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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 —

Educated Worldlings

The importance of Christian education is to be ever kept before this church for two basic reasons. There is a special work to be done for our youth in fitting them to be the helping hand of God and for endless life. In other words, Adventist education is to prepare the youth to be **God's children** and **God's workmen**.

A warning has come to all that this education cannot be received in the framework of the world. "Those who seek the education that the world esteems so highly are gradually led farther and farther from the **principles** of truth until they become **educated worldlings**." FUNDAMENTALS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, p. 544.

Adventist educational institutions are to play a unique role in this time of the giving of the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14. That role is to prepare the youth to meet the demand for trained workers in all the lands of the earth.

An earnest effort is being made here in the Southwest to accomplish this goal. Leadership in the church is dedicated to an Adventist system of education and a method whereby every young person can realize his greatest potential in his reach for God and mankind. Our network of approximately 85 elementary schools, five academies, and a senior college is a sizeable beginning. This system requires a large share of the finance of the church and conference operation. The system also is a formidable power in evangelism and youth outreach activities. But, a church system of education within the reach of all is of little value unless attended by young and old who are looking to fulfill their lives in Christian service.

Studies have been done that tell us a large share of Adventist youth are still seeking the education of the world. They are being trained in those institutions where the Word of God does not have first place or no place at all. Their minds are being leavened by the skepticism of worldly professors and teachings and make no mistake, skepticism is attractive to the human mind. Webster defines it as, "That true knowledge in a particular area is uncertain, systematic doubt or criticism characteristics, doubt concerning basic religious principles."

A skeptic's attitude is poisonous and many youth today sit at the feet of such teachers and receive their mold and are forever lost to genuine mission service and stand a good chance of being lost to eternity. This type education has its beginnings in the lower grades and when youth are exposed to this way of life their ability to understand the true principles of God's kingdom is greatly diminished, if not lost forever.

As an appeal to youth and parents, why run the risk? Do all you can to receive a Christian education.

As an appeal to the church and her counterpart organizations, do all you can to bring Christian education within the reach of all who desire it. This may mean new financial policies, new work programs, new theory-work relationships, better cooperation between industry and education, more simple educational structures.

The Lord will have a way to operate the schools of this church until He is ready to call this old world to a halt. Let us move with courage as parents, students, teachers, and church leadership so it can be said a Christian education for all and all for a Christian education in these the best days of the world's history for sharing in the gospel commission.

J. N. MORGAN.

Our main objective is to have a dynamic growing, *Christ-Centered* Valley Grande Academy. There are many ways we are going to promote this. We will again have our three weeks of prayer. These always are a tremendous help to our spiritual lives. We are also planning to have several student spiritual weekends.

Mike Tucker will be our new spiritual leader at VGA. Beside being our Bible teacher he will help develop student involvement along with two student chaplains next year. Witness classes will be taught and then the students will be able to conduct studies on their own and two-by-two regular prayer bands will be conducted at the noon and evening hour.

This past year we have started an on-the-campus radio station — KVGA. With God's help this instrument will be used to promote the spiritual life of students in religious music and meditative programs morning and evening.

Many exciting programs are happening at VGA. Introduction to medicine has been a real excitement to the students. This class is a college course where students will receive college credit from Southwestern Union College. The students get involved in working with doctors. They will observe child birth, heart surgery, and other types of procedures.



Academy students receive college course credits for medicine class applied at Southwestern Union College.

COVER STORY

Students and Faculty Alike Growing with Christ at VGA

(Covers and inside promotion by Cosmos)

We have mini courses such as: ski trip at Winter Park, Colorado, for one week; Our Mexico trip is also an exciting experience. A new course in wilderness living is being offered for two weeks in the beautiful southern Rockies. This will consist of back packing, study in biology, and the study of the plan of salvation while in nature. Many other exciting courses will keep you busy and develop your talent. Our new music hall will be a tremendous blessing to you as you develop your musical skills. Plan to be at VGA this fall.

God has blessed our school with some of the most wonderful youth of Texas. It is our great objective for the 1976-77 school year to make Christ number one. Pray for all of our youth that they will all be at one of our schools.



Tumbling is a very popular part of the curriculum at VGA. It not only provides for exercise and fellowship, but is also an important witnessing program.



Home economics — students making Christmas ornaments.



Art — Mr. Cheney explains to Sandra Eddings how to draw better perspective.



The soon to be completed music building will also be the site for the radio station KVGA.



Swimming — whether relaxing or practicing for senior lifesaving class, the pool is usually busy.



Valley Grande Academy

... a friendly spirit!

**Join us this fall for
registration Sunday,
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Internal Revenue Service Hears Adventist Testimony on Tax Law Change

A vice president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has testified against a rule change proposed by the Internal Revenue Service regarding church affiliated institutions.

Neal C. Wilson, vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for North America, spoke against the proposal at a hearing before the IRS commissioners on Monday, June 7. He appeared with representatives of other religious bodies, all of whom opposed the measure.

The IRS announced in February its ruling that affiliated church institutions which are not "integrated auxiliaries" of the parent church must supply "informational returns" at tax time. This would involve a statement of the worth of the auxiliary's assets and other financial data, but no actual payment of taxes. In an explanation accompanying its ruling, the IRS defined an integrated auxiliary as men's and women's clubs, mission societies, Sunday schools and youth groups — none of which were required to file the return.

But other church-related institutions such as hospitals, parochial schools and colleges, orphanages and retirement homes would be required to submit the informational return. A roster of 80 religious groups and individuals protested the change to the Tax Reform Act of 1969, and the IRS delayed implementation until the June 7 hearing.

Wilson pointed out that the Adventist church considers its schools and hospitals every bit as much a function of the church's ministry as its youth groups and Sabbath schools. He added that the IRS, in deciding what is or is not an integrated auxiliary, would violate the Constitution by "establishing" religion, which is prohibited by the First Amendment.

Walter Carson, a general counsel for the church, stated in a written brief that the language of the proposed rule, which states that an integrated auxiliary is one that "directly promote(s) religious activity among the members of the church," discriminates against all American evangelical churches whose doctrine mandates witnessing to non-believers. The 54 hospitals operated by the Adventist church in the United States are a means of giving the healing power of Christ to all people, Carson said. The church does operate several

institutions which are not considered a direct part of its gospel commission — including Harris Pine Mills of Pendleton, Oregon, and Loma Linda Foods of Riverside, California. These institutions pay federal income tax, Carson said.

Wilson suggested an alternate wording for the proposed rule, describing an integrated auxiliary as one whose "purpose is to carry out the tenet, functions, and principles of the church with which it is affiliated." He went on to say that the 1969 law as it now stands is sufficient to deal with the situation and would be better left untampered.

The commissioner will make their final decision on the rule later this summer.

Andrews University President Accepts New Position in Washington

Dr. Richard Hammill announced today that he will resign as president of Andrews University effective June, 1976, to accept the post of vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D.C. Hammill, 62, has been president of Andrews University since 1963.

As a vice president of the General Conference Hammill's duties and responsibilities in the field of education will be assigned by the president of the General Conference.

On Dr. Hammill's administration at Andrews University Willis J. Hackett, chairman of the board of trustees states, "Dr. Hammill has distinguished himself as a great educator and leader in the Seventh-day Adventist church. His vision and dedication is unparalleled.

"His work in the development of Andrews University as an educational center has been appreciated by Adventist church administrators in the United States and around the world. He has been elected to this new position because of his foresight in educational planning, his broad experience, and his professional competence."

Dr. Hammill states, "In my new post I will work with the development of Seventh-day Adventist higher education, with an emphasis in education in overseas seminaries. This area has been of special interest to me."

The Seventh-day Adventist Dentist's Role in Christian Witnessing

is the topic for a special seminar to be held at the School of Dentistry, Loma Linda University on Sunday, October 17, 1976, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lecturers for the special event will be Wilber Alexander, Ph.D., and Elder Morris Venden. Members of other professional disciplines are cordially invited. For further information concerning tuition, etc., please contact the Division of Continuing Dental Education, School of Dentistry, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA 92354. Phone (714) 796-0141, ext. 485. Hans S. Sjoren, D.D.S., Director.

During Hammill's presidency at Andrews University the operating budget for the university has nearly quintupled from the 1963-64 figure of over \$4 million to over \$20 million for the budgeted year of 1976-77. The value of plant assets in 1963 was over \$8 million. During the last 13 years the plant value has increased to close to \$24 million.

During Hammill's administration the opening enrollments increased 75% from 1,516 in 1963 to 2,655 in 1976.

Hammill has encouraged and aided in securing full accreditation with the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for all work done on a collegiate and graduate level.

Andrews University received formal accreditation from five national accrediting bodies. These included the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, The American Dietetics Association, the National Association of Schools of Music, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and the National League for Nursing.

Nineteen one-year vocational programs have been added, 22 two-year associate degree programs, 65 four-year programs leading to a B.A. or B.S., 12 Master of Arts in Teaching, five M.A., and five doctoral programs. The doctoral programs include a doctorate of education in educational administration, educational psychology and counseling, and religious education; a doctorate of ministry, and a doctorate of theology.

Of major significance was the addition of a new school, the College of Technology.

Born in California, Hammill earned his B.Th. degree at Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington, his

M.A. degree at Andrews University, and Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago.

He started his career in 1936 as a minister in the state of Washington, and went to the Far East in 1940 as a missionary. He was interned with his wife and son in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippine Islands during World War II.

After the war, he was appointed a professor of religion at Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee, and later served as the academic dean of that institution until being appointed as associate secretary of the Education Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in 1955. The Andrews University board of trustees elected him president in 1963.

Author of the "Judges" section of the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, Hammill also wrote the book, *In Full Assurance*, and is a contributor to the books, *Problems in Bible Translation* and *Doctrinal Discussion*. He has also written a number of magazine articles.

Hammill is a member of several service and professional organizations including the Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan, the Michigan Colleges Foundation Incorporated, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities, the American Council on Education, and the Association of American Colleges.

He is married to the former Dena Tininenko, an employee in the Book Order Department of the Andrews University library. They have two children, Roger and Marcia.

"These past 13 years have been delightful ones for me," he told the faculty, staff and students, "filled with much opportunity, with challenges, and with many happy times in association with all of you."

Dr. Joseph G. Smoot Named President of Andrews University

Dr. Joseph G. Smoot has announced his resignation as president-elect of Walla Walla College to accept the position of president of Andrews University effective July, 1976.

Smoot, 43, is presently vice president for academic administration at Andrews.

On Dr. Smoot's appointment as presi-



Dr. Hammill



Dr. Smoot

dent Lowell L. Bock, vice chairman of the Andrews board of trustees, said, "Dr. Smoot has given evidence, by his outstanding achievements as vice president of academic administration of Andrews University, that he can head the university in its future years of growth and development.

"He was the overwhelming choice of the board of trustees."

Commenting on his election, Smoot said, "I appreciate the confidence of the board of trustees in electing me as president of Andrews.

"In accepting this position I do so seeking the counsel and support of my associates, faculty and many friends. I shall continue the tradition of Andrews University in its service to both the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the people of Southwestern Michigan.

Major accomplishments during Dr. Smoot's term as vice president of academic administration included faculty development, university accreditation, new programs initiated, and an organization of a long-range academic master plan.

Development of five doctoral programs in educational administration, educational psychology and counseling, religious education, ministry and theology and their preliminary accreditation have been of primary concern to Smoot during the past eight years.

The organization of a college of technology and the establishment of six chapters of national honors societies in various fields have materialized under Smoot. He has also been active in the development of affiliation programs at the Adventist Seminary of West Africa in Nigeria and Helderberg College in South Africa.

As vice president Smoot has guided in the development of an academic master plan for the university charting future development.

"I look to the future to strengthen Andrews University and to continue its strong development in all spiritual, academic, and social areas of student life," said Smoot.

Born in Florida, Smoot earned a B.A. degree at Southern Missionary

College, Tennessee, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Kentucky.

Before joining Andrews University as dean of the school of graduate studies in 1968, Smoot was Academic Dean of Columbia Union College, Washington, D.C.

As a professor of history, Dr. Smoot is a member of the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the Southern Historical Association, and the national history society Phi Alpha Theta. He is listed in Who's Who in America, the Directory of American Scholars, and has written numerous articles for scholarly journals.

Smoot is married to Irma Jean Kowitzke, assistant professor of secretarial studies at Andrews University. They have one child, Andrew Christopher.

A Tribute to Letha Taylor

by one of her former students

Letha Taylor was head of the English department when I attended SWJC in 1943-1945. Her classes sparkled and English and literature came alive under delightful teaching. She possessed a beautiful dignity coupled with a glowing personality that charmed her students. Two incidents stand out in my memory.

Once I threw a very large paper wad in class when she had her back to us (while writing on the blackboard). Strangely, after hitting her on the head, the wad of paper careened crazily around the room and I thought it would never stop bouncing. She faced us with a determined look and the room fell into silence. Having no idea who threw the paper she said, "will the person who threw the paper please be honorable enough to come and talk with me sometime this afternoon?"

I debated then finally went to her small office and said, "you wanted to see me?" "No," she said, "I didn't call for you." "Yes," I said, "I threw the paper wad." "Billy May," she exclaimed, "I can't believe it! What possessed you?" So all in one breath I replied, "Well, it's a dull time of the year and the students seemed glum so thought I'd liven things up a bit. Maybe I overdid it, but please don't cut down my citizenship grade. After all you really didn't know who did it. I could have kept it to myself. Besides, I did not intend to be rude because I respect you very much."

After listening to this urgent plea the



(Left to right) Letha, on the left, as a child. At graduation — 1919. The serious professor. As I remember her. July — 1955.

shocked expression disappeared and she laughed. Shaking her head she said, "Oh alright, but I hope you have gotten it fully out of your system." We were both laughing when I left. You can't help but have a special soft spot in your heart for a teacher like that.

Another time she asked several of the boys if they would help her move a piano at her home. It took about 15 seconds. Then she surprised us with a freshly baked pie which she invited us to eat as her little way of saying, "Thank you." Occasions like these endeared her to us.

"Miss Taylor," as we always referred to her, made a tremendous contribution to God's work. Just look at the record as reviewed by Sister Ruth Wiest at her funeral:

1. Graduated from Keene Academy in 1910
2. Taught church school in Oklahoma for six years
3. Graduated from Southwestern Junior College in 1919
4. Was director of education for the Texas Conference 1919-1921
5. Was director of education for the Oklahoma Conference 1921-1924

6. Graduated from Union College in 1926.

7. Dean of women at Plainview Academy in South Dakota

8. Returned to SWJC and served as dean of women, registrar, and English teacher for 18 years. During this time she earned her M.A. (1933).

9. Joined the Voice of Prophecy in 1945 and served there (till retirement in 1959) as supervisor of the Senior Bible School.

10. Returned to Keene in 1964 where she lived a happy, useful life enjoying her church and friends to the fullest in spite of near blindness.

After an illness of four weeks she died on April 9, 1976, with her faith firm to the end.

Hundreds of former students of Southwestern Union College, now scattered all over the world, respectfully join Janelle and Marilyn (her two nieces who lovingly cared for her in her last illness) in paying tribute to the memory of a most unusual lady who made our lives richer and the world better.



(Left to right) At Voice of Prophecy. Back at Keene in 1966. "Faith, Hope, and Charity" — Flora Moyers, Geneva Thompson, and Letha Taylor. With her niece, Marilyn, and Marilyn's daughter, in July, 1974.

A Report to the People

by your Union Conference Secretary



- Not many people in this world have the grit, fortitude, and just plain guts (pardon the expression) to lay hold of a great idea and hang on through bloody battles and the darkest hours and nights in prayer till the idea becomes a reality — but Bob Thrower is one of those kind and the Hour of Prophecy is his lengthened shadow. Just look at what has been accomplished! From nothing in 1966 to the following:



1. Lovely new headquarters building (paid for)
2. Phase II to be added beginning at once (same size as present building)
3. 46,000 families on Hour of Prophecy mailing list
4. Ten 30-minute weekly and five 15-minute daily broadcasts
5. Can now be heard anywhere in the USA
6. Budget for 1976 — \$170,000.00
7. Own printing plant, recording studios, etc., etc.
8. Four full-time — two part-time employees
9. Countless souls won for the Master.

Pray for Brother Bob and his staff and the broadcast!

- A great patriarch has fallen! Elder Isaac Baker, the father of Mrs. Kenneth Beem died April 28, 1976, at 95 years of age. His life and accomplishments have been amazing. A few highlights are:



1. Moved with parents when 12 years old from Iowa to Oklahoma territory in a covered wagon and lived in a sod house.
2. Became a Seventh-day Adventist through "Bible Readings for the Home" which a colporteur sold his brother.
3. Attended Keene Industrial Academy in 1900.
4. In 1903 received three licenses 1. ministerial, 2. teacher, 3. marriage.
5. Did evangelistic work among Oklahoma Indians for two years while living in a 12-by-14 tent. Fed wife, himself, and team of horses on salary of \$15.00 to \$20.00 per month.
6. Was dean of men at Keene Industrial Academy 1911 and 1912.
7. Went as missionary to Honduras, Central America, in 1912. Was first Keene graduate to receive mission post.
8. Adopted a three-and-a-half-year-old girl when in Honduras — Florence Mae, now Mrs. Kenneth Beem.
9. Malaria drove them back to States in 1918. Worked as pastor/evangelist in Arkansas-Louisiana till 1943 (25 years).
10. During depression he gave land and helped found Ozark Academy. Boys' dorm (Baker Hall) named after him.

11. Visited Malvern, Arkansas, (church he founded) in 1975 and presented a stirring message (at 94 years of age).
12. Conducted a wedding as last official act in February of 1976 at 95 years of age.
13. His third wife, Edyth (the two others preceded him in death), two sons, seven daughters, 23 grandchildren, and 37 great-grandchildren survive him.
14. What a full and godly life! What a contribution to the Lord's work! Amen and Amen!!

- Sabbath School Investment per capita for 1975 for the Southwestern Union was \$4.31, a gain of 24c over 1974 which is the highest per capita gain, by far, for unions in the division. Just another indication of the spirit of the Southwest.

- FLASH! On June 10, the Fifth District Court of New Orleans reversed the decision of a lower court in the Cooper - vs - General Dynamics and International Machinists Union suit. The lower court decision would have required Adventists to pay union dues. The new ruling reverses that decision. Thank the Lord.

- Arkansas-Louisiana Camp Meeting closed on very high note. C. E. Bradford, from the General Conference, presented outstanding messages which fired the hearts of all present. Keith McNabb, Keith Mattingly, Larry Dittberner, and John Morrison were ordained on the last Sabbath. Elder and Mrs. J. L. Dittberner (president of the Atlantic Union Conference) and Elder and Mrs. Frank Sherrill (former Arkansas-Louisiana Conference president) were present for the service.



- GREAT NEWS! Arkansas-Louisiana employs two conference evangelists, one visitation evangelist, and one dark county evangelist. Seventeen evangelistic meetings are slated for July and August. Talk about upsetting the devil. Praise the Lord.



D. Wolkwitz
Evangelist



J. Morrison
Evangelist



H. Williams
Visitation
Evangelist



G. Ryan
Dark County
Evangelist

- The Texas Conference Executive Committee voted at its June 17 meeting to buy a 180-bed Nursing Home at Mansfield, Texas, just out of Fort Worth. Texas Nursing Homes are helping finance education. 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."



Daily broadcasts by the Voice of Prophecy are now aired Monday through Friday on WOA1, San Antonio, Texas. The station is located at 1200 on the AM dial and releases the VOP program at 10:45 p.m. To make possible the purchase of time on this powerful station, it was necessary to cancel some VOP broadcasts on other stations that had not been productive in terms of response. Tell your friends to tune in to this great broadcast. It covers the whole Southwest. Praise the Lord.



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louisiana**

Groundbreaking for Ozark Adventist Academy Administration Center

Camp meeting at the Gentry campground was interrupted for a time on Sunday, June 6, while ground was officially broken for the proposed new Administration Center for Ozark Adventist Academy.

A goodly number of local residents and guests turned out for this high meeting. Elder B. E. Leach, president of the Southwestern Union, was the guest speaker for this occasion; Dr. Boyd Olson, director of education for the Southwestern Union, gave the in-

vocation; and Kenneth Jameson, treasurer of Ozark Adventist Academy, served as the master of ceremonies. Other participants were Judge Railey Steele of Benton County, Arkansas; Larry Daggs, mayor of Gentry, Arkansas; President Robert Rider, Secretary-Treasurer Max Trevino, and Director of Education Beaman Senecal from the Oklahoma Conference; President William Elder, Secretary-Treasurer Page Haskell, and Director of Education Floyd Eccles of the local conference;

From left: Page Haskell, William Elder, Robert Rider, and Max Trevino at ground-breaking ceremonies.



Elder B. E. Leach, main speaker for the ground-breaking ceremonies at Ozark Adventist Academy.



as well as the other members of the board of Ozark Adventist Academy.

The actual start of construction of this one million dollars-plus Administration Center is dependent on the selection of a construction superintendent and the final approval of working plans. The center is designed to furnish the academy with over 50,000 square feet of classroom and administration space.

New Workers Join Pastoral Staff

Harold Heath

The Harold Heaths, recently of Collegedale, Tennessee, have moved to the pastorate of our Jonesboro, Arkansas Mammoth Spring, and Pocahontas churches. We feel very fortunate in having these good folk as a part of our ministerial family and want to pledge our prayers and support to them in the great challenge they face in Northeastern Arkansas.

Elder Harold and his wife, June, have a varied background in the Lord's work. After graduating from Union College they attended Potomac Univer-



Elder and Mrs. Harold Heath

sity where Harold received an M.A. degree in theology. Next came an internship of five years in the Ohio Conference and then to Texas for a two-year stay. Their next field of labor was in the Central California Conference where Harold was installed in the MV department. From there he moved to pastoral leadership in the Carolina Conference, but shortly was back again in the leadership of the MV department in Georgia-Cumberland. From there they moved to pastor the North Miami church in Florida, which was their last ministerial responsibility before coming to Arkansas-Louisiana.

The Heaths have two daughters: Vicki, who is married to Keith Knoche, a pastor in the Northern California Conference; and Connie, a nursing

Coming to Shreveport Search for Truth CRUSADE

July 9 - 31

L. E. Tucker, speaker of the **SEARCH** telecast and **QUIET HOUR** broadcast, will be conducting a three-week series of evangelistic meetings at the Shreveport Civic Theater. Opening night message will be "Revelation Reveals the Real Anti-Christ." This thrilling series is a joint effort of the metro-Shreveport churches. The **SEARCH** telecast has been viewed for over a year in the Ark-La-Tex.

Area Adventists and their friends will not want to miss this opportunity.

student at Southern Missionary College.

We ask an interest in the prayers of our good people for the Heath family as they carry the leadership responsibilities in the Jonesboro district.

Gary Christman

Our very newest ministerial worker in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, 23 years ago. He lived in Brazil and Peru, where his parents were missionaries, for the first 13 years of his life.

Gerald Christman then moved back to the United States with his parents, Elder and Mrs. Don Christman of the Texico Conference; Ken, a brother, now a physician in Houston, Texas; a second brother, Bob, who is assistant treasurer of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference; and a third brother, Ron, pastor of the Wichita Falls, Texas, church.

Gary, as he is known to his friends, speaks Spanish fluently, as do the other members of his family.

Southwestern Union College issued a B.A. degree in theology to Gary in 1973. He went on from there to Andrews University and Loma Linda University. This gives him an unusual preparation for the ministry since he acquired a master of divinity and a master of science in public health.

Gary is a talented musician with particular favor to the violin, piano, and trumpet.

He has been assigned to the Houma church with internship responsibilities to Elder R. P. Faber and the New Orleans First church.

We are very happy to have Gary with us in the ministry here and we ask an interest for him in your prayers.

W. H. ELDER, *President.*

Camp Meeting Ordination

Four young men were ordained to the gospel ministry at the Arkansas-Louisiana Camp Meeting on Sabbath, June 12.

These four ministers pictured with the writer at left and Elder Page Has-

kell, secretary-treasurer, on the right, are from the left: Elder and Mrs. Keith McNabb, pastor of the West Memphis-West Helena area; Elder and Mrs. Keith Mattingly, pastor of the Malvern and Benton churches; Elder and Mrs. John Morrison, conference evangelist; and Elder and Mrs. Larry Dittberner, new pastor of the Shreveport First church.

Elder W. R. May, secretary of the Southwestern Union, gave the ordination sermon; Elder C. E. Bradford, secretary of the General Conference for North America, offered the ordination prayer; Elder Page Haskell gave the charge and the writer tendered the welcome to the ministry.

We ask for a very special interest in your prayers for the ministry of these young men of God.

W. H. ELDER, *President.*



Newly ordained ministers.



Gary Christman



Five-Day Plan Breaks Down Prejudice in Elk City

Elder V. O. Schneider of the Oklahoma Conference Association Department, went to Elk City to hold meetings for Pastor Fred Robertson from January 17-31.

Since they could find no new interest despite many visits and a lot of opposition, they both decided they must find a way to break down local prejudice.

One means decided upon was a Five-Day Plan.

The local school superintendent was quite prejudiced, so a flat "NO" was given to a request to even put up advertising posters. Several businesses, the hospital and doctors' offices also said "No."

The Local Federal Savings and Loan, however, was very responsive and not



Brother Schneider enjoys comments from three Five-Day Plan enrollees. These three have been the most successful in following the plan as it progressed.



Pastor Fred Robertson and Elder Schneider enjoying a laugh as enrollees made puns at themselves in response to Pastor Robertson's talk.

only put up posters, they also sponsor Channel 2, the weather station, and put on a free continuously running strip across the bottom of the screen giving complete details and phone number concerning the Five-Day Plan, for five days prior to the opening night and for the five days of the plan.

Then calls started coming in and other businesses became responsive to letting us put up the posters and large placards of lungs, etc., with free information and enrollment cards.

The manager of Safeway called and left the phone number of his produce manager who was having a struggle trying to quit; the only employee he had who smoked. Now none of them smoke, thanks to God and "The Plan."

A church member, Leona Harliss, works as secretary to the TV cable manager and as he was having a struggle and reading all the literature she gave him, she asked him to come. He was overjoyed and cannot quit praising the church and the plan. He will cooperate with the Federal Savings and Loan anytime we need to put on advertising again.

We can hardly wait to put on our Ingathering appeal. Think of having

The Pastor's wife, Emilie, hands cards and love offerings to Brother and Sister Schneider, given by the Five-Day Plan enrollees and some church members, after they all sang "Happy Anniversary" to the Schneiders and "Happy Birthday" to Brother Schneider at the end of the Five-Day Plan.



a possible two to four weeks free advertising until the goal is reached and the town is canvassed!

The Five-Day Plan hosted farmers, rough-neck oil men, insurance salesmen, a produce manager, secretaries, TV cable manager, and a housewife where she got to attend one night of a Five-Day Plan and was wishing Oklahoma would have one, when she saw it advertised on Channel 2.

The *Elk City Daily News*, *Sayre Journal*, and *Clinton Herald* also carried stories and pictures for the plan.

We pray God will cause these things to help open up the way for future evangelistic meetings.

EMILIE ROBERTSON, *PR Secretary*,
Elk City Church.

P.S. Word got out that Elder and Mrs. Schneider had an anniversary coming up and that Elder Schneider's birthday was near, so a gift of money was quickly taken up, cards gotten and signed by all enrollees and the members who attended. No time for cake, so juices and Sano-Caf appeared and at the close of the last night, everyone stood to say "Thank You" to the Schneiders for putting on the plan, and to sing "Happy Anniversary" and "Happy Birthday" as Sister Robertson presented them with their cards and envelope of money.

It was a great time and very touching to see what had been strangers five days before, now become friends who would not soon forget and who we pray may one day soon walk with us as brothers and sisters.

Nutrition Classes Held in Oklahoma City Southern Hills Church

In mid April nutrition classes were conducted in the Oklahoma City Southern Hills church fellowship room by Mary Webb, licensed nutrition instructor and wife of the pastor, Elder A. J. Webb. She was assisted by Bernita Tunnell, wife of Elder Dale Tunnell, the Oklahoma Conference evangelist. Mrs. Webb has previously conducted nutrition classes in the Washington and Colorado Conferences. The classes were well attended each evening by both women and men who were interested in gaining knowledge of how to plan better well balanced meals as well as a vegetarian cookery. There were approximately 50 registered for the classes.

Speakers for the series of classes were: L. A. Rentschler, D.C.; Betty Trevino, home economist; Marie Hopkins, R.N.;



Mrs. A. J. Webb conducts cooking school.

and LaVerna Beltz, R.N. Each evening began with a devotional by one of the local members. This was followed by a lecture by the featured speaker for the evening on a specialized food topic. Food preparation was demonstrated and taste samples were given to those attending.

The wonderful cooperation of the members of the Southern Hills and Midwest City churches insured the success of the classes. Especially helpful were the cooks, Opal Smith, Treva Miller, and Ruth Buckmaster. Nancy Cowden, Rosie Johnson, Pam Vigneron, Judy Webb, and Sharie Newell also assisted. Mrs. Arta Levescy was hostess each evening. Peggy Curtiss did most of the buying for the classes and Mrs. Vera Wolfe, community services director of the Oklahoma Conference, assisted in the food demonstration the fourth night. Mrs. Rentschler provided the beautiful decorations.

Non-Seventh-day Adventists attending and many who heard of the classes but were unable to attend requested the material that was given out each evening — especially the recipes. It is quite evident that not only SDA's are interested in healthful vegetarian cookery, but non-SDA's as well.

A. J. WEBB.

ESTHER PEARSON INVESTS FOR THE LORD — Esther Pearson, 80 year old El Reno member, with one of her investment shawls. Elsie Moore, another El Reno member, sells them for Esther. So far \$70.00 has been raised.





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(Left) President Cyril Miller speaks words of encouragement to the ministers. (Right) Del's mellow voice brings happiness.



Texas pastor, Gary Rustad, welcomes guests to the Bible Prophecy Exposition at the Daniel Meyer Coliseum on the TCU campus in Fort Worth.



The Jefferson Academy booth at the Bible Prophecy Expo reveals the basic tenets that the school teaches. Jefferson Academy manned an attention-getting booth.



Children in rapt attention as Mrs. Seery presents a vital point in the lesson.



The mass choir practices for the Sabbath Bible Prophecy Expo performance. Dr. John Read from SUC is directing the choir.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kruse, members of the Dallas First church, were honored at the Golden Sweetheart dinner. They have been married 64 years. The annual camp meeting affair drew 28 couples. A. A. Leiske spoke to the group. The Leiske's are joining the Golden Sweethearts this year being married 50 years.

Four candidates were ordained to the gospel ministry on Sabbath, June 12, at the Bible Prophecy Exposition camp meeting in Fort Worth at the Daniel Meyer Coliseum. Left to right: Elder Cyril Miller, president of the Texas Conference; Elder and Mrs. John Loveridge, pastor of the Houston Central church; Elder and Mrs. Eliseo Briseno, pastor of the Fort Worth Spanish church; Elder B. E. Leach, president of the Southwestern Union Conference; Elder and Mrs. Rob Sheppard, pastor of the Longview-Tyler district; Dr. and Mrs. Don McAdams, president of Southwestern Union College.



(Left) Little Miss World, Bible Prophecy Expo guest, being interviewed by Cyril Miller. Later she sat with the president as they reviewed the Christian education pageant. (Right) youth demonstrated in the Christian education pageant the values that church schools have meant to her.

Camp Meeting Highlights — 1976



The Elgin church school shows the close connection that nature has with the full development of the person.



The Keene elementary school prepares to enter the auditorium for the pageant. Their banners clearly indicate the school is intent on training for world-wide service.

Elder B. E. Leach, president of the Southwestern Union Conference charges Sam Hope and Doug Clark with the responsibilities of the ordained ministry. The ordination service took place in connection with the Texas Constituency in Houston on April 18. Elder Sam Hope will be leaving for services in the U.S. Army as Chaplain. He has served the Victoria church most recently. Dr. Doug Clark is religion instructor in the field of Biblical languages at Southwestern Union College.



Oklahoma Pastor Holds Series in Denison-Sherman

Sabbath, April 24, was a high day in the Denison-Sherman church terminating two weeks of the "Peace for Life" crusade with Evangelist H. B. Petry, revivalist from the Oklahoma Conference. Daniel Vaughn and Chris Harter, both self-supporting workers, made an important contribution to the success of the team.

Five were baptized; from left to right in the picture: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Robinson and their son, Randall; Mrs. Kathy Newman with her son, Tracy. Four additional decisions have been made and ten Bible studies are still in progress with good prospects of decisions in the near future.

The gospel presentation and the abbreviated Bible-marking plan with a continuous visitation program brought in a good harvest.

To God be the glory.

GEORGE N. WILSON, *Pastor*.



Newly baptized members with Elder Petry.

Anonymous Donor Gives \$25,000 to Hays Hospital

An anonymous \$25,000 gift from an area couple to Hays Memorial Hospital, San Marcos, will allow our hospital to initiate a study concerning the need and the cost of expansion. The gift came as a result of recent publicity concerning the desire of hospital staff and local doctors to see the facility expand with more beds and health-care offerings.

We approached the commissioners about three months ago, requesting they consider further development of the 40-bed hospital. The hospital staff would like to see the bed space double with additional work going into enlarging work areas and office space in the hospital.

A Kansas City consultant firm spe-

cializing in hospital expansion told commissioners a few weeks later that a complete study of the problems as well as possible solutions and help in finding funds for such a project could be purchased for about \$20,000.

Firm representatives said, however, that \$15,000 of the fee would be waived if the county agreed to utilize the firm's architects and engineers when it came time to do the actual work on the hospital.

Although the commissioners seemed to agree that expansion is needed at Hays Memorial Hospital, they indicated at the time that neither general nor federal revenue sharing funds would be available for the study.

Because of some fine publicity we have had concerning the needs of the hospital, an area couple gave the hospital \$25,000 for the expansion study. They read about what was going on, came in, and after discussing the situation further decided to give the hospital some help.

We're very excited about it because it will allow us to go ahead on the expansion study and it's money we can use right away. We're happy the county won't have to pick up the tab for the study at this point. It really makes the whole staff feel good to know that there are people in the community who have such a positive attitude about the hospital.

People are taking the hospital seriously. It speaks well of our chances for developing the hospital into an even better facility to serve the county in the years to come.



Elder and Mrs. S. B. Olney

Mesquite Church Holds Cooking School

Elder and Mrs. S. B. Olney of California recently completed a very successful cooking school at the Bemish Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mesquite, Texas. The cooking school and nutrition classes were held in connection with Elder Olney's inspiring sermons on "The Cross in True Revival."

The classes were well attended, many of those present being new in the Adventist church. Loma Linda foods were featured during the demonstrations and various Loma Linda products were served to those in attendance at the Sunday morning demonstrations.

The members of the Mesquite church greatly appreciated Brother and Sister Olney's ministry and extended an invitation for them to return.

Elder and Mrs. Olney were to fulfill appointments in Longview and Beaumont before returning to California for the summer. JAMES W. ESTES.



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Health Emphasized in Dark County Work Sponsored by Amarillo District

In answer to the question of what to do to reach the thousands in the area around Amarillo, Pastor Ron Spear has enlisted the help of the Pathfinders, the medical and paramedical members of his church, and his lay witnessing team headed by one of his elders,

J. D. Frakes. With this energetic team, things are happening in the 7,000-population town of Tulia.

The Pathfinders, under the leadership of Ralph Harmon, started the program by spending a Sabbath afternoon inviting everyone to come to the health



Seventy-six people in Tulia accepted the invitation to come to a free health-testing clinic sponsored by the Amarillo church.



Joyce Allison, left, assists Dr. Ron Turk, seated right, as they test folks for high blood pressure and other maladies. The Swisher County Electric Building let us use their facilities free of charge.

clinic and the subsequent Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking to be conducted in the Swisher County Electrical Building which was donated for this project.

Seventy-six people came on May 16 to be checked for high blood pressure and emphysema with the electrocardiogram, the stethoscope, and the spirometer, by a seven-member team from Happy, Canyon, and Amarillo. They found quite a large number of this group who did have lung and heart problems. These were referred to their doctor for further help. There was a very favorable response from the community for this service. One lady enthusiastically commented that the Seventh-day Adventists were rendering a fine service and said, "We paid \$125 last year for the same thing you folks are doing free." The High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo graciously loaned the testing equipment used in this clinic.

Free time was given on the radio for Pastor Spear and J. D. Frakes to be interviewed regarding the smoking problem and health principles.

The health testing clinic was followed by the Five-Day Plan where 11 were enrolled. Five kicked the habit.

Pastor Spear is taking seriously the counsel found in *Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 59, where it says, "Medical missionary work is the right hand of the gospel. . . . As through it men and women are led to see the importance of right habits of living, the saving power of



Eloyce Denny, R.N., checks this Tulia gentleman's lung capacity on the spirometer loaned by the High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. Others who assisted in the medical check were Mrs. Ron Spear, R.N., Dr. Jim Browning, J. D. Frakes, and Nora Mummert.

the truth will be made known. Every city is to be entered by workers trained to do medical missionary work."

This spearhead project will be followed by a cooking school and then evangelistic meetings. Presently two student colporteurs, Lorinda Evans and Grace Burton, are earnestly working there to visit every home and leave our precious literature. Kathy Just will soon be coming from California as a volunteer Bible worker to follow up the interests found in Tulia.

Hereford, part of the Amarillo district, has their dark county project, too. They are planning to work in Friona using the same approach to reach the 4,000 souls in that area.

By following the Spirit of Prophecy counsel to start new work with the medical ministry with each member working hand in hand with God's sweet Spirit, and with the whole program watered with much prayer, sweat, and tears, this work will succeed and there will be much fruit from the seed sown in these dark areas.

Roswell Spanish Church Construction Off to Good Start

On Sunday morning, May 23, all the members met at the Roswell Spanish church at 7:00 o'clock to sing, pray, and to thank the Lord that the new



Bennie Garcia, left, pastor of the Roswell Spanish church, helps on the big day construction was started on their new building. Alberto Ponce, center, led out in the block-laying work.

church would be on its way up that morning.

Brother Alberto Ponce came from Albuquerque to get us started. The first block was laid after 9:00 o'clock a.m. as we got a late start. All the men came as back-up labor. The women brought us a big noon meal and all the church ate together.

At the end of the day, Brother Ponce, very tired, had laid 700 blocks. Our dear sisters didn't want to send the working men home hungry so they brought us a big supper. We all thanked the Lord for what He allowed us to do for Him that day.

BENNIE GARCIA, Pastor.

REMEMBER . . .

the special health program for **YOU** at camp meeting — July 25-30! A full week of pertinent physical fitness programs by Dr. Charles Thomas and his team from Loma Linda School of Health

Special stress tests will be given. For your health's sake you won't want to miss this.

Roswell Spanish church construction — 700 blocks laid in one day!





One of many ways to focus attention on our work in dark counties is the displaying of our disaster relief van. The work started in Hobbs just a short time ago. They have ministered to the community's needs with a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, a health clinic, and there are further plans to widen their scope of influence in this needy place.



Pastor Keith McBeth with one of his witnessing teams in Clayton: Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Coulter, Mrs. Terry Codington, and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Collins. Bridgit McBeth is in the left front. Are you a member of a witnessing team in your church?

SPECIAL INVITATION!

If you would like to do something special, would you please join us at the Texico Campground at Sandia View Academy on Tuesday, July 20, to lend a hand in the work of preparation for the Texico Camp Meetings? We need church members who can come early — as early as July 20 — to help in the fix-up, clean-up, etc., of the academy to get in readiness for camp meeting. Meals and lodging will be provided free July 20-23 for those who can come and help. Carpenters, electricians, painters, plumbers — y'all are needed, too! Bring tools or any equipment you may have. Thank you very much.

Knocking on Doors

Pastor Keith McBeth began October 1, 1973 in Spearman, Texas, and outlying areas. Through September 15, 1974, he knocked on 50% of the doors in Perryton, and all the doors were knocked on in Wake, Farnsworth, Spearman, Morse, and Gruver. Of course, this does not include farmhouses or quite distant residences.

Beginning on September 16, 1974, and through July 1, 1976, the Lord willing, he will have knocked on every door in Dalhart, Texas, and Clayton, Capulin, DeMoines, Grenville, and Raton, New Mexico.

In using a Paul Harvey approach,

Paul and Debra Henderschedt — Paul, recently graduated from Columbia Union College with a B.S. degree in business administration, has joined the Texico Team as assistant ABC manager. His wife, Debra, also works in the Bible house.



the Lord enables him to get into a little over 1/2 of the homes. The ones he does not get into he leaves a tract with a message, and a subscription to a Bible course.

The homes where no one is home at that time, he also leaves a tract — Amazing Facts is bringing him many responses this way—including a Church of Christ minister.

By Paul Harvey approach, he uses a leaflet picturing Paul Harvey holding a Bible Story book and the brochure explains his TV program. Keith also uses his booklet on alcoholism, "A Girl in Kansas City." When he gets in the homes, he then makes friends, asking questions on many topics, such as occupation, family, religion, hobbies, etc. Then he tries to create an interest in a Bible book, mainly Bible Read-

ings. Eighty were sold in Spearman area.

If nothing can be sold, then Keith tries to leave a *Steps to Christ*, *These Times*, or others. His periodicals such as *Listen*, *Life & Health*, etc., are distributed in this manner when he is through with them.

If books are sold, Home Health Education Service forwards a check made out to the church and it is spent on church projects such as: painting the church, roofing, tuition for a church school student, evangelism, etc.

Pastor McBeth says, "If ever I was deprived of my door-to-door work, I am afraid that my Christian experience would die away. Therefore it behooves me to 'press-on' and find the lost sheep."



**southwestern
union college**

SUC Choraliers Tour Romania

The Southwestern Union College Choraliers toured the communist land of Romania during the month of May as guests of the Romanian government. Under the direction of Dr. John Read, the choral group gave 14 full concerts and many other impromptu performances during their 20-day visit.

The Choraliers left the SUC campus on Thursday evening, May 6, and arrived in Romania at 2:30 the next afternoon after an all-night flight on a Romanian Airlines 747 across the Atlantic.

The first scheduled performance, a

secular concert, was given the following Sunday evening in Bucharest at the Music High School. One of the numbers they sang was a popular Romanian song, "Chindia." From recordings, they had learned to sing the song in the Romanian language before they left the United States, and the audience response was overwhelming. Following the singing of "Chindia," a short gentleman walked on stage, greeted Dr. Read, and introduced himself as the composer of the number.

"He was almost in tears, he was so thrilled," said Dr. Read. "It was a very

inspiring moment. The Romanian custom is that men embrace and kiss men. This was the first time I had ever been kissed by a man. Following our performance the music faculty of the high school gave a reception in our honor, and they were extremely generous in their praise of our group and its performance."

At supper that evening, in their hotel, the Choraliers sang two impromptu numbers for the guests in the hotel dining room. Then the cooks brought out four large cakes, one for each mother in the group. Each cake had written on it, "Happy Mother's Day" in English. They were presented to Aquila Read, Shirley Beary, Doris Hoffman, and Cathy Peterson.

"This is a sampling of the wonderful treatment and reception we received on the entire trip," said Dr. Read. "We were given two large buses, each with a driver, an assistant, and a guide. In every city, they gave us accommodations in the very best hotels. And throughout the entire tour, we received totally vegetarian, very delicious, food service. Our hosts seemed to anticipate our every need."

Some concerts were presented in auditoriums and concert halls. Others were presented in the open air, in public squares, and parks. "The park would be empty when we'd drive up," said Dr. Read. "But by the time we'd finished setting up our equipment, there would be a huge crowd — hundreds of people — and it kept growing till the program was over."

One of the highlights of the trip came the third Saturday night, when the choir members were invited to spend the night in the homes of Romanian people and see at first hand how Romanians live, and taste the food they eat.

Also meaningful to the Choraliers was the opportunity of meeting with Romanian Seventh-day Adventists and their church leaders, and to sing in some of their churches. "Our Romanian brethren felt very pleased with our visit," Read said. "They told us that we did a magnificent job of representing America to their countrymen."

The Choraliers' tour was sponsored by the Ambassadors for Friendship, an American-based organization that seeks to stimulate friendship between the people of America and other lands by arranging for international musical and cultural tours. Most of the tours ar-

ranged during the past few years have been between America and Communist lands, but recently other nations have also been included. Several Seventh-day Adventist musical groups have had the opportunity of participating in this gesture of international friendship.

The Choraliers were able to take this tour because of the generosity of many friends throughout the Southwest. The group set out to raise \$50,000 early in the 1975-76 school year, and achieved their goal in time for every member of the choir to take the tour who wanted to go.

"We deeply appreciate the outstanding support of our friends throughout the Southwest who gave such strong support to this program," said Dr. Read. "I believe this trip did a lot for America, and it was very meaningful to our students, and for our college."

Southwestern Union College Is Financially Strong

Southwestern Union College is moving toward a pay-as-you-go fiscal policy that will eliminate much of the indebtedness that was necessary during its initial growth period as a four-year institution, according to Dr. Donald McAdams, president of the college.

Ten years ago Southwestern Union College made the decision to change from a two-year to a four-year institution. Many people said it couldn't be done, especially those looking in from outside the Southwest. But the college board, the administration, and the faculty believed it could be done, and the constituency throughout the union agreed. Because leaders and laymen believed in Southwestern Union College, our school is here to stay, and everybody knows it.

As with any new venture, it takes a lot of money to start up a four-year college. Fortunately, it wasn't like starting up brand new at SUC. A major plant already existed, there were departments already set up and operating, and there were staff members. But there were still great needs. New buildings had to be built, new teachers had to be hired, and some new departments had to be added. Sometimes the actual enrollment didn't justify the additions. But in order to operate a full-fledged program, everything had to be on hand and functioning, whether the enrollment was 100 or 1,000.

Because it was a new, growing four-year college, SUC has had to operate frugally. This year the college may operate into early summer without having to borrow money, and within the next two years the administration expects to have the indebtedness wiped out. It will then operate on a pay-as-you-go basis, the way it should, instead of on the deficit financing program that so many institutions are into these days.

Perhaps most significant of all is that Southwestern Union College is bringing its indebtedness down while keeping its tuition rates down. SUC has the lowest tuition rate of any Seventh-day Adventist college in North America except Oakwood College, which is heavily subsidized by the church and the government. Tuition rates at SUC are \$250 less per student per year (for full-time classwork) than the average for Adventist colleges in North America. And because SUC's tuition includes lab fees, which other colleges charge separately, the actual cost to attend SUC is even less per student. Southwestern Union College is operating one of the most sound financial programs of any Adventist college in North America, and this is an opinion expressed by many college administrators and educators outside of our union.

This has not been an easy achievement to reach. It has meant cutting back in some areas. It has meant postponing moving forward in others. It has meant that some teachers and some departments have not had as much to operate on as they might have liked.

"I think everyone would agree that our own teachers and staff members at SUC deserve the major share of credit for this success," said McAdams. "Our increased enrollment each year is what has made this possible. Our teachers have worked very hard at recruitment. And it is their personal contribution to their students' learning during the school year that keeps the students coming back."

McAdams also cited the church in the the Southwest for its contribution toward SUC's success during the past 10 years. "Were it not for the solid support of our conferences and the conference presidents, and the strong support of the union conference, we would not be where we are today at SUC," McAdams said.

MARVIN MOORE,
Free-lance Writer.



ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

HEALTH-WISE

18th of a series by Helen F. Andrews, M.S., health educator.

Nature's Remedy

Dazzled by the claims made for the so-called miracle drugs and awed by the achievements of modern surgery, our generation undervalues the single most effective agent provided by the Creator for the maintenance of health and the cure of disease.

Perhaps it is the ready availability of water which has made it so little appreciated. With the national health-care bill passing the \$80 billion mark, it would seem time to remind ourselves that we have as handy as the nearest faucet the means of avoiding many a visit to the doctor.

Water accounts for about 70 percent of body weight, varying from 30 to 40 percent in bones to 80 percent of blood and brain tissue and 90 percent of other body fluids.

The chemical composition of water gives it certain unique properties. One of these, its ability to dissolve many other substances, gives it value as a cleansing agent.

In the body, water provides the solvent for the many impurities produced by the life processes. Daily intake of six to eight glasses of water is recommended, in order to permit the kidneys and skin to excrete impurities properly. Two glasses of the daily quota taken on rising help to prevent constipation.

Water is best drunk between meals when it does not interfere with digestion of food in the stomach. If used in large amounts at mealtime, water, or any other liquid, dilutes the gastric juice. It also causes the food to leave the stomach more quickly without thorough digestion.

Space does not permit discussion of the drinks commonly substituted for pure water which are undesirable because of the presence of harmful substances such as caffeine, sugar, acid or alcohol. If drinking water is unpalatable because of purifying agents or minerals, a few drops of lemon juice will help the taste.

Extremes of temperature are unde-

sirable. Ice water if taken in more than small sips reduces the amount of gastric juice produced and hinders digestion. At least one study links the Japanese custom of drinking very hot tea with the larger amount of cancer of the esophagus in that country.

Water is the great regulator of body processes. If the amount available in the tissues varies more than 10 percent either way, serious symptoms result, and when the variation reaches 20 percent death occurs.

There is no better way to begin the effort to follow a more healthful lifestyle than by establishing the habit of drinking pure water regularly in liberal amounts.

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LITERATURE EVANGELISM

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TOP 10 LITERATURE EVANGELISTS IN UNION FOR MAY, 1976

Jerry Rogers — Texas	\$5,383.40
Harold Andrieu — Arkansas-Louisiana	5,288.30
Louis Jones — Texas	4,687.85
James Triplett — Arkansas-Louisiana	4,618.05
Calvin Pearce — Texas	4,413.05
Wanda Matthews — Texas	4,380.10
Dan Farr — Texas	4,319.35
Raymond Garner — Texico	3,852.95
Jim Risk — Texico	3,688.35
David Coon — Texas	3,648.05

TOP LITERATURE EVANGELIST IN EACH CONFERENCE

Arkansas-Louisiana — Harold Andrieu	\$5,288.30
Oklahoma — James Denny	3,125.50
Southwest Region — Howard Clemons	681.55
Texas — Jerry Rogers	5,383.40
Texico — Raymond Garner	3,852.95

Popular Ellen White Books In Large Print

There is a growing interest today in large-print books, not only for older folk and those with impaired vision, but many individuals appreciate the greater reading ease and comfort they provide. The large print reduces eye-strain and tension, and one can read for a longer time and gain more continuity in what is read. For some years large-print Bibles have been available, and more recently the *Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly*.

The Review and Herald Publishing Association is producing two Spirit of Prophecy books in large type, *Steps to Christ* and *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*. It is fitting that these highly inspirational books by Ellen G. White, which have been published in many languages, are now available also

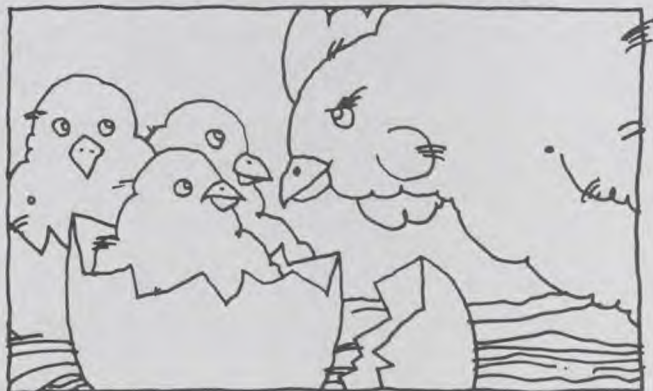


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DAVIS, Mrs. Bernice, member of the Shreveport, La., First church, passed away May 19, 1976, in Shreveport at the age of 55. She had been ill for the past four years. Mrs. Davis is survived by her husband, Mr. Frank Davis; one daughter, Mrs. Lynda Spivey; one son, Michael Davis; her mother, Mrs. Dora Terry; two sisters, and one brother, Elder J. H. Wardrop officiated at the memorial service.

Herman J. Griffin.

KASISKA, Mrs. Carolyn, was born on 6, 1887, in Milford, Nebr., and died April 15, 1976, in Cleburne, Tex. She was married to Louis William Kaskiska in 1910. She had lived in Keene since 1957. Mrs. Kaskiska became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1922. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis.

She is survived by one son, Mr. Delbert L. Kaskiska; one sister, Mrs. Charles McCollrey; four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. The funeral service was held in Keene with Elders Charles Griffin and Warren Skilton officiating.

Joyce Williams.

McMANUS, Effie M., was born Dec. 15, 1892, in Texas, and died April 30, 1976, in White Settlement, Tex. For many years she has been a member of the Fort Worth Seventh-day Adventist Church. Survivors include one son, Thomas L. Dean; one daughter, Mrs. Gloria Ruth

Burton; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Memorial services were conducted by Pastors J. L. Ray and Fred Murray.

REES, Dr. Conrad N., former president of Southwestern Union College, Keene, Tex., died June 13, 1976, in Orlando, Fla. He was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, on Sept. 12, 1908.



Dr. Rees was a graduate of Union College, Lincoln, class of '31, and the University of Nebraska conferred the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees upon him. His career for the Seventh-day Adventist educational system covered 32 years.

During his presidency at Southwestern Junior College (now Southwestern Union College), he provided impetus for the growth of the junior-college movement with research papers, innovative ideas, and curricula proposals. Texas took the lead in the junior college movement in the 1950's with 14 such private institutions by 1957. Dr. Rees also pioneered in the junior college fund-raising field, spearheading the organization of the Texas Junior Colleges into a Texas Junior College Foundation that presented a united front in solicitation for corporate and private funds for the advancement of junior colleges in Texas.

Also, Dr. Rees and his staff at Southwestern Junior College were successful in obtaining regional accreditation for the college.

In 1958 Dr. Rees was elected president of Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tenn., and served for nine years.

He retired in 1967 after suffering a stroke. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Fae Cowin Rees; a son, David; two sisters; Dr. Edda Larrimore and Mrs. Virginia Ogden.

A memorial service was held June 15, in the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church with former pastor Roy B. Thurmon officiating.

William H. Taylor.



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	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Abilene, Texas	8:49	8:47	8:43	8:39
Amarillo, Texas	9:04	9:02	8:57	8:52
Brownsville, Texas	8:25	8:23	8:21	8:17
Dallas, Texas	8:38	8:36	8:32	8:28
El Paso, Texas	8:15	8:13	8:09	8:05
Fort Worth, Texas	8:40	8:38	8:34	8:30
Galveston, Texas	8:22	8:20	8:17	8:13
Gentry, Arkansas	8:37	8:35	8:30	8:24
Keene, Texas	8:40	8:38	8:34	8:30
Little Rock, Arkansas	8:25	8:22	8:18	8:13
Muskogee, Oklahoma	8:39	8:37	8:32	8:27
New Orleans, Louisiana	8:04	8:02	7:59	7:55
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	8:48	8:46	8:41	8:36
San Antonio, Texas	8:37	8:35	8:32	8:28
Santa Fe, New Mexico	8:23	8:21	8:16	8:11
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Someone has said, "the power of creative imagination is the main instrument of freedom." Woodrow Wilson once said, "America consists of all of us; and it can consist of all of us only as our spirits are banded together in a common enterprise. That common enterprise is the enterprise of liberty and justice and right."

It was the freedom of individuals to act independently which feathered the concept of free enterprise, and led talented individuals to devote their creative energies to development of uniquely American inventions, to increase productivity by multiplying the effectiveness of individual labor. It is this great free enterprise system that is responsible for the high standard of living we enjoy in the United States today.

But today the American free-enterprise system is in trouble, "even victories are by victories undone." Who is hurting the free-enterprise system? Not China, not the Mafia, but those who enjoy the privileges of the free enterprise system most. Stanley Marcus, chairman of the board of Dallas-based Neiman-Marcus, said recently,

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