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## F&CUS ON THE COVER

Health Expo '77 on the campus of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, will make an impact into the city of "Big D" with the message of health that the Lord has given to the church. The program is being geared to teach health in a positive way and to show the public how disease can be prevented and how total health is God's plan for humanity.

Such speakers as Dr. and Mrs. U. D. Register, Dr. R. W. Olson, Elmon and Gloria Folkenberg, Elder E. H. J. Steed, Mrs. Shirley Pinterich and her corps of nurses with the 3-C Program from Southwestern Adventist College, Elder H. M. S. Richards, and Elder C. E. Bradford will unite in giving their prescriptions for the joys of better living.

Health Expo '77 is a direct response to the constituency of the Texas Conference. We believe it is our divine commission to reach the cities and make camp meeting one of the biggest evangelistic thrusts of the year. For a thrilling experience in health, attend Health Expo '77.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." III John 2.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SOUL WINNING

## in the Southwest Region Conference

Among the many happenings in the Southwest is Dr. Mildred English who left California where she was founder of a Creative Living Center known as English Manor, where individuals receive treatment, therapy, and counsel. Since leaving her work she has been an asset to the Okmulgee, Oklahoma, church. The last few months she has been engaged in delivering speeches on "Roots" and Black history to civic groups all over the country.

Dr. English has served as ambassa-

dor of good will to Africa for the United Nations. She gives all funds received to the Okmulgee church. We feel honored to have Dr. English in our conference for she is a part of the 56 who were baptized in the conference for the first quarter.

The Dallas church is also happy to have a part for she claims nine of the 56 souls. A new believer shared her faith and won friends to the City Temple church. We hope as our believers read this account they will catch the "fever."

## NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE



## Meet the New Union Auditor

It is my pleasure to introduce Elder Arthur Opp, auditor of the Lake Union, with headquarters at Ber-



rien Springs, Michigan, who has just accepted an invitation from the Southwestern Union Conference to associate himself with the auditing department. He comes to us with a very good background in account-

Arthur Opp

ing and auditing. He was the associate auditor for the Lake Union for three years and has been in charge of the auditing department for the past eight years. Brother Opp is married to the former Theda Ebert of Okeene, Oklahoma. She has been working in the educational department as registrar in the Lake Union for many years.

The Opps have two children, a daughter Margaret who is Mrs. Joe Christoffel from Berrien Springs. She is an elementary school teacher at Eau Claire. Her husband is a CPA and is director of finance for the city of Benton Harbor, Michigan. They also have a son, Loren, 16, who is a junior at the Andrews University Academy. Elder Opp will be a strong addition to the auditing department. Welcome aboard, Elder, and a big Southwest welcome. B. E. LEACH, President, St. University Contents and Contents

SW Union Conference.

## Brandom Kitchens Needs Help

Brandom Kitchens needs additional help in all three of its plants: Keene, Texas; Gentry, Arkansas; and Corrales, New Mexico.

All three plants are now pushing their current employees to the limit in order to keep up with the orders placed by builders for the company's quality kitchen cabinets. The Keene plant began a 6 to 10 p.m. shift in the mill in late March to keep up with the demand, and several employees, student and full-time, are working two shifts to keep up. A shortage of employees was not a problem at the beginning of 1977. The company delivered about 8,000 cabinets during January and nearly as many in February. But production jumped nearly 80% in March, to more than 14,000 cabinets delivered! April is keeping up with March, and company officials see no let-up through the summer months.

Brandom's new warehouse and the shift to an assembly-line production accounts for much of this increase, as does the shift to marketing through distributors. Beyond that, however, is a boom in summer construction that is just underway in the Southwest. Of the 10 metropolitan areas in the U.S. where construction is moving the fastest this season, three are in the Southwest. Houston heads the list. Dallas is sixth, and New Orleans eighth. Brandoms is the exclusive producer of cabinets for the top five builders in the city of Houston.

"We need help, both full-time and student," said Garland Peterson, personnel director of the company. "This is an excellent opportunity for families to move to one of our plants to put their children through school."

For employment information, write or call Mr. Peterson at Brandom Kitchens, Keene, TX 76059, telephone 817-645-8841.



## Huguley's Medical Arts Office

The medical staff at Huguley Memorial Hospital is growing. At last count the physicians numbered 85, and applications are coming in steadily. Two charter members, Stanley D. Abrams, M.D., and Harold D. Frank, M.D., have been working closely with the hospital.

Dr. Stanley Abrams works in the hospital's emergency department parttime on morning shifts. He has his office for family practice in the Medical Arts Building.

A native of Ontario, Canada, Dr. Abrams studied pre-medicine at the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University in Riverside, California. From there he went to the Universidad Auto-





The Huguley Medical Office which eventually will contain 18-20 suites.

nama de Guadalajara, Mexico, to study medicine.

For both Dr. Abrams' internship and residency, he went to the Texas Tech Affiliated Hospital in Amarillo. After a two-year term with the United States Army, he began practice in Spearman, Texas.

In July of 1976, Dr. Abrams and his family moved to Keene. His wife, Jann (Blue), is a registered nurse with teaching credentials. They have two children: Michelle, eight; and Jeffrey, seven.

Dr. Harold D. Frank is in the anesthesiology department of Huguley Hospital.

A native of Alberta, Canada, Dr. Frank studied his pre-medicine courses at Canadian Union College, and at the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda Uni-



Joining the King's Heralds quartet at the end of May will be Jim Ayars, bass. He replaces Jim McClintock, who has been appointed associate director of the Audio Visual Service at the Seventh-day Adventist Radio, Television, and Film Center. Ayars has been Bible teacher for Shenandoah Valley Academy since 1974. Prior to that, he was a pastor in Michi-gan for four years. The new quartet that includes Ayars has already recorded an album entitled "If My People." The al-bum will be available beginning in June at Adventist Book Centers and at camp meetings. The King's Heralds quartet is now in its 40th year with the broadcast. Jim Ayars is the 23rd person to serve with the group. Left to right: Jim Ayars, bass; John Ramsey, first tenor; Jack Veazey, baritone; Jerry Patton, second tenor (seated).

versity. He received his medical training at the Universidad Autonama de Guadalajara, Mexico.

Dr. Frank completed his internship at the Robert B. Green Hospital in San Antonio. He then went to Parkland Hospital in Dallas for his residency.

Dr. Frank and his family have spent six years mission service in Africa. Prior to his association with Huguley, he practiced in Dallas.

Dr. Frank, his wife, Afton (Proctor) and their two children live in Keene, where he has a limited family practice. His children, Bryan and Cindy, are students at Southwestern Union College.



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# LITERATURE EVANGELISM

### IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

#### TOP 10 LITERATURE EVANGELISTS IN THE UNION FOR MARCH 1977

Harold Haffner — Texos	\$4,536.22
Wanda Matthews - Texas	4,472.32
Lenore Gault - Texas	
Judy Norris — Arkansas-Louisiana	3,702.80
James Pitts Texas	
Joe Goodrich - Texas	3,349.10
Gordon Zutz — Arkansas-Louisiana	3,332.60
Jerry Rogers - Texas	3,291.10
Dan Cisco — Oklahoma	
Hazel Pennington - Texas	2,837.55

#### TOP LITERATURE EVANGELIST IN EACH CONFERENCE

Arkansas-Louisiana — Judy Norris	\$3,702.80
Oklahoma — Dan Cisco	3,137.65
Southwest Region — Spencer Brown	2,663.94
Texas — Harold Haffner	4,536.22
Texico — Bruce Schmidt	2,573.85

## Want to Meet Someone Exciting?

Single? Eighteen or older? Do you find the social life in your community has little to offer in the way of intellectually stimulating

Christian compan-

Brooks, field secre-

tary of the General

Conference and

speaker of the

"Breath of Life"

telecast, tells us:

Charles D.

ionship?



"In the church there are wonderful, eligible ladies and men, but often they do not have the opportunity to meet others. Satan knows full well the result of Adventists dating those not of their own faith, and if he is successful in getting them to marry unbelievers, inestimable heartache proceeds from homes where shadows are never lifted.

"Contact" is a dating service operated by Adventists for Adventists. Its purpose is to introduce singles of the opposite sex who are potentially compatible on the basis of computermatched interests and attitudes. Already many Adventists are dating who met through Contact, and others are engaged or married.

Would you like to join the thousand-plus who are enrolled? For more information write to: Adventist Contact, P.O. Box 4334, Takoma Park, MD 20012.

#### 50,000-WATT STATIONS

## **VOP Blankets** Southwest on Four Major Stations

The Voice of Prophecy daily broadcast is now being heard Monday through Friday in the Southwestern Union on four more 50,000-watt stations, beginning February 1.

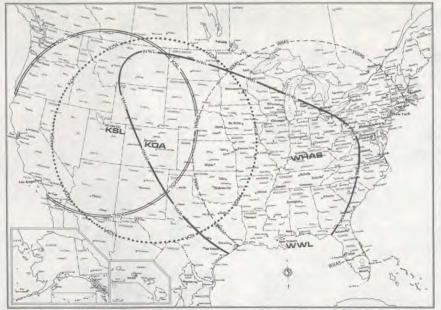
WWL, New Orleans, 870 on the dial, airs the programs at 8:00 p.m. (CST). Its coverage area includes Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and some 25 other states.

WHAS, Louisville, Kentucky, 840 on the dial, schedules the VOP at 10:30 p.m. (CST). Covering almost all of the eastern half of the U.S. at night, it can be heard in the Southwestern Union in Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and eastern Texas.

KOA, Denver, 850 on the dial, airs the programs at 11:30 p.m. (MST). During the night hours, the station is heard in 17 states, including New Mexico, Oklahoma, and much of Texas.

KSL, Salt Lake City, 1160 on the dial, carries the Voice of Prophecy at 11:06 p.m. (MST). Its signal at night covers most of the western United States, including New Mexico.

"We do not have the money to cover the cost of these new stations, but we have moved ahead in faith to purchase time believing that the lateness of the hour demands it," said Dan Guild, VOP manager. "We know our fellow church members throughout North



America would want us to do this. We believe that when our supporters hear about this unprecedented opportunity, that sufficient funds will come into the VOP Readiness Fund to cover the cost of the new stations."

> ELDYN KARR, PR Director, Voice of Prophecy.

### News in Brief

ADVENTISTS LAUNCH "PROJECT W.A.T.E.R." - What is "Project W.A.T.E.R"? It is the launching internationally of a vital project of the International Temperance Association and all national societies for the preservation and urging of the rights of non-drinkers.

W.A.T.E.R. stands for World Abstainers To Enjoy Rights. The goal is through publicity, press, radio, TV, and a public meeting to launch the plan in all 68 national societies around the world at the same time - May 16, and to keep before the public an emphasis on positive alternatives to maintain nondrinkers' rights and encourage others to unite in this act for total freedom.

W.A.T.E.R. will push a seven-point program:

- 1. Every abstainer has the right to pure water.
- 2. Attractive non-alcoholic beverages to be available at all social and civic functions.
- 3. Separate areas for abstainers (smoking and drinking) on all aircraft, buses, and trains till liquor is outlawed on all public transportation.
- 4. Prohibit liquor advertising and place health warning on all liquor containers,
- 5. Lower insurance rates for all teetotalers. 6. Abstinence is the cure for alcoholism not moderation. In fact, moderation is the cause.
- 7. Severe penalties imposed on all who provide liquor to children under legal age and all educational systems teach the joys, fulfillment rewards, and advantages of a life-style without alcohol.

ADVENTISTS FILE BRIEF ON SABBATARIAN CASE - A "friend of the court" brief has been filed with the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Trans World Airlines versus Hardison.

The brief was filed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "This could be the most significant case to Adventists since the Supreme Court ruled on Sunday-closing laws in 1961," says Warren Johns, attorney for the church. TWA versus Hardison involves a member of the World Wide Church of God who was fired for refusing to work on the Sabbath, from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. The case will be decided later this spring.

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LLU RESEARCH ASSISTANT APPEARS ON NA-TIONWIDE TV - Research assistant in the Loma Linda University School of Health, Hulda H. Crooks, appeared on the Los Angeles television program, "To Tell the Truth," Monday, February 28, at 4:30 p.m. on KNBC-TV, channel 4. Mrs. Crooks, 80, taped the television program in New York City in late January. Her "secret" was that she has climbed Mt. Whitney in central California every year (except 1965) since 1962 when she was 66. In addition to climbing Mt. Whitney, Mrs. Crooks has hiked down the Grand Canyon (age 75), hiked down Havasu Canyon (at ages 76 and 77), and hiked the 212-mile John Muir Trail (over a two-year period at ages 77 and 78.) Viewers may call their local television station and inquire when "To Tell the Truth" show number 2971 will be shown. It is scheduled to be shown in over 100 cities throughout the United States over the next two years.

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"FOCUS ON WOMEN" WAS HELD AT AN-DREWS UNIVERSITY - A special conference featuring a focus on women was held at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, March 3-6. The conference was sponsored jointly by the university and its Alumni Association. Drs. Mercedes Dyer and Patricia Mutch of Andrews were co-directors of the conference, with guest speakers and participants coming from as far away as the West Coast. Dr. Helen Evans, Southwestern Adventist College academic dean, was one of the speakers. The conference theme was "You Can Become the Woman God Wants You to Be." Its purpose was to develop interest in and appreciation for the contributions which Christian women have made to the church and society and to encourage a stronger bond of commitment and friendship among Christian women everywhere.

#### THEY NEED TEN TIMES AS MUCH



For years, the Keene church under the leadership of Elder H. A. B. Robinson (87), has been mailing used SDA maga-

been mailing used SDA maga-zines and books overseas for use in soul winning. Thousands have been sent but they need at least 10 times more. Don't let your SDA magazines and books accumu-late and then finally throw them out when they can be used so effectively for the Master

Literin out when they can be Master. Magazines can be wrapped weighing up to four pounds and cost \$1.44 per package. Books — up to six pounds at 94c per package. The "Review and Herald" sup-plies names in the back pages periodi-cally, or if you prefer, write Elder H. A. B. Robinson, Box 24, Keene, TX 76059 for names. Double-check with your post office for mailing details. Why not volunteer to handle this proj-ect for your church? The need is unbe-in regularly to Elder Robinson and the four lay people who asist him. You can share in this great soul-winning joy. Vol-unteer to your pastor today.

#### DON'T MISS THIS



Here is a book that you abso-lutely must read: "James White," by Virgil Robinson, an in-depth study of the life the man, who, from a hu-man standpoint, is the father of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. If you thought that James tip-toed quietly at a reverent distance behind his prophetess-wife, be prepared James White for a new concept. What of an enigma. A dynamic speaker, gifted financier, and organizational ge-nus, he was at times irascible and de-manding. No one could seriously doubt his Christianity, but there were times when Paul's words to the Corinthians, "Your zeal hath provoked very many" (2 Cor. 9:2), could aptly be applied to James White. The book presents White as a man —

James White. The book presents White as a man-akin to every man who struggles to make a living and has problems with his chil-dren. A cut above every man in his un-changing goal to set the world on fire for God. A unique man when you consider that with a few dollars in his pocket he set out to establish a world-wide publish-ing work — and did it. A wise but honest portrayal of an earnest leader. Order from your local Ad-ventist Book Center, Cost is \$7.50 plus postage.

postage.



"Against the Wind" gives heart-warming counsel for walking against the wind of Satan's temptations Satan's temptations — hypocrisey, criticism, pride, love of possessions, etc. 'Twill bring you a fantastic blessing. Author Marjorie Lewis Lloyd has been "It Is Written" script writer for nearly 20 years.

## Just a Reminder of

#### THE BEST NEWS FOR 1977

All books by Ellen G. White are being sold during 1977 at 25% discount. Next to the Bible, these are the best books in the world. Buy now while prices are lowest they will ever be. Plan to buy the books you do not already have while at camp meeting this year or order from your ABC.

## A Report to the People

by your Union Conference Secretary . . . Bill May



## FLASH! . . . Now it's Southwestern Adventist College

At a historic meeting on Sunday, May 1, the constituents voted to change the name of the college to Southwestern Adventist College, effective at once. More details later. Ground was also broken for the first of several modules which will provide additional dormitory space for young ladies at the college. Cost for module No. 1 will run \$250,000.00.

 Southwestern Adventist College faculty members have received 11 calls to other places in the last few weeks - only one is leaving.



• Texas Conference president, Cyril Miller, has returned from his month long series in Korea where over 50 decisions were made for Christ. Praise the Lord1 Watch for detailed article.

 Our union conference president, B. E. Leach, has just completed meetings in the Jefferson, Texas, district. He conducted week of prayer at the Mar-

shall grade school, at the Jefferson grade school, at Jefferson Academy, and also held night evangelistic meetings in the Jefferson Church. Twenty decisions were made for rededication or baptism. Not too many workers could survive such an assignment but Ben came through with flying colors.

· Recently while services were in progress in a certain church some youth from that congregation slipped out and stole the offering from a church down the street. What a shocker!! The members of church number one were horrified. Then the pastor shook all by saying, "yes, it is a shock, almost as great a shock as the fact that some members of this church do not pay tithe. I have more respect for these youth who have shamed us than for adults who rob God weekly by keeping His money - the tithe," The awesome quietness in the congregation after the pastor's speech is better imagined than describd.

· The U.S. government now seems ready to reverse itself and make some official "unsettling disclosures" about U.F.O's. Could these be the "fearful sights" mentioned in the Bible as signs of Jesus' return?



 Elder Jere Webb has accepted a call to the 2500member church at Southern Missionary College in Tennessee and will be leaving shortly. He is just completing a series at Garland, Texas. Plans are to organize a new church in Garland shortly. May God prosper you in your new assignment, Jere.

· Comments on recent Sabbath appointments:

March 26 - (Oklahoma City's Tenth Street Church). The youth choir fantastic the uniformed usherettes were lovely; solo by James McCoy extraordinary.

April 2 - (Mesquite Texas - Bemish Memorial) An on-fire congregation.

This miracle church building will be featured in a new color film being produced by the General Conference.

April 9 - (Mount Pleasant, Texas) district meeting with all three churches attending, Happily surprised to see folk from four of my former congregations in the audience. You should hear them sing. The building almost shook. Wonderful!

April 16 - (New Orleans Ephesus Uptown Church) Tremendous youth choir. Very, very friendly congregation. Lunch at Brother and Sister Robinson's home was a most delightful experience.

· Meet the union's new publishing department director, Chuck Williams; and his associate, Richard McKee. A tremendous team! Watch for detailed articles on both men and families in the RECORD.



c Williams

E. Adams

• The Southwest welcomes the following new academy principals: for Sandia View Academy, Earl Adams, from Platte Valley Academy Nebraska. For Valley Grande Academy, LeRoy Steck, from Houston Junior Academy.

- Arkansas-Louisiana had a great year in 1976. Note the following!
   541 baptisms (gain of 101 over 1975)
- 2. 5 new schools opened (only 12 new schools were opened in the whole division.)
- 3. "It Is Written" on four stations
- 4. 84% gain in sales by literature evangelists
- 5. Ingathering per capita of \$30.47
- 6. Organized four new churches

With deep sadness we announce the sudden death of the wife of Elder Pascual Pena (Rio Grande Valley), Elba, age 39. We extend heartfelt sympathy to Pastor Pena and his family. Our earnest prayers are with you, Pascual.

- SHORT, SHORT NEWS FLASHES:
- -New company organized in Cleveland, Oklahoma, with 25 attending. -The Coalgate, Oklahoma, company will be organized into a church
- on May 21.
- -Drug use is biggest cause of death in 15 to 24 year olds.
- -11 decisions and 11 more preparing from the Crider-Williams series in New Orleans.
- 200 attended a vegetarian tasting event at Huguley Hospital on April 3. Amen!
- -Only 19.6% of the world's people are free citizens. All others suffer loss of freedom to at least some degree.
- -Baptisms for the first quarter showed a gain of nearly 150 over the first quarter of 1976. To God be the praise!
- -Responses to the card mailed out offering the gift Bible and lessons (in Texas Conference) to Bible school, "These Times," and other interests are running up to 500 daily. Amen and amen!
- -21 received into the church by baptism and profession of faith Bolan-Ray series in Ft. Worth. Two weeks yet to go. More later.

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



## "Deadend" Pays Off

It started out as one of those days. I had a lead way out in the country and thought I was on the right road.

I went down the road and the farther I went the muddier it got. All of a sudden the bridge was washed out right in front of me. I couldn't go any farther,

It had been one of those days that I felt hadn't been a very successful day. But now it was time to put my deadend program into action. So as usual, when I come to a deadend I always start canvassing my way back out of it.

I couldn't find anyone home until I got almost to the end of the road. As I knocked at the door, the lady seemed not to be interested in letting anyone in. In fact, she wouldn't open the screen door. I assured her my work was of a Christian nature, but she said she wasn't interested.

By that time the rain had ceased. When I pulled the books out of my case to share with her, she said, " I have dogs in here, I can't let you in." But then she said she would be right out.

I set a display out on the hood of my car. She seemed not to be too interested at first, then all of a sudden when she saw *Patriarchs and Prophets* and *Desire of Ages* her face lit up. She said "Are those written by Ellen G. White? Are you a Seventh-day Adventist?" By this time her son, who was working on his car near-by became interested and walked over to look at the books.

She said she wanted the *Patriarchs* and *Prophets*. Then she really surprised me when I offered to enroll her in a free Bible course. She stated that someone had studied with her years ago when her boys were small. Then

J. G. Henderson, Jr. makes presentation of books to Mrs. Linker.



Great Indian Stories Are Told at Gamp yorktown bay



#### Here are the 1977 dates:

DATES	CAMPS	AGES
July 10-17 July 17-24	Opportunity Camp Cub Camp Junior Camp No. 1 Junior Camp No. 2 Teen Week Blind Camp	
Don't delay, si For more detail Arkansas-Louis Youth Activitie P.O. Box 5548 Shreveport, Lo Gary Rust, You	s write: Jana Conference Is Department uisiana 71105	

she said, "Can you have someone come here and study with me?"

Brother and Sister Carrol Bandy answered this call and have been faithful in giving this lady Bible studies for the past year.

The Linkers had been praying for years that a Seventh-day Adventist would stop by their home to study with them.

Recently they went to a series of meetings and were baptized. Thank God for the deadend experiences in life! J. G. HENDERSON, JR.,

Literature Evangelist,

Mrs. Linker and her son, Gary.





Mary Monteleone, extreme right, is the church school teacher at Hammond, Louisiana, who was instrumental in inspiring the boys and girls with a desire to become Christians. Pastor Hallett consequently gave Bible studies for baptism and on October 30 all these were baptized. Standing in the back row is Larry Crowe who also was baptized on that date. From left: Tammie Crose, Melanie Rockenschuh, Tammy Mitchell, Myra Story, Wayne Mitchell, and Bobby Monteleone.

## Arkansas-Louisiana Weddings

#### WEAVER-NEPTUNE

June 13, 1976, at Rogers, Arkansas, Heidi Sigrid Neptune, daughter of Elder and Mrs. W. J. Neptune of Springdale, Arkansas, was united in marriage to Bruce Haven Weaver, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce H. Weaver of Lakeland, Florida.

This summer the couple conducted vacation Bible schools in Arkansas and Louisiana.

They are at home at 108 East Second St., Keene, Texas, where Bruce is a theology student at Southwestern Union College and Heidi is employed as a charge nurse at the Cleburne Hospital.

#### WEAVER-NEPTUNE

Deborah Heanene Neptune and George Willard Weaver were married on December 23, 1976, at Rogers, Arkansas. Deborah is the daughter of Elder and Mrs. W. J. Neptune of Springdale, Arkansas, and George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce H. Weaver of Lakeland, Florida.

This young couple is living at 105 West Third St., Keene, Texas, where Deb is a nursing student at Southwestern Union College and George is employed by Mohr Construction.





Youthful Ingatherers in Hammond and Slidell, Louisiana

School children and children from the church who went Ingathering night by night in Hammond, Louisiana



## "These Times" Campaign Nears Close

There are many campaigns and programs in our churches. Some call for our time, some for our money, and many of them call for both. As a result, and I suppose it is the human nature asserting itself, we do not seem to really become involved. If we do, much of the time it is just a token involvement.

I was suddenly aware of the greatness of the unfinished task on my recent trip to Loma Linda University to

PR Secretary, Muskogee Church.



recruit doctors for Oklahoma. I was on I-40 in Amarillo and had just left the interstate to buy gas. I was stopped by a funeral procession at an intersection. As the cars passed I became aware of the large numbers of teenagers and youth in the cars and then noticed that this was an unusually long procession. As I waited I could not help wondering, "Was this one of the students of the local high school? Was he, or she a Christian? If not, had anyone taken the opportunity to tell this person about Christ?"

As I stated, this was one of the longest processions I had seen, so I had time to reflect. I thought of the many towns in Oklahoma where we have no churches or members. As I continued my trip I was keenly aware of this possibility as I passed from town to town through Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and into California. How many of these people know Christ and His last warning message for this time of earth's history? What is being done to tell them of a soon returning Saviour so they can be prepared?

Our Oklahoma Conference leadership is strongly committed to darkcommunity evangelism. Departmental men as well as church pastors are holding meetings and the Lord has blessed. Our last baptismal report shows 51 baptisms for January and February of 1977 as compared with 34 for the same period last year. We thank God for



Alfred Francois flanked by Dr. Glynn Griffin and Bobby Teal on the right, Al-fred's car was top car in dollars for the 1976-77 Ingathering campaign in Slidell, Louisiana

this, but what about those we are not reaching?

I was not asked to write this article. Neither am I involved in a special These Times promotional campaign. But the thoughts that went through my mind the day of that funeral in Amarillo impressed me with the idea that These Times is an excellent tool to reach those in these "dark areas" of our conference. This is a way in which laymen can become involved with our leadership and pastors in taking the message of salvation to a world that is fast falling apart.

Personally, I do not think we should concern ourselves with reaching a certain goal of two subscriptions per member - or whatever the goal may be - then doing nothing more, saying, "I have done my part." I have seen too many funerals, and conducted too many for that matter; so I believe we should think of this possibility - with God's help, how many souls can we reach this year with These Times while they are still alive and can make a decision for Christ? With this approach, and with the Holy Spirit impressing us, we will far exceed any goal. I believe in goals, but the greatest goal of all is to reach as many people as we possibly can.

As I sat at that intersection the other day and watched and thought as the funeral procession passed, my mind reflected upon the statement I read not long ago in Desire of Ages which said, "When we love the world as Christ loved it, then we are fitted for heaven for we have heaven in our hearts." May the These Times campaign this year be the best ever - not because it is our duty to support a church program - but because we have seen the people as Christ saw them and had compassion and longed for their soul salvation and then became personally involved.

> PAUL G. PROCTOR, JR., Director of Health Services.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD

For 1977 the Muskogee Church School children, along with the other young peo-ple of the church, would like to challenge all the other youth groups in the confer-ence to do what they did this past year if they have not already gotten involved in this kind of program. Instead of going out on Halloween as most do, try collect-ing food from the neighbors for use in making up food baskets for those in need. The plan followed this last year in Muskogee was to distribute paper sacks the day before with an explanation about what they were doing and that they would be back the following day to col-lect the food. The response was excellent and the children had a good time knowing they were helping others. In the picture, left to right are: Renee Rogers, Charita Kotorton, Robyn Eldridge, Howard Fish-er, teacher: Darrel Hosford, Greg Gilliam, and front row, Kent Gilliam, and Toni De sentent. Muskog Musch 1977 the Muskogee Church School



(Left) It's not an Indian raid. It's Jerry Riley preparing to give some instructions in mountain climbing. (Right) It's really a lot of fun once you get the courage to try. Horseshoe Canyon Camp is known for its canyon walls that provide the setting for developing such skills.

**Camping Time Is Fast Approaching** 



Many children learned the fundamentals of mountain climbing from capable leadership. Here Jerry Riley makes sure one of the campers at Blind Camp is properly hooked to her safety line. Don Sicker waits further down the cliff to give assistance.



Primary class of the Sand Springs church sing Christmas carols as the 1976 Ingathering campaign was kicked off. The group had sung and solicited door-to-door and turned in \$30 for Mystery Day. They are, left to right: Kimberly Dixon, Robyn Griffith, Joyce Griffith, Angela Jordan, Monica Hudspeth, and Megan Hudspeth. Accompanying them on the guitar is Dena Colon.





## **Ardmore Rebuilds and Reopens Church**

Another milestone in the history of the Ardmore, Oklahoma, church — it was reopened Sabbath, March 12, 1977. Nearly three years ago the church was gutted by fire and only the walls were left standing. The city fathers notified us to completely demolish the building because it stood as a hazard to the community. Careful examination revealed that the foundation was solid, the walls firm, and it was possible for re-construction.

Bro. B. B. Inge of the Sapulpa, Oklahoma, church took on the herculean task and with his ingenious talent was able to take a wreck and transform it into a habitable meeting place for the believers in Ardmore. The community is amazed with the transformation.

Elder V. L. Roberts, union treasurer, delivered the opening message and believers from all over the state joined in the celebration. The colporteur-pastor B. Batiste has rounded up over 15 believers and is working to



Bro. and Sr. B. B. Inge. He is 80, and labored faithfully in re-constructing the Ardmore church, even during the cold winter months.

Brent J. Batiste was born in New Orleans, and graduated from SUC in 1976, He served as student missionary to Hiroshima, Japan, 1973-74. He has worked with several evangelistic crusades in the conference. At present Brent Batiste is colporteur-pastor in Ardmore. He is married to Glenda McBrown and they have one son, Eric, three.





Part of the happy crowd that attended the re-opening of the Ardmore church. Elder and Mrs. V. L. Roberts, Elder R. F. Warnick, Pastor R. Johnson, and two of his children, and in the background Bro. Brown of Fort Worth.

increase the membership. The building is air-conditioned and seats 150. The Fort Worth church donated the pews. Our property in Ardmore once valued zero is appraised at \$65,000.

DORIS JONES, Reporter.

#### News from Coushatta



On a recent visit to the First Church of Coushatta, Louisiana were welcomed by Sr. Hilda Moore her daughter and granddaughter. Sr. Moore, 82, is one of the charter members of the church and is still active in her community by operating the Red River Parish Day Care Center.

Recently there was a graduation of Recently there was a graduation of youngsters who were promoted from the kindergarten level. The Coushatta church loves its young people and is delighted to see them take active role in the program of the church.

13th Sabbath program participants in Coushatta sabbath school.





News Items for Federation and Vacation Bible School Seminars

Elder Liebelt from the General Confer-ence and D. J. Williams from the South-western Union, both from the Sabbath school department, conducted vacation Bischool department, conducted vacation Bi-ble school seminars over the Southwest Region Conference, Pictured (left) is El-der Williams, guest speaker for Sab-bath school day in San Antonio, April 2. (Right) The Oklahoma believers also were benefited from the VBS seminar, especially since they have acquired this new edifice in Tulsa. Now they have space to hold such meetings.



(Left) South Texas Federation met March 19 in Austin. Elder B. E. Wright of Fort Worth was the worship speaker, Pictured is Mrs. Johnnie M. Alexander, federation president; she is challenging each society to begin immediately pro-viding emergency clothing packets for men and women. (Right) Elder W. R. Robinson, editor of the MESSAGE maga-zine, toured portions of the Southwest promoting subs. He was guest speaker for Oklahoma federation at 10th Street church in Oklahoma City. The Sabbath he spoke the belevers reached their goal of 175 missionary subs. J. C. Hicks, Reporter.

## News from Kenner, Louisiana

The Kenner, Louisiana, church is on the move with her program for MISSION '77. This can be attributed to a new worker - Clarence Williams, III, a son and grandson of a Baptist minister. Through diligent study he found the truth. Clarence was pastoring Reachout Youth Tabernacle in Monroe; but after discovering these truths he left his church; found the Adventist church in the city and joined.

He attended Northeast Louisiana University and the United Baptist Theological Seminary, both of Monroe. He graduated from SUC in June,

Deacons and elders of the Kenner church. Left to right: Jesse Robinson, Wilbert Brown, John Herbert, Albert Bradley, Frazier Mathis, and Keith Robinson.



1976. At present he is serving in Kenner as colporteur-pastor. God is blessing his efforts, for the last quarter in '76 he baptized 15. The first quarter of this year he baptized three and he is excited over the fact that the Lord has led in his doubling the membership in the 10 months he has been assigned this responsibility.

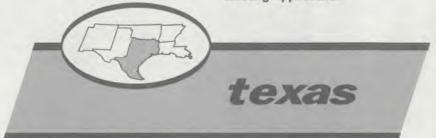
He is married to the former Sarah Mathis, who is a secretary. They have a son, Clarence Carlton, who is six. This couple should prove an asset to the publishing ministry and soul-winning endeavors. Pray that they will.

DORIS JONES, Reporter.



Pastor and Mrs. Clarence Williams, III, and son.

See page 14 for Camp Meeting Application



## Good Things Happen in Texas

The coming of Pastor Al and Mary Webb to serve in Corpus Christi is a prime example. Elder Webb is a strong evangelical pastor who is especially interested in young people, and that's exactly what every church needs.

The Webbs have moved from Oklahoma City where he was pastor of the Southern Hills church. An evidence of Elder Webb's leadership was demonstrated at the recent Lay Bible Workers Training Seminar held at Eagle Ranch. A large delegation came from both the Spanish and English Corpus Christi congregations. Also, more than 200 gift Bibles and lessons were ordered for their lay soul-winning outreach.

We are looking to the day when there will be several Adventist congregations in this tropical city by the sea. We believe that Elders Al Webb and Tony Vargas will lead their congregations to accomplish this objective.

CYRIL MILLER, President.

## Soul-Winning Experience from Corpus Christi

On Sabbath, April 9, the family of Edward L. Bednorz was united with the Corpus Christi church. Mrs. Bednorz (Floranne) had first contacted



the Adventist church in 1972 when she and her son, Howard Brayman, were baptized. They both drifted away from their Lord and when the home broke up Howard went to live with relatives and was convinced to unite with another church. But because there were so many things which were not according to Scripture he was not happy and again sought fellowship with Seventh-day Adventists.

Edward Bednorz had been a Roman Catholic and was quite closely connected to the church until about 10 years ago. After he and Floranne were married a year ago, she began taking the children to the Corpus Christi church. Cheryl and Jerry had been baptized into the Catholic church but had not attended in several years. As they became acquainted with "truth"



Left to right: Howard Brayman, Cheryl Bednorz, Florence Bednorz, Edward Bednorz, Jerry Bednorz, and Pastor Webb.

and shared it with their father, Ed, he became interested.

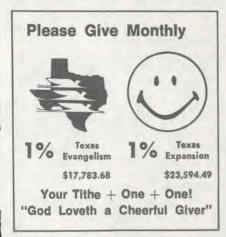
Following a church service soon after Pastor Webb came to Corpus Christi Mrs. Bednorz asked if he and his wife would call on her to talk with her. They did and Bible studies were started with the family which resulted in the family uniting with God's remnant church.

Howard was already witnessing for His Master even before his baptism. He accompanied Pastor Webb on a couple of calls to visit a young man in the hospital. This young man, a Christian, though not acquainted with some of the distinctive truths of the Seventhday Adventists has been enrolled in the Amazing Facts and soon Bible studies will be started in this home of a family with two teen-age boys.

The Holy Spirit is moving upon honest hearts and doors are opening if we will only be ready to step through those doors and share with others the love of Christ and a knowledge of His soon return to this earth for those who love Him. A. J. WEBB.

## Cyril Miller Holds Spring Series in Southeast Houston

During a two-week Prophecy Panorama series held at the S.E. Houston church, conducted by our conference president, Cyril Miller, six persons





Mr. and Mrs. Loren Northrup have moved to Nameless Valley Ranch where Mr. Northrup will serve as the camp ranger. The Northrups have come to the Texas Conference from Charlotte, North Carolina.

gave their hearts to Christ. One of these, Ron Slough, was baptized March 19. Ron had been a Seventh-day Adventist but had drifted away. He is rededicating his life and support to the Lord and His church.

Bible studies are being held with the others and we hope to see all of these dear people baptized soon. Many of our members have testified to a rekindled spirit and are committing their lives and support to the Lord's church.

The Lord really blessed this series of meetings and His Spirit could be felt during the services. Many people attended the meetings every night; their hearts eagerly awaiting God's message.

Our church is indebted to Cyril Miller for his tireless efforts and soulwinning ability during the series.

> MARIE SMITH, PR Sec., S.E. Houston Church.

### **God Honors Faith**

God honors the faith of his children who will keep his commandments and stand up for right principles even when faced with the possibility of losing one's job, friends, or family.

Robert Adkins first heard of the Sabbath through a colporteur, Jerry Hastings, in Beaumont. His wife, Dolly, accepted Jesus as her Saviour and was baptized.

Later they moved into the Nacogdoches district where Robert continued to study the Bible. The Holy Spirit impressed the truth into Robert's heart and he told his employer he could no longer work on Friday nights or Saturdays. He lost his job, but this did not change his decision; and in the Nacog-

Elder James Micheff, right, and Robert Adkins,





Pictured here is construction of the new Professional Building for Memorial Hospital, at Beeville. It will house 14 physiclans. Cost will run \$800,000.00 for the 27,000-square-foot building. It has been funded by community gifts. Completion is set for October, 1977.

doches church on April 2, 1977, he was baptized into the family of God.

Later he received word that his employer changed his mind and made an allowance so that he could work and have his Sabbaths off. God loves His children. Praise the Lord.

> JAMES MICHEFF, Pastor, Nacogdoches Church.

#### May 21, 1977, Set for New Tyler Seventh-day Adventist Church Opening

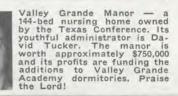
All former pastors and church members are extended a most cordial invitation to attend the activities scheduled for the Tyler church's new sanctuary. Friends and visitors near and far are also encouraged to spend the day with us. A fellowship dinner is planned for all who attend.

Plans for the new edifice also included a beautiful kitchen, cry room, and remodeling of the existing buildings.

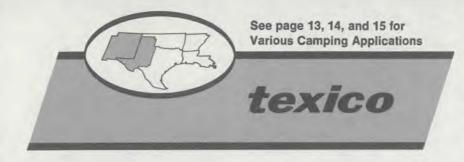
Anyone having pictures of "yesterdays" regarding the E. Berta St. church or beginnings of the present one is asked to please bring same to the festivities that day. Your pictures will be returned to you that day.

Enthusiasm is running high and our hearts are joyful as we see with our very eyes what has taken place. May the Lord bless you on your journey as you wend your way to the New Tyler church at SE Loop 323 on May 21, 1977.

> Harriet Phelps, Director, Community Services.







## **Earl Adams Is New SVA Principal**

Great progress has been witnessed during the past year at Sandia View Academy under the able leadership of Elder Edward Reifsnyder. With a capable teacher staff, the academic and scholastic program has been greatly appreciated by parents and students. Constant improvement has been seen in the physical plant of SVA — painting, repairing, refurbishing, and transforming the old home economics room into an elegant committee room.

Elder and Mrs. Reifsnyder have accepted a call to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and will be leaving after the close of school. We greatly appreciate the dedication and contribution they have made to SVA and the Texico Conference.

After careful study the SVA Executive Board called Earl Adams as principal. Brother Adams has served in educational work for 26 years as junior academy principal in Oregon, dean of boys in North Dakota, education and MV director and later as principal of the Iran Adventist Academy, teacher and principal Greater Baltimore Academy, principal of Jefferson Academy, vice-principal and teacher at Highland View Academy.

For the past seven years Brother Adams has been principal of the Platte Valley Academy in Nebraska. During this time this school has been largely rebuilt; a new boys dormitory, gymnasium, industrial education building, and several new homes.

Through the years Brother Adams has found ways to make student life more interesting and exciting for academy students – ski clubs, camping organizations, "Tutor Tour" programs to mission areas, aviation ground school classes, etc.

Earl and Marie Adams and Krista.



#### **Texico 2% Plan for Expansion**

Texico Expansion is on the increase! Are you involved with 2% of your income for Evangelism, Sandia View Academy Improvement, Factory Debt Liquidation, and Building New Churches and Schools?!

Mrs. Marie Adams is a certified instructor in music, English, and art. The Adams' have four daughters, three of whom are grown and away from home, leaving little five-year-old Krista with them.

We welcome the Adams' to Sandia View Academy and welcome every academy-age young person to come to SVA for an exciting year. Brandom Kitchen needs *every available* young person over 16 years of age—and other work is available during the summer for those under 16. See you at SVA!!

> DON CHRISTMAN, President, Texico Conference.

## Texico Camp Meeting Will Be Best Ever

The big event of the Year for Texico-ites is camp meeting! We pray you are planning now to spend part of your vacation time at Sandia View Academy campgrounds for a special, inspirational week for you and your family! An application blank is included in this issue of the RECORD and we trust you will send it right in for your reservation.

Elder E. E. Cleveland of the min-

#### **VOP Broadcast in Portales**

There is a new airing of the Voice of Prophecy broadcast in Portales, New Mexico, on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. which is sponsored by Brother and Sister Ray Lauterbach. You can help make this radio ministry effective by calling your non - Adventist friends and asking them to tune in on this fine program.

Monahans Tornado Activates Texico Van

\$1,300,000.00 in damages resulted from the recent tornado in Monahans, Texas. Coming to the aid in this disaster was our Texico Disaster Relief Van along with other churches which helped considerably with food and clothing. The nursing home there was totally destroyed along with 25-30 houses; over 100 dwellings were partially hurt. Watch for a more complete report of the Monahans incident in the next RECORD.

isterial department of the General Conference will be here all week for the evening meetings, and along with him will be Emilio Knechtle who is known for his challenging messages.

Elder Fernon Retzer, formerly with the World Sabbath School Department and now serving as leader of the Southern Union Sabbath School Department, will conduct a worthwhile Sabbath school adult teacher training course. As he speaks fluently in Spanish, he will be of fine help among the Spanish-speaking folks.

Reserve now July 22-30 and plan to be at the Texico Camp Meeting.

## Two Thrilling Events for Our Youth Are Coming

Like the out-of-doors? Enjoy nature? Thrill to the crackle of the campfire? Appreciate serendipities? You'll want to take in one or the other of these special activities coming up which are sponsored by the Texico Youth Department!

What are they? First of all, for young men and women 15-18 there's the Texico Wilderness Camp in the Lincoln National Forest near Cloudcroft from June 12 to 19. Next, there's good ol' Camp Texico for the younger youth, ages 91/2 through 15, at Black River Village near Carlsbad, New Mexico!

The Texico Wilderness Camp will be a week of challenging outdoor living designed to strengthen the physical and mental abilities and develop the social and spiritual values of our youth. Living in God's great out-ofdoors, the youth will participate in hiking, campcraft, nature study, orienteering, back-packing, camp cookery, singing and devotions, and among the

#### **Nursing Homes Wanted**

Two experienced individuals have mentioned their desire to purchase nursing homes in any area of our conference. If you know of a nursing home owner who is willing or anxious to sell, please contact Don Christman, president, Texico Conference. Thank you for being on the lookout for a possible nursing home which would mean bringing Seventh-day Adventist administrators and other Seventh-day Adventist employees to your area.

special activities, an in-depth study of last day events from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. Obtain an application blank with all the particulars from your local pastor, or write Nathan Merkel of the Texico Youth Department. We are hoping we will hear from you soon! There's an application blank included in this issue of the RECORD, also.

Now, for Camp Texico! All boys and girls 91/2 through 15, why don't you spend part of your vacation attending Black River Christian Retreat?! This vacation would be filled with recreational, spiritual and educational training at a cost little more than living at home! It really *pays* to come to Camp Texico where you are surrounded by God's great out-of-doors and can participate in crafts, hiking, nature study, horseback riding, canoeing, swimming.

Also, wouldn't it be a neat idea to invite your neighbor, the boy or girl across the street, the one with whom you enjoy having fun!? Plan to bring your friends with you to camp if you possibly can. Your pastor or first elder has an application blank for you all, and you will find one in this issue of the RECORD, too. Start now to earn some money so you can go! And, we'll plan now to see you there at camp!

## **TEXICO NEWS NOTES**

- Texico baptisms have reached 55 from January 1 through April 9, 1977. Our goal for this year is one soul a day, or 365 for this year! By God's grace and help this will be accomplished!
- Fifty-seven youth came in from all over Texico to enjoy Sandia View Academy Days on April 16 and 17.
- Summer Work is Waiting for you at SVA. Brandoms can use 50 youth 16 years or older. There's work for students under 16 years or older. There's work for students under 16 also on campus. Why not attend graduation and be ready for work May 30?
- The foundation of the Spearman church has been poured and the members are in hopes of completing their building project in July.

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S E N I O R CITIZEN Anglo - American widow, brown hair and eyes, 5 ft. 3½" tall, desires correspondence with Chris-tian men and women. Interests include cooking, travel, reading, fancy work, and raising singing canaries. Esther R, John-son, 113 E. Hurst Ave., Harlingen, TX 78550. p9-1

FOR SALE — our home in Elkhart, Tex., 75836, Route 1, Box 296, on highway 287. 6 rooms, 2 bedrooms, a den on 7.69 acres, well-watered land, 6 miles from church, Price \$22,000.00. p9-1

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

## Who Can We Trust?

We live in a cynical age. People are losing confidence at supersonic speeds. Everything we have always trusted is now under scrutiny or outright attack. The government, the church, the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy have all been looked at again — and in some quarters relegated to the trash heap.

Can you trust anybody or anything in this world today?

It doesn't take much imagination to criticize. You don't have to have any special talent to be able to see faults (especially if you work at it round the clock). You can cast away all your confidence in everything you ever believed in, if you will do the following:

- Expect everybody and everything that claims any merit to be perfect.
- Scrutinize everybody and everything good with 24hour surveillance, looking exclusively for faults.
- Once you've found them, dwell on them constantly — forgetting all their good and emphasizing all their defects.

It will work! especially if you are able to see yourself as some kind of latter-day prophet called of God to blind your eyes totally to all the good — and to advertising faithfully all found faults.

Let's put it straight — Nothing that is run by imperfect human beings will ever be spotlessly pure or perfectly perfect. Read your Bible — there's only one perfect One in that whole book. And even the Bible, they tell me, is not perfectly translated. The reason for that — man did it.

So, can't anything be trusted? Who can you trust? You can trust God. You can rely on Jesus 100%. He has never failed — not once.

I want to tell you something, friends, my confidence in God, His Son, His church, His truth is at a new high

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peak. As I see this depleted, polluted world going down, I thank God every day for a beautiful uplook message. Don't you? The outlook may be pretty horrible, but the uplook has never been better!

The Spirit of Prophecy is a wonderful gift to the church. It is the great balancer — when heeded and followed. The time has come in this church for us to study how we can bring ourselves in line with this inspired counsel, rather than how we can sidestep or make of no effect some of the plain instructions given. Amen? Amen!

Pardon me for digressing, let's get back to that question — who can we trust? The book, *In Heavenly Places*, p. 176, by Ellen G. White has a statement that has been very precious to me. I have memorized it. I quote it every day. Great courage has been brought to my heart through these words at a time when I needed great courage. Listen:

"Look constantly to Jesus. Take all your troubles to Him. He will never misunderstand you. He is the refuge of His people. Under the shadow of His protection they can pass unharmed. Believe in Him and trust in Him. He will not give you up to the spoiler. . . . The strength of heaven is at the command of God's believing ones. The man who makes God his trust is barricaded by an impregnable wall."

I utterly believe those words. I live by them. I trust Jesus — the only One Who never fails.

Yours for total trust in Jesus,

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