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Greetings from Arkansas-Louisiana



(Left) Along the immediate Gulf Coast, destruction had reached staggering proportions. Here is what is left of a once busy city street of a Mississippi coastal town.

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA ON THE GROW

Hurricane Camille . . . We Were There

by HOWARD H. VOSS,
Director, Disaster Services,
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

She was not a big hurricane. Only a bobcat in size compared to Hurricane Betsy, 1965, but she was a vicious, spitting feline who tried to kill everything within her reach. Her fury passed just east of the city of New Orleans after having blasted the area around the mouth of the Mississippi. Weather experts have now calculated that had Camille moved just one degree further west before making its turn to the north it would have passed directly over New Orleans. Had it done so, they believe New Orleans would have been almost completely destroyed by 20 feet of water covering the city, resulting in probably at least 500,000 people killed. Such was the power of this most destructive storm ever to strike the United States!

How thankful we were to have been prepared to move in quickly with our new disaster van and give such needed help immediately. Our van left Shreveport shortly after the eye of the storm passed over Pass Christian, Mississippi. By noon on Monday, August 18, our unit was in New Orleans awaiting orders as to where we were needed most. We were placed in the first convoy of rescue crews and relief supplies that went in to the Mississippi coast. We arrived in front of the court house at Bay St. Louis, Missi-

ssippi, at 9:45 p.m. Monday. By 10:00 p.m. our van was supplying electricity to light the entire court house and with flood lights lighted the entire block in front. It would be difficult to describe the thrill we experienced as we saw the profound gratitude and utter amazement of the people who had survived the storm and were watching our arrival.

By morning we were preparing hot breakfast for the residents and officials and for the next few days fed approximately 5,000 to 6,000 meals each day. To have the people of the community so eager to express their thanks for a service they never dreamed possible so immediately was gratifying indeed. Even though the area we were told, was probably 95% Catholic, the people would literally line up and wait their opportunity to express their thankfulness for what we were doing for them.

With the facilities we had aboard our van, we not only supplied electrical power to the entire court house building, but also for some time supplied water pressure from our water tanks; hot meals three times a day for all who came; refrigeration for much perishable food; tons of clothing and bedding; electrical power for at least six radio transmitting sets. We in-

(Right) The Arkansas-Louisiana disaster relief van supplied three meals a day to storm victims along the coast as well as bringing needed clothes, bedding, and staple food items.

(Below) Our van provided electricity for this court house here in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.



interviewed and distributed approximately four tons of food to victim families, in addition to the hot meals we served. The United States Department of Agriculture supplied us with surplus commodity foods in amounts sufficient for 44,000 meals. We purchased stocks of canned goods from local super markets which were wiped out except for these non-perishable items. Our van literally became the center of just about every type of disaster service being rendered. Even the few medical supplies available were kept in our refrigerator. People came to the van for baths and for toilet facilities on board.

Words of special thanks and praise for service given should go to the Bill Gifford family who contributed so largely to this effort; to Elder George Sharpe, pastor of the New Orleans First Church; and to the men and women of the New Orleans First and Franklin Avenue churches who came in to help in this exhausting but rewarding task.

An interesting fact to note is that as the brethren from the Southwestern Union flew over the area trying to locate where we had gone to serve, they could not find us even from the air until they spotted our lights coming on toward dusk. Thinking that possibly

it was our van lighting the only area for many miles they passed over low enough to spot and identify us. We did not see them, but we were very happy to see two car loads of men come in from New Orleans about 11:00 p.m. that night after they had landed and returned to the scene by car.

Only heaven can reveal the full extent of the good accomplished and the thousands who might be lead to the kingdom as the result of this Christian service. Because of the significant contribution we made so early in the disaster, when most others were still confused and shocked, NBC news picked our van and its activities as part of their news coverage for the Tuesday evening news cast on the Huntly-Brinkley Report. What we feel is significant is that we who were there working had not the slightest idea we were being photographed and appearing on national television.

Another thrilling phase of this story is the coverage and interest in our activities produced in the Shreveport area where the van is based. Newspaper stories everyday reporting our activities, as well as a food and clothing drive operated in the Uptown Shopping Center, resulted in hundreds

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(Above) Elder J. L. Dittberner shares an experience with a group of ministers before he departs. Left to right: Elders A. C. Carlson, H. F. Beeson, E. F. Sherrill, J. L. Dittberner, T. O. Hoover, and Floyd Eccles. (Above right) Elder E. F. Sherrill and B. E. Leach chat together about an important item before one of the meetings. Elder Leach's presence was greatly enjoyed. (Right) Two of the several fine interns bring special music for the afternoon meeting on Wednesday. Pastor Ray Daniel, located in the Gentry district; and Pastor James Herman, soon to be located in Shreveport.



Ministerial Staff Is "Recharged" At Yorktown Bay Retreat

One of the great joys that come to the Adventist ministry is the blessing of fellowship with other ministers, so when a worker's retreat is planned every minister looks forward to the spiritual refreshing and fellowship to be gained by being together. It is a time when the minister is given special instruction for his work, as well as time to relax and exercise his body physically.

The workers in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference have a special fraternity which they enjoy. This year their bonds of love were strengthened by the fine leadership given by our union president and other officers in the inspiration and counsel they gave. Also, a very special kind of blessing came from the ministry of Elder J. L. Dittberner, president of the Northern

Union, because of his exceptionally practical and inspiring messages. Elder Dittberner's personality made a lot of friends for himself and his lovely wife, Dorothy. Every worker will be a finer person and better minister for having sat at his feet.

Plans were presented to the workers from every department which are certain to have a great impact on the future success of the work in Arkansas-Louisiana. Every report was one of encouragement and progress. Baptisms, as a result of all departments uniting their efforts were reported to be nearing a record for the conference. With the 35 additional evangelistic meetings now scheduled for the end of the year, we feel certain this will be our best year ever in baptisms.

It was encouraging to receive the

report that there have been more than 13,000 Bible studies given by our laymen since the first of the year. Our objective set at the time of our Laymen's Congress in May was to have 10,000 by the end of the year. Thus, we have far exceeded our expectations! We are certain that increased baptisms will be the result.

We are thankful for our leaders, Elder E. F. Sherrill and Elder P. I. Nosworthy in this conference. They make such occasions as our workers' retreat pleasant. We play hard, eat good, sleep a little, and grow to love God's work more because of our fellowship with one another.

As fellow workers we are trying to carry the gospel to our territory so we might fellowship with all God's children soon in peace.

A Surging Force in Arkansas-Louisiana

by C. L. DILTS, Secretary, Publishing Department, Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

How time hastens beyond our reach! "Time and tide wait for no man." How true this is. The years and months which have passed are gone forever. Wisdom, wealth, luck, position, health—none of these things have stayed the passing of time for you and me. Every new day opens with its challenge to do more and to do better. One hundred and twenty-five years have passed since that eventful year 1844 when the great investigative judgment began. As Seventh-day Adventists, we realize that we are living in the very shadow of probation's closed door. Our hearts are solemnized by the fact that we have 125 years less to complete our assigned work for God.

God has given to every man his work. He has not left the spiritual interests of the church wholly in the hands of the minister. Being members of the same body, we must act a part for the benefit of all others. We will serve in harmony with the life of Him, Who said, "I am the Light of the world." As man reaches for the moon and space beyond, God's men and women will be actively seeking the reaches of inner man to secure that soul for the Master.

Our literature evangelists have done a good work. It has not been easy. As the final acts of history pass quickly before us, our faithful men and women of the printed page turn to their fellow church members with an urgent appeal to consider the need for more canvassers. From our churches are to come the men and women in whom God has placed the talents needed for this specialized soul-winning work—God's men doing God's

work under God's guidance. It is His will that the knowledge which we receive of the truth should be communicated to others, that we may lead them to "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." Books and magazines have demonstrated their ability in reaching and influencing the lives of men and women the world around. The greatest investment you can make is the investment of your time and talents in full-time service to God and man. Many who read these lines have heard the call of the Master to follow Him in full-time service. We would urge you to delay no longer. If He is calling you to the literature ministry, contact your publishing leader by phone or letter now, and know the satisfaction that comes from full-time soul winning.

HURRICANE CAMILLE

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of calls and tons of food and new clothing and put Seventh-day Adventists in the forefront again. Upon our return from the hurricane area, complete coverage of our work was given, both in the hurricane and here in Shreveport by television interviews on channel 3.

Our appeal is that more of our members, both men and women, would prepare to serve their community should disaster strike. We know disasters will increase as we come nearer the end, and we must be prepared. This affords us the best possible way of getting the kind attention of the public and eventually guide thousands to a knowledge of the truths of the Bible.



The Publishing Department leadership under Elder C. L. Dilts has produced the highest sales record in our conference history, as well as in the Southwestern Union. Here, Elder Dilts poses with his very able assistants. Left to right: Jim Hagerman, C. L. Dilts, Denton James, and Charles Allen.

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA ON THE GROW

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

GENERAL INTEREST

★ Third "Outdoor World" Reprint in "Reader's Digest"

Watch for "Don't Buy That Exotic Pet!", title of the latest OUTDOOR WORLD magazine to be reprinted in the READER'S DIGEST.

The article, written by Robert Gannon, nationally known nature writer, appears in the September-October issue of OUTDOOR WORLD and simultaneously in condensed form in the September number of the DIGEST. The article is illustrated by Adventist artist Jim Padgett.

This is the third OUTDOOR WORLD article to be reprinted in the READER'S DIGEST. "The Eel—Nature's Extraordinary Changing," by Jean George and "Let's Save the Alligator," by Robert Gannon were both reprinted last year.

OUTDOOR WORLD is a new nature-outdoor magazine published by Preston Publications, Inc., an Adventist-owned firm in Atlanta, Georgia. Subscriptions can be ordered through your local book and Bible house.

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA

★ Arkansas-Louisiana Book and Bible House — Mobile Extension Service, 1969 Schedule

Place	Date	Time
Monroe, Louisiana, Church	September 28	3 - 5 p.m.
West Helena, Arkansas, Church	October 5	3 - 5 p.m.
West Memphis, Arkansas, Church	October 6	3 - 5 p.m.
Jonesboro, Arkansas, Church	October 7	3 - 5 p.m.
DeQueen, Arkansas, Church	October 12	3 - 7 p.m.
Fort Smith, Arkansas, School	October 19	3 - 5 p.m.
Rogers, Arkansas, Church	October 20	3 - 5 p.m.
Alexandria, Louisiana, Church	November 2	3 - 5 p.m.
Lake Charles, Louisiana, Church	November 3	3 - 5 p.m.

Little Rock, Arkansas, Church	November 9	3 - 5 p.m.
Harrison, Arkansas, Church	November 10	3 - 5 p.m.
Hot Springs, Arkansas, School	November 16	3 - 5 p.m.
ElDorado, Arkansas, Church	November 17	3 - 5 p.m.
New Orleans, Louisiana, School	November 30	3 - 5 p.m.
Hammond, Louisiana, Church	December 1	3 - 5 p.m.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, School	December 7	3 - 5 p.m.
Gentry, Arkansas, Academy Library	December 13	7 - 9 p.m.
Gentry, Arkansas, Academy Library	December 14	8 - 12 a.m.

Please note the date and place nearest you and plan to stock up on books for holiday giving, as well as for your own library.

B. PAGE HASKELL, Manager.

SUC

★ SUC's Upcoming Saturday Night Programs

September 27	— Walter Zaney Blaney
October 4	— Faculty Variety Program
October 11	— Betty Lawson (Folk Music and Art Songs)

TEXAS

★ Theodore Carcich to Be in Austin for "Apostolic 500" Meeting

All members of the "Apostolic 500" — those who are working, by God's help, to win at least one soul for Christ this year — are invited to come to a special weekend meeting Friday night and Sabbath, November 21 and 22, at the Austin Seventh-day Adventist Church, 301 Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar! Elder Theodore Carcich, vice-president, of the General Conference, will be the special guest speaker.



\$43,000 Raised for Evangelism In Oklahoma

On the second Sabbath afternoon of the Oklahoma Camp Meeting an inspiring program was presented recounting the blessings and God's leading in the past and plans for the future. President C. W. Skantz narrated the story of the progress of the work in Oklahoma since its beginning 75 years ago this year. Large placards were displayed giving the vital statis-

tics which reflected the growth of the conference.

While everyone enjoyed remembering the past it was even more thrilling to enjoy what is "happening now" in the Oklahoma Conference as many up-to-the-minute soul-winning stories were related and interviews conducted with "GO TELL" trophies. It was vividly demonstrated that where the

laymen of the conference are out working for souls, they are finding them.

On June 28 the conference had taken its offering for Oklahoma evangelism but this was to be the day when the final results would be made known. Each pastor announced the total for his district as placards were hung across the front of the pavilion. As the last two placards were displayed, \$1,000 from the Oklahoma Book and Bible House and \$8,000 given by one individual specifically for dark county



Organized work has been carried on in Oklahoma for 75 years. The record of growth is shown in the placards displayed.



Elder C. W. Skantz and Elder R. R. Rouse are happy to announce a total received of \$43,000 to be used for spreading the gospel in Oklahoma.

work, a grand total of \$43,000 was announced.

Again we wish to thank the conference constituency for its support of Oklahoma evangelism for this year. And again we praise God for His blessings and the burden He places upon His people in supporting the work until it will someday be finished. As has been done in the past, the distribution of these funds will be made known through the President's Newsletter.

Warrendale School Proves It Can Be Done

The Warrendale School opened its doors this September thus beginning its second year of operation. Mrs. Arthur Burton is again the experienced "school mistress" in charge.

You might call the Warrendale school a "miracle school" for many people and many circumstances work-

ed together to make it become a reality. Both the Stillwater and Perry churches felt the need of having a church school, but neither church could make it alone. By making it a joint project they were able to open the school last year beginning with nine students. This year they began school with 13 students. For the new school year the room has been re-decorated and new chalkboards put up, and the playground enlarged.

No tuition fees are charged; but each church family, with or without children, contributes; and the school operated in the black last year. Don Kincannon, Ph.D., of Stillwater was elected for a two-year term as school board chairman. The school is located in a small block building between the two churches and very nice desks were secured from a school that had been consolidated. The rural setting of the



Mrs. Arthur Burton instructs one of the older girls.

school makes it an ideal place for nature study.

Perhaps you've been wondering about the name. It is the combined name of the two pastors who were instrumental in getting the school started—Elder Roy Warren of the Stillwater district, and Elder Dick Dale who was then serving the Perry church and since has moved to the New York Conference—Warrendale.

Obstacles can be overcome in the establishment of a church school for it is the Lord's will that our boys and girls should have the unique privilege of church school attendance and *He will bless.*



Happy students of the Warrendale School.

Laymen of the Year Honored During Camp Meeting

Mrs. Bill Lewis and Mr. Aubrey Boyd of the Ardmore church were honored as the outstanding Oklahoma Laymen of the Year during the Oklahoma Camp Meeting.

Velda Lewis has been the Sabbath school superintendent, lay activities leader, and a Sabbath school teacher in the Ardmore church. She was one of the originators of the costume caroling band in Ardmore which was featured on the front cover of the 1968 Ingathering caroling leaflet. She is a "GO TELL" lay instructor and has been instrumental in leading two souls to Christ this year through "GO TELL." Mrs. Lewis is employed as the office manager of the Ardmore Adventist Hospital.

Mr. Boyd is presently serving as the



Elder C. W. Skantz presents plaque to Aubrey Boyd and Velda Lewis.

also employed by the Ardmore Hospital as director of the physical therapy department.

Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Boyd are currently conducting a branch Sabbath school in Marietta, Oklahoma, with an average attendance of 26. Individuals attending the branch Sabbath school are "GO TELL" interests and baptisms will result from this endeavor. The school is held in the judge's chambers which provides very adequate facilities including air conditioning.

In presenting the Layman of the Year plaque, Elder C. W. Skantz said:

"Velda Lewis and Aubrey Boyd, for your dedicated leadership in your home church; for your effective witnessing for Christ to those outside your church; and for the souls you have won to the Saviour through "GO TELL THY NEIGHBOR," we honor you as the outstanding laywoman and layman of the Oklahoma Conference for the year 1969."



Ground-breaking ceremonies for a new health and welfare center in Jay, Oklahoma, drew representatives of the Jay community and Oklahoma Conference together on Sunday afternoon, May 4. Pictured from left to right: Elmer M. Allen, president of the Jay town board; R. R. Rouse, conference treasurer; Dr. L. E. C. Joers, building committee chairman; C. W. Skantz, conference president; Tom Mayes, building contractor; and W. S. Hancock, pastor of the Jay church. The center will be completely adequate and one of the nicest centers in the Oklahoma Conference.

lay activities leader, church elder, and a Sabbath school teacher in the Ardmore church. He is also a "GO TELL" lay instructor and has led three souls to Christ through "GO TELL" during the past year. Brother Boyd was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1952. He is

OKLAHOMA Health and Welfare Federation Meetings

OCTOBER 2 - 7

Guest Speakers



R. J. Christian



C. W. Skantz



G. M. Schram

WEEKLY MEETINGS — 4:30 P.M.

SABBATH MEETING — 2:00 P.M.

EAST CENTRAL and NORTHEASTERN FEDERATIONS

Thursday, October 2 — Tahlequah Seventh-day Adventist Church (One mile south on Highway 62)

NORTHWESTERN FEDERATION

Sabbath, October 4 — Shattuck Seventh-day Adventist Church

NORTH CENTRAL FEDERATION

Sunday, October 5 — Okeene Seventh-day Adventist Church

CENTRAL FEDERATION

Monday, October 6 — Choctaw Community Center

SOUTHERN FEDERATION

Tuesday, October 7 — Ardmore Seventh-day Adventist Church

Progressive Sabbath School Workshop Held At Camp Meeting

A new concept in Sabbath school programming was presented by Mrs. Gerald Douglas of Loma Linda, California, during the Oklahoma Camp Meeting. There was not a *vacant chair* at the daily workshops held in the ministers' annex. Mrs. Douglas demonstrated a regular Sabbath school program each day and her audience, both little ones and older ones, was held "spellbound." Assisting Mrs. Douglas were Dr. and Mrs. James East of Bristow, Mrs. Ben Putnam of Keene, Texas, at the piano; and Elder Jake Knight.

Knowing that conditions in the world before Jesus comes will be "as they were in the days of Noah" she has worked out a syllabus of programs on the flood. The syllabus contains much detailed and wonderful information regarding the conditions as they really were in those days. There was not a doubt left in the minds of any of those who attended about the wonderful Jesus who instructed Noah in the minutest detail of his work in building the ark and in trying to reach the people to go into the ark and be saved, and of how much he loves and is interested in his children today.



Mrs. Gerald Douglas' visual aids included the tiniest cucumber growing in the "sand garden" to the 10-foot cardboard ark.



The children enjoyed participating in the daily demonstration programs.

Mrs. Douglas brought patterns for the ladies to trace and also many of the very "hard-to-find" items that she used as visual aids. Our leaders were inspired, challenged, and received a broader concept of what can be done in Sabbath school programming as a result of this fine workshop.

ROBERT RIDER,
Sabbath School Secretary.

SOONER NEWS NOTES

- ▶ The fourth quarter of 1969 promises to be the most productive quarter for Oklahoma soul winning. Elder C. W. Skantz reports that 26 meetings are planned during the quarter by the pastors as a follow-up to "GO TELL" evangelism.
- ▶ On September 2, twenty-four teachers opened the doors of the school rooms in 13 schools in the Oklahoma Conference. With an increase in enrollment the year 1969-70 promises to be a good year in Christian education.
- ▶ Friendship Camp held at Roman Nose State Park, August 10-17, hosted the largest number of campers ever attending this type of camp in the Oklahoma Conference. A total of 121 boys and girls represented communities from throughout the state of Oklahoma.
- ▶ Elder and Mrs. Jake Knight have accepted a call to the Washington Conference to pastor the Bremerton church. Elder Knight has effectively pastored the Panhandle, Bartlesville, and Shattuck districts while in the Oklahoma Conference.
- ▶ Good progress is being made on three new church buildings in the conference. The Central church, located in the northwest part of Oklahoma City, will be ready for services in the late fall, and the Nowata and Durant churches are moving right along toward completion. Stanley Elmendorf is working with the pastors on the churches in Durant and Nowata.
- ▶ The Oklahoma Book and Bible House will be temporarily located in their new building at the conference campgrounds, 2600 South Sooner Road, until the new conference office and Bible house is constructed in the northwest part of the city. All patrons of the Bible house are invited to visit them at this location for supplies.
- ▶ The Oklahoma disaster relief van took four tons of clothing to the victims of Hurricane Camille. Pastors Stanley Elmendorf and W. R. Caviness accompanied the van to Gulfport, Mississippi.
- ▶ Pastor and Mrs. David Morris of Andrews



The Muskogee Pathfinder Club is a missionary-minded group and was willing to spend an evening gathering food and clothing for unfortunate families. They will tell you that it was a rewarding experience. Mrs. R. E. Barrett is the Pathfinder leader.

Ira Gilliam, Press Secretary,
Muskogee Church.

University have come to the Oklahoma Conference to join our working force. Brother Morris will be the assistant pastor of the Ardmore church and Mrs. Morris will teach at the Ardmore Junior Academy.

- ▶ A letter congratulating the Ardmore Seventh-day Adventist Hospital on its excellent inhalation therapy department has been received by Elder W. V. Wiist, administrator, from the assistant executive director of the Oklahoma Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association. Quoting from the letter, "On several occasions I have personally visited this department, observed the activities of the staff, and checked the modern equipment being used. You can be proud of this department."
- ▶ The parents of Pastor Raymond Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rouse, of Elm Creek, Nebraska, were honored by their children, other relatives, neighbors, and friends at a reception on Sunday afternoon, August 17, in the Elm Creek Community Hall, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. About 150 guests were in attendance.



Nowata Church Receives Grant

A \$5,000 check was presented to the Nowata Seventh-day Adventist Church by George W. Lee, left. Dr. H. L. Meister, optometrist and local church elder, expressed appreciation on behalf of the church for the check from the Pearl M. and Julia J. Harmon Foundation of which Mr. Lee is a member of the board of trustees. The new church, now under construction east of Nowata, should be completed in October. The 3,000 square foot church was begun in February, 1969, with double-brick walls for the sanctuary, paneled classrooms, a Dorcas room, and kitchen facilities. The building will be fully carpeted and air conditioned.



texas

Over 300 Attend Spanish Camp Meeting in San Antonio

More than 300 members from nine Spanish churches in the Texas Conference came together at the San Pedro Playhouse in San Antonio for three days of special meetings, August 29-31.

Special guest for the three evening meetings and the Sabbath morning service was Elder B. L. Roberts, who has returned from the Dominican Republic where he recently served as evangelist and ministerial association secretary for the Antillian Union. Elder Roberts is joining the Texas Conference worker staff and will be doing full-time evangelism beginning in November of this year.

The theme for the meeting was "Hoy Es El Dia"—Today Is The Day. Emphasis was placed upon the necessity for genuine revival and reformation in order that we might be prepared for Jesus' soon coming and that we might properly witness in the saving of others.

The Sabbath afternoon program included many musical presentations by our young people. The Dallas and Houston choirs were an important part of the program as well as a children's choir, quartet music, and instrumental renditions. A special appeal to prepare for serving the cause of God after finishing school in the

years of formal education was made by Elder Elias Gomez. Many young people responded to this appeal by expressing their desire to become teachers, ministers, doctors, nurses, secretaries, and colporteurs to lend their talents to the finishing of God's work.

Elder Charles Dart presented a challenge to become members of the "Apostolic 500" and be active soul winners so that the number of our Spanish believers could double within the very near future.

The Sunday meetings were devoted to instruction in the art of soul winning and was a miniature laymen's congress. Elder Daniel Chavez presented topics of doctrinal importance, especially in relation to the way in which we can prove our beliefs concerning the importance of Sabbath-keeping. Elder Joe Pierce instructed in the art of soul winning and our preparation for meeting and teaching others.

Others who contributed to the weekend meetings were Elders W. B. Robinson, C. E. Fillman, R. R. Alonzo, Ben Colon, and Don Christman. Many days of hard work were given by Elder and Mrs. Colon and others in the San Antonio area in preparing for these meetings and seeing that they functioned properly. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Zumbaum brought many boxes of books and other materials which were sold Saturday night and Sunday.



Elder G. C. Dart addresses the members gathered in San Antonio for the Spanish camp meeting.



Elder Elias Gomez, Dallas Spanish pastor, directs choir of young people at camp meeting.



Elder Bobby Roberts, featured speaker at the Spanish camp meeting.



Music group for Houston sing at camp meeting.

The book and Bible house leaders are doing everything possible to make important literature available for our field and the large amount of Spanish material available is proving very helpful in our soul-winning activities.

In this Year of Evangelism we are happy to see scores of believers among our Spanish-speaking people joining with us in this blessed hope.

DON R. CHRISTMAN,
Public Relations Secretary,
Texas Conference.



Dr. Wood gives brief physical examinations to campers.

Friendship Camp Is Over

It was Sunday afternoon. I stood alone near the flagpole. The campers had gone! Looking up, I saw Old Glory floating in the breeze just as it had all week at Lone Star Camp; but as I stood there with folded arms, a feeling of sadness swept over me as memories of the previous week flooded my thinking. How fast the time had gone!

Only a week ago a hum of activity had pervaded every nook of the camp! How excited we were as we reviewed the events of that day! We just couldn't believe our eyes at first, for the application records had not prepared us for anything like this. When all vehicles rolled off the premises of Lone Star Camp on the first Sunday night, July 27, we counted noses and found that we had registered 90 campers at this annual camp for underprivileged children—46 boys and 44 girls—the largest number for any friendship camp we had ever had in Texas! There they were—all lined up

—faces beaming and hearts beating in anticipation of all the fun they would have.

Life at camp cannot be duplicated by any other activity. At no other time is a youth the same as at camp. The association alone is worth the cost. Though of short duration, the impressions made here will often help to influence a life.

I thought of Becky. My heart ached for her. She had been to camp the two previous years, and had come again this year expecting to enjoy a similar experience of relaxation and fun, but on the second day she was called home because of the unexpected death of her father. Our hearts ached for her, and we tried to speak a few words of comfort.

The youngsters really enjoyed the meals that to them were Thanksgiving and Christmas rolled into one. I remember vividly what Thomas said to me: "Mr. Larson, this is better food than I get at home." The food



Broad smiles of expectation greets the cook at mealtime.

provided was deliciously prepared. No effort was made to save by providing less expensive food, nor was any suggestion offered to limit the quantity.

Each child was assigned comfortable living quarters with youth or adult counselors provided for each cabin. They went to bed on time, slept soundly, got up early, listened attentively, sang lustily—in fact, they never slowed down.

Dick Mummert, director of the camp, and his very efficient camp staff should be gratefully acknowledged for their direction of the camp. They worked long hours for the smooth operation they attained. We appreciated the fine spiritual help given by the camp pastor, Neville Harcombe. His practical and down to earth talks at camp council will long be remembered. Dr. and Mrs. Wood made a contribution to the camp by the brief physical examinations they gave the campers.

The Texas Conference considers it a privilege to conduct this youth camp each year for underprivileged children, financed entirely by Ingathering funds and by our Dorcas welfare so-



Crafts and water activities high light each day's activities.

cities and churches. These children were transported free of charge either by some pastor or interested layman.

How nice it would be if each of you could have the privilege of "peeking in" at the camp to see the joy in the faces of the boys and girls whom you helped to sponsor this year. Though this is not literally possible, you can

get a glimpse of what the camp is like by seeing the movie that has been made. We hope soon to be able to show it around the conference so that you may have a more tangible idea of what goes on at friendship camp

W. G. LARSON,
*Director of Lay Activities,
Texas Conference.*

Two New Worker Families Join Texas Conference Staff

Elder Bobby Roberts

Elder B. L. Roberts and his family have recently returned from the Dominican Republic and will be living at Keene. Elder Roberts has been called to do full-time evangelism and will work with our Spanish-speaking churches until our full-time Spanish evangelist arrives.

After finishing his college work in 1952 at Lincoln, Nebraska, Elder Roberts was called into mission service in the Colombia-Venezuelan Union. He served as pastor-evangelist, Bible teacher at our training school, president of the Upper Magdalena Mission, and union evangelist in these consecutive responsibilities for 11 years. From 1963-1967 he was head of the

Bible Department at the Antillian Union College in Puerto Rico. For the next two years Elder Roberts served as evangelist and ministerial association secretary for the Antillian Union.

We are happy to welcome Elder Roberts, his wife Bettye, and their four children—Lindy, 16; John, 15; Randall, 10; and Mary Ellen, three—to the Texas Conference.

Elder Don K. Sullivan

Elder Don K. Sullivan and his family have recently returned to the homeland and to Texas where Elder Sullivan will serve as stewardship secretary for our conference. During the past three-and-one-half years he has been president of the Chile Union



Elder Bobby Roberts and family.



Elder Don K. Sullivan and family.

"Apostolic 500" to Meet in Austin

During the soul-winning rallies in January and February of this year, about 500 fervent members manifested their desire to win at least one soul for Christ before the close of 1969. Some beautiful experiences have been related of those whom God is helping in reaching this goal.

Brother and Sister U.L. McCoy, members of the Laurel Heights church in San Antonio, accepted this challenge and began studying with Mrs. Annabelle Cox soon after joining the "Apostolic 500" group. On Sabbath, August 9, Mrs. Cox was baptized, and sister McCoy wrote: "We wish that we might have found this Advent message earlier, that we might have reared our own children in it." The

McCoy's are new members themselves.

Their light will continue to shine and we will pray that they will yet be able to reach these children.

A special meeting is being called for Friday night and Sabbath, November 21 and 22, 1969, at the Austin Seventh-day Adventist Church, 301 Anderson Lane. Elder Theodore Carcich, vice-president of the General Conference, will be our guest speaker. All members of the "Apostolic 500"—all who are actively working to bring at least one soul to Christ during this Year of Evangelism—are asked to come to Austin for this special meeting. Thrilling experiences will be related. Be sure to mark this date now on your calendar.

in South America where we now have 15,000 baptized members.

After finishing the theological course at Union College, Elder Sullivan worked in the Texico Conference. He accepted a call to the Inca Union where he served as Bible teacher at the Bolivian Mission Training School near Cochabamba. He later moved to LaPaz and was education and MV secretary for the Bolivian Mission. For more than three years he was president of the 10,000-member Lake Titicaca Mission. After a year of study at Andrews University where he received his M.A. degree, Elder Sullivan returned to the mission field as president of the Inca Union College in Lima, Peru, and one year later was called to serve as president of the newly-formed Chile Union.

Elder and Mrs. Sullivan have four children—David, 17; Kim, 15; Jolene, 12; and Mark, nine. We are happy that they have accepted our call and are joining the worker force of the Texas Conference.



Texico Goes to Gulf Coast with Relief for Hurricane Camille Victims

On Wednesday night, August 20, Elder George Schram made an urgent call for all disaster vans in the Southwestern Union to head for Gulfport, Mississippi. A special call had come from the disaster area for baby food, disposable diapers, powdered milk, and bedding.

In Amarillo, a special appeal was made via the TV and radio stations for the above-mentioned items to add to the already loaded van. Instead of prayer meeting that evening, Pastor Hollis Morel called a work bee at the church gym and many of the church members began sorting clothes and preparing boxes of food and clothing.

Many of the church ladies under the leadership of Mrs. Grover Bills, came again the following morning and the appeal was repeated several times by the local radio and TV stations. A special call was made to David Dougherty via the services of the Civil Defense radio and the New Mexico State Police conveyed the message to Brother Dougherty, one of the van drivers. By three o'clock Thursday afternoon, the van was on its way to Gulfport.

Elder Joseph Espinosa and Gary Rustad drove a second vehicle to the

disaster area, and a second driver, Pastor Milton Hinkle, joined the group in Fort Worth. It was at two o'clock in the morning when Elder Woodrow Larson met the group at the Dallas-Fort Worth turnpike toll entrance with several items that were to be picked up as well as driver Hinkle. After a special prayer for guidance and protection by Elder Larson, the Texico van moved on to the disaster area.

The Texico van remained at the Biloxi Adventist Welfare depot and was used as a distribution center by the Alabama-Mississippi Conference during the first few days of the disaster.

The Lay Activities Department is grateful for the many church members that called in to help on this project. When we had made our appeal over the TV stations a welcomed call from Mrs. Betty Taylor, Dorcas leader from the Dalhart church, told us that they were sending a check for \$50 for the Camille disaster. Several organizations in Amarillo joined in the project as well as the employees of the Sears store.

Several churches in the conference also made special appeals for clothing

and food. The Albuquerque churches sorted and prepared over 50 boxes of food and clothing. The Midland area churches received clothing and food for the disaster. Help also came from Lubbock and Abilene.

All in all the program went along smoothly and we were convinced again and again that we must be ready for any disaster that might come along in the future.

JOSEPH ESPINOSA,
Public Relations Secretary.

New Dixon Church Is Pride of Santa Fe District

Another beautiful church will soon be added to the growing list of churches in the Texico Conference. A new concept in church construction is being tried by Pastor Isaac Lara and the contractor, William Espinosa. Already the church is well on its way toward completion and the members are planning to dedicate it debt-free in the very near future.

When it is finished the church will have cost under \$25,000, which is a miracle in itself in these days of spiraling costs for labor and materials.

Much of the labor has been done by the members themselves and though the church membership is small, they



Total destruction greeted many people (those fortunate enough to still be alive) upon returning to their home sites. Note backyard swimming pool in right picture.



The new Dixon, New Mexico, church.

have thus far pledged and sacrificed to keep the building program going.

Church services are already being held in the new building because the old one was razed to make way for the new structure. Many things are needed for this new building such as pews, rugs, etc. The members do not know where the money for these will come from, but they are going forward rejoicing that God has helped them to do this much in building a beautiful monument to Him in the Northern New Mexico area.

JOSEPH ESPINOSA,

Public Relations Secretary.

Texico Layman of the Month for September

David Dougherty, active layman and church elder from Tucumcari, New Mexico, has been selected to be Texico's Layman of the Month for September.



David Dougherty

Brother Dougherty serves the church in various capacities. He is the local church elder, serves on the Texico Conference Committee, has over 20 families enrolled in the gift

Bible program, and still has time to assist the Texico Lay Activities Department by driving the disaster relief van in an emergency.

During the recent hurricane, Brother Dougherty assisted with the driving of our conference van to Gulfport, Mississippi; and several months ago, Brother and Sister Dougherty drove their pickup truck, filled with household items and furniture, to assist a needy family in Juarez, Mexico. This brother is always willing to lend a helping hand when needed, and this

is appreciated by our lay activities department.

As local elder, he carries on the conference program, working in harmony with district pastor, Elder Gordon Burton of the Portales district.

The Department of Lay Activities is happy to recommend Brother David Dougherty as Texico's Layman of the Month.

JOSEPH ESPINOSA,

Public Relations Director.

Inspiring Evangelistic Rally Held in El Paso

"This was one of the most enjoyable Sabbath afternoons I ever spent!"

"Beautiful music — and inspiring missionary plans by Elder Rustad and the Texico leaders."

These were only a few of the favorable comments after the El Paso evangelistic rally in the new Central church on August 30. Members of the Las Cruces, Westview, Smyrna, and Spanish churches joined the Central church in meeting with leaders of the Texico Conference and hearing plans for a city-wide crusade in the fall. Elder Cyril Miller from the union, who will lead in the evangelistic effort, was present to get acquainted with members and enlist their help.

A welcome to the rally was given by Elder G. H. Rustad, who noted that the new Central church was now free from debt, and ready to move forward. This was followed by inspiring musical numbers by Gary, Roger, and Brent Rustad, and members of the Spanish and Smyrna churches. Then

Elder Joseph Espinosa outlined a plan of Bible study and prayer by the church members which would greatly assist the evangelistic effort. Pastoral response was given by Elder R. E. Brown of the Smyrna church. Elder Rustad then introduced new Texico pastors—Max Martinez, who will serve the El Paso Spanish church, and Elder M. N. Skadsheim, who will pastor the El Paso and Westview churches on a temporary basis. After special music by the El Paso central and Spanish churches, Elder Cyril Miller unrolled a beautiful prayer scroll containing names sent in to him from the area. The meeting closed with a special prayer that these people might be reached by the coming evangelism.

VIOLA PAYNE,

*Public Relations Secretary,
El Paso Church.*

Texico Weddings

HOPKINS-JONES

The Lincoln, Nebraska, Piedmont church, was the setting for the March 2, 1969, candlelight ceremony in which Susan Jones and Gary Hopkins were united in marriage. Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Tilden Jones of Lincoln, and Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hopkins of Silver City, New Mexico.

After a honeymoon to Colorado they are residing at 4621 Stockwell, Lincoln, Nebraska. Susan is working in a medical center and Gary is attending Union College. May heaven's blessings rest upon this Christian home.

R. L. BRITAIN.



Two of our Texico ladies have been blue-ribbon winners in their respective counties with their baking and canning abilities. Mrs. Emma Head of Roswell, left, won her ribbons from her carrot cake and canned tomato juice. Mrs. J. M. Garner of Portales received her ribbons for her chiffon cake and homemade bread.



A special 13th Sabbath program was presented by the Portales Sabbath school kindergarten classes. Special songs and memory work were given by this lovely little group. The leaders are, left to right: Mrs. Vonnie Halbash, Mrs. Zela Padon, Mrs. Sue Garner, Mrs. F. J. Firestone, and Mrs. Bernice Greer.



Southwestern union college

Major Objective of the College Is Beginning to Be Realized

It is gratifying to note that in the first graduating class of Southwestern Union College a major objective of the institution is beginning to be satisfied. It has been necessary for the church schools and conferences to reach outside of our own union for their supply of teachers and ministers. The evident need of a senior college is observed in the fact that all 25 graduates were either placed or had accepted a position before commencement exercises were completed.

Since one of the greatest needs of the union is for teachers, the college is happy to report that 10 out of the 25 graduates, or 40%, have accepted teaching positions for this coming school year, nine of them in this union.

For the first time in the history of the college the conferences in the union are being supplied with ministerial graduates. Five men received their degrees in religion or theology, with three of them returning from the seminary to our union, one going to another union, and one entering mission service.

One senior graduated with a degree in medical technology and has accepted a position in one of the Texas Adventist hospitals. The balance of the 25 will be attending graduate schools in various parts of the U.S.

Prospects are great for the second senior class at SUC, with the possibility of two-and-a-half times the number of seniors as last year. This will mean even more elementary and secondary teachers as well as ministers, medical personnel, and others.

The constituency of the Southwest-

ern Union is to be commended for its excellent support, both with its funds and prayers. Dividends will be received in the supply of consecrated workers who will graduate from Southwestern Union College.

SUC Receives Gift from Dow Chemical

Southwestern Union College has received \$4,500.00 in scientific instruments and materials from the Dow Chemical Company. The gift includes such diverse items as 100 cases of Handiwrap, 6,000 plastic containers, and electronic instruments: a Sargent electronic signal recorder, a Sargent manual polarograph, a Torbal analytical balance, and a polaroid photocopy



Dr. Karl Konrau and Mr. John H. Eckert of the Chemistry Department observe the Torbal analytical balance.

stand which will be used in the audio-visual aids laboratory. The Dow Chemical Company maintains an extensive college relations program through which it grants surplus equipment and products to worthy schools.



LITERATURE EVANGELISM

IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

Hard to Believe, But True

David Moore, son of a part-time literature evangelist was the subject of an unusual experience. Sue, his mother, had been encouraging him to get out and try to sell some of our magazines for quite some time, but the boys were anxious to go swimming instead.

A while later the same afternoon, the older brother came in and asked where David was. His mother was not sure where David had gone so quickly and went to check on the magazines they had just received. There was only one magazine missing. She couldn't imagine what he would be doing with one, but in a few minutes David came into the house with \$6.00. He

had gone to several homes and asked if they would like to have a copy of *Life and Health*, collected 50c, and promised to bring their magazines later. He sold 12 magazines in just a few minutes and had to return home with the money and get the magazines and deliver them.

We feel that it was a miracle that the people should give their money to a strange child and trust him to bring back their magazine. Since he was leaving on vacation the next day he kept only 12 more copies to sell that evening. When he went out, the first house he canvassed purchased all 12 copies to take them to their business office to give to their employees.

SUC NEWS NOTES

▶ Waldo E. Crane, M.D., passed away on May 12 in National City, California. Dr. Crane was a member of one of the original Southwestern Union College quartets which represented the college in various parts of the union, and which became the Voice of Prophecy quartet from 1935-1939.

Think of what could be done if scores more of our young people were encouraged to do the same thing with *Life and Health* and *These Times*. Why not encourage your son or daughter to help circulate our wonderful journals?

P. A. BERNET, *Publishing Secretary, Southwestern Union Conference.*



AT REST

PETEETE, Mrs. Sallie A., was born May 14, 1876, in Grimes Co., Tex., and died Aug. 24, 1969. She longed for that day when Jesus would come and she would be with Him.

She is survived by two daughters: Miss Isola Peteete of Roans Prairie, and Mrs. Pearl Sanders of Iola; two sons: Carl of Roans Prairie, and Allen of Huntsville; along with seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Sr. Peteete was a member of the Bryan Seventh-day Adventist Church. Services were conducted by Pastor Paul Proctor and interment was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Carlos, Tex.

Paul Proctor, Jr.

POENITZ, Mrs. Rosa, was born in Gaudalupe Co., Tex., Oct. 21, 1878, and died in Seguin, Tex., on July 19, 1969. In 1898 she was married to Bruno Poenitz. She became a Seventh-day Adventist 62 years ago and was faithful unto her death. Survivors are her three sons: Helmuth of Lavernia, Tex., Nowald of Fort Worth; and Herman of Elgin, Tex. Three daughters: Mrs. Hulda Brietzke of Lavernia, Mrs. Thusnela Danks of Austin, and Mrs. Nona Belz of Valley View, Tex., one brother, Richard Verphal; one sister, Mrs. Ida Burns; 22 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Elder A. E. Hempel, Jr., and the writer. Interment was in the Post Oak Cemetery.

George M. Harsha.

STRICKLAND, Elder Robert G.—Funeral services were held for Elder Strickland in the Ardmore church Aug. 6, 1969. He was born March 12, 1898, at Norfolk, Va., and passed away Aug. 3, 1969 at his home.

He married Minna Louise Linderman on May 10, 1949, at Kankakee, Ill. The son of a Seventh-day Adventist minister, Robert followed in his father's footsteps and pastored various churches in the south. In time he became the home missionary secretary of the Southern Union. He held the same office in the Atlantic Union and then became the home missionary secretary of the General Conference. He was also associated with the United Tennessee League for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife, Minna, of the home; two sons: Bob and Rick of the home; two daughters: Lindy of the home and Mrs. June Neilson of Alexandria, La.; and three nephews: Lloyd Strickland, Keene, Tex.; Robert Strickland, Angwin, Calif.; and Dr. Don Purdie of Beltsville, Md.

Elder Miles R. Coon officiated at the services assisted by Elder David H. Sharpe.

SPINDLE, Mrs. Thomas Edward (nee Carol Francis Gore) was killed along with her husband and three children in the crash of their plane near Fort Nelson, B.C., Canada on Aug. 6, 1969. Mrs. Spindle was born in Keene, Tex. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. J. R. Bradley of Dallas; and her father, Mr. Horace L. Gore of Cleburne, Tex.; two sisters, a niece, and a nephew.

Mrs. Spindle was a graduate of Southwestern Union College having majored in music. At the time of her death she was church organist for the Adventist church of Santa Anna, Calif.

MONTGOMERY, John Dana, Bryan Lee, and Chrylyn all died along with their mother, Mrs. Thomas Edward Spindle, and their step-father in a plane crash in Canada Aug. 6, 1969.

The children attended Orangewood Academy in California. Bryan had graduated this summer and had been accepted as a freshman at Pacific Union College.

The eulogy for the Montgomery children was given by Elder Robert Hamilton, principal of Orangewood Academy.

A memorial fund has been set up at the academy to help worthy students to obtain a Christian education.

The children are survived by their father, Dr. Marvin Montgomery of Modesto, Calif.; their maternal grandparents: Mrs. Jack R. Bradley of Dallas, and Mr. Horace L. Gore of Cleburne, Tex.; and their paternal grandmother, Mrs. Nelle Korn Montgomery of Dallas, Tex.

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	Sept. 26	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17
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Amarillo, Texas	7:39	7:29	7:19	7:10
Brownsville, Texas	7:24	7:17	7:10	7:03
Dallas, Texas	7:19	7:10	7:00	6:52
El Paso, Texas	6:58	6:49	6:40	6:32
Fort Worth, Texas	7:21	7:11	7:02	6:54
Galveston, Texas	7:11	7:03	6:55	6:47
Gentry, Arkansas	7:10	6:59	6:49	6:40
Keene, Texas	7:21	7:11	7:02	6:54
Little Rock, Arkansas	7:01	6:51	6:41	6:32
Muskogee, Oklahoma	7:13	7:03	6:53	6:44
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:52	6:43	6:35	6:28
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	7:22	7:12	7:02	6:53
San Antonio, Texas	7:26	7:18	7:10	7:02
Santa Fe, New Mexico	6:55	6:45	6:35	6:26
Shreveport, Louisiana	7:07	6:57	6:48	6:40
Tulsa, Oklahoma	7:16	7:05	6:55	6:46



on the record

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

Gradualism or Urgency?

The remnant church has a divine mission. *Urgency* is a very appropriate word when you consider the message of Matthew 24:14; "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." These words cry out—Urgent! Crisis! Speed! If I understand these words of Jesus, He *cannot come* until the "gospel of the kingdom"—His coming kingdom—is preached in all the world for a witness to all nations. This is why we are a world-wide movement and this is why we have an urgency in our work. Someone has said:

"When a sense of divine mission takes hold of a man or a generation, *time* becomes the essence, *speed* becomes the identifying mark, and *emergency* the characterizing attitude." One cannot hold a newspaper in one hand and a Bible in the other and not be compelled to action if he believes what he reads in both.

The time when there was time enough is gone. If we need much more time to accomplish the commission of God, we are through—for there isn't much more time! Soon—very soon—a mighty angel will stand up and declare that "There shall be time no longer, it is finished."

How strange—how very, very strange indeed—that in an hour like this the spirit of gradualism will begin to appear on the horizon saying, "What's

the hurry, take it easy, there's plenty of time."—when the worker that pushes too hard is apt to be criticized—when some of our people actually spend more time watching the late, late movie on TV than showing an urgent concern for the late, late hour by working tirelessly for God.

There may have been a time when an easy-going attitude might have been in tune with the times—but that time is gone. There is an emergency of the gravest proportions facing the church and the world. Don't you know that? This is no time for tarrying or for dallying with the world. This *is the time* for all of God's people to awake and declare the coming of the Lord—declare that this old world is not for long.

Today we can see the world dividing into two camps posed for Armageddon. The great breakdown in morals and respect for the things of God all shout the word that this world has had it! The demand for action is urgent. This is no time for timid-souled planning or for the philosophy of gradualism to creep in. Soon it will be forever too late. What we do we must do NOW. Our strategies must be more venturesome and courageous—less timid and stereotyped. We must show by our actions that we believe what we preach and we practice what we preach or we should stop preaching a message of urgency. We need to fall on our knees and "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." Isaiah 55:6. It will soon be forever too late.

Yours for Urgency, not Gradualism,

B. E. LEACH.

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