten your burdens and guide your feet. As the oldest ethical health journal in existence it is still sending God's wonderful health message to the church and to the world.

J. DEWITT FOX, Editor,  
Editor, *Life and Health*.



# 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

### ★ Notice to All Families of Servicemen in Vietnam

The church in Australia is most anxious to assist your sons when they go to Australia from Vietnam for Rest and Recreation leave. Many of our young men are profiting by this during their term of service in Vietnam. It is much more enjoyable to see Australia with friends than it is to arrive in a country foreign to them with no one they know. Our Australian brethren want to extend the hospitality of their land and the fellowship of the church to those arriving in Australia from Vietnam. Therefore we suggest that you cut out the notice below and send it to your serviceman so that he might have this information.

CLARK SMITH, Director,  
National Service Organization.

If coming to Australia on R and R leave and wanting accommodation with Seventh-day Adventist members, please ring any of the following phone numbers on arrival in Sydney:

48 1061, 49 1138, 747 5655, 48 5693.

## TEXAS

### ★ "Texas Expansion" Bulletins to Report Evangelism Progress in Texas

The new TEXAS EXPANSION monthly bulletin was mailed to every member in the Texas Conference in February and also in March. Later issues will probably be distributed at your church, thus saving postage expense.

This bulletin will be the official voice of your conference, and will report all phases of evangelism. We know you will want to read these monthly messages and thus always be informed as to the plans and progress of God's work in Texas.

### ★ Dallas MV Benefit Program

The Southwestern Union College Tumbling Team will perform, plus other special features. **April 5, 7:30 p.m., Dallas Church Gym.**

### ★ Correction in Date for Spring Federation Meetings

The March 8, 1969, issue of the RECORD carried an announcement for Texas Spring Federation meetings. The information for the meetings to be held April 7, 8, and 9 is correct; however, the April 10 information is incorrect. The announcement should have read as follows:

**April 10—Northern Federation.** Irving church, 1300 North Rogers  
**April 13—Northeastern Federation.** Jefferson church 4 1/2 miles on FM 729.

## SUC

### ★ Scholarship Award

AMOUNT	\$50.00 (\$25.00 each semester)
ELIGIBILITY	Public High School or Academy Seniors
TOPIC	What I Expect from Southwestern Union College
LENGTH	1 to 1 1/2 pages, 8 1/2 x 11, typewritten and double spaced
GRADING	Primarily content, though grammar, construction, spelling, and neatness will be included
DEADLINE	April 16
JUDGES	Faculty of the college English Department
NOTE:	Paper will be published, with author's picture, in the Southwestern Union RECORD and the SUC SOUTHWESTERNER. Award will be presented during College Days.
MAIL TO:	Director, Public Relations, Box 135, Keene, Tex. 76059



## Community Service in Solgohachia

Solgohachia is a small town of only a few hundred people, northwest of Little Rock, Arkansas. One of the most unique and thrilling programs of community involvement is going on there.

I arrived there about 9:30 a.m. and found that already eight or 10 ladies from the community were there in the little welfare center they had built with their own hands, getting started on the activities for the day. Tuesday is their "Dorcas day" and they spend all day in their beloved little center in fellowship and service for others. They

cook on an old, antique wood stove they found and enjoy so much the inviting warmth of the stone fireplace built by Mrs. Terry, the *only* Adventist in the community.

The building is one large room in which they do everything. Sometimes, many things at once. Learning to use Adventist foods is a weekly feature. Every week they meet, they make at least one quilt for some newly wed couple in the community. They paint pictures, mend clothes, crochet, look for rocks, collect old glass bottles, or

just anything the ladies enjoy doing.

Along with this kind of fellowship they help with clothing and food to needy people or help clean house for the sick and elderly. They have used anything from old, unmatched shoes

Mrs. Terry is the only Adventist in town.







The ladies begin a quilt which will be finished before they go home.



The husband of one of the ladies enjoys reading his Bible by the warmth of the fireplace built entirely by Mrs. Terry.



The interesting old cook stove bakes the best bread and pastries by burning old shoes or anything the ladies can find.

to donated firewood to heat and cook.

They are most anxious for any used clothing they can find. *Everything* is made into *something useful*. Nothing is wasted. Quilts are made from rags which can be laundered. If anyone in that area can help them get more used clothing and get it to them, just take it to the building on the highway south of town where the big loaf of bread in the front yard says "OPEN."

Why not get something like this started in your community? If you live in one of our small towns and would like to know how to reach the folk with the Adventist message, why not try this approach? Mrs. Terry is giving away hundreds of books and magazines because of her close friendships created. Short, devotional talks and often Bible studies are given at their meetings. While I was there with the group we had prayer together *three* times.

If you would like your spirits lifted and experience the greatest joys of Christian living, then get involved in a program like this. These people were so happy, we just had a wonderful time together. Even though it was my first time with them and the only other Adventist, lasting friendship and concern was established. I shall return

again when possible to see the progress and to hear their enthusiastic stories of service given and friendships cherished.

H. H. Voss,  
Lay Activities Secretary.

## Lake Charles Member Featured in Local Newspaper

The following article was published recently in the Lake Charles, Louisiana newspaper. We feel that you will appreciate the article, and be thankful for Adventist laymen and the work they do.

Mrs. Sudduth is 80 years "young." She drives her own car, and with Mrs. Ray, another member, they solicited almost \$300 for the Ingathering program this year. She also worked with the singing bands at night. She is also active in civic work, helping with the cancer, heart, and muscular dystrophy drives.

According to Mrs. Thelma Withrow, public relations secretary of the Lake Charles church, "She is the sweetheart of our church and loved by all."

### NEWS IN RELIGION LAYMAN'S DIARY

"In Church Work, You Name It, She Did It" by Mrs. L. Barras, American Press staff writer, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1535 Kirkman Street, has a veritable 'Girl Friday' in one of its members, Mrs. H. H. Sudduth of 645 Clarence Street.

"There is practically nothing that she has not or will not do in the church from water mopping and dusting, if extra help is needed, to leading in the prayer meeting in the absence of the minister, Edwin A. Ricketts.

"Mrs. Sudduth has taught Sabbath

school ever since she has been here, was superintendent of the senior division and is now assistant senior teacher. 'When the younger ones come in, we let them take over,' she said explaining the assistantship.

"The Sabbath day is practically one continuous service. Mrs. Sudduth furnishes transportation for three adults to the Sabbath school and then serves as receptionist at the church when school begins at 9:30 a.m. She registers the guests and helps in the teaching.

"Church is over at 12:15, and after lunch she gives Bible studies at different homes for about one hour. Then she visits the ill or Sabbath school absentees.

"As a child, Mrs. Sudduth took piano lessons for several years and when she moved here she served as pianist for the church. Today, she substitutes when necessary.

"Secretarial work through the office of church clerk was another duty Mrs. Sudduth performed shortly after she was here. This involved keeping minutes of all business meetings, the reading of these at subsequent ones and recording all pertinent information concerning the church.

"She handled all monies and paid all bills as treasurer for 12 years. Currently she is lay activities secretary. Her duties are to order all supplies, all literature, and direct the magazine campaign.

"Sometime ago the church had a weekly television show, 'It Is Written,'

Mrs. H. H. Sudduth





and those desiring to study either the Catholic or the Protestant Bible contacted the church. Mrs. Sudduth worked with 25 of these, bringing them a Bible of their choice and two of the 24 lessons leaflets.

"Mrs. Sudduth is one of four deaconesses at the church and has been in charge of the flowers. She is also a member of the church board.

"Her Wednesday mornings from 9:30 until noon are spent in the welfare center where she has been assistant leader for several years. She helps assort the clothing given by the community and distributes these to the needy of all denominations. If the donor cannot deliver the items to the center, Mrs. Sudduth calls for them.

"She also prepares Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the needy, and another regular service is giving

transportation to three neighbors to get weekly supplies of groceries, visit the doctor or make some other necessary trip.

"Every Wednesday night she attends prayer meeting, and in the absence of the minister, leads in the services.

"Age prevents Mrs. Sudduth from working in the garden which was her hobby, but she still reads, plays the piano for her own enjoyment, and collects stamps. She also manages to find time to babysit with her four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren."

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Doesn't this thrill your heart? May God bless all our dear laymen who give so untiringly of themselves for others.

HOWARD H. VOSS,  
*Lay Activities Secretary.*

## ANNOUNCING...

### Guest Speakers for Arkansas-Louisiana Camp Meetings

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 5-7

#### GUESTS —

H. M. S. Richards, Sr. — June 5

W. A. Fagal — June 6

Willis Hackett — Evenings of June 6 and 7

Gentry, Arkansas, June 11-14

#### GUEST —

Willis Hackett — Each evening June 11-14

We anticipate a large attendance at these camp meetings. We are most fortunate to have these outstanding leaders as our guest speakers. We urge that you make definite plans now to attend every meeting in your area.

E. FRANK SHERRILL, President.



**oklahoma**

## Oklahoma Conference Receives Title to Jay Memorial Hospital

Dr. L. E. C. Joers, administrator of Jay Memorial Hospital, announces that plans for expansion of the present facilities are being drawn up at this time. When the hospital was constructed it was hoped that it would be adequate for at least 10 years, but it is bursting at the seams and more room is needed now. The board has been shown sketches which include eight rooms added to the west wing that will provide a small chapel and 12 patient beds. The east wing will have a similar extension which will serve as a clinic, a physical therapy treatment room, store rooms, and headquarters for the Pink Ladies' Auxiliary.

Office space will be enlarged, the laundry will be enlarged or rebuilt, a walk-in refrigerator added to the kitchen, and a garage and workshop constructed at the rear of the hospital. The clinic will be used by Dr. Walker and a new doctor who will be added

to the staff. Space will be available for a dentist as soon as one can be contacted.

These improvements will be made possible by converting the long-term lease which the conference has held with the community of Jay to a change of title. As long as the facility is operated as a medical hospital the conference will hold title to it.

## Ada Church Forms MV Society

Ada, Oklahoma, Seventh-day Adventists recently witnessed the establishing of the first Missionary Volunteer society in the history of the church. While Ada does not claim a large membership, it does possess a spirit of progress that is reflected in the interest shown in the youth.

The afternoon program included a singspiration in which all participated with more than average interest. The

conference MV secretary then challenged the officers and members with a two-way program—an outreach and an upreach plan to strengthen the members within the church and to share with others outside the church. An MV officers' council was then held to lay plans for future meetings.

When a church shares the vision of youth and demonstrates an interest in



Ada MV officers pictured left to right are: Debra Smith, secretary-treasurer; Louis Emde, MV Leader; Paul Thomas, assistant secretary-treasurer; and Kit C. Thomas, assistant leader. Not pictured are Sharon Hector, song leader; and Mrs. Louis Emde, pianist.





Sabbath school students of Guthrie's Seventh-day Adventist Church pose with their "Money Christmas Tree" constructed of investment funds collected by the children during the year. With the tree are front, from left: Teresa Riddle, Lowell and Nancy Jenks, and David Brownlee; standing, from left: Debbie Haffner, Bobby Dale, Phillip Riddle, Craig Brownlee, and Bennie Dale.

Mrs. Eva Myers, investment leader and church PR secretary, arranged for a staff photographer to visit Sabbath school and take the picture which appeared in the Guthrie Daily LEADER on December 20, along with a 12-inch story.

The Guthrie Sabbath school is consistent in reaching its investment goal each year.

the needs and activities of the young, that church will grow and prosper. This is the goal of the Ada church community.

L. H. OPP, MV Secretary,  
Oklahoma Conference.

## "Your Bible Says" Crusade in Ardmore Church

On February 7 the "Your Bible Says Crusade" opened in the new facilities of the Ardmore Seventh-day Adventist Church. How thrilling it was to find virtually every seat occupied with eager listeners who were anxious to understand God's plan for their lives. The meetings have been well supported by the local members of the Ardmore church, and the response of many in bringing their friends and relatives has been most gratifying.

Of special interest has been the old Bible contest. Already many have brought their old Bibles, and other Bibles with human interest stories in them to submit into the contest.

Pastor Robert Dale, ministerial secretary of the Oklahoma Conference, is leading out in the crusade; and associated with him are Pastors

Gaston W. Wallace, Dan Neergaard, and Forrest Tenbrook.

We invite your prayers that the Lord will bless the interested ones as the meetings continue on through the next several weeks. We know there are many honest in heart in the Ardmore area and praise God's providence in bringing out so many to hear His message. Again, may we thank you for your prayers and interest in this crusade, as we join hands in helping to complete the last great commission in telling the world that Jesus is soon to come.

ROBERT DALE,  
Ministerial Secretary.

## First Quarter Eastern MV Federation Meeting Is Successful

Sabbath morning, January 18, carloads, of Missionary Volunteers converged on the Tulsa Seventh-day Adventist Church from every district in Eastern Oklahoma MV Federation territory. This was the day of the quarterly federation meeting.

The Sabbath school lesson study was conducted by Elder R. E. Barrett of the Muskogee district and the 11 o'clock message was presented by Eld-

er H. E. Haas, Southwestern Union MV secretary.

After lunch everyone met together at 2 p.m. to hear Elder L. H. Opp, Oklahoma MV secretary, challenge the youth to greater heights. Then the federation president, Mrs. Avolt Just, enlightened the audience regarding the afternoon's special feature—progressive discussion groups. Discussion leaders were stationed in the Sabbath school rooms surrounding the sanctuary and the discussion groups were directed from one topic area to the next. The groups were divided by age, and the subjects chosen fit the various age interests. A short vesper program was given by Elder T. E. Dennis of Bartlesville.

The evening's program was opened by Elder Haas as he once again proved the old point that "the hand is quicker than the eye!" The Tulsa Youth Choir, under the direction of Pastor Dan Simpson, then presented its "Good News" musical program, the gospel with a modern sound, songs, and testimonies of personal experience from the choir members. The group received many invitations to present the program in other districts as far away as Ardmore and Stillwater. The film, "I Hear a New Song," was shown—the story of a church youth choir and its search for the truth about rock-and-roll music. It has the answers our own youth are seeking and has already done a great work among our youth.

The call for rededication was given by a group of young "demonstrators" carrying large signs which they were quickly asked to explain. This they did calling for higher goals, no more rock-and-roll, and going all the way with Christ in total commitment. The youth in the audience were then asked to indicate their response, which they did—overwhelmingly. Dozens of young



Jim Rogers of Muskogee makes a sincere mission appeal during MV federation Sabbath school.





Pastor Dan Simpson directs Tulsa Youth Choir for worship service music.

people found their way to the front surrounding those who had made the call. It was a wonderful sight—dedicated youth calling for the rededication of other youth. The consecration prayer was given by Elder Opp.

Another wonderful MV federation day had come to a close, but it had not been a day spent in vain. The attendance was larger than the first meeting which means that the news has spread. We hope that everyone in the federation area has received the message by now. These meetings are a great help for our youth as well as for everyone else who attends. Won't more of you plan to be present at our next federation meeting April 5 at Sapulpa? You won't be disappointed!

DAN SIMPSON,  
Publicity Secretary.

## Ardmore Heartily Endorses Pathfinder Club Activities

The Ardmore Pathfinders have been more than active in club activities. They have been in a training program to become leaders. Their ability as

church workers was very evident on January 25 when the youth were in charge of the Sabbath school and worship services. They did an excellent job in assuming the role as Sabbath school officers and church leaders for one day. With such a program, youth will mature as experienced and talented workers for the cause of God.

The club has only recently been organized with Branson Baker as club director. There has been such a spirit of enthusiasm generated in "doing interesting things" that during the Halloween "Treat-instead-of-a-Trick drive the club had an overwhelming response. The 18 members visited homes in the area and gathered 1,000 cans of food, 400 articles of clothing and \$9.80 in cash. The Pathfinders then made up and distributed food baskets to 25 needy families. Each member spent an average of six hours to accomplish this excellent program.

Every church can enjoy the same thrill and blessing if study will be given to the needs of the young and a plan followed for the training and guidance of the youth. Does your church have a Pathfinder Club? Do



Youth from Jay sing, "Glory to the King of Kings." Left to right, Nancy Means, Rebecca Harris, Jeana Means, David Means, and Joe Shull.



Ardmore Pathfinder officers, left to right: Dan Neergaard, club sponsor; Bill Burton, boys' director; Herschel Mercer, deputy director; Branson Baker, director, compare notes on the progress of the club.

the members of your church support such activities? Do your church parents encourage the founding and promotion of such vital youth activities? Why not place a new emphasis on and a renewed interest in the youth of Pathfinder age in your church?

Ask the Ardmore church if they recommend Pathfinder activities and you will hear a hearty, "Yes, we do."

When we serve our youth we save the church.

L. H. OPP, MV Secretary,  
Oklahoma Conference.

## Oklahoma Weddings

ROBINSON-WALLEN

An appropriate wedding ceremony was held for Emmie Dee Wallen of Keene, Texas, and Leonard Robinson of Ketchum, Oklahoma, in the pastor's home on Friday, January 24, 1969.

Witnesses to the ceremony were two sisters and a brother-in-law of the groom. Following the service, wedding cake was served.

After a wedding trip, to be taken in the near future, the couple will make their home in Keene, Texas. May the Lord add His blessings in every way to this fine Christian couple.

EARL M. CLEEK.



Deputy director, Herschel Mercer, directs the Pathfinders in a special song for the worship service hour.





## Monroe Members Enjoy New Church Sanctuary

It was the summer of 1951 that an evangelistic meeting was conducted in Monroe, Louisiana, by Elders C. E. Bradford and S. D. Meyers; and as a result of their labor a company of believers was organized in a former dark county. After years of struggle and sacrifice a lot was purchased, and the small group looked forward to the day when a church would be erected.

Sabbath, November 30, 1968, marked the fulfillment of a dream come true, for the doors of a new church were opened. The exterior of the building is brick veneer, and the interior walls are neatly panelled. The main auditorium will seat approximately 150 persons. The building is equipped with

a pastor's study, choir room, a lovely baptistry, a choir loft, and plenty of room in the rear of the church for expansion. We estimate the value of this property at \$20,000.

We commend Pastor James Wray and the membership of Monroe, which stands less than 15, for this noble achievement. This wonderful edifice truly stands as a memorial for God, and will certainly witness for the third angel's message in a grand manner. The office personnel, the churches in the district, and visitors from the city were present to worship with the Monroe believers on opening day.

May the Lord of heaven continue to bless the church in Monroe, and this



New church building, Monroe, Louisiana.

building serve as the gateway to the kingdom for many of the people in this northern Louisiana city.

V. L. ROBERTS, *President, Southwest Region Conference.*



## Texas Laymen's Advisory Council Approves Long-Range Educational Plans

Nineteen members of the recently formed Laymen's Advisory Council met at the Southwestern Union College science hall on Sunday, February 23, to study with Texas Conference leaders the best ways to implement our soul-winning efforts in 1969—"The Year of Evangelism." Looking to the future, a long-range educational program was approved and recommended to the conference committee for final adoption.

Elder Cyril Miller, newly-elected secretary for the Southwestern Union,

presented a devotional message which pictured the three great challenges for the church today—evangelism, stewardship, and education.

"The first work of the church is evangelism," Elder Miller stated. "For the spiritual growth of ever member of the church, the principles of stewardship must be understood and practiced," he continued.

Pointing out that the education of our young people in Christian schools was of vital importance, Elder Miller reasoned that "the Lord does not give



Elder G. C. Dart led out in the Laymen's Advisory Council discussion, as Elder W. B. Robinson presented the conference financial progress report.



us a task without the means for carrying it through."

Reports presented to the LAC group included the 1968 conference financial statement; the plan to "winterize" our Lone Star Camp so that it could be used for meetings the year around; and an evangelism report which pointed up new soul-winning endeavors and the calling of a full-time Spanish evangelist.

High lighting the day's activities was the discussion of the 10-year secondary education program for the conference. Without a dissenting vote this was approved and recommended to the conference committee for final adoption. This plan is outlined in the March "Texas Expansion" bulletin.

Four LAC subcommittees were set up: administration, finance, evangelism, and education. Recommendations from these committees will be passed to the conference committee at regular intervals.

In closing, Elder Dart who chaired the day's meeting, expressed appreciation to all who had sacrificed their time and manifested such a deep interest in the various programs of the conference. "Truly, we can expect great things from God, as we come together in meetings like this to pray and study better ways to finish His work," Elder Dart stated.

DON R. CHRISTMAN, *Secretary,  
Evangelism Department.*

## Taking Stock

"Taking stock" is an expression we hear among business merchants very frequently. If ever there was a time when every individual should "take stock" of his spiritual, material, and social affairs it is today. Consternation fills our minds as we see things happening that were beyond our imagination only a few short years ago. Civilization is tottering on the brink of anarchy. Our leaders are faced with crises, riots, vice, assassinations, defiance of law, hatred between nations, disaster, famine, tragedy, and revolution. Every day brings some new crisis. When we see these things we should look up.

In "taking stock" we should first be sure we are ready for His return, for it is imminent. Among other things, we should be sure that our material house is in order. As the Association programs have been given in our churches, the response has been most gratifying. During 1968 alone



Elder Cyril Miller, Southwestern Union secretary and devotional speaker for the LAC meeting, speaks during discussion period.



Brother D. E. Barber from Mineral Wells, left, and Emmet W. Padon from the Houston Central church register with secretary Tessa Sorensen for the Laymen's Advisory Council meeting February 23.

over 160 trusts, wills, and other documents were written. These are a blessing, not only to our members as co-partners with God, but also to the Texas Conference program. This was nearly twice the number of documents as that of any previous year.

By handling your estate through the Association we can save you the heavy legal expenses of probate and at the same time bring untold blessings to the finishing of the work today.

R. E. GIBSON, *Secretary,  
Texas Conference Association  
of Seventh-day Adventists.*

## Beeville Hospital Is Host to Five-Day Plan

Twenty persons attended a recent Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking at the Memorial Hospital in Beeville. Group therapy sessions were conducted

by Chaplain Wayne Easley and Dr. Tom Reagan, beginning Sunday, February 9. Dr. Reagan had previously assisted with a Five-Day program in September of 1968.

This group of smokers had a combined total of 324 years of smoking and were smoking 515 cigarettes per day at the start of the class. Many had tried unsuccessfully to break the tobacco habit. With the all-out attack promoted by the plan, 10 of the 20 were able to stop smoking by the end of the fifth night.

All participants had high praise for the plan and hoped that it would be repeated. One lady commented, "I wish more people could be involved in this course; it has been a tremendous help to me." A Texas Highway Patrolman, who quit smoking, suggested that being in a class with other people trying to lick the same problem was the help he needed.

Among the participants were housewives, businessmen, civil service and naval personnel. Despite their differences of background, they were determined from the start to divorce "lady nicotine." As early as the second night, heart-warming testimonies of progress were given. One lady ventured she had never felt better in her whole life.

Realizing the powerful affects of nicotine on the human body, Memorial Hospital is continuing a weekly group session. Each Monday evening those who have been through the program come for a follow-up program of films, lectures, and testimonies. It is felt that this will be an invaluable help to those who have stopped smoking.

WAYNE EASLEY, *Chaplain,  
Beeville Memorial Hospital.*



Elder Wayne Easley demonstrates "Smoking Sam."



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## **Fifteen Decisions Made in San Antonio Spanish Meetings**

"Notable Spanish-American Traditions" was the title of the series conducted by Elder Daniel Chavez and Elder Ben Colon in the San Antonio Spanish church.

By using the Bible and the book, *Don Quijote de la Mancha*, Elder Chavez presented the Sabbath, the state of the dead, and other doctrines of the church.

History records Sabbath-keepers in Mexico and among many Latin-American leaders during the Inquisition. The Bible is quoted frequently throughout the book referred to above, which proves that the author was a student of God's Word.

It was all new to the 90 visitors who attended throughout the two-week series, February 8-22. Twenty-five visitors attended regularly and 15 of these made their decisions to join the church. A baptism is planned soon.

Elder Chavez came to San Antonio under the conference pulpit exchange plan in this "Year of Evangelism." Surely, this plan of evangelism will mean many souls won for Christ during 1969. **BEN COLON, Pastor,**  
*San Antonio Spanish Church.*

## **Sabbath School Offerings Should Grow Along with Tithe**

From the treasurer's report for 1968, our tithe for Texas amounted to \$1,641,796.64. This is an increase of 13% over 1967. Surely God has fulfilled His promise to us and opened the windows of heaven and poured out His blessing upon us.

**BUT . . .**

From the same report we notice that our Sabbath school offerings amounted to nearly \$200,000, an increase of only 8%. It is not because the windows of heaven are shut, and I am sure it is not because we love the Lord any less. It can only be because we continue to give our Sabbath school offerings in the same denomination of bills or coins to which we've become accustomed week by week.

**WHY NOT**

sit down and figure 3% of your income; then give to the Sabbath school a percent of the blessings which God so abundantly pours upon you? If we would do this consistently, we



could change the picture materially so that when the tithe increased 13%, our Sabbath school offerings would also increase proportionately.

I will. Will you? W. G. LARSON,  
Sabbath School Secretary.

## Valley View Missionary Books Draw Response

The Valley View church made 1968 their biggest year for missionary book distribution. Over \$1,850 was spent in buying *Your Bible and You* and putting them in motel rooms.

Mr. H. L. Schmidt headed up this lay activities endeavor with much enthusiasm which resulted in outstanding success. In each book which Mr.



Mr. H. L. Schmidt

Schmidt placed in a motel room, he left a card which told the reader that he may purchase the book for \$2 if he wanted to take the book.

The response was heartwarming as Mr. Schmidt received hundreds of letters from all over the United States. The picture shows him holding over 1,000 letters thanking him for the

book. Typical is the note which he received from a professor of religion from St. Louis Baptist College in Missouri, "Thank you for your interest in letting the Bible speak its own message in a living way." Another letter reads, "I would like several copies for my family..." A lady from Dallas writes, "... I think it's what I've been looking for."

The Valley View church has voted that Mr. Schmidt continue this work for 1969.

NEVILLE HARCOTTE, *Pastor.*

## VGA Laundry "Steams" Ahead

Things are continuing to look up in the Valley as our new commercial laundry ends its third month of operation. Mr. John Lane, manager of the laundry, says that he now employs 14 students and will shortly have to add another shift of workers to handle all the laundry accounts that we continue to pick up.

We are presently servicing rest homes, motels, and medical clinics from Brownsville to McAllen and we are constantly receiving compliments on the quality of the work produced. It appears that we may have to add another truck in order to keep up with the pick-up and delivery schedules as new accounts are obtained.

This industry, along with Valley Grande Manor, provides a wholesome atmosphere for our students to work and learn the value of labor as well as the responsibility of sharing in their own educational expense.

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



## The Tree of Life

Standing under the tree of his own planting in 1909, is John Brooks of Fort Worth, Texas, who was baptized on Sabbath, January 18, 1969.

Before the baptism, John, now 76 years of age, produced this picture from his pocket and told how he thought this tree was to him like the tree of life. For 60 years the tree has grown in size and meaning. Standing across from the house where he still lives, he has watched and watched and watched it grow since he first planted it as a seedling when he was only eight years of age.

Brother John has been visited by many pastors, evangelists, and church members but each time he said: "I believe the truth"! And yet he always put off the act of baptism. In his maturing years, facing the loss of his wife, caring for an invalid daughter, the love of his family, and his own "death and sickness" experience, caused him to finally realize the earthly "tree of life" he planted would someday perish as he would if he did not make a positive, conscious decision to accept Jesus Christ as his personal God. This he did!

(Left) Several of the VGA students work during the afternoon shift. This eight-roller ironer is one of the largest in the valley. (Right) Mr. John Lane, manager of the VGA Commercial Laundry, and the fine truck.





# Texas Evangelism

## PULPIT EXCHANGE NEWS FLASHES

- ▶ Elders Daniel Chavez and Ben Colon held a two-week meeting in the San Antonio Spanish church with 90 non-members attending at different times, and 25 attended regularly.
- ▶ Elder David Allen and Brother Michael Clute conducted a thrilling meeting in Victoria where a new church is now being used. By the first Monday night of their meeting the attendance had increased to 78. This is truly a new day for Victoria!

- ▶ Elders George Wilson and H. B. Petry preached to as many as 100 in the Santa Anna church during their two-week series. Three new decisions for baptism were made early in the meetings.
- ▶ Elders Charles Lickey and Michael Stevenson saw 10 new decisions for baptism during the first part of their meetings in the San Antonio Laurel Heights church.
- ▶ Elder W. G. Larson and Brother Kenneth Oliver filled the Mount Pleasant church on

several occasions during their two-week meeting. Personal visitation in the homes brought many interested people for the first time to our church.

- ▶ Elders Wes Spiva and Floyd Eccles were burdened for the many former members living in the Jefferson district. Several are planning for baptism at the time of this writing.
- ▶ Elders Wayne Easley and Arthur Hempel joined in a one-week meeting in the San Antonio Highland Hills church February 15-22. "This was a tremendous blessing to the church," Elder Hempel reported.
- ▶ Elder Elias Gomez conducted a two-week meeting using the "air cloud" tent in the city of Ferris. The attendance averaged 75 with as many as 25 non-members attending during the series.



## Las Cruces "Inspiration through Conversation" — Telephone Evangelism

"Inspiration through conversation" is the theme thought connected with the telephone evangelism program in Las Cruces.



Carol Chanslor

This program had its beginning last September and over 2,000 have called to date to listen to a message of inspiration. At the conclusion of the message the listener is invited to enroll in the gift Bible program. Thus far, 58 individuals are studying and being visited regularly each week.

Las Cruces is one of the first among small populated cities to use telephone evangelism and its results have been far beyond the expectations of the members and pastor alike.

The church members visit these calling in from their own neighborhoods and on the first Sabbath of each month the 11 o'clock hour is devoted entirely to the testimonies and reports of these members doing the visiting.

This program has been most con-

tagious to the city and church alike, and it has wonderful potential in producing souls for the kingdom of God.

CAROL B. CHANSLOR, *Pastor.*

## Pastor's Wife's Cooking Ability Makes News in Lubbock

Mrs. Don Martin, wife of the Adventist minister in Lubbock, has recently been featured in the Lubbock *Avalanche* because of her excellent cooking ability. She is presently teaching a special cooking class at the church and several of her special recipes have been published in the Lubbock newspaper. Her husband is the new pastor of the



Mrs. Don Martin

Lubbock church. They moved to Lubbock from Pensacola, Florida, where he pastored that church.

Elder Martin recently led the Lubbock church to one of its quickest and greatest Ingathering victories.

The Martins have four children between the ages of eight and 25. David, 25, is serving with the armed forces in Vietnam; Gerald teaches in the elementary school in Lubbock and attends Texas Tech University. Marsha attends SVA and Nancy, eight, is in the Lubbock church school.

JOSEPH ESPINOSA.



The faithfulness and the love for the work of the Lord was demonstrated during this ingathering period by Brother and Sister L. S. Gifford of the Lubbock church. In spite of being handicapped by a fractured pelvis, Brother Gifford, accompanied by his wife, Ruby, went out to solicit funds, and returned one day with \$150. Their largest donation was \$50.

After Brother Gifford graduated to a walking cane he and his wife took three other ladies on two other nights for house-to-house solicitation. The result of the two nights' work was a sum of \$96.

We appreciate their faithfulness, and the fact that these dear folk did their part even though they faced some difficulties.





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union college**

## Aid to Education — Governmental and Otherwise

Recently a great deal of discussion, serious debate, and consecrated concern has been expended on the question of governmental aid to Seventh-day Adventist education. It has been disquieting to many good Seventh-day Adventists to know that the question was even being discussed. Therefore, it was with relief that many church members learned that the Church in the United States will not be accepting governmental grants for the operation or building of its colleges. This feeling of relief, however, does not solve the problem which caused this issue to be re-examined so carefully, namely, the fact that the rising demands made upon SDA colleges for services has been greater than the increase of their income.



E. C. Wines

In order to face this problem squarely, the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Union College in its recent meeting devoted considerable time and serious and prolonged discussion to the topic of the extent and sources of financial support that are now available or will become available to the College.

For many years, in common with other SDA and other church-related colleges, Southwestern Union College has derived most of its income for operating expenses from two main sources: (1) tuition and fees, and (2) direct appropriations from the Church through its supporting Union Conference. Income from both of these sources has increased appreciably in recent years, though not as fast as the economy has grown and costs have increased. Therefore, special study was given then, and continues to be given, to the operating needs of this

SDA college. When one possible avenue of obtaining income—from governmental grants—is closed by carefully-considered church action, other avenues must be explored. This topic was discussed on the Board as well as assigned to a special committee for further study.

Many church-related and independent colleges have through the years had income from a source which we do not now have—endowment income. This income is generated through the investment of funds that are in the endowment funds that has been developed over a period of time. These funds are accumulated through income from trusts, wills, and annuities; through memorial gifts to honor particular individuals, and through direct gifts of money or property in differing amounts.

During its entire history, SUC has had no endowment funds. Gifts which have been made have usually been designated for some particular project, and the evidence of the good these gifts have done is seen in the buildings on the campus. However, the Board of Trustees indicated a sincere desire to develop an endowment fund to broaden the base for the operating support of the college. Plans are now being discussed for building the endowment fund. The approaches used by other colleges are under discussion for our use as well. One of the lay members of the Board made his personal contribution to this fund to initiate action on its development.

Giving to the endowment fund provides opportunity for all sizes of gifts to be made.

It will be a source of real encouragement to the College and of real benefit to its operation when this fund grows to the size that can produce a substantial operating income to supplement other sources.

E. C. WINES, President.



Dr. and Mrs. Robert Devlin and family.

## Dr. Devlin Joins SUC Biology Department

Robert F. Devlin, assistant professor of biology, recently arrived on campus to become immediately involved in second semester teaching duties. Dr. Devlin received his Ph.D. in medical microbiology, with a minor in biochemistry, from the University of Oklahoma. Work for his dissertation, "An Immunological and Chemical Characterization of *Cryptococcus neoformans*," was done on a national scholarship given by the Mycological Society of America, and based on scholastic merit and research potential. One such scholarship is given each year, with the applicant chosen from among all schools in the U.S. Devlin is a member of the Sigma Xi, an honorary scholastic science fraternity, and is a registered medical technologist. He attended Madison College, and graduated from Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Devlin, the former Doris Leatherman, graduated from academy and junior college at SUC. The Devlins have three children: Greg, eight; James, four; and Teri, nine months.

## Attention All SUC Alumni

The executive committee of the Alumni Association of Southwestern Union College has met twice within a week under the chairmanship of Don Anderson, president. The main purpose of the officers was to establish the organization of the association, with discussion centered in the establishment of local chapters throughout the United States, and in drawing up major objectives.

The group also spent a portion of their time in planning the details of the coming Alumni Weekend, which will begin Friday night, April 25,

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# What's your price?



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tivities around the world, put in a strong word about temperance and Christian education.

"That figures," he said to nobody. "THAT . . . figures!"

Things continued happening. The journal invited his questions. It told him of a group of Christian workers willing to pray for him any time he asked. Warm human stories changed his attitudes so gently that he hardly felt it.

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—*Texas*.

"There is no nonsense in your magazine. You really help people know the Bible."  
—*Oklahoma*.

"Today in the library I picked up a copy of *These Times*. As I read each article, the Lord spoke peace and blessing to my soul."  
—*New Jersey*.

"I use it a lot in my health work as a school nurse."  
—*Ohio*.

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Everett E. Duncan  
Ministerial Association Secretary  
Kentucky-Tennessee Conference

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## Alumni Special Reservation

### Please Check

- ☐ I look forward to being present and renewing friendships with former classmates and teachers of SUC on Alumni Weekend, April 25 and 26.
- ☐ I also will be present for the Alumni Special in the cafeteria on Saturday night, for the lunch and program. The charge is \$1.00 a person.

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## Alumni Association

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and conclude with an alumni special in the college cafeteria on Saturday night, April 26. The classes to be honored are those of 1959, 1944, and 1919. Guest speakers have been invited and word has been received from Dr. Frank Knittel, academic dean of Southern Missionary College, that he will accept the speaking appointment for the 11:00 o'clock church service.

The association president is desirous of receiving the name of each former student and faculty member, with wife or husband, who plans to attend. Please fill in the blank and return to the Executive Secretary, Southwestern Union College Alumni Association, Box 135, Keene, Texas, 76059.

## Collegians Band Tour Schedule Announced

The Southwestern Union College Band, the Collegians, is making final preparation for their annual spring tour. The Collegians will present a secular program on weekday nights and a sacred concert for the Sabbath appointments. The band consists of 31 members and is under the direction of Dr. Jackie Lee McClarty. The professional quality of this band has received wide acceptance.

Below is the schedule of concerts.

El Paso

Thursday, March 27 8:00 p.m.

Lubbock

Friday, March 28 7:30 p.m.

Amarillo

Sabbath, March 29 11:00 a.m.

Albuquerque

Saturday, March 29 8:00 p.m.

Sandia View

Sunday, March 30 8:00 p.m.

## April 27, 28 Set for Annual College Days Program

One of the important high lights of the year at Southwestern Union College is the annual College Days program, when all public high school and academy seniors are invited to be guests of the college. The dates are Sunday, April 27, and Monday, April 28.

Guests will arrive on campus Sunday afternoon, where they will be met, registered, and assigned rooms. Activities will continue through Monday and students will leave the college Tuesday morning. Meals and accommodations are furnished by the college at no expense.

It is urged that high school students make plans early so they can be excused from classes for these important days. For information regarding transportation, see your local

pastor. Should you desire to contact the college for more detailed information, write the Director of Public Relations, Southwestern Union College, Keene, Texas, 76059.



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May 3 and 10	Apr. 10
May 17 and 24	Apr. 24
May 31, June 7 and 14	May 15
June 21 and 28	May 29



## SUNSET SCHEDULE

	Mar 21	Mar. 28	Apr. 4	Apr. 11
Abilene, Texas	6:51	6:56	7:01	7:05
Amarillo, Texas	6:59	7:05	7:11	7:16
Brownsville, Texas	6:44	6:47	6:50	6:53
Dallas, Texas	6:39	6:44	6:49	6:54
El Paso, Texas	6:18	6:23	6:28	6:32
Fort Worth, Texas	6:41	6:46	6:51	6:56
Galveston, Texas	6:31	6:34	6:39	6:43
Gentry, Arkansas	6:31	6:36	6:42	6:48
Keene, Texas	6:41	6:46	6:51	6:56
Little Rock, Arkansas	6:21	6:27	6:33	6:38
Muskogee, Oklahoma	6:32	6:39	6:45	6:48
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:12	6:16	6:20	6:25
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	6:42	6:48	6:54	6:59
San Antonio, Texas	6:46	6:49	6:55	6:59
Santa Fe, New Mexico	6:16	6:22	6:28	6:34
Shreveport, Louisiana	6:27	6:32	6:37	6:42
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# on the record

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

## "Into the Very Lap of Fortune"

Wise old Ben Franklin once said these words so true—"To be thrown on one's own resources is to be cast into the very lap of fortune."

Men die on the battlefields in order to achieve freedom and independence. Freedom is a priceless heritage—not to be bartered, not to be sold, not to be lost by careless indifference. The greatest blessing of America is the great freedom it affords to the individual and to the institutions of this fair land—our churches, our schools, and our publishing houses. The fresh air of freedom must not become polluted. Thomas Jefferson's famous exhortation—"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" has always been good counsel.

But today these words need to be shouted from the roof tops of our churches, our schools, our publishing houses, and our own private homes.

In the United States today the advocates of Federal aid are working overtime. This should cause us to be more diligent than ever before. Some feel it would be worth **TAKING A CALCULATED RISK** that we might **lose a little freedom in order to have a little more in the way of bricks and mortar**. They reason if we could just yoke up with the government and share our responsibility in maintaining our schools, we will have much more than ever before. Experience has shown that government aid means almost certain government control. When government hands out money—they reserve the right—and **they have the right** to say how it will be used.

States that are heavily dependent on the Federal government for aid may have more money, more schools, and more help. But every time they take Federal aid, and the more that take it, to that extent they lose their autonomy, which is another way of saying their freedom to act according to their own plans and desires. Many thinking people are alarmed at how far we have moved down the dreary road that leads to full Federal control and possible dictatorship.

God's remnant church in these last days must prize freedom as never before. We as a church have down through the years been known as great patriots and freedom fighters. Other churches and men of the world have hailed us as leaders in the cause of Religious Liberty. We have advocated the complete separation of church and state as guaranteed in the first amendment to the constitution. Our **LIBERTY** magazine is perhaps the outstanding exponent of religious freedom in the world today. Of this we can be rightfully proud.

Have we been right in our position down through the years? Were our leaders of bygone days, now sleeping in their dusty graves wrong? Is it worth the fight to be out there on our own resources and remain free? Should we "sell" a little freedom now—in order to have some things we feel we might not be able to afford going it alone?

To me the answer is crystal clear. Ben Franklin was right—"To be thrown on one's own resources is to be cast into the very lap of fortune." And what is that good fortune? Priceless freedom—God-given liberty. **THAT IS ALL!** And may I ask—just what in the world is more important than that?

Yours for Liberty and Freedom forever,

B. E. LEACH.

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"When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held up by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result." *Great Controversy*—p. 445.

**GOD HONORS FAITH**



# These Times

*an  
experienced  
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winner*

by S. L. DOMBROSKY

For a number of years my wife and I have followed the custom of sending a subscription to THESE TIMES to all of our neighbors as soon as we move into a new area. When we visit them we let them know that the monthly magazine has been sent by us since we want them to know what we, as Seventh-day Adventists, believe. In this manner we can share our faith without any of them setting up a barrier of defense simply because we are Seventh-day Adventists.

A few years ago when we were transferred to Tampa, Florida, we sent THESE TIMES to our neighbors. One family, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Richards, were very active lay workers in the Methodist church. She was the organist and Mr. Richards was the treasurer. They had known Adventists before, but did not have any knowledge of their beliefs. They began to read THESE TIMES, and I began to visit them and cultivate their friendship.

At that time we needed an organist for our church, and after a bit of protest (because of her makeup and jewelry) from our church board, I invited Mrs. Richards to play for us on Sabbath mornings. I also asked her if she would remove her makeup and jewelry while playing since it would be a better example for our young people. Without any hesitation she agreed—and never put them on again.

Just before Christmas they told me that they were convinced of the message they had been reading in THESE TIMES and wanted to join our church. One of Mrs. Richards' organ students was a Seventh-day Adventist girl, and she enrolled her in our Bible course.

I suggested that the best gift they could give to their Lord would be their hearts and lives. They had always been fine Christian people, but now they needed to walk in additional light which the Lord had brought to them through the study of His Word. They were so happy to unite with the church! Mrs. Richards soon became the head organist and Mr. Richards is the treasurer of our church school and is a deacon. They immediately began to share their faith and continue to be faithful.