

SOUTHWESTERN UNION
Record



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— Ellen White

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Focus on the Cover

"I was shown that it is the will of God that the saints should cut loose from every encumbrance before the time of trouble comes, and make a covenant with God through sacrifice. If they have their property ON THE ALTAR and earnestly inquire of God for duty, He will teach them when to dispose of these things. Then they will be free in the time of trouble and have no clogs to weigh them down." *Early Writings*, pp. 56-57.

All on the Altar

Dick Bendall, editor of the RECORD, in an interview with **A. Cecil Reed**, secretary, of the Trust Services Department, Southwestern Union.

Dick: The theme quotation from EARLY WRITINGS is definitely significant in the light of today's world affairs. How do you interpret it?

Cecil: Dick, one must read the entire passage to get the message that God has for each of us. Our lives, our will, our property, our all must be on the altar of sacrifice and dedicated to God for service or our all will be lost to the world and out of reach when it is needed in God's cause.

Also, our church must provide our membership and friends with the "method" and the "understanding" of how to place their property on the altar. The Holy Spirit must bring the conviction and dedication to complete the process.

Dick: Is this where the Trust Services of the church is to function?

Cecil: Very definitely. It is interesting to note that only one American in five has made any will or estate plan to handle their assets after death. Statistics show our church members to be about average. The tragic part is that only 3% of our members leave anything to God's cause. This represents a tremendous challenge to the leadership of the church to provide the understanding and methodology so our constituents may place their property on God's altar. Another great challenge is to respond to current requests and properly manage the assets placed in trust with the church.

Dick: Is it true that the conferences and institutions in the Southwestern Union are offering a trust service program to our constituents that is professional and operated by trained specialists to provide the method for our members?

Cecil: Two years ago our administration in this union territory organized Southwest Estate Services, Inc. (in Louisiana it is Southwest Estate Services of Louisiana, Inc.) with full approval of the General Conference to manage the trust and will obligations of the church. The local conferences continue to meet with members at their request and continue as the beneficiaries of the will or trust of the member as directed. This program is "cooperative" among all organizations within this union and provides a specialized team approach to the needs of each of our members. When the local conference trust men request help in handling large and complicated estates, a team of experts is available for counsel and assistance, yet complete confidentiality is maintained.

All trusts and wills eventually will be managed by Southwest Estate Services, Inc., providing for the trustors computer accounting, tax information, update on all existing trusts, a trained trust officer to manage each trust and a network of attorneys within the union so that each trust is reviewed and approved by legal counsel.

Dick: What has been the result of this program so far?

Cecil: God has richly blessed this program and has guided it all the way. The response has been overwhelming. Many large estates are in process at the present time. Three years ago the majority of trusts being established were leaving a very small percentage to God's cause. The percentage of distribution to the church from the trusts now being established is approaching the 50% mark. Truly, the Spirit of God is impressing the hearts of the trustors to greater dedication and conviction in placing their property on the altar.

Dick: How do people request assistance in placing their property on the altar?

Cecil: Contact their local conference trust department for a confidential interview.

Spotlight on Soul Winning

in the Texico Conference

The Lord blessed the El Paso Spanish church this year with an Ingathering total of \$8,500. The campaign began October 6 with a spiritual revival in the church and visitation in the homes. There was practically total participation by the church members. Praise the name of Jehovah!

Sister Ernestina Perez, although a very humble person, dedicated her talents to the Lord and spent 150 hours in the Ingathering work this year. She had, in her visiting, met Esperanza de la Cruz, who had cancer and whose doctors told her she had but a short time to live. Prayer was offered and God saw fit to heal her. Sister Cruz gave her life to the Saviour and has been baptized. Each of these two dedicated workers brought in more than \$500 for the campaign.

Brother Tarin and Sister Nevarez were Ingathering one Saturday night when they found a family anxious to unite with the church. The next Sabbath the Solis family (parents and three children) came to church and said they wanted to be baptized. They are planning to be baptized March 26.

Rafael Perez, Pastor, El Paso Spanish Church.



(Left) Esperanza de la Cruz, taken before her baptism. (Right) Ernestina Perez, who did outstanding missionary work.

General News

Keene and Oklahoma City Chosen As VOP Celebration Sites

A once-in-a-lifetime experience is promised persons in the Southwestern Union who attend the Voice of Prophecy's Golden Jubilee programs in Keene or Oklahoma City the third weekend in March.


Identical programs will be presented on Sabbath, March 15, at 5 p.m. in the Leiske/Pultar Auditorium at Southwestern

Adventist College, and on Sunday, March 16 at 4 p.m. in the Civic Center Music Hall, 201 North Channing Square, Oklahoma City.

The events will honor Dr. H. M. S. Richards for his 50th continuous year of religious radiobroadcasting.

"These meetings will be rare experiences for those of us on the VOP team as well as for our audiences," says H. M. S. Richards, Jr., director-speaker of the Voice of Prophecy.

Adventure in Faith "Meet You at the Half-Way"



I was born in Takoma Park, Maryland — a unique and special place — especially to Seventh-day Adventists. It is the city where our world headquarters is located. Columbia Union College, my alma mater, is also located there. There is a place in Takoma Park known as the "Half-Way." The Half-Way is a small business district located on a turn on Carroll Avenue, half way between Columbia Union College and the General Conference office. It is a place of significance to me. It is the spot where my wife, Helen, says she first saw me. (We met a month later on the campus of CUC.) It was also the place where I used to buy those delicious Jim's Butter Gems. It was worth the half mile walk to Half-Way to buy Jim's Butter Gems. It was also a place of rendezvous. Many times friends would say, "I'll meet you at the Half-Way" — probably at Jim's Butter Gems Bakery!

Also I have often thought there is significance in the fact that there is a place called the Half-Way in a town that graces the headquarters of the Laodicean Church — the prophetic lukewarm church with so much half-way dedication and half-way Christian living. The Lord admonishes that church, "I would thou wert cold or hot." Revelation 3:15.

Jesus pleads with this Laodicean Church, "Make up your mind — go one way or the other. You cannot be both." There is so much precious truth in the Laodicean message. This message calls for renewal. It also calls for an anointing with "spiritual eyesalve" that will give us a clear vision of ourselves and our great need and of the work to be done. The Laodicean message is for all half-way Christians with one foot in the church and one foot in the world. "Buy of me (Jesus) gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed." Revelation 3:18.

God wants us to be rich! He also wants us to be the best spiritually dressed people in the world! — wearing spotless white raiment!

God loves the Laodicean Church. It is also His remnant church — the church that will go all out in total dedication for a finished work. In just a few weeks the church from all over the world will be meeting in Dallas. We plan to present there an offering called **Adventure in Faith**. I pray that our response of the host union for the coming General Conference Session will be 100% — *all the way*. "We cannot be half the Lord's and half the world's. We are not God's children unless we are such entirely." *Steps to Christ*, p. 44. Will you go all the way in giving two days' income, or a faith objective of one week's income? Let's not stop at the "Half-Way." Make your gift a real Adventure in Faith. Go all the way!

B. E. Leach, President, Southwestern Union.

A Report to the People

by your Union Conference Secretary . . . Bill May

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TURNS DOWN S.P.A. APPEAL; VOTES MERGER. At a February 5 meeting the General Conference Committee turned down (by a vote of 33 to 27) the appeal of the Southern Publishing Constituency to leave SPA as is and let the house continue to operate on a completely separate basis. A plan to merge with the Review and Herald Publishing Association was approved. A committee is being appointed to work out the details. The Review and Herald constituency must first approve merger, then the plan will be presented to a combined SPA/R&H constituency on March 20. Under the new plan both houses will remain as separate entities but will operate under one manager and a new board which the combined constituency will elect. More details later.

AL AND ALBERTA BROWN JOIN SOUTHWEST ESTATE SERVICES. Al Brown (Andrews University Trust Department) has accepted our invitation to be associate director of Trust Services for the union and assistant secretary of Southwest Estate Services. His wife, Alberta, (HHES - Lake Union) will join SES as accountant. It is exciting to welcome these two superior workers to the Southwest.



(Left) Al Brown
(Right) R. E. Brown

107 BAPTIZED BY ELDER R. E. BROWN IN 1979. Elder R. E. Brown, pastor of the New Orleans Ephesus congregation, baptized 107 in 1979 without the assistance of a visiting evangelist. Elder Brown's own series and the studies and soul-winning efforts of his congregation were blessed by God with this superb harvest — highest for any church in the Southwestern Union. We appreciate you and your great congregation, Elder Brown. May your tribe increase!

ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM/SUNBELT TO MANAGE MONTEMORELOS HOSPITAL. AHS/Sunbelt has signed a contract to manage the hospital at our university in Montemorelos, Mexico, effective March 1. Larry Larrabee, regional vice-president for the Southwest, will chair the board. The university now has 1,800 students and is becoming a great strength to our work in Mexico. In addition, Sunbelt has looked at available hospitals in McAllen, Lubbock, and Houston, Texas; Taos and Truth or Consequences, New Mexico; and New Orleans, Louisiana. Purchase contracts have been signed for several of these institutions.



Montemorelos Hospital

BURTON JUNIOR ACADEMY CHILDREN INJURED IN ACCIDENT. On Tuesday, January 29, an icy day, the school bus for Burton Junior Academy (Adventist junior academy in Fort Worth, Texas) started skidding on a bridge; it was hit in rear by an 18-wheeler and in front by a station wagon (whose driver received 18 stitches). Car and bus were virtually totalled; cab of truck was wrecked. The students were rushed to Huguley Hospital emergency room where six of the 10 aboard the bus were treated — no broken bones, no serious lacerations — only minor bruises/cuts; one girl has ankle in cast for sprain. All were back in school Friday. Angels were on duty. Thank the Lord.

Jewels in the Southwest

by your "RECORD" Editor . . . Richard Bendall

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches . . ."

A number of years ago on a hot summer day in July, a little boy was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, who was soon given the name of George Merwyn Schram. All of his early schooling was received around Battle Creek. He planned to become a doctor and had even taken his two years of pre-med when a chain of events caused him to think along the lines of the ministry. Carlyle B. Haynes and Taylor G. Bunch, two Battle Creek Tabernacle pastors, had a strong influence on this young man.



He graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College (now known as Andrews University) in June of 1940 and started his ministry in the Michigan Conference that same month. He was making good wages back then — all of \$16.50 a week!

Four months of being a bachelor minister was enough for him, and on October 13, 1940, he and Glenda Hodson were married. Now they were really into big money — he

was able to draw \$19 a week with no fringe benefits! In fact, they paid \$15 a month for the best house the little mining town of Ramsey, Michigan, had to offer. This home was completely furnished and they succeeded in renting out one bedroom for \$6 a month, which meant they had all this for only \$9 a month! This first district was in a dark county area where there was no church building or organization.

From the beginning of his ministry, George was interested in radio evangelism, and his first entry in it in 1940 was a live talk show with his wife, Glenda (as Mrs. Graham), receiving Bible studies. Later, several hundred broadcasts were made in Escanaba, Michigan, where he was given an unusually high listener rating.

He interned in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, Michigan, with two prominent evangelists — Melvin and Dan Venden. They were holding meetings six nights a week with five live radio broadcasts and continued this pace for several months in each city.

After attending the seminary and serving for seven years in pastoral, radio, and public evangelism in Michigan, Elder N. R. Dower, then president of the Texico Conference, invited him to come to Texico in 1947 as the dark-county evangelist.

Elder Schram also had the pleasure of being the pastor of the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Central and the El Paso, Texas, churches. The laymen in El Paso joined him in a long series of radio broadcasts with a live talk show and Bible discussion, in which they actively participated.

After nine years of public, radio, and pastoral evangelism in Texico, Elder M. D. Howard, then president of Texico, invited George to departmental responsibilities which he carried for nine more years. Among the five departments was Sabbath School, lay activities, public relations, and radio-TV.

Because of his interest and experience in training the laymen he was invited to join the union staff on January 4, 1965. During these last 15 years, he carried the responsibilities of Community Service as well as the same departments he had directed in Texico. Elder Schram will be remembered for his outstanding leadership (1) as editor of the RECORD; (2) initiating the inner-city work; (3) as the organizer of the student minister seminars and the VBS scholarship teams, and (4) pioneer in disaster work. The General Conference requested that Elder Schram write the basic disaster manual for the Community Service Department and the basic screening manual. Both of these manuals will be off the press soon.

On January 1, 1980, Elder Schram began retirement from active denominational employment but not from active service for his Master. He and Glenda will continue to live in the Keene area. George's Christian qualities of patience, kindness, and concern for others have endeared him to a host of friends, for "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

Joyce Williams.



Vern Bretsch, left, Voice of Prophecy public relations director; and H. M. S. Richards, Jr., discuss the special 11-minute film that will be shown during the broadcast's Golden Jubilee meetings on Sabbath, March 15, at Southwestern Adventist College, and on Sunday, March 16, at Oklahoma City's Civic Center Music Hall. The celebrations will include a feast of music by the King's Heralds, Del Delker, and Jim Teel, in addition to an old-fashioned gospel sermon by H. M. S. Richards.

"Because of the pressures of our schedules, it isn't often possible for my father and me, the King's Heralds quartet, soloist Del Delker, and pianist Jim Teel to all appear together in a single program."

The Golden Jubilee program is designed to be a real spiritual feast not only for church members but also for their relatives, friends, and neighbors. Dr. Richards is preparing a message that will challenge young and old alike to commit their lives to Christ and work together for the completion of the gospel commission.

A special 11-minute film takes the audience from the early days of radio to the present VOP headquarters in Newbury Park. Many musical selections will be presented by the King's Heralds, Del Delker, and Jim Teel, including a special new song composed for the occasion by Jim.

To meet the expenses of the auditorium rental and travel by the broadcast team, several special items have been prepared for sale after the program. These include a beautiful leather-bound King James Bible with study helps by H. M. S. Richards, as well as a Golden Jubilee record album featuring all the VOP musicians.

The offering received during the programs will be used to expand the daily broadcast ministry of the Voice in the conferences involved. Their goal in the 1980's is to be "On the Air, Everyday, Everywhere" across North America. An additional 488 are needed to blanket the continent with local broadcasts in every area.

Dr. Richards' career on radio began in 1930 with a single station in Los Angeles. Today's radio station guide lists over 600 outlets airing the Sunday programs besides the 117 releasing the daily programs.

The program gradually grew during the 1930's, but its big leap in station coverage came on January 4, 1942. That Sun-

SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE DELEGATES

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day, the Voice of Prophecy went coast-to-coast on 89 stations of the Mutual Broadcasting System.

In the 1960's, daily broadcasts began to complement the Sunday programs, and special "Nite-Owl" broadcasts were initiated for the more than 30,000,000 Americans awake during the night hours.

The Voice of Prophecy is celebrating its Golden Jubilee with the hope and goal that there be no Diamond (75th) Anniversary. "This world has gone on too long already," says H. M. S. Richards, Jr. "The Scriptures tell us that the gospel will be preached throughout the world, and then Christ will return. We're committed to that goal."

Adventist Schools Are God's Workshops

DR. BOYD E. OLSON, Director, Office of Education, Southwestern Union Conference.

Competition vs. Love

One of the aspects of Christian education which is not often stressed, but which points out the contrast of Adventist education with that of the world, is motivation for education. From the earliest years the chief motivation used by parents and teachers who know not the Biblical instruction is competition, self-seeking, and rivalry. This always fosters selfishness and self-glorification.

Jesus continually taught the disciples even until the last week of his ministry that seeking to be the greatest was from Satan and that "he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." Matthew 23:11. This concept was hard for the disciples to learn for they had only known that competition and dominance over others was the way of success.

It is difficult for us today in this selfish world of competition to understand that "those who measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves among themselves are not wise." II Corinthians 10:12.

The Christian philosophy of motivation is love — love and service to other individuals and to God. If the motivation is for self there is bound to be rivalry, but if it is love for others there will be unselfish service. Love to God will find expression in the development of talents which God has given according to "the ability which God giveth." I Peter 4:11.

Satan is working hard to bring competition and self-glory into our homes and schools. This must be resisted as firmly as Christ dealt with the problem in his disciples when he said, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." John 15:12.

Huguley Memorial Hospital

DOUG REGESTER, Correspondent

SDA Hospital Chaplains to Meet

The annual convention of the Chaplains Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Association will meet this year at Shawnee Mission Hospital, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, March 7-9. The Seventh-day Adventist chaplains will join other chaplains and health-care facilitators in the annual convention of the Protestant Health & Welfare Assembly convening in St. Louis, Missouri, March 9-12.

Those who are in any kind of ministry dealing with social

problems, the aged, hospital visitation, or in any type of correctional institution are invited to attend either or both sessions. Ministers engaged in chaplain's work are invited to become members of the Seventh-day Adventist Chaplains' organization by obtaining and filling in an application blank.

For more information contact:

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Huguley Memorial Hospital
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Fort Worth, TX 76115
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Personnel Changes at Huguley

Gwendolyn S. Moore, A.R.T., has been named the acting director of the Department of Medical Records at Huguley Memorial Hospital. She replaces Ann Blackmon who has accepted a call to direct the medical records department at New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, Massachusetts.

Moore had served as assistant director of medical records at Huguley prior to her appointment as acting director. Before coming to Huguley she also served as manager of the Medical Records Department at Sharp Rehabilitation Center, San Diego, California.

She is a member of the Fort Worth Area Medical Records Association, the Texas Society of Utilization Review Coordinators, and the Texas Hospital Association.



G. Moore

S. Nudd

D. Regester

Sheree Parris Nudd has been named director of the Office of Public Relations and Development at Huguley.

Nudd will be in charge of coordinating philanthropic and fund development efforts for the hospital, as well as overseeing the public relations activities of the hospital.

She has worked at Huguley since 1977 as the public relations assistant under a communication internship granted by the General Conference. Nudd was the first woman to ever be granted a GC communication internship.

The new public relations assistant, Doug Regester, has been granted a communications internship by the General Conference. This makes him one of 12 communication interns in the North American Division.

Regester is a graduate of Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, and has a degree in mass media. While at Andrews, Regester served terms as both editor and managing editor of the *Student Movement* school newspaper.



John Curnow, former manager of the National Home and Health Service in the Southern Asia Division, has been appointed the acting director of the Southwestern Area for Christian Record Braille Foundation. Brother Curnow and family will be residing in Keene, Texas.

DEATH ON DARK WINGS, a book published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association in 1972, details how Curnow was the sole survivor of a downed bomber aircraft and an escapee prisoner-of-war. The book emphasizes how God guided in his life during World War II.

Southwestern Adventist College

LOREN WUTTKE, Correspondent

SAC Communication Major Awarded Scholarship

Yasmin Velasquez, a senior communication major at Southwestern Adventist College, was awarded a Texas Broadcast Education Foundation scholarship at the fall convention of the Texas Association of Broadcasters.

Word of the \$250.00 scholarship came in a recent letter to college communication adviser Robert R. Mendenhall.

Miss Velasquez, born in Guatemala but now an American citizen, is from New Orleans. Her college grade-point average after three years is 3.56 out of a possible 4.0. Her interests in communication center around news writing and reporting, and she hopes to work eventually in some capacity in television news.

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At long last the Royal Family of the Guitar comes to Keene. Natives of Spain, Celedonio Romero and his sons, Celin, Pepe, and Angel, first thrilled American music lovers in 1961 when they began what was to be the first of many successive sold out coast-to-coast tours of this continent. Since then, press and public acclaim received during numerous European tours has equalled their countless successes here. The Romeros have been engaged by most of America's leading symphonic ensembles.

At Leiske-Pultra Auditorium, Saturday, March 8, 1980; 8:00 p.m.

Arkansas- Louisiana

J. WAYNE HANCOCK, Correspondent

I Met a Miracle (Part I)

The miracle was a life renewed by the grace of Christ. The story is one of deliverance from drugs, rock music, and the ways of the world, to a transformation of character and a call to the ministry. The miracle I met is Paul Hood, presently pastor of the Shreveport South church. It is an exciting story that reaffirms our faith in the power of Christ to set a soul free from the bondage of Satan.

Paul Hood was born in Centerville, Iowa, July 24, 1950. He is a professional musician. His personal testimony is that music was his whole life. From a very early age, his parents, anxious to capitalize on this natural talent, had Paul and his brother sing for various social functions. By the time Paul was in high school, music was his one consuming passion and ambition. He wanted to be a rock 'n roll star. Even during high school he played in various rock groups throughout the community to make money and also to have a good time. Association with rock musicians led him into another of Satan's traps — the drug scene. Before he had completed high school, he had been hooked on drugs.

After graduation he was ready to face the big world. He wanted to get a long way from home and to enjoy freedom, drugs, and rock music. It was a beautiful summer day when Paul left Centerville, Iowa, and headed toward San Francisco. His mode of travel was hitchhiking. His objective was to join a rock group. Paul's desire naturally fit into the drug and rock scene of the '60's in San Francisco. He hadn't been there long, however, until he began to grow tired of this kind of life and decided to return to Iowa. He organized his own rock group. They all lived on a 100-acre farm in Iowa. They practiced their music for long hours each day. Paul says they did quite well until they began to fight among themselves, and this eventually led to the dissolution of the group.

In November of 1970, Paul and his brother returned to Centerville, Iowa, and rented a house which they shared. At this time Paul was motivated by a strong desire to straighten out his life — to become free from drugs, and to live a life that was meaningful. He was not sure how it would be accomplished, but he had faith to believe that it would happen. Shortly after this conviction began to



Paul and Anita Hood

grow, he visited his parents' home. Before he left that day, he went to the library to select some inspirational books. What transpired as a result of this decision was more than a miracle. It was a whole chain of miracles, years in the making. The book that he selected was *Desire of Ages* by Ellen White.

Thirteen years earlier a faithful colporteur had knocked at his parents' door. He sold to them the book, *Desire of Ages*. It was placed upon the shelf and stayed there to gather dust until Paul took it off that day in November, 1970. The following is Paul's testimony.

"I took it home and started reading it. In one hour my whole life was turned around 180°. As I read about Emmanuel,



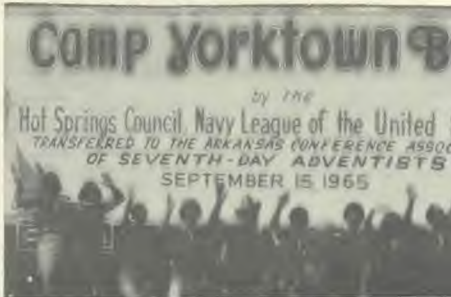
Announces Summer Schedule

| Camp | Dates | Ages |
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| Cub Camp | June 15-22 | Ages 8-10 |
| Outdoor School | June 15-29 | Grades 1-6 |
| Junior Camp I | June 22-29 | Ages 10-12 |
| Junior Camp II | June 29-July 6 | Ages 10-12 |
| Senior Youth Canoe Trip | July 3-6 | Ages 16- College |
| Teen Week I | July 6-13 | Ages 13-16 |
| Teen Week II | July 13-20 | Ages 13-16 |
| Woodsmen Camp | July 18-20 | All Ages |
| Friendship Camp | July 20-25 | Ages 8-15 |
| Family Camp I | July 25-27 | All Ages |
| Band Camp | July 27-Aug. 3 | Ages 13-22 |
| Family Camp II | Aug. 1-3 | All Ages |
| Blind Camp | Aug. 3-10 | Ages 9-19 |
| Spanish Camp | Aug. 11-17 | All Ages |

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Gary Rust, Director.





Sister Ida Oreingdorf, 94-year-old member of the Rogers, Arkansas, Seventh-day Adventist Church, does not have time for idle fingers. She keeps busy making quilts. In November, 1979, she made and sold one quilt which added \$30 to the church's Investment fund. Now she is busy making another one. She maintains her own home and attends church regularly. "I thank the Lord for His goodness, and want to do my part to make this a good year for Investment," says Sister Oreingdorf.

Murl V. Guill, Investment Secretary,
Rogers Church.

God-with-us; the love of God flooded through my entire being. Suddenly all the guilt and fear and uncertainty and the aching empty void inside were gone. I knew that I had found the answer to all of life's questions in Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

Paul was now consumed with a new passion, to learn to know Jesus better. The next two months, November and December, found Paul constantly engaged in study of our books. He says that he read *Daniel and Revelation* by Uriah Smith twice, and that he read *Desire of Ages and Great Controversy* by Ellen White plus a great amount in the Bible. Paul was just soaking up the truth. Truly God was reaching out to save a soul bound by the chains of Satan.

Watch for the very exciting conclusion to this remarkable story in the next issue of the RECORD.

Ozark Adventist Academy

Senior Academy for
Arkansas-Louisiana/Oklahoma Conferences

OAA News Notes

Every year at Ozark, one week in winter is designated as Student Week of Prayer. Instead of guest speakers to direct the school family to God, students are chosen from the upper classmen to present daily talks. This year the theme "Living God's Love" was presented February 11-15 by the following students:

Ray House, Carrie Rogers, Jodean Jones, Danny Sanchez, Greg Carlson, Curt Burghart, Anna Rochester, Lee Westcott, Shayne Bromme, and Matt Pollman. Students met morning and evening in the chapel. Matt, Student Association president, climaxed the week at the Friday evening vesper service with his presentation leading into a candlelight communion.

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Ozark's Ski Club traveled to Colorado's Winter Park for four days of snow skiing the last of February. The 40 skiers traveled by bus and car to the ski area on Monday, February 18, and were housed at the YMCA near the Winter Park slopes. The Senecals, Perkins, Weavers, and Meharrys accompanied the students and Coach Gary Amundson. They spent Sabbath, February 23, in Denver before returning to school February 24. Although Arkansas weather does not favor winter sports, the ski club has fostered a lively interest with these excursions to the Colorado mountains each year.

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The Spanish Club also took a trip during February, and their destination was Mexico, where they gained experience in speaking the language and observing customs of our neighbors to the South. Elder and Mrs. Wayne Easley, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jameson, directed this tour.

Velda Nelson.

Oklahoma

NEVILLE HARCOTTE, Correspondent

Oklahoma Laymen for Christ

A group of dedicated laymen have organized themselves into a group called "Oklahoma Laymen for Christ." Brother Ernest Wolfe, president, says that the primary purpose of this organization is to provide loan money for new congrega-

tion. The Hugo church accepts a check from the Oklahoma Laymen for Christ organization. Left to right: Pastor Ertis Johnson, Dr. James Grimaud, building committee chairman, Ernest Wolfe, president, and Jack Matthews, member of the Oklahoma Laymen for Christ organization.



For the past 20 years, H. M. S. Richards, Jr., has been working side-by-side with his father in the Voice of Prophecy ministry. Today, they are heard on more than 700 radio stations in North America. Father and son will be together with the broadcast musicians when the Voice of Prophecy Golden Jubilee meetings are held in the Southwestern Union the third weekend in March.

Oklahoma Conference members and friends may attend the Golden Jubilee program to be held on Sunday, March 16, at 4:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Music Hall, 201 N. Channing Square, Oklahoma City. For more details, see article on page 12B.

tions in helping them build their own churches. There are now several members who pay dues into the organization to help support the fund.

One of the first churches to apply for a loan was the congregation in Hugo. On November 11, the conference officers, together with representatives from the Oklahoma Laymen for Christ, took part in an inspiring ground-breaking ceremony. Elder Ertis Johnson, district pastor,



The Hugo church accepts a check from the Oklahoma Laymen for Christ organization. Left to right: Pastor Ertis Johnson, Dr. James Grimaud, building committee chairman, Ernest Wolfe, president, and Jack Matthews, member of the Oklahoma Laymen for Christ organization.





Elder Ertis Johnson, district pastor, welcoming the members to the ground-breaking ceremony.

had a well-organized program. Dr. James Grimaud, building committee chairman, expressed his sincere appreciation to Brother Ernest Wolfe, as president of the organization, for the loan they were able to obtain. The Honorable Gene Thomson, mayor of Hugo, gave a glowing testimony to the services provided by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the local community.

The Oklahoma Laymen for Christ feel that this is just the beginning of the great work that can be accomplished through this organization of providing church homes for new congregations. Right now the number of churches that can be helped is limited to the size of the group. There is a great need for more laymen who feel the burden of helping to provide facilities built to honor the name of God throughout Oklahoma. If you would like more details, please feel free to write to: Mr. Bob Hudspeth, 301 North 7th Street, Cleveland, OK 74020.

Neville Harcombe,
Communications Director.

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| 26 | — 7:30 p.m. — | Lawton SDA Church |
| 27 | — 7:30 p.m. — | Enid SDA Church |
| 28 | — 7:30 p.m. — | OKC Central SDA Church |
| 29 | — 11:00 a.m. — | OKC Central SDA Church |
| | 3:00 p.m. — | OKC Central SDA Church |

Sand Springs Remodels Church

Members of the Sand Springs church voted on a very extensive remodeling project. Some of the items that are to be accomplished are these:

1. A new ceiling for the sanctuary.
2. New front doors.
3. New interior doors and trim work.
4. New interior lights.
5. A new church sign.

When people love the Lord it seems impossible to allow His church to remain in a state of disrepair.

Hershel Mercer, *Pastor.*

Community Services Influences Ingathering

The community service program, when properly operated, adds much to the overall public relations image of the church. The church in Shawnee has learned first hand how community services helps the church, especially during Ingathering.

This past year they made a special effort to present to the local agencies a clear picture of the outreach program of the church. After numerous contacts with the police department, the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, the welfare office, and hospital social services, it was found that more referrals were given and also more donations in the form of clothing items and cash. Due to the response of the local community, needy Shawnee families were helped at Thanksgiving and Christmas time with food baskets.

As a result of the well-publicized activities of the Shawnee church the members were able to cover Shawnee in four days during the Ingathering campaign. Mr. Vic Adams, who led out, had 42 people divided into two live singing bands and five "canned" music bands, and they distributed 15,000 tracts which included Bible study request cards. Numerous



Left to right: Mrs. Genevieve Qualls, community service leader; Mr. Benson Qualls, assistant community service leader; and Mrs. Emilie Robertson, communications secretary, pictured with a few of the food baskets given to seven needy families in Shawnee.

needy families were found at this time and the church ministered to their needs. The members in Shawnee are convinced that community service plays an important role in enhancing the image of the church.

Mrs. Emilie Robertson,
Communications Secretary,
Shawnee Church.

An Unusual Baptism

In October, 1979, Walter Williams was involved in a serious automobile accident. As he wavered between life and death he had many opportunities to think back on the Seventh-day Adventist message that he had known for over 40 years. Unfortunately, he had never made the decision to join a church family. It wasn't long before Pastor Bob Streib of the Guthrie church was visiting him on a regular basis in the hospital. Brother Williams was delighted to again be in contact with a Seventh-day Adventist minister. While lying on his bed he made his decision to choose Jesus as his personal Saviour and to follow all that the Bible teaches. He then began to witness to his doctor, his aids, the nurses, and everyone that came into his room. His growing desire was then to be baptized by immersion. There was however, the problem of baptizing a bedridden man in a regular baptismal tank.

Nothing is impossible with the Lord! On January 2 a group of hospital employees, patients, and church members watched as Brother Williams was lowered into a bath tub by four deacons of the Guthrie church. Pastor Streib then immersed him while those around sang hymns of praise.

It wasn't long before Brother Williams was laid to rest to await the call of the Lifegiver. Yet to those who witnessed his baptism, it will be a testimony that will never be forgotten.

Bob Streib, *Pastor.*

Southwest Region

W. C. JONES, Correspondent

New Pastor Comes to Kenner, Louisiana

Pastor and Mrs. Durandel Ford have just returned from Andrews University to be assigned to the Kenner district in Southern Louisiana.

The first Sabbath of 1980 a warm welcome was given this lovely couple at Kenner. Pastor Ford is the son of Professor James Ford, the education and Sabbath School director for the conference. He attended church school as a youth, graduated from Oakwood College, received his master's degree from Andrews University, labored in seven major evangelistic efforts in North America, demonstrated his call to the ministry, and is now actively engaged in the work of spreading the gospel.

He is married to the former Janet Coopwood, a graduate from Oakwood also. Janet is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. Coopwood of Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Coopwood's father was one of the pioneer ministers who blazed the trail and established many of the congregations of the Southwest. We open our arms and hearts, in welcoming these brave young people to the ranks of the gospel ministry.

Meet New Baton Rouge Member, Sam Montgomery

Sam Montgomery was a professional athlete. A graduate of Southern University, he was drafted by the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League and the Boston Patriots of the American Football League. He played some Canadian football also.

Sam was once an actor model in New York City. He has traveled extensively in foreign countries looking for what he

Sam Montgomery, professional football star, accepts third angel's message in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Kenner Pathfinders happily greet the new pastor; Pathfinder director Ms. West, second row, left end.



Pastor and Mrs. Durandel Ford

thought would satisfy his mind. Not until he came back to Baton Rouge and accepted this message did he get what he was looking for.

Now he is rejoicing in this blessed truth. He was given a few studies and was ready for baptism November 10, 1979. He loves Wednesday night prayer meeting. He says that is the source of his strength, and reads all the materials he can get. Mable Sterling, Reporter.

Welcome to New Bible Worker

We are happy to report the arrival of our new Bible worker, Ms. Beverly Stanmore, a recent graduate of Southwestern Adventist College. Ms. Stanmore is a native of Texarkana, Texas, where she accepted the third angel's message. She served as a student missionary for one year in Indonesia, helped to raise up the

Guests participate at ground-breaking ceremony; left to right: W. T. Winnfield, C. R. Pritchett, Ben Peabody, W. C. Jones, M. L. Baez, and C. Wilson.



group in Waxahachie, and labored in two evangelistic meetings demonstrating her love for humanity and her deep abiding passion to gather into God's kingdom such as should be saved.

Her first assignment is the City Temple church, Dallas. We are certain you will pray for this young lady as she enters God's field of service.



Beverly Stanmore

Ground Breaking for Berean Church in Baton Rouge

January 12, 1980, will be long remembered at Berean in Baton Rouge, for this was the date of the ground breaking exercise for the new sanctuary. At sunset Ms. A. Feltus reviewed the 33 years' history of the church including the former pastors, and the growth of the congregation. We welcomed the contractor, Tom Gott, who in turn discussed the construction plans and the length of



Berean church gathers at ground-breaking in Baton Rouge.

time needed to complete the project.

Among the guests who appeared for this grand occasion were W. C. Jones, conference president; M. L. Baez, treasurer; Ben Peabody, assistant to the mayor of Baton Rouge; W. T. Winnfield, Democratic committeeman; the Berean membership, and a host of friends.

Since we have outgrown our present location, we look forward to the day when all can gather again at the Fairfield property, and enter the doors of a new Berean with all of its modern conveniences and spacious accommodations erected to the Glory of God.

C. R. Pritchett,
Pastor and Reporter.

Texas

WARREN SKILTON, Correspondent

Man — a Steward of God . . .

Man unites his energies with heaven to recover a planet in rebellion.

Man was born into this world as a steward. Whether he likes it or not, whether he is a good steward or a bad steward, he is still a steward, and will remain a steward until death.

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The need for a steward existed before Adam was created. God created the world first and then Adam. The world was already exploding with action. Grass carpeted the rolling hills. Myriads of fragrant flowers dotted the landscape. Mature trees and vineyards were producing a bountiful harvest. Such a world of restless energy required direction and

control. God made man a steward of this new world under His direction.

Sin introduced to man a larger stewardship. In the framework of the great controversy man is a spiritual steward of God. He unites his energies with heavenly beings for the recovery of a planet in rebellion. God's character is at stake before the universe. His reputation has been maligned. Will man stand the test as a spiritual steward of God?

"People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God." I Corinthians 4:1 (Jerusalem Bible). "Stewards of the manifold grace of God." I Peter 4:10. "What is expected of stewards is that each one should be found worthy of his trust." I Corinthians 4:2 (Jerusalem Bible).

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- 7-9 Lay Seminar
- 10 Pastor's Advisory
- 10-11 Lay Activities
- 13 Central Texas Parish
- 16 Dark Area
- 21-23 Vacation Bible School Workshop
- 23 TLA/FACT
- 27-30 Old Fashioned Camp Meeting
- 30 Pathfinder Fair

April

- 4-5-6 Spanish Rally

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- 8 Central Texas Parish
- 9-10 Medical Retreat
- 16-18 Christian Salesmanship Seminar
- 18 Dark Area
- 18 Texas Conference Constituency Meeting
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A Concerned Communication.

God's Circle

Mel Rees was walking on a deserted beach on St. Lawrence Island off Alaska. As he trudged along with a native from the area, he suddenly spotted three heavy glass balls with net covering. They were stray floats from nets used by a Japanese fishing fleet.

Mel wanted very much to take them home. "Where can I hide these glass balls?" he asked his companion. "No need to hide," said the native. "Look, I show you." Laying the glass balls closely together on the beach he drew a circle around them with the tip of his heavy boot. "Everything all right. We go!" announced the native. "No," said Mel, "let's hide them so we'll be sure to have them when we return." "Everything all right. Everything all right," assured the man. "When Eskimo make circle around, no one take. They yours. No one touch. If they did would be stealing."

A circle around an object is a sign of ownership in that remote part of the world. The floats were still safe on the beach when they returned later in the day.

But God's claim to ownership goes beyond time, the Sabbath, and trees and the tithing system. He has drawn a circle

of love around you. You belong to Him by creation and by redemption. "You are not your own; you were bought at a price." I Corinthians 6:20 N.I.V. And what a price!

A proper understanding of ownership is one giant step forward to a true understanding of our relationship to God and to His claims upon us as His stewards.

Adapted from

Canadian Adventist Messenger.

Longshoreman Leads in Texas Ingathering

Louis Alberti works from mornin' 'til the set of sun. His normal activities are in the Houston port. For many years the shippers, agents, security personnel and fellow longshoremen have silently observed the integrity of this unassuming Seventh-day Adventist.

At a recent pastor-elder session, held at Nameless Valley Ranch, Louis was honored as the person who raised the highest amount in the recently finished Ingathering Campaign.

The \$2,200.00 was received from scores of personal visits. Louis is an elder of the Houston Gulfhaven Seventh-day Adventist Church. For years he has been quietly and effectively going about his rounds. Such is the confidence that others place in him that one day a longshoreman gave his money to Louis. The man had never been to church before. He was convicted regarding personal religious duties and began to share his income with others.

The question that Louis raised was: "How do I lead this man to see that being a Christian involves more than giving offerings?" It is apparent that Louis cares for more than the Ingathering donation.



Elder and Mrs. H. M. S. Richards reminisce about experiences they have had during the 50-year history of the Voice of Prophecy. The microphone in Elder Richards' hands was presented to him by KHJ — the Los Angeles station of the Mutual Broadcasting System from which the VOP broadcast team aired its first live coast-to-coast program in 1942.

For a feast of music by the King's Heralds, Del Delker, and Jim Teel, in addition to an old-fashioned gospel sermon by H. M. S. Richards, Sr., Texas Conference members and friends are invited to attend the Golden Jubilee program to be held on Sabbath, March 15 at 5 p.m. in the Leiske-Pultar Auditorium at Southwestern Adventist College in Keene. For more details, see article on page 12B.



Louis Alberti receives a word of appreciation for the \$2,200 Ingathering he raised from Texas Conference lay activities director, Larry Engel.



The Cantamos, a select choir of the Austin First Baptist Church, sings at the Christmas banquet for the Austin Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Part of congregation attending recent Corpus Christi area conference rally. The afternoon meeting was held in the beautiful St. John Methodist Church.

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The Lange's bring a message in song to recent Corpus Christi area church rally.



(Left) Larry Guinn, an officer of "FACT," explains its function at the Corpus Christi Rally. "FACT" means "Foundation to Assist Churches in Texas." (Right) Dark-Area Commission director, Bob Wood, explains some programs and projects of Texas Conference to members attending Corpus Christi area Sabbath afternoon rally.

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DON SULLIVAN, Correspondent

SVA Enjoys Week of Prayer

Elder E. W. Shepperd, the new youth leader for the Southwestern Union Conference, was the week of prayer speaker for Sandia View Academy January 27 to February 2, ending with a beautiful communion service.

SVA can claim a first in that Elder Shepperd had hardly unpacked his bags from his move from Andrews University before he was on our campus.

The students reacted very favorably to his inspirational talks each day at 12:10 and 7:15 p.m. After having spent a week here, he has left many friends behind, but better yet, SVA claims Elder Shepperd as a friend.

Marie Adams,
Communication Secretary.

E. W. Shepperd, speaker for Sandia View Academy week of prayer.



New Industry at SVA

Roll-a-way of Albuquerque, a new industry to Sandia View Academy, is owned and operated by the Calvin Thomas family of Corrales. When the Texico Conference was looking for industries for Sandia View Academy, Calvin Thomas was appointed by the executive committee to assist in finding something suitable for the school. After approximately six months of looking without success, the family discussed the possibility of putting an industry in themselves.

The industry has characteristics that could be successful even if students are employed. It requires light manufacturing and assembly work with a short training period, making, selling, and installing insulating security shutters. These are installed on the outside of the enclosure and roll up, and are operated from the inside, either manually or electrically. Roll-a-way is a quality product and provides insulation, security, and storm protection.

To show the Lord's guidance in this new industry, the Thomases applied for financing at two banks but both indicated they would not participate in financing a new venture because of the financial con-

ditions prevalent at this time. They gave up, but not for long. Later, Mrs. Thomas talked Dr. Thomas into trying another banker, one whom they had never done business with. (They had done business with the other two.) The banker financed the business, partially because he lives near the academy and knows it well, and also because he has done business with literature evangelists through the years.

Right now the Roll-a-way industry is employing three students and has plans in the near future to employ six or more. The business is off to a good start with \$50,000 in sales already and \$20,000 of installation as of February 4, 1980. Congratulations to Roll-a-way, and may God bless it AND the Thomases for stepping out in faith for SVA.

Marie Adams,
Communication Secretary.

Great Possibilities at Saragosa Mission Farm

It was early summer 1978 and the cantaloupes and melons were up. Help was needed to thin and weed the rows in 70 acres of this fast-growing, exceptionally good-looking crop. Glen Turner was working night and day but could not keep up with all the irrigation, cultivation, and in-row weeding and thinning of the crop. During the Saragosa church service Esther Lansbery and I made an appeal for help from the members and Sunday morning they were there with hoes and water jugs. By noon the major part of the task was done. The next morning Esther Lansbery and Anna Semenc-Mayberry prayed that God would send rain . . . Incredible?

It was reported that no rain had fallen in nearly a year. Even in the most arid Southwest, thunder storms cause flash floods in the desert. But just as we were finishing the in-row thinning and weeding that afternoon the most beautiful, gentle, magnificent rain came over those fields.

Hopes were high. The future looked bright. At a neighboring farm, Mr. Loring Box was harvesting onions. His average yield on 280 acres was 15 tons per acre. During the early and major part of the harvest he was receiving 12¢ a pound; later it dropped to 8¢ a pound. Is it possible for the Saragosa Mission Farm to succeed like this on a smaller scale with the blessing of God?

Mr. Box also had over 200 acres of bell peppers and the balance of 900 acres in cantaloupes. The local county agricultural agent, Dale Tune, stated that bell peppers have grossed up to \$3,000 per acre for the past two years, with a production cost of \$700 to \$900 per acre.

This past summer, Dave Tipton (home

phone 915/547-2954; pick-up phone 915/445-6556) planted 18 acres of late cantaloupes, during late June, which was harvested in late September and early October. He reported a yield of 200 boxes per acre at a sales price of \$6 to \$7 per box and at a production cost of \$250 to \$300 per acre. Dave Tipton is production farm manager for Griffin & Brand Company which made a commitment to Esther Lansbery to purchase all the cantaloupes, bell peppers, or onions that Saragosa Mission could raise, but lack of equipment and help made it impossible to plant a crop last spring and summer.

The first summer and fall produced a rich harvest in experience. Inadequate equipment, agricultural skill, along with breakdowns, lack of help and the irrigation pump failure just prior to the harvest caused a major crop failure. And while one sale was \$1,000, the first year was a minor financial disaster.

Recovery from such disappointing setbacks takes time; however, the Spirit of Prophecy directives that "the study in agricultural lines should be the A, B, and C of the education given in our schools, and that is the very first work that should be entered upon" (*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 179) has given renewed courage to those wonderful veteran pioneers at the Sara-

gosa Mission. Are not the Lord's blessings enablings?

Surely if non-Adventist men can reap such a remarkable financial success in agriculture in this area, should we not expect that God will bless the Saragosa Mission Farm project in a similar way if the same kind of teamwork and good management is put into it?

This fall Eli Davis purchased a large diesel tractor with equipment at a cost of about \$8,000. In December Vernon Springer from Laurelwood went down and overhauled the MM engine as well as the pump. Dennis Harper furnished a new set of bowls for the pump at \$1,745, which was a saving of over \$1,000.

Dave Tipton, farm manager for Griffin & Brand, has provided information for successfully growing onions, cantaloupes, and bell peppers. Griffin & Brand has again agreed to sell all that the mission can raise. Planting onions is to start in February; therefore, a farm manager is urgently needed now. The excellent help from Saragosa members, as well as non-Seventh-day Adventist farmers during the past two summers, in my experience indicates a most encouraging outlook for a successful crop this coming year if the proper help and management can be secured in time.

O. A. Gerst.

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Notice is hereby given to the members of the Southern Publishing Association constituency that a joint meeting of the constituencies of the Southern Publishing Association of Seventh-day Adventists and the Review and Herald Publishing Association will be held Thursday, March 20, 1980, at 9:30 a.m., in the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, Takoma Park, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting is to consider merging the management and operation of the two publishing houses in harmony with the action taken by the General Conference Committee on February 5, 1980.

W. Duncan Eva, *Chairman*;
D. R. Pierson, *Secretary*.

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Southern Publishing Association

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Tuesday, March 18, 1980, at 1:00 p.m. in the Southern Publishing Association chapel, Nashville, Tennessee. The purpose of the meeting is to consider recommendations to be presented by the Ad Hoc Committee giving study to merging the management and operation of the Southern Publishing Association and the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

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| | Mar. 7 | Mar. 14 | Mar. 21 | Mar. 28 |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Abilene, Texas | 6:41 | 6:46 | 6:51 | 6:56 |
| Amarillo, Texas | 6:48 | 6:54 | 6:59 | 7:05 |
| Brownsville, Texas | 6:34 | 6:38 | 6:41 | 6:45 |
| Dallas, Texas | 6:29 | 6:34 | 6:39 | 6:44 |
| El Paso, Texas | 6:08 | 6:13 | 6:18 | 6:23 |
| Fort Worth, Texas | 6:31 | 6:36 | 6:41 | 6:46 |
| Galveston, Texas | 6:23 | 6:27 | 6:31 | 6:35 |
| Gentry, Arkansas | 6:18 | 6:25 | 6:31 | 6:36 |
| Keene, Texas | 6:31 | 6:36 | 6:41 | 6:46 |
| Little Rock, Arkansas | 6:10 | 6:16 | 6:21 | 6:27 |
| Muskogee, Oklahoma | 6:22 | 6:28 | 6:33 | 6:39 |
| New Orleans, Louisiana | 6:03 | 6:08 | 6:12 | 6:16 |
| Oklahoma City, Oklahoma | 6:31 | 6:37 | 6:42 | 6:48 |
| San Antonio, Texas | 6:38 | 6:42 | 6:46 | 6:50 |
| Santa Fe, New Mexico | 6:04 | 6:10 | 6:16 | 6:22 |
| Shreveport, Louisiana | 6:17 | 6:22 | 6:27 | 6:32 |
| Tulsa, Oklahoma | 6:24 | 6:30 | 6:36 | 6:42 |

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MARCH

8 Ten-Min. Service — Adventist Youth Day

15 Ten-Min. Service — Sabbath School Community Guest Day

22 Ten-Min. Service — Literature Evangelism Offering — Andrews University

29 Ten-Min. Service — Witnessing

Adventist Youth Week of Prayer — March 8-15

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

“Don’t Use Big Words . . . Just Get Busy”

The evacuation of the British army from the beaches of Dunkirk stands out as one of the most dramatic events of World War II. It would be hard to describe the feelings of desperation that swept the free world at that time. Winston Churchill recovers the mood of that fateful hour in his remembrances in these words: “There was a short service of intercession and prayer in Westminster Abbey. The English are loathe to express their feelings but in my stall in the choir I could feel the pent-up, passionate emotion, and also the fear of the congregation, not of death or wounds or material loss, but of defeat and the final ruin of Britain.”

At this critical point in history the man who eventually became the Field Marshall, Sir Harold Alexander, was given command of the retreating British troops who had been pushed to the sea at Dunkirk. General Alexander was studying the all but desperate situation when a colonel came dashing up to him, saluted, and reported: “General, our position is catastrophic!”

Alexander looked calmly at the man, then dismissed him with these piercing words: “Don’t use big words, colonel, just get busy and get these boys out of here!”

The rest of the story is incredible. Not only soldiers, sailors, and airmen — but also ordinary citizens as well — responded to the national crisis. In one of the most unbelievable feats of all time more than 330,000 troops were taken off the beaches of Dunkirk in everything from canoes to barges and warships — and the situation was saved from catastrophe.

A crisis is not the worst thing that can happen. Crisis and possible catastrophe are constant potentials in life. Sometimes a crisis can prove to be a blessing. A crisis shows people up. It doesn’t take long to see who’s who in times of distress and crisis. You can sometimes see in a few hours what you might not ever discover under ordinary conditions.

Today the world is in a crisis and the church itself is clearly moving into a time of crisis. This should not come as a surprise to those who study Bible prophecy and the Spirit of Prophecy.

We know it’s coming and we know that “Everything that can be shaken will be shaken.” We know a great shaking crisis is coming to the church. Already we can see the rumbling — the tremors of future shock — that will tear apart everything that is not penned down.

Already at this time there are some among us who are spending full time working to undo the very doctrines that have held us together and made us a distinct and different people. The Spirit of Prophecy is under heavy attack. People are working to undermine this great gift that has held us together as a united church. The doctrines of the Judgement, the Sanctuary, and the 1844 date and its significance are being questioned. The inerrancy of the Bible and the creation is being probed and punctured in the eyes of some. The authority of the church and its divine mission is being questioned. “Scholars” are using “big words” to try to confuse the great and grand truth of Righteousness by Faith. Satan is on a rampage and, if he has his way, he will tear the church to shreds. Satan wants to get the church confused and in disarray right here on the edge of eternity.

Don’t be shocked. You should expect all this and more. This is the time to make our calling and election sure. Jesus has not changed — neither has His beautiful truth. This message is as solid as a rock. Old Ship Zion is going through. The only question should be — will we be on board that blessed ship when it sails into the heavenly harbor.

It is time to come alert. When Satan is trying to bring confusion utterly, that is the time to pull together as one. The church should stop paying people salaries who spend their time undermining the church and its message. Those who spend full time raising questions and using big words, bringing dismay and futility, should be told what General Alexander told the colonel: “Don’t use big words — just get busy,” and get this work finished! *Jesus is coming very soon.* The world is desperately waiting for rescue “on the beaches of Dunkirk.” This is no time for quibbling. This is a time for rescue and salvation. God’s truth stands. Stand with it!

Yours for standing true and faithful in these final hours,

B. E. Leach

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“The time that so many are now allowing to go to waste should be devoted to the charge that God has given us of preparing for the approaching crisis.” *Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 717.

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