
FAITH FOR TODAY BEGINS NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



GIVE KIDS A CHANCE TO MEET JESUS

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Focus on the Cover

Faith For Today Plans Children's TV Program for 1982

Faith For Today is planning a children's television program to be released later this year, according to Dan Matthews, director. The program is part of a total children's ministry concept which also includes a kids' health magazine and Bible courses and games.

The aim of Faith For Today's children's ministry is to "Give Kids a Chance to Meet Jesus," which is the theme of their current annual offering campaign.

A children's program is not a new idea for Faith For Today. A few years ago they developed a children's series, but ran into some difficult problems with it, so it was shelved. The proposed program ideas, which Faith For Today is not yet ready to release, are entirely new. Matthews says the kids' program will reflect a philosophy of positive lifestyle.

"When you realize that most people who ever become Christians actually accept Christ before they're 12 years old, then it becomes important that we minister specifically to children," says Matthews.

"Television makes it possible for us to meet them right where they spend a lot of time." And he adds, "Too much of what they see on TV isn't all that beneficial."

As a step to get the children's ministry started, last October sample copies of *Bodywise*, a health magazine for children, were mailed to all of Faith For Today's donors. Adults were asked to sponsor the magazine for the children they know. During the current annual offering campaign that offer was extended to every Seventh-day Adventist who receives a union paper.

Another part of Faith For Today's new children's ministry is a set of three Bible games called *Project: ORION Kit*. These were first made available through selected vacation Bible schools last summer. To date more than 2,000 children have received *ORION* kits from Faith For Today.

"We're getting into children's television because we see a need for quality kids' shows, programs that teach something about lifestyle and values as well as entertain," says Matthews. "A lot of parents are concerned about their children's health and well-being. It's our aim to provide kids with a program that will help them grow up healthy in mind and body."

When all the parts of the children's ministry work together, they provide opportunities to children that many of them might not otherwise have, a chance to meet Jesus. Faith For Today asks you to remember this ministry with a special offering on Sabbath, February 13. You can help give kids a chance to meet Jesus.

Jane Allen, Associate PR Director,
Faith For Today.

Spotlight on Soul Winning

Five Non-Adventist Ministers Join God's Remnant

The Lord is calling pastors from other denominations on an escalating basis into His remnant family.

Pastor William West with his wife, Evelyn, has been an ordained Southern Baptist minister. His story is a beautiful witness to the grace of God in retrieving a soul. Before his conversion, Bill was thought by many to be a hopeless dope addict and alcoholic.

Institutional confinement seemed futile. Then he encountered Jesus Christ who freed him and sent him into the pastoral ministry. One intriguing footnote. Bill's father was a Seventh-day Adventist pastor; Bill had left the church at the age of 17. He has now come home.

Pastor Royce Splawn, with his wife, Socorro, came out of the Church of God Seventh Day to become an associate pastor in the Tulsa church with Pastor Armour Potter.

Royce speaks of the pastor who led him in his search, Pastor Jim Ferguson of the Claremore church, "whose patient, kind, and understanding spirit providentially met a genuine need for me and my family."

Pastors Leonard Alder and Sonny Kagel were recently baptized by Elder Harry Robinson, Texas Conference ministerial director, in a moving service at the Fort Worth First church. These pastors come from ministries in the Southern Baptist Church.

Pastor Darrell Townsend took his stand in baptism in the

Springdale, Arkansas, Seventh-day Adventist Church with his wife, Betty, coming out of the Apostolic Church.

Surely the evidence is mounting that Jesus is coming soon as these shepherds start coming in!

John McFarlane.

Jack McFarlane is the new director of the P.R.E.A.C.H. program in the Southwestern Union. Besides coordinating P.R.E.A.C.H. seminars throughout the Union, Jack is working with the growing number of non-Adventist ministers who wish to know more about Adventism. — Ed.

General News

CHURCH GROWTH

in the Southwestern Union

A few months ago I was talking with Evangelist Kenneth Cox about church growth. During the conversation Elder Cox made a striking comment.

He said that he would like to launch new Adventist churches with those who become members during his crusades. "Put the new Adventists with already-Adventists and all too soon the new members become like the old ones," Cox stated.

Elder Cox was talking about the ho-hum, business-as-usual members who make up a majority of the membership in many areas. Those who are afflicted with what we call the Laodicean (lukewarm) condition.

And he was understandably pained at the thought of the on-fire experience of the new members slowly flickering and fading from continued contact with the dying embers of members no longer aflame for the Lord.

Against this bleak picture I am happy to place the dynamics of church-growth principles which are rekindling the fires of revival and reformation in so many of the churches in the Southwestern Union Conference.

And church growth is not just some new program. Neither is it the latest theological buzzword. Rather, church growth is as old as the New Testament. And it is based solidly on biblical principles calculated to keep the church fired up with the task of taking the gospel to the world now.

One key principle of church growth calls for every member to participate on the team. Every member of the church has been gifted by the Holy Spirit for a very special ministry, the Bible tells us.

It is exciting to enter these churches modelling church growth in this union where the pastors have uplifted Jesus in their preaching and have helped their members discover and put to work their ministries.

Kenneth Cox and other evangelists need have no fear for their new members in these churches. Those with hospitality ministries are taking the new ones home for Sabbath lunch and fellowship. They help them get involved in the total life of the church. Visitors are royally treated.

I still remember walking into one of our model churches where I wasn't known at all. Despite the fact that the pastor was away, everyone was at his post. I was greeted repeatedly in the lobby and in the sanctuary and in the lobby again after the service was over. Three different people invited me home to lunch.

We will have much more to say about church-growth principles in future issues. I would conclude by saying that in a world where Christianity is not doing well, isn't it time we returned to some basics?

This is what church growth is all about. And it is creating a whole new environment of celebration and joy in the churches that are participating.

Mike Jones, Associate Director,
Ministerial Department,
Southwestern Union Conference.

An inward experience of **FAITH**
expressed in **ACTION** resulting
in the **ADVANCE** of the church.



What would they do in the evening years of their lives? Mike and Mabel Jones, Walla Walla, Washington, faced this question about four years ago as they pondered retirement from their jobs.

Like others before them who had faced similar situations, the Joneses knelt in prayer and asked for God's guidance.

"We just asked the Lord, 'If You can use us, we're ready to go,'" Mike recalled. They didn't know how God would answer their prayer.

This was an act of commitment, the entrusting of a precious deposit to another to be kept and returned. The Apostle Paul in one of his letters wrote: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. II Timothy 1:12.

The apostle had entrusted his life, his most valuable posses-

Report to the People



by your Union Conference Associate Secretary . . . Richard Bendall

- Congratulations to Armour Potter, pastor of the Tulsa Seventh-day Adventist Church; and Jim Briscoe, personal ministries leader, for organizing the Tulsa church during their Ingathering crusade. This church reached their goal in five nights. They celebrated with an Ingathering victory supper. The young people were still working to be eligible for the Monument Valley Incentive trip.

- The new treasurer for the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference is Terrance Futcher, presently the assistant treasurer of the Southern Union Conference. He will assume his new responsibility on February 1.

- Approximately 600 church members attended the Ken Cox evangelistic rally in Baton Rouge Sabbath, December 5. The rally was for the purpose of getting organization and inspiration working for the crusade which will begin in the Baton Rouge Centroplex on February 6. Elder N. R. Dower was the guest speaker for the occasion.

- A recent Arkansas law regarding the teaching of creation science as well as evolution in the public schools has been challenged. The American Civil Liberties Union is opposing the teaching of creation science in the public schools on the basis that it is in effect the uniting of church and state. Some Seventh-day Adventist theologians have assisted in presenting the creation science view in the present court case in Little Rock, Arkansas. One of the main participants in the trial remarked that our Seventh-day Adventist theologian has had religion and science very well separated. Pray that the Lord will work in this court case so that young people in Arkansas can learn of the wonderful story of creation.

- The Choctaw Community Services Center really has the Christmas spirit. Each year they provide an annual Christmas dinner for senior citizens. This year of the 80+ in attendance, half or more were non-members.

- Texas has reached a 50% increase in baptisms over last year's record-breaking number of 1,058. 1,614 persons were baptized in 1981, which is an amount equal to 11.2% of the membership.

Four pastors (two English and two Spanish) were centurions, baptizing at least 100. And two others (one English and one Spanish) came close with 86 and 87 baptisms. In San Antonio 294 persons were baptized; 334 were baptized in Houston; and special recognition was given to Evangelist Gunner Nelson for 144 baptisms.

Randy Roberts is the youngest pastor in the field. At his first evangelistic crusade he baptized 10 souls.

Seventy-eight crusades were held in Texas in 1981. Half of these were the traditional preaching method and half were Revelation Seminars.

Elder Onesimo Mejia reports that the number of Spanish baptisms for 1979 was equal to 22% of the Spanish membership. In 1980 it was equal to 31%. And in 1981 it was equal to 38%. The objective for 1982 is 50%.



(Left)
Onesimo Mejia

(Right)
Larry Engel

- At the end of 1981 the Texas Conference had reached \$378,222 in Ingathering. It appears that they will reach their goal of \$400,000 soon. The Houston Spanish Robertson church had already reached their goal and doubled it by September. Also, two pastors indicated that their churches reached their goals in two days. Special recognition was given to pastor Joel Alberti and the Port Arthur-Orange district because this district achieved \$68 per capita, which is the highest in the Texas Conference.

sion, to the creator of the universe. With this commitment came the assurance that no matter what future circumstances might be, he was being kept by the power of God.

For Mike and Mabel Jones, their personal commitment was based on past experience. In their lives they had seen the direct leading of God and were willing to entrust the future to Him. The answer to their prayer came a few months later.

As they visited a camp meeting they met a church worker who asked them what they were doing. When he found out they had retired, he told them, "I'll look into this. God can use you."

He passed their names on to F. W. Bieber, then the president of the Idaho Conference. A phone call to Jones soon followed.

"We need someone to lead out in building a church and giving leadership to our eight members in Sun Valley," he told them. Later, after a personal call from the conference treasurer, the Joneses visited the popular ski resort area and saw the need for a church in that area.

Willing to trust their lives to God and believing that He would direct them in a self-supporting work, they moved to Sun Valley.

For the next year the Joneses and their fellow members looked in vain for a church or a building site. As doors of opportunity opened, they just as surely closed. Then one day Jones was asked by a member to look at an unfinished motel-restaurant complex on the main street of Hailey, just a few miles south of the ski area.

As Jones walked through the structure, whose owner had run out of money, he visualized a church with Sabbath School rooms, as well as an apartment for a pastor.

With help from the conference and with funds that Jones personally solicited, the small congregation purchased the unfinished building. Members of Maranatha Flights International provided volunteer aid on two occasions to complete the complex.

Just a few months ago the congregation, which by now numbers 30, moved into their completed church. Members rejoice in the adequate facility, which is seen by thousands who drive by the main street of Hailey.

God's resources are limitless and those who commit all to Him will not be disappointed. He is able to perform what He has promised and is able also to do far more than we can expect.

All of this is within the reach of anyone who will pray as did the Joneses: "If You can use us, we're ready to go."

Morton Juberg.

Health Happenings in the Southwest . . .

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

Ardmore Adventist Hospital Aids in Fire Disaster Relief

The early Sabbath hours of November 7 took on a different turn from the quiet, peaceful way the Sabbath is usually observed in this 75-bed Adventist Hospital.

The reason for the change was a fire in Memorial Hospital — just across the street — which caused 74 of their patients to be "dropped" on our doorstep. This gave employees and doctors of the Ardmore Adventist Hospital an unusual opportunity to practice our religion.

As the alarm went out that a fire in the basement of Memorial was causing dense, choking smoke to fill the hospital, Adventist Hospital employees and doctors joined in the rescue and helped to evacuate approximately 100 patients from Memorial,



AMBULANCE SERVICE staff members David Crutcher, left, and Joe Pack, right, move a patient on a gurney while a volunteer, Buck Windham, carried the IV equipment.

bringing 74 to Adventist Hospital. Other patients who were not as ill were taken to the nearby YMCA building.

These patients, added to the 40 we already had, made a total of 114, straining to the limit every department of our 75-bed hospital.

Patients filled every room. Some on cots and blankets were placed on the floor and in corridors. Some rooms had as many as five patients on cots, with barely room to walk between them. Beds which had been placed in storage were quickly assembled. And some employees moved their offices to a nearby clinic in order to make room for patients.

There were some nurses who worked almost 24 hours without rest. The housekeeping department managed to provide sufficient linen and to keep the hospital clean despite this influx of patients and visitors.

Typewriters hummed in the office as patient admissions were processed. And the dietary service fed not only the patients, but provided free meals for all workers, and patients' visitors and relatives.

Everywhere there was a hustle of activity — but not confusion. Everything seemed to work smoothly — as though planned. And in one way, it was — because the hospital regularly conducts practice drills in order to be prepared to handle such emergencies.

For many years there had been a spirit of competition between the two hospitals, and much prejudice. Most physicians on the staff of Memorial Hospital would not admit patients to the Adventist Hospital. Their hospital was larger and better equipped, and we were the small hospital with "strange ideas."

(Left) **OVERCOME BY SMOKE** during their rescue efforts, nurses Carolyn Smith and Rebecca Berryman rest for a short while and try to clear their lungs before reentering the building to proceed with evacuation efforts. (Right) **IN APPRECIATION** — Ken McCall, associate administrator of Memorial Hospital, presents a plaque to Sam Loewen, president of Ardmore Adventist Hospital. Inscribed is, "IN APPRECIATION FOR THE EMERGENCY HELP, COOPERATION, AND LOVE SHOWN BY THE EMPLOYEES, MEDICAL STAFF, AND MANAGEMENT OF ARDMORE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL TO PATIENTS AND PERSONNEL OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA, NOVEMBER 7, 1981." A charred, melted "No Smoking" sign was mounted on the plaque in light of our hospital's no-smoking rule. McCall said, "The rule took getting used to by some of Memorial's doctors, but they survived."





Watch for the Providences

But the Lord has marvelous ways of bringing good out of a bad situation — and during the disaster, there were no “sides.” Everyone worked for the good of the patients. We recognized this cooperation in our hospital with a special display on our bulletin board featuring the cooperating doctors, nurses, and other staff members of both hospitals.

We, at Ardmore Adventist Hospital, not only felt the responsibility of giving tender, loving care to these extra patients, but were grateful for the opportunity to show Christian courtesy to our guests — the doctors and employees of “the other hospital.”

Our hospital received many compliments and there was a genuine spirit of cooperation as staffs of both hospitals worked together during this crisis. After it was over, the officials of Memorial Hospital showed their appreciation by hosting a banquet for the staffs of both hospitals and other persons who helped. They also presented a plaque to our hospital president, Sam Loewen, showing their appreciation for the “help, cooperation, and love shown by the employees, medical staff, and management of Ardmore Adventist Hospital.”

As we reflect on these past few days, Mrs. Joan Roach, director of nursing service, expressed appreciation for the excellent way her nurses and other employees performed. And Loewen summed it up by saying, “It couldn’t have worked better.” He showed great pride in our hospital, and praised the people from Memorial Hospital. “It adds up to an outstanding example of cooperation to handle an emergency,” he said, “and it should, perhaps, suggest the advantage of cooperation without an emergency.”

Velda Lewis, *Director Public Relations,
Ardmore Adventist Hospital.*

Marion County Hospital Appoints New President

“Impressed” best describes the reaction of Ed Burns who took over last August as president of Marion County Hospital, Jefferson, Texas. “The hospital is well-equipped and benefits from an excellent medical staff.” Explaining, Burns continues, “I am impressed with the medical personnel and the quality of health care they provide.”



Ed Burns

MCH was one of the first hospitals to join what is today the Adventist Health System/Sunbelt. Built in 1959, first operated by the Texas Conference, then the Southwestern Union Conference, today MCH is operated by AHS/Sunbelt.

Burns’ educational background and experience in hospital management were Texas based. He received graduate training in San Antonio and took his residency in hospital administration at Collin Memorial Hospital, McKinney, Texas. From 1974 until this past summer Burns administered the new 50-bed Decatur Community Hospital.

With Burns’ leadership MCH will continue to provide excellent medical care for the residents of Jefferson, Texas, who reside in “a living page from Texas history.” Within this historic east Texas city filled with reminders of having once been Texas’

largest city and inland port, and of having hosted two U.S. presidents is the location of MCH.

Burns, medical staff members, and all medical professionals heartily endorse the philosophy of Adventist Health System/Sunbelt — compassionate commitment to people.

Construction Progresses on New Doctors’ Building at Huguley

Construction that began in December on a three-floor addition to the Doctors’ Building at Huguley Memorial Hospital is now in full swing.

The new structure is designed to allow three more levels to be added when they are needed. The original three floors will accommodate 15 to 20 physicians, depending on the amount of space they will require.

“Approximately 70% of the new office space has been spoken for,” states John D. Koobs, administrator of Huguley. “We expect the addition of new physicians in these offices to be the catalyst that raises our occupancy rate.”

Completion date for construction is projected mid to late summer.

Skip Joers, *Correspondent.*

ELLEN WHITE BIOGRAPHY

First of New Six-Volume Set Now Off Press

“He starts at 5 a.m. writing and working on the manuscripts and keeps at it until about 6 p.m. He usually takes a two-mile walk during the day.” So stated Freida White, wife of Elder Arthur L. White, author of the new six-volume biographical series on Ellen G. White. That’s quite a day for a 74-year-old retiree.

The first volume, volume 5, has just come off the press at the Review and Herald Publishing Association. The appearance of this volume entitled, *Ellen G. White, The Early Elmshaven Years — 1900-1905*, was celebrated with special presentations at both the Review and Herald and the General Conference. At the Review, Arthur White was presented with the first copy from the press. Elder H. F. Otis, Jr., general manager; and Robert Kinney, book department manager, made the presentation. Elder Kenneth Wood, *Adventist Review* editor and chairman of the E. G. White Board, gave a resume of the historical background of the biography. At the General Conference the following day, Elder White presented the second copy to Elder Neal Wilson, president of the General Conference. Elder Wilson thanked Elder White and said, “I am symbolic of those who will benefit from this marvelous volume.”

Efforts had been put forth earlier to produce biographical sketches of Ellen White. The first of these came in 1860 when

Left to right: Robert J. Kinney, Review and Herald Book Department manager; Arthur L. White; and Harold F. Otis, Jr., Review and Herald general manager.





Neal C. Wilson, left, receives copy of new volume from Arthur L. White.

she was a young lady of 33 years. This became known as *Spiritual Gifts*, Volume 2 and was expanded to *Life Sketches of James and Ellen White* in 1880. In 1915, the biography became *Life Sketches*. In 1885, a biographical sketch appeared as part of volume 1 of the *Testimonies*.

In 1950, the General Conference, recognizing the need for a more comprehensive biography of Ellen White, voted to produce one, asking Elder F. D. Nichol to author it. However, the *SDA Bible Commentary* came into existence about that time

and this took all the energy and time of Elder Nichol. Then he suddenly died in 1966. Church leaders and the E. G. White Board then asked Elder White to take over the responsibility. Again, he was taxed as he served the board as its secretary. So until 1978, very little had been done.

After serving the board as secretary for 49 years, Elder White finally decided to retire and devote his full time to the preparation of the E. G. White biography. He has finished work on volume 6 which should be off the press by the end of 1982. He is now working on volume 4. The entire set is scheduled to be completed by General Conference session time in 1985.

Miss Bessie Mount and Ron Graybill assisted Elder White. Ron Graybill was called more than 10 years ago to research and organize the mountains of materials. There are 60,000 pages of manuscripts, 30,000 letters of W. C. White, and thousands of other letters received and written by Ellen White. It is truly a colossal undertaking.

Elder White, when asked what he hoped to accomplish through the biographical series, said, "I want everyone to see the church through the eyes of Ellen White. I want you to know Ellen White." He then quoted from a letter he received from Hugh Forquer, former manager of the Review and Herald book department. After Forquer had read the manuscript he said, "I've just met Ellen White."

Southwestern Adventist College

Southwestern Music Professor Receives Doctorate

Based on his analysis of a contemporary British composer's choral music, William R. Bromme, associate professor of music at Southwestern Adventist College, has received the doctorate of musical arts in church music degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Dr. W. R. Bromme

Bromme, who came to Southwestern in 1966, teaches piano, piano accompaniment, music theory, and during the winter semester, piano tuning and repair.

His dissertation focuses on the choral music of 80-year-old William Walton, considered by many to be one of the four great contemporary British composers. While his music is predominantly orchestral, his best-known work is the oratorio, "Belshazzar's Feast."

"Musicologists for years have claimed that every new work of Walton's has been entirely different from any of his others," noted Bromme. "But my analysis traced certain stylistic practices through every one of his choral works;

there are definitely theme elements in all his music."

Before coming to Southwestern, Bromme taught piano at Enterprise (Kansas) Academy and at Campion Academy, Loveland, Colorado. He holds the master of arts in music degree from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

He is married to the former Joan Fredrickson, who is the college nurse. They have three children: Jeff, a junior social science major at the college and editor of the *Keene Chronicle*; Shayne, a freshman nursing student; and Ginger, an eighth-grader at Keene Adventist Elementary School.

New Computer Installed at SAC

Whether keeping track of grades, paying the faculty's salaries, helping students write term papers, or playing games, Southwestern Adventist College's new BTI 8000 computer, put into operation this month, is a real benefit to the entire college program, according to Steve Sowder, director of computer services.

At a cost of \$174,000, the new system replaces the college's smaller BTI 4000 and Cromemco System Three computers. The transfer of information and programs to the 8000 will be complete by September, 1982.

Sowder explained that the BTI 8000 has two and a half times the storage capacity and five times the processing power of the two older computers.

"Storage capacity measures how much information can be stored permanently on a disk," he said. The computer's two disks store 130 million bytes, or single characters of information, and two disk drives to run the packs holding the disks stand beside the unit.

Processing power represents the number of programs which can run simultaneously and the time it takes the computer to get information to the terminals.

"Our new system can run between 200 and 300 programs at a time," Sowder said. "At present there are only 35 terminals on campus, but 200 terminals can be serviced by the 8000."

The campus computer terminals are being rewired to accommodate the 8000.

The computer can be programmed in five computer languages: BASIC, COBOL, FORTRAN, Pascal, and BASIC X, one of the hundreds of BASIC dialects. Courses in all these languages are taught at Southwestern.

A number of building and software modifications had to be made to accommodate the BTI 8000. The improvements involved \$10,000 for special power conditioning for the computer's electrical supply so that clean and constant voltage would reach the unit. Another \$10,000 went for a special air conditioning system since the computer puts out 30,000 Btu of heat each hour.

"If the machine overheats, the whole system closes down, so we have to keep it cool," Sowder noted. "We had hoped to channel some of the heat into other parts of the building, but we discovered that the equipment necessary to do that



Steve Sowder at one of the terminals with the new computer in the background.

was more expensive than the energy savings."

Not all of Southwestern's computer programs, or software, worked in the new system. "In the past, the college has bought some of its software packages," he commented, "but we now have the capability to write all of our programs."

Although the college has used computers for a number of years, Sowder says that students, teachers, and administrators are becoming very enthusiastic about employing the new system.

About 70 students are using the computer regularly for writing term papers, essays, resumes, and even letters home. All registered students have accounts on the computer and may use it any time the data processing center is open.

How do teachers feel about students using the system to do their homework? "Actually, it's a good thing for everybody when the computer is used for studying. If the student is smart enough to tell the computer how to do the assignment, the student already knows how to do it. In the time it takes to teach the computer to do a certain operation, the student can learn the material backwards!" Sowder laughed.

Two free seminars during the last semester taught students who've never taken computer courses how to operate the center's word processors.

The growing popularity of computer games is reflected on Southwestern's campus. There are business simulation games for marketing students in which Company A and Company B compete in an imaginary marketplace. Business students also play stock market games.

For relaxation, students can play any number of other games, including "Adventure," in which participants try to find and retrieve treasure from a computer cave while avoiding a villainous dwarf, a pirate, deep chasms, and a giant green snake.

The most popular game at Southwestern is "War" which Sowder wrote based on the board game "Risk". "War" starts by giving the player authority over one

country, and he can win by conquering the world.

"War" was an interesting program for me to write," he said, "because I was told that multi-terminal games were not possible. As it turns out, this game can be used by players on 32 terminals at the same time."

The college administration has, of course, used computers for many years for payroll, student statements, and departmental budgets. The registrar's office remains the data processing center's heaviest user, since all student records and grades are programmed. The enrollment office also utilizes the computer for recruiting and analyzing the student market.

Several divisions of Southwestern Diversified Industries, the college's wholly-owned business subsidiary, have their own computers, but their payrolls are still handled by the college's data processing center. In the near future, La Loma Foods and Bakery plans to put its inventory on the computer.

Faculty members, who in times past often limited their computer use to teaching courses in its use, are discovering that much of their record-keeping can be done by the BTI 8000, Sowder said. There is a gradebook system in which the teacher logs all class records. The computer can then print out student progress reports at any time during a semester and can determine final grades in microseconds.

Some teachers are also working with a new program called STARS in which they can store questions and make up tests. The teachers enter into the system questions from each study unit by degree of difficulty. Then at test time, he can have the computer make up a test with, for example, 10 questions from units one through three with a 70% degree of difficulty.

At present, one of the fastest growing academic departments of the college is that of business administration, with over 16% of all students working toward degrees in that area. All business department majors are required to take some computer courses, and the college is now offering a minor in computer information systems. "We hope in the near future to expand that minor to a full-fledged major," commented Dr. Richard Larson, department chairman.

"I see a time in the future," noted Earl Allen, instructor in computer information systems, "when practically all administrators, managers — even teachers — will need computers in their offices in order to perform their duties. With the new computer here on campus, we're preparing our students for that future."

Arkansas-Louisiana

J. WAYNE HANCOCK, Correspondent

Malvern District Welcomes the Starrs

Several months ago we called Merlin and Cheri Starr to our field from Bismarck, North Dakota. The Starrs have moved to the Malvern district which includes Malvern, Benton, and Arkadelphia. Only recently Frank and Bea Beeson have taken the leadership of the Benton church.

Progress in Malvern has been very evident under Merlin's leadership. Property has been purchased for a new church and school, and a school has been started as of September.

We feel very fortunate to have Merlin and Cheri and their two daughters, Alisha and Andrea, in our field. We ask for your prayers in behalf of their leadership.

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



Merlin and Cheri Starr and daughters, Alisha and Andrea.

Evangelistic Ministry in Lake Charles

In Lake Charles, Louisiana, when autumn comes around to cheer our hearts by brightening the landscape, the church family rolls up its sleeves to cheer the hearts of others by brightening their lives.

It all begins with Halloween when our young people go door-to-door collecting canned goods to make up food baskets for families in less fortunate circumstances. These boys and girls eagerly and willingly spend their time planning and doing for others. This year they did a great job! But then, they always do!

These young people not only made a nice holiday meal possible for many families, but they also spent many evenings

Metairie — Where the Action Is



Left to right: Al and Rita Fraizer, recently baptized, with Pastor and Mrs. Tom Kopko. Soon after Al and Rita began attending the Metairie church, Debbie Songy (now Mrs. Bill Painter) and Elizabeth Gaspard, two active members, began studying the Bible with them each week. God's Holy Spirit was moving and Christ was the center of conversation. That was four months ago, and during the last church officer nomination, Al was nominated a deacon.



On a recent Sabbath Pastor Kopko presented the book, "Whittlin' Whistles and Thingamajigs," to Jimmy Frazier, left, and Derwin Flanner as a gift for getting the correct score 10 times during the first half of 1981 in the "Good Listener Program." This is a program that gives the younger children something to do during the sermon beside color, wiggle, etc. Parents are not allowed to keep score for their children. Thank you, Jimmy and Derwin, for being good listeners.

Thomas Kopko, Pastor,
Metairie First Church.

Ingathering. They zealously set out to reach their goal. This they accomplished in short order. But they didn't stop there. They went on to double their goal. We say, hats off to the youth of Lake Charles!

The church has reached its basic Ingathering goal and is well on its way to its second goal. This Ingathering victory was celebrated by the church family at the Piccadilly Cafeteria Monday evening, November 30. After dinner, the Walt Disney film, "Almost Angels," was shown. Everyone enjoyed this pleasant time of Christian fellowship and wholesome entertainment.

Other holiday projects for Lake Charles included Christmas gifts and toys for patients of the local charity hospital. A dozen layettes were provided for babies born at this hospital during the Yuletide season. The abuse shelter for battered women received a dozen personal toiletry kits.

We have plans for and look forward to a year of evangelistic ministry in which we can give more of ourselves and truly share the love of Jesus.

Marguerite Black,
Communication Secretary,
Lake Charles Church.

Newlyweds Active in Lafayette Church

On October 16, 1981, Larry M. Herr and Sheila A. Lewis responded in the affirmative to all baptismal vows and were submerged simultaneously by Pastor Glenn Dozier.

On November 6, 1981, Sheila and Larry responded to vows of a different type — marriage vows — which they had each written to the other to be repeated during the ceremony conducted by Pastor Kenneth Simpson of the Lake Charles district.

Larry and Sheila generously share their time in church missionary activities which include blood-pressure screening at the Northgate Mall and singing band ministry in nursing homes. Their son Cliff, from a former marriage, also enjoys assisting in the nursing homes.

Larry is computer programmer for the Lafayette General Hospital and Sheila is a literature evangelist.

Arlene Soileau,
Communication Secretary,
Lafayette Church.



Southwest Region

W. C. JONES, Correspondent

Six Successful Church Officers Meetings

From the end of October to the middle of December, the calendar of events of the Southwest Region calls for six church officers meetings. Conference leadership and the departmental secretaries move in all directions of the union to outline departmental objectives for the ensuing year, and to form an acquaintance with newly elected church leadership.

Many of our believers travel long distances, six to eight hours drive, to make these yearly gatherings. The number grows each year, for more and more of our people realize that to be a strong leader and to give acceptable service, knowledge is essential.



Ministers and layman discuss church officers meeting in Hammond, Louisiana, with J. A. Morris, host pastor.

We have grown to 72 churches and companies and approaching 9,000 believers with an annual tithe base of two million dollars. Our priority calls for the establishment of new church schools, 25 new churches organized within the next three-year period, and baptisms totaling 1,000 new converts each year for the next three-year period.

The attendance at camp meeting peaked at 5,000 the final weekend this year; however, the talk is next year, to look for greater attendance. We have reason to believe the 1980's will be the most exciting of them all, for, if the church officers meetings are a fair barometer of the interest of the laity through the field, now is the time for church administration to plan giant strides while expecting pentecostal results.

W. C. Jones, Reporter.

STUDENTS

Publishing Work Very Active During Holidays

The Publishing Department of the Southwest Region always welcomes, with open arms, the young people from Oakwood College. These students return each year during the summer, Easter time, and the Christmas holidays, to engage in the literature ministry.

Elder James Marshall, conference publishing director, provides the key to the cities of the Southwest by providing territory for the van loads of students to further their education. Erroll Studdard, the student leader, directed seven young people who sold \$5,000 worth of small books and magazines during 10 days of the Christmas break. It is of interest to note that these students originate from the Inter-American Division; and they were cheered by the warm reception of the general public as well as the friendly atmosphere of the Advent family at City Temple.



James Marshall bids farewell to Erroll Studdard, student director and driver for the student literature evangelists, who made such a noble impact on the people of Dallas.

The students have since scattered across the country; but come the spring-break at Easter, we look for the return of our youthful friends, who love the western air of the Southwest.

W. C. Jones, Reporter.

A Faithful Elder

Pastor Jack Morris stands with local elder Sumter Hammond of the Covington, Louisiana, church. Brother Hammond lives in Hammond, Louisiana, but considers it an honor to drive to Covington each week to minister to the believers. He not only preaches, but also leads the church into all the financial drives and promotional crusades of the confer-



Jack Morris, left, with Sumter Hammond

ence. Brother Hammond finds pleasure in conducting an evangelistic crusade in Covington every summer.

As the work of God expands to former dark parishes and spreads with increasing frequency throughout the Southwest, our pastors are justly proud to appoint seasoned laymen, who readily respond, to shepherd the flocks in new outposts.

The conference administration salutes you, Brother Hammond, and all brothers, who provide local leadership, and find joy in ministering to others.

W. C. Jones, Reporter.



Faith Action Advance

Texas

WARREN SKILTON, Correspondent

The "200"

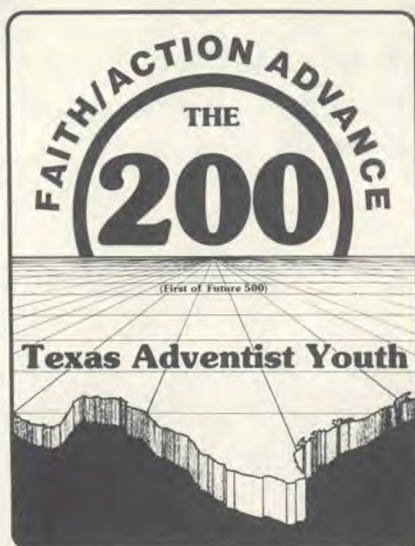
A new evangelism project involving 200 academy/college and young adults was recently launched at a three-day workers' meeting at NVR.



Bob Boney

According to Cyril Miller, Texas Conference president; and Bob Boney, newly elected youth director of the Texas Conference, the plan involves the training of 200 youth and young adults including sponsors, in personally conducting Revelation Seminars in their churches.

Plans also call for an expense-paid



weekend of training at NVR. The Texas Conference will pay for room and board for youth chosen to receive this training, and local churches will pay transportation.

Fifty seminars are planned all over the conference, involving academy juniors and seniors, ministerial students at Southwestern Adventist College, and public high school students. Adventist university students and young Spanish adults are also invited to participate.

Application blanks can be obtained by writing:

The Youth Department
Texas Conference
P.O. Box 11620
Fort Worth, TX 76110

Ray Hubbartt Accepts New Post — Assistant to the President

Ray Hubbartt has been appointed assistant to the Texas Conference president, with administrative assignments in the San Antonio area. This new position is a part of the San Antonio Model City Program launched a little more than a year ago.

"We are trying to draw conference leadership closer to the people and

Ray Hubbartt



EYE-WITNESS REPORT

China's Underground Church



Absolutely Thrilling!

- Second Pentecost
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- Secret Meetings
- Night Baptisms
- Miracles-Healings

Don't Miss This!

Jan. 23 — **A-1 Classic Theater**,
University of Texas, Arlington
DFW/Keene

Jan. 30 — **Houston Willow Meadow Baptist Church**, 4300 Bellfort West
Houston N/S

Feb. 13 —
Austin Church
301 Anderson Lane
Central/SA

Begins 3:00 p.m. each Sabbath.

churches in the field," explained Cyril Miller, Texas Conference president. He continued, "This is only part of a dynamic master plan to place the Lord's work on the map in San Antonio."

Pastor Hubbartt has been serving as coordinator of the San Antonio Adventist congregations during the past year. He also is serving as president of the San Antonio Adventist Commission, which is an organization of pastors and lay persons representing all of the area churches.

The San Antonio Adventist Commission has recently moved its headquarters into a modern office building on Main Street near the downtown section of the city. President Miller concludes, "We hope this pattern of middle-management in administrative leadership can be applied to the greater Houston area and other parts of the Texas Conference." The Texas Conference is growing at a rapid rate, and this has necessitated creative changes in administration.

New Faculty Added to Jefferson Adventist Academy

"I feel like I have come home," declared G. E. Smith, new principal of Jefferson Adventist Academy. Elder Smith was born and raised in Texas — "Made in Texas by Texans," quips his wife, Nancy.



Elder and Mrs. G. E. Smith

Elder Smith graduated from Pacific Union College in 1947. His first six years of school work were at the Arizona Academy in Phoenix, then to San Pasqual in Southern California as principal for three years. He then returned to the Arizona Conference as director of the educational-MV department. He also was principal at Thunderbird Academy for 10 years, and Modesto Union Academy for nine years before going to Mt. Vernon Academy, Ohio, where he was principal for five years.

Smith received his M.A. in administration while in Arizona at the Arizona State University. Elder Smith is a firm believer that "all God's biddings are enablings," and he is happy to be a part of the Texas educational team.

His message to members of the Texas Conference is an invitation to consider JAA the place to train their youth for service for the King. "Our staff and students are having a good time working and learning together, and we invite other youth of the Texas Conference to come join our school family."

Mr. Clifford DeGroat is also from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where he taught construction classes I and II and served as grounds man for 11 years; and his wife, Jean, was assistant food service director. Previously the DeGroats served for 20 years at Ozark Adventist Academy on maintenance and Jean as laundry manager and part-time cafeteria. The DeGroats have three children. Their daughter is teaching in Chattanooga, Tennessee; one son, Mack, and family are living in Mt. Vernon, Ohio; the other



Mr. and Mrs. Clifford DeGroat

son, David and family, is living at Jefferson, Texas.

The DeGroats are senior class sponsors.

Mr. Don Morton, teacher of music and English at Jefferson has had 16 years' experience. The Mortons are from Ardmore, Oklahoma, where he taught at Beaver Memorial Adventist Junior Academy. Mr. Morton has served in the teaching capacity at Austin Elementary, Amarillo Junior Academy, Hinsdale Academy in Illinois, Grand Prairie, Texas, Thunderbird Academy in Arizona, and Glenview Jr. Academy in Phoenix.



Mr. and Mrs. Don Morton

Mr. Morton and his wife, Yvonne, have four children: Letha Ayn, 17; Leah, 14; Devonna, 12; and Derrick, 8. The Mortons are sponsors for the sophomore class and the campus religious activity of singing bands and group and assistant boys dean.



Ruth Sherman

Miss Ruth Sherman, dean of girls and home economics teacher, comes from Newbury Park Academy, California, where she served for three years, two years as the attendance officer, and one year as assistant dean.

She received her masters' degree from Loma Linda University where her parents are living at present. She has one sister.

Miss Sherman is also senior class sponsor.



**Our
Conference
President
Says . . .**

**"It's Good
to
Know . . ."**

SOME SUPER NEWS!! — The Conference Committee has approved a Texas Lay Advisory recommendation to establish evangelism goals for our churches on the basis of one-fourth of 1% of income. This is a very low objective and within the ability of our congregations.

EVANGELISM REVERSION CHECKS — All funds above the church goal will be reverted back for local evangelism. This provides a regular system for raising evangelism funds which has been needed for a long, long time.

ENCOURAGE 1% GIVING — When only one-half of your member/families give 1% of their income to Texas Evangelism, then your congregation will receive an evangelism reversion check in an amount equal to the church goal. This is a very obtainable level of participation. In fact, your reversion could be much higher with a little promotion.

TEXAS EVANGELISM REVERSION USE? — You may use your Texas Evangelism Reversion for any evangelistic program desired, such as public crusades, radio/TV, Revelation Seminars, youth evangelism. The choice is yours.

WILL CONFERENCE STILL PARTICIPATE? — Yes! We will continue to follow our policy of giving one-third of cost to all approved public crusades. So you see, we are developing a system to build a larger base for greater evangelism for a finished task in Texas.

FLASH! Conference Staff Visits Churches

During January and February your Texas Conference staff will be visiting 130 churches on Sabbath morning and meeting with 91 church boards. We are launching The "200" Texas Adventist Youth Revelation Seminar program, and giving our churches an opportunity to become directly involved in the affairs of the church.



Bob Wood

Guests participating were Marble Falls Mayor Robert Pittman; Conference Secretary Bob Wood; the association treasurer Cecil May; and the former pastor, Hagar Thomas.

Larry Cooke, district leader of Fredericksburg and Marble Falls, coordinated the program and is giving good leadership to a growing congregation.

Texico

DON SULLIVAN, Correspondent

SAVE — Still Helping Students

SAVE, Student Aid Volunteers for Education, a relatively new program in the Texico Conference, is in full operation again this year. The mission: to help worthy students at Sandia View Academy in Corrales, New Mexico, meet the high costs of Christian education.

According to the principal at SVA, Mr. Dale Anderson, nine students from the conference are being helped this year. They receive about \$100-\$150 each month, which amounts to \$900-\$1200 per year.

How can a student receive help from SAVE? Molly Evans, last year's committee member, says any student in the Texico Conference is eligible, provided he or she shows a real desire to receive a Christian education, shows financial need, and is willing to do his or her part in maintaining good grades and working on campus.

Support for the program consists largely of donations and gifts given by friends, family, and the church members of the conference. The faculty and staff of SVA are thrilled to see the support being given. Mr. Bob Johnston, the school treasurer, summed up the feeling: "It's such a blessing for the students who can come because of SAVE. It's really tremendous!"

The students also responded to a questionnaire based on the following:

1. Please express how you feel about the SAVE program.

"I am very appreciative for them helping me."

"I think it's a great help to those students that can't afford it here at SVA."

2. How would you recommend the program to others?

"By telling them it gives you an opportunity to prove yourself and that it gives you confidence."

Nameless Valley Ranch Schedule

First Quarter 1982

Jan. 29 - 30 — Deacon's Meeting
Jan. 31 — T.L.A.
Feb. 12 - 14 — Teacher's In Service Meeting
Feb. 19 - 20 — Religious Liberty Advisory
Feb. 19 - 21 — SW Union Adventist Attorney's Retreat
Feb. 21 — Dark Area
Mar. 14 — Community Services
Mar. 19 - 21 — Personal Ministry
Mar. 21 — Worker's Meeting
Mar. 26 - 28 — Community Services
Mar. 28 - Apr. 2 — Outdoor School

1982 —

Texas Camp Meetings

WINTER

Rio Grande Valley — Weslaco —
February 27-March 6

SPRING

Nameless Valley Ranch — April 2-11

SUMMER

Keene — May 28-June 5

Make Plans To Attend!

SPANISH

Nameless Valley Ranch — August 8-15

FALL

Possom Kingdom Lake (Barron
Retreat) — September 10-12

Highland Lakes Church Built

Sabbath, December 5, 1981, public officials and friends gathered to rejoice with the Highland Lakes church at Marble Falls, Texas, for the successful completion of a beautiful new church. The all brick edifice is paneled throughout with Texas cypress and pine and is valued at near \$200,000. The building was built by sacrifice, much volunteer labor and prudent management.



Something Special

Deacons' Retreat

PLAN TO ATTEND
—Nameless Valley
Ranch — Weekend
Retreat for All
Deacons **March**
12-14.

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3. How has SAVE benefited you?

"I really appreciate it. And I hope to graduate from SVA with your (SAVE's) help. Thanks."

"It has helped me come to the Academy."

"I think it's really great, because if I didn't have it, I probably wouldn't be here."

"It has showed me what Christian love is by helping me through school."

When asked about the success of the program, Molly Evans replied, "SAVE is still a very new program, but each year more people learn about it . . ." The success of SAVE is that "there are students here who would not have been here." Mr. Flavio Vigil, this year's committee member, also expressed his feelings about SAVE. It is "a 100% good idea. There's no price on Christian education."

We agree.

(For more information about SAVE, write to Sandia View Academy, P.O. Box 98, Corrales, NM 87048, or contact your local pastor.)

Lettie Parra,
Communication Secretary.

Evangelism in Amarillo

It would be well for us to heed the counsels of the Spirit of Prophecy. "We are not to wait for souls to come to us, we must seek them out where they are. When the word has been preached in the pulpit, the work has but just begun." *Christian Service*, p. 121. According to Acts 2:46, it would seem that house-to-house labor was an apostolic method of Christian service and witness.

Eight months ago, upon arriving in Amarillo after a term of service in South America, the writer decided to follow the apostolic method mentioned in the previous paragraph. No public meetings were held. Visits were made to homes and Bible studies were begun. Eight months later, 24 persons have been baptized. Seven of these were the natural

fruitage that came from the baptism of our own young people. Seventeen were new converts to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, converts who are firmly established in the faith through many weeks and months of Bible studies in their homes.

Baptisms were held on August 1, November 21, December 12, 19, and 26. The baptism held on December 19 was a real high day for the Amarillo church when 14 persons were baptized — three young people and 11 new converts. Tears of reconsecration were shed by our members on that day as they witnessed the largest baptismal service to be held in Amarillo in recent years. Certainly personal work in the homes of the people can result in a fruitful harvest of souls for God's kingdom.

Harold Bohr, Pastor.

Notes from a Grateful Pastor

Often times these pages are given to articles concerning the ministry of pastors along with their congratulations. I would like to share with our readers a sincere note of gratitude and thanks to the portion of God's people which I serve. They let me come along with them, and I want to say "thank you" to each of them collectively and give some beautiful examples of their ministry.

Please meet Acy and Lucy Broughton. Together they have taken the ministry of the Adventist Thrift Store located at 4th and Corrales. From the beginning it has been a very remarkable success, both evangelistically and financially. Edith Grenz, Bob Collier and others assist the Broughtons and they're combined efforts make for a most successful outreach.

Lloyd and Cheryl Maldonado have set up a children's story hour every Sunday. Up to 20 non-Adventist children attend this Bible Club every Sunday morning. I wish you could hear Lloyd talk about



Elder Harold Bohr baptizes Mrs. Lela Joiner while husband David awaits his turn for baptism.

"his" kids. Cirila Thompson is a real help in this ministry.

The lady who runs the church is Sandy Weaver. She serves her church with a rich background of secretarial skills. Each interest and Bible study is carefully recorded and scheduled by this Christian lady.

Wednesday night is family night at Central. Pathfinders begin at 6:30 with approximately 30 children actively involved with Christ and nature. Jim Jenkins and his staff of eight truly love God's children and have found a real ministry here.



Acy and Lucy Broughton and "their" thrift store. Acy also serves as head elder of Central.



Sandy Weaver, church coordinator and secretary.

Jim Jenkins, Pathfinder leader, and some of his staff at an informal meeting.



Group baptized in Amarillo December 19. Elder Bohr is at far right of the back row.



I wish I could have you meet all the beautiful people. Reggie Burnett enthusiastically takes care of new interests. Barbara and Joe Dohle coordinate hospitality. Every pastor should have a treasurer like Sheila Collier, who, with the help of the finance committee, helps relieve the pastor of many a worry. Jim Wolcott's Sabbath School is so interesting — every teacher, every division leader doing his part in a harmonious symphony of praise. Head deacons like Art Leyba are only made once; there's never a worry for physical things with him around.

Truly Albuquerque Central is a joy to serve and this pastor wishes to thank God and thank the people for letting me serve them. Together, under God's blessings, we'll reach Albuquerque for God and then together walk through the gates of heaven.

Rex Bell, Pastor.

Clovis Keeps Church Beautiful

Members of the Clovis church spent three Sundays in October working on their church to keep it beautiful and representative of God's work.

The church was cleaned inside and out. Old exterior paint was scraped off and then repainted. The inside was repainted, the windows were cleaned,



Hank Vibbard scraped off old paint and repaired the gable.

the bushes were trimmed, and the church sign was repainted.

It is the purpose of the Clovis church to witness through their lives and by their clean and beautiful church.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

Community Center Opens

Truth or Consequences opened its new community center Thursday, December 17. About 40 people were present for the afternoon service.

Mayor Garcia cut the ribbon for the official opening. Also present were Dee Rush, administrator of the Sierra Vista Hospital Board; and Nellie Garber, director of the new center. Elder Max Martinez, Texico Conference secretary and director of community services, addressed the assembled group.



Katie Mauldin, Nellie Garber, and Ann Martin display clothing in the community center.

New Releases

The Andrews University Communication Department has published a new book entitled **ADVENTIST WRITER'S MARKET**, according to Dr. Kermit L. Netteburg, assistant professor of journalism at Andrews and co-editor of the book.

The book will be distributed by Adventist Book Centers throughout the United States and is also available through the Andrews communication department. According to Netteburg, 150 copies were sold before the book was published.

ADVENTIST WRITER'S MARKET, printed by Patterson Printing Company of Benton Harbor, contains four articles to assist the writer in the quest for professional quality, according to Netteburg. The helps include manuscript preparation, finding time to write, helpful books to own, and suggestions on overcoming writer's block.



Now Pacific Press has published an economy gift edition of the well-known and loved book by Ellen G. White, **STEPS TO CHRIST**. It will fit easily into a man's pocket or a lady's pocketbook. The cover is in four colors and is the Harry Anderson painting of Christ standing at the door, knocking. Price: \$1.95.

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*If your wife has made you happy,
Let her know!
If the meal she cooked was sumptuous,
Don't be slow —
Tell her now while she can hear it,
It will cheer her wearied spirit.
Let her know!*

*If your hubby's done it special,
Let him know!
If he expressed his love in action,
Don't be slow —
Tell him now, and don't forget it,
It will cheer his heart — I'll bet it.
Let him know!*

*If your kiddies have really tried,
Let them know!
If they've cleaned their rooms and closets
Don't be slow —
Speak a word of commendation,
And express appreciation.
Let them know!*

In most human hearts the appeal of the Psalmist lingers: "Encourage and cheer me with your words." Psalms 119:28, *Living Bible*.

Let them hear those words from your lips today — won't you?



Hank Vibbard, Rose Alderete, Carlene and Justin Vibbard, Richard and Ray Alderete, Don Gillham, Geraldine and Frank Phillips, Ken and Jane Albright, Ray Alderete. Those not pictured: Elder Mike May, Mrs. Atwell, Vernon Atwell, Helen Davis, and Pedro Sosa.

With the tractor and blade, Ken Albright levels the dirt behind the church.



At Rest

BELLAMY, Annie Beatrice Evans, was born Nov. 11, 1902, in Harrison Co., Tex., and passed to her rest in Fresno, Calif., on Sept. 12, 1981. She was married to Edgar Theodore Bellamy in 1916. To this union were born seven sons and six daughters. Two sons preceded her in death.

She was a member of the New Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church in Marietta, Tex., where a son, Glen, is an elder and a daughter, Sybil Keener, is also a member. The funeral service was held Sept. 16 in Carthage, Tex., with interment at the Rehobeth Cemetery where, with her husband who passed away in Aug., 1947, she awaits the call of the Lifegiver.

Words of comfort and hope were spoken by Pastor Allan Priest of New Hope and C. T. Wallace, retired pastor of Rehobeth Methodist Church where she was a former member.

In addition to the 11 children she is survived by one brother.

EATON, Jessie Edna, died Dec. 18, 1981, in Gravette, Ark. Sister Eaton was born Nov. 17, 1911, in Iron County, Mo. She was a member of the Siloam Springs, Ark., church.

Survivors include her husband, Charles; four sons: Edward J. Helt, Raymond E. Helt, James C. Helt, and Richard D. Helt; three daughters: Mrs. Clovice Harrison, Mrs. Bettie Gwilliams, and Mrs. Bibi Lee; one brother, 20 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Sister Eaton were conducted by Pastor Keith McBeth and Dr. Troy Price. Burial was in the Falling Springs Cemetery. Sister Eaton was a loving, working Christian and she will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

LALE, Barbara Bratton, was born in Yoakum, Tex., Sept. 17, 1915. She married Mr. Sam Lale in 1944. The Lales have lived in South Houston for the past 20 years.

Although Mrs. Lale had no children of her own, she had great interest in the children of the neighborhood. She tried to help many of them get a good start in life.

Barbara was a loving wife and an excellent home maker. She will be missed by her friends and family. She passed away on Dec. 9, 1981, after suffering several months of illness. Interment was in Forest Park Lawndale, Houston.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Herman J. Griffin, pastor of Houston Central.

She is survived by her husband, Sam Lale; by her mother, Mrs. Dona Lee Bratton; one brother and one sister.

Herman J. Griffin.

SODERMAN, Hannah Rasmussen, born on July 1, 1896, and passed away Sept. 27, 1981, at her home in Mt. Enterprise, Tex.

Aunt Hannah, as she was known to those who loved her, was a special blessing to her church, the Nacogdoches Seventh-day Adventist Church, and she often related stories of seeing and hearing Mrs. Ellen G. White many years ago in Takoma Park. Her magnanimous, giving spirit was one of the outstanding characteristics of her life.

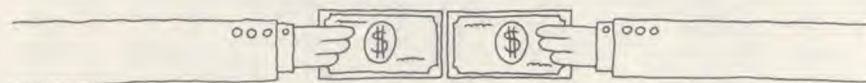
Aunt Hannah was preceded in death by her husband, Axel Soderman; and her niece, Mrs. Evelyn Bunn; who also was a member of our local congregation.

Jack Boswell.

WOLCOTT, Ouida Pearl (Franks), was born July 26, 1888, in Mississippi, and passed to her rest in DeQueen, Ark., Sept. 21, 1981. Sister Wolcott was a faithful and active member of the DeQueen church until her health prevented her from active participation. Survivors include a son, Robert Roy; a daughter, Nellie May Hughes; and two sisters.

Harold Belz.

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SDA College Age Students: Training center to open Spring 1982. Organic gardening, log cabin building, natural healing, foraging, simple lifestyle. Write: Bro. and Sr. James Whitaker, WILDERNESS SCHOOL, Luber Rt., Box 468, Mtn. View, AR 72560. p2-1t

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	Jan. 22	Jan. 29	Feb. 5	Feb. 12
Abilene, Texas	6:03	6:09	6:16	6:22
Amarillo, Texas	6:05	6:13	6:20	6:27
Brownsville, Texas	6:06	6:11	6:16	6:21
Dallas, Texas	5:50	5:56	6:03	6:09
El Paso, Texas	5:31	5:37	5:43	5:50
Fort Worth, Texas	5:52	5:58	6:05	6:11
Galveston, Texas	5:49	5:55	6:01	6:06
Gentry, Arkansas	5:34	5:42	5:49	5:56
Keene, Texas	5:52	5:58	6:05	6:11
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:28	5:35	5:42	5:49
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:38	5:46	5:52	6:00
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:28	5:35	5:41	5:46
Oklahoma City	5:47	5:55	6:02	6:09
San Antonio, Texas	6:03	6:10	6:16	6:21
Santa Fe, New Mexico	5:20	5:28	5:35	5:42
Shreveport, Louisiana	5:39	5:45	5:51	5:59
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a heart-to-heart chat with your union conference president

What's Good About the Seventh-day Adventist Church

We live in an imperfect world. There is something wrong with everything. Even the best, compared with the perfect ideal, has a long way to go.

When it comes to man-made things, faults and mistakes are the rule rather than the exception. Put the inner workings of the finest watch under a powerful microscope and you will find a rough-looking timepiece. The closer you look the more you will see how far your "beautiful" watch is from perfect.

With God-made things, as in nature, quite the opposite is true — the closer you look the more beauty you will see. Put a rose or a leaf under a powerful microscope and you will be astounded at the beautiful symmetry you will find.

But even the things of nature, because of sin, are not perfect. They were made perfect in the beginning but 6,000 years of sin has taken its toll. Look close enough and you will find imperfection even in the best.

Some people have a hard time seeing good in anything, but good is everywhere. Whoever said, "You will find what you are looking for" stated a great truth. Most prisons are filled with "bad" people. But they are not all bad. In fact, some of the greatest saints have been put in jail. Take Peter, Paul, and Joseph. They spent their time in prison praising God, singing, and interpreting dreams. They came out better than they went in. What wonderful jailbirds they were. Those prisons were never the same again.

One of the best gifts of God to this world is the church but, if you look close enough, you will find that that great organization of God, called the church, is not perfect. The head of the church, Jesus Christ, is perfect. The church is perfect in grace, perfect in salvation, perfect in truth, and has a perfect final destination. But all the people in it and many things about it are far from the perfect ideal. Yet Christ loves the church supremely. It is His bride. He gave Himself for it.

Some people, in and out of the church, have as one of their favorite indoor sports the finding of imperfections in the church. Jokes about the church, its preachers, and its programs are endless.

I heard a couple of "good news — bad news" items you might enjoy.

GOOD NEWS: Brother I. M. A. Troublemaker has finally left the church.

BAD NEWS: He took half the congregation with him!

GOOD NEWS: The church gave the pastor a trip to the Holy Land.

BAD NEWS: They gave him a one-way ticket.

There is a lot of humor about the church and its workers and some of it is good for a laugh. There is no great sin in observing some of the humanness, some of the foibles of imperfect humans trying to run something so great and important as the church. As long as human beings are in charge, and as long as you keep your sense of humor, you are bound to see some delightfully humorous happenings. Preachers, church leaders, and lay leaders are in a serious work, but they should not take themselves too seriously. They all have feet of clay and they all are capable of some almost ridiculously funny actions. The same is true of the "saints" of the church.

This is supposed to have happened to Elder H. M. S. Richards, Sr. He was (so the story goes) conducting a baptism. One of the candidates was known for his bad language. He was an outstanding cusser and came from a long line of cussers. It seemed that it was hard for him to speak one complete sentence without using profanity. Well, Elder Richards was performing the baptism in the usual way. But this new candidate for sainthood choked on the water. He came out of the watery grave mad as a hornet. The grace of the Lord had not yet totally possessed him and he said a word commonly used to describe a device for holding back a river of water. He barked out at Elder Richards, "Water-holder back, you!"

What was Elder Richards to do? He did the only sensible thing. The brother had back-slidden. He rebaptized him on the spot!

I have spent my whole life in the church. My father was a preacher for over 50 years. My son, Benjie, is a preacher. In a sense, I am in the "preacher business." I have seen it all and my love for the church and my respect for its workers has never been greater. There is a heap'o good that can be said about the church. (Stay tuned)

Yours for taking a new look at the church,

B. E. Leach

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Enfeebled and defective as it may appear, the church is the one object upon which God bestows in a special sense His supreme regard." *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 12.

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