

Review

SOUTHWESTERN UNION **RECORD**

Special Sale
April 1 - June 30



Food for starving souls

FOCUS ON THE COVER

"In the heart of all mankind of whatever race or station in life, there are inexpressible longings for something they do not now possess. This longing is implanted in the very constitution of man by a merciful God, that man may not be satisfied with his present conditions or attainments, whether bad, or good, or better. God desires that the human heart shall seek the best, and find it to the eternal blessing of his soul."

Desire of Ages, (Preface)

In these times of uncertainty when a message of hope is urgently needed, Seventh-day Adventists have been given this spiritual insight: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."

Colporteur Evangelist, p. 80.

Furthermore, we are instructed to: "Let the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books, go in

every direction. Sell what you can, and lend or give them away as the case may seem to require. Important results will follow."

Christian Service, p. 151.

Therefore, THESE TIMES and MESSAGE, our missionary journals provide **Spiritual Food for Today's Starving Souls!**

"We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the Isle of Patmos."

Christian Service, pp. 146, 147.

Campaign Subscription Rates

"Message"	1 Year	\$3.25
"These Times"	1 Year	\$4.25

Join the "25 Club," "50 Club," or the "100 Club" this year!

SPOTLIGHT ON SOUL WINNING



Soul-Winning Last Year

You will be thrilled to hear that 1977 was the finest year in soul winning in the Southwest's history. 2,470 were baptized, which is a net gain of 36% over 1976. How we praise the Lord for this manifestation of the work of His Spirit.

Honestly and frankly, all of us recognize that we have barely scratched the surface. We have laid far more extensive plans for 1978; and omens are for a harvest that will be far, far beyond anything we have experienced in the past.

We know that you are anxious to help and I would like to suggest four things that you may do.

1. Pray as you have never prayed before for the advancement of God's work.
2. By all means, attend the evangelistic meeting that will be held in your area.
3. Get down on your knees and ask the Lord to help you find at least one friend or loved one to bring to the meeting.
4. Live closer to the Master than ever before.

These are exciting days. The Lord is pouring out His Spirit for the finishing of the work and He is anxious for all to share in the joy of souls won. Let's not disappoint Him in 1978.

B. E. Leach, President,
Southwestern Union Conference.

"1978 EVANGELISTIC EXPLOSION PRINCIPLES"

The Challenge of the Hour

*The sunset burns across the sky,
Upon the air its wakening cry,
The curfew tolls from tower to tower,
Fellow Christians, this is Times' last hour.*

This is God's hour! This is the evangelistic hour! This is the church's hour of opportunity! This is the hour when every member of the remnant church is being called into active soul-winning service.

Inspiration reveals that from the beginning, God has been working by His Holy Spirit through human instrumentalities for the accomplishment of His purpose in behalf of the fallen race. And that in the time of the end, when His work of redemption is closing, the earnest efforts of consecrated believers will be accompanied by special tokens of divine favor. This special bestowal of spiritual grace will not come unless and until the members of God's church have a living connection with the Source of all spiritual growth.

The Holy Spirit is ready, willing, and able to accomplish His final work of restoration. As ministers and workers of God, we need to be alarmed, and "Ask of the Lord rain in this the hour of the 'latter rain.'"

Daily, let us kneel and renew our vows of consecration before the Lord. Receiving this promised power we can go forward in a soul-winning evangelistic program unknown and unmatched in Southwestern Union Conference history.

Therefore, we must make and execute broader missionary plans. The truth in all its purity must be spoken through consecrated lips and revealed in dedicated lives. Workers of action

are needed — workers who will labor with earnest, ceaseless energy for the purifying of the church and the warning of the world. We need workers with the courage of heroes and the faith of martyrs.

Beloved, this is our day! The harvest of souls is waiting. This is our day, the morning light is breaking. The challenge is an old one, but the goal being set is a new one! We are human, but with Christ we are bold ones, for our God is the Omnipotent One. We shall see VICTORY, if we have faith and pray, In this OUR DAY!

Win Them One By One

If to Christ our only King

Men redeemed we strive to bring,

Just one way may this be done —

We must win them one by one.

Side by side we stand each day

Saved are we, but lost are they;

They will come if we but dare

Speak a word backed up by prayer.

Only cowards dare refuse,

Dare this gift of God misuse;

Ere some friend goes to his grave,

Speak a word his soul to save.

CHORUS:

So, you bring the one next to you,

And I'll bring the one next to me;

In all kinds of weather we'll all work together,

And see what can be done,

If you'll bring the one next to you,

And I bring the one next to me;

In no time at all we'll have them all,

So win them, win them one by one.

C. AUSTIN MILES



D. J. Williams
Lay Activities Director
Southwestern Union
Conference

1978 Missionary Magazines Campaign

April 1 — June 30, 1978

Suggested Guidelines

1. **THINK BIG!** Don't be satisfied with just raising a goal. Think souls! Think baptisms! Think of brands plucked from the fire! Think of saints in the New Earth!
2. **JOIN THE "25 Club," "50 Club," or the "100 Club."** Personally contribute 25, 50, or even 100 subscriptions during this campaign.
3. **SEND THE MAGAZINES TO:** Ingathering contacts, Bible study interests, friends, relatives, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, libraries, jails, clinics, professionals, etc. **Unentered Areas!**
4. **THINK POSITIVE!** "Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen by God as a peculiar people, separate from the world. By the great cleaver of truth He has cut (us) out from the quarry of the world, and brought (us) into connection with Himself. He has made (us) His representatives, and He has called (us) to be ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation. The greatest wealth of truth ever intrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to (us) to be given to the world; and in the accomplishment of this work our publishing houses are among the most effective agencies."

TESTIMONIES, vol. 7, p. 138.

5. **SET A VICTORY DATE! PRAY, PLAN AND PROCEED!**

Remember:

"THESE TIMES" AND "MESSAGE"
WIN SOULS!

Faith and Prayer Goal

If the language of the "Finishing the Work Document" is to become more than words in the Southwestern Union, we the members must make larger plans.

"We are altogether too narrow in our plans. We need to be broader minded. God wants us to carry out in

Enthusiasm

"When God opens the way for the accomplishment of a certain work, and gives assurance of success, the chosen instrumentality must do all in his power to bring about the promised result. **In proportion to the enthusiasm and perseverance with which the work is carried forward, will be the success given.** God can work miracles for His people only as they act their part with untiring energy." PROPHETS AND KINGS, p. 263.

Prayer and Planning

"It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask." THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, p. 525. **"Lay all your plans before God, to be carried out or given up, as His providence shall indicate.** Accept His plans instead of your own, even though their acceptance requires the abandonment of cherished projects." TESTIMONIES, vol. 7, p. 44.

We Never Touch the Resources of GOD Until We Attempt the Impossible!

our work for Him the principles of truth and righteousness. His work is to go forward in cities and towns and villages. . . .

"We must get away from our smallness and make larger plans. There must be a wider reaching forth to work for those who are nigh and those who are afar off." *Evangelism*, p. 46.

"We cannot have a weak faith now; we cannot be safe in a listless, indolent, slothful attitude. Every jot of ability is to be used, and sharp, calm, deep thinking is to be done. The wisdom of any human agent is not sufficient for the planning and devising in this time. Spread every plan before God with fasting, and with the humbling of the soul before the Lord Jesus, and commit thy ways unto the Lord. The sure promise is, He will direct thy paths. He is infinite in resources. The Holy One of Israel, who calls the host of heaven by name, and holds the stars

of heaven in position, has you individually in His keeping. . . . I would that all could realize what possibilities and probabilities there are for all who make Christ their sufficiency and their trust. The life hid with Christ in God ever has a refuge; he can say, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'" *Philippians 4:13. Selected Messages, II*, p. 364.

"We must plan wisely, that the people may have an opportunity of hearing for themselves the last message of mercy to the world. The people should be warned to make ready for the great day of God, which is right upon them. We have no time to lose. We must do our utmost to reach men where they are. The world is now reaching the boundary line in impenitence and disregard for the laws of the government of God. In every city of our world the warning must be proclaimed. All that can be done should be done without delay." *Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 32.



G. M. SCHRAM, Communications Director, Southwestern Union Conference.

"I cannot too strongly urge all our church members, all who are true missionaries, all who believe the third angel's message, all who turn away their feet from the Sabbath, to consider the message of the 58th chapter of Isaiah. The work of *beneficence enjoined* in this chapter is the work that *God requires* His people to do at this time. It is a work of *His own appointment*. We are not left in doubt as to where the message applies and the time of its marked fulfillment, for we read: 'They that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: . . . thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.' Verse 12. God's memorial, the seventh-day Sabbath, the sign of His work in creating the world, has been displaced by the man of sin. God's people have a special work to do in repairing the breach that has been made in His law; and the nearer we approach the end, the more urgent this work becomes. All who love God will show that they bear His sign by keeping His commandments . . .

"When the church accepts its God-given work, the promise is: 'Then shall thy light break forth as the morning

and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.'" *Welfare Ministry*, pp. 33-34.

You, my fellow believer, are the "church." Will you accept your God-given work? May I repeat, "The work of beneficence enjoined in this chapter is the work God requires His people to do at this time."

"Requires," did it say? Does this mean there are works "required" for our salvation? No! Absolutely not! But if we claim to be God's sons and daughters, there are some things He expects of us as such.

"I love Thee, I love Thee, I love Thee, my Lord.

But how much I love Thee, my actions do show."

Church Hymnal, 343.

Brandom Introduces New Cabinet

Brandom Kitchens began manufacturing a new line of cabinets during February — Custom II. The first completed units rolled off the Keene assembly line the last week of February, and



Ken Polk, Brandom's sales representative for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, inspects one of the new Custom II cabinets.

the Gentry and Corrales plans are expected to begin production in March.

Brandom has manufactured custom cabinets for many years on an order-by-order basis. About a year ago the company introduced the Fairview line, a standardized, lower-cost cabinet — a major feature of which was simpler construction and more efficient assembly. Company officials soon recognized that many of the time- and cost-saving features of the mass-produced Fairview line could be applied to their custom product, thus standardizing the custom line far more than in the past. Custom II was born.

Custom II will continue to be a higher priced, better quality cabinet than the Fairview line. It will include an all-wood interior instead of the part masonite (especially along the back wall) that had been used in the past. Shelves, though manufactured of fiber wood (a stronger material than regular wood and totally non-warping) will be veneered to look like regular wood. "We have the same top quality product as before," says the production man-



CAFFEINE ??

Thomas J. Lipton Inc., the tea company, analyzed the amounts of caffeine in a 12-ounce can of a number of popular soft drinks, and this is how "Food Processing" reported they measured in milligrams up in the caffeine derby: Coca-Cola, 64.7 mg.; Dr. Pepper, 60.9 mg.; Mountain Dew, 54.7 mg.; Diet Dr. Pepper, 54.2 mg.; Tab, 49.4 mg.; Pepsi Cola, 43.1 mg.; RC Cola, 33.7 mg.; Diet RC, 33 mg.; and Diet-Rite, 31.7 mg. A 5-ounce cup of coffee has 90 to 125 mg. of caffeine, depending on brewing method, according to research by the Pan-American Coffee Bureau. Tea has 30 to 70 mg. ("Tea and coffee drinking is a sin." *COUNSELS ON DIET AND FOODS*, Ellen G. White, p. 425).

ager, Bob Jacobson, "but we can get the orders out to the customer much faster than before."

Custom II is expected to increase Brandom's total sales significantly. Where the ratio of custom to Fairview

has been about 20/80 during the past year, company officials expect Custom II to push that to 30/70 without significantly dropping the total volume of Fairview sales.

MARVIN MOORE,
Free-lance Writer.



Huguley Memorial Hospital

Meet Chief of Staff Dennis L. Lehman, M.D.

Chief of staff at Huguley Memorial Hospital, Dennis L. Lehman, M.D., is quite a ways from his hometown of Elgin, North Dakota. After taking pre-med courses at the University of North Dakota, he graduated with an M.D. from the University of Maryland in Baltimore. He spent a year interning in South Bend, Indiana. Then two years



Dr. Lehman

with the public health service brought Dr. Lehman to Texas. A dozen years ago he decided he liked the Fort Worth climate — the weather, as well as the opportune atmosphere for setting up his own family practice.

Today Dr. Lehman is the president of the Tarrant County Academy of Family Practitioners and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Tarrant County Medical Society. He is also on the Executive Committee at St. Joseph Hospital as well as being chief of staff at Huguley Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Lehman thinks that Huguley Memorial Hospital is starting out on the right foot for providing medical care in the community. As he says, "I feel that Huguley Memorial Hospital can only continue to increase in size and public recognition."

500 Celebrate Huguley's First Birthday

An estimated 500 persons attended Huguley Memorial Hospital's first year anniversary celebration and open house held Sunday, February 26.

At 1:30 visitors were already waiting in the lobby to tour the 16.5 million

dollar structure. Just before 2:00 p.m. those present began signing the guest book. Families received a Huguley Memorial Hospital miniature first aid kit and began their tour. After a pause at the memorial wall displaying contributors' plaques, guests visited the chapel, board room, administrative offices, and patients' business office.

The visitors saw blood being analyzed in the laboratory's Coulter Counter Senior before watching a cardiopulmonary stress test in progress.

After a look at physical therapy and the doctors' office building, guests toured through radiology and part of emergency, then went through nursing administration and the nursing tower.

Visitors were invited to stop by the health education department where they received information on upcoming community health education programs and some anti-smoking buttons, some of which read, "Smoking makes you real gone — about 8 years sooner" or "The family that smokes together, chokes together." The health education's programs scheduled for the first half of 1978 include Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking, Stress Management Seminars, a Weight Management program, and several "Breadmakes."

After touring the pharmacy the guests enjoyed refreshments in the cafeteria.



A radiology technician shows examples of x-rays and ultra-sound recordings to visitors at Huguley Memorial Hospital's first birthday celebration and open house.

Offering to Be Taken for the Hour of Prophecy

I want to call the attention of all Hour of Prophecy listeners, and all the readers of the RECORD, to a very special date: April 8. Mark it on your calendars, and plan to have a part with us. That is the date for the Texas-wide special offering.



Bob Thrower

Churches in Texas will participate in this offering during regular worship services. However, there are Christians everywhere who believe in the work of the Hour of Prophecy, and who will want to have a part in this offering. So why not just mail your check or money order to us here at the HOP headquarters?

I want all our listeners and readers to know exactly what their dollars will be spent for. Our budget as approved by the Hour of Prophecy board at the beginning of 1978 was \$216,458. The large majority of this is for our radio and literature ministry — about \$150,000. The remainder is for insurance, maintenance, equipment, office supplies, and secretarial help — all of which contributes to the promotion of the gospel.

A major goal for 1978 — one which we hope to realize by the middle of this year — is the dedication of our new headquarters completed and paid for. At our dedication ceremonies we will present to God a building that has no mortgage hanging over its head.

Another major objective of the HOP this year is to end the year in the black and this is where you, our loyal friends, can help. You may not be able to preach, but you can support those who do with your offerings and your prayers. We assure you that the Hour of Prophecy has no huge savings account stashed away from the thousands of dollars given to us, as some religious organizations apparently do. The dollars we receive are spent immediately for the spread of the gospel. You may be sure that your dollars are well invested in the Hour of Prophecy. Thank you for your loyal support.

Address all correspondence to: The Hour of Prophecy, P.O. Box 1417, Fort Worth, TX 76101.

A Report to the People

by your Union Conference Secretary . . . Bill May



● 80 attended the Five-Day Stop Smoking Plan recently completed at Huguley Hospital. Approximately 65 kicked the habit. A total of 110 participated in the "Breadmake" at the hospital last week. Huguley's new board, elected at the February 16 constituency meeting, is as follows:

B. E. Leach, president, Southwestern Union Conference
John Koobs, Huguley Hospital administrator
K. C. Beem, union assistant secretary
James Bothe, businessman
Ben Bowen, Brandom president
R. E. Callicott, businessman
Dennis Duncan, businessman
W. C. Jones, president, Southwest Region
Dr. D. L. Lehman, chief of staff
Bill May, union secretary
Don McAdams, president, SAC
Cyril Miller, Texas Conference president
R. L. Pelton, General Conference Health Department
Robert Rider, Oklahoma Conference president
V. L. Roberts, treasurer, Southwestern Union
I. R. Toews, president, Southwest Adventist Health Services, Inc.
Dr. Jerry Mitchell, physician
H. D. Johnson, General Conference Treasury Department

● It was a heart-warming experience to speak at the Southwest Region church officers' rally for Southern Louisiana at the New Orleans Ephesus church on Sabbath, February 4. The Southwest Region staff is conducting six great sectional church officers meetings to help get 1978 off to a dynamic start. If the New Orleans rally was typical the people are responding with excitement.

● Recently I sat in the lobby at the college cafeteria over the noon hour waiting to see someone. It was an exciting experience. Nearly every young person entering or leaving the cafeteria smiled and greeted me as if I were the King of England. What a friendly, delightful group of youth.

● During the week of February 14-17, six major meetings were held at Keene: 1. New Union Trust Services meeting, 2. Presidents' Council, 3. College Board, 4. Huguley Hospital Constituency, 5. Union Executive Committee, and 6. Southwest Adventist Health Services, Inc. Much, much was accomplished for the advancement of God's cause.

● Texico's 1978 baptismal objective is 10 per week average. Amen!

● 31 people became charter members of the Covington, Louisiana, church, which was organized on February 11. Amen!

● Ernest Schwab is the new pastor for New Orleans First church. Ernie worked in Texas a few years ago. He is presently secretary of trust services for North Dakota.

● The first issue of MINISTRY magazine has been sent to all clergymen in the Southwest. Pray.

● Approximately 320 attended the "It Is Written" Seminar in New Orleans and over 200 in Baton Rouge. Follow-up meetings two nights weekly are most encouraging.

● Lena (Dayse) Day, secretary to union president, Ben Leach, is about ready to return to work from surgery a few days ago. Welcome back, Dayse. We missed you.



● Recently I heard someone pray, "and forgive us for the murderous way we handle time."

● Bill Wilson, (Health Department, General Conference) said at our recent hospital corporation meeting, "Example is not the main thing in influencing people. It is the only thing."



J. Fletcher



L. Boggess

● Arkansas-Louisiana literature evangelists, under the leadership of publishing director, Jerry Fletcher, showed a sales gain of 64% in January 1978 over January 1977.

● Larry Boggess, Texas publishing director, sends word that, in all, 40 new literature evangelists have been approved for service in Texas since October of 1977. This doubles Texas' work force. Their sales goal is \$1,500,000.00 and their soul goal is 150 for 1978. Outstanding!



S. Harris



J. Melashenko

● Oklahoma has slated 45 evangelistic series for 1978. Among them are two by Stanley Harris, in Oklahoma City and Ardmore and one by Joe Melashenko (VOP) in Muskogee. Conference baptismal goal is 614.

● A contract was signed by Texas officers for sale of Lone Star Camp to a black church group with headquarters in Houston. Sale price is \$500,000.00. Half is due by July 1978 and the balance within nine months.

● New ministerial interns for Oklahoma are Dan Jensen, Sallisaw; and Larry Priest, May 1978 SAC graduate. Wallace Sullivan and Carlos Garza (both SAC 1978 grads) have been called to Texico as interns. Both have been student missionaries.

● Camp meeting dates and places 1978:

Arkansas-Louisiana — Gentry, Arkansas — June 9-17
— New Orleans — June 23 and 24
Oklahoma — Oklahoma City — July 7-15
Southwest Region — Undecided — Undecided
Texas — Keene — June 9-17
Texico — Sandia View Academy — June 16-24
Philosda — Keene — August 10-19

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

Southwestern Union Publishing Department Honor Roll

DECEMBER

Sales over \$3,000 per month and
140 hours = \$100 bonus

Name	Conference	Sales
Raymond Garner	— Texico	\$4,674.08
George Buchanan	— Ark.-La.	3,940.88
Barry George	— Texico	3,935.75
Louis Jones	— Texas	3,714.30
David McDaniel	— Texico	3,596.80
Hazel Pennington	— Texas	3,570.28
Dan Farr	— Texas	3,422.67

Sales over \$2,500 per month and
140 hours = \$50 bonus

Terry Anderson	— Texas	2,884.10
Ruth Hanson	— Texas	2,821.95
Jack Haley	— Oklahoma	2,810.40
Ed Lassman	— Texico	2,773.35
Bee Gill	— Texico	2,758.50
John Poland	— Ark.-La.	2,546.85
Frances Marinkovic	— Texas	2,505.25

Union-Wide Singles Retreat CAMP YORKTOWN BAY

near Hot Springs, Arkansas

April 7-9, 1978

Guests: Elders Ben Leach, president; and Bill May, secretary Southwestern Union, MV directors Larry Schneider of Oklahoma, and Gary Rust of Arkansas-Louisiana Conference; Ray and Ouida Turner of Barron-Turner Evangelistic Team; and Garland Day, chaplain and board member, IPC.

Cost: \$22.50 — members, \$30.00 — guests. Covers two nights and seven meals, beginning Friday evening. Bring own linens, towels, etc. Checks must accompany reservations. Airline pick-up must be arranged by April 4. A \$5.00 rate increase is in effect for reservations received after April 4.

	Members	Guests
Registration	\$3.00	\$5.00
Meals	2.50	3.00
Lodging	4.00	4.50

Reservations: Southwest Philsoda Chapter — Box 843 — Keene, TX 76059, 817-641-9440

Directions: Follow Hwy. 227 north from U.S. 270. Follow 227 until you come to a big camp sign. Exit left here and follow signs into camp. It is 12 miles to camp from Hot Springs.

Activities: Sharing our faith, prayer partners, hiking, sports, games, rap session, talent program, good wholesome fellowship. Also planning session for organizing chapters throughout the Southwest. Bring dress and sport clothes.



southwestern adventist college

Southwestern Adventist College

ALUMNI REUNION and HOMECOMING, April 6-9, 1978. Honored classes will be 1928, 1938, 1948, and 1958 — both academy and junior college classes.

An outstanding program is being planned, from banquet Thursday evening to luncheon Sunday noon. All former students are urged to come. Please let us hear from you.

Ben L. Hassenpflug, President,
Alumni Association.

Midgley Returns With His Lyceum "Colorado Chuckleogue"

You can catch the ol' pro at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, 1978, at Leiske-Pulstar Auditorium in Keene. The "Mark Twain of the Camera" is back for his third lyceum. Midgley needs no introduction for he is as much an institution in American travel films as "Baseball, hot dogs, apple pie, and Chevrolet." In addition to his beautiful photogra-

phy, he loads his films with his own personal brand of trick photography and "gags" that are chuckle-provoking in the truest sense.

Tickets: \$3.75, \$3.25, \$2.50 or season ticket. Phone: 817-645-3921 ext. 264 (641-8536, home phone: evenings or weekends) Dr. Joe L. Wheeler; or ext. 269 Dr. Ervin Sicher; or you can write for information and tickets to Dr. Joe L. Wheeler, Director, Community Lyceum Series, Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, TX 76059.



Stan Midgley



arkansas- louisiana

New Company in Magnolia, Arkansas

December 17, 1977, saw the fulfillment of a dream for the believers in Magnolia, Arkansas. That was the day the folk were organized into a company.

Two years ago when Pastor Tom Patzer arrived in the El Dorado district he met with the conference president and expressed concern that there was no Seventh-day Adventist Church in Magnolia, even though it was a good-sized city. President Elder then men-

tioned that he had that same concern for a number of years. He said he colported in Magnolia as a youth right after he joined the church.

It seemed the time was right and the Lord was leading, so with excitement the Elder-Patzer evangelistic meetings were planned for Magnolia for the fall of 1976.

There were already a couple of Seventh-day Adventist families living in the Magnolia area who were a big



Lee Ann White signs the roll as a charter member at Magnolia, Arkansas, as the Seventh-day Adventist Company there is being organized. Standing left to right are: Rusty Cloud, Charlesetta Eason, Rosie Jakes, Mrs. Wright, Pastors Terry McCormick and Tom Patzer, and Elders B. Page Haskell and W. H. Elder.

help. Opening night saw close to 100 fill the rented hall. There were several baptisms during the meetings and at least one more later as a result of the meetings.

Elder Harold Williams spent some time in the area giving Bible studies and following up interests. The group continued to grow and began renting the hall they had used for the crusade as their meeting place each Sabbath.

Currently Pastor Terry McCormick has charge of Sabbath services each week. This is tremendous, considering the fact that Terry has a full-time job

as accountant in the conference office. The group is enthusiastic and they feel it won't be long until they can have a church of their own.

Now the Lord has a light in what was recently a dark city.

Ingathering Bossier Style

With the united effort of all those from two years old to 87 years old, the Bossier church surpassed its Ingathering goal. In spite of cold weather, evangelistic meetings, and losing the lay activities leader, the Lord took over and success was realized.



Jasper Wayne Award winners from Bossier church. From left: P. I. Nosworthy, Mary Jo Shackelford, Cindy Shackelford, Terri Carter, Jerry Waggoner, and Starla Carter.

Many of the Ingatherers were brand-new members who were going out for the first time. Two of them, Cindy and Mary Jo Shackelford, received the Jasper Wayne award.

Starla Carter, a 12-year-old girl, who with her family joined the church three years ago, has won the Jasper Wayne award each of those three years that she has been an Adventist. Her influence helped to inspire the other girls to become Jasper Wayne winners.

With the wonderful help of the Lord we went over the goal of \$2,100 and we give Him all the praise.

JERRY WAGGONER,
Ingathering Leader,
Bossier City Church.



These two little girls from the Texarkana church learned all 13 memory verses in the last quarter of 1977 and are continuing their record this quarter. Stephanie Smith, age five, is on the left and Lorie Crone, age four, is at the right. These little ladies were also involved in Ingathering this year for the first time. Together they raised \$119.55 working in the shopping centers.

Sharon Smith, Teacher,
Kindergarten Department.

Members of the Houma, Louisiana, church made Christmas a bit brighter when they delivered baskets loaded with food to six families on Christmas eve. Pictured with the baskets are Telcis Cantrelle, Leroy Spencer, and Darlene and Roger Fitch.



OAA Holds Opening Ceremonies for New R. E. Callicott Educational Center

The new R. E. Callicott Educational Center was formally opened at Ozark Adventist Academy Sunday, February 4, 1978, with Elders Robert Rider, W. H. Elder, and B. E. Leach participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The event came as a climax to a weekend filled with activities celebrating the growth and progress of the academy. Alumni and former staff members came from far and near for a reunion. Guest speakers at the various events included Dr. Walton Brown of the General Conference Educational Department; Joseph H. Bischoff, principal during the construction of the

administration building 1946-50; H. E. Haas and Dean Kinsey, principals 1955-57 and 1969-73 respectively; James Albright, Arkansas secondary school supervisor; and Elder Frank Sherrill, Arizona Conference president, formerly Arkansas-Louisiana Conference president.

A special program Sabbath afternoon traced the history of the school from its beginning as a church school housed in annexes of the first Gentry church building, through its early days as a boarding academy, to the present campus that includes two modern dormitories, a cafeteria that can ac-



Ozark Adventist Academy's principal, Richard Bendall, stands beside a framed photo of R. E. Callicott in whose honor the Educational Center was named.

commodate 250 diners, an industrial arts complex, a gymnasium-auditorium, housing for 14 families, and now the new administration-education complex.

Construction began on the center in October 1976 with Mr. Mike Tyner as construction superintendent and Mr. Edwin deMeritt as architectural consultant. Although some finish work remains to be done, the groups that toured the building found the offices, classrooms, laboratories, and chapel to be not only adequate for considerable expansion but also comfortable and attractive. Both the music and home-making departments, formerly located in divergent areas on campus, will have



Adventist leaders join the jubilant crowd in the foyer of the new Callicott Educational Center: B. E. Leach, president of the Southwest Union; W. H. Elder, Arkansas-Louisiana Conference president; and Robert Rider, Oklahoma Conference president.

attractive quarters for their activities. The spacious library will offer study and research facilities for students and faculty alike. In the administrative section there is space for conference rooms, a vault for records, offices for the principal, registrar, and treasurer, a bookstore, work space for all the clerical assistants, and individual mail boxes for every student and staff member. There is a student center and lockers for each student. A total of 52,000 square feet of floor space is provided by this modern million-dollar structure, centrally heated and air-conditioned to make student life at Ozark comfortable and provide the teachers with ideal educational conditions.

God has blessed the growth of Ozark Adventist Academy and it is the aim of every board member and teacher to make Ozark a haven for Christian young people preparing for service in these last days of earth's history.

VELDA NELSON.

Oklahoma Investment Offering

Oklahoma Sabbath School members are very active in Investment projects. 1977 was a good year. The Lord blessed in a mighty way as people invested their money, time and talent for the advancement of God's work. The Conference total was \$32,421.36. This is an increase of \$2,549.00 over 1976!

Muskogee — \$2,397.07 was the total Investment figure for 1977. One family had over \$600.00. Three families had over \$200.00 each. Another three were over \$100.00 each. A young boy raised



SUMMER CAMP

Horseshoe Canyon Camp

- June 4-11 — Teen
- June 11-18 — Ages 13-16
- June 11-18 — Adventurers
Ages 10-12
- June 18-25 — Pre-Adventurer
Ages 8 & 9
- June 25-July 2 — Friendship

\$55.00 collecting 200 pop bottles and over 4,000 aluminum cans.

Wagoner — This Sabbath School raised two calves, made flower arrangements, bedspreads, pillows and macrame. Their total was \$1,249.91, with an overflow of \$919.91.

Tahlequah — This Sabbath School had the highest overflow amount in the conference. The members raised \$3,046.74, which gave them an overflow of \$2,524.74. The Lord certainly blessed their efforts.

Okeene — \$2,780.68, overflow of \$1,586.68. *Shattuck* — \$2,358.40, which is an overflow of \$1,290.40. *Claremore* had a total of \$1,617.28, which gave them an overflow of \$1,041.28.

Each Oklahoma Sabbath School has accepted the challenge to raise their goals and allow the Lord to work once more in a miraculous way.

NEVILLE HARCOMBE,
Sabbath School Director.

MADILL INVESTMENT PROJECT — Three ladies in the Madill Sabbath School were wonderfully blessed during their investment project in 1977. Olga Speer, gave one dollar for each new member in their Sabbath School class. She gave \$12.00. Ruth Stevens set aside a seven-year old apple tree that had never produced. The Lord blessed and she was able to sell a bushel of large apples. Gertrude Ridpath gave to investment each time she did her own hair. They hope to have a larger investment program for 1978.

Ruth Stevens,
Madill Investment Leader.



Representing top echelon for the state and the denomination are James G. Albright from the Arkansas Department of Education, and Walton J. Brown of the General Conference Educational Department.

Among the musical features of the day several numbers were presented by the band under the direction of David Burghart. Also Jerry Taylor had an appropriate choral group.





5-DAY PLAN IN GOODWELL, January 22-27 — Out of 20 registering and 19 attending, 15 persons were able to "kick the tobacco habit in just five days!" "This was my most enthusiastic group yet!" reported Pastor Ertis Johnson, Guymon district leader. "One successful graduate is now attending our five-night 'mini-crusade' in the same rented hall", the pastor added. "Pray for him."

Neville Harcombe, Communications Director.



INGATHERING ACHIEVEMENTS — The Madill membership may be small but they are very active in all areas of church work. This little group is very proud of their Ingathering accomplishments. They went over their goal before Christmas. Tresia Fry, 11 years old, went door-to-door and took in over \$50.00.

Neville Harcombe, Communications Director.

Still Faithful at 103

"I have been a Seventh-day Adventist for 87 years," says Mrs. Rosie Taylor, who has lived three years longer than a century.



Mrs. Taylor

Mrs. Taylor was born in Missouri on February 5, 1875. She moved to Oklahoma City in 1894 and has lived here ever since except for a short time spent in Ardmore.

Following camp meeting in 1895 she was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church and has been a faithful member for 87 years. She is a member of the Choctaw church, where she and her husband, W. T. Taylor, were charter members in 1935. Mrs. Taylor's seven living children who all attend church are a real testimony to her witness.

Mrs. Taylor had this to say about the world we live in, "The world today has lost its love and concern for people." She went on to say, "We have to be careful, lest we lose our way."

Mrs. Taylor's advice to all of us is to "develop more love for one another."

LARRY SCHNEIDER, Pastor,
Choctaw Church.

OKLAHOMA NEWS ROUNDUP

▶ Three Five-Day Stop Smoking Clinics have been held.

Muskogee — 20 quit smoking.

Oklahoma City — 8 quit smoking.

Guthrie — 8 quit smoking.

▶ Jerry V. Schnell, lay activities director, assisted by Larry Schneider, youth director and Beaman Senecal, educational director; and Jim Sickler, Tulsa school teacher, returned Wednesday, February 22, from an enjoyable Ingather-

ing reward trip; which included visiting Monument Valley, Utah Mission Hospital, and New Mexico.

▶ Three well-attended Sabbath School workshops were held in Ardmore, Tulsa, and Oklahoma City during the month of February.

▶ 650 people have already seen the new color movie "Yes, I Remember Ellen White."

▶ Mrs. Vera Wolfe, Community Services director, reports that the medical-dental van was at the following places during the month of

February: Altus, Enid, Stillwater, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Norman. 510 people received oral cancer and/or diabetes and blood-pressure checks.

Neville Harcombe,
Communications Director.



**southwest
region**

Elder J. M. Phipps Is New Conference Evangelist for Southwest Region

The entire Southwest Region Conference welcomes Elder and Mrs. J. M. Phipps and family. Elder Phipps will be serving as the conference evangelist and ministerial secretary of the conference. He is the son of the late Elder F. C. Phipps who labored in the Allegheny conference for many years. Phipps was born in Camden, New Jersey, and received his formal education in Adventist schools. He is a graduate of Andrews University. His early years



J. M. Phipps

of ministry was spent in the South Atlantic Conference where he was pastor and conference evangelist. He comes to us from the Lake Region Conference where he has labored for the past fourteen years as conference evangelist and ministerial secretary. He comes to us with a wealth of experience in public evangelistic efforts.

Phipps has conducted 29 major evangelistic efforts and baptized over 2,000 in the past 10 years. He is married to the former Leola Lewis. They have six lovely children, two are students at Oakwood College.

DORIS JONES, Reporter,
Southwest Region
Conference.



On February 11 the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Chapter of the Oakwood National Alumni Association held a box social. This was the first fund-raising activity of the chapter for 1978.



Auctioneers were Mrs. Helen Turner and Dr. H. E. Alexander. A total of \$350 was raised as the result of the activity. The City Temple MV Department also had available other snacks.



Other highlights for the evening were a basketball game between Houston-Bellfort and City Temple, a handicapped basketball game (ladies versus the men), volleyball, and table games. (Pictured Houston team who won over Dallas by two points.) J. C. Hicks, President, Dallas-Fort Worth Oakwood Alumni Association.



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at Berean Junior Academy

On Sunday, January 22, 1978, scores of patrons and friends gathered in the Baton Rouge church auditorium despite the low 20-degree temperatures, for the colorful ribbon-cutting ceremony. The dedication was open house for the new classrooms, administrative offices, and library facilities for Berean Junior Academy.

The Home and School Association sponsored the dedicatory services. Mrs. Womack H. Rucker, president of the association, presided. She traced the historical development of the school from a one-room, one-teacher school to its present student body of 350; a staff of 15 including a full-time principal and a full-time bookkeeper; and a diversified curriculum that attracts students from all segments of the community. Mrs. L. A. Thompson, principal, pastors, and friends are to be commended for this marvelous growth. The principal was cited for her outstanding leadership.

Pictured left to right Leroy Pero, guest trumpeter; Earl Taylor, guest soloist; Mrs. L. A. Thompson, principal; the Honorable Mr. George Peabody, administrative assistant to the Mayor-President; and C. R. Pritchett, pastor.



FIRST CHURCH OFFICERS' MEETING HELD IN SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA — The Southwest Region Conference scheduled eight church officers' meetings to acquaint the officers with the program for the year. The first meeting was held in Shreveport Sabbath, January 7, 1978. (Pictures, left to right) The believers gathered and joined wholeheartedly in the Sabbath school and morning services. The conference president, W. C. Jones, cheers the hearts of the believers with last year's accomplishments and stresses the importance of every officer cooperating with the conference objectives of baptizing 1,000 in 1978. The afternoon consisted of many special features after a palatable meal. A recital was given by Weslene Wiley and Joyce Allen. We are grateful to have young people playing an active role in the major services of the church. Joyce sings and plays and is a student at Southwestern Adventist College. This program was given to promote the newly organized church in Natchitoches, Louisiana. The officers assembled in their various departments for instructions from Elders Hicks, Howell, Jones, and Baez for this year's activities. This first meeting set the pace for the other meetings to follow.

SECOND OFFICERS' MEETING HELD IN HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS — Sabbath, January 14, 1978, marked our second officers' meeting in Hot Springs. W. S. Banskfield of the General Conference was delayed for hours in an attempt to reach our meeting because ice and snow covered most of the area all the way to the east coast. The believers from Arkansas came through the snow, and Elder Banskfield, our morning speaker, gave food for thought. Elder Kibble, the host pastor, planned well for this meeting and much good was accomplished.



Emmanuel church in Cleburne, Texas, had an outstanding Ingathering victory banquet at the Southwestern Adventist College cafeteria, Sunday, December 4. The ladies as well as the tables were beautifully decorated, and a nice program was planned for the evening. The lay activities leader, Bro. E. Domino, announced that the Cleburne district made history for raising the largest goal in the shortest period of time. They hope to do even better this year in a shorter campaign.

Louise Booker, Reporter.



texas

Denton Church Lays Foundation for New Sanctuary Complex

Church members in Denton, Texas, are rejoicing that the foundation had been laid for their new church home. The congregation has been meeting in a women's club building for approximately 20 years.

About the time the church was organized in 1958, the members sacrificed to purchase 6½ acres of land on Loop 288. This is now a prime location as a large shopping mall is under construction just across the highway. The church will stand as a light to all those entering the shopping area.

Plans call for a church of approximately 100' x 45' with a seating capacity of 175. Carl Sadau, head elder of the church, is sub contractor on the project thereby saving the members a considerable sum in construction expenses. The congregation will transfer to their new location this spring.

With a population of 45,000 and two universities, North Texas State University as well as Texas Women's University, Denton church members are anxious to be in a representative building where they can continue to carry on an aggressive program of soul winning.

FRED MURRAY, *Pastor*.

Beaumont Hosts More Five-Day Plans

In the Church

Before Sam Miller, pastor of Beaumont church made his final departure for the Fort Hood-Killeen-Temple district, he crammed into his busy schedule one more challenging experiment and that was to conduct a Five-Day Plan in the church. We liked the idea.

Time was limited but nothing was left to chance. Pastor Miller outlined the details to a "T," and Mary Nelson, PR secretary, was to take care of the press media — six radio, three TV stations, and five newspapers. Also, 13 businessmen received letters.

All was about ready for a big turn-



Concrete workers finish slab for new Denton church.

out when the weatherman reported the worst weather in 40 years was pushing in along with sleet, rain, and fog. Visibility was poor and it was suggested that folk remain in their homes.

When volunteers Bob Purgahn and Thomas Rhodes from Port Arthur and Mrs. T. E. Tupper and daughter Doreen from Vidor arrived, it did add a spark of hope to Sam Miller, Charlotte and Joe Harris, and Rudy Nelson, greeters.

Would anyone dare to venture out? They did. Seventeen persons enrolled with a determined air about them — for they came for a purpose. They needed what the Five-Day Plan had to offer.

There was something special about this group of people. The Lord was very near and hearts were responding in awe as the various speakers presented the plan. They liked what they heard and saw plus the fruit juices to renew energy.

In conclusion: 15 received diplomas for attendance and 12 reported they had quit smoking. Six or seven phoned to enrol at the next session.

A beautiful banquet was prepared the following Sunday evening in the dining area of the church. Twenty guests enjoyed a vegetarian feast. Their happy faces revealed sincerity in their profuse gratitude. Their image of Ad-

Texas Church Schools Present

Hill Country Pageant

Spring Camp Meeting
Climax

SUNDAY 10 A.M. — 2 P.M., APRIL 2
AT NAMELESS VALLEY RANCH

We're looking for volunteers who will bring animals, equipment, antiques, etc. to participate in the following demonstrations and events along with our church schools!



- Covered or buck-board wagons
- Blacksmith forge, anvil, and tools
- Lye soap making demonstration
- Sheep shearing and lamb feeding
- Horse shoeing on location
- Calves for NVR round-up branding



- Cow milking and butter churning
- Wash pot with scrub board
- Antiques for exhibition
- Wood chopping, cross-cut sawing
- Wool carding and spinning wheel



Attend Campers Camp Meeting
and Hill Country Pageant

Jefferson Academy Visitation Days

The Operating Committee of Jefferson Academy invites all students in grades 8, 9, 10, and 11 to attend our annual visitation days. The dates for this year are April 16, 17, 1978. Registration starts on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Come and be, "Number One," with us.



texico

Albuquerque Central Organizes Pathfinder Club

"Is my project dry yet?" . . . "That tire was hard to change!"

Those are just a couple of the comments you might hear around the Albuquerque Central church if you happened to drop by between 10:00 and 12:00 on Sunday mornings. Who would be making those comments? Members of one of the Texico Conference's newest Pathfinder clubs.

The Central church felt it was time to provide some activities for their young people. There had been no active club for some time and it was felt that reviving it would give the junior church members a chance to have fun together. Not only that, but the activities of the new club are also designed with a higher purpose in mind.

"It's important," stated Liz Swingle, director, "to know certain skills for use here on earth. But beyond that, it is even more vital to learn other skills that will prepare us to be good citizens in the heavenly kingdom. Practical skills in both these areas are emphasized."

The Pathfinders have a choice between two nature honors: cacti and chemistry. In addition, they may receive an honor in either auto mechanics or decoupage.

"I'm really learning a lot and having fun, too," stated one member.

Other club leaders besides Mrs. Swingle include Kirby Perry, deputy director; Box Swingle, boy's counselor; Jim Wolcott, drill director and chemistry instructor; Evelyn Perry, cacti and decoupage instructor. The club is ac-

"A - ten - SHUN!" Albuquerque Central Pathfinder Club with Jim Wolcott, drill director. Left to right: Kirby Perry (with granddaughter Michelle), Evelyn Perry, Liz Swingle, Tonda Wolcott, Jimmy Wolcott, and Scott Alcantar. Absent when picture was taken: Julie Leyba, Yvonne Apodaca, and Bob Swingle.



ATTENTION! All former teachers, students and alumni of **Sandia View Academy** (formerly Spanish-American Seminary). **Alumni Weekend** will be **March 24 and 25, 1978**. Honor classes are 1948, 1958, and 1968. Elder Joseph Espinosa, departmental secretary, Texico Conference will speak. Send your current address to D. D. Holtz, Alumni Association Executive Secretary, Sandia View Academy, P.O. Box 98, Corrales, NM 87048.

Jerry A. Ruybalid,
Publicity Secretary.

tively supported by their pastor Gerald Retzer.

Future plans include honors in gardening, home nursing and more crafts.

LIZ SWINGLE,
Communications Secretary.

Fruits of the Tabloid In Belen

Answering to the plan of placing one tabloid in every home, the Belen church has been faithfully covering the area that corresponds to them.

As fruit of this work, 14 persons have already solicited the offers that the tabloid makes. Immediately, seven of them accepted Bible studies, and the other seven are being cultivated weekly by taking personally a folder of the Amazing Facts, for most of them solicited the folder entitled "Has Holy Wedlock Become Unholy Deadlock?"

One of the interested who asked for a Bible, when he received it, expressed that he lamented that so late in life had he come to know it; and revealed that every Tuesday he and his wife would get together with two other families to study it avidly.

We ask God that the delivery of each tabloid by hand by the faithful church members may initiate a chain reaction that may bring many souls to the feet of the Saviour! **CRUZ CASTRO.**

ventism had made a change. All agreed they'd never attended anything like it.

Space permits only one testimonial. He recently completed a stop-smoking course that used the sliding scale type of fee — \$150 to \$350 per person. It was ineffective. It just didn't work. But the Five-Day Plan touches the total man. "It works and I've quit smoking but I follow the rules. This has been the greatest achievement of my life" were his closing remarks. As he bade Pastor Miller good bye, he placed a \$100 check in his hand.

The guests left happy, but the happiest people were those who served.

In a High School

The usual format in presenting the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking caters to persons who want to quit smoking. Even then, the plan presents challenges. But it was just the opposite for the 21 students of Forest Park High School, Beaumont, who were detailed for breaking the smoking rules of the school. They could either attend a Special Assignment Class (SAC) or a Five-Day Plan. All 21 chose the plan because it seemed the easiest and they were sure no one could change their way of life. In fact they wanted more freedom and the right to smoke when and where they pleased. They felt that smoking was their own personal business.

Suffice to say, decisions had been made before the last session rolled around. Sixteen reported having kicked the habit and five had cut their ratio drastically. All 21 generously expressed their appreciation for having had a new look upon the value of right living. It works!

Wally Burns, pastor of the Port Arthur church, has accepted the request to continue the plan at Forest Park High School. For months other schools of the Golden Triangle have been eyeing the results of the plan in relation to student attitude, behavioral pattern and study. So far they like what they have seen and heard.

MARY BOS NELSON, PR Secretary,
Beaumont Church.

Prayers Are Answered In Hereford

How better to start a new year than to dedicate a new baby to the Lord? Little Selena, 2½-month-old daughter of Pat and David Varner, was held in Elder Harry Passion's arms as she was presented to God, asking that He bless this tiny creation of His, so frail and yet so beautiful.

Selena was born two months prematurely and spent 15 days in infant ICU. Many prayers were offered in behalf of the little one, and now she weighs 11 lbs. — a pink, pretty, healthy baby.

The baby's father, who has been a member of our church just a bit over a year, was ordained to serve as a deacon in the church for the coming year. He is employed at Furr Food, Inc. in Hereford. When he learned of the Sabbath from Pat, now his wife and who also was employed at Furr's he decided to ask the manager about having Sabbaths off. He and Pat prayed outside the door before going in to speak to the manager. He agreed to let him have Saturday off.

Indeed God does hear and answer prayer! Not only for fathers, but for babies, too.

MAE GRIMES,
Communications Secretary,
Hereford Church.

Albuquerque Central Emphasizes Youth

In order to provide its youth a complete and useful service, the Albuquerque Central church has formed a Youth Council. This council has the important responsibility of providing fun and beneficial activities for its young people, ages 16-20. Numerous and well-planned activities give the youth wholesome entertainment where otherwise they might be tempted to seek less desirable activities simply because there's "nothing to do."

One of these activities was an ice cream social and film "John Baker's Last Race." This initial activity was well attended, not only by Central youth, but by the other Albuquerque churches: Spanish, Bethesda, Southwest, and Heights.

Another activity was a snow picnic at Hyde Park near Santa Fe. Since Albuquerque itself had very little snow, it was a great attraction to go only 60 miles away and find piles of the white stuff. Inner tubes and sleds

made many fast-moving trips down the steep hills. A potluck lunch was provided as well as a cozy fire. All in all, the exercise in God's great out-of-doors was a big hit.

Still another big attraction was a singspiration. Hosted by the Central church, the two-hour program brought talent and audience from all the other churches. Approximately 200 people joined in singing and listening. Many people expressed a desire to have more of this type of program.

Once a month an outreach activity will take place. The month of February found a group of young people visiting the home of a sick woman and providing good cheer.

All in all, the outlook for youth in Albuquerque Central is looking up.

LIZ SWINGLE,
Communications Secretary.

LET THEM KNOW YOU CARE

It's an average-size magazine with a full-color cover, and it's filled with spiritual and devotional articles. That's all MESSAGE is. Yet . . .

In its stories of faith, its doctrinal articles, its interpretation of prophecy, its quiet meditation, its prayer circle, MESSAGE tells your loved ones you remembered them and their spiritual needs.

Because it is mailed every other month (monthly in the summer). It is a gift that keeps on giving. Because its pages are devoted to personal daily use, its spirit of giving is renewed each day.

Near or far away, loved ones, friends, business acquaintances, will remember you as they read each provocative issue of MESSAGE in home, office, or as they travel. It will provide an unfailing reminder that there is something greater than the present, that God has a new world to replace the sorrow and

sordidness of the old. Send subscriptions to MESSAGE . . . let them know you care. There are newly designed gift cards available for you to announce your gift. Be sure to check the appropriate box on the MESSAGE order forms which are available at your church or the Adventist Book Center.

In spite of rising costs the special 1978 campaign rate is still only \$3.25 for each one-year subscription (seven issues), plus 40c for overseas or Canada.

Please place your order through your church Lay Activities secretary or the local Adventist Book Center.



BUSINESS NOTICES

Send all business notices to your local conference office for approval. Rate: 40 words or less, one insertion \$7.50. Each additional word, including names and addresses, 20c per word. Payment must accompany copy. No refund on cancellations. One ad only per person or company per issue; 80 word maximum. Some display ad space available at higher rates.

We have houses in and around Keene. If you want to build your own, we have lots. Contact us for all your Real Estate needs. Richardson Real Estate, Village Mall, Box 932, Keene, TX 76059. Marita Richardson, Broker. 817-641-9112. p6-2

REGISTERED NURSES needed immediately in 45-bed hospital. Competitive salary and good working conditions. Contact: Director of Nurses, Rusk Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 317, Rusk TX 75785. Phone: 214-683-2273. p6-3

DARK AREA EVANGELISM — The Texas Conference is recruiting self-supporting missionaries to enter 40 dark areas to help build up new churches. We will help locate. Be active in finishing God's work. For more information call or write: Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 2838 Hemphill Street, Fort Worth, TX 76110. Phone (817) 921-6181. p6-1

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER — In need of highly trained lead systems programmers. Should be knowledgeable with IBM 370-158, OS, MVS, HASP, CICS/DMS: 3-5 years of experience with COBOL, Mark IV; accounting background highly desired. Salary 16-18K. If interested, please contact Dick Garner, Loma Linda University Personnel, (714) 796-7311. p6-1

This is "Spirit of Prophecy" Year, Leslie Hardinge, Ph.D., has recorded two new albums of cassettes dealing with the work of Ellen White, proving positive authenticity and Divine Guidance. Vital for our times. Many other recorded sermons and lectures. For free descriptive literature, write Sermons to Live By, Box 5041, Oxnard, CA 93031. p6-1

Live in S.D.A. college town. Write for free pictures, descriptions of homes, and acreages for sale. Kindergarten through college offered. Near Huguley Hospital and metropolitan area. Also, local industries for work prospects. Key Realty, P.O. Box 319, Keene, TX 76059. 817-641-6265. p6-1

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY — Challenging position for secretary with a B.S. in business administration or secretarial science and minimum of three years' hospital administration experience. This position will require assisting the assistant administrator by performing secretarial and miscellaneous executive duties. Salary commensurate with experience plus excellent benefits. Contact Personnel, Porter Memorial Hospital, 2525 South Downing, Denver, CO 80210, (303) 778-1955, Ext. 1611. p6-2

WANT TO GET OUT OF CITY by small town on edge of Wilderness, yet close to hospital, stores, etc. for ideal living or retirement? Here's home for sale cheap! New fieldrock, 4-bedrooms, 2-baths, 1440 Sq. ft. plus large semi-basement, cedar-closet, patio, carport, central-heat, air-conditioning, plus economical wood-burning fireplace. Pavement. Many good extra building lots, easy terms! **BIG DISCOUNT** to missionary-minded Adventist interested helping start new churches. Arkansas Ozarks. Elder E. A. Lemon, Highway 14 East, Mountain View, AR 72560. Phone: 501-269-8527. p4-3

BIBLE LANDS TOUR. Visit Egypt, Greece, Jordan, Syria, Israel, Mt. Sinai, Turkey. June 5-27. College-sponsored. Students or non-students welcome. Academic credit available. Free brochure, contact Dr. George W. Reid, Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, TX 76059. (817) 645-3921, Ext. 430. p5-3

Now accepting applications for chief occupational therapist, medical transcriptionists, boiler operator, and vegetable cook at Shawnee Mission Medical Center, a progressive 400-bed suburban hospital located in Kansas City. For further information contact Daryl Gohl (913) 676-2255 or write 74th & Grandview, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201. p4-6

FULL-TIME WORK opportunity. Excellent potential for advancement. Great benefits: paid retirement, medical coverage, vacation, camp-meeting allowance, bonus program, and much more. No investment required, full on-the-job training. Positions open in Abilene, El Paso, and other areas. Contact Texico Pub. Dept., P.O. Box 7770, Amarillo, TX 79109 or call 806-353-7251. p6-4

RELOCATION SERVICE. Call DORIS MAY collect, c/o Realty World — National Services: (817) 244-1033 or (817) 295-9052. If you are moving to the Keene, Fort Worth, Huguley Hospital or surrounding areas, allow Doris to make your move as smooth and convenient as possible. p4-6

REAL ESTATE — Planning on buying home or investing in Northeastern Oklahoma? Have listings in Tulsa and Muskogee Multi-list. Write or call for descriptions and your needs. Mrs. Dot Wilcox, Century 21, Tahlequah Realtors, 1801 South Muskogee, Tahlequah, OK 74464. 456-5432. p25-10

Communications or copy not originating in a local conference of the Southwestern Union should be addressed to the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, P.O. Box 30, Keene, Texas 76059. **ALL COPY, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ADVERTISEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE** from church members in the Southwestern Union should be addressed to the **LOCAL CONFERENCE OFFICE.**

COPY DEADLINES

Announcement for Events on Weekend of	Should Be in Local Conference Office by
Apr. 29 and May 6	Mar. 22
May 13 and 20	Apr. 5
May 27 and June 3	April 19
June 10 and 17	May 3

SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

DIRECTORY

P.O. BOX 30
KEENE, TEXAS 76059

B. E. Leach — President
Bill May — Sec.; Ev. Coordinator
Ivan Toews — Assoc. Sec.; Pres., SW Adventist Health Services
V. L. Roberts — Treasurer; Stewardship Director
Deryl Knutson — Assistant Treasurer
K. C. Beem — Vice-Pres., Corp.; Director, ASI
Cecil Reed — Sec., Corp.; Director Trust Services
W. V. Wiist — Treasurer, Corp.; Assoc. Director, Trust Services
G. M. Schram — Director, Communication; Community Services
Boyd Olson — Dir., Ed.; Sp. of Proph.
Frances Clark — Assoc. Dir., Edu.; Elementary Supervisor
Dan Collins — Evangelist
Fred Murray — Director, Health
D. J. Williams — Ministerial Sec.; Dir., Lay Activities; Sabbath School
C. L. Williams — Dir., Publishing; HHES; ABC
Richard McKee — Assoc. Dir., Pub.
Charles Wheeling — Pub. Evangelist
Larry Gasser — Pub. Evangelist
J. N. Morgan — Dir., Religious Liberty and Public Affairs
Paul Schmidt — Dir., Youth; Temp.

LOCAL CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

ARKANSAS - LOUISIANA — W. H. Elder, Jr., President; B. Page Haskell, Secretary-Treasurer; (P.O. Box 5548) 333 Southfield Rd., Shreveport, Louisiana 71105.

OKLAHOMA — Robert Rider, President; Max A. Trevino, Secretary-Treasurer; (P.O. Box 32098) 4735 N.W. 63rd St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73132.

SOUTHWEST REGION — W. C. Jones, President; M. Baez, Secretary-Treasurer; (P.O. Box 6239) 2212 Lanark, Dallas, Texas 75222.

TEXAS — Cyril Miller, President; Charles Griffin, Secretary; Theron Collins, Treasurer; (P.O. Box 11620) 2838 Hemphill, Fort Worth, Texas 76110.

TEXICO — Don K. Sullivan, President; Joe Espinosa, Secretary; Edward Stacey, Treasurer; (P.O. Box 7770) 4909 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, Texas 79109.

Those desiring to make wills, trust agreements, and annuities, should make them in favor of the legal association rather than the conference. Write your conference Director of Trust Services for further information.

RECORD prepared by Southwestern Union Department of Communication.

Volume 77, Number 6



SUNSET SCHEDULE

	Mar. 24	Mar. 31	Apr. 7	Apr. 14
Abilene, Texas	6:53	6:58	7:03	7:07
Amarillo, Texas	7:02	7:07	7:13	7:18
Brownsville, Texas	6:43	6:46	6:49	6:52
Dallas, Texas	6:41	6:46	6:51	6:56
El Paso, Texas	6:20	6:25	6:30	6:34
Fort Worth, Texas	6:43	6:48	6:53	6:58
Galveston, Texas	6:33	6:37	6:41	6:45
Gentry, Arkansas	6:33	6:39	6:45	6:51
Keene, Texas	6:43	6:48	6:53	6:58
Little Rock, Arkansas	6:24	6:29	6:35	6:40
Muskogee, Oklahoma	6:36	6:41	6:47	6:53
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:14	6:18	6:22	6:26
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	6:45	6:50	6:56	7:02
San Antonio, Texas	6:48	6:52	6:57	7:00
Santa Fe, New Mexico	6:19	6:25	6:31	6:36
Shreveport, Louisiana	6:29	6:34	6:39	6:44
Tulsa, Oklahoma	6:39	6:45	6:51	6:57



on the record

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

Helpful Criticism

NOTE: Isaiah 58:9 presents a challenge in these words, "If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity," the "putting forth of the finger and speaking vanity" is criticism — the very source of all the trouble that has ever existed in the universe and the church today. This article is the last in a series of five. May God bless your reading.

Criticism is not all bad. In fact, pointing out faults, done at the right time, in the right spirit, can be helpful. Criticism can be given in love with only one thought in mind — to help. We all have plenty of faults, so we can all be criticized. Sometimes we need it. Sometimes it is due. Learning how to give criticism and receive criticism is important to people who are doing things in life because, with human nature being what it is, accomplishes are going to receive their full share. When you learn how to take criticism and put it in its proper place, you have achieved something important!

Living without criticism can ruin a good marriage. In the home there should be plenty of give and take. It is normal and it is healthy. It gives balance. A loving wife will do anything for her husband except to stop criticizing and trying to improve him. A loving husband can learn to criticize his wife in love without crushing her spirit.

If things are not going right in the home or in the community or in the church, they not only deserve to be criticized, they *need* to be. There are times when they must be. The how and the when and sometimes the where are most important. Winston Churchill once said, "Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfills the same functions as pain in the body: it calls attention to an unhealthy state of things."

Learning how to helpfully criticize is a sure sign of maturity and Christianity. Matthew 18 tells us how to criticize. Knowing how to get a message through in a helpful way should be our aim. We should learn how to hit between the ears instead of below the belt — and we should know how to do it gracefully as well as helpfully. If you are not helping or if you are hurting, then you should learn the wisdom of silence. Sometimes the best thing you can do is to "take your burden to the Lord and leave it there."

Consider the circumstances — the people, the time, and the place. Try to understand. Be objective and be kind. Repeat the golden rule before you say a word. Don't try to assume the work of God. Be humble and be helpful and say a prayer. Ask yourself, "Am I the one to criticize?" Read again Matthew 18. Do all these things

before you utter a single syllable. It might be well to repeat the Sioux Indian's prayer:

"Great Spirit, help me never to judge another until I have walked in his mocassins for two weeks".

It is never easy to give criticism gracefully and helpfully, but you can, if you criticize a person's behavior and not the person. Don't taunt people or call them names. If you want to criticize your wife because she doesn't smile enough, don't tell her about the two girls at the office who have such beautiful smiles. Tell her how beautiful she is when she smiles. Remember she is a person, the wife you love. Remember criticism is not scolding. Scolding is a verbal reprimand while helpful criticism is a verbal suggestion for improvement.

Timing is very important when giving criticism. Don't do it when you are angry or upset. Find a quiet spot in life — then do it in love.

Be understanding, make allowances especially when dealing with your children. A two-year-old who spills milk should be criticized with more patience than a four-year-old. When criticizing children always point out what the proper behavior is. Try not to discourage when you criticize. If your child has a messy room, don't tell him he's a bum. Tell him he's intelligent — but not using his intelligence to keep his room straight. Don't call your children names like "You're a liar." Say, "You're acting like a person who is not telling the truth — that is not like you."

When criticizing your husband or wife, never present a list of all their faults. One at a time has a better effect and it is helpful when husbands and wives mix compliments with criticism — much easier to digest!

With friends, don't avoid criticism because you are afraid of losing them. Say, "It's because we're friends that I'm talking to you this way." Never criticize by quoting someone else.

With your church, remember Matthew 18 and use proper channels. Ask, "Will this criticism help the church?"

Ask the Lord to help you to be helpful. Through His grace you can.

Yours for criticizing helpfully and gracefully,

B. E. LEACH.