



This AYA (Adventist Youth in Action) Team is one of several youth witnessing groups active this last summer here in the Southwestern Union. Every young person can be a dynamic Christian witness — whether in a team or singly, in planned activities or daily routine, at home or on the campus, on a hayride or Ingathering. Christ needs **YOUth!**

this is the hour

by C. C. WEIS,
Associate Secretary,
General Conference of
Seventh-day Adventist.

Watergate is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Your Bible describes the conditions of the world just prior to the second coming of Jesus. James, the apostle, pictures the greed and oppression that would prevail. He says, "Go to now, ye rich men, . . . ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. . . Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in the day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you." James 5:1-6

This is a picture of what exists today. On every side we see grievous sins and they are multiplying. ". . . Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: . . ." Isaiah 59:14, 15.

Even the church, which should be the pillar and ground of the truth, is found encouraging selfish love of pleasure. Money is raised for the advancement of God's cause by bazaars, suppers, lotteries, and other devices. In the Seventh-day Adventist Church we have not gone this far. Our people are the most faithful givers on the earth. But how many church members are willing to spend themselves for God's cause by going from door to door and store

to store during an Ingathering crusade to ask their neighbors and business friends for cash contributions for the support of God's work? Instead many reach into their pockets for a donation to ease their consciences rather than to call on non-Adventist friends for support. I am in full agreement with the philosophy of giving a goal or two out of our own pockets, but not to the neglect of responding to the call of God to go from door to door to proclaim the message of salvation.

The Ingathering crusade still offers to each church member an excellent opportunity to make known to others the saving message God has entrusted to us. Every person contacted should

be encouraged to enroll in a Bible correspondence course. The Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today correspondence courses are geared to win souls.

As in the days before the flood, so now the time is right upon us when the Lord will reveal His omnipotent power to the church and to each one of us individually if we are totally dedicated to His service. In this awful time of prevailing iniquity we may know that the last days of earth's history are upon us.

Satan is not asleep; he is wide awake to make of no effect our witness. With skilled and deceptive power he is working to counteract the will of God made so clear in His Word. In this time of peril, God's people cannot, dare not, sit at home with folded hands and do nothing. This is the time for every church member to glorify His name not only in the church but in the street and in every house, inviting people to read, to study their Bibles with the aid of reading guides, so that they might come to a knowledge of the truth, accept Jesus as their personal Saviour from sin, identify themselves with God's people, and be ready to go home with us when Jesus comes.

God will not wait much longer to close probation's doors forever. Al-

ready we see His judgments falling upon the earth in many places as a warning that the time has almost run out. The only thing that stands between us and the close of probation's doors is the finishing of the gospel work in all the earth.

This is the hour when God calls upon His people to unite their efforts with His power to finish the work. When we respond to His call to go from door to door to take the last warning to every house, He will teach us to labor effectively and proclaim the truth with power. He will remove the difficulties, and the message will go like a fire in the stubble. Thousands of church members will respond



C. C. Weis

and hasten from door to door in response to His call.

To make up the loss which the church has suffered as the result of the dollar devaluation on two different occasions, our leaders are calling for an extra three and a half million dollars to keep our missionaries at their posts of duty. God has already made that money available to us. It is in the hands of non-Adventists and all we need to do is to ask them for it.

Last year I contacted a businessman who had never been contacted before. After I told him the purpose of my call he said, "I know Adventists are doing a good work, but this is the first time I have been asked to contribute to this program. I can give a small donation." And he wrote out a check for \$500.

In every city, village, and in the country, God has a people ready to support His work when they are called upon by His people. Will you join this work? Will you do your part? Will you enroll your neighbors in the study of the Bible? Will you invite them to make large and liberal contributions to the support of God's work from their rich store which God has given them and which they spend so recklessly to gratify self?

May God roll a burden upon our hearts to finish His work quickly so He can come and take us home.



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Southwestern Union Conducts Annual Administrative Department Council

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

A joint meeting between administrative and departmental leaders in the Southwestern Union Conference and the five state conferences was held in El Paso, Texas, October 28-November 3. The purpose of the meeting was to develop plans and policies for guiding the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Southwestern Union during 1974

Attending the meeting were leaders of the various church departments and the administrative leaders of each of the conferences who have the responsibility of organizing the work of the church in its total soul-winning program. The meeting is guided by the president of the Southwestern Union Conference and the department heads of the union conference. Time is allocated to each area of responsibility to organize and plan its program for the coming year and then to share the plans with the administration of the various conferences for their approval and co-ordination. The council is not a study session, as such, but allows for the introduction of all General Conference policies and actions, along with those developed on the union conference level that come about as the result of discussion and action by the local conference leaders. Departments participating in the council include: education, medical, publishing, ministerial, communications, religious liberty, stewardship, association, auditing, youth activities, lay activities and Sabbath school, temperance, home health education, and community services. Besides the departmental activities, the conference treasurers and presidents review financial policies affecting the church for the coming year.

This is the eighth such council to be held in the Southwestern Union Conference and the meeting is held in various sections of the union from year to year. Also attending the meeting were representatives of the General Conference including: Elder Roland Hegsted, editor, *Liberty* magazine; Elder Fernon Retzer, associate secretary of the Sabbath school department; Elder Herbert White of the

publishing department; Mr. Ray Pelton, associate secretary of the medical department for the North American Division; Elder L. M. Nelson of the MV department; and Mr. Joel Haas of the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

The council learned of the membership growth of the Southwestern Union that now stands at 30,025. It is expected that baptisms for 1973 will reach approximately 2,000 and evangelistic plans for the new year should continue the excellent growth the union is experiencing in additions to the church.

The general sessions of the five-day meeting were chaired by Elder B. E. Leach, president of the Southwestern Union, who also led out in the spiritual emphasis of the council, assisted by the General Conference leaders.

The planning council for 1974 will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

ANNUAL COUNCIL REPORT

Church Elects New Vice President

A Rhodesian has been elected a vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at the annual council held in Washington, D.C. in October.

W. Duncan Eva, who has been serving as president of the denomination's Northern Europe-West Africa Division, was elected by unanimous vote. Eva has been teacher, evangelist, and administrator during his long career in church work. Much of that time was spent in South Africa. Besides English he speaks Afrikaans and Swahili. His headquarters at the division level were in St. Albans, England.

The division presidency vacated by Eva will be carried by a Norwegian, Alf Lohne, until the world General Conference session in Vienna in 1975. Lohne has been secretary of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division. His work will be carried by Bert B. Beach,

formerly secretary of the educational work of the church in that division.

In other action the council elected Alvin Gibb of Takoma Park, Maryland, undersecretary of the General Conference. Gibb has been serving as an associate secretary at the church's world headquarters.

An associate director of the Communication Department of the denomination was elected — Victor Cooper, president of the Adventist Church in Ireland with headquarters in Belfast. Cooper is an associate member of the Institute of Public Relations, a member of the World Association of Christian Communication, and spent many years in both broadcasting and public relations prior to assuming his administrative post in Ireland.

Some 700 top officials from the 10 world divisions of the church attended the 10-day council which began October 7 at world headquarters of the church.

ANNUAL COUNCIL REPORT

1974 Will Be Centennial Year for Adventist Missions

Next year will mark the centennial of world mission by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Clyde O. Franz, secretary of the General Conference, announced the centennial at the opening business session of its Annual Council in Washington, D.C.

In his report Franz reminded council delegates of the first overseas thrust of the young church back in 1874. John Nevins Andrews, a "down-eater" with a strong literary penchant, sailed for Europe, September 15, 1874. He was the first minister of the Adventist faith to be called by his church to go overseas.

Andrews' headquarters became Basel, Switzerland, but he extended his ministry, through writing and public appointments, to other countries in Europe.

From this first venture outside the North American continent, the church moved rapidly until today it has work in 193 countries and is giving its message in 557 languages. Membership has grown from a little over 5,000 in 1874 to 2,304,000 today.

Secretary Franz referred to the major faith of the church — its belief that Christ will return to the earth when the church has fulfilled its commission

of carrying the gospel to all the world.

"We will not celebrate a century of pilgrimage," Franz said, adding that the church was overdue in completing its work. "Rather," he said, "we shall in this year express our gratitude for God's abiding presence.

He added, "If we are to finish our task, our need today is not for supermen but rather for spirit-filled men and women."

Tangible evidence of the concern of members for the church's world mission was given in the report of the treasurer for the denomination, Kenneth H. Emmerson. The treasurer said that Adventists have responded to the problems of devaluation of the American dollar with a special offering for mission work totaling \$2,177,000.

13TH SABBATH OVERFLOW

From the Old to the New

Well over 100 years ago, about 1812, a boy was born. He was three times sold as a slave and three times escaped to return to his home, Nyasaland, now called Malawi. In 1884 he saw white men for the first time and in 1890 received a teaching certificate. His name was Morrison Malinki and his family have written their names with honor on the pages of our early work. At 101 years of age he died after a life spent in service in teaching and preaching.

One son, James, still living, was our first African foreign missionary. He went to the Congo, now called Zaire, far from his people and homeland. After he returned to Nyasaland he opened the Mombera Mission in 1929. James knew some 40 of the languages and dialects of Africa and this made him a valuable worker.

Another brother, Joseph, was connected with our printing work for a short time. He probably saw the opening of the little Malamulo press in 1926 when it began in a humble way to turn out literature in the vernacular languages of the country.

Now the Malamulo Publishing House has modern equipment, trained personnel, and is rolling off literature without end to try and keep pace with the demands.

With all this there is one thing they lack. That is space to operate efficiently. It is just impossible, with expansion even, to work on the old site. A new one has been chosen not far from the gates of Malamulo mission



Mr. Petrie, manager of Malamulo Publishing House, looks at the plans for the new building with a fellow worker.

and everything is ready so a new building complex can be erected to house the various facets of the printing trade. The offering you give on December 29, 1973, will be used to help this need.

The second project for December 29, 1973, is also concerning a building. Away down at the southern tip of

No Special Offering??

His quizzical look of disbelief intensified his question, "It's World Stewardship Day — and there's no special offering?"

My explanation of the greater gift being earnestly sought by God appeared to satisfy him. It is unfortunate the usually accepted meaning of a word tends to tune us out from appreciating its fuller meaning. Stewardship encompasses your entire life, not just money. God wants the tither, not just the tithe. He is seeking the giver more than the gift.

World Stewardship Day, December 15, is a special time for each of us to reflect upon our stewardship, or management, of the life God has so liberally given us to use.

It's true, there will be no special world-wide financial offering on World Stewardship Day. But there will be an appeal for you to give an offering — an offering of your entire life to Jesus Christ; body temple, talents, treasure and time. Please be very liberal!!

PAUL G. SMITH.

Africa lies our Helderberg College. We are all proud of the buildings and also the product turned out at this center of learning.

The girls who run up and down the steps of Meade House, their dormitory, in ever increasing numbers, cannot all fit into the old building. They desperately require an addition in the form of an annex. Then, of course, this will necessitate redecorating work on the old building so the two will harmonize. We bring this need before you also on December 29, 1973. Do not spend all your money on Christmas giving, but remember the four days after when you can give again, pressed down and running over, for the Trans-Africa Division.

TIMOTHY GORLE,
Sabbath School Secretary,
Trans-Africa Division.

Adventist Nurses and Hospital Administrators Meet in Chicago

Hinsdale Adventist Hospital was host to two groups of Seventh-day Adventist nurses August 22-26, 1973.

Seventh-day Adventist Council, composed of nursing service and nursing education administrators from Adventist hospitals and colleges in North America met August 22-24 to discuss issues and problems affecting preparation and utilization of Seventh-day Adventist nurse leaders. Members of SDAHA, the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Administrators met with the nursing administrators on Thursday, August 23. Discussion of trends in nursing care and the acute shortage of nurse leaders led to a recommendation that action be taken to establish a coordinating council between SDA Nursing Council and SDAHA, and to provide that said council meet yearly to deal with common problems.

Members of ASDAN, the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses, opened their sixth annual meeting at the beginning of the Sabbath on Friday, August 24. Elder Albert Brendel was the spiritual leader for the weekend. Roy Wightman, assistant administrator at Hinsdale Adventist Hospital, presented the Sabbath sermon, "Our Unique Health Message." ASDAN's annual business meeting concluded the activities of the weekend.

L. FRANCES PRIDE,
Editor, "ASDAN Forum."

A REPORT TO THE PEOPLE by Your Union Conference President

FOR THE RECORD

- Heard at the recent Autumn Council —

"I beg of you to come into an experience that is essential for the finishing of the work." Elder Robert Pierson, President of the General Conference (formerly president of the Texas Conference)

"It's great to be a member of the family of God." N. R. Dower, Ministerial Secretary of the General Conference (formerly president of the Texas Conference)

"Ingathering like most everything else can be drudgery or joy — it's up to you." B. E. Leach (formerly president of the Texas Conference)

"Parenthood is a full-time job. It's a part of the high cost of loving." Roland Hegstad, Associate Secretary, Religious Liberty Department.

A MATTER OF RECORD



- Elder Henry Barron, speaker for the "Builders of Truth" radio program, went on the air on station KKIM (1000 on the dial) in Albuquerque on Sunday, November 4. Elder Barron will be heard every Sunday on KKIM between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m.

The program features outstanding singers and musicians of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as recorded by Chapel Records. Thoughts for inspiration and meditation are brought by Elder Barron. "Builders of Faith" is sponsored by the American Religious Town Hall.

- Tithe for the first 35 weeks (ending August 19) in the Southwestern Union is \$3,937,552.30 (an increase of \$390,182.12 compared with 35 weeks of 1972). The Texas Conference leads in tithe increase, \$181,498.14 and also in per capita tithe, \$161.27. (Next is Arkansas-Louisiana with \$156.62 per capita).

RECORD INGATHERING

- Ingathering is just before us. What a blessing this inspiring program brings. Let's do Ingathering in a spirit of love as unto the Lord. May God bless.

OFF THE RECORD

- We just completed a very successful departmental council in El Paso. This meeting is held annually. Great plans were laid for 1974!
- Recently Mary Donna Bothe was elected chairman of the board of the Keene Adventist School (the elementary school). This is a key position. The Keene Adventist School has an enrollment of 312 and is considered to be one of the very best in the denomination. Delano Gilliam serves as principal.
- At the recent dedication of the Arlington church, Elder Bill May, president of the Chesapeake Conference, made a statement worth repeating. He said, "With God giants still topple easily."

A RECORD

- The Annual Council voted a 67 million dollar budget. A record.
- Statistics presented at the recent annual Council indicate the Southwestern Union has the lowest debt per capita of any Union in the United States, a per capita of \$41.32. The highest is \$480.13. Something to be thankful for. (This includes debts on churches, schools, church-owned medical institutions, the college, etc.) This \$41.32 was based on 1972 membership of 29,257.
- **The time has come to strengthen and undergird our academies here in the Southwestern Union. That's exactly what we plan to do. You will hear more about this.**
Courage!
B. E. Leach.

"We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget how the Lord has led us — in the past."



arkansas-louisiana

HOT SPRINGS

Over 60 Decisions for Christ in "Way to Live" Crusade

"Decisions, decisions, decisions!" we sometimes lament. But the decisions made by a large number of persons who attended the Hot Springs "Way to Live" crusade of the Johnson-Daniel evangelistic team were not the lamentable kind: Decisions to be baptized and unite with the Seventh-day Adventist Church; decisions to make a new start with the Lord and be re-baptized; decisions to enter the gospel ministry; decisions to hold lay evangelistic meetings. The voice of the Lord was heard and followed by many persons.

"The most successful series of meetings I've seen since becoming a Seventh-day Adventist 40 years ago," commented one church member. Others with less "seniority" made similar statements. The "clearness" of the messages and the "love" with which they were presented were noted by many.

More than 60 persons responded to the public calls. To date 25 of these have united with the church by baptism; four have entered the church by profession of faith; five have been re-baptized. The remainder are continuing to study and prepare for baptism.

Besides these decisions to unite with the Lord and the church, many other wonderful decisions were made. Three young men decided to enter the gospel ministry. One of these is planning to enroll at Southwestern Union College this very next quarter. Another young man decided to become a singing evangelist. A group of laymen decided to conduct a lay evangelistic crusade in a neighboring city within the next few months.

"Decisions, decisions, decisions!" Praise God for every one of them!

Ingathering Highlights

This is the season for Ingathering and all across the conference hundreds of Seventh-day Adventists are actively engaged in Ingathering. A news note arrived at the Arkansas-Louisiana office relating tremendous success by two teen-agers at the recent Ozark Academy field day. Debbie Arkusinski and Cindy Robison, while working in a

Fayetteville shopping center raised in a few hours \$108.00 and \$88.00 respectively. Both girls are juniors at Ozark Academy near Gentry, Arkansas.

Another success story comes from Pastor M. B. Reedy of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, reporting that his entire district is now over the goal. Another pastor, W. J. Griffin with his assistant, J. C. Baker, of the New Orleans First church report that they already have an overflow of \$1350.00.

Reports from around the conference indicate that God is blessing the earnest efforts of His people.

Arkansas-Louisiana Wedding

SELL-VAN ETTEN

On August 5, 1973, Elaine Louise Van Etten and Floyd Caron Sell, Jr., were united in marriage in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Elwin J. Van Etten of Hamburg, Pennsylvania, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sell of Little Rock.

Elder W. G. Larson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Elder Charles Dart of Keene, Texas, officiated at the ceremony.

Mrs. Sell is a graduate of Andrews University at Berrien Springs, Michigan, and Mr. Sell attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Radiologic Technology.

The couple lives in Little Rock.

MRS. M. M. RICHEY,
Communications Secretary,
Little Rock, Church.

Denham Springs Evangelistic Meeting

The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Evangelistic Team, Elders Cline Johnson and Ray Daniel, will begin a series of meetings in Denham Springs, Louisiana, December 1. Names of relatives and friends who should receive an invitation should be sent to the local pastor, L. L. Lovell, RFD 3, Box 321-A, Prairieville, LA 70769.



oklahoma

Disaster Vans Aid Enid Flood Victims

The cold weather front hovered in northern Oklahoma for several days spawning huge thunderstorms. Finally, it reached Enid, Oklahoma, on October 10. As the storm clouds built to thousands of feet into the air, over 16 inches of rain fell to the ground be-

low. Soon Boggy Creek, a nice little back-yard brook, was a raging river. Like a steamroller, Boggy slammed into houses, swept away cars, flooded St. Mary's Hospital, and drowned both man and beast. Hundreds were homeless and scores were missing the next



Two relief vans from the Oklahoma Conference positioned by Convention Hall in Enid.



Mrs. Vera Wolfe, Oklahoma Conference Community Services director, gives literature and clothes to flood victims.

day when the Oklahoma Conference disaster relief vans arrived from Oklahoma City, under the direction of Vera Wolfe, Community Services director for the Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Joining with Mrs. Wolfe in the relief operation were Pastor Dick Barrett of the Okeene district and Pastor William Carey of the Enid district. Many members of these two districts responded with long hours of work servicing long lines of victims. The following aid was given according to Mrs. Wolfe: 4,000 garments were distributed; \$901.44 in cash spent for sheets, blankets, and underwear; 100 families, 450 persons, were helped.

We want to thank everyone who helped relieve the distress of the victims of this flood.

BRISTOW

Local Newspaper Tells Adventist Education Story

Sometimes, while the public relations secretary of a church is scratching his head and hunting for ways to make his newspaper articles bear a more positive witness to the goals of the Advent Movement, an opportunity falls like a ripe plum into the lap of someone who is busy trying to make his own part of God's work succeed. Recently, this happened to Elder Gordon Otter, principal and teacher in the Bristow, Oklahoma, church school, which has recently added the ninth grade to its curriculum. Mrs. Otter works with him, and these two ex-

perienced and qualified teachers are assisted on a part-time basis by Miss Azalee Hart, a retired public school teacher.

A reporter from the *Bristow News and Record-Citizen* telephoned for an appointment and met Elder Otter in the schoolhouse after school hours. He was obviously impressed with the interior of the modest-looking building and pronounced it an "up-to-date facility." When his approximately 1,400 word article appeared on the front page, the extent of Elder Otter's witnessing became apparent. The following features of church school work were emphasized:

Adventist parochial schools (the term used by the reporter) are supported by the thrift and economy of Adventist church members. While other religious denominations are discontinuing many schools for lack of financial support, Seventh-day Adventist schools continue to exist and multiply. Their growth extends to the realms of higher education also. Southwestern Junior College of Keene, Texas, has become Southwestern Union College during recent years.

The recent addition to the Bristow school building was built almost entirely by donated labor. The church paid about \$7,000 for materials.

Adventists do not seek govern-



Mrs. Ellsworth Heinrich, Okeene church services victims inside van.

Photos by Stan Elmendorf



Pastor H. B. Petry, pastor of the Panhandle district in Oklahoma, is all smiles these days. For the first time in the history of the Guymon church there is a church school. Dwight Pitzer, local deacon, transports the students to and from school in his station wagon. Mrs. Iva Honadell teaches the seven children. From all indications Guymon will have an outstanding school year!



A new sign has been erected by the members of the Elk City Seventh-day Adventist Church. The money for the sign was donated in memory of Sister Pearl McMenemy. This sign is 4 x 6 feet in size with four fluorescent bulbs and an electronic eye which turns it on each night. We are letting OUR LIGHT shine in the Elk City area!

Forrest Tenbrook, Pastor.

ment support for their schools because they believe in the separation of church and state.

The Bristow church school has an enrollment of 27 pupils with two taking the ninth grade. When the question was raised, What about the quality of the education received by children in small schools?, Elder Otter was ready with answers.

"Many tests and experiments have shown this to be one of the best types of education. When pupils are grouped together in a multi-grade situation in the lower grades, they benefit by being exposed over and over to various learnings."

In the upper grades the "older students receive more personal attention."

Since the curriculum follows the general guidelines of state schools, transferring back and forth is no problem. Bristow church school students tend to enroll in Ozark Academy, Gentry, Arkansas, when they have finished their work here.

The local church supplements the social privileges of their small school by fostering activities like the Pathfinder Club, which gives wider op-

Ingathering Flash!!

Mrs. Dale Hastey, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, treasurer, reports the Okmulgee group has 120% of their Ingathering goal.

portunities for group work and play.

A Christian education for the children of the church is the goal of the Adventist parochial schools, which makes all the financial sacrifices made for their support worthwhile. The Bible is studied with the pupils every day as a part of the regular school program.

LORENA WILCOX,
PR Secretary,
Bristow Church.

Meet Enid's "Mr. Ingathering"

Over \$1,000 has been raised for the fourth consecutive year by E. F. Riffel, a member of the Enid Seventh-day Adventist Church, in this year's Ingathering campaign. Brother Riffel, a retired farmer approaching his 80th year, is able to make his regular round of contacts with his business friends whom he has solicited for many years to receive of them their regular contribution to our work. Eight have given their regular contribution for over 20 years.

Brother Riffel has helped to maintain the interest of his donors by sending them *These Times* and *The Quiet Hour*. Recently, he has been loaning many sets of Dr. Richards' cassettes, comments on Daniel and Revelation. Some of the donors who have listened to these tapes doubled their offering this year. So he is looking forward to still greater offerings next year.

Age and poor health do not deter this brother from continuous missionary activity, therefore there are a number who are actively studying the great message of Seventh-day Adventists.

WILLIAM CAREY, Pastor,
Enid Church.



Mr. E. F. Riffel



October 27 was a memorable day for the Altus church, as the parents brought their children forward for a dedication service by Pastor Tenbrook. Those dedicating their children are, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meneell, with their daughter, Krystal; Mrs. Mary Ann Anthony, with her son, Ronald, and daughter, Mary; and Mrs. Teresa Wynn, and her son, Randy.

Oklahoma Schools Growing; Three More Begin This Year

According to opening reports, well over 404 youngsters are enrolled in Seventh-day Adventist schools in Oklahoma.

Three new schools were opened at the beginning of the year. A brand new school is operating at Guymon, in the Panhandle of Oklahoma, with Mrs. Iva Honadel in charge. On the other side of the conference, the Jay Elementary School has reopened with Mr. Don Altman teaching 11 fine boys and girls. Also, a new school is functioning at Vinita, where Mrs. C. E. Fillman and Mrs. Merlyn Hallett are combining their efforts in the teaching program.

We are proud of our schools in Oklahoma and are striving to make our entire educational thrust evangelistic.

WAYNE EASLEY,
Educational Superintendent,
Oklahoma Conference.

Oklahoma Wedding

STRICKLAND — GRAVES

Linda Kay Graves and Robert Louis Strickland were united in holy matrimony in a beautiful ceremony Sunday, July 29, in the Tulsa church. The couple will make their home in Lincoln, Nebraska, where Linda is a senior at Union College. The groom is a 1973 graduate of Union College. The service was conducted by Elder Ray F. Daniel of Shreveport, Louisiana.



texas



Elder D. J. Sandstrom, former Texas youth leader, is the new president of the Greater New York Conference.

CORPUS CHRISTI CAMPOUT

Pathfinders Impress Park Ranger; Alamo City Takes Top Honors

A total of 313 Pathfinders and their staff members enjoyed a delightful weekend at Lake Corpus Christi State Park in Mathis, Texas, on October 26-27-28.

The camp ranger had been advised that about 150 Pathfinders would be present. What pessimism on our part! Enthusiasm in the clubs is running high; not only the clubs from the south, but also clubs from other parts of Texas enjoyed the beautiful camping spot, the lovely Sabbath, and the events of the camporee.

The clubs present were Alamo City, 50 Pathfinders and staff members pres-

ent; Alice, 12 Pathfinders and staff members; Austin, 31 Pathfinders and staff members; Harlingen, 28 Pathfinders and staff members; Houston, 45 Pathfinders and staff members; Keene, 93 Pathfinders and staff members; Killeen, 19 Pathfinders and staff members; and Weslaco, 31 Pathfinders and staff members.

Elder Frank Gifford and some of his staff members were present to help in judging and directing the events.

If it had not been for last-minute sickness and changes in personnel, Del Rio and Corpus Christi clubs would have been represented, also.

Elder G. C. Dart's message on Sabbath was an inspiration to the young people. We have already heard of experiences where his admonition to share our wonderful faith has been taken to heart by several Pathfinder clubs.

The alphabetical nature hunt on Sabbath afternoon proved again the originality and energy that Pathfinders come up with.

The camp ranger from the state park was amazed at the order and cleanliness of such a large group of young people. They gave us a cordial welcome to come back again.

When we tallied the scores from attendance, conduct, reports sent to the office, the presentations and participation of the clubs, we found that the Alamo City Club took the honors by four points. Really, the score sheet was not the most important, but the wholesome, Christian fellowship and the fine spirit in which everyone participated, and the deep love of the beauties which the Creator has made for us are the things of more importance.

For us, this was the last official event as youth Activities director of the Texas Conference. Pray for us as we leave to take up our responsibilities in the Greater New York Conference.

D. J. SANDSTROM.



Alamo City Pathfinders set up very neat campground.



Keene Pathfinders on parade.



Jere "Bugger" Putnam, energetic Pathfinder leader from Keene.

Faith for Today Crusade Coming to Houston

Elder Ron Halvorsen, of the Faith for Today television program, will be holding evangelistic meetings in Houston, starting January 19, 1974, and continuing for four weeks.

If you should have the name and address of someone that should attend these meetings please send the names to Elder Norman Martin, Houston Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1319 Richmond Ave., Houston, TX 77006 and he will mail them an invitation.

We are looking forward to having Elder Halvorsen here and know many souls will be won.

Gernell Bradley,
PR Secretary.



Steve Meharry browses among the new paperback books.



Mildred Spink, student library assistant, left, checks over current periodicals as Danette Price browses.

Photos by Jim Johnson.

to the library were a selection of paperbacks, most of which are Perma-Bound for greater durability of the volumes, along with a revolving book rack.

For the past two years the emphasis of the English Department has been toward a broader range of reading interests and away from fictive reading for book reports and the new acquisitions of the library reflect this emphasis.

A new department of the library, developed during the last two months of the school year, is the audio-visual resource materials. They include a new stereo and head phone set, a cassette Repeat-Corder, a filmstrip projector, and a selection of recordings, filmstrips, tapes, slides, and other audio-visual aids.

Other new items are: magazine file boxes for non-current issues of periodicals; bright, new, orange signs around the library; a blue print chart of the library; a new pamphlet file; and a library office-workroom, which, though small, is a great asset.

All these additions are in keeping with the basic philosophy of the librarian and the seven student library assistants which sees the library as a resource center for the many learning activities which go on daily in the library — research reports for biology, world history, health, Bible, art; music and art appreciation reports for English and Spanish classes, and, of course, studying. Thus great effort is being taken to make the library an efficient service organization. A part of this effort includes a continuation of work started last year in reclassifying books to facilitate finding materials. So far this year all the biography books have been reclassified as well as many from various subject areas.

In order to continue developing its resource potential this school year, the library must find funds, since there is none budgeted for acquisition of new materials. The librarian would like to request that anyone who is able, will make a cash gift contribution to the library so that we may continue to provide the young people with adequate study and research materials.

*Public Relations Committee,
Valley Grande Academy.*

Focus on Valley Grande Academy Library Expansion

The past several months have seen many changes at Valley Grande Academy and the library is no exception. Many books were added to the book collection last year including a large number, mainly on the social sciences, which were the gift of Mrs. Leo C. Eggert of Troop, Texas, mother of two VGA students. Many Ellen G. White volumes were donated in response to a request sent to the valley churches. Among the new books added



Duane Wills, freshman student, enters library where he may be seen daily working on his Bible I and other assignments.



On August 4, 1973, the Houston Central church unveiled a new painting on the baptistry wall. Standing in front of the painting is Roy Pendleton who donated his time to paint this beautiful scene. Roy is not only an artist with the brush but also in music.



Pastor John Loveridge, who formerly worked in the Burleson, Texas, area, is presently taking up pastoral duties in the Brownwood-Santa Anna district. Pictured with him are his wife, Linda, and their three children.



Elder George Reid with the five youth baptized at Waxahachie.

VGA Announces Lyceum Series

At 8:00 p.m., October 20, the first of a series of six lyceum programs was held in the VGA gymnasium. James Metcalf presented a film lecture on "America's National Parks" to an enthusiastic audience. Another lyceum on Japan was featured November 17.

Following is a list of the next four lyceum programs: Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children, and \$12.00 per family.

January 12, 1974, 8:00 p.m., "The White Search" by Dick Barrymore

February 16, 1974, 8:00 p.m., "Vacation to Alaska Wildlife" by Larry Linnard

April 6, 1974, 8:00 p.m., "By Jeep Around the World" by Theodore R. Bumiller

April 27, 1974, 8:00 p.m., "Cruising to Caribbean Islands" by Dennis Glen Cooper

The live travels with on-the-spot lecturers all have high recommendations from other schools of our church.

*Public Relations Committee,
Valley Grande Academy.*

Waxahachie Holds Revival Crusade

August 24 through September 1, 1973, was a week of spiritual emphasis at the little church in Waxahachie, Texas. A revival crusade consisting of nine meetings was conducted by Leonard Lovell, a former member of the Waxahachie church who is now working in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. Pastor Lovell dealt specifically with several points of church doctrine and in general called the church to a

renewed faith in the message of the Three Angels and a commitment to carry out the gospel commission. Chauncey Handy provided the special music.

The meetings were high-lighted by nine people taking their stand. Five young people have already been baptized in a special service conducted by Elder George Reid of the Southwestern Union College Religion Department, and another baptism will be held in the very near future. As a result of

the renewed commitment, the church will work toward a full-scale evangelistic crusade in the spring of 1974.

WILLARD SAWYER.

Neil Jamison to Pastor Menard Church

Neil Jamison has assumed his duties as chaplain of the Menard Hospital and Menard Manor and pastor of the Menard Seventh-day Adventist Church. Chaplain Jamison and his wife Carolyn have moved to Menard from Bee-

Heritage Singers Coming to Oak Cliff

The Heritage Singers USA, beginning their third concert tour season, will appear in full concert on Sabbath, December 8, at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Oak Cliff Seventh-day Adventist Church, 825 W. Pentagon Parkway, Dallas, Texas. Their new sound in religious music has elicited warm response throughout the country. This concert tour will take them as far east as New York City and south to Miami, before returning to California in December.

The Heritage Singers present a beautiful blend in Gospel music. Their founder and director, Max Mace, says, "their music has succeeded in bridging the generation gaps." Seldom has a musical group so captured the affection of its audiences as have the Heritage Singers. Their concerts are designed to reveal through music the fundamentals of Christian love. The group has been successful in filling a void existing in many religious communities.

Based in Placerville, California, the group spends 10 months of the year traveling, presenting some 200 concerts with 18 singers and musicians. Organized about two and one-half years ago, they have traveled some 100,000 miles throughout the United States, including Hawaii.

Their 10 stereo albums are best sellers on the Chapel Records label. All are welcome, and the concert is free!





Menard Seventh-day Adventist elementary school children enjoy playground activities.



Mr. Claude Hughes, teacher at Menard, with his students.

Texas Conference Salutes Menard Church School



Mrs. Claude Hughes and her students.

ville, where he was associated with the hospital.

Jamison attended the Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, receiving his B.A. in religion. He earned his master of divinity degree from Theological Seminary at Andrews University at Berrien Springs, Michigan.

He has served as associate pastor of the Dallas Central church and has served churches in Pharr and Edinburg.

Chaplain Jamison replaces Elder Harry Bennett who recently transferred to Florida where he will serve as chaplain of a large hospital.



Texas PR, Radio-TV Secretary Ferries Mission Plane to Far East

Elder Bob Seamount tells the students and friends at Mountain View College in the Philippine Islands about his flight over the Pacific Ocean from Oakland, California, to their school. Elder Seamount flew the single-engine Cessna to the Philippines to be used in mission service.



Elder Seamount poses with workers in the conference office in Manila.



Pastor and Mrs. Neil Jamison



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Work Progresses Rapidly at Saragosa

Saragosa is a small town of 700, most of whom are of Spanish descent. On driving through town one can see that it is a virtual mission field. There is much poverty, but the people are sincere in heart and need to know Jesus as their personal Saviour.

About seven months ago a small group of brothers and sisters began working in this little place, even though they didn't know the Spanish language. They worked with ardor and enthusiasm and God blessed their work. (Their miraculous story was printed in the Texico special issue of the RECORD, June 9, 1973.)

Isaac Lara was called in to conduct a series of meetings with surprising results — 40 people accepted Jesus and were baptized.

Several weeks ago Pastor Lara returned to have another crusade and more than 100 non-Adventists attended. Twenty-eight were baptized.

The English-speaking laymen who started the work there provided a meeting house which is filled to capacity and overflowing. Presently we need larger facilities. We have about 60 children and young people we cannot accommodate properly during the Sabbath school period.

We need a Christian church school established here and we are happy to

know that plans are being made to start one this coming school year.

We have faith in God that He will be able to provide the necessary means so that the light of the truth may shine in many hearts and that thousands may accept this message here in this area of the Lord's vineyard.

MANUEL CABRAL, *Pastor, Saragosa-Pecos area.*

NOTE: Pastor Manuel Cabral has recently been called to work in this area and we are so happy to be able to provide a worker in this vast heretofore unworked territory of southwest Texas. Don Christman, Texico President.

ODESSA

Dorcas Society Aids African Leprosarium

About two years ago one of Odessa's faithful and beloved members, Mrs. Suzanne Allen, a registered nurse, accepted a mission call to go to Africa to serve in our Seventh-day Adventist Leper Hospital at Chipata, Zambia, Central Africa.

As the Odessa members periodically heard from Sister Allen, they would learn of the great need over there, so they decided to send some boxes of clothes to the lepers.

They were happy to hear from Sister Allen that the six-seven boxes were reaching their destination all right and that the clothing was very much appreciated. The Dorcas folks in Odessa were especially pleased to hear from Brother J. D. Mzumara, director of the Leprosarium. In this letter he told of their Sabbath school superintendent and his happiness over one of the men's used suits that had been sent.

After knowing mail was going through all right, they were anxious to send more things. Sister Oleta Phillips, the Odessa Sabbath school superintendent, gathered many boxes of books and especially primer books mostly of a religious nature. The Dorcas mem-



Pastor Sammy Anaya stands by the new Santa Fe church site. When completed it will seat approximately 200 people and we will have a representative sanctuary in New Mexico's capital city. The new construction is on Bishop's Lodge Road.

bers gathered many items of paper goods, soap, writing tablets, Kleenex, several dozen cans of hair spray, many pairs of new and used sun glasses for the lepers' sun-sensitive eyes, and dozens of specially needed items. And, of course, as many men's good used suits as possible as well as baby things.

After the boxes had been sent, a letter came from the postmaster in New Orleans (Port of Customs) asking to identify one box which had lost a tag describing its contents. Somehow, it was realized, this was a special way the Lord was giving the folks in Odessa to testify for Him. Mrs. Margaret Cochran wrote a long letter and explained all about the work of our church and its Dorcas Society and the special needs of our less-fortunate brethren in Central Africa. She asked for his help in seeing that the packages reached their destination. Then, as she mailed the letter, she asked the Lord to touch the postmaster's heart that he might be willing to hurry the packages along without undue censorship in customs. Sure enough, they received word from Sister Allen that the second shipment of boxes were arriving okay.

Now when the call is made in their Sabbath school to bring good used clothing or other items to be sent to Africa, the whole church rallies quickly to the call. The next shipment is toys along with other goodies that they hope will arrive by Christmas time. With the Lord's blessing, the Odessa Dorcas has spent \$184.24 in postage for these boxes of blessing sent to Africa.

Keith McBeth Called to Spearhead Work in Spearman Area

On July 5, 1972, Dr. James Thomas started his practice in Spearman, Texas. He and his wife had come from Crescent City, California, and were hoping to settle in a place where there was no church and in this way establish



Bright-eyed children learn of Jesus at the Saragosa Sabbath school.



Keith McBeth and his wife, Wanda, with Bridgit and Randy.



Ruidoso church was newly formed on October 27 with 16 charter members.

our work in a dark county. His plan, under the Lord's guidance has borne fruit. In fact, on November 24 approximately 27 persons will become charter members of the to-be-organized Spearman church.

Just recently a young man from California Keith McBeth, has been called to shepherd this little flock and to broaden the work in this place. With his colporteur background he is approaching this expansion program by spending part of his time in literature evangelism. Also, he and the doctor are launching their first Five-Day Plan.

Brother McBeth already has 150 Voice of Prophecy Bible studies signed up; has sold \$1000 worth of books. In his door-to-door efforts he has found three families who would like to be Sabbath keepers and he is giving Bible studies in five homes.

Montana-born Keith McBeth graduated from the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University. His wife, Wanda, has worked as a secretary and clerk typist. They have two children, Randy, 14; and Bridgit, nine.

Thank you for coming to Texico, Pastor McBeth. We can see that the Lord is already bountifully blessing your labors.

Ruidoso Group Holds Church Organization Ceremonies

October 27 was a high day for the 16 charter members who formed the new Ruidoso, New Mexico, church. Of course there were many from Alamo-gordo and the surrounding area that rejoiced with this brand new church body. Elder Christman, Texico president, was there to participate in the

ceremonies as well as the I. B. Burtons, and the Ray Wings, all from the conference office. There was a lovely musical preceding their afternoon program.

The members are well on their way to financing a new church building with various special offerings that have been taken up. We are so happy to know we have another church to add to our Texico roster and we pray God's richest blessings upon them. It is barely a year ago when a company was formed in this area, so we realize our work is really growing in Texico.



Special ceremony for charter members of the Ruidoso church to sign the church roster.



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Chemistry Department Inaugurates Audio-Tutorial Laboratory

This year, for the first time at SUC, students in Introductory Chemistry have the instructor at their ear if not their side to guide them through the procedures and learning experience of the chemistry laboratory.

Several days prior to the actual laboratory period the student receives a written explanation of the scientific principles to be studied in the forthcoming session, then at the lab itself the directions for the actual experiment are given to the student via a

tape player and head phones. In this way the teacher is able to personally direct the student in the experiments even though the instructor may have another class to teach at the time of the lab session.

Not only are the instructions given in this way to each student individually, but as they carry out the experiment work, the instructor is also able to comment to each student regarding various phases of the work.

Students are enabled to proceed at



Students in chemistry lab use audio-tutorial equipment.

their own individual pace. At all times an experienced student proctor is present in the lab to care for any problems which may arise.

Because these laboratories are limited to 12 students per session, much individual help is provided by the lab assistant.

Chemical science is a field in which knowledge is expanding rapidly due to modern research methods; consequently, SUC is using modern machines and techniques to present this knowledge to its students.

Texas Student Spends Summer in Europe with Evangelistic Team

Clay Read, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Read of the Southwestern Union College Music Department, is home again after a memorable trip to Europe with Elder Elden Walter and family, and singing evangelists, Gordon and Phyllis Henderson, of the Voice of Prophecy. Elder Walter is ministerial secretary of the Southwest Union Conference.

Clay is a freshman at Southwestern Union College, and celebrated his 19th birthday July 3 in England. A year ago Clay traveled to six camp meetings in the US with Elder Walter to assist him in training people to tell others about Christ on a one-to-one basis.

The trip this summer was sponsored by Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, for the purpose of

Clay Read



Some of the business practicum students in session exchanging ideas with each other and faculty committee. Left to right: Ralph Chinchurreta, Mr. Dan Rozell, Mr. Marvin Anderson, Doug Mehling, Peggy Turner, Ron Turner, Dale Herber, and Dennis Baker.

holding a field school of evangelism in Coventry, England. Coventry was selected for the crusade because it is more open to Americans. It is a nearly new city, as it had to be rebuilt after the bombings of war.

The young man's contacts made him very thankful he has been brought up in a Christian home. Only two percent of the population in England are Christian. Four and a half percent attend some type of religious service. Many Moslems are there.

Following the stay at Coventry, the group took a vacation trip to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Holland, and Belgium. The beauty of Norway held Clay spellbound. "Fantastic!" he declared. The trip made him appreciate America, because, he explained, "there is less red tape here, and we live, for the most part, without fear." The youth of Holland and Germany admit fear that the American troops are going to pull out, and they cannot defend themselves. Regardless of who says, "Yankee, go home," the young people over there are glad the Americans are with them. Clay repeated, "Americans don't realize how good we have it, and we should be very thankful for our form of government, even if we have a 'Watergate' now and then!"

Laura Winn.

Actual Practice Offered by College Business Department

The Business Administration department at Southwestern Union College offers college credit for actual business practice in a course called business practicum. The junior or senior major is able to participate in some aspect of running a business under the direction of a faculty committee from the business department.

Some of the current and past activities of this class have been: setting up an accounting system on a computer

for local industry; managing, as president, a small corporation; managing a roofing company; setting up an inventory system for a food distributorship; antique auto sales; feasibility studies for a motel and credit union in the community; and also the city manager of Cleburne is enrolled and his project is, of course, managing the city of Cleburne.



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MISSION Spotlight

— on Seventh-day Adventists

A REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1973



RHODESIA — Program A

Africa has a hold on the imaginations of man! Soil of the continent bears footprints of great religious leaders. The first Seventh-day Adventist mission for non-Christian people was established at Solusi, 30 miles west of Bulawayo — Rhodesia's largest city. Connecting link to this first mission station is 100-year-old Chabongo. In a Mission Spotlight interview, Chabongo reminisced about the early pioneer days. He told how he assisted Pastor Anderson in building the first mission house. He pointed to the spot where missionaries built their first camp. He considers himself the stone for the church because he was Number 1 to be baptized. A fervent spirit is moving across the Rhodesian hills today. 30,000 Seventh-day Adventists are on a witness parade. 5,000 new converts were baptized in recent Mission '73 revivals.

MALAWI — Program B

There is good news from Malawi, a small interior country of southeast Africa. Sixty-six summer camp meetings were held in one mission in '73. A new, revolutionary system for containment and cure of leprosy is being effected. Leprosy is not the contagious disease once thought. Patients at the large Malamulo Leprosarium are being phased out. Two land rovers are being used to take treatment direct to patients in their villages. Cost of medicine is a mere 10¢ a year per patient. During the 4th quarter of 1973, a 13th Sabbath project offering will focus on a new Malamulo Publishing House. 30 national workers are prepared to produce publications in French, Swahili, Tonga, Shona, Tombuka and Chichewa languages. "The door is wide open to reach the 10 million people of Zambia and Malawi," says Australian manager, Ivor Petrie.

YELLOWKNIFE, NWT, CANADA — Program C

A portion of the 13th Sabbath overflow offering in 1972 was designated for Yellowknife, capital city of Canada's Northwest Territories. The goal: to develop a multi-purpose complex for church operations in this remote area. The offering totaled \$55,000, but the planned project was estimated to cost several times that amount. On June 15, 1973, one hundred fifty men and women including thirty teenagers arrived in Yellowknife by private aircraft. Most of them were members of Maranatha Flights International—volunteer church laymen anxious to do their part. Working in shifts around the clock, this energetic team completed the project in twelve days. A newspaper called it the "instant church." Mission Spotlight unfolds the amazing story of how the needs of a little-known, cold country captured the imagination of warm-hearted members of the church. The record stands as a unique successful venture in behalf of a 13th Sabbath project.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT is a regular Sabbath school feature sponsored by the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference. During the present quarter, nearly 1,000 churches—from Alaska to Miami and Hawaii to Maine—are using a Mission Spotlight program once each month. Non-participating Sabbath schools interested in this special feature should contact their local conference Sabbath school secretary.



Holidays Are Near

It's that time of year again, isn't it? Silvery tinsel and snowflakes, tied up with a big red ribbon. For a few days, anyway, perhaps the warmth of family and friends can divert our minds from the energy crisis, the dirty tricks crisis, and the Middle East crisis.

But even with the joy of giving in our hearts, the dollar crisis is going to bother us a little bit. So let's concentrate on something of permanent value — good reading.

The devotional books planned especially for daily reading during 1974, always make welcome gifts. Juniors this year will enjoy *Target-Heaven*, by Lois Christian Randolph. Stories with contemporary flavor teach solid principles of Christian living for young people. Adults will be pleased with a new El'en G. White compilation called *God's Amazing Grace*. Geared toward the theme of revival and reformation, this collection stresses such topics as "Growth in Grace" and "The Cost of Grace." Both devotional books are published by Review and Herald.

For sheer economy you couldn't do better than the three super-attractive new gift booklets just released by Southern Publishing Association. These three booklets, all of which are compilations of Ellen G. White writings, cost just a few cents more than an attractive Christmas card. Yet they are loaded with beautiful photographic illustrations and some really meaningful thoughts. They would be ideal for shut-ins, people in the hospital, senior citizens, etc. Titles are: *I Will Raise Him Up*; *The Sunshine of His Presence*; and *The Touch of Faith*.

For a gift that lasts a whole year after Christmas, why not send the *NEW Still Waters*? This little mini-devotional magazine has been completely redesigned for 1974. New covers, attractive photographic treatments, and of course hundreds of new inspirational thoughts. A year's subscription costs less than \$3.

You could get an in-person look at all these things at your Adventist Book Center. Or if that's not convenient, you could plan to attend the holiday book sale that the Adventist Book Center will be holding in your area. ABC people are friendly, the crowds aren't pushy, and you can find something there to please the most discriminating person on your list.

Have a Merry . . . PAULA BECKER,
Public Relations Director,
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SUNSET SCHEDULE

	Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	Dec. 14
Abilene, Texas	5:35	5:34	5:34	5:35
Amarillo, Texas	5:37	5:35	5:35	5:36
Brownsville, Texas	5:38	5:38	5:39	5:40
Dallas, Texas	5:22	5:21	5:21	5:22
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a heart-to-heart chat with your union conference president

“I Can’t Turn Off My Happy”

Several years ago I promised my family a camping trip in the Colorado Rockies. We would plan to leave in one month. Everybody was delighted — especially my 11-year old son, Danny. He jumped for joy all over the house and even went galloping around the outside of the house several times. He laughed and shouted and clapped his hands. Finally he calmed down a bit, but periodically he would unannounced break into jumping and clapping ecstasy. After a few days life’s routine at our house became more normal and we all went on living and planning in a general way for our Colorado Rockies camping trip. All except Danny, that is. He continued to walk around in a “mirasma” of joy. He even slept with a big smile on his face. He performed his household chores in a spirit of joy. After about two weeks had passed Danny still had an almost perpetual grin on his face. Finally with some concern I asked my son, “Danny, why are you smiling all the time?” Then came those golden words, “Daddy, ever since you told us about our Colorado Rockies trip I just can’t turn off my happy.”

When a person is truly converted and goes all the way with Jesus; there comes to the heart a perpetual joy that cannot be extinguished. When a person once gets a vision of heaven and hears Christ’s invitation and promise to go to that beautiful place, a happiness comes to the soul that simply cannot be turned off.

A truly converted, all-out Christian has an atmosphere of joy about him that appeals to human hearts. The world is plenty cold and dreary out there and needs warmhearted “cheerer-uppers.” Every day you meet at least one person who is downhearted, or blue, and who needs a cheery smile and a word of courage.

When I attended academy at Mount Vernon Academy in Mount Vernon, Ohio, there was a sweet little lady we all called “Johnsie” who had charge of the laundry. She was a sweetheart if there ever was one. I don’t know (and I don’t care) how much education she had; but I can tell you this — she possessed a spiritual exuberance that was downright fantastic. No one had a problem too big or too small but that “Johnsie” would

not help lift. She had the sweetest most infectious smile you ever encountered. Her heart was converted, her joy was full, her cup of good cheer kept running over into the lives of hundreds of our precious youth. Her happy encouraging spirit was contagious. When “Johnsie” walked in, clouds were lifted — hope was born. “Johnsie” is still living, I saw her recently. I told her of the courage and help she had brought to me and hundreds more. She laughed her own delightful little squeal and gave me a good hug and spoke words of courage in my ear. She still hasn’t “turned off her happy.” She never will. She is a precious saint of God, if there ever was one. Heaven will be filled with “Johnsies.” She is only five feet tall, but she can reach all the way up to heaven to cheer some lonely soul toward heaven.

You can be the “Johnsie” in your home or in your church. There are plenty of dreary souls. We don’t need one more expert on the faults and failures of others — but we do need many more sweet little “Johnsies,” who know the “joy of the Lord,” who have tasted and seen that the Lord is good, who wear a big smile, who know how to speak words of courage and cheer — every day all along the way.

God says, “Be of good cheer: I have overcome the world.” John 16:33.

If you really believe these words, you will not only cheer up — but best of all, you can become the “Johnsie” of your own church. You will tell everybody to “Be of good cheer,” Christ has overcome the world. Do you know any better news? Then be of good cheer, spread the good news!

Yours for happiness and good cheer
that cannot be turned off,

B. E. LEACH.

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“ . . . those who in everything make God first and last and best, are the happiest people in the world. Smiles and sunshine are not banished from their countenance.” *Messages to Young People*, p. 38.

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