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# Chisholm Trail Academy, Keene, Texas, Sets Goal for Move-in Date - Thanksgiving 1975

Construction is proceeding on the new building for Chisholm Trail Academy, Keene, Texas. Foundations have been poured. The cement floor has been poured. The steel superstructure is nearly completed. It is hoped that a portion of the building will be completed by Thanksgiving of 1975 so that the classes can be transferred from the present site to the new plant.



When completed, the new plant will house all the facilities for a complete academy program featuring a dual-track curriculum: one for college preparatory and the other for a general diploma. The building will encompass a total area of approximately 44,000 square feet in the following areas: gymnasium, music department, two science labs, home economics department, business education department, seven classrooms, library, industrial arts department, student lounge, and offices.

The present plans are to finish the building in three stages as funds become available. It is planned that stage two will include

the gymnasium and stage three will finish off the six classrooms and the library. However, this order could be reversed as needs become more apparent. The building has been planned to accommodate up to 350 students. While the current enrollment is 180 in grades 9-12, with the soon-to-be-completed Huguley Memorial Hospital, it is estimated that the enrollment at Chisholm Trail Academy will increase considerably.

A building committee comprised of 11 members appointed by the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church working in cooperation with the Texas Conference is making the plans and carrying the construction forward on this new school plant.

The property encompasses nearly 20 acres of land and will be large enough for off-street parking as well as ample area for recreation and plant enlargement if the needs arise. Herman Guy, Principal.



Architect's proposal for Chisholm Trail Academy.

#### FROM VIENNA, AUSTRIA

# R. H. Pierson Re-Elected General Conference President During 52nd World Congress

VIENNA, AUSTRIA – Church history was made here Thursday when the 52nd world congress of the Seventhday Adventist Church convened for the first time outside North America. Some 2,000 delegates from 150 countries were registered, however, the total attending the 10-day congress is expected to exceed 20,000. Admission by ticket to the 12,000-seat Stadthalle Convention Center will be rotated between weekends to accommodate the crowds wishing to attend.

Elder Robert H. Pierson was reelected as president of the General Conference for the next five years. During the nine years Elder Pierson has served the Adventists as president, membership has grown from 1.6 million to 2.5 — nearly 100,000 annually.

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Also re-elected was Elder C. O. Franz and K. H. Emmerson, secretary and treasurer respectively of the General Conference.

In business session of the Congress Monday a slate of seven vice-presidents was elected, two of them new to the office and from countries outside the United States. The newcomers are G. Ralph Thompson, president of the Caribbean Union Conference with headquarters in Port - of Spain, Trinidad, West Indies; and Alf Lohne, president of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division, with headquarters in St. Albans, England. Vice-President Thompson is the second Black man of the vice-presidential level.



Neal C. Wilson was re-elected as vice-president for the North American Division. Other division posts to date remain unchanged with the exception of the election of Charles D. Watson as president of the Afro-Mideast Division.

Of particular interest to many in the Southwest is the new post of duty for Elder Mike Stevenson, a former pastor in the Texas Conference. Elder Stevenson will be going to the Northern Europe-West Africa Division as youth and temperance director.

In other business the church will consider future program and of possible constitutional changes as well as reaffirm church beliefs. On Tuesday the role of women in church affairs will be especially investigated.

On Monday Dr. Klaus Poser, representing the Protestant Central Agency of the Evangelical Churches of Ger-



C. O. Franz K. H. Emmerson

many for special-aid projects, received tribute from the World Congress of Seventh-day Adventists for the cooperaation experienced between the two organizations in welfare work.

Field secretary of the General Conference, James J. Aitken told of the relief work made possible especially in South America and North Africa by the church as a result of funds provided by the Evangelical Churches of Germany. The Evangelical Churches have contributed assistance worth approximately \$4,000,000.

In responding to the thanks expressed by the congress Dr. Poser said, "I am conscious that this type of partnership is only possible because you are there and are engaged in the kind of work we feel is necessary to the betterment of mankind."

The Adventists have been active in providing relief for victims of the Sahel famine. A program of more permanent benefit is currently under way. The relief program of the denomination is directed by Seventh-day Adventist World Service Inc. (SAWS) which in the past year provided aid to nearly



R. H. Pierson

10 million people in 52 countries without regard to race or religion.

One of the principle doctrines taught by the church is the second coming of Christ. The convention theme, "Now Is the Time," was chosen to emphasize the immediate need for spreading to the world the gospel of Christ's return.

The problem of carrying out this task was demonstrated first hand at the convention by the many languages represented a mong delegates and guests. All business and reports will be carried over the public address system in the two major languages – German and English. Simultaneous translation will be available via individual transistor receivers in five languages – French, Spanish, Portuguese, Polish, and Scandinavian language.

Held every five years, this business session of the church is conducted by elected and appointed delegates, from around the world. Robert H. Pierson, president of the world church organization, in his opening report, pointed to the fact, that 85% of the 2.5 million members live outside of North America. "We are a world church, not an American church," he said.

Exhibits from the 10 geographical divisions of the church ring the corridors of the Stadthalle. The lobby area in the main entrance contains a 90-foot exhibit of photos depicting the work of the church and paintings showing the ministry of Christ. The paintings were done by Bill Read of Miami, Florida, well known for his contemporary works.

Although necessary for the business needs of the church, the congress serves in a more important role to inspire members from around the world to rededicate their lives to God and to redouble their efforts to tell the world of Christ's soon return. SOUTHWESTERN UNION ECOND

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You will soon be receiving a communication from the administration at the Seventh-day Adventist Radio, Television, and Audio Visual Services Center re the great opportunities to expand greatly the evangelism to the masses by producing more radio and television programs. I should like to give a few reasons why you should take a very personal interest in this great venture sponsored by your church.

- 1. The media is ready and waiting for many more - yes, daily programs of the great messages we can offer to acquaint the masses with the great plan of salvation and a new and better way of living that will bring real hope and joy to all ages.
- 2. To provide a place where more of our college and university graduates can be utilized in the various facets of this great enterprise, such as
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  - b. Copy editors
  - c. Printers and related skills
  - d. Experts in mailing
  - e. Those with skills and training in photography, film production, video tape, radio program recording, tape and film duplication
  - f. Accountants and computer operators
  - g. Evangelists for crusade follow up
  - h. Musicians
  - i. Radio and television speakers and announcers
  - j. In general to absorb as many of our school graduates as possible

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So, please give our letter your most prayerful consideration. Thank you for your support and also for your help in enlisting your neighbors, friends, and your whole family in this great and challenging enterprise.

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# Week of Praver Readings on Tape

Again this year the Week of Prayer readings, to appear in the October 16 issue of the Review for reading November 1-8, will be available on tape with

the writers of the messages doing the speaking. Speakers and titles are:

- R. H. Pierson, "The Challenge of Renewal"
- F. W. Wernick, "Impelled by Love"
- B. B. Beach, "The Relevance of the Advent Message"
  Robert R. Frame, "Dimensions of
- Stewardship"
- David H. Baasch, "Our Time and Our Mission"
- M. S. Nigri, "Revival Through Bible Study"
- Calvin B. Rock, "Is the Young Man Absalom Safe?"
- Ellen G. White, "The Church in the Last Days"

These tapes may be used in a variety of ways to increase and sustain the blessings of the coming Week of Prayer. The price is very reasonable so that members may secure the tapes for their personal use, either on cassettes or on reel-to-reel. The eight messages on two C-90 cassettes are only \$4.25. The same material on one five-inch reel, 17/2 ips, is \$2.75. Orders should be placed at once. Send orders with check, or if through a conference, then by purchase order, to Tape Service, Ministerial Association, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20012.

### "Christ in Song" Hymnal Reprinted

After 25 years out of print, the treasured Adventist hymnal, *Christ In Song*, is again available — as a Souvenir Edition from The Voice of Prophecy.

The facsimile reproduction duplicates each page of the original book. The maroon linen binding is identical to the most popular of the many different covers used on the book during four decades of use by churches across North America.

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Containing 949 hymns and songs, *Christ In Song* was first printed in 1908. H. M. S. Richards, founder and speaker emeritus of The Voice of Prophecy, recalls he sang from the book as a teenager and later used it in many of his evangelistic meetings.

"It was at a young people's meeting while they were singing No. 91, "The Gate Ajar," that I was converted at the age of 13," recalls Pastor Richards.

"At the beginning and ending of every Sabbath in our home, we always sang No. 339, 'Day Is Dying in the West,' " he continues. "To me Christ

# A REPORT TO THE PEOPLE by Your Union Conference President

#### RECORD FINISHED

 The Southwestern Union Conference has lost one of its outstanding members — Elder George Nickle. Elder Nickle spent his life in service to God as a minister, missionary, builder, and leader of the Seventh-day



Adventist Church. Few men have accomplished so much — few men have attempted so much.

When I think of George Nickle I think of a man of great loyalty and an indomnitable spirit. You just never heard him talk discouragement. He was a man of solutions. He understood human nature, and he loved to help people — all kinds of people — get moving in life. He was a great lifter. He helped businessmen get started, helped church building programs get moving. (Every time we dedicated a Spanish Church we always

found George Nickle there lifting — sometimes significantly.) He supported four native evangelists south of the border who won 400 souls one year. He helped lift Keene, Texas, from a country town with dirt streets to the modern city with paved streets. He was the moving spirit in getting Hillcrest Addition going and developed into a beautiful subdivision any city would be proud to claim. Scores of students owe their start in life and their Christian education to him. Many are now workers in the church.

Elder Nickle trusted people. He helped many many people "get on their feet." Many are home-owners today because George Nickle thought they were a good risk and helped them get started. He said recently, "I never had one person fail me or let me down."

This is how we knew him for the past 16 years since he retired from the organized work. Prior to that he gave 38 years. He helped pioneer and develop the work in Colombia, South America. He served as leader in Mexico, Cuba, and as president of the Colombia-Venezuela Union. He was the man who opened doors for our medical students in Monterry, Mexico, then serving as their chaplain and friend. He also helped develop the Association program in the Texas Conference.

There is another worker he encouraged and helped who had just become president of the Texas Conference — he was a wonderful friend to me — as he was to Elders Ben Archibald, Arthur Roth, Fernon Retzer, David Boosch, and A. Ray Norcliffe when he was south of the border.

Elder George Nickle had great confidence in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. His favorite text was Hebrews 10:35, "Cast not therefore away your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward."

I loved Elder Nickle — his jaunty manner, his great sense of humor, his loyalty, his broadness, and his willingness to adjust as he moved forward. If things didn't go his way — he accepted it, adding, "That's probably the way the Lord wanted it."

We say farewell to you, Elder Nickle. You blessed many of us. You had confidence in your fellowmen and in the work of God. That confidence "hath great recompence of reward." Your reward, through Christ, will be eternal.

May the Lord bring comfort to you, Sister Nickle, and all your loved ones. Uncle George, we will miss you — but we know we will see you soon.

B. E. Leach. Courage!

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



Dr. H. M. S. Richards accepts a copy of the new souvenir edition of the old hymnal CHRIST IN SONG from Wayne Hooper, music director at The Voice of Prophecy. "Now that we have this wonderful old hymnbook again," said Dr. Richards, "let us sing these blessed songs. When we read and memorize the words, we will find help for every day." The souvenir edition is offered for sale by The Voice of Prophecy's music publishing division, known as Hosanna House.

In Song is a book of memories and blessing."

Among the old songs contained in the book are "Seeking the Lost," "Sweeping Through the Gates," "Keep on the Sunny Side of Life," and "There's a Great Day Coming."

"This new Souvenir Edition will make it possible for persons of this generation to sing some of the old sacred songs," says Wayne Hooper, director of music for the VOP. "Young people today can see many of the songs their parents and grandparents knew and loved."

The books are available at \$6.25 each, postpaid, by writing: Hosanna House, The Voice of Prophecy, Box 1700, Glendale, CA 91209.

> KEITH LUNDQUIST, Public Relations Department, Voice of Prophecy.

#### JULY 27 - AUGUST 2

# Old VOP Quartet Recordings to Be Featured on Radio

The history of music used by the Voice of Prophecy broadcast during the past four decades will be traced on a series of daily programs during the week of July 27.

Speaker-director H. M. S. Richards, Jr., will be joined on this series by his father, Dr. H. M. S. Richards, who will give his reminiscences of the beginnings and highlights of the 45-year radio ministry.

Featured on several programs in the series will be the King's Heralds quartet. "The listener will hear actual recordings from VOP archives of the different quartet combinations through the years, says Bob Edwards, researcher and producer of the daily VOP broadcast.

Included in these early recordings will be songs from the Lone Star Four, the original quartet heard on The Voice of Prophecy in 1936.

There have been 15 different quartet combinations and 22 different singers in the 39 years since the Lone Star Four began on the VOP broadcast. The longest period that the same four members sang together as a quartet was 12 years, from 1949 to 1961.

A member of that quartet and present music director at the VOP, Wayne Hooper, will be interviewed on one program of the scheduled history series. Another program will feature recollections and music selections by Del Delker, contralto soloist for the broadcast since 1947.

> KEITH LUNDQUIST, Public Relations Department, Voice of Prophecy.

#### NEAR HUGULEY HOSPITAL

# Union AYA Team to Hold Series in Burleson, Texas

As a part of its summer program, the Southwestern Union Adventist Youth in Action team is conducting a series of meetings. The evangelistic meetings will consist of much singing and a time for special prayer to our Father in Heaven. The sermons will not be formal and stiff but casual studies into the Word of God. The visitation will be conducted by teams of young people who will take the printed sermon material to the homes of the people.

The Burleson, Texas, church has been gracious enough to invite the team to use its newly acquired facilities for these meetings and for a vacation Bible school which will be conducted during the first week of the meetings also by the young people. The dates will be August 8-23 in the Burleson Seventh-day Adventist Church, 114 Renfro Street.

Funding for this combined effort consists only of donations that are received from God's people who have been impressed to send a little financial assistance. Donations may be sent to: AYA, Box 400, Richardson, TX 75080.



# **Camp Meeting Is Huge Success**

Each year the meetings at camp meeting time seem to be better than the year before. This year has proved to be no exception. One could hear many constituents and visitors expressing over and over again the fact that the services and the special features have been so helpful and have filled a real need. Apparently a large variety of meetings met a wide range of interests. From the opening night as Elder William Elder, conference president, introduced the speakers and welcomed the church members there was an air of expectancy that set the stage for the entire week.

For summary camp meeting goals the day began with a 6:30 a.m. appointment in prayer bands. Another early morning and very popular meeting was one conducted by Elder M. D. Lewis who presented the sanctuary topics so deftly and positively with the use of his huge chart,

As church leaders from the General Conference, from the union offices, as well as at the local levels, took their places in the various slots of time assigned to them, people gathered in unusual numbers and absorbed the blessings with rapt attention.



The Gentry, Arkansas church became the familiar setting for the 1975 camp meeting. This beautiful church afforded aesthetics as well as comfort.



(Left) Elder B. L. Hassenpflug was one of the key speakers and had an evening evangelistic series. (Center) Hassenpflug's associate, Henry Reid, not only provided a beautiful musical setting for the evening meetings but also told his personal story of God's providence. (Right) Standing with Bunnie and Henry Reid is Jim Lambeth, left, who was responsible for saving Henry's life during his accidental electrocution. Jim is now employed by Ozark Academy as the new accountant.



(Left) A very practical course offered in 10 hours during camp meeting was one by Jacob Mittleider, "MORE FOOD FROM YOUR GARDEN." Mittleider, has written several books and has been employed by the General Conference to help develop agricultural programs in under-developed countries. His books are now on display at the Adventist Book Center. (Right) Elder M. D. Lewis stands beside his huge magnetic chart to illustrate the tremendous truths of the sanctuary service.

A special treat on the first weekend of camp meeting was brought by the musical voices of the Fountain Sisters who came from Columbia, Missouri. Their singing spoke of a personal depth of experience. Left to right: Connie, Margie, Brenda, Julie, Edna, Mother, and John Fountain.



Yes, camp meeting is for people who care about their spiritual condition as well as for the progress of God's work. Somehow you could sense the urgency of the times not only by the note of concern in the voices of speakers, but also by the atmosphere present among those who sat in the pews. The singing voices, the brotherly handshake, and the intense prayers of the believers all said something — "'tis almost time for the Lord to come!"

Others parts of the program consisted of evangelistic music, preaching, training in gardening, classes in health instruction, an old-fashioned baptism in the creek, as well as presentation of trophies by successful laymen.

Those who came to receive a blessing found it.

The Regals Trio from Baton Rouge, Louislana, added inspiration by bringing songs of Zion. Left to right: Liz Lewis, Ina Langlois, and Peggy Suelzle. Recordings of the Regals Trio may be ordered from Sophie's Schoppe, 8158 Royalwood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.



(Left) Among one of the interesting camp meeting goers were Mr. and Mrs. John McGee from Jay, Oklahoma. Brother Mc-Gee, who is now 104 years old, worked for a long time as a literature evangelist. (Right) Although recently retired from the General Conference, Elder Theodore Carcich still does special assignments. Recently he returned from Russia where he was seeking special concessions with USSR authorities for Russian delegates to attend the Adventist world conference being held in Vienna. Mrs. Carcich accompanied him on this trip to the camp meeting held at Ozark Academy.

### Emmitt Head to Be Conference Builder

Emmitt Head has recently been appointed conference builder. Lake Charles will be his first assignment where a new church building is on the drawing board. The cost of the Lake Charles building will be approximately \$100,000.00 excluding the site.

At the present it appears that the Lafayette project will be next and there are about four other building programs in line.

Brother Head will be living in a 24foot trailer. This will be the mobile field office from which he will be operating. His permanent residence, of course, will still be in Little Rock.

Head's family consists of five boys; one son has married, one has just graduated from high school, and three others in the elementary school.

Having been a contractor and in business for himself, Brother Emmitt Head will be well qualified for the job to which he has been appointed.

The services of the conference builder may be secured by contacting Elder James Griffin at the conference office, who is in charge of stewardship and church development.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Head







Sixty Attend Oklahoma Camp for the Blind

Elder Wayne Easley, camp director, poses beneath the Camps for Blind sign. The camp was held from June 8 through 13 at the conference-operated Horseshoe Canyon Youth Camp.



Marsha Rider assists a camper with bow and arrow.



(Left) This camper reads from a book printed in braille. (Right) Mike shoves his canoe off.

A counselor helps a blind girl with her craft.



**FIRST WEEKEND** 

### Voice of Prophecy to Be Featured During Camp Meeting

The Voice of Prophecy team of Elder Kenneth Richards, Del Delker, and Calvin Taylor will kick off the Oklahoma Camp Meeting Friday, August 1, at 7:15 p.m. Elder Richards is one of three sons of Dr. H. M. S. Richards. After pursuing a career of pastoring and teaching, Elder Richards became a researcher and writer at the Voice of Prophecy headquarters in 1974. This will be his first time to speak at the Oklahoma Camp Meeting.

Voice of Prophecy contralto soloist, Del Delka, and organist, Calvin Taylor, will accompany Elder Richards and present several musical selections at each service August I at 7:15 p.m. and August 2 at 2:15 p.m. For information



(Left to right) Kenneth Richards, Del Delker, and Calvin Taylor.

on camp meeting reservations write: Camp Meeting, P.O. Box 32098, Oklahoma City, OK 73132.



A series of meetings was conducted by Forrest Tenbrook, pastor of the Durant church in the Southeast district recently, and three precious souls were baptized the last Sabbath of the meetings. Many came every night, and the pastor is still studying with several once a week. In the photo Pastor Tenbrook stands with newly baptized members and the elders of the church.



# **Camp Meeting Brings Rich Blessings**

Camp meeting '75 proved to be the very finest in the history of the Southwest Region Conference. Pastor Jack Morris, newly appointed leader of the El Paso district, opened the convocation with an inspiring vesper message Friday evening.

Elder C. M. Bailey, conference secretary, preached the keynote message and exhorted his hearers to seek the pentecostal experience. Morning devotional speakers included Pastors W. Rice, O. A. Jackson, L. W. Draggon, C. McNorton, G. Chissell, W. G. Downes, and J. McCoy.

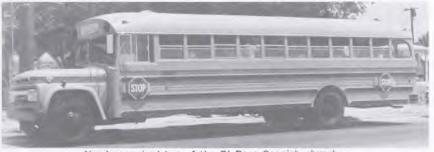
Elders H. W. Kibble and D. J. Wil-

liams preached during the evangelistic hour, Monday and Tuesday nights. Our special guests were Elder B. E. Leach, Elder V. L. Roberts, Dr. M. Warren, chairman of the Department of Religion at Oakwood College; Dr. C. A. Allen, M.D., Dr. C. A. Dent, M.D., Dr. M. D. Banfield, M.D., Elder W. W. Fordham, Walter Arties, and the Breath of Life Quartet.

Elder C. E. Moseley of Oakwood College conducted a five-day series on "Righteousness by Faith" which was reboth inspirational and informative. The soul-winning hour and the out-



Recent baptism of El Paso Spanish members with Pastor Cabral on left and Elder Merkel on right.



Newly acquired bus of the El Paso Spanish church.

a new church as soon as possible, as our present building has proved to be too small to meet our needs. This is a great act of faith, and with God's help we will be able to finish this great job. Secondly, another of our important projects is being able to have all our children in our church school, and since we presently have more than 50 students, we hope this will become a reality. We have already purchased a school bus which will be used by our church, it will also be used to transport our children to school. We are also working to soon open the new Spanish Westview church. The work in Las Cruces is progressing since a group of laymen have now taken charge in the work of that church.

God has great plans for the Spanish church in El Paso, but we have to work united and He will give us great results. We ask for your prayers so that all these projects will be a reality.

> MANUEL CABRAL, Pastor, El Paso Spanish District.

### Plainview Church Is Dedicated

Sabbath June 28, was a high day for members and friends of the Plainview church. Elder Don Christman spoke at the morning worship service and Elder Ben Leach at the afternoon dedication service. Melvin Weber, who lead out in the building program, was present with his wife and rendered special music. He also showed slides depicting the progress of the project from the moving of the school building into place to the completion of this beautiful house of worship.

Clyde McCoy gave an interesting history of the Plainview church calling attention to the charter members of the church who were present for this happy occasion. Former pastor, Elder Don Martin, now pastoring at Canon City, Colorado, was present with his wife and daughter to rejoice with the Plainview members.



Charter members present for the dedication of the Plainview church, left to right: Ida Bell Farris, Jessie Landrum, Stella Irvin, Annie Landrum, Bertie Muse, Lillie Stroman and Aulie Muse. The Muses and Stella Irvin were among the many out-oftown visitors.

Much donated labor went into keeping the cost down to \$35,000. The chandeliers were hand made by Clyde Ferguson, the attractive indirect lighting was accomplished with the use of rain gutter.

The present pastor, Elder Gordon Burton, and the members of the Plainview church are to be commended for presenting this beautiful house in dedication to God. May it truly be a house of prayer for all people and help hasten the return of our Saviour.



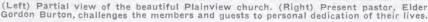
Former pastor, Elder Don Martin, poses with his wife and daughter in front of the beautiful Southwest scene in the rostrum area.

#### **NEWS NOTES**

The El Paso Junior Academy has caught the Bi-Centenniel spirit and redecorated their building inside and out. Their example is worthy of emulation!



Groundbreaking for the new El Paso Spanish church was held Sunday, June 8.





# College Announces Outstanding Lyceum Series for 1975-76 Season

The U. S. Navy Band, Victor Borge, Emlyn Williams, Myron Florin, and Daniel Heifetz will highlight the second annual series at Southwestern Union College in Keene.

"It all started as an experiment a year ago," said Dr. Joe L. Wheeler, director of the program; "we wanted to see whether a big league cultural series could survive and thrive in Johnson County.

Wheeler and his associate, Dr. Julius Korgan, are greatly encouraged by the response last year. "We've had excellent community support within a 50 to 60 mile radius of the college," Wheeler said. "The series is unique in that it is strictly non-profit. The college funds two-thirds of the cost, community sponsorships and ticket sales make up the difference." Wheeler emphasized that if the series is to continue to survive. it must continue to receive financial support from area businessmen and patrons of the arts besides retaining the first-year season ticket holders and securing new ones."

Highlight of next year's series will be Victor Borge, the acknowledged World's Clown Prince of Piano – no funnier performer anywhere. Myron Florin, the most popular performer on the Lawrence Welk TV show, will kick off the series with his accordian. The superb United States Navy Band will perform both a matinee and an evening program. Emlyn Williams, the Hal Holbrook of Charles Dickens will bring that great writer-performer to life. Daniel Heifetz, one of the nation's rising young violin superstars, recently the subject of a CBS special, will also appear on the SUC stage.

Thayer Soule will make his second season appearance at Keene with his new, nostalgic film, "Railroads Are Fun." On a bicentennial theme, James Metcalfe will present on mike and film "America's Secret Places." One of the nation's most popular traveloguists, Stan Midgely, will show his Hawaii chuckalogue. Dewitt Jones will bring to the area his spectacular "John Muir's High Sierra," a film that was twice nominated for ACADEMY AWARDS in 1975.

Dr. Melvin West of Walla Walla, Washington, will perform a sacred concert on the newly rebuilt pipe organ in the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church. The organ was originally constructed for Boston's Berkely Temple in 1899. And there will be a Country Weekend: Joe Pearles and the Quiet Sound (Pearles sings rather like the late Jim Reeves); the Nystroms, a singing family group; and Donna Klein at the organ and piano (with a sound similar to that of Floyd Cramer). These three groups will perform both a sacred and a secular concert.

Due to popular request, most of next season's programs will be on Saturday or Sunday evenings instead of last year's Tuesday nights. And what's almost unheard of in our inflation-



Victor Borge



Myron Florin



Thayer Soule's "Railroads Are Fun."







plagued society, the tickets for the new season will be cheaper than those for last year!

#### **Ticket Prices Reduced!**

"Our Lyceum Committee is determined to make this series available to everyone," Wheeler said. "We've lowered the rates on the season tickets and we are offering senior citizens an even lower rate. We know that they are the hardest hit by inflation — since they are pegged to a fixed income; therefore we are delighted to offer this rate to them." Family tickets are also available this year, at a considerable savings over individual tickets.

Last year's \$17.50 front section ticket is down to \$15.75 this year. Middle section tickets will sell for \$12.75 and rear section season tickets will sell for \$9.75.

Prices for senior citizens (65 or over) are cut \$3, \$2, \$1 (front section season tickets selling for \$12.75, middle section: \$10.75; rear section; \$8.75). Family tickets will sell for \$47.50 front section, \$38.50 middle; and \$29.50 rear. "Buying a season ticket lets you see half of the programs free, at single admission prices," Wheeler pointed out. Single admission prices continue to be a fraction of what they would be in many metroplex auditoriums, only \$4, \$3, \$2 or \$2, \$1.50, or \$1, depending on the program.

According to Wheeler, the Lyceum Committee planned the series for young people and adults who prefer clean entertainment instead of the ubiquitous blue material which makes taking one's family out such a Russian Roulette experience."

Brochures on the 1975-76 SUC Lyceum Series are available free. Write to Dr. Joe L. Wheeler, Director, SUC Lyceum Series, Southwestern Union College, Keene, TX 76059 or phone 817-641-8536. Sponsoring donations will be greatly appreciated.



HEALTH-WISE Ninth of a series by Helen F. Andrews, M.S., health educator.

#### The Science of Weight Control III

If you are tired of the yo-yo effect of crash diets, or if you are convinced you can't lose no matter how little you eat, it is time to ask yourself some pertinent questions and give honest answers (even if you have to get help from a member of your family.)

How long did it take to put those bulges in the wrong places?

Am I trying to take off in a few weeks the extra pounds I have spent 10 years or more putting on?

Am I punishing myself with a starvation diet that leads inevitably to an eating binge?

Have I fallen into any bad habits of between-meal snacking; nibbling while working, reading, or watching TV; skipping breakfast and catching up at night; or choosing refined, concentrated foods?

Am I using food to relieve boredom, loneliness, anxiety?

Easy does it when you are trying to establish an eating pattern that will take pounds off and keep them off.

The first step is to use a daily food

record (which should include the size of the portions and every between-meal sip and nibble) and a calorie guide to discover the trouble spots. If you can't be honest with yourself, ask someone else to keep track for a week.

Some people discover that a single change is enough to solve the problem. Here are some ideas to start with:

1. Gut out soda pop and other highcalorie drinks.

2. Eliminate sugar from breakfast cereals and drinks.

 Eat a substantial breakfast that will fortify you against the temptation to snack.

4. Eat nothing after supper.

5. Make your servings of rich, highcalorie foods smaller and don't take seconds.

6. Eat more vegetables, fruit and whole-grain cereals. These contain bulk, which will give the sensation of fullness with few calories.

7. Ration yourself to a teaspoon of visible fat (butter, mayonnaise) a day.

If you work your way progressively through these changes in your eating pattern and still aren't getting results, try eating breakfast and lunch only, with nothing or a piece of fruit at night.

Or if you find it easier, eat nothing one day a week.

And don't forget, daily exercise, as mentioned before, is indispensable if you hope to maintain normal weight without starving.

— (1975) as a community service of the Health Department, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.



#### IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

TOP 10 LITERATURE EVANGELISTS IN UNION FOR JU	JNE, 1975
Floyd Gungle — Texas	
James Rogers — Oklahoma	2558.35
Ertis Johnson — Oklahoma	2513.85
Al Copeland — Arkansas-Louisiana	2442.00
Janice Ross — Arkansas-Louisiana	
David Coon — Texas	2190.50
Fred Anderson — Texico	2099.25
Tony Trevino — Texas	2069.20
Richard Elmore — Texas	1941.85
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Invite a Friend to view Faith for Today this week!







NICKLE, George Clark, was born on Oct. 4, 1894, near Cambridge, Nebr. He passed to his rest in Cleburne, Tex., on June 20, 1975. He served in the United States Army in France during World War I, His formal education consisted of a business course, a law degree which he received from LaSalle University, and his theologi-cal training at Pacific Union College.

cal training at Pacific Union College. He was married to Vivian V. Volkers in 1920, who was a classmate of his at PUC. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1926 and the same year set out with his family for Columbia, South America, to take charge of a newly formed mission. He was one of the workers who pioneered the organizing of the work in Columbia. He has also served as director of the Lake Mission, Mexico; president of the Panama Conference for seven years; president of the West Cuba Conference for five years; president of the Columbia. Venezuela Union for eight years; and as chaplain for the medical students taking medicine at Monterrey and Guadalajara, Mexico. Mexico.

Those surviving are his wife, Vivian V. Nickle; his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Newton; two grandsons, James and Ronald New-ton; and two brothers, William and Clar-ence Nickle.

Services were conducted in the Keene, Tex., Seventh-day Adventist Church with Elder B. E. Leach officiating and Elder Tom Carter assisting.

SISK, Ollie, was born Dec. 20, 1902, at Watts, Okla., and passed away June 16, 1975. He was a lifelong resident of Dela-ware Co., Okla. He was married to Hattie Henderson in 1924. Brother Sisk was a member of the Siloam Springs, Ark., church. He is survived by his wife, one son, Claude Sisk; and one daughter, Dixie Burke; as well as seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted in the Siloam Springs church with Elder Richard T. Williams officiating. Burial was in the Kansas-Oklahoma cemetery. R. T. Williams

R. T. Williams



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# on the record

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

### "DON'T Use Big Words!"

At a very critical point in history during World War II the British troops were pushed to the sea at Dunkirk. The situation was bleak. General Alexander — who later became Field Marshall, Sir Harold Alexander, was studying the all but desperate situation when a colonel came dashing up to him, saluted, and out of breath reported, "General, our position is catastrophic!" Alexander looked calmly at the man, then dismissed him with this comment: "Don't use big words, colonel. Just get busy and get these boys out of here!"

Well, as we all well know, not only soldiers, sailors, and airmen, but ordinary citizens responded to that great national crisis. In one of the most incredible feats of all history more than 330,000 troops were taken from Dunkirk Harbor and off the beaches in everything from canoes and rafts to warships — and the situation was saved from catastrophe. It was dynamic! It charged the entire free world with new courage to hang on — not to quit.

Do you know that most defeats in life are self-inflicted? We quit the battle and give up. We do ourselves in. Someone sent me the following written by that great author, Anonymous!

> "Stand close to all, But lean on none, And if the crowd desert you, Stand just as fearlessly alone As if the throng begird you, And learn what long the wise have known — Self-flight alone can hurt you."

My brother, Art, told me of a man who as a practical joke sent the following telegram to eight of his best friends:

"All is known - leave town immediately!"

Six of them did!

We live in a time when basic values are being discarded as worthless. People are afraid to stand up and be counted. I heard over the radio that policemen in large cities are counseling women who are being attacked to scream "Fire! Fire!" rather than "Help! Help!" People will come to see a fire — but turn away from a woman under attack! It is a tragic comment on the American character in these latter days. I like the spirit of the little old grandmother who went out to meet insurgent forces coming through her property with a poker. Someone said to her, "Grandma, didn't you know you couldn't fight an army with a poker?" She replied, "Yes, I know, but I just wanted them to know which side I'm on!"

H. Ross Perot of Dallas has the following words engraved on a plaque outside his office:

"Every good and excellent thing stands moment by moment on the razor's edge of danger, and must be fought for."

I read recently where Dr. Jacob Hershman, head of the HEW Division of Academic Facilities said that 162 colleges died in this century — mainly because they failed to stand for their founding principles. Compromising beliefs in a search for relevance leads to just one thing — disaster.

Listen to these words of wisdom from Ellen White:

"Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need of a broader scope, a higher aim. True education means *more* than the purusal of a certain course of study. It means *more* than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man." *Education*, p. 13.

When we look into the long avenue of the future we can clearly see that Christian schools that maintain their principles and their standards are the *only* place for young people. Our schools are the flotilla that will get them out of the Dunkirk of this world — and I say to you — Don't give me excuses for not getting your young people aboard — "Don't use big words" to tell me why you can't — "just get busy" and get those great young people of yours "out of here" and into our fabulous schools!

Yours for courageous Action NOW,

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B. E. LEACH.

# "All should feel that our schools are the Lord's instrumentalities, through which He would make Himself known to man." Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 206.

# GOD HONORS FAITH

# Remember OAKWOOD COLLEGE With a Liberal Offering on August 9



For nearly 80 years Oakwood College, located in Huntsville, Alabama has been training and producing workers for the church of God and its ongoing program to proclaim earth's final message to a dying world.

A steady upward trend in enrollment — over 1,000 this year — indicates that increasing numbers of Black young people and their parents see Oakwood College as a citadel of total education, a city of refuge from the ravages of urban life-style, and a bastion to safeguard their spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ.

The growth and expansion of the college is a visible testimony of the dedicated concern and generosity of the Black conferences and the Regional Department of the Pacific Union, the General Conference, and the churches. As Oakwood continues to expand aca-

demically and physically, we can be proud of it as a major institution doing its part in preparing young men and women for service for the church and the world community.

On June 1, ground was broken for the new church building and religious education complex. The Oakwood College Church family, administration, students, and faculty take this opportunity to thank you for offering of over \$155,000 given in 1974 for this project. The college's next, most pressing need is a science complex to accommodate the growing number of students having interest in these important disciplines.

Continue to help. Let us pull together and make the Oakwood offering surpass the \$200,000 mark. On August 9, give liberally to Oakwood College.

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(Left) Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Allen and Elder H. W. Kibble, Jr. (Center) Dr. M. Warren addresses the the audience. (Right) Elder C. E. Moseley, left, and Dr. M. Warren, right, stand with newly ordained ministers: Elder and Mrs. Marvin Jemison and Elder and Mrs. Miller.

reach visitation program proved a blessing to the camp.

After studying methods, our brothers and sisters actually visited the surrounding towns, calling on families and passing out literature. Elder Glenn Howell directed this important program.

Pastor Howell also planned and conducted a tremendous program for our youth. The early morning services, along with the "rap" sessions were well attended. Recreational activities were also well planned.

Elder L. D. Henderson conducted a very meaningful workshop throughout the week. The evangelism Offering amounted to \$15,000.00.

The camp meeting music directed and coordinated by Mr. Joseph Mackey of New Orleans, was superb. The "Hallelujah Chorus" rendered by the Camp Meeting Choir lifted our hearts heavenward. Special music was brought to us by the Dallas City Temple Choir and the Dallas Male Chorus.

Elder W. J. Cleveland, president of Southwest Region Conference, challenged us during the worship hour, to "Stand by the Old Landmarks." Elder E. Miller and Elder M. Jemison were ordained to the gospel ministry in a very impressive service on the last Sabbath of the meeting.

Following the music festival, directed by Mrs. Helen Beckett, Pastor Melvin Singleton brought the vesper message.

Our hearts were saddened by the tragic deaths which invaded the Andrus and Whitfield families during the convocation.

Camp meeting '75 was an experience of great spiritual refreshing and fel-



Elder Glen Howell introduces lay soul winners: Mrs. Ruth Bush, Mrs. Stell, and Mr. Smith.

lowship. Hundreds were heard to voice their happiness for the privilege of attending. camp meeting '75.

MRS. RITA CLEVELAND, PR Secretary.



arge crowds listen attentively.



Mrs. L. Draggon presents one of the children's groups.



Youthful pastors in the Southwest Region, left to right: A. Booker, Jack Morris, Billy Wright, M. Singleton, James Cox, and Bill Cleveland, Jr.

### Conference President Visits Fort Worth Church

On Sabbath, June 14, Elder and Mrs. Cleveland and family visited the Grace Chapel church in Fort Worth. Pastor Harris preached a most inspiring sermon and several persons took their stand to be baptized into the remnant church.

Of particular interest was the presentation to the church of a \$200.00 gift by the Ladies' Guild. The Fort Worth church is moving ahead under the leadership of Elder J. E. Harris and his co-workers.

The president also visited Sapulpa May 17, Nacogdoches May 31, and Houston Bellfort June 7.

> MRS. RITA CLEVELAND, PR Secretary.

#### HOUSTON

### Bellfort Choir Makes Tour to Washington, D.C.

On May 11, 1975, the Bellfort Junior Academy Choir and several adult chaperones traveled by Greyhound bus to Washington, D.C., where they spent several days sightseeing and presenting concerts.

Some of the places they visited were the White House, the Supreme Court, the F.B.I., Bureau of Engraving, Arlington Cemetery, Review and Herald Publishing Association, and the General Conference. One of the interesting highlights of the tour was a visit to Mrs. E. G. White's Estate where her unpublished books, letters, articles, photographs, etc. are preserved.

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jeanette Nelson, presented concerts at Columbia Union College, First Seventh-day Adventist Church, and Dupont Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, and were received warmly at each place.

For next year, the Lord willing, Mrs. Nelson and the choir are scheduling a tour of the West Coast.

RUTH GOLSON.



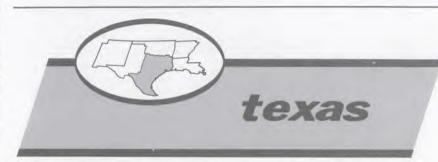
Some of the choir members get ready for concert at Columbia Union College.

Mrs. Nelson holds the Bible which Mrs. White held raised for 30 minutes in one hand while in vision.





Mrs. Collier presents check to Elder J. Harris.



# 1975 Camp Meeting Marks 100 Years of Adventism in Texas

The 1975 Texas Camp Meeting and Lay Congress recently held at Keene, Texas, drew capacity crowds in excess of 4200 on the weekends.

Nearly 500 Texas members participated in various classes such as lay preaching, personal and child evangelism, nutrition, Christian ethics, church music, community services, gardening, and literature evangelism as a part of the Lay Congress conducted under the direction of Elder Myron Voegele, conference lay activities director.

The theme of the camp meeting dealt with Adventist heritage. This year, 1975, marks the 100th year since the work first started in Texas. Graphically depicting the heritage were short, well-done skits each evening written and directed by Carol Sample and Richard Norman of the Southwestern Union College English and Speech Departments.

Featured camp meeting speakers included H. M. S. Richards, Sr., H. M. S. Richards, Jr., G. D. O'Brien, B. E. Leach, M. T. Battle, R. C. Barger, L. A. Shipowick, and Fordyce Detamore. Ron Halvorsen, pastor of the Keene church, presented an outstand-



H. M. S. Richards, Sr., and Elder Cyril Miller converse prior to evening sermon.



Ron Halvorsen emphasizes a point in early morning devotionals.



Newly ordained Texas ministers: Elder and Mrs. David Bostrom and child, left, and Elder and Mrs. Jerry Sorensen.



Mrs. Jane Guy Portrays Ellen G. White in Heritage skits.

ing early morning devotional series on the Holy Spirit.

The camp meeting was blessed with an abundance of special music. Including the Voice of Prophecy Quartet and the Texas AYA Singers. The camp meeting choir performed each evening and on both Sabbaths under the direction of Ben Glanzer who also served as evening music director and soloist.

Active programs were conducted for the youth with leadership provided by George Chudleigh and Bob Boney. Pastor W. R. Sheppard directed an

Tents housed many campers





outstanding earliteen program as did Elder R. L. Shorter with the juniors and Pastor John Loveridge with the primary department. June Ackerman was the leader for the cradle roll division and Shirley Chapline, Jeanette Dennis, and Shirley Wilhite gave able direction to the kindergarten programs.

The central thought that seemed to be woven like a golden thread through each sermon, lecture, discussion, and special music was the desire for all concerned to join hands in a complete and total effort under the direction of the Holy Spirit to advance the work in Texas, hastening the coming of Christ. This was made evident in a tangible way when on the last Sabbath those present submitted cash and commitments for Evangelism totaling nearly \$45,000.

Elder Cyril Miller, conference president, appealed to those in attendance to put first things first, to go forward in faith, emphasizing that we have nothing to fear for the future except as we forget the way God has led us in the past.

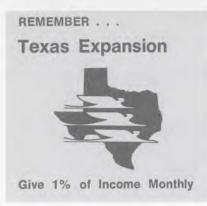


Betty Ahnberg teaches community service lay congress class.

# A Victory in the Preservation of Freedom in Operation of Our Schools

During the last hour of the Texas Legislative Session a bill passed which, if it had not been amended, could have had a devastating affect on all of our elementary and secondary schools. This Bill as it was originally proposed would have caused all of our schools to be licensed as child-care facilities which meant that the Public Welfare had complete jurisdiction to set whatever standards they felt appropriate and to close down any schools that were not approved by them. Also this Bill would have meant unannounced inspections and mandatory financial accounting to the Public Welfare Department of all funds taken in by our schools.

When we became aware of the acute problem, a group of us immediately went to Austin to testify on the matter. Elder John Morgan, Elder Ed Wines, Elder Paul Kilgore, Elder Gaston Wallace, Weldon Ponder (who is taking law at the University of Texas), myself, and a number of our local members were involved in the proceedings at Austin. Elder Ed Wines from the Southwestern Union Education Depart-



ment made the main presentation on our behalf. I also presented a brief review of some of the legal problems involved in such legislation in regard to religious freedom. There were scores of other groups who also testified against the legislation. Elder Wines was careful to point out that we certainly were in harmony with the basic purpose of providing for the child welfare in child care centers. However, he pointed out that in legitimate educational institutions which come up to the necessary fire and health standards such legislation was not appropriate. After the presentation the representative from the Public Welfare mentioned that he appreciated our presentation and felt that it was one of the best that had been given.

Afterward the membership was urged to write their legislators and we want to thank each one who did so. The presentations made at Austin can only be as effective as the knowledge of the legislators that we are representing the thinking of their constituents who are in their own districts. When the

The Menard Church conducted a five-day vacation Bible school June 23-27, and the leader, Mrs. Pat Schwarz, termed it "very successful." An average of 35 attended the first two days, with an average of 55 the next two days. On Friday a total of 65 children enrolled! This, despite the fact another church was also having a VBS tool In the picture Mrs. Eva Carvalho teaches the children how to make hanging baskets.

Helen Beach, Communications Secretary, Menard Church.



Bill was finally revised, it exempted all educational institutions which did not provide any custodial care beyond one hour before or one hour after school hours. This of course exempted all of our schools involved except for Jefferson Academy and Valley Grande Academy. Again it was felt that those of us in the union and local conference offices who could go down to Austin should do so to make a last-minute attempt to see if changes could be made to exempt these two institutions. Without a doubt it was providential that we were able to contact the men who it was vital to see even though the rush was on to wind up the legislative session. In fact, the Chairman of the Subcommittee which was to make the final revisions of this Bill met with us for about an hour and also called the representative from the Public Welfare over to meet with us. First of all they agreed to put in an exemption for all schools accredited by the Central Education Agency which took care of Valley Grande Academy. Since Jefferson Academy was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, we did not know just how we could get them exempt. However, after some discussion it was agreed that an exemption would be put in for both schools accredited by the Central Education Agency or the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In talking to one of the representatives who had worked very hard for us, he said that they were going to call this the Seventh - day Adventist Amendment. Many of the legislators because of the shortness of time did not feel that this Bill had much of a chance of being passed. However, as has been mentioned during the last hour of the legislative session this Bill went through. We can thank the Lord that when it went through that all of our schools which did not have custodial care were exempt and that Valley Grande Academy and Jefferson Academy were exempt because of their particular accreditation. All of course should be aware that this does mean that for these two schools their accreditation must be kept up and also as to all other schools, they must meet the health, safety, fire, and sanitation standards that are required by the State Municipal Codes. While we do not wish to be under such restrictive legislation as was proposed, we should be first to want to uphold the very highest standards.

The book *Education* was given to all of the members of the Health and

Welfare Committee considering this legislation. It was our desire not to just influence legislation but to witness for the Lord and His cause.

Again I want to thank all of those who cooperated in writing letters or helping in any other way during this crisis. These opportunities can be a real chance for us to present to others the wonderful truths and principles which we hold.

> TOM CARTER, Religious Liberty Secretary, Texas Conference.

### Join the Young People of Texas at Valley Grande

The Rio Grande Valley is the "Florida of Texas," and God richly blessed our school, Valley Grande Academy, last year and we're anticipating greater things next year. Our enrollment is growing to our capacity.

Many parents and students wonder if it is financially feasible to go to our boarding academy. There are several items all parents and students should be aware of. First, your work program can be a real help. You can work half or more if you apply yourself. Some students work their entire way while others do not. You can do it if you choose to. Secondly, we do offer some \$300 scholarships for students who need assistance. Your home church might even help. Thirdly, we work



VGA welcomes you. Newly decorated cafeteria at VGA.



with each student and his parent on the financial problems. We usually make an agreement with the parent to what they can handle each month and then if faithful, the remainder will be handled by our work program at school. The cost of \$2500 seems like a lot of money, but it can be done if you plan now to be at VGA. Don't give up but be here August 24 for registration. Christian education pays, rather than costs.

# Harlingen Church Is Active in Missionary Work

**1974 Activities** 

During the last two quarters of 1974, the church organized a missionary outreach with Steps to Christ to every home in the church neighborhood, in which adults, young people, and children took active part. Starting with the home next to the church and systematically, street by street, knocking on every door, a total of 1,500 Steps to Christ booklets were taken to 1,500 homes. Once the main area was covered, other booklets and smaller tracts were taken every Sabbath afternoon, and usually by the same persons to the homes they were visiting. A total of no less than 8,000 pieces of literature were distributed during the two quarters.

Several small children took an active part in this literature outreach. Working side by side, Sylvia Zambrano and Janie DeLima, one eight years old and the other five, took 60 *Steps to Christ* booklets each and happily went knocking doors, smiling as they offered a booklet to the church neighbors. They felt so good afterwardsl Certainly the angels that accompanied them felt good, too, and the ones receiving the books should be blessed.

In all the books and tracts distributed, we affixed the following in a blank page or unwritten space:

"Jesus is coming again very soon! Be ready! Jesus loves you — we love you too — be sure of that."

"This literature is brought to you by your friends and neighbors, the SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, with a sincere welcome to worship with us whenever you desire at: 511 Filmore and 5th Streets, Harlingen, Texas. SERVICES: Sabbath 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 5 p.m. Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. If we may assist you in any other way, please feel free to call: 423-6617."

"GO WITH GOD-VAYA CON DIOS."

1. A large number of Great Controversy books was ordered and since we did not feel that they should be given to anyone, a plan was suggested that they should be placed in every waiting room in the Harlingen area. So, this became our number one project. A group was organized to make a list of all physicians, dentists, lawyers, state offices, clinics, nursing homes, businesses, beauty salons, etc., ect. Presently, a large number of these waiting rooms have been visited, and by direct contact with the secretaries, a book was placed there. We hope to cover all the Harlingen area in a few weeks.

2. Over 115 statesmen, attorneys, lawyers, clergymen, public organizations church organizations, and individuals receive Liberty magazine in the Harlingen area. Also, a good number receive These Times and Listen magazines. This brought the idea of making a second project which is Subscription Survey. In this project another group was organized to make cards with names and phones of all subscribers and start calling them. First they identified themselves as part of the organization sponsoring Liberty, etc., to the area, then questioned them: Are you receiving the journal regularly? Do you read them? Do you like them? Would you be interested in other informative literature? etc. The answers were varied. Some received them regularly, read them, and liked them. Others did not receive them, and so on. Some secretaries were placing them in the waiting room for the public to read, and finally, some persons were giving them to a neighbor who seemed to enjoy it better than themselves.

3. *Tell-Invitation* is our third project for this year, and it includes several outreach projects.

- a. Calling on the neighbors of our church to whom *Steps to Christ* and other literature were given last year, asking them if they have read them, if they would like others, and if a visit would be appreciated. Also, telling them of the location of our church and the services, inviting them to visit and worship with us anytime.
- b. Calling on the Spanish speaking people of the area and inviting them to listen to the Voice of Prophecy in Spanish on the local station KGBT in Harlingen. Also, the Englishspeaking people were called upon and invited to listen to the Voice of

Prophecy and Hour of Prophecy, giving time and station.

c. Visiting the next-door neighbor in the residing area of each church member, taking them some good literature and finally inviting them for a Sabbath or Sunday lunch, where an invitation would be extended to visit our church.

For all these projects and missionary outreaches we need the Lord's guidance and each others' prayers that these will be a blessing to the church and our neighbors.

> HARLINGEN LAY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT.

### Bob Edwards Replaces Bob Seamount

#### Sounds Like VOP Quartet, But It Isn't!

Bob Edwards comes to Texas as our new stewardship and communications secretary. Elder Edwards is one of our denomination's leading stewardship directors and has played a major role in writing and field testing the General Conference Stewardship Manual for Pastors.

He has been assistant to the president and director of stewardship in the Potomac Conference for the past four years. Prior to that he served as ministerial and stewardship secretary in the Northern New England Conference.

Bob and Dorice Edwards will be living in Keene where their children, Darilyn, Brett, and Janell, will be at-



Elder and Mrs. Bob Edwards and family. Elder Bob Seamount



tending the Keene Elementary School this fall.

We extend a big Texas welcome to the Edwards family and know they will be loved by all.

Bob Seamount has accepted a call to become development director of the Florida Adventist Hospital. Elder Seamount came to Texas six years ago as pilot of the Texas airplane and communications director. His many talents and gracious personality have made him very popular with our members and ministers alike. Mrs. Seamount served in the communications department as office secretary. It was her job to keep the news articles prepared for the RECORD, and she kept our conference before the readers in a positive way.

Bob and Ellen Seamount have been a very important part of our Texas team and we will surely miss them.

CYRIL MILLER, President, Texas Conference.

### Friendship Wins Two at Ft. Hood-Killeen

Last March 24 and 25, the Heritage II Singers witnessed at Fort Hood, Texas. Only a few weeks previous, Dr. and Mrs. Barry Siebenlist had befriended their new neighbors, a young military family, SPA and Mrs. John Grimm. When the Siebenlists learned the Heritage II Singers would be sharing their faith in a musical testimony, they immediately invited John and Holly to accompany them to the concert. During the fellowship hour following the music, the Siebenlists promptly introduced their new friends to the church members and chaplain. The very next Sabbath saw the Grimms in church, and every Sabbath after that.

Within two weeks of the Heritage II's visit to Fort Hood, the Siebenlists opened their home to Chaplain (Captain) Gary R. Councell and the Grimms, and joined the trio for Bible

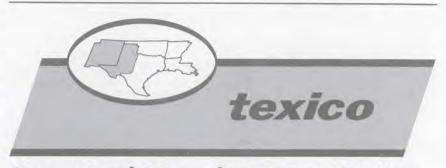
Happiness radiates from the faces of Dr. Barry Siebenlist, his wife Joni, Holly Grimm, and her husband John, who holds their baby.



studies, soon resulting in the joyous act of baptism.

"The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and lovable Christian," says an inspired author. (Ministry of Healing, p. 470) The primary reason for giving Bible studies is not to just indoctrinate our interested friends as much as it is to actively demonstrate God's love for them through our relationship with them. Despite a physician's schedule, the Siebenlists thoughtfully cultivated a relaxed friendship that showed concern for the Grimm's eternal welfare. Surely God has rewarded openly Barry and Joni Siebenlist's labor of love.

CPT, GARY R. COUNCELL.



# More Good News for Camp Meeting

1975 Texico Camp Meeting promises to be better than ever. It is always a thrill to hear Elder H. M. S. Richards, Sr. and the quartet. You won't want to miss the inspiring devotional messages by Elder W. O. Frazee of Wildwood,

the area of auto mechanics, gardening, and health and nutrition. Personnel from Southwestern Union College will be leading out in workshop activities, as well as Mrs. Janet Graham and Mrs. Ruby Wing from Texico.



H. M. S. Richards

W. O. Frazee

Georgia. You have heard about Elder Glenn Coon's ABCs of Prayer. Now, after trying for two years to get him, he is coming to Texico Camp Meeting. Texico is fortunate to have Miss Alice Lowe of the General Conference Sabbath School Department coming to lead

out in the Sabbath School Workshop. This camp meeting promises not only to be a wonderful, Spiritual feast but also practical with workshops in

King's Heralds





Glenn Coon



God has been very generous with His people this year as always. Within a year, great and wonderful things have happened to glorify God and to see the promises fulfilled in abundance here. On June 6 and 7, a total of 19 souls were baptized for God in the river, and a beautiful and inspiring service was held. There were more than 300 people attending the baptisms. We will celebrate another baptism service where more souls will be baptized during the month of July. We praise God for these marvelous happenings. Up to now, 25 souls have been baptized in El Paso and Las Cruces.

We have great plans for this year. First of all, we will begin to construct