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EDUCATION**

5,000

*over 5,000 members now in **Oklahoma***

The theme song of the Oklahoma Conference is "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." We sang it with much rejoicing as news came to us that our conference had passed our goal of 5,000 members. Such an accomplishment can come only under the blessing of God and we thank Him for His goodness.

We are also grateful that He uses human instruments to accomplish His task. In reaching this goal it took the combined efforts of each department. It is a pleasure to congratulate each of our departmental directors for their contribution to this remarkable growth. Every department of the conference is dedicated to advancing the gospel thrust through a soul-winning emphasis.

We are well aware that a few individuals at headquarters cannot do much to evangelize the great state of Oklahoma. However, the combined efforts of our faithful pastors and dedicated members make it possible to give this good report. In this unity there is great strength, and continued growth of the field is assured.

The year 1975 gives omens of continued advance. The tithe to date shows a gain over last year. The same is true of our baptisms, our literature evangelism sales, our Sabbath school offering, and every other department of the work.

With the positive attitude of the members and workers of the Oklahoma Conference we shall quickly reach the goal of 6,000 members and onward for God until our Saviour returns.



5,000 and On to Six!

by
C. W. SKANTZ,
President,
Oklahoma Conference.

6,000 Members by 1980

Even before the "amen" was sung to "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" for the accomplishment of reaching the 5,000 membership mark (a net gain of 1,132 members during a five-year period), the wheels of dedication and organization were turning, in anticipation of attaining 6,000 members by 1980.



Robert Rider

Any achievement should serve only as a "launching pad" to greater triumphs for Christ and His church on this earth. To deny to plan ahead, with definite goals, is to deny the power and blessing the Lord is willing and anxious to bestow.

One of our leading Adventist evangelists said, "I have never won a soul to Christ." The Lord uses many avenues and many individuals to win a soul — a kind word spoken, a Bible study given, the invitation to an evangelistic crusade, a consistent Christian life — all these actions and many more win respect and membership to the cause of God.

"This movement is of God. It is destined to triumph gloriously. Its organization is Heaven-indicted. Its departments are the wheels within the

wheels, all skillfully linked together; but they are incomplete and partial without the Spirit within the wheels giving power and speedy results. These wheels are composed of men and women. God baptizes men and women rather than movements; and when men receive the power of the Spirit into their lives, then the beautiful machinery moves speedily forward on its appointed task. This must be realized individually before it can be realized collectively. How imperative, then, our need of God's provision!" *Christ Our Righteousness*, pp. 30, 31.

The laity and ministry of the Oklahoma Conference is united in praying

Baptisms Increase 26%

Robert Rider, Oklahoma Conference secretary, reports baptisms for the month of May totalled 31. This brings the total baptisms for 1975 to 160 for a 26% gain over the comparable period in 1974.

for this heavenly anointing, pressing on with haste to 6,000 members by 1980. Let not the spreading of the Gospel through Oklahoma delay our Lord's return.

ROBERT RIDER,
Conference Secretary.

OKLAHOMA IS OK!

Treasury Department Report

The Lord has truly blessed His work in the Oklahoma Conference. This year marked a significant milestone as the membership of the conference passed the 5,000 mark. To pass this mark has taken the combined efforts of many who have been blessed by the Lord.

In reaching this mark we especially want to acknowledge the faithful financial support that the members of the conference have made to the cause of God. For the year ended December 31, 1974, the tithe for the conference amounted, to \$1,202,976.65. Of this amount, \$462,160.77 was passed on to the Southwestern Union and General Conference for the financing of the work. The mission offerings were \$289,



Max A. Trevino, Oklahoma Conference treasurer.



Oklahoma Conference treasury staff: Deryl Knutson, Karon Stricker, and Carol Robinson.

\$51.77. Also the conference members supported the public evangelism program with \$66,682.71.

The financial support of our members has made it possible for the Oklahoma Conference to carry on a large public-evangelism program. It is the belief of our administration that evangelism pays and we have seen this in the growth of our field and also the financial support of our members.

It is not an objective of our work to accumulate profits or gains except as they can improve our reserves to recommended levels or provide funds for more efficiency in performing our task, which is evangelism and the preparation of a people for heaven. It is good to report that the Oklahoma Conference is operating with the amount of reserves that the denomination has set for our conference. And it is an objective of the Oklahoma Conference to maintain these reserves so that the work of the Lord can progress on a sound financial base.

MAX A. TREVINO, Treasurer.

PUBLISHING

Retired Or Recharged?

W. R. Randolph worked for the Oklahoma City school system for over 20 years. In 1968, he retired from his duties and was impressed to enter the literature ministry, because he and his wife, Eula, (who later retired and joined him as a team) had a special burden to win someone to Christ.

The Lord has richly blessed Randy and Eula as they have contacted and prayed in thousands of homes. In the past six years, the Randolphs have delivered over \$48,000.00 worth of truth-filled literature. They have worked over 7,000 hours and given out thou-

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Denton James, publishing director of the Oklahoma Conference.

sands of pieces of literature. They also believe in giving Bible studies in the homes of interested persons.

As a result of their personal labor, they have seen five precious souls accept Christ and are now members of the church.

There also remains the silent influence of the literature left in the homes. Only heaven will reveal the total results of their labors. The Randolphs desire to be witnessing to someone when Jesus returns to claim His own.

This is but an illustration of a typical literature evangelist in Oklahoma. Every one of these dedicated workers has made a strong contribution to the growth of our conference. Their greatest job, however, is going from home to home presenting the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

DENTON JAMES,
Publishing Director.



Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Randolph pictured here with a cake presented to her upon her retirement from a doctor's office. Retirement allowed her to join her husband in the literature evangelism ministry.

Oklahoma Youth on the March

Possibly the greatest challenge facing our church today is that of effectively utilizing the enthusiasm, energy and talents of our young people. We are told by the servant of the Lord that juniors, earliteens, and senior youth can become outstanding soul winners if they are properly encouraged and trained. Our responsibility as youth leaders is to find the responsive chord which will set the youth in motion.



Wayne Easley

Pathfinder Work Grows

During the past few years, we have experienced a steady growth in Pathfinder activities throughout the conference. A Bible-Nature Quiz is held on an annual basis. Clubs intensively study certain sections of the Bible in order to participate in the event.

Oklahoma Pathfinder Camporee has become an event of real significance for our clubs. At camporee, where as many as 300 pathfinders and counselors meet, there has been a blending of the physical and spiritual emphasis.

MV Class Work Shows Progress

An active lively interest is being maintained in the MV class work in Oklahoma. Every church school strongly supports the program and more and more senior youth are becoming Master Guides. What a joy it is to see a young person dedicate his talents to junior or senior youth leadership.



Happy faces of Pathfinders from Oklahoma City reflect the enthusiasm of Adventist youth in Oklahoma.

Youth Activities at Horseshoe Canyon Camp

Many youth activities in the conference are held at Horseshoe Canyon Camp. Located in the central western part of the state in beautiful Caddo County, Horseshoe Canyon Camp is an inspiring place for the youth of Oklahoma. Five summer camps, including a National Camp for the Blind, are held at the camp. Family campout, held in the early spring at the camp, has become a tradition for families from across the state.

During the fall months, the camp is a favorite spot for Pathfinder club outings or church groups.

Junior Olympics Held

A youth activity greatly enjoyed by junior-academy-age young people is the annual junior-olympics program held at Parkview Junior Academy in



A junior academy student clears the bar in the high jump during the annual Junior Olympics held at Parkview School in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City. Youth from six junior academies participate in a day of field events followed by an East-West basketball game.

Temperance Activities Stressed

Several temperance activities are scheduled each year for the youth of the conference. Our Junior Academy Temperance Oratorical Contest, open to any student in grades nine and 10, is growing. About 300 people attended the orations finals held this year in Oklahoma City.

Another temperance activity open to all Adventist youth in Oklahoma is the annual Temperance Poster Contest. Scores of posters are submitted each year.

Soul Winning, the Key

Along with the various activities already mentioned, our youth in the

conference carry a large part of the Ingathering load. Night after night, they can be found going from door to door.

They are also active in literature distribution and witnessing groups. Surely many a person will be led to Christ by the hand of a young person. In Oklahoma the challenge of our youth has become a great blessing. May God continue to bless youth activities in the Sooner State.

WAYNE EASLEY,
Youth Director.

Sabbath School and Lay Activities Report Progress

Sabbath School

A total of 683 souls were at least partially influenced into accepting Christ and joining the church by the work of Oklahoma Sabbath Schools from 1970 through 1974. These figures reveal the Sabbath school, indeed, is evangelistic. Many of these baptisms were the precious heritage of the Lord, boys and girls from Adventist homes. Through the dedication of our youth division leaders and assistants, our own flesh and blood has been led to conversion. Vacation Bible schools have been helpful too, with 17 being conducted in 1974 alone.

Another important aspect of the Oklahoma Sabbath schools has been the growth in financial support of the foreign mission work. The annual donations for foreign missions have grown from \$88,532.27 in 1970 to \$138,654.55 in 1974. During the five-year period over \$550,000.00 was given by Okla-



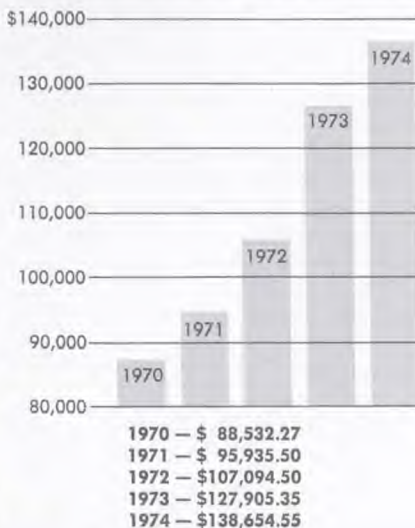
Elder Gary Grimes, Oklahoma Lay Activities, Sabbath School, Public Relations director shown with his secretary, Nell Burton.

homa Sabbath schoolers for foreign missions. The work here in the United States will be blessed in proportion to the amount we support the foreign mission program. The accompanying graph shows the Sabbath School offering gains in Oklahoma for the past five years.

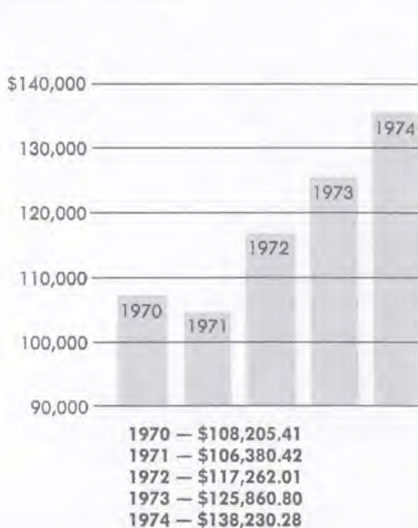
Lay Activities

It is a pleasure to make this report on the activities of the Oklahoma laity for the past few years. The laymen of Oklahoma are happy to have had a part in helping the Oklahoma Conference reach the 5,000 mark in membership. The reports from the churches of Oklahoma show that the laymen of Oklahoma won over 200 precious souls to Jesus and church membership during the last five years. Our laymen also gave out over a million and a half

SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS



INGATHERING



pieces of doctrinal literature during the same five-year period.

Another major program of the Lay Activities Department is Ingathering. The accompanying graph depicts the five year growth in funds from \$108,205.41 in 1970 to \$138,230.28 in 1974.

As the Lay Activities Department sets its sights on 6,000 members by 1980, its motto is "Every member a witnessing minister."

GARY D. GRIMES,
Sabbath School and
Lay Activities Director.

OKLAHOMA

Adventist Book Center Report

I visited the public library the other day. I'm sure we're all acquainted with the library and what we find in it. Books, books, story books, history books, books of poetry — everywhere books.

Did you ever notice how we read a book? It goes something like this: We pick out one by the title. If that suits us, we leaf through the pages, looking at the pictures. Then, if we like the pictures, we look at the print to see if we can read it easily. Then, if all these things suit us, we may read the book. Funny, isn't it?

Did you know that God has a lot of libraries? Oh, we call them churches, but they are libraries, and the members are the books. Yes, *you* and *I*. People come in and look around till they see some of us with the title



Joe Green, Adventist Book Center manager, takes Pastor Al Cross's order for the new book entitled "Perfection."

"Christian." They take our life down and look it through for the pictures — yes, the scenes that portray us; it may be our tempers, or our stubbornness, our coarseness, or it may be our cheer, our friendliness, or our trustworthiness. If they do not like these scenes, they put us to one side just as we do a book whose pictures we do not like. But if they do like them, they begin to look at other things, such as habits, speech, manners, and ideals. If these are clear-cut, they may take time to really know us.

The main purpose of the Adventist Book Center is to help our members adjust and grow in the church family through reading. The ABC carries the message in periodicals, tracts, books, records, and tapes needed to serve the growing church.

What are your outstanding traits and habits? Would they draw folks to you, or would they make them shun you? Do folks know what you stand for? We do not like blurred pages in a book and we do not like smeared principles in people any better.

The all-important thing about a book is this: It must have in it what its title says it has. What do you expect to find in an arithmetic book, in a speller, in a history book, or in a story book?

Paul said that Christians are books in God's library, "known and read of all men." Now, if our title says "Christian," folks have a right to expect our lives to teach and explain Christ. They will be disappointed to find other things there, just as we would be disappointed to find a history book full of arithmetic or a story book full of spelling lessons. What kind of a book are you?

"Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men." 2 Corinthians 3:2.

JOE GREEN, ABC Manager.

OKLAHOMA

Conference Corporation Is Ready to Serve You

The words "occupy til I come" have a significant impact on Seventh-day Adventists in the light of the responsibility God has placed upon us. In the sense used here, "to occupy" means to "carry on," "go forward," "push deeper into enemy territory," "conquer new lands," "preach the Gospel to all people," "build more churches," et cetera.

It costs the nation considerably more to launch an offensive attack in time of war than it does to just maintain the defensive position during peacetime. *U. S. News & World Report* puts the cost of direct military spending in Vietnam alone at 150 billion dollars.

We sing, "like a mighty army moves the church of God," and rightly so. But with this advancement we, too, have increased costs. We should all thank God for larger budgets to meet greater needs!

Your Oklahoma Conference Corporation has grown considerably and has played a major role in the growth of our conference in recent years by providing the use of funds for evangelism in various forms. There is a very close relationship between the progress of your corporation and the progress of the conference program. Let us rejoice, therefore, for increased opportunities which call for larger budgets that make possible more souls in the kingdom.

I think the following comment from Mrs. White found in *Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 329, is most appropriate, "God has devised plans that all may work intelligently in the distribution of their means. *He does not pro-*



The Adventist Book Center staff, left to right: Lavelle Mangum, Linda Knutson, and Joe Green stock the shelves with a new supply of truth-filled literature.



Elder Jim Evans, Trust Services director, counsels with Mrs. Lottie Phillips about the conference trust program.

pose to sustain His work by miracles. . . . The growing necessities of the cause of God require means." (Italics supplied)

This certainly shows God's dependence on our faithfulness in providing the means to carry on His work. The miracles will come when we are faithfully giving something to God for Him to perform miracles with. God's ability to perform miracles in no way lessens our responsibility to be faithful stewards.

By placing your property and funds in a trust suitable to your needs, and/or remembering your conference in your will, you are showing your faithfulness and providing means. One of the most popular trusts used by our members is the Revocable Trust allowing complete control and change of all assets placed in trust during one's lifetime. Monies can be withdrawn should emergencies arise, property can be sold if necessary. All monies receive 5% interest and you have the satisfaction of knowing that it is being used for the glory of God. It is one more way one can "lay up for himself treasure in heaven," of showing God where your heart really is "for where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

Should you have questions regarding the trust and how it can make you a better steward for God, please contact our office and I shall be happy to have a personal visit with you and explain how a trust can benefit you and the cause of God in Oklahoma.

J. W. L. EVANS, *Director,*
Trust Services Department.

Community Services Report

Once we have accepted Christ as our personal Saviour and claim His righteousness by faith we want to serve



Mrs. Vera Wolfe

our fellow man as Christ served when on earth. We have seen this in action in Community Services throughout Oklahoma. Our scope has reached beyond the local community activity in our endeavor to witness for Christ.

Friendship Camp, a program for junior youth, has been well sponsored by our churches and resulted in baptisms.

Educational classes add to our help-



Vera Wolfe, Oklahoma Conference Community Services director, is about ready to send a load of clothes to the SAWS Depot in California.

ing people. Some have been in gardening, canning, freezing, basic sewing, and proper pattern fitting. Cooking and nutrition classes have aided the public in better eating habits and helped our local church members. Mrs. Glee Kincannon, nutritional advisor for the Southwestern Union Conference, accepted an invitation to give a lecture to the nutrition students at Oscar Rose Junior College in Midwest City.

The elderly have been made happy by senior citizen dinners on special occasions, new lap robes, soft house slippers, bed jackets, house coats, and "just attention" that has been given to them — "someone cares."

The Southern Hills church has been visiting a nursing home in Oklahoma City each week and reading to the patients from the *Bible Story* books. The Lawton church works with the "Meals on Wheels" program. On certain days they deliver the meals to the senior citizens in Lawton.

In addition to Red Cross First Aid and Home Nursing Classes, other outreach programs are held in the health field such as Well Baby Clinics, where children may receive their immunizations and counseling is available for mothers with small children.

Adult Screening Clinics have been held where blood pressures are checked, diabetes tests are given, breast examinations are made, and Pap smears are taken.

Relief of suffering in floods and tornadoes has been cared for with our clothing, bedding, and linens from our Disaster Relief Van.



The Oklahoma Disaster Van in action at the 1975 Guthrie flood.

The Medical-Dental Mobile Clinic with its dental facilities and tests, such as blood pressure, diabetes, glaucoma, and oral cancer, has reached many people in Oklahoma. Each of us has a part in this through our Inner City offering.

These activities may seem physical, but the spiritual aspect has not gone by unnoticed because they have been rendered with a heart of love. Each of you has made these things possible and let us continue in service until Jesus comes.

VERA WOLFE,
Community Service Director.

OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING

Child Evangelism Class to Be Taught by General Conference Leader

Elder Howard Rampton, associate secretary, Sabbath School Department, General Conference since 1970, will



Howard Rampton

teach a workshop in child evangelism during the Oklahoma Camp Meeting. The workshop will be conducted in the Main Pavilion Annex Monday through Friday from 1:15 p.m. through 2:30 p.m.

Elder Rampton is a native of New Zealand. He received his degree from Avondale College, New South Wales, Australia in 1944. He was ordained to the gospel min-

istry in Melbourne, Australia in 1952. He has served as an evangelist, pastor, conference Sabbath school secretary, and secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the Australasian Division.

He is an expert in child evangelism and heads up the primary division

work of the General Conference. We would encourage all juniors, primary, kindergarten, and cradle roll leaders, assistant leaders, and teachers to make a special effort to attend as many of the workshops as possible.

GARY D. GRIMES,
Sabbath School Director.

Oklahoma Camp Meeting — August 1-9, 1975

An application blank for camp meeting appears in this issue of the RECORD on page 15. Send yours in today and plan to spend your vacation with us at Oklahoma Camp Meeting.

Italy Is Calling

by S. F. MONNIER, President,
Southern European Union Mission.

Almost 2000 years ago Paul answered for his belief in Jesus before the emperor of ancient Rome, but not until after his ministry had resulted in converts in the very household of Nero. Although the apostle paid the supreme price for his faith, his example of courage served as inspiration to hundreds of martyrs who followed. Then, some 400 years later, at the hour indicated by God, the iron kingdom was divided in the wake of attacks by Barbarian hordes, and another power arose, Papal Rome — the stronghold of popes and Catholicism. God's followers still had to answer for their faith, many of them, like the first Christians, with their blood. The centuries of per-

secution took their toll in Italy. True disciples of Jesus sought refuge in friendlier lands, and Rome tightened her grip on the minds of the people making it difficult to sow the seeds of truth.

Today Christian Rome is losing her impact. Italians no longer believe in life after death. Questioning recent developments in their church, they are neglecting mass and leaving the faith of their fathers. Bewildered and disappointed, they are searching for answers, for certitude. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has the answer. Moreover, there is unprecedented freedom to proclaim the good news of the blessed hope. But Seventh-day Adventists in Italy are few in number, less than 4,500 to evangelize 55 million.

In this country, where we have an average of only one church to every 2000 square miles and only 41 ministers to pastor these groups. Literature evangelists play a vital role in the over-all plan of carrying God's last message to the people. Besides their soul-winning, day-to-day ministry, colporteurs enter an area and prepare the territory before an evangelist holds an effort. Thus by carefully sowing the seed through the sale of literature and their personal witness they are following the example set by these Adventist shock troops throughout the history of our church.

Italian literature evangelists, 33 strong, are devoted to their labors. They go from door to door with two excellent journals, *Vita e Salute*, ("Life and Health"), which enjoys a monthly circulation of 55,000 copies, and *Segni dei Tempi* ("Signs of the Times"), with a circulation of 5,000 copies. There are also 30 subscription books

for the book evangelists and nine Spirit of Prophecy volumes.

This literature is published at Casa Editrice "L'Araldo della Verita," in Florence. This publishing house was opened 50 years ago in Italy by a very small church with a large faith. Still housed in the original building, although offices and rooms have been added, Casa Editrice now appears more like a warehouse or depot than a printing establishment. Book signatures, paper stock, magazines, and inventory are stacked in every available space, making actual press work difficult, but there is no more room for expansion.

Our books and magazines are imperative to the work of the church in Italy. To supply our colporteurs and members with the literature they need, a more functional building is essential. No one knows how long doors will remain open in the seat of the great power that is to play a decisive role in closing events of this world's history. Help us to work while it is yet day.

"Whitecoats"

1965-67

We are planning a future reunion. Please send your name and address, plus names and addresses of any other whitecoats who were in the unit any time between '65-'67. Also, please express your interest in a possible reunion, to: Jerry Shoemaker, 3222 Mirimar, St., Kettering, OH 45409

READER'S DIGEST PRESS

New Book Shows Dangers of Starting to School too Young

This month Reader's Digest Press is publishing the book *Better Late Than Early*, "A New Approach to Youth Child's Education" by Dr. Raymond S. Moore and Dorothy N. Moore of the Hewitt Research Foundation and Andrews University.

The book deals specifically with dangers which science say are inherent in premature entrance of children into schools. It is broken down into two sections: Part I, the review of more than 7,000 early childhood education studies. Part II, how parents or day care workers can best work with children up until they are ready to enter school. The forewords are written by research psychiatrists from the University of Michigan and the University of Colorado Medical Schools.



In every hall, on and under staircases, in every available space, paper and inventory are stacked high. Because there is no more space available in the publishing house, paper is also stored in workers' garages, and cars remain on the street.

Classical Music Groups to Represent United States in Poland

Ambassadors for Friendship has chosen 98 Seventh-day Adventist young people to represent the United States in a three-week good-will tour of Poland this summer.

The 58-member Takoma Academy Chorale, under the direction of Francisco de Araujo, of Takoma Park, Maryland, will be making its debut in Poland this year July 8-29. It will be accompanied by the 40-member Seventh-day Adventist New England Youth Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Virginia Rittenhouse, of South Lancaster, Massachusetts. The Youth Ensemble represented the United States last year in the Ambassador program.

The Polish government has been hesitant to let American teen-agers into the country. But after the New England Ensemble's 1974 tour Poland had a different image of American young people. Polish officials requested that more such youth be sent.

Last year's selection for Poland was made from more than 4,000 high school and college groups from across the United States.

The Polish government will open some of its largest cathedrals for the group's sacred concerts.

According to the Polish Minister of Religion the tour by the New England Youth Ensemble had the greatest impact on the people of Poland of any single influence from this country. In a letter sent to the chorale, Harry W. Morgan, president of Friendship Ambassadors, Incorporated, said, "We have selected you because we believe that you meet our challenge to recommend not only those groups of out-

Nursing Couple Needed for Ethiopia

The Ethiopian Union urgently needs a couple, both trained nurses, for a two-year volunteer assignment at the Assaita Clinic among the Danakil people.

This is a lonely location, but housing accommodation and clinic facilities are adequate. Round-trip transportation and a modest stipend will be supplied. If interested, please write.

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A REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

by Your Union Conference President

FOR THE RECORD

- Southwestern Union College was recently voted accreditation for a nine-year period by the Board of Regents of the General Conference Department of Education.
- I hope you and your family have subscribed to our church paper — the REVIEW AND HERALD. If ever we needed the REVIEW in our homes that time is **NOW**. Subscribe today. You can't make a better investment. You will love the REVIEW.
- Speaking of good investments, have you read INSIGHT recently? Here is one fine magazine for youth. It is really tuned in to youth. Young people love it.

OFF THE RECORD

- Heart-Turning Year is now nearly half history. God has blessed. Many hearts have turned to our young in a new way. The best is yet to come. Turn your heart toward your youth — and they will turn their hearts to you and God.
- Do you want your teenager in one of our academies or our college next year? The time to make inquiry or apply is now. The sooner the better. Write or call:

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Principal, Elder Herman Guy

- A kind word is never lost. It keeps going on and on, from one person to another, until at last it comes to you again.
- A child of God should be a visible beatitude for joy and happiness, and a living doxology for gratitude and adoration.
- "God's power alone can change a heart of stone to a heart of flesh." SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD, p. 100.
- "Let no man despise thy youth" was written for today's generation.
- "Wherever the soul reaches out after God, there the Spirit's working is manifest and God will reveal Himself to that soul. For such worshippers He is seeking. He waits to receive them and to make them His sons and daughters." THE DESIRE OF AGES, p. 189.

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."**

standing artistic caliber but also those who are representative of America's finest young people."

The Ambassadors for Friendship program is in its fifth year in Eastern Europe. From its inception it has tried, through young people and music, to create good will and understanding between the young people of this country and youth of eastern Europe.

M. CAROL HETZELL,
Public Relations Bureau,
General Conference.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Youth Seminar Scheduled for September 8-18

A youth ministry seminar for pastors and youth leaders will be held at Andrews University, September 8-18.

Seminar subjects include understanding youth, developmental psychology, creative Bible study, youth questions, leadership, problems youth face in harmonizing science and the Bible, campus ministry, and gaming and simulation in Christian growth.

The seminar was authorized at the

1974 Annual Council to be co-sponsored by Andrews University and the General Conference Youth Department.

Instructors for the seminar will be Dr. George Akers, Dr. Hans La Rondelle, Dr. Ruth Murdoch, and Dr. John Youngberg from Andrews University; Dr. Robert Brown and others from the Geo-Science Research Institute at Andrews; Dr. Bailey Gillespie from Loma Linda University, California; Dr. Delmar Holbrook, president of Home Study Institute; Don Neufeld, associate editor of the *Review and Herald*; General Conference youth leaders; and others.

Dr. La Rondelle will lead in a series on righteousness by faith. Dr. Brown and staff will discuss critical issues of science and the Bible, and Don Neufeld will offer ideas on creative Bible study.

Seminar organizers will allow time for private study. Youth films and audio-visual devices will be available for inspection.

Tuition for the seminar is \$85. Room and board is an additional \$100. Prospective participants must pre-register by July 1, 1975. Forms must be sent to the General Conference Youth Department, 6840 Eastern Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20012.



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Johnson-Tucker Campaign in Northwest Arkansas Proves Very Successful

In the university town of Fayetteville, Arkansas, the month of May was devoted to an evangelistic series. The Johnson-Tucker Team pitched their

airatorium on the northern outskirts of the city along the busy U.S. Highway 71.

Attendance was good right from the



The airatorium placed beside a busy highway attracted a large crowd at the Johnson-Tucker evangelistic campaign.

start. In fact, on occasion a double-header had to be held in order to accommodate the crowd. Four district pastors of the immediate areas cooperated with the team in making this a successful campaign. The following pastors found themselves very busy in a visitation program: R. T. Williams of Siloam Springs district, A. A. Wilson of Bentonville, W. J. Neptune of Springdale, and Keith Mattingly, Fayetteville.

A tremendous interest was aroused by the "bubble." Members as well as prospective interests drove from as far as Huntsville, Brentwood, and other surrounding churches. Thirty-three baptisms ensued. The new members were welcomed into the fellowship of the seven area churches. There are 14 other interests that are still studying in baptismal classes.

Among the new converts is a young couple who will be going to Andrews University where the husband will be enrolled in ministerial courses. He is determined to be a Seventh-day Adventist minister. Another young man will be going to Southwestern Union College to complete his education, also as a religion major.

The residents of the area feel that Evangelist Cline Johnson and Singing Evangelist Bill Tucker, along with their families, have been a real blessing to them in their communities. Additional campaigns are being planned by this evangelistic team for the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. Watch for the announcements of their opening dates. This team would welcome your encouragement and prayers.

(Photos on left)
(Left) Inside the air tent Bill Tucker, singing evangelist, conducts a lively song service. (Center) At the organ Jackie Tucker supports her husband, Bill, in the song service. (Right) Pastor Dick Williams compares notes with Evangelist Cline Johnson.
(Photos on right)
(Left) Standing at the main entrance of the airatorium and welcoming the arriving guests is Pastor Keith Mattingly. (Center) The hub of activities at the airatorium is the Bible bookcase

where guests procure their copy of the Scripture. Mrs. Cline Johnson, the evangelist's wife, not only helps the people find their Bibles and greets them, but also features the beautiful black-light chalk drawings at the meetings. (Right) The conference president, Elder William Elder, is interested in every evangelistic meeting, and this one is no exception. Two of the pastors from adjoining districts, and who are participating with the campaign, are conversing with the president. They are, left to right: A. A. Wilson and W. J. Neptune.





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SAN ANTONIO

Highland Hills Church Sponsors Nutrition and Child Care Course

On April 5 completion certificates were presented at the final session of a five-week course in nutrition and child care held in the Highland Hills church at San Antonio. The course was designed to teach non-members better and cheaper ways to feed young children and to recognize symptoms and causes of specific diseases in older children. Free nursery service and transportation was provided and classes similar to vacation Bible school were held for older children.

This outreach program was directed by the Community Services leader, Andrea Chapman. Mary Lee Taylor, R.N., and teacher of vocational health, conducted the classes with lectures,

chalkboard presentations, hand-outs, and films. Mary Millar and many other church members gave freely of their time. The average attendance was 25 and one day 50 non-Adventists came. The success of the program was attested to by the submission of 20 applications to the nutrition correspondence course currently being sponsored by the Voice of Prophecy.

Grateful for the results of this program, Highland Hills is now planning appropriate follow-up classes in meal preparation and sewing.

MRS. ANDREA L. CHAPMAN,
*Community Services Leader,
Highland Hills Church.*



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ALBUQUERQUE

Three-Stage Spanish Evangelistic Crusade Is Launched

With the theme "In Search of Happiness" and the goal of 100 souls, Elder Silvio Fernandez, Spanish evangelist and coordinator for the Texico Conference, launched an effort in the greater Albuquerque area. The meetings began in the ballroom of the Plaza Hotel and then moved to the Spanish Cultural Center (name of the Spanish church). A second series will begin in the South Valley where a large concentration of the Spanish-speaking population is found. Helping

with the effort are Pastors Sammy Anaya and Ben Garcia who along with the Pastor Jose Fuentes, the local minister, are helping with the organization and visitation.

The effort has been divided into three stages. The first one is the actual series of lectures by Pastor Fernandez; the second is a strong and long follow-up; the third stage will be the establishment of one church in the South Valley and two Sabbath school branches in other geographical areas of the city.

The first baptism was held May 17 with one following every two weeks. Pastor Fernandez personally teaches evangelism to the pastors and laymen. Classes in church organization and other subjects are also being conducted. "An evangelistic effort does not always produce spontaneous results," states Pastor Fernandez, "it requires months of preparation and although the first results of the effort can be seen in the early baptisms, the actual harvest takes place often after the evangelist has left." Asked why most of the souls are baptized after his departure, he replied, "Souls that are going to stay in the church require a careful and prayerful preparation. Bringing souls to the Lord's feet is a serious matter and we want to make sure we do it right. I will be back every month to conduct the baptisms."

The Spanish brethren in Albuquerque are working with Pastor Fernandez and his team and the results will not only bring a hundred or more souls to the church, but it will also give a new vitality to one of the largest churches in the Texico Conference. Look for more information in the next edition of the RECORD.

LUCY C. ARMIGO,
Public Relations Department.

Spanish Camp Meeting In Texico

Del 30 de Julio al 2 de Agosto, por primera vez, la hermandad hispana de la Texico Conference tendrá su propio

camp meeting en español. Los oradores serán, el pastor Edgard Yanez, profesor del Colegio de Montemorelos, Méjico, y el pastor Rubén Ruiz, vice director de "La Voz de la Esperanza". Ambos oradores, por sus años de ex-



Ruben Ruiz

periencia y su excelente trayectoria en la obra de Dios, nos prometen un verdadero banquete espiritual.

El camp meeting se realizará en las dependencias de la Sandia View Academy, Corrales, New Mexico. En ese hermoso lugar, en contacto con Dios y la naturaleza, pasaremos unos días de gran regocijo espiritual.

Invitamos a todos los hermanos a hacer planes desde ahora, para no perder ni un solo día de esta hermosa cita con Dios, en la que seguramente

todos recibiremos las mas ricas bendiciones del cielo.

Solicite ahora mismo lugar para usted y su familia, llenando la solicitud que adjuntamos.

(El Formulario para reservaciones está en este RECORD.)

Publishing Leaders Visit New Mexico Governor

On behalf of the publishing department of the Texico Conference an audience was obtained with Governor Jerry Apodaca. Present were Pastors Sammy Anaya, associate publishing director, Eugene Torres; and Pastor Bennie Garcia. Purpose of visit was to acquaint the governor with church affairs in the state and to find out his personal opinion of young people, family relationship, drugs, alcoholism, and physical fitness.

It was a friendly interview and was unfolded to him the church's educational, welfare, and social program in the state.

Questions were asked such as: "As a family man how much time do you spend with your family?" The gover-



Left to right: Sammy Anaya, Eugene Torres, Governor Jerry Apodaca, and Bennie Garcia.

nor replied, "I always say it's not how much time I spend with my family, but what is more important is how I make use of the time I am with them."

"Concerning young people, How do you compare the youth today and those of yesteryears?" He then said, "Actually there's not much difference except that today our young people have become more aware of the problems in our world. I would say they are more knowledgeable on alcoholism."

"What is your opinion concerning this evil of society?" The governor answered, "I am concerned about this particular problem. Recently I attended an A.A. meeting to discuss ways and

Special ABC Sales at Camp Meeting

There will be a special bargain sale at the Spanish camp meeting, Saturday night, August 2. Then, another sale at the English camp meeting, Saturday night, August 9.

We have some wonderful graduation gifts. Zondervan Bibles that were originally \$22.95 now are only \$10.25 and some formerly \$14.95 are now only \$8.75. Both are in genuine leather bindings. Also records for \$4.25 that were \$5.95.

means to develop a solution to this health hazard which is costing many lives being lost on our highways."

The governor at age 40 is one of two Spanish surnamed governors in our country. *Time* magazine has tabbed him as one of 200 American Leaders of Tomorrow.

Apodaca was selected as the first chairman of the Western Governors' Regional Energy Policy Office. He's an active sports enthusiast, and jogs two miles on a daily basis. Before leaving his office Pastor Garcia extended him an invitation for his church dedication in Santa Fe.

Truth or Consequences Finishes Vacation Bible School

Truth or Consequences for the first time has had a vacation Bible school with an average attendance of 23. We are surely thankful and happy with the results in this school. Mrs. Hubert Byrum, was the leader with Mrs. Joanne Gray, Mrs. Lynne Cox, and Mrs. Lois Stoops along with Mr. John Altenhoff were the teachers. Mrs. Ethel Firestone and Mrs. Dennis Harper of Portales came and taught the Bible lessons and the nature stories. Pastor Byrum told stories which all the children enjoyed.

The Police Department was invited to come and talk to the children. Officer Flint talked to them about summer safety and showed them the new radar system the police department has. Mr. Cousneah from the Volunteer Fire Department came with a fire truck and talked to the children and showed them the equipment they use in fighting fires and how to protect themselves from fires. Dr. Donald Stoops talked to them and brought along an ambulance with two volunteer workers from the Sierra County Rescue Squad. These



The happy VBS children and helpers at Truth or Consequences.



Dr. Stoops with ambulance. VBS children look on.

two ladies showed the children the emergency equipment they use to render aid and comfort to a victim at the scene of an accident. They took the children for a ride in the ambulance. This was really a treat the children enjoyed!

The school ended Friday night with a program given by the children. They really did a fine job. One boy remarked as he was leaving, "There was never an idle minute and I enjoyed every minute of it."

Prizes were awarded for the best essay, for the most children brought, and for those who brought their Bibles every day. They are all looking forward to another vacation Bible school.

MRS. HUBERT BYRUM.

Interesting Story of New Convert — Evangelism on the March

On April 26 Brother Joe Tippet was baptized by Pastor Norman Graham of El Paso. Brother Joe is happy to be an Adventist. He says he is anxious to tell every person in Truth or Consequences how wonderful it is to be a Christian.

Joe is partially blind, caused by glaucoma, but God has blessed him



Norman Graham, Brother Joe Tippet, and Pastor Byrum.

with the wonderful talent of piano playing. He cannot see the notes, but if he hears a melody, he remembers it. If he hears a Scripture quoted, he remembers it. He can quote a whole chapter at one time. Joe is a licensed masseur and works at the Clover Leaf Bath House. He is also a member of the Sheriff's rescue squad.

Pastor Hubert Byrum studied with Joe before he was baptized. What a joy to know Joe and welcome him to our wonderful Adventist family.

CHEERFUL M. BYRUM.

News from Portales

Cooking School

A cooking school, another Community Service, was conducted in Portales, New Mexico, by Ruby Wing and Janet Graham April 6-9. Attendance was 37 every night with 10 non-Adventists. Those attending were enthusiastic of the lessons learned. A few of the ladies brought their children so they too could learn "The healthful way to live."

One lady said a couple of weeks later: "I've tried several recipes and my family loves them." Another lady came to our home and said "Where can I get some more Loma Linda food?" For a follow-up program some of the ladies from the Portales church are taking the health lessons entitled, "It's Your World of Good Food" each week to the non-Adventist ladies who attended the cooking school. If you haven't had a cooking school in your community I recommend you do so.

Miss Messenger, our church school teacher, conducts a cooking school each

Janet Graham and Ruby Wing in the nutrition kitchen.

Monday. She takes her five girl students to her house and they learn to cook a new recipe each week. What a wonderful training for future homemakers. These girls and their teacher also attended the cooking school each night in Portales.

Sabbath School

What do you know about an ostrich? The cradle roll and kindergarten boys and girls of the Portales Sabbath School can tell you all about them. Their memory verse device was an ostrich on which they glued a feather if they knew their memory verse. Each Sabbath their leader told them some characteristic of an ostrich, such as: size of egg — 50 eggs in a nest; some birds are eight feet tall; they eat lizards, insects, reptiles, in fact almost anything.

One Sabbath Portales had a freak snowstorm and two little Sabbath school members called their leader and said they were snowed in and asked if they said their memory verse over the phone if they could put a feather on their ostrich next Sabbath. Of course the leader said, "Yes." Anyone with enthusiasm like that can't be refused!



Left to right: Jessica Chapparo, Melody Williams, Michael Ray, Vicki Gillham, Robbie Raymond, and Douglas Gillham.

To climax the story of the ostrich, a real ostrich egg was available and the accompanying picture shows the little ones looking at the ostrich egg. What a joy to mold the little minds of these precious children.

MRS. RAY LAUTERBACH.

Albuquerque Central Sponsors Another Great Five-Day Plan

April 28 to May 2 saw another Five Day Plan completed for 95 smokers in Albuquerque. Pastor Willmore Eva hosted the program and from the response of those attending, he did a

marvelous job. Two guest doctors addressed the group and Paul Ehlers, an ex-smoker, opened the first meeting with experiences that helped those attending understand what was needed to be successful.

Follow-up meetings will be held to help with weight problems and to give encouragement to those who attend.

It is possible that a Five Day Plan will be filmed this fall for release on television, if so, each one of the series will be condensed to a 30-minute film. Both educational and commercial stations have shown interest in the program.

Follow-up calls here indicate that about four out of five that attend are able to quit smoking. Once they quit and are free from nicotine, most of them stay off. Those who do go back to smoking, must be considered as new smokers since the same things that caused them to start in the first place, again went to work.

PAUL EHLERS.

SVA Church Member Determined to be Soul Winner

Miss Nellie Odell, a handicapped member of the Sandia View Academy church, has a lay activities project that puts all of us unhandicapped church members to shame! She reports regularly of giving away close to a hundred pieces of literature per week. Her only complaint is that she runs out of tracts before she is tired of giving out literature, and once in a while someone refuses to take her tract, which she is so anxious for them to have.

Nellie is hard to understand because of her handicap, but what she says is worth quoting: "If I only see one soul in the kingdom, it will be worth it."

We are all praying that she will be rewarded by seeing not one, but many souls in the kingdom due to her faithful labor.

Sister Nellie Odell demonstrates how she passes out literature; right, Mert Vincent, SVA's lay activities leader.



Sister Odell moved to Albuquerque from Wichita, Kansas, with her parents about a year ago. Only able to move slowly with a special walker (the result of an auto accident), Nellie has been a regular member of our SVA Sabbath school and church.

Her father good naturedly complains that Nellie runs him ragged hauling her around to different shopping centers!

LYNN WALLACE, SVA Church.

TEXICO NEWS NOTES

► The Borger district was greatly blessed by 13 nights of meetings with Elder Harold Friesen. Five decisions for Christ were made resulting in three baptisms with their baptisms scheduled for the immediate future. The meetings held in Borger were supported by the entire district. Much thanks to the laity for helping to make the meetings a success.

Ken Cartwright, Pastor.

► SUMMER CAMP time is drawing near! Have you submitted your application? July 6-13.

► Sunday, June 8, was GROUNDBREAKING DAY for our new El Paso Spanish church. Sabbath, June 7, fifteen Spanish members were baptized in this city — and four others in Las Cruces.



April 21-24 a "Nutrition Nuggets" school was held in Amarillo by Mrs. Joelle Elliston who has assisted in the television program "This Is Your World of Good Food" in California with Art Linkletter. There was a good attendance of non-Adventists, Dr. and Mrs. Harlan Wilson along with the Olsen Park Seventh-day Adventist Church sponsored this interesting program. Some of the junior academy students helped behind the scenes. Mrs. Don Christman is shown here, happily assisting Mrs. Elliston.



**southwestern
union college**

KSUC-FM to Provide Coverage of General Conference Session in Vienna

Seventh-day Adventists within the range of KSUC-FM at Southwestern Union College will be able to hear "Now — 1975," daily reports of the General Conference sessions, direct from Vienna. The Adventist Radio Network, whose institutional members represent all radio stations affiliated with Seventh-day Adventist institutions in North America, is working closely with the Department of Communication to provide the coverage. Plans call for daily half-hour programs, with special one-hour broadcasts on Sabbaths. Programs will be heard each day, July 12 through July 19. The Sunday through Friday broadcasts can be heard at 6:15 p.m. The Sabbath programs will be broadcast at 1:00 p.m. KSUC is at 88.3 on the FM dial. The station is accepting donations to help cover expenses of the broadcasts.

The Adventist Radio Network is

sending a team of five specialists from the United States to cover the event. The team includes Loren Dickenson, manager of KGTS at Walla Walla College, as producer; and Lee McIntyre, manager of KLLU in Riverside, California, serving as anchorman of the series.

The ARN is taking advantage of jet-age communications methods to make the broadcasts available. Programs will be recorded in Vienna, then rushed by jet to the station. Advantages of this method of distribution, compared to trans-atlantic cable or satellite, are high fidelity and low cost. The disadvantage, a 15-hour delay from the time the program is recorded to the time it is available for broadcast, will be offset by a direct-dial telephone hook-up from Vienna, allowing KSUC to get direct, though poorer fidelity, reports in case of fast-breaking news bulletins.



ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

HEALTH-WISE

Seventh of a series by Helen F. Andrews, M.S., health educator.

The Science of Weight Control-I

The war against fat can be won, but not by impulsive, short-lived attacks on the unwanted pounds with the latest fad diet designed chiefly to earn money for its author.

The problem is receiving the serious attention of many nutritional and medical experts. From their research is emerging a successful battle plan waged on three fronts — diet, exercise and attitude change.

If you have spent years taking off pounds with the latest diet and putting them back on just as quickly, you may be ready to accept the well-documented

facts which can provide a solid foundation for permanent weight control. The first step is to admit that there are no short-cuts, no magic formulas, no painless way to achieve a trim figure and keep it that way. Calories do count. Every calorie not needed for body maintenance or expended for exercise must be stored as fat.

It is also quite possible that you eat less calories than your thin spouse and still gain weight, but don't let that lead you to despair. The realities of weight control are not all discouraging.

You are not sentenced to life on a starvation diet. Through knowledge of the basics of good nutrition, a regular exercise program and the help of the psychology of habit-change you can

look forward to enjoying good food without guilt or fear of shortening your life because of obesity.

But the good news about how to achieve permanent weight control will be of little use if your goal is to lose 20 pounds before you leave on vacation or attend your daughter's wedding. Such short-term goals when achieved are usually only temporary.

The desire to look more attractive, to please someone important to you or to avoid the health hazards of overweight can provide the necessary motivation for people who have well-developed will power.

However, for many people, especially those with a life-long weight problem, a still stronger motive is needed — recognition of responsibility to care for the marvelously functioning body which is a gift from the Creator.

"Glory God in your body and in your spirit which are God's" is the way the Apostle Paul expressed it.

Applied with effective motivation, the science of weight control can produce the permanent enjoyment of a trim and healthy body.

Next week, good news about the body's mechanism for appetite control.

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Christendom's finest minds have grappled with the meaning and extent of Christian perfection.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has also concerned itself with the goal God has set before the Christian — Godliness, Christlikeness. Once again sincere and capable scholars within our church have wrestled with the question: What is Christian perfection?

Perfection: the Impossible Possibility, really four books in one, is the fourth book in Southern Publishing Association's Anvil Series; which is aimed at the inquiring Adventist mind. The Anvil Series features specialists writing in their fields of specialty so as to push back the frontiers of Adventist thinking.

Four leading Adventist scholars have combined the results of their study to explain their concept of the subject of perfection. Anyone who is acquainted with any of these men will recognize that they are no amateurs. They have not thoughtlessly concocted the ideas they offer in this book. Dr. Herbert Douglass, associate editor of the *Review and Herald*, has already shared his concepts in his editorials. Dr. Edward Heppenstall, who for years shared the department of systematic theology at our seminary, was one of

the few denominational scholars willing to oppose the early perfectionism theory of the Brinsmead movement. Dr. Hans La Rondelle, associate professor of systematic theology at Andrews University, wrote his doctoral dissertation on "Perfection and Perfectionism." Dr. Mervyn Maxwell is the current chairman of the department of church history at the seminary at Berrien Springs, Michigan. \$8.95 Order from your Adventist Book Center.

"Is God a Committee?"

Through the centuries of Christianity, many great minds have grappled with the doctrine of the nature of God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Most of the time inadequate or erroneous theories have resulted. In fact, the nature of the Godhead is still an issue in religious thinking today.

A new book, *Is God a Committee?* grew out of a Bible study that author, Gerald Wheeler, had given to a Jehovah's witness couple. Simply written yet founded on careful Bible evidence, *Is God a Committee?* clearly explains the doctrine of the Trinity. It is especially good to use in the book rack program.

Gerald Wheeler graduated with an M.A. degree from the University of

RESERVATION BLANK Oklahoma Camp Meeting

August 1-9, 1975

Tent, Floor, and Electricity	\$25.00
Cots, Canvas	1.00
Cots, steel	1.00
Mattress	1.00
Table	.50
Chair	.50
Private Tent or Trailer Space	3.00
Electricity for Private Tent or Trailer	2.00
Trailer Space, Electricity, Water, Sewer (few available)	30.00

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$10.00 is required. The balance is due upon arrival. Reservations will be cancelled after 6 p.m. Friday, August 1, unless notified that you will be late. Applications for the full week are considered first.

RESERVATIONS must be in our office by July 25, 1975. Make checks payable to the Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and mail to P.O. Box 32098, Oklahoma City, OK 73132.

Plan to arrive early on Friday, August 1, so that you can be settled and ready for the Sabbath and the first meeting that evening.

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NEWS RELEASES

"Perfection: The Impossible Possibility"

Christians have generally taken seriously Christ's command: "Be ye therefore perfect." However, not all Christians have interpreted Jesus' imperative in the same way. Historically, some of

Michigan and has studied theology at Andrews University. He has written many articles for *These Times*, *Message*, *Insight*, and other magazines. He has authored three books and is presently an assistant book editor at the Southern Publishing Association. 48 pages, 60c, at your local Adventist Book Center.

Adult Sabbath School Lessons on Cassette

The Sabbath School Department of the General Conference and Audio-Visual Services have cooperated in producing the Adult Sabbath School Lessons on Cassette. This new format for the lessons may have appeal especially to commuters and travelers, although anyone with a tape cassette player may find helpful the reinforcement of hearing as well as reading the lesson.

Some problems have accompanied the introduction of this service. The first was a technical problem which was corrected. Then the text for the second question in each daily part was not included, and many felt this materially reduced the usefulness of the cassettes. This has been changed also, and beginning with the third quarter, 1975, the text will be read in answer to every question.

There has also been some misapprehension as to the nature of the material on the cassettes. These recordings are a reading of the Adult Sabbath School Lessons as they appear in the quarterly, with the addition of a brief introduction, about one minute, to each week's lesson.

Narration of the lessons will be by different voices from quarter to quarter.

Adult lessons on cassette are available from your local Adventist Book Center.



AT REST

ADAMS, Alonzo L., was born Sept. 14, 1911, and passed to his rest March 3, 1975. Brother Lonnie was the first elder of the Seminole church, and served the congregation for many years as one of its leading officers. He faithfully lived his beliefs, and his greatest longing was to be a faithful member of the Remnant church and be ready to meet the Saviour, whom he believed was soon to come. He was a faithful "Ingatherer," each year bringing in several hundred dollars to swell the total raised.

He leaves to mourn his family, Mrs. Goldie Adams, his second wife; her nine children and 20 grandchildren; and his five children from his first marriage to Zelma Loretta Mount Adams, who was called to her rest in 1968. There are 11 grandchildren. Also, two sisters, one brother. He was buried in the Resthaven Cemetery in Seminole, Okla.

Albert H. Cross

BENNETT, Myrtle Alice, was born Feb. 17, 1893, near St. Louis, Mo., and died on May 2, 1975, in Tilly, Ark. She and her late husband, Otis, came to Arkansas in 1965 as laymen to start work in a dark county. They were instrumental in establishing the church in Clinton which now has a membership of 64 as well as a thriving church school.

She leaves to mourn two sons: Nelson and Norman Becknell; one sister, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Words of comfort were spoken by Pastor D. E. McAnally assisted by Elder P. I. Nosworthy. Interment was in the Hunter Hill Cemetery in Clinton where our sister awaits the call of the Lifegiver.

P. I. Nosworthy.

BROWN, Katie Bell Holleman, was born Jan. 7, 1908, in Lincoln Parish, La., and died May 25, 1975. She had been a Seventh-day Adventist for 47 years and was a nurse, practicing this profession for many years.

In 1937 she was married to Robert Eran Brown who survives her. To this union were born three children who also survive: JoAnn Towle, Mary Sue, and Robert Eran, Jr.; also surviving are four sisters and one brother, and seven grandchildren.

Words of comfort were spoken by Elder Herman J. Griffin assisted by Elder P. I. Nosworthy. Interment was made in the Hill Crest Memorial Park in Bossier City, La.

P. I. Nosworthy.

EYER, Mary Olive Golden, was born Aug. 29, 1883, at Bluffton, Ind., and passed away May 8, 1975, in Bethany, Okla. She was married to Schuyler Samuel Eyer Jan. 11, 1906, and he passed away in 1945. Mrs. Eyer maintained her home on NW 7th Street in Oklahoma City for 62 years. Mrs. Eyer had been a faithful member of the Central Seventh-day Adventist Church since the early 1920's.

She is survived by one daughter: Mrs. Ida Mae McDaniel; two sons: Roy G. and Forrest Dale; two granddaughters, one great-granddaughter, and one brother. Mrs. Eyer will be remembered for her kind and gentle manner. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor J. V. Schnell with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Oklahoma City.

J. V. Schnell.

HEIM, Edwin C., was born Feb. 8, 1891, in Blue Island, Ill., and passed away Feb. 16, 1975, in Corpus Christi, Tex. He is survived by two brothers, Clarence and Emil; and one sister, Mrs. F. N. Harris. His wife of 41 years preceded him in death. Services were conducted by Elder Terry Zull. Burial was in Houston, beside his wife and young son in the Forrest Park Cemetery. He served the Lord faithfully in the Seventh-day Adventist Church for over 60 years and now awaits the call of the Lifegiver.



LITERATURE EVANGELISM

IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

SALES LEADERS FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1975

Tony Trevino — Texas	\$4,415.45
Otto Kreuzer — Texas	3,632.05
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Al Copeland — Arkansas-Louisiana	3,018.70
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Louis Jones — Texas	2,736.35
Ben Richard — Texico	2,731.85
Jesse Henderson, Jr. — Arkansas-Louisiana	2,700.70
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Robert Colgain — Texico	2,568.60
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Dave Hollen — Oklahoma	2,010.00

TOP LITERATURE EVANGELIST IN EACH CONFERENCE

Arkansas-Louisiana — Al Copeland	\$3,018.70
Oklahoma — James Shadday	3,200.35
Southwestern Region — James Labarde	1,599.50
Texas — Tony Trevino	4,415.45
Texico — Robert Colgain	2,568.60

LANDRUM, Georgia Ethel, was born March 7, 1892, and passed to her rest April 21, 1975. In 1911 she was married to J. L. Landrum and six children were born to this union. She is survived by five of these: Ray Landrum, Joel Landrum, Ella Marie Scarbrough, Dorothy Chestnut, and Joyce Bradefoot. Also surviving are two sisters, two brothers, 14 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

She had been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 45 years and was a member at Tucumcari at the time of her death.

A. L. May

NEWBURG, Mrs. Rosa, was born in 1883 at Texarkana, Ark. In 1902 she married R. C. Newburg. She united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church about 1935. She died peacefully in Jena, Ark., on April 12, 1975, having lived a full life and rejoicing in the "blessed hope" of her Master's soon return. Survivors include one son, Herman; and two grandchildren.

W. Arden Clarke.

PHILLIPS, Elder Alva Kenneth, was born in Chautauqua Co., Kan., Aug. 22, 1907 and died April 28, 1975, in Santa Cruz, Calif., having served the cause of God for 43 years in three capacities: publishing, educational, and the gospel ministry.

On Feb. 5, 1938, he married Austa May Whitlow and three sons were born to this union.

In 1940, the Texas Conference called Elder Phillips into the gospel ministry where he served for 10 years in pastorates located in the Rio Grande Valley, Austin, and San Antonio. He then responded to the Michigan Conference where he pastored the Jackson church, and later the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

He also served the Michigan Conference as lay activities secretary and later the departments of religious liberty, temperance, and Radio-TV. For many years, Elder Phillips was a well-known figure at the State Capitol in Lansing, developing close relationships with many legislators which enabled him to instill in their minds principles of true freedom of religion. Often these men, as well as the governors, called him personally for counsel before making final decisions on bills pertaining to the Adventist stand on church-state or temperance issues. During these years, Elder Phillips was instrumental in helping to eliminate every antiquated and oppressive Sunday Blue Law on the statute books of Michigan.

In 1970 Elder Phillips answered a call to the Central California Conference to serve as chaplain of the Santa Cruz Community Hospital.

Among those who cherish his memory are his wife, Austa May, three sons: Monty Paul, Max Gordon, a book editor at the Pacific Press; and Marshal Alan; one brother, three sisters, and two grandsons.

Memorial services were held in the Santa Cruz Church with the pastor, Dr. Ansel Bristol, officiating, and Elders J. B. Church, Robert D. Williams, Theodore Torkelson, Wesley Spiva, and Chaplain F. B. Whale assisting.

Services were also held in Wichita, Kan., with Elder Teddric Mohr, long-time family friend, officiating, and Elder Phillips was laid to rest in the beautiful Maple Grove Cemetery in the family plot in Wichita.

Dr. Ansel Bristol.

ROBINSON, Mary Ann, was born Nov. 5, 1884, in Atasca, Tex., and passed away on Feb. 28, 1975. She was married to Claude C. Robinson in 1903 in Elk City, Okla. Her husband preceded her in death.

She was a long-time faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Services were held in Elk City, Okla. with Pastor Fred Robertson officiating and Oliver Harris, assisting. Sr. Robinson awaits the call of her precious Saviour in Fairlawn Cemetery, Elk City, alongside her husband and two sons.

SCHENK, John E., was born Oct. 2, 1902, he died May 24, 1975. He is survived by his widow, Virginia Slicer Schenk; three sons: John, Peter, and Martin; one daughter, Mary V. Mr. Schenk was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Truth or Consequences. A memorial service was held in the Adventist Church with Pastor Hubert Byrum officiating.

Cheerful Byrum.

RESERVATION APPLICATION

1975 Texico Camp Meeting

Sandia View Academy, Corrales, New Mexico
August 8-16

Name	Zip
Address	
Dormitory Room	\$28.00 \$.
Dormitory Room for less than full time, per day (if available)	4.00
Tent complete for two (wardrobe, cots, chairs, table, lights)	20.00
Cots, extra, each	1.75
Tent complete for two for less than full time, per day	3.00
Trailer space* with lights and water	6.00
Private tent space (no lights)	4.00
*Trailer with air conditioning, additional	5.00
Total Cost	
Less Deposit	
Balance Due	

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2. All reservations will be acknowledged by return mail. Please bring acknowledgement with you to the locating booth.
3. No bedding supplied.
4. Pets not permitted.
5. Cafeteria meals available except on Sabbath.
6. Date of arrival Date of departure

DIRECTION TO ACADEMY:

From Albuquerque, New Mexico, take Coors Road north of I-40 about 10 miles to Corrales. Continue north on Coors Road about 2 miles beyond Corrales to academy entrance.

RESERVACION

1975 Texico Spanish Camp Meeting

Corrales, New Mexico
Del 30 de Julio al 2 de Agosto

Nombre	Zip
Direccion	
Pieza de dormitorio, (cuatro noches)	\$12.00 \$.
Pieza de dormitorio por dia	4.00
Catre, extra, cada uno75
Espacio para trailer, con luz y agua	2.50
Espacio para carpa privada, sin luz	1.75
Cobranza adicional para trailer con aire acondicionado	2.00
Precio Total	
Deposito	\$
Saldo	\$

FAVOR DE LEER CON ATENCION

1. Envíe \$5 con el formulario de reservaciones a: LOCATING COMMITTEE, Box 7247, Amarillo, TX 79109. No se acepte reservaciones después del 28 de Julio o reservaciones sin el depósito de \$5.
2. Se avisará la aceptación de reservaciones por correo. Traiga la aceptación consigo a la oficina de ubicación.
3. No se provee ropa de cama.
4. No se permite "Pets."
5. Se servirán comida en la cafetería todos los días menos el Sábado.
6. La Fecha de llegar Fecha de salir

SCHNEIDER, Mrs. Sarah, was born Aug. 20, 1885, in Parker, S. Dak., and passed to her rest May 9, 1975, in Okeene, Okla. She was married to Charles C. Schneider and three children were born to their family. Her husband preceded her in death.

Sister Schneider was a faithful member of the Okeene, Oklahoma Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her faith and love were an encouragement to all who knew her. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Von Pohle; two sons: Elder Wilbert Schneider, and Monroe Schneider; two brothers, two sisters, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Robert Rider, Larry Schneider, C. W. Skantz, and R. E. Barrett. She was laid to rest in the East Cooper Adventist Cemetery, where she awaits the Master's call.

R. E. Barrett.

TURNER, Harry B., was born June 25, 1895, in Terre Haute, Ind., and passed away April 23, 1975, in Albuquerque, N. Mex. On September 4, 1915 he married Lela Clayton who survives him. In 1946 Mr. Turner was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tulsa, Okla., by Elder Murray Deming. Survivors in addition to his wife, Lela, are his three children: Harry Turner, Jr., Mrs. Evelyn Harris, and Mrs. Lucille Champion, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many friends. Mr. Turner was laid to rest in the Sunset Memorial Mausoleum in Albuquerque.

Michael Deming.



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Aug. 30, Sept. 6 and 13	Aug. 14

	June 27	July 4	July 11	July 18
Abilene, Texas	8:50	8:50	8:49	8:46
Amarillo, Texas	9:06	9:05	9:04	9:00
Brownsville, Texas	8:25	8:25	8:25	8:23
Dallas, Texas	8:39	8:39	8:38	8:35
El Paso, Texas	8:15	8:16	8:15	8:12
Fort Worth, Texas	8:41	8:41	8:40	8:37
Galveston, Texas	8:23	8:23	8:22	8:19
Gentry, Arkansas	8:39	8:38	8:37	8:33
Keene, Texas	8:41	8:41	8:40	8:37
Little Rock, Arkansas	8:26	8:26	8:24	8:21
Muskogee, Oklahoma	8:41	8:40	8:39	8:35
New Orleans, Louisiana	8:05	8:05	8:04	8:02
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	8:50	8:49	8:48	8:44
San Antonio, Texas	8:38	8:38	8:37	8:34
Santa Fe, New Mexico	8:25	8:24	8:23	8:20
Shreveport, Louisiana	8:27	8:26	8:25	8:22
Tulsa, Oklahoma	8:45	8:44	8:43	8:39



on the record

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

"My Heart Beats for David"

My brother, Clem, and his close friend, David Stokes, were lost — lost in the night. The Stokes family and the Leach family were desperate. Where were Clem and David?

The boys had left on a motorcycle early in the morning headed from Mount Vernon toward Akron, about 65 miles away. We had expected them to return by late afternoon. By 7 o'clock that evening we really were getting concerned. By 10 o'clock we were worried sick. Dr. and Mrs. Stokes finally came over to our house. We waited in silence, hoping that the phone would ring. No call came, no word of any kind. Finally at 12, midnight, we were desperate and decided to go looking for the boys.

The weather was bad. First it rained. Then came sleet and snow. We imagined all sorts of things — accident, foul play, or death. You name it. I will never forget driving toward Akron — all eyes searching every ditch, every culvert. No sign of our missing Clem and David.

David's young brother, Danny, about six years old, was in our car. He kept heaving, moaning, and crying. Finally about 3:00 a.m., in his great distress he said something our family will never forget. "My heart beats for David!" That phrase has become a part of the Leach family vocabulary and through the years has been quoted scores of times. The boys came home the next morning safe and sound. They had found cover under a bridge only 15 miles from home. We traveled over that bridge several times. Why in heaven's name didn't they call? Didn't they know we were desperate??!! It seems there was no telephone service under that bridge!

There are thousands of "Clems" and "Davids" lost out there somewhere — lost from Christ and His church. And, sad to say — many times — all too often, there are no hearts "beating for David." If we have one great "sin" above another when it comes to dealing with our priceless, irreplaceable youth in this church, it is that we give up too easily when a boy or a girl goes wild, or just plain goes bad. Sometimes we discard them for sins and mistakes that are trivial. Compared to some of the hatred, hardness, and hideousness of some of our "mature saints," those kids are angels. Young people have been tossed aside and thrown away for "sins" that are no more serious than teenage "growing pains." Not only are they discarded, they are forgotten. No heart is "beating for David" for them. We have lost some of our greatest young people through downright heartless neglect. You know it's true. We should *never* give up — so long as there is life. Please don't! Keep praying. Keep working. Keep contact.

My oldest brother, Brainard, drifted away from this church in his early youth. He was caught up in the world. He *never* left the church in his heart. He *always* believed the doctrines. He *always* intended to come back. He was a successful business man, respected in his community, a man of integrity. He "argued the Bible" with many friends, and was quite an expert on the Sabbath question and the state of the dead. He got many of his friends in a corner on these questions and he got them to thinking.

Our family's heart never stopped beating for Brainard. I visited him every time I could. He enjoyed arguing the Bible with his preacher kid brother and putting him on the spot. We would argue into the wee hours. He would take a Devil's advocate position, but *always* he would end up telling me he believed this truth as much as I did — and some day he would be back, and when he did he was going all the way — no half way business with him. He really meant it. He had plans to do just that.

In 1966 he was stricken with cancer. He had given up smoking two years prior to this time — part of his program to get back to the church.

I was on a trip through Texas with Elder Robert Pierson. We stopped in Longview over night. I called home. There was a most urgent message to call Brainard at once. I did. He said, "Ben, come at once, help me get back into the church." I said, "Brainard, I'll be there in three days." He replied, "That will be too late, come now." I looked at Elder Pierson, told him the situation; he said, "Go."

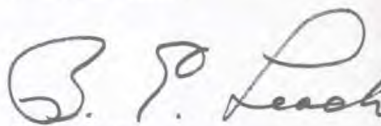
That was 11:00 p.m. I was in Columbus, Ohio, the next afternoon. I can tell you this, my heart was beating for Brainard. When I got to his bedside in his home there was only one thing he wanted to talk about — could I get him back into the church, "right now." I explained that that would require a church vote, but not to worry Christ knew his heart and his urgent desire. He still wasn't satisfied. I called the pastor. He was at the church, and the church was, believe it or not, having a business meeting. I explained. I'll always love that pastor, Elder Kurt Kurz (now deceased), and that church for what they did. They immediately voted him into church fellowship upon profession of faith. I wish you could have seen Brainard's face when I gave him that word. He said, "Thank God, now I can die — see you in heaven." He died just five hours later.

I will see Brainard in heaven — and Marie, his wife, who took Bible studies and joined the church a few months later, just before her death.

I'm glad there were many hearts that beat for Brainard. I never heard my father and mother pray one prayer without praying for Brainard and his family. Those prayers are lodged in heaven. They are still being answered.

Christian friends, keep praying. Keep those hearts beating for all the lost "Davids" out there. *Never, never, never* give up!

Yours for great Christian hearts
beating for David,


B. E. LEACH.

 **INSPIRED . . .**

"Many youth who are thought incorrigible are not at heart so hard as they appear. Many who are regarded as hopeless may be reclaimed by wise discipline. These are often the ones who most readily melt under kindness." *Education*, p. 294.

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