

# SOUTHWESTERN UNION Record



featuring  
the  
**Southwest  
Region  
Conference**

Southwest  
Region  
Vibrates with  
**Bible  
Chautauquas**



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# Focus on the Cover

## Southwest Region's Bible Chautauquas

In the early 20th Century in upstate New York, there were summer education centers which provided education, combined with entertainment in the form of lectures. These functions were presented outdoors, preferably under a tent, and became popularly known as a Chautauqua, according to Webster's dictionary. In the latter part of the 20th century, the Southwest Region provided 20 Bible Chautauquas or learning centers outdoors under tents, primarily to proclaim the good news of salvation, to the 2,000,000 Blacks residing in this five-state region. The ministry and laity alike are committed to doing everything possible to disseminate the everlasting gospel in the context of the three angels' messages. Every facet of this conference has been vibrant during the three quarters of 1980 to tell people that the King is coming, and that they must prepare to meet Him.

Over the years we dreamed of baptizing 1,000 souls in a year's time. In 1979 we broke the 500-soul barrier for the first time. 1980 promises to be a glorious year for we have fielded 20 tent meetings, or Bible Chautauquas, and the end results look promising. As evangelistic reports stream into the conference office our 20 Bible Chautauquas were successful in that it appears we are nearing a plateau of 700 souls for the first three quarters.

The brethren of the Southwest Region took seriously the motto handed down by the General Conference, at the recent Annual Council, "Together for a Finished Work." Every person in the Region whose heart has been warmed by the good news that God loves Him is sharing with others "The Old, Old Story of Jesus and His Love." We believe the effort to proclaim the gospel will bring untold blessings to both givers and receivers.

W. C. Jones, *President,*  
*Southwest Region Conference.*

## Spotlight on Soul Winning

### in the Southwest Region

Our soul-winning experience comes from the Lake Charles district, where Pastor L. R. Phillips has been conducting an evangelistic meeting for six weeks. Pastor Phillips met with five disappointments — in that five persons for various reasons cancelled out on playing the piano. This was a real dilemma since music is a major part in a soul-winning meeting, for it not only sets the mood for the spoken word but also woos the heart of the sinner to accept Christ.

It was providence that directed Pastor Phillips to a youthful newlywed couple that lives in Houston, even though Houston is 145 miles away. Bro. and Sr. Norman Stiggers make the journey every weekend and rejoice over the fact that they have part in building up the kingdom of God. Sister Stiggers plays the piano and her husband has a baritone voice and renders special music.

Mrs. Trena Burks, who grew up in our Ephesus church in New Orleans and since moved to Lake Charles with her hus-



Norman Stiggers and Trena Burks.

band, is very active in the work of the church. Every night during the evangelistic meeting she serves as head usher.

Pastor Phillips has baptized nine precious souls and is planning for two additional baptisms before the meeting is over.

What would have been the results had it not been for the loyal cooperation and sacrificial spirit of Mr. and Mrs. Stiggers of Houston and Mrs. Trena Burks.

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## General News

### General Conference Statement on Recent Russian Incident

A knowledgeable official at the Seventh-day Adventist world office in Washington, D.C., in response to a UPI release from Moscow said recently, "Rosislav N. Galetsky, 31, who is reported to be an Adventist preacher in the Soviet Union, is not connected with this denomination in any way."

Galetsky, who dissident sources say was seized July 1, at a railway station in Leningrad, is alleged to be the designated head of the True and Free Seventh-day Adventist Church — a group the Soviet Union considers illegal because they refuse to accept any state control over religion.

Alf Lohne, vice-president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists added, "Galetsky's predecessor, Vladimir Shelkov, the 84-year-old patriarch of the sect who is believed to have died last January in a Siberian labor camp, had separated from the Seventh-day Adventist denomination 56 years ago (1924). Church leaders here in the U.S. have had no direct contact with either Shelkov or Galetsky."

From a humanitarian and compassionate point of view, Seventh-day Adventist believe in human rights for all peoples and the free expression of religious belief and practice for all. At the same time the church tries, as far as possible, to maintain a neutral attitude toward political matters.

### GENERAL NEWS NOTES

• **Logo for Deaf Work Introduced** — A new logo has been adopted to accurately identify the purpose of Christian Record Braille Foundation's ministry for the deaf. The logo represents the pierced hands of Jesus encircled by the Trinity. "That the deaf may hear" appears under the logo emphasizing the goal of this new outreach.



• The Christian Film Distributors gave top honors to "John Hus" when they handed out awards this year. This film is produced by Faith For Today. The Adventist-produced film carried away three Christian Oscars including Best Film of the Year, Best Actor, and Best Supporting Actor.

• There is an urgent need for doctors and nurses to continue our medical work for the Cambodian refugees in Thailand. There are several wards and a surgery unit in the refugee camps to be staffed.



Doctors and nurses who can do general practice, surgeons, OBGYN specialists, OR nurses, and anesthetists are needed. If you are willing to volunteer services for at least one month, please contact Elder Don Hunter, General Conference representative at Loma Linda. Phone 714/796-7311 (office) or 714/785-5707 (home).

• **Twenty-Fifth Annual Institute on Mental Health.** The purpose of this institute is to provide ministers with information and experience in dealing with people and their feelings and to aid them in handling the emotional problems they encounter in their ministry.

Ministers interested in attending this year's institute should contact the president of the local conference, or George T. Harding, Jr., M.D., Harding Hospital, 445 Granville Road, Worthington, OH 43085. Application should be made as soon as possible, since enrollment is limited.

• **Developing Adventist Writers.** The Development of Adventist Writers Fund was established in 1978 as a five-year project responding to the needs of publishing houses and medical and educational institutions for competent writers on a variety of administrative levels. Five grants totaling \$7,500 were awarded this year to Adventist educational centers to aid in sharpening the skills of writing students. Dr. F. E. J. Harder, executive director of the Board of Higher Education, presented the awards to the presidents of the following: Pacific Union College \$3,000; Andrews University \$2,700; Southern Missionary College \$600; Union College \$600; and Walla Walla College \$600. These grants make possible guest lecturers, transportation expenses to internship jobs, departmental library expansion, and student scholarships.

## Health Happenings in the Southwest . . .

Fred Murray, Director    Elvin Adams, M.D., M.P.H. Associate Director

### Huguley Receives Certificate for Fight Against Rising Costs

Huguley Memorial Hospital was recently awarded a 1980 Certificate of Participation in the Texas Voluntary Effort by the Texas Hospital Association (THA). The certificate cited Huguley for its outstanding effort in containing rising health-care costs.

In announcing the receipt of the certificate, Huguley President John D. Koobs said, "Our hospital's cost containment goal is very ambitious. In the face of double-digit inflation, it will require great dedication and support from our governing board, medical staff, and employees to continue the successful containment of our increased expenses.

"We are determined," Koobs said, "to contain costs while preserving the quality and availability of services we currently provide to the community."

He said that in order for the hospital's cost containment

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Marvin Love, C.R.T.T., left, looks through the teaching attachment of the Cardio-Pulmonary Department's new Flexible Fiberoptic Bronchoscope as Comprehensive Pulmonary Care Coordinator Doris Penny, R.N., demonstrates how the scope can be used to view lung masses with its flexible fiber optic probe.

The instrument consists of the light source, lower left, main scope held by Doris Penny, teaching attachment, and camera that can be used to take photos of the lung for later reference by Huguley physicians.



# Report to the People

by your Union Conference Secretary . . . Bill May

**JIM MCKINSTRY IS UNION ASSISTANT TREASURER.** Jim McKinstry, associate director of HHES for the North Pacific Union (Portland, Oregon), is the newly appointed assistant treasurer of the Southwestern Union. Jim used to be our HHES manager and treasurer. "Welcome back home, Jim!"

**TWO COUNCILS HELD IN CORPUS CHRISTI.** Both the president's and secretary-treasurer's councils were held in Corpus Christi, Texas, this year. It was about the only place cool enough for survival. Ha!

**COLORADO COUNCIL DISCUSSES FORD TEACHINGS.** Over 100 theologians and administrators from across the world discussed Dr. Desmond Ford's new teachings at a recent week long meeting in Colorado. In a nutshell, the group strongly upheld traditional Adventist teachings and indicated that hired personnel will be expected to expound Seventh-day Adventist teachings only. Membership of those who refuse to comply will be in jeopardy. Watch for a detailed report in the *Adventist Review*.



**W. B. ROBINSON, COORDINATOR OF ABCs.** Elder W. B. Robinson (treasurer of HHES) has been appointed coordinator of the Adventist Book Centers for the union. He will assume this new responsibility in addition to his present duties.

**NEW PLAN FOR DEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL.** Southwestern Union Departmental Council has always been a problem because many departments had meetings at the same hours and the departmental director with several posts always had to miss many key meetings which concerned his department. This year each department will meet in its own separate two-to three-day meetings to lay plans and set objectives for 1981. Then in November, the union departmental director will meet with the union and local conference officers to make final decisions regarding the departmental recommendations. On the closing day of the November meeting the union committee will officialize all actions and objectives for 1981.

**JOHN CURNOW IS "CHRISTIAN RECORD" REPRESENTATIVE.** John Curnow, who is the Southwest representative for the Christian Record Braille Foundation (papers, books, tapes, etc., for the blind) authored the book, *Death on Dark Wings* (available at your ABC). He is available for a Sabbath appointment in your church. Write him at P.O. Box 365, Keene, TX 76059. "John, we appreciate both you and Christian Record tremendously."



(Left)  
John Curnow

(Right)  
Buddy Brass

#### AT A GLANCE:

- Never argue with a fool, onlookers may not be able to tell which is which.
- Attendance at Arkansas-Louisiana youth camps this year increased 17½% from 936 to 1,100. 52 runners from five states participated in their half-marathon.
- Kudos to Texico ABC for highest dollar per-member sales.
- If you kick the person who is responsible for most of your troubles you won't ever be able to sit down.
- Federal debt will reach nearly one trillion dollars in 1981. Interest alone will run nearly 83 billion dollars — omens of a crash. Invest in God's cause, a truly safe place for your money.
- Plans for Arkansas-Louisiana's new 4500 foot ABC were approved at the August 10 Executive Committee. Construction begins at once.
- Four baptisms were reported for a recent week by Arkansas-Louisiana literature evangelists. Amen!
- A total of 27 baptisms to date from the Buddy Brass Batesville, Arkansas, series. Praise the Lord!
- Sandia View Academy's August board voted to establish a small bakery and an auto-recycling industry.



# Jewels in the Southwest

by your "RECORD" Editor . . . Richard Bendall

## Pesky Birds

Magpies are beautiful black-and-white birds with iridescent green and greenish-blue feathers in wings and wedge-shaped tails. This relative of the crow (about 17-22 inches in length) is despised as a thief and scavenger in the western part of the United States. When cattle or sheep are slaughtered the magpies come to compete for the scraps. Two of these birds will puff out their chests and walk toward each other. Many times it's beak-to-beak and chest-to-chest before one concedes. The first one to break the fanfaronade leaves the choice morsel to the swaggerer.

The magpies attack weak or injured stock and peck at open branding scars, preventing their healing. In fact this pesky bird will peck at the blood spots on horses left by the bite of large flies. Finally there is a large, open, raw sore that birds continually pick and enlarge. Horses cannot tolerate this treatment so they run faster and faster to escape the birds and eventually commit hara-kari by jumping over a cliff to a peaceful sleep.

Sometimes people employ magpie tactics. A wound or sad experience of life is almost healed but some "bird" has to pick at the scab. Speech is a precious gift and should be used to praise. We have been counseled not to use harsh and cutting words.

The lesson in this article can be summed up in this quotation. "If every [person] . . . would make an effort to restrain all unkind and discourteous words, and speak with respect to all; if he would bear in mind that he is preparing to become a member of the heavenly family; if he would guard his influence by sacred sentinels, that it should not scatter away from Christ; if he would endeavor to have every act of his life show forth the praises of Him who has called him out of darkness into His marvelous light, what a reformatory influence would go forth . . . !"

## Huguley Hospital

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efforts to be effective, the community's support and understanding of the increased expenses hospitals face would be necessary.

Huguley joins other Texas hospitals in participating in the Texas Voluntary Effort, a program sponsored jointly by the Texas Hospital Association, the Texas Medical Association and the Texas Federation of Hospitals. Together they saved Texas citizens \$300 million in health-care costs from 1977 through 1979.

## Adventist Schools Are God's Workshops

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

## Let Children Grow in the Lord

"That our sons be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace." Psalms 144:12.

In these serious days, when much is expected of Christians, is it not right to hope that the young people of God-fearing



George Vandeman, center, discusses new evidence for the creationist position with Dr. Robert H. Brown, left, director of the Geoscience Research Institute, and Dr. Harold Coffin, a leading Adventist creationist and member of the Institute. GRI recently met at the Adventist Media Center in Thousand Oaks, California, to consider new developments in the field. Elder Vandeman, speaker-director of *It Is Written*, consults frequently with institute members on science-related scripts for the program.

parents will follow Jesus and become more mature-minded than those who have no interest in their eternal welfare?

The Revised Standard Version of the Bible has given us this translation of our text "May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown." This expresses a hope that they will be: (1) strong and well-rooted in the faith, (2) rightly cultured and nurtured in the religion of their parents, (3) not morally dwarfed but spiritually mature at an early age, (4) fruitful and useful in the work of their Master, (5) planted in an environment that will ensure rapid spiritual growth.

This last item enumerated can be the means to bring about the fulfillment of the previous four. Adventist schools offer this privilege and environment. It is the place where education is based upon the Word of God. "Instructing, cultivating, polishing, and refining the youth and children should be the main burden of both parents and teachers." *Child Guidance*, p. 296.

James Ford,  
Superintendent of Education,  
Southwest Region Conference.



Francis A. Soper, editor of *LISTEN*, talks with News Commentator Paul Harvey during an exclusive interview recently. Harvey says *LISTEN* is one of his favorite magazines. Paul Harvey is featured in a slide show telling "The Rest of One *LISTEN* Story," coming soon to your church.



# Southwestern Adventist College

LOREN WUTTKE, Correspondent

## Meet Two New SAC Faculty Members

Dr. Robert Osmunson

Dr. Robert Osmunson, from southern California, is the newly-appointed chairman of the Southwestern Adventist College Department of Education.

Osmunson spent 14 years as director of recruiting and admissions at Loma Linda University. He was formerly principal of Forest Lake Academy in Florida and taught in the academies at Union College, Nebraska, and Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He also served in the educational department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in East Africa, and is the author of three books.

Dr. and Mrs. Osmunson have two children. Their son is a practicing dentist in Canada and their daughter is on the staff of Loma Linda University.

Dr. Osmunson replaces Dr. Ralph Bailey at Southwestern Adventist College. Dr. Bailey and his wife are stationed in Africa where he has assumed the position of head of the Education Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Mid-Eastern Division with headquarters at Nairobi, Kenya.

Dr. Richard Larson

Richard Larson, Ph.D., and certified public accountant from Sonoma, California, is the new chairman of the Business Department at Southwestern Adventist College. He was for many years professor and chairman of the Department of Business at Loma Linda University.

Dr. Larson obtained his doctorate in accounting from Michigan State University. In addition to his distinguished career at Loma Linda University, he has taught business at Sacramento State University. He previously worked with a public accounting firm in Sonoma.

College president, Dr. Donald R.



Dr. Osmunson



Dr. Larson

McAdams says, "The addition of Dr. Larson to the Business Department of Southwestern Adventist College will add great strength." He will join Mr. Arthur White, associate professor of accounting; and Miss Judy Foll, assistant professor of office administration.

Dr. McAdams states, "These four well-trained and experienced teachers will give Southwestern Adventist College one of the finest business departments of any college in the United States."

## Arkansas- Louisiana

J. WAYNE HANCOCK, Correspondent

### VBS in Searcy

Imagine, if you can, a two-year-old, non-Adventist boy attending vacation Bible school at Searcy with his four-year-old sister and participating in all of the activities. Imagine a tiny, five-month-old, blind and deaf baby at vacation Bible school. This wee baby is a foster child being cared for by a member of the Searcy church, Mrs. Wanda Watson, who is also a deaf-mute. Needless to say, this tiny mite was the center of attraction and evoked sympathy, kindness, and helpfulness among the 10 non-Adventist and four Adventist children attending the vacation Bible school.

Miss Becky Evans of Rosebud, Arkansas, led out in conducting a very successful week using illustrations in song, lessons, stories, and crafts. The children thoroughly enjoyed each session. One little three-year-old fellow, from a non-Adventist home, cried when the time came to go home as he wanted to stay at vacation Bible school.

Mabel Dusbabek,  
Communication Secretary,  
Searcy Church.

### Schools Double in Arkansas-Louisiana

The explosion in Christian education which began five years ago in September of 1976 continues to mushroom in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference school system with the addition of ten new church schools. Under the leadership of Superintendent of Schools, J. Wayne Hancock, the system of church schools has doubled in size from 18 elementary and intermediate schools employing the services of 39 teachers to a system of 36



schools employing 66 certified teachers on August 25, when school bells rang signaling the first day of the 1980-1981 school year.

There is a "prairie fire" sense of urgency among many Adventist parents to find schools for their children that will not be at cross purposes with the teachings of the home and the church. True Christian parents and church leaders alike are becoming weary of trying to compete with public education for the minds of their children and young people.



The surging growth in Seventh-day Adventist schools clearly represents an on-going current in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. Increasing numbers of Bible and Spirit-of-Prophecy-believing Adventists are insisting on the continuance of this new direction. There is an increasing "grass roots" wave of parental concern that our children not only need to be prepared for this world, but also for the world to come. The current trends indicate that the Seventh-day Adventist school explosion has just begun.

For example, in the church at Houma, Louisiana, last year the school opened with seven students. This year, under the direction of Pastor Richard Hall and teacher Kathy Weigand, the school has reported an opening enrollment of 19







active students. This has produced an increase in students of 171% making it necessary for Connie Daigle to volunteer her time as a teacher's aide.

Three years ago Roger Rustad, pastor of the Fort Smith church, reported to the superintendent that he was concerned about the small size of the church school in his district. After some serious discussion about his dream for his church, teacher Eva Hevener was employed to teach the six-student, one-room school. Together pastor and teacher worked to increase student enrollment. Before school began this year, three teachers were employed and school opened with 43 students for a 616% increase. Elder Rustad, when speaking about plans for the future, has inquired about the possibility of expanding the eight-grade school into a junior academy. Elder Rustad's dream has also included the opening of a new school at Clarksville, Arkansas, where teacher Nelda Scoggins has helped by recruiting for the new school nine children. Nelda, who is working on a missionary wage, is a marvelous, degreed teacher according to a number of parents.

Pastor E. E. Roy, of the Texarkana district in Arkansas, is noted, not only for his dynamic lectures at teachers' conventions in various conferences, but also for his tremendous ability to build model church school enrollments in his district. In his traditional, systematic, organized way, Pastor Roy made an early request for a new school at Hope, Arkansas. But recognizing that this new school would take one third of the enrolled students from the Texarkana school, he began an active recruiting program which continued for almost nine months and ended with dramatic results. The school in Texarkana, with 17 students at the end of last school year, lost five of those students to the new school at Hope which opened this year with eight students. Texarkana,



which worried about an enrollment of 12 students, nevertheless employed two teachers, Vickie Lehman, and Ella Schmiede, and opened with an enrollment of 23.

Ron Rusco, new principal of Shreveport Junior Academy, approached student recruitment with great enthusiasm and a new style. Working closely with his board and the pastors of the multi-church area, Ron purchased radio spots on KEPT, the religious radio station which broadcasts to the Ark-La-Tex, and thus stirred unusual interest and put Shreveport Junior Academy on the front page of the *Shreveport Journal*. Ron's wife, Carol, has also brought to the school a new five- and six-year-old kindergarten program which is remarkably different from any other kindergarten program in the city.

When Elder Hancock was asked what accounted for the supernatural growth taking place in Christian education in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, he responded, "Supernatural pastors and teachers working in tandem driven by a divine spirit." After that he said, "I suppose it depends heavily upon outstanding, well-qualified, dedicated Christian teachers willing to give everything there is of themselves to the education of our youth." He concluded, "The Holy Spirit will bless and see to it that the explosion in Christian education will continue to mushroom."

Two requests for church schools next year have already come to the conference department of education. School boards are currently studying the standards which must be met in order to open schools fully accredited by either the state of Arkansas or the state of Louisiana and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Will your church, guided by the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, be among God's progressive churches who refuse to be satisfied with anything less than total Christian education?

Anthony St. John.

## New Member for Natchitoches

The official opening of the new Alexandria church was made more meaningful by the baptism of Mrs. Audrey Ruth Cox

Elder Swena baptizes Mrs. Audrey Cox.



Mrs. Cox is welcomed into membership of the Natchitoches church by Elder and Mrs. M. B. Swena.

of Marthaville. This was the first baptism conducted by Elder M. B. Swena since his ordination in 1979 and was also the first baptism held in the new church sanctuary.

Mrs. Cox joined the Natchitoches church. She will strengthen that enthusiastic group of believers much and will give them renewed courage as they press forward to finish the work of the gospel in the oldest settlement of the Louisiana Purchase.

W. H. Elder, *President,*  
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.



Jesus is coming. Soon. And rejoicing over a soon-coming Savior is what a HARVEST CELEBRATION concert is all about! A testimony of praise! A reunion of the family of God! An opportunity to participate in a musical sharing of the Best News the world has ever heard!

HARVEST CELEBRATION is the exciting new group of Christian young people you've been hearing about. Centered in Lincoln, Nebraska, HARVEST CELEBRATION is led by Buz Starrett, formerly musical director of *The Fellowship* and *Heritage Singers' New Creation*. The unique blend of singing and witnessing which makes up a HARVEST CELEBRATION concert is an experience you can't afford to miss. Join us as we Celebrate the soon-coming Harvest.

**Wednesday, September 17, 7:30 p.m.**  
Gentry Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Gentry, Arkansas

**Friday and Sabbath, September 19, and 20**  
Bible Camp — Camp Yorktown Bay  
Hot Springs, Arkansas (Mt. Pine)

**Monday, September 22, 7:30 p.m.**  
Seventh-day Adventist Church  
8700 Rodney Parham  
Little Rock, Arkansas



# Oklahoma

CHARLES R. BEELER, Correspondent

## New Church Is Organized in Yukon

On May 23, 1977, the Oklahoma City Central church board voted to select the city of Yukon as its target community, with the objective in mind of raising up a new church within three years. A plan of witnessing was put into operation using the "gift cards" for a free copy of *Bible Readings* enclosed with the Ingathering brochure, and an evangelistic tabloid sent to all Yukon residents containing several free offers. The responses from these two projects provided opportunity to become acquainted with some of the fine people in Yukon. The Central church sponsored *These Times* to all rural route patrons during the months of March, April, May, and June 1979.

On March 17, 1979, a story hour and Bible class was begun which met for many weeks in the Yukon Community Center and the Roundup Club Building. During the summer Wesley Wilbanks worked with Pastor Tim Ponder in visitation in preparation for Elder Jac Colon's "Revelation Now" Crusade during July-August 1979. At the conclusion of this exciting crusade 17 united with God's commandment-keeping church and it was decided that it was time to begin meeting on Sabbath morning as a separate group from the Central church. The Yukon group was organized as a Company of the Oklahoma Conference on September 8, 1979. At this time Pastor Jerry Mayes assumed leadership of the



The house that has been purchased by the new Yukon congregation — before remodeling.

Cleanup of the grounds was the first order of business — the members have given many hours of joint effort in this project.



## Coming Events at Wewoka Woods Adventist Center

Jr. Academies  
Bible Conference ..... Oct. 8-11  
Pathfinder/Youth Leaders  
Training ..... Oct. 17-18  
Campers' Camp Meeting ..... Oct. 24-26

company and served until January 1980 at which time Pastor Tim Ponder became the pastor and activity began in preparation for a crusade to be held in March by Elder H. B. Petry. Bible study cards were distributed during the snowy weather and Bible studies were begun by Pastor Ponder and some of the members.

The Oklahoma Czech Building was the site of the "Peace for Life" Crusade, March 14-29. Steve Vail worked closely with Elder Petry and Pastor Ponder in a program of visitation and personal study with interests. Nine wonderful souls joined as a result of this crusade which greatly encouraged the members of the company. During the last week of the crusade Elder Petry located a house which he felt had potential for remodeling into a church. He helped the members see the advantages of buying their own property which was purchased the second week of April following numerous providential occurrences. During the next three months members of the company and several pastors channeled their time and energy into the task of remodeling the house into a sanctuary. Certainly the company owes a debt of gratitude to Elder Petry without whom this would not have been possible.

Though not complete, the building was used on July 12, a high day, when the company was organized into a church with 30 charter members. Elders Robert D. Rider, Max A Trevino, H. B. Petry, Jake Knight, Pastor Tim Ponder, and local church officers led out.

It is evident that the Lord has guided in a special way in the establishment of this lighthouse in Yukon. His continued blessing is sought as the members seek to share the good news of salvation with the residents of one of the fastest growing communities in Oklahoma.

## Oklahoma Vacation Bible Schools

### Muskogee

The Muskogee Seventh-day Adventist Church had one of the best ever vacation Bible schools in the history of the church. The theme was on creation with 60 in attendance on some days, over half being non-Adventist children.



Children doing crafts at Muskogee VBS held in June 1980.



Little Nina Gentry holding clown she made at Muskogee VBS.

Virginia Marlin was the able director, she stated that without the cooperation from the church members it could not have happened. Eternity alone will reveal how much good VBS has done for our own children as well as the community children.

Ira Gilliam,  
*Communications Secretary.*

### Shawnee

Mrs. Norma Adams led out in a very successful VBS June 2-6. There were 18 non-Adventists out of a total of 26, one of which won a Bible for bringing her non-Adventist friends.

Due to two large gifts, the craft program was top quality this year. A black-light program enhanced the main story period. Hanging plants, poster animals and hanging animals, fruit, and insects graced the class rooms and intrigued the youngsters. Many made the remark that this was the BEST VBS they had ever attended and they wanted to know if we would have VBS again next year.

Mrs. Emilie Robertson,  
*Shawnee Communications Secretary.*

Shawnee VBS children enjoyed a large variety of useful and fun crafts this year.







The three young people who were baptized: left to right, Samuela Stankovic, Kevin Way, and Harvetta Way.

## Gospel Messengers Perform in Durant

Sabbath, June 28, 1980, will long be remembered in Durant. On that date we saw three young people baptized, heard a strong sermon on stewardship, ate a delicious fellowship lunch, and then listened to a sacred concert provided by The Gospel Messengers from Keene, Texas. Marianne Medina led the choir and her husband, Virgil, even played a hymn on a leaf. He said he preferred the lovely tuned leaves of the Phillipines, homeland for most of the group.

Guillermo Bartolome, leader of The Gospel Messengers, says the group has been organized two years now and is happy to sing for any church. An offering was taken to aid in the group's goal of conducting evangelistic crusades in both India and the Phillipines in the near future.

Ertis L. Johnson, *Pastor.*

## OKLAHOMA NEWS ROUNDUP

• Two new medical families have moved to Oklahoma. Dr. Duane Smith, an internist, has joined the staff of Jay Memorial Hospital. The Smith family moved to Oklahoma from Colorado. Dr. Bryan Jennings is opening a dental practice in Pryor. Over the past few months the Jennings family has been living in Oklahoma City. We are fortunate to have these two new families join our medical team in Oklahoma.

• During ministerial fellowship on August 18, the pastors reported many, many Caleb's Groups that have been organized since camp meeting. Enthusiasm for searching the Word and then sharing with someone else has taken on a new dimension and we say, "Praise the Lord!" Let's keep the "fires burning" and we will witness a finished work in our part of the Lord's vineyard.

• Brother and Sister Jerome Hamill of the Pryor church planned and carried out their second yard revival. Over 100 attended the weekend of August 15-16. Elder Bob Thrower was the guest speaker and Brother James McCoy of Oklahoma City was the guest musician. The Hamills invite all their neighbors to attend and they have responded very favorably to this activity. The long-range results cannot be predicted, but the short-range results are that a family of five are seriously considering joining the church. This is a project that many of our Oklahoma members could also sponsor.

• Through the Claremore Ministerial Alliance Pastor Cecil Harlin became acquainted with



## Pathfinder News

Elder Larry Schneider presents a Schwinn 10-speed bike to Eddie Thompson from Jay, Oklahoma. Eddie raised over \$1,000 for the new swimming pool at Wewoka Woods Adventist Center.



Pathfinders have lots of fun. Does your church have a Pathfinder Club? If you are interested in organizing a club, please contact Elder Larry Schneider, Oklahoma Conference youth director, who will be happy to assist you.



Yolanda Sikes, of the Enid Comets Pathfinder Club, was chosen "Pathfinder of the Year." The decision was made by the staff and club members based on the following: attendance, record, uniform, personal appearance, conduct, spiritual attitude, participation, achievement, and special accomplishments. Congratulations, Yolanda! May you continue to realize that it is only through the merits of a risen Saviour that we are able to live up to such high standards.

Larry Schneider,  
Oklahoma Conference Youth Director.

the minister of the Seventh-day Church of God in Claremore. The friendship has grown and the minister attended the P.R.E.A.C.H. Seminar held in Oklahoma City. When Elder Dan Collins held an evangelistic series in Claremore in May, he, too, became acquainted; and as the result a joint meeting of the two churches was held on Sunday evening, August 17, with Elder Collins as the speaker. A spirit of love and fellowship exists between the members of these two churches who share a common day of worship.

# Southwest Region

W. C. JONES, Correspondent



## Southwest Region Summer Camp

B. E. Wright reports a very successful camp program this summer at Lone Star guiding juniors, teens, and working with 14 horses, boats, crafts, and other classes have kept the camp buzzing all summer. In the picture B. E. Wright entertains his daughter, Candese.



Junior campers put on life jackets — they're going on a boat ride.



Counselor Roger Lennox takes his last dive at the end of the summer camp.

Part of the staff that worked at Lone Star, left to right: Michael Morgan, Elaine Phipps, Nancy Jones, Joyce Taylor and Steve Pritchett.







When a tent meeting comes to town, members skilled in giving Bible studies are a MUST. This group from Baton Rouge are ready to serve (ushers).



Pastor and Mrs. M. Singleton team up with Pastor W. T. Cox in Houston to wage war in the 5th Ward. The interest is good, and souls are seeking the light of the gospel.



Some can remember 33 years ago when the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, church came into existence, and C. E. Bradford was the zealous intern pastor who helped to baptize 125 precious souls.

## Photographic Review of Summer Evangelism in the Southwest Region



Planning for the nightly service with Pastor G. N. Howell of San Antonio, before the crowd arrives.



Mrs. Frankie Sanders, a busy housewife and an active beautician, finds the time to labor for souls as a successful Bible instructor. She found this brother and led him step by step into the doors of the church.



Nothing could be gained without the pleasing smiles of the ushers to greet the nightly guests as the Gordon sisters did each night in Fort Smith, Arkansas.



Ms. Alice Parker, a veteran of many evangelistic campaigns, and an excellent soul winner, is poised and ready for service.



It's not all preaching, Pastor J. W. Cox of Texarkana, Texas, discovers there is daily care of the tent and constant vigil in case of storm.



With such an army of youth trained, how soon the work of the gospel could be finished. Mrs. Eddie Douglas and her daughter love the Lord and find a joy in service for Christ.



Pastor Humphrey directs last-minute details in Coushatta, Louisiana.

Pastor S. L. Green and Lay-Elder Earnest Gilliam of Fort Smith, Arkansas, unite to proclaim eternal truths.



Oh to be young and conducting the first tent meeting of my ministry! Pastor W. E. Humphrey who delights in sharing the light of the third angel's message, Coushatta, Louisiana.



The story of the summer's effort is not complete, for we believe the summer of 1980 will long be remembered. Pastor R. E. Brown of Ephesus in New Orleans preaches to raise up a church on the West Bank in the city of Algeria. The Southwest Region Conference rallies all members to join the army of service in sharing the light of truth with 2,000,000 Blacks living within the territory of this great region. Our objective is to prepare a people to be a part of the coming kingdom of God.

W. C. Jones, Reporter.





## Vacation Bible Schools

Baton Rouge (Berean) conducted a very successful program for 10 days with enrollment of 60 pupils. They had excellent attendance with 60% from non-Adventist homes. Hammond church was determined to have a VBS even though their director, Elaine Harrington, was in summer school. She had a tremendous staff and a dedicated associate, Sandra Jackson, which made this school possible. The enrollment reached 130 active boys and girls.



New Orleans (Ephesus) conducts three VBS's — one at the church, one on the West Bank at the detention home, and Bro. Joseph Mackey conducted a class under the overpass. This is his third year with his family carrying on this unusual program for boys and girls with summertime on their hands.



Dallas (City Temple) for the second year conducted a VBS in a housing project. Cleburne church always begins their VBS with a motorcade — parading through the streets inviting the community boys and girls, letting them know the summer program they have planned for their enjoyment.

Fort Smith (Love's Chapel) enjoyed a week of learning to be "God's Children" under the direction of Mrs. Gilliam. This small church had an enrollment of 43, of which the majority were non-Adventist. Their closing program was held under the Bible tent where the church was engaged in evangelism this summer. Taylor conducted their VBS by faith, the first to be held in the area in over 12 years. Enrollment was 29 mostly from non-Adventist homes. Sr. Johnson reports it was very rewarding, and her helpers were Madames Jenson, Smith, Upshaw, and Jemison. Monroe, Coushatta, Fort Worth, Pine Bluff, Shreveport, and others had VBS's in connection with their evangelistic meetings.



(Left) The work in Austin continues to grow under Pastor M. A. Jemison. Four persons were baptized July 18, and one young man (Don Jones) expressed a desire to be a part of the church, so he is awaiting baptism. Pictured are local elder L. Anderson, Debra Harden, Don Jones, Mark Trujillo, Pam Jackson, Dennis Rucker, and Pastor M. A. Jemison. (Right) Our believers at Alpha in Austin rejoice over the recent appointment of Miss Sandra Calvert, one of the outstanding youth of the church. Miss Calvert is a graduate from Oakwood College, and received her M.A. degree from Andrews University in education. She is under appointment to be the assistant dean of women at Peterson Hall, Oakwood College. She will be missed at the church, for she has always been one of the spark plugs in the Capital City. Pastor M. A. Jemison congratulates Miss Calvert for this appointment.



# Texas

WARREN SKILTON, Correspondent

## Health Management Wellness Vacation

The Southwestern Union Conference medical and conditioning services is pleased to announce its Fall Health Management-Wellness Vacation program. It will be at Nameless Valley Ranch near Austin, Texas.

This program will provide a unique opportunity for you to undergo a personal health-development program, which includes a medical screening, education, and supervised activities within a natural setting that offers an ideal learning environment.

We are happy to offer this innovative program to you. This venture is a prelude to the development of a Southwestern Union Conference Conditioning Center that will provide on-going health management.

A conditioning commission is presently engaged in planning and development of a physical facility. One of the contributions of this commission is providing programs at selected sites such as is planned for NVR.

By better health and increased knowledge the Christian life and the well being of all people can be greatly enhanced. The gospel commission will then reach its greatest potential.

### Objective

The objective of this special health management program is for participants to develop a healthier lifestyle.

The wellness vacation has been planned for a 23-day live-in program of diet and activity therapy for persons with diabetes, hypertension, obesity, cardiovascular, and other degenerative diseases.

The program is a "learn-by-doing" process to assist in forming personal values in health. Through daily lectures factual

information and professional health management, the principles of care of the human body, "physical, mental, and spiritual" are presented as a basis for living a wholesome healthy life.

By gaining insight and understanding a firm basis can be established to form habits for implementing a diet and activity regime for a changed life-health style. Wellness can become a way of life.

### The Health Team

1. J. N Morgan, *Director of Conditioning Program*
2. Gerald Mitchell, M.D., M.P.H., *Medical Director*
3. John Griswell, M.D., *Medical Director*
4. Shirley Pinterich, R.N., *Assistant Director*
5. Lamar Allred, *Assistant Director*
6. John Grosboll, DHSc, *Nutritionist*
7. Charles Smith, RPT, *Physical Therapist*

### ATTENDING PHYSICIANS:

Gerald Mitchell, M.D., Elvin Adams, M.D., David Engleking, M.D., John Griswell, M.D., Jack Lucas, M.D., Earl Reed, M.D., Donald Weaver, M.D., Robert Weaver, M.D., and H. D. Frank, M.D. At all times there will be a physician in attendance.

### Endorsed by:

Southwestern Union Conference Conditioning Center  
Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
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Southwestern Adventist College

### Cost

The fees for the live-in program are minimal in comparison to health care costs, loss of income due to illness, and related expenses. It makes good economical sense to prevent disease.

Total cost of program ..... \$1495.00  
Spouse \$500.00 Total ..... 1995.00  
(Possible insurance reimbursement for medical expenses only)

### Limited enrollment

Deposit ..... \$300.00 per application  
Deadline for applications .... Sept. 15, 1980  
Cancellations after ..... Oct. 10, 1980  
\$50.00 administrative charge nonrefundable deducted from deposit

### Medical Evaluation

A complete preventive health examination will be provided at the ranch. This



## ATTENTION — Valley Grande Academy Alumni

Alumni days will be October 31 through November 1. Speakers will be Floyd Eccles and Weldon Ponder with music by Sylvan and Ted Ramirez. Plan now to attend.

examination is designed to appraise your level of overall health. A fasting blood specimen is drawn for the determination of important chemical and metabolic factors of health including HDL cholesterol.

It is important that each participant bring their current medical record when they come to the health management program. A comprehensive history and physical examination are conducted. This will include a resting 12-lead ECG, which precedes a maximal performance treadmill stress test with continuous multi-lead electrocardiographic monitoring. A diet history and nutritional assessment will be provided.

### Prerequisite for Attendance

1. Application with deposit
2. Medical record from physician (See application form)
3. Participants must be fully ambulatory and able to provide for their own needs, (or must be accompanied by someone who can fully assist.)
4. No children or pets

For further information, write: Health Management-Wellness Vacation, P.O. Box 606, Keene, TX 76059, 817/641-6601, Director: J. N. Morgan.

## Coming Events at NVR

### September

21-24	Teachers Convention
21	Dark Area
26-28	Pathfinder Camporee
26-28	Christian Salesmanship Seminar
28-29	Intern Retreat

### October

3-5	School Board Chairmen
3-5	Pathfinder Convention
9	Central Parish
9-12	Junior Academy Bible Conference
13-17	Outdoor School
17-19	Sabbath School
17-19	Senior Youth Seminar
19	Dark Area
24-Nov. 17	Health Reconditioning

### November

2-7	Union Dept. Council
13	Central Parish/Fort Worth Parish
16-17	Workers' Meeting
21-22	Harvest Celebration
23	Dark Area
28-30	Lay Activities Seminar
28-30	Community Services



Graduates from summer camp wear their BIESDA T-shirts.

## News Notes from Kerrville

The Sid Petersen Memorial Hospital Board asked Kerrville's health secretary Dr. Leonard Taylor to hold a Stop-Smoking Clinic at the hospital. Pastor Gene Fletcher and Dr. Taylor readily agreed and on July 28 the clinic started with 41 registrants reporting 1,148 cigarettes smoked. On August 1, only 20 cigarettes were reported as being smoked, and on August 7, a reunion was held with all reporting triumph over their habit.

August 8 opened the Prophecy Panorama series in Kerrville with Elder Charles Griffin leading out. 258 people came to opening night. Associate Pastor Rob Armstrong of Kerrville was coordinator of the series with Ken Rock, communications secretary, was in charge of publicity. Pastor Gene Fletcher and wife, Lucy, provided music at the series.

August 4 and 5 Dr. Leonard Taylor, health secretary, held a blood pressure clinic at the local shopping mall in Kerrville; 462 people took advantage of the clinic. Sister Ruth Jensen, an R.N., assisted Dr. Taylor at the two-day clinic.

## Highland Hills Holds Successful VBS

Two weeks of vacation Bible school at the Highland Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church in San Antonio ended with a program in which the children participated by singing and reciting some of the things they had learned. The children were from four to 14 years old and were divided into kindergarten, primary, and junior groups. After the program they proudly displayed the tool boxes, plaques, drawings, and other things which they had made in their arts and crafts classes.

The parents, friends, and church members who attended the program were delighted by the enthusiasm shown by the children.

The vacation Bible school was a portion of the lay activities department's on-going program.

More than 30 of the children were from non-Adventist homes. Parents were

## News from BIESDA

**BIESDA BLDG.**  
225 E. 11<sup>TH</sup> ST.

Neatly painted front of BIESDA building in Brownsville. Outreaches of the BIESDA program include a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, a vacation Bible school, and an English language summer camp. More than 100 young non-SDAs from all over Mexico attended this live-in program, receiving a first-hand look at the Adventist way of life.



BIESDA director, Dan Serns and new bride. The Border Institutes of English, SDA, opening one year ago, now have two full-time minister-directors, a Bible worker, and four student missionaries. More than 1,100 people have registered for the two-month English course. About 25% also register for English-Bible classes.



Student studies English at BIESDA. In November Spanish language and Bible classes will begin in an effort to reach the border English-speaking population. Plans for expansion include the McAllen-Hidalgo area language school, to be operated by three student missionaries and a director.

presented copies of *Steps to Christ* and *Your Friends, The Adventist*. Additional follow-up will occur when these families are extended invitations to Pastor Fred Adams' Revelation Seminar.

Wm. J. Taylor, Correspondent.





Primary children wait for VBS class to start in Keene.

## Report of 1980 Texas Vacaton Bible Schools



(Left) Lois Moore illustrates the effect of caffeine on the habits of a spider to Keene VBS. (Right) Lynn Griswell, Keene VBS leader, conducts opening exercises.



Susan Biegel, left, and Carol Whitten prepare crafts and lessons for Arlington VBS.



(Left) Walterene Gray leads Burleson VBS in pledge of allegiance to American flag. (Right) Arlene Mitchell tells story to Burleson VBS.



It's craft time at the Arlington VBS



(Left) Janet Caviness teaches VBS class in Burleson. (Right) Janet Vonhof illustrates creation with tomato soup and tomato at Burleson VBS.



Mildred Bryd teaches juniors at Arlington VBS.



Ann Jobe teaches primary class at Arlington VBS.

Sammy Porter plans to explain her collection of shells to Arlington VBS.



## Adventist Ladies' Art Featured in Show

Recently Charlotte Kincaid and Marilyn Stearman were invited to have an art show at the Bank of the Hills in West Austin.

Both ladies began their art careers as adults. Charlotte began taking lessons through the Parks and Recreation Department then shared her knowledge with Marilyn.

Those attending the art show were presented with a visual feast of paintings from landscapes to portraits.



Charlotte believes that a true artist paints what he is inspired to paint. She has used this inspiration to increase the beauty of the Austin church. Her paintings hanging in the foyer and over the baptistry are a delight to all on Sabbath.

One third of all profits from the sale of her pictures goes for Investment.

Sandi Tuel,  
Communications Secretary,  
Austin Church.



(Left) Warren Skilton, Texas Conference communications director, presents new parish newspaper to Houston parish meeting. (Right) Houston parish coordinator, Larry Engel, speaks at Houston pastors parish meeting.

Dennis Altrogge, who interned recently in San Antonio, is the new pastor of the Bryan district. His wife, Dorothy, is on right.





# Texico

DON SULLIVAN, Correspondent

## Texico Team Meets at Sandia View

Sandia View Academy was the site of the Texico Conference workers' retreat August 17-20. This year the Texico team — teachers, pastors, and literature evangelists — met together for fellowship, inspiration, and professional growth. They had worship together, ate their meals together, and enjoyed recreation together. There were also special times set aside for each group to discuss their specialties and to receive instruction especially prepared for elementary teachers, academy teachers, pastors, or literature evangelists.

Dr. Robert Wilson, chairman of Columbia Union College Department of Social Behavior, was guest speaker and led out in the devotional sessions for the entire group. He emphasized that the world's knowledge is of little value unless it is based upon Jesus Christ.

Dr. Boyd Olson, union superintendent of education; Miss Frances Clark,



Texico teachers are a happy bunch!

associate union superintendent of education; and Ruth Weis, Amarillo teacher, led out in the teachers' meetings. The Lord has truly blessed by giving the Texico Conference a wonderful group of dedicated Christian teachers to lead out this year in the soul-winning activities of education.

Lay evangelists met with C. E. Williams, union publishing director. Their fellowship in sharing experiences and receiving inspirational instruction was very enjoyable.

Pastors also met for sectional meetings for discussion of various topics and for making plans for soul winning in 1981. It was a profitable session for them in understanding the interaction of pastors with the other various groups represented at the retreat.

Highlight of the recreational phase of the retreat was an outing in the mountains, complete with mountain hiking, ball game, and picnic supper.

Our conference president, Don Sullivan, presented the final message to the group pleading that the spirit of unity, which has become so much a part of the Texico team, constantly pull its members ever closer and closer to Jesus. With the aim of finishing the work in the Texico territory through that constant "oneness" with each other and with their Saviour, those present returned to their individual duties.

## Make Plans for SVA Alumni Weekend

Dear Sandia View Academy and Spanish-American Seminary Alumni:

Plan now to attend the 1980 Alumni Weekend at Sandia View Academy the third weekend of October — Friday night, October 17, and Sabbath, October 18.

Friday evening and Sabbath morning worship hour guest speaker will be Pastor Gary Rustad ('63) from Gresham, Oregon. Harry Weis ('74) is planning the Sabbath School program. Sabbath afternoon the "High Country Singers" from Durango, Colorado, will present a sacred concert.

If you have not paid your dues for this year or if you have names and addresses of alumni who should be active and who should receive the alumni letter, please



Ron Johnson, Texico publishing director; and Chuck Williams from the Southwestern Union, talk with Clara Summers, career literature evangelist.

send these to Jerry Ruybalid, 1805 South Hackberry, Pecos, TX 79772. Your support of the alumni program is important, for without you there could be no alumni weekend. The yearly dues are \$7.00, with \$2.00 of that amount paying for a one-



(Left) Dr. Robert Wilson challenged Texico team members to make Jesus Christ the basis and center of all their work. (Right) Frances Clark addresses the Texico elementary teachers during their convention at Sandia View Academy.



Dr. Boyd Olson, representing the Southwestern Union, and Sergio Hernandez, Texico superintendent of schools, plan together.

Texico elementary teachers listen attentively to the points presented.



## Come Celebrate!

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**Amarillo Olsen Park SDA Church**  
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**Albuquerque Central SDA Church**  
Tuesday, October 7, 7:30 p.m.





**CORRECTION:** The correct caption to this picture which appeared in the July 24 issue should be as follows: Cindy Hallock leads children from Gallup, New Mexico, as they sing for camp meeting Sabbath School.

year subscription to the *Sandian Star* and \$5.00 for alumni association expenses.

The Club of 100 was started a few years back to help the school with special projects voted at the annual meeting. Those alumni who wish to do something special donate \$100 or more to the school each year.

Plans are under way for the alumni to

sell some type of "fast food" Saturday night for alumni benefit. Saturday night the annual basketball game between the alumni and students will be the special feature.

We will look for you at the 1980 Sandia View Academy Alumni Weekend.

Sincerely,

Elaine (Selby) Phillips ('57),  
President

Jerry A. Ruybalid ('54), Executive  
Secretary

SVA Alumni Association

## Littlefield Church Improves Appearance

Anyone who has not seen the Littlefield church in the last few months would not recognize the building. Although the outside is beginning to look finished, there is still much to do inside. The brick-ing of the outside is almost complete. Most of the remaining work is on the south end, where the decorative brick-work will call attention to a distinctive Adventist doctrine.

Elder LaMont Francisco assures us that it will be the only one like it in the country.

Two members of the Lubbock church have contributed significantly to the effort. Tommy Muse helped with the design of three angels bringing their messages to this troubled world. Virgil Prindle is devoting many hours to the time-consuming task of making a map of the world in blue and beige bricks in a large circle on the south side as a background for the wrought-iron angels.

In July the editor of the local paper took a photograph of the work in progress and it was published July 31 with a brief story. Promises have been made to return and take another picture when everything is cleaned up and finished.

Since the church members in Littlefield can easily be counted on your fingers, the Adventist church receives much more than its share of the space devoted to church news in the local paper.

Mary Newsom,  
Communications Secretary,  
Littlefield.

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## Sunset Schedule

	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3	Oct. 10
Abilene, Texas	7:40	7:31	7:22	7:13
Amarillo, Texas	7:49	7:39	7:29	7:19
Brownsville, Texas	7:30	7:22	7:14	7:07
Dallas, Texas	7:28	7:19	7:10	7:00
El Paso, Texas	7:07	6:58	6:49	6:40
Fort Worth, Texas	7:30	7:21	7:11	7:02
Galveston, Texas	7:20	7:11	7:03	6:55
Gentry, Arkansas	7:19	7:09	6:59	6:49
Keene, Texas	7:30	7:21	7:12	7:02
Little Rock, Arkansas	7:11	7:01	6:51	6:41
Muskogee, Oklahoma	7:23	7:13	7:03	6:53
New Orleans, Louisiana	7:01	6:52	6:43	6:35
Oklahoma City	7:32	7:22	7:12	7:02
San Antonio, Texas	7:35	7:26	7:18	7:10
Santa Fe, New Mexico	7:06	6:55	6:45	6:35
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Tulsa, Oklahoma	7:26	7:16	7:05	6:55

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## Church Missionary Calendar — 1980

### OCTOBER

- 4 Ten-Min. Service** — Local Planning and Experiences  
**Church Service** — Medical Missionary Work  
**Offering** — Church Lay Activities Offering
  - 11 Ten-Min. Service** — Voice of Prophecy  
**Church Service** — Sabbath School  
Community Guest Day  
Community Relations Day  
**Offering** — Voice of Prophecy
  - 18 Ten-Min. Service** — Temperance  
**Offering** — Temperance
  - 25 Ten-Min. Service** — Community Services
- HEALTH EMPHASIS WEEK: October 4-11**  
**WEEK OF PRAYER: October 25-November 1**

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

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## Those Wonderful Theologians

Oliver Wendell Holmes defined the higher approach to creative thinking in this way: "There are one-story intellects, two-story intellects, and three-story intellects with skylights. All fact-collectors who have no aim beyond their facts are one-story intellects. Two-story men compare, reason, generalize, using the labors of their fact-collectors as well as their own. Three-story men idealize, imagine, predict; their best illumination comes from above, through the skylight."

I like to think of most theologians as two-story men who "compare, reason, generalize, using the labors of their fact-collectors as well as their own." Theologians are wonderful people. I have just spent most of two weeks with some of them and my mind is still filled with wonder and amazement! They know so much about what most of us have never heard of before that it leaves you a little dizzy! (Or perhaps it was the light at 10,000 feet in the Colorado Rocky Mountains!)

What is theology and who are theologians? In a few words theology is a noble intellectual discipline once considered "the Queen of the Sciences." They are experts in language and words. They know words inside out and they can tell you what the Bible "may be saying." (If their definition of a word is the one the author really meant to use, that is.) These lucid interpreters of the faith do not always agree with each other, but they will agree that the position they hold is right. It sort of befuddles an average mind like mine, but I came away from that mountain with a kind of confused enlightenment as far as theologians are concerned. I know more about *them* but I still am mixed up on some of the connotations they are able to cluster around some of their words.

I heard of one preacher in a popular church who after studying several interpretations of several modern-day theologians read his text like this. "Except ye repent as it were and be converted after a fashion ye shall be damned to a certain extent."

Our Seventh-day Adventist theologians are special — extra special in an unbelieving world. They are strongly in agreement on the basic fundamentals of the truths that Seventh-day Adventists have believed and preached through the years. They support the church and its beliefs. They may have certain areas of variance (a big word up in the mountains) but basically and fundamentally they stand united in belief. This really is a contrast to what is seen among the theologians generally in the world today. Many of them are known best for hair-splitting

confusion. Many of their arguments are trivial and even ridiculous.

I am proud of our Adventist theologians. They have kept the faith and they are performing a service of inestimable value to the church at this time. God bless them. God guide them and God use them.

Theology is accepted today as an integral part of religion. But you don't have to be a theologian to understand the Bible or to be a Christian. Thank God for that. Jesus Himself was not a theologian. He spoke with a simplicity that even a child could understand. There were plenty of theologians around when Jesus walked the roads of Palestine. These theologians were responsible for the diverse sects that filled Jerusalem. One day some of these sectarians confronted Jesus and bluntly asked Him about His doctrines. Jesus ignored their question and said, "Ye do err not knowing the Scripture or the power of God."

We can know so much about the Scriptures (as the Scribes in Christ's day) that we lose their message and their power. It is through the Scriptures that we learn of Him and His power. It is through the Scriptures that we learn of divine guidance through His spirit.

I like to hear good theological analysis. It brings a certain satisfaction. It woos a "scientific order from continuous process." It introduces an awareness of stages. It turns over hidden meanings (and sometimes more meanings than are there!). But forever remember, you don't have to understand all that to accept Christ and know His salvation. You can be a "three-story intellect" with a skylight illuminated by God's Spirit, born again into His kingdom by simply saying, "Lord I believe" — for it was He who made it so simple by saying: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

The skylight factor is the secret of wisdom. Through quietness, meditation, and prayer you can know the wisdom of heaven by opening your heart and mind to that great flood of light from above.

Yours for accepting Him in simple faith,

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"Unless our knowledge is a stepping-stone to the accomplishment of the highest purposes, it is worthless." *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 541.

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