



Adventist  
**Review**

# **SOUTHWESTERN UNION** **RECORD**

**S**ilent Night

ent night

Ho - l y is bright

Round y and child

Ho - ly infant so tender and mild

Christ  
asks—  
“Am I  
in  
Your  
Christmas?”

## FOCUS ON THE COVER

### How to Keep Christ in Christmas



B. E. Leach

Christmas without Christ is a Christmas that has lost its meaning. Christmas with Christ is a Christmas that will change your life. The only way to know that full joy of Christmas is to enthrone Christ in your heart.

The key word is INCARNATION — the coming of Christ into human life — “Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

If Christmas means anything it spells out the fact, firmly set in world history, that God has come into the stream of humanity — that He forever is a part of the human family. More wonderful for us is the glorious truth that through our acceptance of Him in our hearts, we become a part of the heavenly family. Think of it — the human family and the heavenly family now ONE in Christ! Glorious truth, divine mystery, eternal miracle!

This is what Christmas says. It brings to us eternal life, eternal joy, everlasting peace. We can never explain it but we can believe it. We can make our lives an eternal testimony of heavenly grace. Our adoration can shine forth in everything we do. “Arise shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.”

How can we keep Christ in Christmas? It is simple — keep Christ in your heart and let your life pour forth in self-sacrificing love. Let the “glory of the Lord” be seen in your life.

“The Father has sent His Son as the Savior of the world.” I John 4:14. The unanimous testimony of Scripture bears out this affirmation. Let it be seen in you and you will keep Christ in all your Christmases.

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

## SPOTLIGHT ON SOUL WINNING

### in the Texas Conference



Judy Lindsay

Chisholm Trail Academy students have been very active this year in showing others positive healthful living, according to Judy Lindsay, religious vice-president for the Student Association.

Over 20 students participated recently in two separate medical screening clinics at the Tandy Towers in Fort Worth and at the Mansfield City Hall. These students were tutored by Sosomma Lindsay, Southwestern Adventist College nursing staff member, in learning how to read blood pressure tests. Over 800 blood-sugar checks and blood pressures were administered in the Tandy Towers. The students are thankful for the fine leadership given by Jeanne Barron and Barb Oliver, Community Services directors for the Texas Conference, in preparing them to work with the various community programs including medical screenings and breadmakes.

The student body at CTA participated in an all-school Breadmake directed by Jeanne Barron on October 13. The following week, 10 students helped with a Breadmake in Mansfield at the High School Vocational Center.

The real test of patience, according to several CTA students, was when 120 active fifth graders in Mansfield made bread with the help of CTA students.

During the week of November 6-10, students under the direction of Dale Martin, held a Five-Day Stop Smoking Clinic in Mansfield. Rodney Buckingham, CTA senior, commented on how “interesting it was to see the ways different people try to curb a bad habit.” Each student was assigned a “smoking buddy” to encourage throughout the week.

Seminar groups headed by Steve Schmidt, junior, have been actively providing programs this quarter for groups and churches in a 200-mile area around Keene. The Student Association distributed several food baskets just before Thanksgiving.

It is easy to see that at CTA, more and more students are catching the real spirit of service to others. An encouraging word goes to our teenage friends for the good activities they are doing in our community!



**"then . . .  
shall thy light break forth!" (Isa. 58)**

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

"Would I ever like to have the experience that Peter had on Pentecost and have 3,000 people converted in one day, in one place." Most every minister has had this thought some time or other in his life. Surely that would be a tremendous experience, and it can be repeated. How? By using the same methods.

You see, it was not necessarily Peter's mighty preaching that day that produced such amazing results. There are many today who can probably preach better sermons, as sermons go, than did Peter since he was "just a fisherman turned preacher."

Peter was an instrument of God's hand that completed the chain of events that led to the conversion of thousands. Jesus had gone before him ministering to the people, meeting their needs, winning their confidence, and Peter came along

saying "Follow Him" and they did. Read *Desire of Ages*, p. 192.

Now this may be a rather simple way of stating it, but it is exactly the way that the Lord wants us to work today. When we follow "His methods" in reaching people, the "light will break forth," as we are told in Isaiah 58, "like the noon day."

We must not forget that the methods laid down in Isaiah 58 were the methods of Jesus. He spoke through Isaiah. When He came to live and work on this earth, He practiced what He preached, He followed His own instructions, used His own methods and Pentecost is witness to their effectiveness. He tells us that His methods alone will give us true success. (*Ministry of Healing*, p. 143) Pentecost can be, will be, repeated.

God is trying to tell us something. Are we listening?



Be a lay evangelist now. One only needs to:

1. Live in close communion with God.
2. Know his Bible.
3. Get from his pastor a minimum of training on how to preach and make a call.
4. Have faith, the courage to start and perseverance to keep going.
5. Get a copy of the new "Lay Evangelist's Handbook" from your ABC.

"... It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of soul saving depends alone upon the ministry... God will send forth... many who have not been dedicated to the ministry by the laying on of hands." *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 110.

D. J. Williams, Director Lay Activities, Southwestern Union.

## ADVENTIST SCHOOLS ARE GOD'S WORKSHOPS

### Why Parents Become Angry

Talking with the Lord is necessary in the solution of all problems. It is also true that there must be good communication between parents and teachers when problems involving students arise in school.

Parents are often placed in a real bind. When students come home from school with a story of being wronged by a teacher, the parents' first impulse is to "take a stand" and come to the defense of their child. If they don't protect their child he may interpret it to mean "you don't believe in me," or "you don't trust me." If they uphold the child it may say to him, "I have a good excuse for my negative conduct and attitudes."

The teacher must understand the parental dilemma. Many parents will come to the teacher seemingly angry at the teacher when the cause may be over his dilemma of who to support — the child or teacher. The teacher should realize this difficult situation.

To help solve the problem the teacher should in a conference commend the parents for coming to the school on the

side of the child rather than not coming at all. He must not become defensive. He should realize that to solve problems the teacher and parent must discuss the difficulties objectively. He must not interrupt the parent when he is speaking and when he speaks his voice must be kept abnormally low.

The parent should realize that children often behave differently under different circumstances and before different people. Some are shy in school but very talkative at home. Others are obedient at home and are unruly or "showoff" in school. Students usually report an episode at school in their favor, especially if the teacher has had to cross his will. Parents must accept this not as an untruth, but the reactions of a normal child.

The objective of the parent-teacher conference is to help the child to order his behavior to be acceptable in the school, in the home, in public, in private — all to the glory of God. Communication — calm, frank, and honest — after an earnest request for the Lord's Spirit to be present is the solution to such problems.

Boyd E. Olson, Director, Office of Education, Southwestern Union Conference.



**VIENNA CHOIR BOYS TO APPEAR WITH ELDER VANDEMAN** — The Vienna Choir Boys, one of the oldest and best-known musical organizations in the world, will appear in person with Elder Vandeman on the It Is Written Christmas special telecast to be aired Christmas Eve, December 24. Check your local newspapers or "TV Guide" for local time of presentation.

"Brethren, remember the cause, and when you have means at your command lay up for yourselves a good foundation against the time to come, that you may lay hold on eternal life." *Christian Service*, p. 235; *Testimonies*, vol. 5, pp. 154-155.

# A Report to the People

by your Union Conference Secretary . . . Bill May



New Summit Ridge lodge.

**SUMMIT RIDGE OPENS.** Oklahoma's new Retirement Center, Summit Ridge, officially opened in special ceremonies on Sunday, November 12. Over 500 people were present for the occasion. Governor Boren's father spoke words of commendation at the opening as did Elders Ben Leach and V. L. Roberts from the Southwestern Union and Elder C. W. Skants, former president of the Oklahoma Conference. Twenty-five retirees have already moved to the center. The lodge, a beautiful installation, provides the following facilities: a cafeteria, barber shop, beauty shop, gift shop, board room, and conference room. There is a lovely fireplace in the cafeteria-assembly room. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wolfe donated the 90 acres for the retirement center. "Congratulations to Oklahoma officers, Bob Rider and Max Trevino, and their progressive Executive Committee."

**E. C. WARD SPEAKS AT SEMINAR.** Elder E. C. Ward, pastor of the Oakwood College church in Huntsville, Alabama, was the speaker and teacher for the Student Minister Fellowship Seminar at Southwestern Adventist College, November 10 and 11. Elder D. J. Williams, Southwestern Union ministerial secretary, chaired the seminar. Approximately 50 ministerial students attended.



(Left to right)

E. C. Ward  
Jay Baker  
Dr. Stewart Nelson

**INGATHERING VANGUARD IN TWO WEEKS.** Congratulations to the Shreveport First church and their energetic new pastor, Jay Baker, for surpassing their Ingathering Vanguard goal in only two weeks!

**DR. NELSON — NEW KEENE MAYOR.** Dr. Stuart Nelson has been elected the new mayor of Keene. Dr. Nelson is in charge of the emergency room at Huguley Hospital and also keeps part-time office hours at Keene. We salute the doctor and wish him the richest blessings of the Lord in this new responsibility.

**RETIRES BUILD CABIN AT CAMP.** Retired Adventist workers living in Keene spent the week of November 5-10 erecting a directors cabin at Nameless Valley Ranch near Austin. The cabin (40' x 70') contains five bedrooms, two baths and a large assembly room with fireplace. Elder Ben Hassenpflug is chairman of the Retired Adventist Workers Association. The wives kept spirits up by providing meals for the group. "Thank you, friends, for your superb contribution to Nameless Valley Ranch."



**NEVER CROSS A BRIDGE UNTIL?** Bruce Barton said, "I do not like the phrase: *never cross a bridge till you come to it*. The world is owned by men who cross bridges in their imaginations miles and miles in advance of the procession."

**A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY.** Flash! Now you can receive your Masters in Public Health without stopping all the wheels and going away to school. The degree is being offered on the SAC campus through an affiliation with Loma Linda University. Here is how it works: you attend classes for four days on the SAC campus. You study at home the following quarter and take an examination when you return for the next four-day campus class session. There are four, four-day class sessions annually. You earn your M.P.H. in four years while continuing your present work. For further information write Elder Fred Murray, P.O. Box 606, Keene, TX 76059. Here is a fantastic opportunity you shouldn't bypass. The first session is March 11-14, 1979, at the college.

**UNION DEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL.** The annual Union Department Council was held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 29 to November 3. Approximately 120 conference, union, and institutional leaders attended. Plans were laid for 1979 with objectives being set for all departments for the coming year. It now appears that membership in the Southwest will reach 40,000 in 1980. Amen! Next year the Departmental Council will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Union departmental council in session.

**OKLAHOMA CAMP GROUND STUDY.** The Oklahoma Executive Committee has appointed a special committee to make a feasibility study of the present camp grounds and make recommendations regarding the present and future use of the camp grounds.

**MAYBE A DEPRESSION WOULD HELP.** In the depression of the 30's the average man wore a 31-inch belt. Today he wears a 34-inch belt. It appears that a depression is an effective weight reduction clinic.

**UNION COMMITTEE ACTIONS.** Recent Southwestern Union Conference Committee actions of interest are as follows:

1. Approved offering the M.P.H. off-campus degree in the Southwest.
2. Voted to conduct an annual office secretaries workshop for union, local conference and institutional secretaries.
3. Voted to add the following to all job descriptions, "must be an exemplary S.D.A. as outlined in the Church Manual and interpreted by the Southwestern Union Conference Executive Committee."
4. Approved the locating of a branch of Harris Pine Mills near Jefferson Academy.
5. Approved the purchase plan for Lone Star Camp which was submitted to Texas by the Southwest Region.
6. Elected W. R. Tunnell, a layman from El Paso (Texico Conference) to serve on the Union Conference Executive Committee.

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



## Huguley Memorial Hospital

### Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals

We have been busily preparing for the JCAH survey which took place on November 3. The survey team on assignment from American Hospital Association spent the day going over our governing body by-laws, medical staff by-laws, and the total operation and organization of the institution.

At the conclusion of the day we all gathered together for a summation conference, at which time the survey team indicated to us areas that were doing a good job, as well as areas that needed either additional documentation or recommendations that the survey team thought could help and improve our over all organization.

We are happy to have the survey behind us and we indeed did learn new methods and new ideas to implement into our operation.

On November 11 we had a medical staff banquet. The response to the banquet was gratifying and approximately 125 of Huguley's medical staff, physicians and their wives, were in attendance at the banquet.

### Scenes from Recent Breadmake Held at Huguley Hospital



Darlene Fox, Huguley health education secretary, registers guests for Breadmake.

Kenneth B. Pearce, M.D., has been elected as chief of staff for the coming term of office. We enjoyed this occasion for the opportunity to get better acquainted with our medical staff families.

John D. Koobs,  
Administrator.



(Left) Throw it in the air! Gives more flavor. Just be sure to catch it!! (Right) "I put in the yeast . . . didn't I?"



Everybody really gets into the dough!

**SPECIAL NOTICE**  
**How To Beat Inflation**  
Ask an Adventist  
They Pay Tithe!

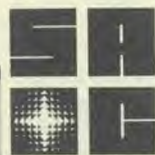
### Southwestern Union Publishing Department Honor Roll

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

Name	Conference	Sales
Ben Richard	— Texico	\$4,980.05
Bob Carmin	— Texas	4,690.30
Louis Jones	— Oklahoma	4,530.84
Dale Ruebush	— Texico	4,528.05
Ruth Hanson	— Texas	4,521.50
Gene Cowden	— Oklahoma	4,153.90
Timo Chacon	— Texico	3,644.75
Tom Seay	— Texico	3,595.90
Mickey McMurtry	— Texico	3,402.60
Randy Smith	— Texico	3,370.55
Dan Barrett	— Texas	3,231.10
Andres Gil	— Texas	3,130.65
Wanda Matthews	— Texas	3,146.20
Clara Summers	— Texico	3,114.10
John Poland	— Arkansas-Louisiana	3,044.80
Bob Burk	— Texas	3,008.50
A. S. Khan	— Texas	3,060.85

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

Frances Marinkovic	— Texas	2,902.87
Marc Cowing	— Texas	2,861.95
Robert Hazard	— Texas	2,642.40
Betty Benson	— Texas	2,598.90
Robert Wagley	— Arkansas-Louisiana	2,519.30



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### SAC Biology Professor Has Paper Published in Scientific Journal

An article written by Dr. Berney Neufeld, a professor of biology at SAC, has been published in the fall, 1978, issue of *Origins*. In his article entitled "Introns: New Complexity in the Synthesis of Higher Organism RNA," Dr. Neufeld asserts that the evolutionists' presumption that random changes improve a complex system is not borne out in



Dr. Neufeld

actual living systems. In fact, the more complicated a system is, the greater is the possibility that these changes will actually impair or damage the system. Dr. Neufeld concludes that the complex processes at the molecular level are more compatible with the creationist view of an Infinite Designer of ordered systems.

**Coming to SAC**  
**"Secrets of Communication"**  
Four Meetings on Prayer with  
Glenn A. Coon — December 14-16, 1978.  
Be sure and attend.

## SAC Students Sponsor Cystic Fibrosis Climb

Nearly one hundred people climbed Reunion Tower in Dallas on Sunday, November 5, and raised \$4,582 for cystic fibrosis. Each climber recruited sponsors to pledge contributions for each landing

he climbed. In all, there were 57 landings, or 798 steps.

Reunion Run was sponsored by the Student Association of SAC. While the majority of climbers were SAC students, they were joined by individuals from universities and churches in the Dallas area. One climber, a boy who has cystic fibrosis himself, collected more than \$1,000 in pledges. All proceeds were given to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knouss

At the beginning of their work this year Frank and his wife asked the Holy Spirit and angels to go before them and impress hearts to give liberally. They even named a figure. They asked for blessings in the amount of \$1,500. To date they have turned in \$1,591 and have received many other kinds of blessings as well. Some of the donors asked them to be sure and come back next year and to remember them in prayer. Please pray for all those being contacted through Ingathering that not only pocketbooks, but hearts especially will be touched.



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## "Project Love DeRidder" Launched

The annual conclave for the Business and Professional Advisory held at Camp Yorktown Bay in October was exciting to say the least. This organization, comprised of laymen as well as women from every part of our conference, established three projects for completion during 1979. The are as follows:

1. To build a new church in DeRidder, Louisiana, over the Thanksgiving holidays.

2. To finance and build a new church in Natchitoches, Louisiana, as soon as land can be procured there.

3. To finance and build a new church in Magnolia, Arkansas, as soon as necessary funds come in for this project and land is procured.

Under the leadership of Dr. Jack Lucas the Business and Professional Advisory is making rapid strides forward in building new churches in dark and needy areas. The first project which is now underway, that of building a new church in DeRidder is proving to be very exciting. Ground was broken on

November 14, 1978, and work on the project was begun immediately. Within three days' time all the preparatory work was done to make ready for the pouring of the foundation. It is estimated that there will be 100 laymen from various areas of construction throughout the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference to work in DeRidder over the Thanksgiving weekend. The conference is going to move its disaster van to the site and furnish food, mass feeding style, for the group. Glenn Payne, the secretary of the Business and Professional Advisory, is serving as construction superintendent for this big project. A goal of having the building framed in during the weekend of work will be accomplished if all proceeds according to plans.

This project gives every indication of the leading of God among our laymen for the finishing of God's work in these two great states.

## 36 Years of Ingathering

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knouss are at it again this year; in fact, after 36 years of Ingathering, they report this to be the best yet! This year 20 new donors were added to their list and more good experiences and more good friends.

Mr. Knouss says that while waiting for a check at one bank he happened to see a man from another town that he knew. He was prompted to talk with him and the man wrote a check right there for \$100. A drug store owner whom he had never met before gave \$50. There were over 20 donations of \$25. From three letters sent in the mail \$75 resulted — a good return from 45¢ postage!

## Elder Monnier to Be Featured at Cajun Camp Meeting

Elder Samuel Monnier, associate director of the Lay Activities Department for the General Conference, will be the guest speaker for the Cajun Camp Meeting in Houma, Louisiana.

The weekend camp meeting will begin Friday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Houma Seventh-day Adventist Church. Elder Monnier will also be speaking Sabbath morning and afternoon. A special Sunday morning service for the community will be held at 11:00 a.m.

The Houma church is located in Gray, Louisiana, between Houma and Thibodaux on Highway 24.

Elder Monnier speaks five languages fluently: English, French, German, Italian, and Portuguese. He has ministered in France, French West Indies, Haiti, Brazil, Switzerland, and Italy.

Those coming for Sabbath should plan on bringing their own lunches. For further information call (504) 876-3408 or 868-0369.



Elder Monnier

## Hot Springs Youth Host Banquets

Fathers and sons joined together at the Hot Springs church several weeks ago to attend a "Sports in America" banquet. Gary Goslee led the youth group who sponsored this project. Each table

Ground-breaking ceremonies at DeRidder, Louisiana. Pictured from left to right: Mayor Pugh of DeRidder; Elder Bill Elder, president of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference; Larry Moore, pastor; Zeke Brown, first elder; and Milton Myers, also elder of the DeRidder church.



was decorated to represent different sports activities. Some ate on a football field, others ate around a swimming pool complete with a diving board.

At the end of October this same group sponsored a mother-daughter banquet centered around the "Wild, Wild West."

Colorful decorations, delicious food, and entertainment provided those who

attended with a delightful evening out. The great amount of time and effort that went into planning and putting on these banquets was appreciated by all who attended. "Thank you" to the young people's organization of the Hot Springs church.

Brent R. Pfeiffer, Principal,  
Sunshine Valley Jr. Academy.



Pastor Armour Potter, baptizes Mrs. Diane Strong.



## Oklahoma Youth Attend Conference

A three-day Bible conference was recently held at Horseshoe Canyon Camp for young people up through grade 10. Elder Neville Harcombe from the Oklahoma Conference and Brother Hansie Badenhorst from Keene, Texas, were co-speakers at the spiritual retreat. Mrs. Joyce Fortner from Bartlesville was in charge of the special Sabbath School program. Over 120 young people listened enraptured by the vivid presentation of "Righteousness by Faith" by Brother Badenhorst. Elder Larry Schneider, conference youth director, took charge of the recreational activities. Elder Beaman Senecal, conference education director, who had coordinated the retreat, was pleased with the spiritual attitude of the program.

Neville Harcombe,  
Communications Director.



(Left) Hansie Badenhorst, uses colorful visual aids to dramatize "Righteousness by Faith."  
(Right) Co-speaker, Elder Neville Harcombe.



Outdoor activities included a swim in the lake.

## Adventist Youth Win Baptist Teacher

Mrs. Diane Strong, band and choir teacher at Tulsa Adventist Junior Academy, was baptized by Pastor Armour Potter November 4, 1978, in Tulsa. Her decision to join the church came as the result of young people sharing their faith with her. Here is Diane's story in her own words:

"My initial contact with Seventh-day Adventists began when I accepted a

Mrs. Diane Strong is surrounded by happy young people on the day of her baptism.

young girl from the Tulsa Junior Academy as a piano student. Soon other Adventist young people began taking lessons from me. They began asking me questions, such as: 'Are you a Christian?'; 'Well, if you are a Christian why don't you keep the Sabbath?' These questions did not bother me but they did start some wheels turning in my mind. The school board approached me about teaching music in the academy and I agreed; as I had already learned to love these young people. God continued to use them to teach me many lessons in living and loving. I began to search for answers to many of their questions. My relationship with these young people opened my eyes to truths which have enriched my faith in Christ. I am happy indeed to be *one of them* — a Seventh-day Adventist!" Larry Schneider, Conference Youth Director.

## Tragedy Averted at Dripping Springs

The Oklahoma students at Ozark Adventist Academy enjoyed a pancake breakfast at Dripping Springs, Oklahoma. The conference youth director, Elder Larry Schneider, was the chef in charge and reported that the food was excellent! Following breakfast the young people hiked around the area. A near mishap made everyone mindful that God still watches over His children. Eight young people were walking over a cable bridge, which spanned a 70-foot canyon, when suddenly it broke. They were able to hold on to the remaining cable and work their way back. They thanked the Lord for His watchcare and love.

Neville Harcombe,  
Communications Director.



Tulsa delegates prepare to raise the U.S. flag.  
John Baker, principal, sings with his Parkview Adventist Academy delegates.



## Tulsa Church Holds First "Marriage Commitment" Seminar

"This seminar has enriched our marriage even after 35½ years." "A course very much needed and appreciated." "I feel I have learned more how to love my husband, my children, and my heavenly Father." These are only a few of the very positive reactions to the "Marriage Commitment Seminar" conducted recently by Pastor and Mrs. W. Armour Potter.

The weekend of October 13-15 fourteen couples met at "The Heart O' Hills" camp near Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where the time was spent as one couple expressed it "making good marriages better." The seminary began Friday evening with the "God Phase," the first of a four-part program that includes the total concept of the Christian marriage. The couples learned in the "God Phase," the "I Phase," the "We Phase," and the "Others Phase" how their marriages can be a blessing to themselves as individuals and to others as well as the church.

It is a recognized fact that one of the greatest needs of our church today is to repair the breakdown of family life, to help our families to have true Christian homes. To do this we need to help improve the quality of the most basic relationship, the "marriage relationship." This is the goal of the "Marriage Commitment" to help each couple reaffirm their marriage thus helping them to have happier marriages, happier families which brings about a better church.

The Seminar, which was led jointly by Pastor and Mrs. Potter as the lead couple, consisted of many strategies and activities which the group participated in. Each strategy was a learning tool that taught such things as "How to affirm your spouse," "How to establish high self-esteem," "How to communicate by being a good listener," and "How to handle conflict creatively."

The high point of the weekend was the Agape Feast which concluded with husbands and wives celebrating the communion together. One of the best summations of the weekend was a suggestion from one husband, "We need to do more such things, more often."

W. Armour Potter, Pastor,  
Tulsa Church.

Elder and Mrs. Armour Potter direct Tulsa marriage seminar; note attractive poster in background — one of many used during seminar.



## TABSA in Oklahoma

Elder Steve Joannou, lay activities director of North Dakota, and Elder Jerry Schnell, lay activities director of Oklahoma, completed a TABSA training program for laymen in four districts of Oklahoma. The TABSA program is an audio-visual Bible study presentation, which uses the Encounter film strip series. It also uses a community religious survey method of seeking out individuals who are interested in Bible study. The laymen and pastors who completed this successful program were enthusiastic about the soul-winning results of the program. Workshops were held in Bristow, Bartlesville, Oklahoma City, and Enid.

Elder Albert Cross, pastor in Enid, has given a thrilling report of the TABSA program held in this area. Sixteen diplomas were awarded to laymen who finished the seminar. These workers hope to visit more than 16,000 families in the Enid area. This will greatly enhance the preparation of interests for a city-wide evangelistic crusade to be held in November of 1979 by Elder Dan Collins.

Neville Harcombe,  
Communications Director.

## Voice of Prophecy in Hugo

The recently organized Hugo church decided to sponsor the VOP on the local AM radio station KIHN. Pastor Bob Streib reports that many of the members are giving sacrificially to this daily 15-minute program. The program is being aired at 8:15 to 8:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Elder Hartman, VOP coordinator, says that KIHN will cover a 100-mile radius and provide one of the key links across the United States for the Voice of Prophecy. Please pray that the Lord will bless this adventure in faith in southeastern Oklahoma.

Neville Harcombe,  
Communications Director.

## Beautiful Horses Donated to Camp

Horseshoe Canyon Camp has recently become the proud owners of two beautiful horses. We just say a special THANKS to Dr. & Mrs. W. C. Carter of Oklahoma City who were willing to donate their horses for our young people at summer camp. The horses are presently being cared for by Monroe Schneider near Okeene, Oklahoma.

Boys and Girls . . . these horses will be waiting for you this summer at Horseshoe Canyon Camp!

Larry Schneider,  
Youth Director,  
Oklahoma Conference.



A happy group of TABSA graduates from the Enid church. Front row: Don Norris, Alvin and Sadina Heinrich, June Pettyjohn, and Pamela Allen. Second row: Bennie Becker, Becky Joyner, Elaine Kennedy, Pat Grimes, Dorice Allen, and Robin Allen. Back row: Pastor Albert Cross, Delbert Joyner, Era Cross, Dee Kennedy, Ordell Grimes, and Clovia Watkins. (Not shown: Pam Dowers and Sherri Eastin).

## OKLAHOMA NEWS ROUNDUP

\* Elder Larry Schneider, youth director, reports that 20 delegates from Oklahoma attended the Youth Ministries Seminar held at Southwestern Adventist College October 13-14-15, 1978. Seven churches were represented.

\* Elder Arlen Holerud, Lawton pastor, reports 10 baptisms so far during the Jac Colon four-week crusade. The crusade still has another week to go with 15 to 20 interests studying the Bible.

\* Elder Neville Harcombe, Sabbath School



A beautiful paint horse donated to Horseshoe Canyon Camp.

Another of the beautiful horses donated by Dr. and Mrs. Carter of Oklahoma City.



director, reported well-attended Sabbath School workshops held in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Over 200 attended both workshops, representing 27 churches in the conference.

\* Joe Green, ABC manager, reports excellent sales on his conference-wide fall book displays.

Neville Harcombe,  
Communications Director.



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## Region Teachers Attend Convention

The Teachers' Convention was held at Lone Star Camp September 26-30. G. D. Howell, conference educational director, was in charge of the convention. The special guests included the following:

Mrs. Verla Coleman, our guest instructor from Michigan, who conducted a workshop on early child development. Dr. Don McAdams, president of Southwestern Adventist College, delivered the Sabbath morning message. He also participated in the symposium. Dr. Boyd Olson, Southwestern Union educational director, conducted sessions and gave tips on administration. Ms. Frances Clark, associate education/elementary supervisor, Southwestern



F. Clark



Dr. Olson

Union, presented counsel on pre-school teaching. Dr. Proctor of Andrews University Education Department displayed encyclopedias and library books demonstrating how to build a school library.

Doris Jones.

Approximately 130 people visited the medical/dental van in Hugo October 13, 1978. Two local dentists provided their services for dental examinations. Free blood-pressure and blood-sugar tests were also given by local medical personnel. Numerous requests have already been received for Bible studies as a result of literature distributed.

Mrs. Betty Jane Grimaud,  
Hugo Communications Secretary.



**UNION PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT MUSKOGEE** — Elder Ben Leach, president of the Southwestern Union Conference, was the speaker at the Muskogee church September 23. Hearts were moved to give Jesus more room in their lives. Many souls were re-dedicated to Jesus. After the service a fellowship lunch was served. It was indeed a high day for the Muskogee congregation.

Ira Gilliam,  
Muskogee PR Secretary.



(Left) Dr. D. McAdams delivers Sabbath morning message. (Right) Teachers present special music at convention.



A few of the devoted and faithful members of the Tulsa church. Left to right: Mrs. Alva Street who is 84 years young — she has been a faithful member of the Bethel church in Tulsa for 59 years. Sr. Street has served as treasurer for several years and also held other offices in the church. Next to Mrs. Street is the daughter-in-law and wife of Bro. J. N. Norman, center; first elder, President W. C. Jones commends these faithful members for carrying on the work in the Oklahoma Area. The two ladies on the end — Mrs. Mary Walton Clerk and Mrs. Robbins, treasurer, both are daughters of Mrs. Alva Street.



Conference MV Department Drug Display Booth at Richland College during Religious Emphasis week, the first of October. Pictured J. C. Hicks, lay activities director, and Jack Boswell.

## News from City Temple of Dallas

Halloween took on a new dimension for the youth of City Temple in Dallas. Members of the Junior Sabbath School Class combined forces with the MV

Department to collect canned goods for the needy in one suburban neighborhood. More than 100 items collected will become part of food baskets that the church's community service will distribute for the Thanksgiving season. "Most residents were really shocked," explained one youth, "to learn that we were more interested in receiving canned goods from them, instead of the candy they offered." As a further witness to area residents, the youth gave them copies of either the *Message* or *These Times* Ingathering appeal which explains the various humanitarian projects of the church.

Co-ordinating activities for the canned goods drive were youth leaders Marie Roney, Nancy Jones, and Donald Moy. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Powell served as headquarters for the night's events.

Donald R. Moy, *Reporter.*



## Mock Lodge Groundbreaking at NVR

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Mock Lodge at Nameless Valley Ranch took place on Thursday, September 28. The handsome ranch-style structure will serve as a multi-purpose facility. It will house a modern cafeteria-kitchen and also double as an assembly-recreational hall.

In addition to summer youth camps, Mock Lodge will be used for church retreats, various lay training seminars, pastor-teacher-colporteur meetings, spring and fall camp meetings, constituency sessions, and numerous other events on a year-round basis. The large 13,500 square-foot edifice will accommodate conventions, food service, and recreation simultaneously.

This beautiful facility has been named

for Dr. Duane and Gretchen Mock and stands as a memorial of their generosity toward the Lord's work. Pictured at the groundbreaking are, left to right: Charles Griffin, Dr. Earl Reed, Dr. Duane Mock, Cyril Miller, Theron Collins, and Dr. Herbert Westphal.



## CTA Hosts Breadmake

A first-time Breadmake was conducted with the Chisholm Trail Academy students, Friday, October 13. There were approximately 180 young people who, in a new fun way, were really "into the dough."

Each student took home his own loaf of bread to bake, eat, and enjoy, along with a recipe from which, hopefully, they will continue to make whole wheat bread.

Breadmake is a new fast, fun way to learn to make yeast bread in 40 minutes instead of the usual three to four hours.

The Breadmake program in Texas is a part of Texas Community Services, and has been held in over 40 cities of Texas and the interest keeps growing.

Some of the academy students are also involved in taking the medical screening/Breadmake program to Mansfield, a small city not far distant, and this first Breadmake was a sort of "on-the-job" training for the health education outreach coming soon.



Large group of CTA students participate in Breadmake.

## Technology Comes to Valley Grande Academy

"Hello there. I am your new TRS-80 Microcomputer!"

"You called, master. Do you have a command?"

The Radio Shack TRS-80 microcomputer system has added a new dimension to the science and mathematics departments at Valley Grande Academy. This mini-warehouse of knowledge carries a working capacity of 12,000 bits of pre-programmed data, and has a normal capacity of holding 16,000 pieces of information! The TRS-80 has the ability to put programs on tape for the convenience of storage and ease of recall, which adds yet more capacity to the memory.

"We have just begun to get started," states Ron Childers, head of the Mathe-



VGA math instructor demonstrates new computer.

matics Department and vice-principal. He is most assuredly correct, for there is no limit to what can be done using this computer. Calculation of grades, filing and cataloging of accounts, basic math functions, not to mention the possibility of computer dating and innumerable other operations can be instantly programmed into the computer and within seconds an answer will appear on the screen.

Plans for the near future include incorporating some basic computer programming in the algebra II class. If enough interest is exhibited there are hopes for a regular class of computer programming next year.

We at Valley Grande Academy are very excited about the many new activities and programs going on here at our school, and we solicit your continued support and prayers.

## A Texas First!

The first parsonage-chapel in Texas is nearing completion in the historic town of Fredricksburg, which is located in the hill country west of Austin. The Dark-Area Evangelism Commission in cooperation with the Texas Conference initiated action last summer which is progressing rapidly.

The parsonage-chapel concept makes dark-area evangelism possible at an affordable price. The building serves a dual function having both an apartment and chapel. The apartment serves as home for the area worker and the chapel

provides a meeting place for members and interests. This gives the work an immediate identity, which will make for greater effectiveness in Soul Winning.

Bob Wood, the dark-area evangelism director, states, "With interest and support growing for this ministry, it is feasible to see many such adventures in the near future."

In a special way, let's remember our workers, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith and the Roger Will family, as they labor in Fredricksburg for Christ!

Larry Wilson, *Reporter*.

## SAN ANTONIO

### Heights Church is Actively Engaged in Community Services

The Community Service work of the San Antonio Laurel Heights Church is increasing by leaps and bounds and calls continue to come from the Red Cross to aid stranded and destitute folk in the area.

During the time of the floods in the hill country around Comfort, Center Point, Kerrville, Fredericksburg, and other places, the Laurel Heights church donated 308 articles of clothing to the Salvation Army for immediate distribution. Later, when the Texas Conference disaster van came to Comfort to set up a distribution center in one of the empty buildings there, several of the ladies from the Laurel Heights church helped in the sorting, giving out clothes, food, and bedding to the victims of the floods.

## Please Give Monthly



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"God Loveth a Cheerful Giver"**

The Red Cross has learned that they can depend on the Laurel Heights community services. A few weeks ago the husband and father of a San Antonio family was in Washington, D.C., at the bedside of his father who was not expected to live, when his home was destroyed by fire and the family lost everything. The Red Cross called the Laurel Heights Community Services to aid the family and 34 articles of clothing, bedding, including pillows, and blankets were given.

On September 26, the Red Cross called and stated that an Indian mother and her 14-year-old son, of a small town in New Mexico, had been flown in to the burn Ward of the Brook General Hospital of Fort Sam Houston. The son was so severely burned that they had to amputate his right arm and a toe on his right



(Above) Dark Area Evangelism Commission meeting in new chapel give reports from all over Texas. (Below) Commission members and their families.



(Above) Exterior of new parsonage-chapel, (below) interior showing apartment living quarters nearing completion.



foot. The mother had only the clothes which she was wearing. She gratefully accepted some extra articles of clothing and literature given to her. An invitation was extended to visit our church also.

Later that same day, the Red Cross called again to say that a mother from Mexico had been flown to Brook General Hospital for treatment of severe burns and was not expected to live. Her 16-year-old daughter came with her and had only the clothes she was wearing. We again selected some nice clothes for her and upon delivery of them learned that the mother had died and the young girl was ready to leave for her home in Mexico. She appreciated our assistance, love and prayers.

On Friday, September 29, the Red Cross called to tell us that disaster had struck again to a family losing everything in a fire the night before. Arrangements were made for them to come to our Community Service room for help. Fifty-seven articles of clothing, bedding, including blankets, pillows, and a new quilt made by the Community Service ladies were shared with this family.

The ladies of the Laurel Heights church meet each Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 12:00 noon to make ready many, many articles to aid those in need. The Red Cross has expressed appreciation for the many thousands of cancer bandages made for them.

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

Mrs. A. T. King, Assistant Leader, Community Service.

## Community Relations Day in Hurst

On October 28, 1978, at the 11 o'clock worship hour in the Hurst Seventh-day Adventist Church, Myrtle Hall, editor of the *Mid-Cities Daily News* was honored with the Community Service Award of the Year.

Mrs. Hall was chosen for the honor from among others for her willingness to go beyond the call of duty in service to God and man. She does this each year at the holiday season as her office becomes the center of activity for the "Helping Hand" program for those in need. Her activities for others are not limited to just this time of the year. All during the year, if someone needs something, they will find

Myrtle Hall responds after receiving the award from Pastor Vialo Weis.



A recent Sabbath attendance at the newly organized Hurst church.

a sympathetic and helpful ear from Mrs. Hall.

Following the service, there was a special fellowship dinner for all guests present.

An article appeared the day before, October 27, 1978, in the *Mid-Cities Daily News* inviting the public to attend.

## Community Services Workers go the Second Mile

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Dennis, from Texas Conference Community Services, (pictured loading the truck) are carrying on an additional service to those in need of clothing at four Texas State Mental Hospitals. These are located at Terrell, Austin, Rusk, and Wichita Falls. Approximately 1800 pieces of clothing has been given to three of the four hospitals. Also assisting them in this work is Mrs. Vivian Nickle from the Keene Community Services.

The clothing given is all very good clothing and sorted for men or women. The hospitals are so very appreciative of receiving the clothing. They depend entirely on the churches for assistance in this area. Terrell has received clothing twice, and Austin and Rusk once thus far this year. Mrs. Dennis said, "We hope to expand this program to serve all four hospitals every three months."



## Texico Advisory Meets in Roswell

Representatives from the various churches met at the Odd Fellows Hall in Roswell, November 22, for the Texico Conference Advisory meetings.

Emphasis was given during the meeting to various aspects of the work in Texico involving laymen. Financial reports were considered, and reports from Sandia View Academy and Brandom's plant were presented and discussed.

The laymen gave much study to church growth and an interesting report

was presented in regard to the district loads in the Texico Conference. Considerable discussion centered around the relationship between church members, pastors, and the conference.

Realizing that the growing churches are those in which the laymen are active, action was taken to have training programs for the laymen. Training programs will also help elders and deacons to understand their roles more fully as they work ever more closely with the pastor.

One of the most encouraging was that of baptisms, showing that the Texico Conference had a total of 311 baptisms in 1978 up to the present.

Texico's lay advisory members are enthusiastic in their desire to finish their part of the work so Jesus can come.

Ronald Welch,  
Communications Secretary.

## Deming Church is Dedicated

The Deming Seventh-day Adventist Church was dedicated on the afternoon of November 11, 1978.

The Sabbath School program for this special day was under the direction of Judy Lawhead and included lesson study conducted by Ray Wing and a touching mission story by Dorothy Sullivan.

During the 11:00 o'clock hour, Elder Don Sullivan spoke about temples and how Christ's presence was the important part not only of the sanctuary, but also of Solomon's and Herod's temples, just as it is most important in our body temples.

Outstanding musical numbers were presented through the day by the Vixie and Barger families, Charlene Dickey, and Mrs. Watkins, a visitor from California.

Elder B. E. Leach presented the dedication address at the afternoon service, basing his thoughts on some wonderful expressions from the book of Ephesians. Pastor Bob Corley and Elder Sullivan led the congregation in the act of dedication, and Elder Leach offered the dedicatory prayer.

It was in about 1914 that the Advent message was brought to an area 15 miles east of Deming. Mrs. Annie Kimball became interested as a result of evangelistic meetings held there by Elder Bert Bray. Subsequently, she moved to Deming and faithfully held Sabbath School in her home for many years. The message



Pastor Bob Corley and his wife Shirley pose with Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Roach in front of the new Deming church. Vaughn is head elder of the church.



Charlene Dickey, Mrs. Watkins, and Elwin Vixie present a marimba special.

moved slowly and by 1954 there were only two Adventists. At that time building material from an army barracks was purchased from the government and a one-room church was constructed, which was to serve as the place of worship for 23 years.

At the time this small church was being built, Elder W. K. Mansker and Elder Don Sullivan were holding a series of meetings in Deming. They would work on the building in the mornings, visit people in the afternoons, and hold meetings in a tent at night.

In 1977, with Cal Johnson as pastor, construction began on this new church building. Pastor Joe Reynolds and Joe Willa Watkins had bought the property and Jerry Wing constructed it at a very reasonable cost.

The Deming church has been dedicated to the glory of God and for the furtherance of His gospel until He comes.

## Five-Day Plan Brings Publicity in Taos

Assistant pastor of Northern New Mexico, Robert Martinez, had a good opportunity to explain Adventist health beliefs to the people of Taos on October 13.

Pastor Martinez visited KXRT-FM in Taos to have a Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking announced over the radio and this caught the attention of announcer Candyce Valerio. She invited Robert to be interviewed on a half-hour program called "Forum."

Candyce asked questions about the health habits of Seventh-day Adventists and the reasons for such practices as abstinence from cigarettes. This gave the pastor a good opportunity to tell many listeners about Adventist philosophy of health and our findings that Adventists have much less cancer than do non-Adventists.

The program was well received and there was good feedback from listeners. The announcer was impressed by the interview and asked Pastor Martinez to come back in a few months for another interview.

The Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking held by the Taos company October 15 to 19 was successful. Eight people enrolled in the plan and 90% quit smoking in the short five days of the meetings. The other 10% cut down on their cigarette consumption.

Among the group were two Taos lawyers. Most of the group had smoked for an average of 12 years and were smoking one and a half packs a day.

The ex-smokers all were very grateful to the church for helping them stop smoking and requested another Five-Day Plan to help their friends quit the habit.

## New School Opens in Big Spring

Big Spring has opened a school for the first time. We have 17 students, seven of whom are in the ninth grade. Because of the problems of finding a building in which to house the school, we are meeting at the church. The people have been very kind in donating and lending books for use in the school library.

The church and its members have done everything possible to see that their children are educated in a Christian school and that the school become a success. Your thoughts and prayers in behalf of this new school will be very much appreciated.

Beth Rich, Teacher.



(Left to right) Mrs. Dorothy Sullivan presents a moving mission story. Judy Lawhead acts as Sabbath School superintendent on Dedication day. Elder Don Sullivan presents the Sabbath morning sermon. Elder B. E. Leach addresses the Deming congregation at the dedicatory service. Bob Corley is pastor of the new Deming church.

(Left) The Bargers combine accordion and saw for unusual music at the Deming church dedication. (Right) Kevin and Curtis Vixie are accompanied by their father in a special number.





**ARNOLD, Raymond**, was born Sept. 4, 1930, in Delaware Co., Okla., and died Sept. 23, 1978, in Jay, Okla.

In 1955 he was married to Rena Sisson and to this union five children were born. Raymond was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jay, Okla. at the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Rena; three sons: Raymond Arnold, Jr., Gary Arnold, Bobby Arnold; two daughters: Glenda Sue and Carol Arnold; two step children: Rena Faye Monday and Buford Monday; his mother, Mrs. Grace Arnold; four sisters and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Elder R. E. Barrett and assisted by Pastor Huston Allen of the Church of Christ. Interment was in Blackfox Cemetery where he awaits the resurrection morning.

R. E. Barrett.

**BELZ, Mrs. Christena Reiter**, was born in Russia Jan. 10, 1892, and passed to her rest in Keene, Tex. Nov. 2, 1978. She was reared in the Adventist faith. Her mother found the truth by reading the Bible and was surprised to find there was a church like this.

For many years the Belz family lived in north Texas and belonged to the Valley View church. A few years ago they made Keene their retirement home. Her husband, Ewald, preceded her in death by four days. They rest side by side in the Keene cemetery awaiting the call of the Lifegiver.

Graveside services for Christena were conducted by Elder Ben L. Hassenpflug. She is survived by four sons: Henry, Charlie, Ivine, and Benny; three daughters: Easter East, Martha Blount, and Susie Poenitz, and 20 grandchildren.

Ben L. Hassenpflug.

**DENNIS, Ella Maudie**, was born Feb. 2, 1893, at Betty, Tex., and passed to her rest Oct. 17, 1978, at Oklahoma City, Okla. She was a member of the Oklahoma Conference church.

She is survived by her husband, James W. Dennis, two daughters; Maudie Dible and Mary Stephenson; and three sons: Charlie A., Sam, and Grant.

Services were conducted by the writer, and interment was at Sunny Lane Cemetery, Del City, Okla. Beaman Senecal, Jr.

**GANTZ, Frederick William**, was born May 10, 1883, and died Oct. 16, 1978. In 1906, Will married Ethel Higgins and to this union were born four children. In 1919 a book salesman sold Will the book, *Daniel and Revelation*, which led to the family's joining the church in 1920. Will became the local elder of their rather isolated church, and although farming took most of his time, he devoted as much time as possible to church and missionary work. He especially liked the Ingathering work and dedicated many hours to it.

Ethel Gantz died in 1922 and in 1924, Will married Ella Wolfe. She had one daughter and together they had three more daughters, making a family of eight children.

Surviving him are his wife, Ella, of OKC Southern Oaks Nursing home; two sons, Jake and George; five daughters; Ula Potlin, Marianna Chastain, Ruth Wees, Genevieve Ehrlich, and Esther King. Another daughter, Alma Kerbs, preceded him in death in 1970. There are 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. There are many nieces and nephews who remain as well as a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Jake Knight and interment was in the Adventist Cemetery south of Shattuck.

**HARDIN, Carol Marie**, was born April 28, 1943, in National City, Calif., and died Aug. 18, 1978, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She is survived by her parents, Malcolm Hardin and Allene (Vance) Hardin; a brother, Don Hardin; and a sister, Julie Hardin of Fort Worth, Tex. Carol's career (A.U. '67) as an English teacher included Mt. Vernon Academy, Ohio; C. F. Richards Jr. Academy, Staunton, Va.; and Rasangu Secondary School, Zambia (2 terms).

**HOEHN, Emil Ray**, was born May 20, 1908, in Devol, Okla., and passed to his rest on Nov. 5, 1978. As a youth Emil was baptized into the Adventist church and was a member of the Keene church at the time of his death. He was educated in our schools and was a faithful member all his days.

In 1938, he was united in marriage to Bertha Mae Stinson. To this union two children were born: a son, Jim, who is pastor of the Boulder, Colo., Adventist Church; and a daughter Marilyn Hadley.

Funeral services were conducted by two of Emil's school friends, Elders Ben L. Hassenpflug and Howard Mattison. Emil sleeps in the Keene cemetery awaiting the call of Him whom he loved and served so well. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Bertha; his son, Jim; his daughter, Marilyn; his three sisters; four grandchildren, five step-sisters and one step brother, and his many friends.

Ben L. Hassenpflug.

**KIDDER, Hilda Ruby**, was born Dec. 28, 1916, near Springfield, Colo., and died Oct. 18, 1978, in Clayton, N. Mex. As a teen-ager, she made a profession of faith in Christ and joined the Baptist Church. In recent years she has been a resident of the Maulsby Nursing Home in Clayton, New Mexico, where she enjoyed playing the piano for special occasions. She was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the fall of 1977.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister. She is survived by three sisters: Fern Davis, Janice Tiersteine, and Lula Wood; two brothers: Chester Kidder and Bill Kidder; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Hilda was a loving sister and loyal to her Saviour and her church.

**KINDER, Wesley Leo** was born Oct. 17, 1897, in Savoy, Tex. and grew up near Addington, Okla. He was married to Ruby Dart, who preceded him in death. The Kinders moved to Vinita, Okla., in 1938, and established the Kinder Cookie Co. The Kinders have been active members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Vinita from the time the church was built. He served as elder for many years. Before his final illness he was already elected to serve as elder for the coming year.

In 1966 he was united in marriage to Dina Cross. Those left to mourn his passing include his wife, Dina; three sons: J. B., Floyd, and Bob; three daughters: Mrs. Leora Day, Mrs. LaDell Fisher, and Annabell Robinson; three brothers, two sisters, two stepsons: Myron and Robert Cross; 30 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Brother Kinder rests to await the call of the Lifegiver. Funeral services were conducted by Elder C. E. Fillman.

**OWENS, Aubrey**, age 73, died at Fort Worth on Oct. 12, 1978. He was baptized a few years ago by Pastor Art Hempel. Survivors are four daughters: Mrs. Joe Worthy, Mrs. Patricia Goldbolt, Mrs. Dell Evans, Mrs. Joyce Balentine. Services were conducted by Pastors Joe Ray and Vialo Weis.

**ROBINSON, Elder Harold A.B.**, was born in Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 26, 1889, and passed to rest Oct. 29, 1978, at Keene, Tex. Educated in Jamaica and Atlantic Union College, he married Ruth Irene Bateman, in 1915.

The Robinsons gave many years of service to overseas mission work. He was publishing director in Spain, Mexico, and Cuba; assistant manager of the Gland, Switzerland, press; treasurer of several missions in Mexico; manager of the book and Bible house, and communications secretary for the Mexican Union. In addition, he was treasurer of the Dominican Mission until 1954, when he became treasurer at Mt. Pisgah Academy, N. Car. His retirement days at Keene, were filled with a project of shipping used literature abroad for use by laymen.

Survivors include his wife; two sons: Ruland and Wilfred (W.B.); daughters: Dorothy Robinson, and Mrs. Roger McNeily; a sister, two brothers, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder Ben Leach, assisted by Elder Ron Halvorsen and Dr. George W. Reid.

**SIDEBOTTOM, Ray Alan** was born March 3, 1936, in Sapulpa, Okla. and died Aug. 2, 1978. He lived all his life in Sapulpa and was an active member of the Sapulpa Seventh-day Adventist Church. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sidebottom of Sapulpa; one brother, William Lewis Sidebottom; two sisters, Maxine Miller and Mrs. Nell Wilson; three nephews and three nieces.

He is greatly missed by his friends in the church and community. Elder Kenneth E. Oliver officiated at the funeral. Ray awaits the call of the One who give life and who he longed to meet.

**STUEBEN, Raymond Adolph**, of Keene, Tex., was born in Chicago, Ill. Feb. 13, 1900, and passed away Nov. 8, 1978, in Temple, Tex. In 1921 he was married to Hattie Steven. To this union were born four children, three daughters and one son who survive him: Mrs. Paul Tinsley, Ms. Betty Stueben, Mrs. Loraine Gersch, and Gerald Stueben. Hattie passed away after a few years and Mr. Stueben married Verna McClain Bauman with whom he spent the last 40 years of his life.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife Mrs. Verna Stueben; one step daughter, Mrs. Frank Will; one sister, and three brothers, eight grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Mr. Stueben was buried in Keene, Tex. with Elder Herman J. Griffin officiating.



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## SUNSET SCHEDULE

	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 29	Jan. 5 '79
Abilene, Texas	5:35	5:37	5:42	5:48
Amarillo, Texas	5:36	5:38	5:43	5:49
Brownsville, Texas	5:41	5:44	5:48	5:53
Dallas, Texas	5:22	5:24	5:29	5:35
El Paso, Texas	5:04	5:06	5:10	5:16
Fort Worth, Texas	5:24	5:26	5:31	5:37
Galveston, Texas	5:23	5:26	5:30	5:35
Gentry, Arkansas	5:05	5:07	5:12	5:18
Keene, Texas	5:24	5:26	5:31	5:37
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:00	5:02	5:07	5:12
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:09	5:11	5:16	5:22
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:02	5:04	5:09	5:14
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5:18	5:20	5:25	5:31
San Antonio, Texas	5:37	5:39	5:43	5:50
Santa Fe, New Mexico	4:51	4:54	4:58	5:04
Shreveport, Louisiana	5:11	5:13	5:18	5:23
Tulsa, Oklahoma	5:11	5:13	5:18	5:24



# on the record

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

## Christmas Is for Children

Christmas is the most beautiful season of the year. Our hearts are turned toward Bethlehem where God came down in the form of a little baby. "The hopes and fears of all the years were met in Him that night."

Christmas is central with a child. God in his wisdom sent his Son as a babe to grow up as a child, to learn and to live as a normal boy, the way of life, and to become a very part of the human family. Jesus became a part of us in order that we might become a part of Him, from babyhood to manhood.

Christmas appeals to the human heart. We are forever tied to our Lord, because He forever tied Himself to us by being born as a child and day by day living a perfect life. His life is an example to all kinds of people in all walks of life in every age and in every stage.

Jesus appeals to little children. He was a child like them. He lived, played, and grew like them. In His maturity He loved them. He took them into His arms. He held them on His lap and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." He said, "Except as ye become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven."

We must all have the faith of a child, if we are to ever enter the kingdom of heaven. Children always want to be like us. Jesus says we must become little like them.

Children love Christmas. It is for them. Their sparkling eyes, the thrill of their little hearts, the excitement of Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning, their all-out exuberance makes Christmas Christmas. It just wouldn't be Christmas without the children, and we can't really celebrate Christmas unless we become children again. That is why we love Christmas so much. It is the day we forget our adult "formality" and "dignity" and become children again. If you don't enjoy Christmas as a child, you miss the real Christmas. So much does Christmas take hold of our childhood fancies, it is sometimes hard to separate the men from the toys!

The Jesus of Christmas is real to little children. Phoebe Berk tells this story. "On Christmas morning my little daughter was downstairs opening her packages before anyone else was out of bed. To my surprise I heard her singing the Happy Birthday

song. 'Happy Birthday on Christmas morning' I thought, amused that, while she was aware of festivity in the air, she was confused as to the occasion. But as she sang on, I realized it was I who had been confused as to the occasion. 'Happy Birthday, dear Jesus', the little voice caroled, 'Happy Birthday to You'." Simple faith.

And where there are children there is fun and humor. A boisterous little boy came home from school and shouted, "I got a part in this year's Christmas play." "What part?" his mother asked. "I'm one of the wise guys!" came his reply.

You will miss a great privilege and deprive your children of a special memory, if you don't take time to sit down and read the beautiful story of Jesus directly from the Bible. Make it live anew. Instill in their young hearts the true meaning of Christmas. Make it a part of your family heritage, a yearly ritual. You could never give a better gift — your time, your love, your Jesus.

Peter Marshall wrote some beautiful prayers. One of the best is this prayer for children at Christmas.

"Lord Jesus, who didst take little children into Thine arms and laugh and play with them, bless, we pray Thee, all children at this Christmastide.

As with shining eyes and glad hearts they nod their heads so wisely at the stories of the angels, and a baby cradled in the hay at the end of the way of a wandering star, may their faith and expectation be a rebuke to our own faithlessness. Help us to make this season all joy for them, a time that shall make Thee, Lord Jesus, even more real to them.

Watch tenderly over them and keep them safe. Grant that they may grow in health and strength into Christian maturity. May they turn early to Thee, the Friend of children, the Friend of all. We ask in the lovely name of Him who was once a little child. Amen."

Christmas is for children. Children are for Jesus.

May God's unchanging love enfold and embrace you and your family this Christmas,

*Eldon and Mrs. B. J. Leach  
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