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"So We Want the Lord to Come"

Comments about Thoughts, Words, or Actions of a
People Waiting for the Second Coming of Christ —

"Me and My Family"

God is greatly displeased with the selfish interest so often manifested by Christian people for "Me and My Family." Ellen White says that every family that cherishes this spirit needs to be converted by pure principles that are revealed in how Jesus lived.

The Bible lays much stress upon the practice of hospitality. Not only is it a duty, it is also a grace and blessing. The records of Genesis tell us of Abraham and his hospitality to three unknown travelers, one of which was his Creator. The experience of Lot with two strangers, which was referred to thousands of years later by an apostle who said, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers for many have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:2. The Scriptures also teach us to "Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Peter 4:9, 10.

But true hospitality is so little exercised. Hospitality has gone commercial. It has been moved out of the home of many. It is no longer a privilege and a blessing. For many it is too much trouble. Ellen White says it would not be trouble if you would say, "We have made no special preparation but you are welcome to what we have." An unexpected guest always appreciates this kind of welcome more than an elaborate preparation. Christ sets the example here. When surrounded by a hungry multitude He did not send them home but He supplied food sufficient to satisfy their need — simple food. He could have spread a banquet but He did not, to set an example for us. We are to share of that which we have and as we do Christ will see that our lack is supplied.

There are some guidelines and cautions in showing hospitality that are important to Christian growth and practice. Some, in showing hospitality, over do and the blessing is lost.

"It is a denial of Christ to make preparation for visitors which requires time that rightly belongs to the Lord. In this we commit robbery of God and we wrong others as well. In preparing an elaborate entertainment many deprive their families of needed attention and their example leads others to follow the same course." TESTIMONIES, vol. 6, p. 343. Often the wife overworks, the guests overeat, and disease and suffering from overworking and overeating are the result.

Yet we are to be hospitable and practice this Christian grace. It is easy to push hospitality responsibilities off on to a few people and this the Lord frowns on. When only a few are required to do the entertaining for a conference or church or for workers to be paid for entertaining their brethren this is an invention born of selfishness. (IBID., p. 344.)

What a joy should come to all who will enter into true hospitality to all who come within their sphere of influence. Let us be sure our characters are developing with the grace of hospitality as we near the end of this earthly journey.

J. N. MORGAN.

39 Seconds of Terror!

The Story of Seventh-day Adventist Relief Work Following the Guatemala Earthquake

by **HOWARD D. BURBANK,**
Executive Secretary and Manager,
Seventh-day Adventist World Service, Inc.

The town clock in Guatemala City stopped at exactly 3:03 a.m., February 4, 1976. Just 39 seconds later the greatest recorded earthquake in the Western Hemisphere, measuring 7.5 on the Richter scale, had taken its deadly toll. Latest official reports show 22,402 dead, 74,415 injured, and 1,160,969 homeless. The damage was incredible. The loss of life was appalling, and human suffering was beyond description.

Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS) in Washington, D.C., went to work immediately. Our only means of communication here at the General Conference headquarters was through amateur radio, owned and operated by Elder Ed Peterson of the Review and Herald. The voice of Elder Bob Folkenberg, SAWS representative and president of the Central American Union, who is a "HAM" operator, came through loud and clear. He described the devastation of the country and the needs of the people.

Exactly 74 hours and 57 minutes after the quake SAW's first chartered Pan American Boeing 707 cargo carrier landed in Guatemala City with 100 tents, 7,000 blankets, 15 tons of clothes, 50 gas lanterns, pots, pans, bandages, splints, and medical supplies. SAWS personnel in both eastern and western depots worked night and day to get these relief supplies ready for transporting.

Additional space was purchased on Pan American and Aviateca flights for

175 more tents. A few days later another Pan American SAWS charter flight touched down in Guatemala City with 500 more tents, 7,000 more blankets and 18 more tons of clothing.

In those early hours the words "Emergency SAWS Board Meeting" seemed to be announced frequently on the General Conference intercom, as the board met to authorize additional shipments and money to purchase food for this tremendous operation. Food from U.S. AID stocks in CARE and Catholic Relief Service warehoused in Guatemala was also authorized by the State Department for SAW's use in feeding 5,000 people per day in the disaster area. To date the church has distributed over 150 tons of food.

Inter-America's SAWS representative, Sergio Moctezuma, went immediately to Guatemala. President B. L. Archbold of the Division requested further help for the stricken country. In those early hours there was no way of knowing the complete havoc wrought by this capricious catastrophe. When the full impact reached SAWS headquarters the SAWS Board decided to send the manager to the disaster area as liaison and coordinator between the other volunteer organizations, the Guatemalan government, and the United States government, through U.S. AID.

I arrived Friday afternoon, February 13, and was appalled at what I saw. Guatemala City was in an unbelievable condition and the interior towns were

worse. Elder Folkenberg flew us out in the union plane to Chimaltenango, a city with a population of 20,000. 75% of the homes were completely destroyed. Union and mission personnel were working round the clock, making ready and distributing tons of food and clothing. They had already erected five tent cities.

Dr. Lang of Loma Linda University was on hand giving leadership to the teams of Seventh-day Adventist doctors, nurses, and technicians. Each one had paid his own transportation and had volunteered for service. Dr. Bob Shere furnished planes for transportation and



Nearly 1,200,000 people were homeless after Guatemalan earthquake.

had flown down thousands of dollars' worth of medical supplies and expensive orthopedic equipment so necessary for the thousands of injured.

On Monday morning, February 16, the SAWS/OFASA truck was loaded with clothing, blankets, and other supplies which had been sorted and placed in plastic bags the day before for our trip to San Martin, Jilotepeque. A report from U.S. AID indicated that the people in this town in the mountains were suffering tremendously because of the cold nights in the high altitude, the temperature dropping to freezing. Some of the children were dying from exposure. We drove as far as we could, which was about 10 kilometers from the town. Here the road went up over the quake fault and came to an abrupt stop. We had to unload the blankets and clothing and carry them on our backs three quarters of a mile across the fault to the other side, where we transferred them to another truck.

Upon arriving in this city of 33,000 people we found the main street lined with victims waiting for clothing and blankets. Every home had been completely destroyed! (See front cover photo.) As we distributed the supplies

Disaster victims receive inoculations SAWS tent city, Guatemala City.



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Elder H. M. Jurado asked the people how many had lost loved ones, 99% of the hands went up. We wept. It was a sight I shall never forget, for 2,904 people had died here in just 39 seconds.

The work isn't over yet, for now comes the tedious job of rebuilding. When we will have completed our work in Guatemala, the relief sent and the cash expended by SAWS on this one disaster will amount to just over three-quarters of a million dollars. We are now furnishing supplies to help rebuild homes. This is now the most urgent need, for the rainy season will soon arrive.

This has been the most extensive operation SAWS has ever undertaken. Not only have the people and government of Guatemala, and the U.S. State Department indicated their sincere appreciation of SAWS's work as one of the major volunteer organizations, but the *Wall Street Journal* of February 27, 1976, has so aptly mentioned our unique clothing program in which our Community Service Centers with "tender loving care" provided the clothing for our worldwide shipments. The article quotes from Mr. Bill Swindell of the Red Cross commenting on the avalanche of unusable clothing sent to Guatemala: "I think people are just cleaning out their closets and bathroom cabinets and sending us whatever they find. (The Seventh-day Adventists, on the other hand, not only collect used clothing but also clean it, mend it, and sort it by size, sex, and season. It is then baled according to size and warehoused until needed. Handled in this manner, used clothing is quite valuable after a disaster, relief workers say, and the Seventh-day Adventists have sent 500 such bales to Guatemala.)" We have now sent 1,000 bales. But this is only part of the ever-increasing help given by SAWS around the world.

Not only is SAWS working in this disaster-stricken country, but during the past year SAWS also helped to alleviate suffering in many other lands. In 1975 SAWS carried on its operation in more than 40 different countries. Last year disaster relief and continuing help amounted to just over 3.7 million dollars.

In addition to the Disaster and Famine Relief offering last year (\$700,000.) some three million dollars came from government agencies, philanthropic organizations, commercial organizations, and a host of friends. How better can you invest your dollars in alleviating human suffering when you

You can help relieve human suffering by giving liberally to the DISASTER and FAMINE RELIEF OFFERING Sabbath, May 8, 1976

find that the dollar is stretched so far to help so many with so much?

May 8 is the day for the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering. This will be received around the world. We know that as time grows short disasters will multiply. Will you not give sacrificially now to help in this Christ-centered work? Let us swell the offering this year to a million dollars. We have so much.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Church Buys Aluminum Roofing for Quake Victims

Eleven trucks left Alcoa, Tennessee, March 19, carrying \$250,000 worth of Alcoa aluminum roofing bound for Guatemala.

SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist World Services) purchased the shipment as part of its rebuilding of 5,000 homes for earthquake victims there. The trucks arrived at Pier 154 in Los Angeles on March 24, and the aluminum left on the *Prudential Sea Jet* the next day. It arrived in Guatemala about the first of April.

SAWS is attempting to help the
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The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses

will hold its annual meeting at Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Maryland, June 11-13, 1976. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m., June 11. The meeting ends at 12:30 p.m., June 13.

If you wish a room, please write the Dean of Women, Halcyon Hall, Columbia Union College. The rooms are \$4.50 a night for one person and \$6.00 for two due to the need to rent linen.

In addition, a breakfast for all Seventh-day Adventist nurses will be held at the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel, June 7, 1976 at 7:00 a.m. in Atlantic City. Tickets (\$4.50) will be available at the American Nurses' Association registration booth.

Texico Elects Staff and Boards; Reports Three-Year Gains

The 29th Regular Session of the Texico Conference was held Sunday, April 4, in the Olsen Park Seventh-day Adventist Church of Amarillo, Texas.

Delegates from 55 churches returned D. R. Christman as president for another three-year period and D. K. Sullivan as secretary-treasurer. Also re-elected by the constituency was N. M. Merkel, superintendent of education and youth and temperance director; Ray B. Wing, communications, lay activities and Sabbath school director; L. Boggess, publishing director; M. N. Skadsheim, religious liberty director for New Mexico; I. B. Burton, health department director and trust services; Harold Friesen, ministerial association secretary; and D. Barrett, manager of the Adventist Book Center.

The new Executive Committee elected to conduct the business of the conference for the triennium includes: D. R. Christman, chairman; D. K. Sullivan, secretary; Ben Baca, Jerry Evans, Silvio Fernandez, Harold Friesen, Jose Fuentes, R. A. Jones, M. C. Guthrie, R. B. Wing, Harold Wright, Norman Graham, and F. Peria. A woman member will be added in the near future.

Boards were also elected for the Conference Association and Sandia View Academy.

Elder Christman, in his report to the delegates, highlighted the achievements of the past three years. Some of these include the addition of nine new churches, a growth in membership to 3,553 and a 50% increase in tithes and offerings. A new project is currently under way called the AMEN project, a mission outreach in Hobbs, New Mexico. This is a joint venture to establish new work by the Loma Linda Campus Hill church, in Loma Linda, California, and the Texico Conference. The AMEN project which means (Three Angels' Message to Everyone Now) is guided by Elder and Mrs. L. L. Dinwiddie, retired workers from Southeastern California Conference. Currently special health groups and others are working in the area to create interest and to evangelize. Several young couples from Loma Linda

A REPORT TO THE PEOPLE by Your Union Conference Secretary

- GREETINGS! It's really exciting to be back in the Southwestern Union. Having grown up in Texas and having worked in three of our five conferences (Texas, Texico, and Arkansas-Louisiana) the union is really home to me. Thanks for welcoming my wife and I back with such warmth and friendship. And it's thrilling to see things surging forward in virtually all areas here in the Southwest. Among other things I noticed the following:
- Ground will be broken for a \$1,200,000 administration building at Ozark Academy on June 6. What a wonderful day for OA. Congratulations to the board and the constituency.
- Once again (for at least the 10th year) the Southwestern Union stands at the head of the list in Ingathering per capita for the North American Division. Ingathering is **not** easier here. Our members just work a little harder! Here are the per capitals:

Southwestern	23.14
Northern	22.24
Columbia	20.99
Canadian	19.18
Lake	18.75
Atlantic	17.95
Central	17.38
Southern	16.39
North Pacific	11.60
Pacific	11.41
Average	16.40

Incidentally, three Southwestern Conferences are in the top 10 for the Division: Texico, Arkansas-Louisiana, and Oklahoma. Amen!

- Texas had the greatest year for baptisms in its history in 1975 — 774 wonderful people were led to Christ. And 1976 will see greater exploits for God. A president of another Southwest field told me recently they expect by God's grace to baptize 1,000 this year. May God grant us an utterly fantastic soul-winning year in 1976.
- Texico's triennial session was most heartening. Nine new churches were organized during the triennium. The tithe gain was more than 50%. A new office building has been built. The spirit of the delegates was unusually splendid. Texico is on the march for God. It was heart warming indeed to be back in the field where I began my ministry. And how exciting to see old friends and meet new ones. Elders Christman and Sullivan and their staff are doing a superb job. Great days lie ahead for Texico.
- Talk about enthusiasm! We've really seen it around the union office the last few days. The publishing leaders from all our conferences and the union Publishing Department staff have been conducting a Beginners Training School for new literature evangelists. Forty-six prospective LE's are present. And what bubbling joy, happiness, optimism and determination! Really does something to you. In fact, I got so excited I leaped into my car and backed out of the office parking lot so swiftly that I ran into a post and wrecked a fender. (I'm sending the Publishing Department a bill. Ha!) I did not attend these meetings. I only heard the enthusiastic speech and laughter from under the door as I walked down the hall. Fortunately, the publishing leaders urged those attending to direct their enthusiasm into selling books rather than running into posts. Just wait until these 46 energetic, dedicated new soldiers reach the battle line. Talk about exploits. Amen and Amen!
Bill May.

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

have moved to Hobbs to work in the development of church work there.

The education program of the conference has increased to 13 schools and 23 teachers.

The conference has seen a good growth financially and besides increases in tithe and Sabbath school offerings it has reached the Silver Vanguard status each year for the past 21 years.

One of the major projects accomplished during the triennium is the purchase of property and construction of a new conference office building in Amarillo. The new building is located on a major Interstate Highway coming into the city. It houses offices and display area for the Adventist Book Center. The project has a value of one-half million dollars but was actually constructed for a cost of \$379,000.00.

Literature sales have amounted to \$435,000.00 for three years and now the book center features a mobile bookmobile that puts good literature in the reach of all our churches and institutions.

Delegates spent the entire day in hearing reports and laying plans for the expansion of the gospel. Some adjustments and amendments to the by-laws were approved to make way for the representation of lay persons on various committees and boards.

The session was well attended and participation by delegates in all committees was with good spirit and responsible. God is blessing the people of Texico who have on their shoulders the mandate of the gospel commission. The harvest is ripe, the laborers are few, but courage is good and God's blessing is evident.

J. N. MORGAN, *Editor*.

Arkansas-Louisiana Holds 22nd Regular Session

Delegates from churches throughout Arkansas and Louisiana met in Shreveport, Louisiana, Sunday, April 11, to conduct business for the 22nd regular session.

Priority of the day was the selection and election of church leaders for the next three-year period. Elected to direct the conference in its work was W. H. Elder, president; and B. P. Haskell secretary-treasurer. Others elected to fill posts of leadership included: S. G. Sharpe, manager of the Adventist Book Center; F. W. Eccles, superintendent of education and temperance director; P. A. Kostenko, communica-

tions, lay activities, and Sabbath school director; W. J. Griffin, ministerial, religious liberty, stewardship, and development director; J. H. Cobb, publishing director; W. A. Clarke, director of trust services; J. K. Herman, Jr., director of youth activities; leaders for the health department are to be elected by the new conference executive committee.

The new Arkansas-Louisiana Executive Committee will include: W. H. Elder, chairman; B. P. Haskell, secretary; R. E. Bell, R. E. Callicott, R. P. Faber, G. E. Griffin, O.D.; H. J. Griffin, P. A. Kostenko, D. O. Lauer, E. L. Malcolm, D. D. Weaver, M.D.; Bob Colgrove,

Margaret Sosser, and Humberto Maier. The committee was expanded to 14 in membership and includes six laymen and representative of the Spanish work in the conference.

In his report to the session the president noted that the 71 churches now have a membership of 6,056. This is a 796 increase over the three years. Baptisms have amounted to 1,235. Five new churches were organized during the triennium and voted into fellowship by the delegates. Delegates from these churches were seated for the session.

The finances of the conference have greatly increased with tithe reaching



Heartbeat . . .

"The Sabbath School Is the Heart of the Church"

G. M. Schram,

Director, Sabbath School, Southwestern Union.

"So, the Sabbath School is the heart of the church! Well, I think our Sabbath School has had a heart attack!"

"Oh, is that so? What seems to be the matter?"

"We don't have any children in our Sabbath School and it looks like our church is about to die."

"Say, you do have a problem, don't you! I can understand your concern. You surely don't want your church to die out due to the lack of young people and children."

"But what can we do?"

"I was visiting a Sabbath School not long ago when they pointed this very problem out to me and do you know what I told them?"

"No, but if you have a good suggestion we surely need it, too!"

"All right. I simply told them to go get some children and bring them to Sabbath School."

"Isn't that a rather over-simplified answer? How does one go about going after children and bringing them to Sabbath School?"

Well, it may sound too simple, but it actually works and is being worked by many Sabbath Schools right now. First, let me call your attention to the many busses some of our Sunday-keeping friends use every Sunday. They are bringing hundreds and thousands of children to their Sunday School

every Sunday. The biggest example of this is found in Hammond, Indiana, at the Baptist Church operated by Jack Hyles. I understand that they send out 212 sixty-passenger busses each Sunday and bring in around 12,000 children and some grown-ups every Sunday. This bussing plan costs them \$14,000 every week!

Now I know you can't send out 212 busses, but couldn't you send out maybe one to start with? Or, start with a station wagon. You could make several trips and bring in 25 or 30 children. That's a start in the right direction.

For example, there's a Sabbath School over in Louisiana that decided it would start bringing children of missing members to Sabbath School. It wasn't long before the parents of those children were coming, too, and since that program started several have been baptized, and that's what you want, too, isn't it?

If you would like more information on operating a bussing system for your church, write to your local conference Sabbath School director, or to me here at the union conference office. We'll be glad to supply you with more information. We don't want any "heart attacks." We don't want any churches or Sabbath Schools to close down. In fact, we want more and more of them to be opened, so let us help you!

Summer Church Services in Yosemite Park

Seventh-day Adventist church services will be conducted in the open air church bowl located near Yosemite Village in beautiful Yosemite National Park, beginning May 24 until September 4, 1976.

Sabbath School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Persons 62 years of age and older can secure a free "Golden Age Passport" at any U. S. Post Office, or at the entry gate to the park. This passport entitles the bearer and those who accompany the bearer, regardless of age, traveling together in a private vehicle to free entry into the park and a 50% reduction in the regular charge for the campsite the group may occupy.

Elder L. H. Olson, Coordinator,
SDA Church Services, Yosemite.

almost five million dollars and mission offerings amounting to nearly one-half million dollars.

Other reports revealed growth in all

areas of activity. Most notable was the student enrollment at Ozark Academy and new expansion. The delegates approved a new constitution and by laws for the operation of the school.

The delegates were treated to a musical program by the participants of "Theatre of the Universe," a visual presentation of the history of the universe.

Various committees were active during the entire day that included, nominating, constitution and by-laws, license and credentials, and plans. Direction was given to the meeting by both local and union conference leadership and ample time for discussion of all matters before the session was given.

The leadership of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference is looking to the opportunities of service for the next triennium with faith and hope — faith in God and His promises and hope in His soon coming kingdom. By dedication and devotion, faithful service, prayer and uniting with Christ, the days just ahead are to be the best yet.

J. N. MORGAN, *Editor*.



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Adventure in Faith Program Helps Start Church Building in Lafayette

It has been the dream of many to someday have a Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lafayette, Louisiana. This city has a population of 100,000 people. For a number of years efforts have been made to develop a congregation and build a church in this large dark city. Several years ago land was purchased for the building of a church, but the plans for a new church did not come to fruition as quickly as had been hoped.

During 1975 under the Adventures in Faith soul-winning program a countdown program was envisioned for Lafayette. This program called for:

1. Placing a dark-county evangelistic team in the city for one year.

2. Sending in youth evangelistic teams during the summer.
3. Conducting a city-wide evangelistic crusade.
4. Installing a resident pastor.
5. Building a new church on the lot which had been purchased.

All of the plans have pretty much followed the schedule as outlined. Because of the faithfulness of our people in supporting the Adventures in Faith program of our conference, we are now able to see some concrete results in this city.

We have a strong nucleus of members in Lafayette. These new members are excited about the new church that is being built. Many of them are volun-



Forms are being set for the pouring of the foundation and slab on the new church at Lafayette, Louisiana. This church is located just off from Highway 167 on Rena.



Construction is begun on the new church in Lafayette, Louisiana. Pictured here are Ernest Jackson, pastor of the Lafayette church, and Clare Braman, builder.

teering their time and funds to make this faith project possible. The church will seat 125 people and will have space for Sabbath school departments and a fellowship room. The new church is being built in a very nice section of Lafayette in the southwest corner of the city.

What is being done in Lafayette through our Adventures in Faith program we believe can and will be done in many of the other dark cities of our conference. We invite your prayers in behalf of this and other similar projects.

W. J. GRIFFIN, *Director,
Church Development and
Stewardship.*

Covington, Louisiana, Organizes Company

On January 2, 1976, the Covington, Louisiana, company was organized by Elder Page Haskell. Marwood Hallett is pastor of the 25 members. The church is the result of many years of praying, literature distribution, branch Sabbath schools, and a recent series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Elder Jim Griffin.

Twenty-two years ago Mr. and Mrs.



(Left) Clara Caravella, one of the pioneers of the work in Covington, Louisiana. Sister Caravella and her husband, who is now deceased, for many years worked for the development of a church in Covington, 30 miles north of New Orleans. (Right) Elder Page Haskell leads out in organizational activities of the new company on January 2, 1976. Standing on the right is Marwood Hallett, pastor of this new church. Seated are many of the new members baptized as a result of the evangelistic crusade.

Ray Caravella moved from New Orleans to the small community of Covington. They prayed that a church would be organized. They faithfully distributed literature to their business contacts and gave a good witness for the truth. In the spring of 1975 a branch Sabbath school was organized at Sister Caravella's home. The Slidell church sponsored this branch Sabbath school and also the preparation for the evangelistic series. Area churches helped the Covington group to distribute literature for five consecutive weeks prior to the November crusade.

The evangelistic crusade was conducted by Elder Jim Griffin, ministerial secretary for the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. It was held in the auditorium at the Bogue Falaya Shopping Mall. With this good location, enthusiasm was high on opening night. About 100 people attended, most of whom were non Seventh-day Adventists. Several nights during the three weeks of meetings, attendance exceeded the 100 mark. By the end of the meetings 33 persons made decisions to join the church and nearly half of these have

been baptized. Pastor Hallett is presently engaged in studying with others in preparation for baptism.

The group is now meeting in the First Methodist Church annex of Covington until a building can be erected on land which has already been given. Enthusiastic members are planning for a Five-Day Plan, an adult vacation Bible school, vegetarian cooking classes, and another evangelistic crusade.

LOIS L. STUMPF.

Successful Crusade Completed in West Memphis

During an evangelistic crusade in West Memphis by the John Morrison family, many victories were gained.

The Bill Conner family was united



Front row, from left: Nonda and Robert Conner, Karen Biggs, and Diana Adams; back row, from left: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conner, and Mrs. Kathryn Kitsinger.

in the church and in Christ. Mrs. Conner and the children had been praying for years for this to happen. Mr. Conner, Robert, and Nonda were baptized on March 27 and Mrs. Conner was rebaptized as a special rededication to God for answering her prayer.

Mrs. Kathryn Kitsinger had been trying church, after church, looking for Bible truth. Her sister became a Seventh-day Adventist a few years ago and had started sending literature to her and sharing Bible truths with her. So when Mrs. Kitsinger learned that evangelistic meetings were being held, and that they were Adventist meetings, she came faithfully and was baptized.

Karen Biggs and Diana Adams, with Mrs. Kitsinger's encouragement, attended the meetings almost every night. At the end, the girls took their stand and were baptized. These are the first fruits of the meetings. Others have made commitments for the future.

KEITH McNABB, Pastor.

Reports for Recent Five-Day Stop Smoking Plans

Covington, Louisiana

During the week of February 1 the newly organized church in Covington, Louisiana, held a Five-Day Plan. Dr. George C. Stumpf and Pastor Marwood Hallett conducted the meetings, with Dr. John Butler as guest speaker.

Out of nine participants, six persons faithfully followed the plan and are no longer smoking. Two others have cut back to just two or three cigarettes a day and report that they feel that in time they will be able to quit all together.

The participants have indicated that they have friends and relatives who would like to participate in future Five-Day Plans. Pastor Hallett reports that there will be another plan sponsored in a few months.

LOIS L. STUMPF,
Communications Director,
Covington.

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Recently Dr. Jack Lucas of Baton Rouge and Pastor Larry Moore of the Lake Charles church conducted a Five-Day Stop Smoking Clinic in the auditorium of the Lake Charles Health Unit.

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Five-Day Plan Held at Red River Vocational School, Hope, Arkansas

Jack Johnson, local anesthetist and Five-Day team member, congratulates George Walden who kicked the smoking habit during a recent Five-Day Plan conducted at the Red River Vocational School at Hope, Arkansas. Mr. Walden had smoked for 42 years and was grateful for the help he had received.

Sponsoring the plan were: The American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, and the Narcotics Education, Inc.

Much publicity attended the event. The Lake Charles Press and the Beaumont Enterprise carried articles about the clinic. There were TV and radio interviews with Pastor Moore. Major businesses, hospitals, doctors' offices, banks, etc. displayed posters, 450 in all.



One of the special groups that participated in the Ingathering this year at the Shreveport First church was a singing group that wore traditional costumes. They sang at the doorstep of each residence while Elder J. H. Wardrop solicited. In 10 nights of solicitation this group brought in over \$600. The three singers from left to right are: Cheri Haskell, Kerry Sharpe, and David Sharpe.

Doctors John Neal, LaRue Stevens, and David Buttross, Jr., were local guest speakers during the session.

One hundred and six persons were registered. Eight of these were students.

Pastor Moore said so much enthusiasm was generated that another session will be held in a couple of months. The members are willingly supporting church endeavors in this area.

MYRTLE JOHNSON,
Communications Secretary,
Lake Charles Church.

New Orleans Couple Celebrate 75th Anniversary

George and Flossie Guerin were married March 19, 1901. They celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary March 19, 1976.

Brother Guerin was born in New Orleans 97 years ago. His wife recently celebrated her 93rd birthday.

The Guerins joined the Seventh-day Adventists following a series of evangelistic meetings held by Elder Fordyce Detamore in the city of New Orleans. Pastor T. B. Westbrook baptized them July 5, 1947. They are faithful members of the Franklin Avenue church in New Orleans today.

The Guerins praise God for their long and happy lives together. "Blessed is the Lord: he carries us day by day . . ." Psalm 68:19.

E. A. RICKETS, Pastor.



George and Flossie Guerin recently celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.

Camden Church Reports Baptism; Active Members

The day was clear and warm, depicting the mood of those at the Camden church February 28. This was a Sabbath the folk had made much planning and preparation for. It climaxed with two baptisms.

Elder William Elder, president of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, was guest speaker for the morning service and he also performed the baptisms of



Recent additions to the Camden church, Lee Odis Hall and Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, stand with Elder William Elder, left; and Pastor Tom Patzer, right.

Mr. and Mrs. David Smith. Lee Odis Hall had just recently been accepted into membership on profession of faith, so three new members are rejoicing in the faith in Camden.

Many visitors were present and a fellowship dinner followed the services.

Spirits are high and enthusiasm is great in Camden as a result of total membership participation in the church program.

TOM PATZER, Pastor,
Camden Church.

A "Lord's House" Venture in Baton Rouge

This venture involved a piece of property owned by Dr. Jack Lucas and a \$74,000 house Mr. Robert T. Livingston built. The plan was dedicated to the Lord from the beginning and the house referred to as "the Lord's house."

From the very start of the building there was evidence that this house was to be very special. For instance: The slab was poured and required no additional tooling; The plumbing contract was finished under estimate. Then



The "Lord's House." The result of a dedicated project of Dr. Jack Lucas and Mr. Robert T. Livingston.

in May surrounding homes suffered much damage and loss of trees from high winds and a tornado, but this house was miraculously protected. Not even one tree was lost!

Pastor Ken Schelske reports a "fat" check has been turned in to the local church as a result of this dedicated project.

JEAN HAMM,
*Communications Secretary,
Baton Rouge Church.*

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Cincinnati Hills Member Raises \$1,600.00 for Sabbath School Investment

In her own words, Mrs. Hill tells of her Investment experience:

"I started my Investment February 9, 1972. The first year I turned in \$435.00, the second year, 1973, \$405.00; 1974, \$396.00; and 1975, \$363.00.

"This investment was started with \$1.60 four years ago. It has grown to \$1,600.00.

"It has been a great blessing to me and it has given me a chance to tell a lot of people about the love of Jesus and the love He has for everyone.

"It started when the company I work for moved part of us to another building and we had only canteen machines to eat from.

"I had been wanting to start something for Investment, but like so many others didn't know what. Then one day some of the fellows asked me why I didn't bring them some donuts. I had been taking some for myself. So I asked if they were willing to pay 10c each and they said they would. I started getting up 30 minutes early, at 5:00 a.m. so I would have time to go pick them up and be to work on time. To start I paid 80c per dozen and made 3c on each one. Then they went up to \$1.00 a dozen, so I had to come up on my price to 15c. I just knew I couldn't sell a donut for 15c, but the Lord took care of that for me. I explained to them and they are still

buying donuts. Now the lady at the donut shop gives me a small pit for each dozen I buy and I sell that for 25c — that is clear profit.

"One of the fellows made me a box with a see-through lid for the donuts and a small bank for them to put the money in when I can't be there.

"The Lord has blessed me in a great way. If we take that first step, He will always take two."

BERTHA HILL.



Bertha Hill, Cincinnati Hills Sabbath School Investment secretary, poses with a batch of her delicious donuts she sells for Investment.



INGATHERING — Mrs. W. M. McClenon, left, receives \$100.00 check from Mrs. Ira Gilliam. The check was contributed by a businessman in Oklahoma City. The contact was made through the mail by writing a one-page letter with an Ingathering brochure enclosed.

Ira Gilliam, PR Secretary,
Muskogee Adventist Church.



13th SABBATH OFFERING, December, 1975 — Two youth who are members of the Muskogee Sabbath School pin their gift on an evergreen tree for missions, while other members look on. The offering totaled \$213.27, one of the best 13th Sabbath offerings ever for the Muskogee Sabbath School.

Ira Gilliam, PR Secretary,
Muskogee Adventist Church.

NOTICE

The Campers Camp Meeting scheduled for the weekend of May 14-15 is changed to October 8-9.

Robert Rider, President.

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SABBATH SCHOOL DECISION DAY — The Muskogee Sabbath School has been having a Sabbath school decision day about every quarter for over two years. Hearts were made happy when four Sabbath school members made their decision to go all the way with their Lord and become baptized members of God's remnant church. Pastor Larry Boggess was the guest speaker for the occasion. The Muskogee Sabbath School plans to have at least four Sabbath school decision days in 1976. Pictured left to right: Teresa Blair, Frances Applegarth and her two daughters, Deana and Trisha.

Ira Gilliam, PR Secretary,
Muskogee Adventist Church.



texas

Cleburne Youth Class Helps Build Three Churches in South America

In the August 23, 1975, issue of the RECORD, an article was printed presenting a very worthy mission project by the youth of the Cleburne church. The young people were collecting scrap iron to sell to junk dealers in order to raise funds to help finish one of our churches in Monterio, Bolivia, South America. The appeal had come to them from Rex Frost, SUC student missionary, who had gone to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, in June, 1975, as an English teacher. Rex, a former Sabbath school teacher in the Cleburne youth Department, had appealed for \$2700.00 to help complete the unfinished church. Not willing to ignore such a plea, the youth dived wholeheartedly into the project of raising the money.

Freddy Hernandez decided to contact a Cleburne construction firm for possible scrap iron donations. To his joy and amazement, the owner gave him an immense pile of scrap iron for the project, and the scrap iron company that bought it even volunteered to pick it up with their own trucks. After the stack was weighed it brought in over \$1000.00 for the project, and everyone praised the Lord. An Adventist firm, Frakes Aviation in Cleburne, is donating all their scrap aluminum to the project, and thus far three loads have been picked up and sold. The youth are also collecting newspaper and magazines and a Dallas firm pays them \$1.00 per 100 lbs for them. So far they have collected 1200 lbs.

To date \$2150.00 has been raised through the efforts of the youth class and the generous donations of those who love their Lord's work. This amount has already been sent to the area.

However, it now turns out that the \$2700.00 was not only to be used on one church project, but on three. Rex tells us that his understanding of Spanish was quite vague when he first arrived in Bolivia, thus the misunder-

standing. He now speaks Spanish quite fluently. \$1050.00 of the money has gone to complete the church at Monterio and also to complete another unfinished church which we do not have the name of at the present time. \$1100.00 went to completely build a new church in Kanite, 250 miles from Santa Cruz.

I'm sure that all of us would like to say "Amen" and a thank you to these young people. It just goes to show how our Lord can bless when the shoulder is put to the wheel.

Rex will be returning from the mission field the last of May. In the meantime he is preaching in Spanish and giving three Bible studies a week in addition to the English classes he teaches. During the Christmas holidays he toured with an Adventist youth choir.

Because of Rex and the Cleburne youth, many of our faithful brethren are now worshipping in new sanctuaries dedicated to our Lord. What far-reaching results for the kingdom are produced by faithful student missionaries.

HAZEL FREEMAN,
Communications Secretary,
Cleburne Church.

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9:00 a.m.	Lay Congress	Joe Espinosa—Myron Voegelé—W.R. May
11:00 a.m.	Revival	Bob Thrower—D.J. Williams—A.A. Leiske—R.S. Watts
12:00 Noon	Lunch	S.U.C. & T.C.U. Cafeterias or Residence
2:00 p.m.	Work Shops	Lay Evangelism—Health—Family Life
3:30 p.m.	Family Recreation	Swimming, Tennis, Horseback Riding, Games, Etc.
5:00 p.m.	Supper	S.U.C. & T.C.U. Cafeterias or Residence
6:00 p.m.	Buses Depart	Buses and Autos to Fort Worth "Bible Prophecy Exposition"

Last year's Lay Congress was a great success! We are expecting a bigger and better one this year. Each church is to choose delegates who will attend the entire week. God is calling His people to "work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work". Now is the time!

Urgent—Choose Your Delegates!

One delegate per church plus one additional delegate for every 25 members or major fraction. Please send all names before May 1.



Bob
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texico

Texico Session Re-elects Don Christman

More than 300 delegates convened at the Olsen Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Amarillo on April 4 to elect officers for the next triennium and to consider a 20-point five-year objective proposed by the Texico Advisory and Conference Committee. Elder B. E. Leach in greeting the delegates at the session gave a message emphasizing positive Christian living.

Don Christman was unanimously re-elected as president of the Texico Conference. As Elder Christman addressed



Don Christman

the audience, he appealed for beautiful unity in Texico, quoting from the Spirit of Prophecy, "The oneness and unity of God's truth-believing remnant people carries powerful conviction to the world that they have the truth,

and are the peculiar, chosen people of God." *Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 327.

The delegates unanimously accepted the report of the nominating committee as they re-elected the present officers and department heads with these changes and additions: I. B. Burton is health director with James M. Thomas, M.D., and Stan Abrams, M.D., as his associates; Harold Friesen is ministerial association secretary, and Silvio Fernandez is the associate ministerial association secretary.

In the selection of the 13-member executive committee, the nominating committee suggested that a 14th member be added — a lady — to be chosen

at the time of the first executive committee meeting. This was approved by the delegates.

Roy Wharton, local elder of the Daltart church, who for over 40 years was a member of the Texico Conference Executive Committee, declined re-election. Tribute was given him by the delegation for his faithful service throughout the years. David Dougherty of Bard, New Mexico, and local leader in the Tucumcari church, who had served on the executive committee for three terms, also declined re-election as he and his family are soon leaving for a mission post in Africa.

Reports of the progress of the work during the past three-year period were given. Nine new congregations were raised up. The most recent one added was the El Paso Westview Spanish church organized March 27 with 16 charter members. Tithe increase for the three years amounted to 50.22%. Besides the tithe, exceeding three million dollars, over half a million dollars was expended in support of Christian education and related church projects in the conference. There was an increase of our worker force during the triennium from 65 to 89 ministers, teachers, and literature evangelists. Of course, the construction of the Sandia View Academy auditorium-classroom complex and the building of the new conference office were major accomplishments during the triennial period. Presently underway is the construction of the new El Paso Spanish church. Book center sales amounted to \$445,381.35.

B. E. Leach, union president, looks on as Molly Evans, secretary of the nominating committee, reads the recommendations of that committee to the delegation of the Texico Conference. The constituency gave unanimous approval to her motion to approve the names read.



(Left) Roy Wharton, who for over 40 years served on the Texico Conference Executive Committee, declined re-election and addressed the session expressing his gratitude to his co-laborers, and appreciation for the growth and accomplishments he had witnessed through the years. (Right) David Dougherty served on the conference committee for three terms. He and his wife, Virginia, with their two daughters are leaving soon for their mission post in Africa. His service on the committee was gratefully acknowledged by the delegation.

Most thrilling of all was the opening of new work in heretofore dark county areas. On January 1, 1973, Texico membership stood at 3257. On December 31, 1975, there were a total of 3553 members in our conference.

A Five-Year, 22-Point Program projecting goals up through 1980 was voted by the delegation and includes broad plans for the conference as a whole, a master plan for our academy, and goals for each church and every individual member. Briefly mentioning the highlights of this Five-Year Objectives Program, it is the aim to visit every home in our Texico Conference by 1980 or before; enter 30 new cities and towns; broaden and expand the work among the Spanish-speaking people opening up work in 13 new centers; have the yearly col-



As a side-light — The Pathfinders and the eighth-graders at Amarillo Junior Academy advertised a car wash and wax project during the constituency meeting.

While the "big folks" were convening inside at the Texico Conference triennial session, the Pathfinders and the eighth-graders were earning money for the club and the class. The combined profit amounted to about \$100.



The Olsen Park church in Amarillo was packed to capacity as the 29th session of the Texico Conference, with some 300 delegates, convened April 4.

porteur sales reach a million dollars by 1980; add two new elementary schools each year; have 150 well-qualified lay preachers by 1980; have 20 new churches organized; add two new district pastors each year. Realizing the distinct advantage for each church member and particularly each youth for us to have our own permanent youth camp, this is one of the goals. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have our very own camp for church get-togethers, vacationing members, our summer camp program, our workers' meetings?

Goals for each and every church in the conference include conducting fall weekend spiritual emphasis meetings in conjunction with the week of prayer; having an active lay-witnessing program; having branch Sabbath schools; conducting a vacation Bible school yearly; having a prayer objective for souls; using the bus ministry; emphasizing the community services program.

Sandia View Academy was given special attention in the planning with the aim to recruit at least a minimum of 175 students yearly. Realizing there were many needs for the physical plant, a master plan for the academy was discussed and this included the erection of an industrial education building and new dormitories, as well as putting in a new well immediately.

The Five-Year Objectives included goals for every individual member of the remnant church. For each one to consider as a personal goal were these important items: every member faithful in his stewardship; appreciating the needs and goals of the conference, each one to dedicate 1-2% of his income to Texico Expansion; praying fervently for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and devoting an hour a day in Bible study and prayer.

With such goals how could Texico do anything but succeed in finishing its task of spreading the gospel throughout its territory so that we all can go home?

Over 25 Make Decisions for Baptism in El Paso

Mr. Rueben Pile went from door to door enrolling people in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School. Mrs. Catherine Sabo, a Roman Catholic, became interested and in a few short months completed her studies. During all this time Mr. Pile kept in touch with her. When Elder Harold Friesen began his studies on Revelation



Having left the church for many years, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Maya were urged by the Holy Spirit to return. They were baptized and joined the El Paso Central church. Standing left to right, Elder Harold Friesen, the Mayas, and Elder Norman Graham, El Paso Central church pastor.



Rueben Pile and Mrs. Sabo



Stanley Zigarra held off baptism for several years. Now the Holy Spirit spoke and he was baptized.

in the city of El Paso, Texas, many interests became baptismal candidates. Mrs. Sabo also joined the ranks and was baptized. Mrs. Sabo is conducting cottage meetings to help her friends see this marvelous message.

At least 75 Spanish-speaking folks attended the meetings, with an equal number of the English. Pastors Manuel Cabral and Norman Graham joined in the program to prepare these fine folks for baptism. Thus far 23 have been baptized.

Many laymen are needed like Rueben Pile to spread the message. Thousands will hear the message and thousands will be baptized. Are you, reader, willing to knock on doors and enroll the residents to study the Bible?

Not all the new members are in the accompanying picture.



At last the husband and daughter join the church. Mother Luna and the rest of her children at home were baptized a year before. Left to right, Victor Luna and daughter, Manuela, with Mrs. Luna. They joined the Spanish church in El Paso.



The Sanchez family joined the El Paso Central church.

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Lynnette Brown

I attended public school through my eighth grade. I was perfectly satisfied with my friends and way of life.

After we moved to Farmington, I took correspondence for a year and got to know some of the kids that lived there. I went to their parties and get-togethers. After I'd lived there for a while, I began to realize what I had been missing all those years in public school.

When I came to SVA, the relationship with Christian kids and faculty really made a difference. I could be a part of all the activities without worrying about whether it was right or wrong.

The kids are friendly and they really make you feel at home. The faculty this year are really great. I feel that I could go to any one of them with my

problems and they would be willing to help me in any way they could. In the over all comparison, public school just doesn't make it as far as I'm concerned.

SVA may not be rich, but the faculty and students make up for the lack of money. I'm really glad I came to Sandia View Academy!

LYNNETTE BROWN,
Junior Class.

Marriage and Family Relations Seminar Coming to Albuquerque

Dr. Charles Wittschiebe, former professor of pastoral care at Andrews University Theological Seminary, will present a marriage and family relations seminar in Albuquerque on the weekend of May 14 and 15. The presentation on Friday night, May 14, will be at Sandia View Academy beginning at 7:30 p.m. and is entitled, "Youth and the Sex Revolution."



Dr. Charles Wittschiebe

The presentations on Sabbath, all of which will be in the Heights church, will begin at 11 a.m. with "Romance-From Eden?" The afternoon program will begin at 2:30 p.m. with the topic being "Can Christian Marriages be Happier?", followed at 3:45 p.m. with "Achieving Christian Sexual Maturity." The 3:45 p.m. meeting is *not* intended for young people below high school age. A separate meeting will be held for them in the all purpose room in the Heights Church.

Even though retired, Dr. Wittschiebe, who is an ordained minister, keeps more than busy presenting these seminars all over the United States as well as Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, and Newfoundland. Many readers of the RECORD will recognize Dr. Wittschiebe as the author of the book, *God Invented Sex*, which was published in 1974 and is available through the Texico Adventist Book Center.

As a part of the Texico Conference, you are invited to be a part of this seminar which is presented with the hope of strengthening the Adventist home. Make plans to be in Albuquerque on May 14 and 15 for this marriage and family relations seminar.

M. W. DEMING, Pastor,
Heights Church.



**southwestern
union college**

Don McAdams Inaugurated President

Dr. Donald R. McAdams was inaugurated the third president of Southwestern Union College on Sunday morning, March 14, in the Pultar Auditorium on the college campus.

Participating in the ceremony in full regalia were the college Board of Trustees, numerous guests from sister institutions of higher learning in the State of Texas, the faculty of Southwestern Union College, and graduating class of 1976.

McAdams said it is his goal that Southwestern Union College shall send forth "men and women strong to think and to act, men and women who will be masters and not slaves of circumstances, men and women who will possess breadth of mind, clearness of thought, and the courage of their convictions." (Cited from Ellen G. White, *Education*, p. 18).

In a speech during the ceremony, Dr. F. E. J. Harder, the executive director of the General Conference Board of Higher Education for church colleges in North America, praised Southwestern Union College for its outstanding achievements of the past four years. "When I visited this college four years ago," Harder said, "you were an insecure institution with an insecure future, and the facts at that time probably justified that insecurity. Today you have every right to a full place among Seventh-day Adventist colleges in North America."

Harder stated that at a recent meeting of his board, the master plans of all church colleges in North America were studied. Harder brought a round of applause from the audience when he said, "The master plan submitted by Southwestern Union College is the only master plan from any college that was not returned for further work."

The Honorable Ed Mayes of Granbury, state representative from the 33rd District in Texas, saluted Southwestern Union College on its choice of Dr. McAdams as president, and brought greetings from the Honorable Dolph Briscoe, governor of the State of Texas, and from the Honorable Lloyd Bent-

sen and the Honorable John Tower, United States senators in Washington, D.C., from the state of Texas.

Other distinguished guests who were on campus for the inauguration ceremony were Dr. John C. Stevens, president of Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Texas; Dr. George T. Tade, academic dean of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth; and William A. Ward, assistant to the president for Public Information Services at Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth. Numerous other educational institutions in the state and the nation sent alumni as special guests, including Andrews University, Midwestern State University, North Texas State University, and Converse College.

MARVIN MOORE, *Free-lance Writer.*

Sabbath School Becomes a Part of College Outreach

This year the Sabbath School program at Southwestern Union College entered a new and exciting phase. Vialo Wies, the superintendent, increased the number of classes and reduced the size of each one. Renamed fellowship groups, the classes now have a dual purpose. They also serve as "outreach groups." They share with others the blessings of knowing Christ and the study of His Word.

The fellowship groups have two leaders who share in the responsibilities of teaching and in outreach work. With the smaller classes and increased time for the lesson study, one-to-one relationships and personal understanding of the lessons have improved. Student participation has grown, making Sabbath school a real time of learning, and Sabbath afternoons a time of active witnessing.

The possibilities for the effectiveness of the Sabbath school are many. Here at Southwestern Union College, a new approach is making it more meaningful.

CARLOS M. GARZA,
PR Director,
Campus Ministries.

Student Missions and Taskforce Program at SUC

Vibrant, active, stimulating, exciting — that is the student missions program at Southwestern Union College. Foreign mission service, represented by the student missionary program, and domestic mission service, represented by Taskforce, are its key components.

God has said that He has a place for every worker if they are willing to follow Him. Over 40 students have met this challenge and followed Him to South America, the Far East, Africa, and other lands. The student missionary serves as an assistant to full-time missionaries, as teachers, as pilots, as hospital workers, or as secretaries.

This desire to help is not limited to the students chosen to serve abroad. An active club has been organized on campus to give support to them. Dedicated members write letters, send tapes, organize Student Missionary Week, and high light each individual student missionary in the *Southwesterner*.

When student missionaries return from their year of service, they spend their weekends sharing their experiences with the church members of the Southwestern Union. Not only do they seek financial support, but also spiritual support to keep the program active and effective.

The second part of the student missions program embodies Taskforce. Taskforce is an innovation on the student missionary program. Instead of going overseas, Taskforce members serve the spiritual needs in America. The opportunities for talents of every kind are vast.

Taskforce volunteers serve for minimal pay in various ways — teachers, teachers' assistants, pastoral assistants, Bible workers, Indian mission worker, or numerous other occupations. Taskforce has great potential. One area that could prove very promising is dark-county evangelism.

The mission field — at home or abroad — is still in need of many workers. The students of Southwestern Union College are giving "of their best to the Master." Each church member of the Southwestern Union can give of his best too. Financial support is necessary to any program and student missions is certainly no exception. Expenses are kept to a minimum, but there is much to be done. The investment is for eternity, and who can price a precious soul for Christ? Last year

in Korea alone, 105 baptisms were the direct result of the work of student missionaries. If you wish to send your tax-deductible gift, or if you just wish to find out more about the student missions program at Southwestern Union College, just write:

Dr. L. J. Larson
Director of Development
Attention: Student Missions
Southwestern Union College
Keene, TX 76059
KATHY WEIGAND.

Earthquake Aid

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people rebuild their homes before the rainy season sets in. Other materials being provided by the church include reinforced concrete pillars and barbed wire to interlock the adobe walls. This will make the housing more earthquake resistant.

Currently thousands are living in tents provided by SAWS and other relief organizations.

JAMES R. GALLAGHER.

LEGAL NOTICES

The Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the 57th Regular Session of the Oklahoma Conference Constituency of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Oklahoma City Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4747 NW 63rd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 23, 1976. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the ensuing term, and to conduct such other business as may come before the Conference. Each church shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for each 20 members or major fraction thereof. The first meeting is called for Sunday, May 23, 1976, at 9:30 a.m.

Robert Rider, President,
Max A. Trevino, Secretary.

1976 Texas Camp Meeting OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

Please accept my reservation for the following:

Check

- ☐ SUC Dorm Room (June 4 - 12; \$24.00 per person)
- ☐ TCU Dorm Room (June 4 - 12; \$24.00 per person)
- ☐ TCU Dorm Room on weekends only ("Circle" dates June 4, 5, and 11, 12) \$3.00 per night per person
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Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ persons as indicated above.

Name _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

MAIL TO: Texas Conference of SDA
Box 11620
Fort Worth, TX 76110



AT REST

HISER, John Robert, was born Jan. 31, 1960, and died July 15, 1975, as a result of a motorcycle accident. John was a student at Jefferson Academy. He had been chosen to serve as a junior deacon in the church. He traveled much of the state with the schools singing group, sharing his faith. He was known as a young man that dearly loved his Lord. Survivors include his mother and dad, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ray Hiser; a sister, Brenda; uncles and aunts, and a host of friends. Burial was in the Berea Cemetery with Myron Voegelé Officiating.

WHITTEN, W. C., was born in Desoto Parish, La., on March 5, 1905, and died at Shreveport, La. March 11, 1976. He and Hallie Tressie Spraggins were united in marriage in 1928. To this union were born five sons: Wesley, Lloyd, Paul, Kenneth, and L. J.; two daughters: Mrs. Betty Matheny and Mrs. Helen Jenkins. He is also survived by his beloved wife, Hallie; two sisters, one brother, and eighteen grandchildren. Mr. Whitten was a faithful husband and a good father. His principal interests were his family. May the Spirit of God watch over his place of interment at Logansport, La., until the Lifegiver calls him forth in the resurrection.

Herman Griffin and Jack Wardrop.



BUSINESS NOTICES

Send all business notices to your local conference office for approval. Rate: fifty words or less, one insertion \$5.00. Each additional word, including names and addresses, 5c per word. Payment must accompany copy. No refund on cancellations.

WANTED: Director for hospital LVN school. Director must be an experienced RN. Preferably with background in nursing education. Please contact the administrator, Hayes Memorial Hospital, Box 767, San Marcos, TX 78666, 512-392-2006.

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GOING TO AFRICA — SELLING COUNTRY HOME — Three bedroom brick, 1500 sq. ft., fireplace, CH & CA, carpeted, 2 1/2 acres mostly wooded, small storage bldg., 1 1/2 miles south SUC, Luther Talley, Rt. 5, Box 658, Cleburne, TX 76031, 817-641-8075. p8-1h

DO YOU NEED PROGRAM MATERIAL? The one-hour sound-color film PREPARE FOR THE STORM, depicting family survival in the forest and general information on wilderness living is your answer. For rental price, information on membership, books, visual aids and equipment, write: Outdoor Eduquip, Box 1283, Madison, TN 37115. p8-1

WILD PLANTS TO EAT Workbook: 70 common plants in beautiful line drawings and full-color photographs. Information includes identification, distribution, nutritional analysis, preparation and delicious recipes. Ideal for schools, Pathfinders, and outdoorsmen. \$2.95. Quantity discounts. Outdoor Eduquip, Dept. UP, Box 1283, Madison, TN 37115. p8-1

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HOUSE FOR SALE: 3-bedroom brick home with fireplace. Close to shopping center, schools, church. 403 Hillcrest, Keene, TX 76059. 817-641-7529. s1b8-1

HELP WANTED: Couple to help in health food stores, including carpentry, gardening, and baking. Must be interested in witnessing. Contact: Your Health Food Center, c/o Lin Wencil, 402 South Main, Berryville, AR 72616. p8-1

FOR SALE: health food store, growing business, great witnessing opportunity, several baptisms witnessed and more interests. Only those interested in soul winning contact: Your Health Food Center, c/o Lin Wencil, 402 S. Main, Berryville, AR 72616. p8-1

INTERIOR DESIGN — full-time position desired by experienced and trained SDA woman. Resume available upon request. Phone 14-864-0394 evenings, or write 3408 East 20th, Highland, CA 92346. p8-1

STONE GRAIN MILL: Complete-assemble-it-Yourself-Kit (less motor) ready to assemble, or **Complete-Assembled-Mill** in your choice of beautifully designed Ash, Walnut, or Pecan stained cabinet. New stone design grinds 40 to 50 lbs. of grain per hour (flour does not get hot). Totally enclosed milling area. 16-cup flour bin. Operates both electrically and manually. Fully adjustable (all grains). "No Grit Ever"! Heavy-duty motor. 10-year warranty. Complete-Assemble-It-Yourself-Kit (less motor) \$89.90. Complete-Assembled-Mill (state choice of stain) \$187.50. One-half down with order, balance plus shipping C.O.D. Texas residents please add 5% sales tax, allow 15 to 20 days delivery. Write for our FREE Whole Grain Recipes, Pamphlet and Brochures. Country Style Kitchen Equip. Co., Inc. Hutto, TX 78664. Call (512) 846-3606. p6-4

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HEALTH FOOD STORE for sale, well established, very good return. Large SDA church, 40 miles from Walla Walla College. Vital Health Foods, 1610 SW Emigrant, Pendleton, OR 97901, Phone 503-276-2251. p7-4

FOR SALE — House on eight acres. Two miles from SUC in the country. Good garden spot, fruit trees, grape vines, stock tank, woods. Three bedrooms, two baths, 1150 square feet. \$26,500. Write: David Ekkens, SUC, Keene, TX 76059. p7-2

REAL ESTATE PROBLEMS SOLVED in the Huguley Memorial hospital area. Because we are located close to the hospital, and know the market, we can show you the best buys in new homes, equity buys and homes with acreage. Contact Leonard Vonhof, RED CARPET REALTORS, Burleson, TX or call collect (817) 295-1151 or 295-8954 s1b5-4

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY in Keene: 3.7-acre trailer park on U.S. 67 in the city limits of Keene. Includes 2 rental trailers, 10 rental spaces, and plenty of room for expansion. Phone, 817-645-8785, or write Trailer Park, P.O. Box 45 Keene, TX 76059 b7-3

L.P.N. — to work in doctor's office. Delightful rural area in heart of Virginia's Tidewater area. Good salary and benefits. Contact Paul Gerhardt, Tidewater Memorial Hospital, Tappahannock, VA 22560 or call collect area code 804-443-3311. b7-2

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY with a sound, low-cost Burial Assistance Plan. Any Seventh-day Adventist in good health may enroll up to 70 years. No medical examination required. Enrolling before the age of 30 years insures the maximum benefit of \$700. Write today for full schedule of benefits and costs to GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY, P.O. Box 182, Noblesville, IN 46060. p4, 6, 8

First Mark/Keene Realtors, located at the intersection of Highway 67 and FM 2280 (Old Betsy Road), Keene, Texas. Office phone: 817-645-3988. Our fifth year of service to the Keene area.

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BRICK HOMES LOVELY wood lot, 4 bdrm., or 3 bdrm. and study; 2 bath; fenced; pantry and

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MOBILE HOMES

ALL METAL, 1974 8 x 35 Mobile-Villa; furnished; lifetime warranty on construction. GLEAMING. \$4300.00
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ACRAGES

BUILDING lots, 3/4 acre; \$4700 to \$5600; lots of trees. WHOLESOME.
THREE lots in Keene, each one-half acre; utilities; \$2,000 and \$4,000. COM-MENDABLE.
FAVORED 41 acres; frontage on FM 2280 and Hiway 67; some owner financing. MATCHLESS.
INDIAN HARBOR, one lot; all membership privileges. \$4,000.00
OVER 200 acres, just few miles from SUC. UNRIVALED. \$800 per acre.
SIXTY-THREE and one-half acres, with stock tank and corral. GRATIFYING. Owner-financed. \$60,000.00
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FOUR LOTS and 12 x 65 mobile home. \$8,000.00

INCOME PROPERTY

SHOPPING CENTER: spaces for four businesses; large parking area; thriving center of Keene; ACCLAIMED. \$67,000.00
TWO HOUSES: 1 with apartment on 1 acre, large corner lot; PROFITABLE. \$33,000.00 p7-1

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Announcement for Events on Weekend of	Should Be in Local Conference Office by
May 29, June 5 and 12	Apr. 29
June 19 and 26	May 20
July 3 and 10	June 3
July 17 and 24	June 17



SUNSET SCHEDULE

	Apr. 23	Apr. 30*	May 7*	May 14*
Abilene, Texas	7:14	8:19	8:24	8:30
Amarillo, Texas	7:26	8:31	8:37	8:43
Brownsville, Texas	6:57	8:00	8:04	8:08
Dallas, Texas	7:03	8:08	8:13	8:19
El Paso, Texas	6:41	7:46	7:51	7:56
Fort Worth, Texas	7:05	8:10	8:15	8:21
Galveston, Texas	6:51	7:55	7:59	8:04
Gentry, Arkansas	6:58	8:04	8:10	8:16
Keene, Texas	7:05	8:10	8:15	8:21
Little Rock, Arkansas	6:47	7:53	7:58	8:04
Muskogee, Oklahoma	7:00	8:06	8:12	8:18
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:32	7:37	7:41	7:46
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	7:09	8:15	8:21	8:27
San Antonio, Texas	7:06	8:10	8:14	8:19
Santa Fe, New Mexico	6:44	7:50	7:56	8:02
Shreveport, Louisiana	6:51	7:56	8:01	8:06
Tulsa, Oklahoma	7:04	8:10	8:16	8:22

*Daylight Saving Time



on the record

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

A GREAT BICENTENNIAL SALVATION CELEBRATION!

The Declaration of Independence

It is possible to possess something and not appreciate its value. It is further possible to take for granted that which we possess. Here in America we have so much for which to be grateful — so much, and yet too many times so little appreciated.

One of the blessings of the Bicentennial Celebration is the fact that we are reminded once again of the glories of this great nation. No nation in history has been so richly endowed. And yet there are many unhappy, dissatisfied, lackadaisical citizens of this great land who seem to have very little appreciation for what America is and what America means.

In June of 1776 a committee of the Continental Congress was empowered to write a declaration of independence. A young Virginian by the name of Thomas Jefferson was selected to prepare the draft. After a few changes by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, the paper was presented to the full body.

Things began to move rapidly. On July 1, 1776 a motion approving independence was passed by Congress, sitting as a committee. On July 2 Congress, in formal session, voted for independence. The next day, July 3, the day before the amended declaration was adopted, John Adams wrote in a letter to his wife, Abigail, the following words:

"Yesterday the greatest question was decided which ever was debated in America, and a greater perhaps never was, nor will be, decided among men. A resolution was passed without one dissenting colony, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time for evermore."

The famous Declaration of Independence began with these words: "When in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the

separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which compel them to the Separation."

Then comes the famous words: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

The Declaration ends with these dynamic words: "And for the support of this Declaration, with firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

Free Americans! We have something to celebrate! Thank God for America and for our founding fathers. Let us celebrate America. Let us celebrate freedom. Let us celebrate our rich heritage of Liberty.

Today here in America we are still free — FREE to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience — FREE to move and work where we choose — FREE to speak out on issues — FREE to write and read what we please — FREE to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ whenever or wherever we choose — FREE to give of our means and send the glowing beams of truth all over the world.

Let us write anew the Declaration of Independence by *Living Freedom*. Let us make freedom live by standing for those precious, divinely endowed liberties that made this nation great — and that will make you great if you practice them in your life.

Long Live Freedom. Long live the Declaration of Independence. Long live the United States of America. Let's celebrate.

Yours for Freedom,

B. E. LEACH.

INSPIRED ...

"The law [the law of God] is the preserver of true freedom and liberty." *Education* p. 291.

GOD HONORS FAITH

50 Years of Campfire Memories

When the fire was lit, the flames engulfed the night air, spreading light everywhere! The sparks scintillated like fireflies, leaping into the air and disappearing mysteriously into the warm summer night.

The campers were transfixed by the magic and beauty of the flames as they danced along the logs, and permeated the whole atmosphere with a sense of peace, joy, and wonder. I was also enchanted, and in awe listened to the program of stories, songs, and skits. It seemed that the brighter the fire the better the action. As the campers sat listening to the crackle of the wood as it surrendered to the powerful tongues of fire and to the speakers, they absorbed every word, captured every image. They surely made an impact on me that will never be forgotten.

As I glazed into the glowing embers they seemed to be communicating with me, signaling as if they were trying to tell a story!! How did it all begin? What makes a campfire such an unforgettable experience in the lives of boys and girls?

The first Seventh-day Adventist church camp began 50 years ago when Elder G. Fattic convinced the Michigan Conference that boys and girls should spend time at camp having fun and adventure and learning about God's tremendous mysteries and beauties in nature.

Eighteen boys responded to that first line call in Town Line Lake Michigan, in 1926. The next year the girls would have their turn. There was never a dull moment in that first junior camp. The flames of the campfire imprinted in their minds never-to-be-forgotten moments which would be perpetuated by Adventists youth around the world.

Moments of joy, like plunging into the cold water early in the morning. That's how the Polar Bear Clubs began. Does that bring back memories to you?

Moments of adventure, as three boys discovered a blueberry patch and suddenly found themselves lost. When the director found them, the evidence was clear. Not only their mouths, but their fingers supported their action. And they could hardly walk! Their stomachs protruded with blueberries! What would you do to three boys who wandered away from camp without permission? Punish them? Yes, you could; but they had an understanding camp director. He arranged for everyone to have a blueberry feast. Does this sound familiar? Do you remember similar experiences?

How about those pesky mosquitoes? I've been to camps where they nearly eat you alive! Today we have repellents; then there were none. Our first camp was threatened by thousands of mosquitoes which swooped down Town Line Lake. Thanks to prayer, our first campers were able to get rid of them! Maybe we also need to pray more and not rely so much on chemicals to get rid of nasty creatures today.

It seems as if campfires are campers favorite spot! No wonder those flames bring back a lot of memories. That first campfire still glows today!

CAMPS ALIVE

More than 150 permanent campsites around the world testify that camps are still alive in the Adventist church. Dedicated youth directors make sure that the same campfires and camping experiences enjoyed by our first campers are still available.

Today camps are alive with beautiful, modern facilities — lodges, cabins, swimming pools, cafeterias, nature centers, and corrals near lakes, mountains, rivers, meadows, and forests! What a contrast! While Elder Grover Fattic had to transport everything, today most of our camps are held at permanent

campsites. However, if you go to beautiful Camp Au Sable, Michigan, today, you will find a blueberry patch for kids to enjoy just as those early campers did.

The standards and facilities of our camps are continually improving, and camping is becoming part of the church's outreach. More and more administrators see in camp's opportunities not only to develop a place for our boys and girls, but also for families to be together and for institutes, training courses, and seminars. About 100,000 people use our camps every year. The program is the most important aspect of camping, and this is run worldwide — a program which offers fun, adventure, fellowship, and spiritual values to our youth.

Nature is still the main attraction at camp. The church wants boys and girls to find an oasis at camp. Some camps, like Kulaqua, Florida, even have zoos; others make the camp alive with animals during the summer and then release them into the wild, keeping in tune with the modern concepts of ecology and environmental conservation.

LIVING LABS

The purpose of our camping program, as it was in 1926, is to bring Christ to every boy and girl. Adventist camps should be "living laboratories" where great discoveries are made. Campers can become alive with joy by discovering God.

As one enters the Wawona Camp in California, he's immediately impressed by the large sequoia trees. He's confronted with God's creation, and right there, by observing, inquiring, and investigating he comes to know more about God. He learns that God likes beauty, color, the majestic, the minute, the infinite, the rugged. Another boy or girl might be at the Guarapari Camp in Brazil watching the beautiful black sands which some believe bring healing. The main thing is that they find a cure for the soul. Bathing in the beach waters of our beautiful camp in the Dominican Republic, our youth may wash away their sins in the water of life, Jesus Christ. Even in the remote areas of Mussau Islands, New Guinea, where campers build everything themselves, they are led to see that God wants every youth to build a perfect character. The beautiful waters of Lake Geneva, Switzerland, bathe our camp in Gland. It would be impossible to list every camp, but one thing they have in common — the view from the mountain top, the sight of a spider web sprinkled with dew, the double exposure picture of a still lake, the stars as they glide through the skies, the sound of busy birds waking campers. These are all familiar sights and sounds. It may be near a sequoia tree, a lake, a beach, a mountain, or a river that a boy or girl will surrender his life to Christ. Every year 10,000 youth make decisions for Christ in our camps. There they are given time to contemplate, evaluate, ask questions, listen, and recognize the voice of God.

Another great discovery is "themselves" and "other selves" in this living lab. They are away from the crowded cities, from the shelter and protection of mom and dad. They have a chance to be alone and with their peers. In this cooperative fellowship of camping they learn to work together, to play, to have fun, and form new friendships which many times are long lasting. This can happen on an overnight camp on an island, in a tree house, or a wagon, or at an Indian village — at camp!

The fire is dying, the flames are gradually giving way to the night. They tell me time is running out. Before that last campfire of 1976, let us make sure that we accomplish our objectives. Let us hope and pray that the comments of our boys and girls as they come back from camp are not just "I had a great time." "The food was good." "My counselor was funny." — but rather, "Mom, I've decided to be baptized." "Dad, our director told us that Jesus is coming soon." "My counselor was a swell guy; I like him." Keep those flames glowing. Keep those flames alive! Send your kids to camp in 1976! They might come back with the light of Heaven in their eyes!

Leo Ranzolin, Youth Department,
General Conference.

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