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# Focus on the Cover

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Literature Evangelist Ted Rameriz, sold \$77,932 worth of Seventh-day Adventist literature to non-Adventist families during 1981 in Larado, Texas. This is the first time in Southwestern Union history that a colporteur has sold this much in one year.

A total 265 baptisms were reported during 1981 by our faithful colporteurs. Julian Sylvester, literature evangelist for the Southwest Region, was top soul winner with 33 baptisms. Several literature evangelists reported over 20 baptisms. Colporteur baptisms for 1981 average two baptisms per colporteur. We thank God for His wonderful blessings.

The Southwestern Union Publishing Department reports a 53% sales gain over last year. That represents a one million dollar gain! Colporteur sales for 1981 totals \$2,909,778.

Two assistant publishing directors tied in receiving the top district sales awards for 1981. They were Timo Chacon, Texico; and Johnny Gonzales, Texas. District sales for each assistant were just under \$300,000.

The Oklahoma Conference had the highest percentage of sales gain for 1981, which amounted to 82%. Congratulations Oklahoma literature evangelists!

The Texas Conference sold \$1,226,573 during 1981. They were awarded a plaque of recognition for having the highest sales dollar gain in the Southwestern Union. The gain amounted to \$475,230. Next year Texas plans to be number one in North America.

### Publishing Department Review 1979-1981

	1979	1980	1981
Sales .....	\$1,691,877	\$1,950,672	\$2,909,778
Baptisms .....	111	77	265
Bible Studies .....	2124	2396	4418
Prayers .....	32,696	28,397	39,257
Former SDA's Contacted .....	437	367	778
Visitors Brought to Church .....	493	336	1007
Bible Course Enrollments .....	35,016	36,563	41,897
Free Literature Distributed .....	127,979	116,361	114,417

### 1981 Colporteur Sales by Conference

Arkansas-Louisiana .....	\$518,383
Oklahoma .....	504,036
Southwest Region .....	228,000
Texas .....	1,226,573
Texico .....	432,786
Union Total .....	\$2,909,778

C. L. Williams, *Publishing Director,*  
*Southwestern Union Conference.*

## Spotlight on Soul Winning

### Oklahoma Inmate Is Baptized, Wins Relatives

Hershel McCord was riding his bicycle by the Ardmore, Oklahoma, Seventh-day Adventist Church one Sabbath morning last summer. Seeing that a service was in progress, he parked his bicycle and went inside. Ed Holton, the pastor, was at the door and welcomed him.

The next Sabbath Hershel came to church again, and Holton learned from him that his brother, an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester, had been studying the Adventist literature, and had written home about it.

Hershel continued to attend church. One Sabbath his mother, Cledith McCord came with him. Elder Holton preached that day regarding the Sabbath. During the sermon he called for personal testimonies from church members concerning their personal experience in Sabbath keeping. It was an impressive service. Mrs. McCord stood up and told of her son in prison and his conversion, and how he had been writing thrilling letters home about the truths he was learning.

Frank McCord, in the penitentiary, somehow learned about the Faith For Today Bible correspondence course, and enrolled. Having little to do but read and study, he became engrossed in learning the truths of the Bible. Although security at the prison is very rigid, Christy Taylor, pastor of the McAlester church received clearance to visit Frank, and encourage the interest which was already so intense.

In Ardmore, meanwhile, Ed Holton visited the McCord family. He read the letters they had received from Frank, and was amazed at the clarity with which he was presenting the doctrinal truths to his family. Holton began Bible studies with Mrs. McCord and Hershel, but found that there was really little instruction needed, so thoroughly informed were they.



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### Meet Your Publishing Directors in the Southwest



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Hershel was baptized on November 7, and Cledith on November 28, and they became members of the Ardmore church.

Elder Taylor frequently conducts meetings at the penitentiary, with as many as 30 or 40 in attendance. Because of security restrictions it has not been possible to use a group of people from the church to help with the meetings. Frank McCord was one of several interested ones. At the time of the evangelistic meetings held in McAlester by H. B. Petry, Frank was baptized (December 5, 1981).

Because he is under a severe, multiple sentence, there is little hope for him to be released. But he is unperturbed. He says he has plenty of time to study. His influence has effectively reached his family, and he believes that he has a mission field right where he is.

Charles R. Beeler,  
Communication Director,  
Oklahoma Conference.

## General News

### FAITH FOR TODAY

#### Television Ministry Needs Friendly People

Faith For Today is looking for a lot of friendly people.

The television ministry plans to establish a network of "Faith Associates" throughout North America, according to Gerald Hardy, FFT field services director.

"These would be persons we could contact when there's need for a personal visit in their territory," he explains. But it's not a traditional visitation program.

"You don't have to know how to give a Bible study to be a 'Faith Associate,'" says Hardy. "You just have to have a real interest in people, and be willing to make friends."

In the mail that comes to Faith For Today headquarters every day, there are often letters from people who simply need someone to talk to. They may be facing problems that seem insurmountable. Or they may be simply discouraged with life.

"The 'Faith Associate' is a person we can ask to visit or phone one of these people," says Hardy. "Then after a while, when a friendship has developed, hopefully an opportunity will arise to share the message of eternal life."

Hardy already has about 100 persons who've applied to be "Faith Associates." They come from a wide range of backgrounds, and range in ages from teens to senior citizens. All applications will be screened by a Faith For Today committee.

For more information, persons interested in joining the net-

#### Singles Day Dallas Oak Cliff Church February 27

Singles Sabbath School class. Elder Wayne Shepperd, associate secretary for the Southwestern Union, will be the speaker for the worship hour. A rap session will be conducted in the afternoon by Elder Wayne Shepperd, Dexter LeBlanc, and Randy Roberts. Dexter LeBlanc will be the speaker for vespers. There will be a potluck lunch after church.

Watch for information about April 3 Singles Day in San Antonio.

work of "Faith Associates" should send a self-addressed stamped envelope to FAITH ASSOCIATES, Faith For Today, Box 320, Newbury Park, CA 91320.

Jane Allen,  
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Faith For Today.



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## Health Happenings in the Southwest . . .

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

#### Huguley Hospital Hosts Visitors from AHS/North

Eleven trustees of two hospitals in Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, Michigan, were hosted by Huguley Hospital on January 7, 1982.

The two hospitals are considering affiliation with Adventist Health System/North. In order to gain some observations of the Adventist Health System, the Michigan trustees specifically requested to meet with the Huguley Advisory Council. The council is made up of business men and women from the Fort Worth area.

The guests were taken on a tour of Huguley, after which they were introduced to members of the council at a dinner at the Fort Worth Club.

Bill Shelton, president of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, presented a history of the hospital. He told the group how the Fort Worth leaders, in concert with the Adventists, had raised the \$3.25 million needed to help construct the hospital.

"And," he added, "the Adventists and Huguley Hospital have kept or exceeded every commitment they made to us (Fort Worth)."

Mr. Lester C. Tiscornia, president of Auto Specialties Manufacturing Company and chairman of the Board of the Southwest Michigan Health Care Association; and Mr. Robert B. Willemin, executive vice president of the Whirlpool Corporation and vice-chairman of the Board, expressed their thanks to the Advisory Council and Huguley Hospital for the informative evening. The next day, the Michigan group flew to Missouri to visit the Moberly Regional Seventh-day Adventist Medical Center.

Skip Joers, Correspondent.



# Southwestern Adventist College

## SAC's Vice President for Academic Affairs Dies

Eugene V. Thomsen, vice president for academic affairs at Southwestern Adventist College, died at his home January 10, 1982, after a long illness.



Thomsen, 54, had been a member of the college faculty since 1963.

The family has asked that any memorial gifts be sent to the college for the Eugene V. Thomsen Scholarship Fund for Worthy

Students.

Thomsen taught Spanish and Greek in the modern language department of the college for 15 years; in 1979 he became the academic dean and in 1981 was given the title of vice president.

Dr. Donald R. McAdams, college president, noted that perhaps the high points of Thomsen's leadership in the academic program of the college were the establishment of the baccalaureate nursing program, the computer information systems program, and the Center for English Language Learning, in which foreign students may learn English while working toward college degrees.

As vice president for academic affairs, Thomsen chaired the academic policies, admissions, courses and curricula, and library committees of the college.

Before coming to Southwestern, he served as boys' dean and modern language teacher at Campion Academy, Loveland, Colorado, for 11 years.

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Thomsen held the bachelor of arts degree from Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington; a master of arts degree

from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.; and the master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Texas at Austin.

He had also done post-graduate work at the University of Colorado, Boulder; Colorado State University, Fort Collins; Mexico City College; and the University of Washington, Seattle.

Thomsen was married to the former Grace Thiebaud. They had two daughters: Mrs. Tina Blankenship of Loma Linda, California; and Dr. Kathleen Thomsen of Little Rock.

At the request last summer of the Board of Higher Education of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Thomsen chaired a committee to study the curricula of the European colleges involved in the Adventist Colleges Abroad program. Under the ACA system, American students may study at overseas college for several years as part of their degree programs.

Thomsen led a group of language professors as they toured campuses at the Marienhoehe Seminary at Darmstadt, Germany; Bogenhofen Seminary in Austria; the French Adventist Seminary at Collonges-sous-Saleve, France; and Sagunto College in Spain.

Reporting back to Southwestern, Thomsen noted that the highlight of the tour came in Spain when a native of that country with whom he was conversing asked, "What part of Spain are you from?"

## Pilots from SAC Win Medals in Flying Contest

Two pilots from Southwestern Adventist College's flying club won medals in a recent three-state air meet in Killeen, Texas, according to Doug Clark, flying club sponsor.

Sponsored by the National Intercollegiate Flying Association, the meet attracted 79 pilots from 11 colleges and universities in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. The contest was hosted by Central Texas College of Killeen.

Jon Cooper, a sophomore business major from Dayton, Ohio, took first place in the pre-flight contest, in which the pilot must discover what "bugs" have been put on a grounded plane by contest officials.

Byron Palmer, a senior religion major from Cleburne, Texas, captured fourth place in a triangular course navigational event in which the pilot must plot a course for three given landmarks, calculate the time to the second for each leg,



Southwestern Adventist College participants in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association meet included, from left, Jon Cooper, first place, pre-flight contest; Byron Palmer, fourth place, navigational contest; and Doug Clark, assistant professor of religion and flying club sponsor.

(Photo by Urias Chagas)

calculate fuel consumption to the tenth of a gallon, and then fly the course with a check pilot on board.

Both Southwestern students competed against 21 other pilots in their individual events.

The competition events took place on a Friday and Sabbath. Southwestern's participation was on Friday only, but Palmer, Cooper, and Clark returned for the awards banquet Saturday night at the central Texas school. Clark was asked to have the invocation for the 150 people present.

"Southwestern's participation has provided a number of opportunities to witness in positive contexts, and our circle of friends has widened," Clark noted. "The name 'Adventist' now has more currency than before, and others know about Southwestern Adventist College. In addition, the entrants further sharpened their flying skills."

## Nursing Professor Heads Review Committee

At the request of the General Conference Board of Higher Education, Dr. Lois I. Graham, professor of nursing at Southwestern Adventist College, chaired a panel of review at Kingsway College, Oshawa, Ontario, January 5 to 8.

Dr. Graham and Dr. Robert Reynolds, executive secretary of the Board of Higher Education, served as consultants to the college as they examined a proposal to re-establish the two-year nursing program in the Oshawa-Toronto area.

Recommendations were made, and Dr. Graham and her committee of nursing faculty from other colleges will return

Plan now to attend

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1952, 1957, 1962, 1972

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to Oshawa in the spring for further consultation.

Dr. Graham grew up in the province of New Brunswick and returned in 1973 to serve as professor of nursing and dean of the school of nursing for five years at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton.



### **Faith Action Advance**

## **Arkansas- Louisiana**

J. WAYNE HANCOCK, Correspondent

### **New Building for Ozark Elementary School**

Exactly seven months after the groundbreaking for the new Ozark Elementary School building on Sunday, January 24, 1981, the structure was ready for occupancy the day school started August 24, 1981.

Many, many hours of labor were donated by members of the Gentry Seventh-day Adventist Church under the enthusiastic leadership of Hollis Scarbrough, building committee chairman, to build and complete the new 15,000-square-foot elementary school located just west of the church on Dawn Hill Road.

A scale model of the new building has been used weekly on Sabbath morning to receive the special offerings for its construction, and it will soon be paid for and ready for dedication in the spring of 1982.

Thelma Teale,  
*Communication Secretary,  
Gentry Church.*

### **Ark-La's Newest Pathfinder Club Enjoys Camporee**

Despite drenching rain and a bad wheel bearing, Ark-La's newest Pathfinder club, the eight members of the Monticello Cubs, with their leaders, left Monticello three hours late and headed for Camp Yorktown Bay.

With the Lord's help and everyone working together, they were registered with camp set up in time for Sabbath and flag lowering at 7:00 o'clock. Camp Fire Circle was most inspiring as they joined in singing with 300 other Pathfinders from all over Arkansas and Louisiana. The reflection of the campfire in the waters of Lake Ouachita and the sound of the music floating out over the water was a high light of the camporee.

Skits from various clubs, songs, and study of the Sabbath School lesson were part of the Sabbath activities. A special guest was Don Aldridge, a nature enthusiast and returned missionary, affectionately called "Brother Don." His mission stories were so vivid that everyone seemed to be right in Indonesia. And his sermon, "Finding Nature's God Through God's Nature," literally had everyone on the edge of their seats with the presence of a live snake! After a hike, a Bible quiz contest, and flag lowering, the Sabbath closed with worship and nature slides by "Brother Don" titled "Nature Had It Before Man Invented It."

In the evening everyone enjoyed the movie, "Benjie." Then taps and to bed.

Sunday morning activities, besides clean-up and inspection, included contests and field events livened up by the presence of four clowns from Hot Springs.

The Monticello Cubs were thrilled with the blue ribbon which they received for Sabbath morning official inspection. Other ribbons received were a green entry ribbon for "Timber Toss," a white ribbon for the "Bible Quiz," a second place red ribbon for "Campsite Observa-

### **PHILOSDA Retreat for Adventist Singles**

**March 26, 27, 28 — Oak Bower  
near Hot Springs, Arkansas, on  
DeGray Lake**

**BOB AND BETTY FORBES** will be presenting a program on Self Worth and Communication. They have spent 13 years as missionaries in Central Africa. They now specialize in marriage enrichment programs, and have a real interest in people and helping where they are.

Bring your talent and guitar with you, as there will be no piano. Bring your own bedding and air mattress or pad for sleeping. They have bunks only. There's plenty of electrical outlets for heaters or blankets. Dress warmly. Plan now to learn more about God thru nature and join us at Oak Bower.

Make your reservations early — accommodations for 48 people only.

#### **COST**

\$35 for members — \$30 if paid in full by March 7

\$40 non-members — \$35 if paid in full by March 7

At least a \$15 deposit must be paid by March 7 to hold reservation. Maps will be furnished with receipt. For more information or to make reservations, please contact Rita Morris, 167 Crest, Hot Springs, AR 71901, 501/624-7336, or Melba Jordan, P.O. Drawer D, Keene, TX 76059, 817/641-6990.

tion," and a very special green ribbon for being the newest club.

"We feel that God blessed us tremendously, not only by providing good weather (even though it was raining when we left), but by drawing us closer to Him as we worked, played, and studied together. We thank Him for this," concluded Jane Brown.

Jane Brown, *Correspondent,  
Monticello Cubs Pathfinder Club.*

### **Small, But Mighty**

A Sabbath School of 29 members is not exactly very large. That's what Vivian, Louisiana, is . . . 29 members. However, if you had visited their Sabbath School on 13th Sabbath, you would have discovered a full-blown program involving all divisions.

On December 19 the church had decorations to fit the holiday season including a tree for the Sabbath School offering device. The main feature of the program included a nativity scene with costumed children and appropriate props. It was beautiful, well planned, and inspiring.



New Ozark Elementary School which was constructed and ready for occupancy in just seven months.





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Their Christmas tree was decorated with 460 dollar bills! A good offering for only 29 members!

It is no wonder that this church has some of the highest statistical ratings in the conference . . . perhaps a model to follow! A typical report looks like this:

Church Membership	29
Sabbath School Membership	38
Weekly Attendance	40
Daily Lesson Study	22
Offering per capita	(per week) \$2.82

P. A. Kostenko,

Sabbath School Director,  
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

## Ingathering in Bayou Country

The three individuals in the photo (left to right) Bill Gaspard, Elizabeth Gaspard, and Lil Sorbet, recently spent a day Ingathering with their pastor in LaFourche Parish, in Bayou Country.



Bill and Lil were born in Cut Off, one of the popular towns on Route 1 toward the Gulf. Bill and Elizabeth, who have gone there before doing Ingathering, are two of the best ingatherers in the Metairie church. Elizabeth prayed with the businessmen even more than the pastor. This is the type of business Ingathering a pastor enjoys. Bill and Lil knew these men and women from years ago. Tears came to the eyes of many of the businessmen after prayer. One businessman said to Bill, "Come back again soon, and we must study the Bible together."

Friendship, a happy spirit, and using the health approach resulted in \$500 being raised for Ingathering, plus an interesting day observing the boat-building scenes of Bayou Country, hearing a new Cajun accent, and having a wonderful day.

Thomas Kopko, Pastor,  
Metairie Church.

## Gentry Church Takes Active Part in Thanksgiving Service

Because the sanctuary of the United Methodist Church in Gentry, Arkansas, was being redecorated, area residents filled the fellowship hall to capacity Wednesday evening, November 25, 1981, for their annual Thanksgiving service.

Pastors of the area churches took part in the program and members of their churches furnished musical numbers. Elder Charles Griffin of the Gentry Seventh-day Adventist Church brought the message of the evening. His subject was "The Ten Lepers." The new adult choir of his church sat on the platform wearing robes borrowed from the Ozark Adventist Academy choir. Directed by Philip Hayden of the academy, they sang "O Lord, Most Holy." Although their robes were borrowed, they hope soon to have their own as a special offering of almost \$1,000 was recently taken to purchase robes.

Thelma Teale,  
Communication Secretary,  
Gentry Church.



God  
Honors Faith

## Oklahoma

CHARLES R. BEELER, Correspondent

### Pastors Report Ingathering Success

On January 3 the workers of the Oklahoma Conference met at the Summit Ridge Retirement Center to celebrate the success of the Ingathering campaign and to lay plans for the new year.

Each pastor reported the total amount of Ingathering raised in his district, and told of interesting experiences that were had.

The total raised in the conference up



U. S. Army Chaplain Don Troyer and his wife, Nancy, provided musical entertainment during the workers' banquet.

to that date was \$155,829.51, which represents an 8.5% overflow above the goal of \$143,675.00.

Tribute was paid by many pastors to the faithfulness of church members in their participation in the campaign, and to lay leaders who promoted that organized the work. Don Baker, who was ill during the peak of the campaign expressed great appreciation for the way the churches in the Stillwater district went right ahead with the work.

Several pastors told of heart-warming experiences in finding former Adventists and other people who manifested a deep interest in the church and its message.

Jim Brown, Shattuck, pastor, told how that church used a different approach to residential Ingathering contacts. They visited the homes, giving a copy of the book, *Can God Be Trusted?*, and without directly soliciting an offering many people gave anyway. They had many genuine missionary visits, praying with the people.

The meeting also dealt with plans for the *Liberty* magazine campaign and offering. Tom Carter, Southwestern Union religious liberty director, spoke on the current issues in church-state relations and outlined plans for the campaign.

V. L. Roberts, Southwestern Union stewardship director, presented a plan for holding Family Finance Seminars in the churches, illustrated by slide projection. Materials for these seminars are being made available to the pastors for use during 1982.

Ben Leach, president of the Southwestern Union Conference, was the speaker for the devotional service at the beginning of the day's program.

The Summit Ridge Retirement Center served a noon buffet luncheon and the banquet in the evening.

### LE Sales Reach Half Million

For the first time, Oklahoma Conference literature evangelists passed the half-million dollar mark in sales of gospel and health literature, according to Barry George, publishing department director.





At the Oklahoma Conference workers' meeting, Robert D. Rider congratulated the publishing department leaders for their outstanding increase in sales during 1981. The leaders, from left: Barry George, Gene Cowden, Bob Carmin, and Louis Jones.

The total for the year 1981 is more than \$511,000.

Even more important is the report of 32 persons baptized through the efforts and influence of the Oklahoma literature evangelists. Joleene Barren and Cal Hallock each had eight baptisms.

The sales gain for the year over the previous year was 89% and this was the highest for any conference in the Southwestern Union.

These records were accomplished, with God's blessing, by a corps of 15 full-time literature evangelists, a few part-time workers, one magazine worker, and an energetic group of students during the summer.

Two Oklahoma colporteurs were honored at the Southwestern Union Institute at the year end: Robert Warner (who started in February), ninth place in sales in the union; and Louis Jones (who has been a part-time leader since May), tenth place. Jones was voted Literature Evangelist of the Year in the Southwestern Union.

Barry George is assisted in leadership in the Oklahoma Conference Publishing Department by Gene Cowden, Bob Carmin, and Louis Jones.

## SINGLES

### Weekend Seminar Is Success; Hawaiian Tour Planned

The Singles Enrichment Seminar held at Wewoka Woods last Thanksgiving weekend was a great success. Elders Robert Rider, Sam Miller, and Floyd Miller were featured speakers. Caring and fellowship was evident throughout the retreat. Eight different states were represented. A talent hour, best-dressed cowboy and cowgirl contest, complete with trophies, hayrides, and a candlelight love service all made for an unforgettable retreat. Any single who did not attend

missed an outstanding opportunity for fellowship and communion with our Lord through nature.

Some outstanding upcoming events sponsored by the Texas Metroplex Single Ministry will be held February 20. It will be an all day event at Summit Ridge Retirement Center with vespers, fellowship, and recreation. Please plan to join us. Call Gean Webb at 405/454-2431 to reserve your Sabbath luncheon. Cost is \$3.25 per person. Bring fruit for light supper.

Coming in June — Hawaiian Tour for Adventist Singles. This should be the highlight of our Southwest activities, June 13 through June 21. The features include a tour of three islands — Hawaii, Oahu, and Kauai; beach-front hotels; Sabbath in Kauai, sight seeing tours, boat cruises, and hopefully meeting with Adventist singles at Waikiki. Don't miss this event of a lifetime. Plan now to join with your church family for an unforgettable experience. For complete details including cost, write or call Melba Jordan, Drawer D, Keene, TX 76059, 817/641-6990, or Myrtle Fornal, P.O. Box 923, Keene, TX 76059, 817/645-7181. All reservations must be made by May 25. Earlier reservations appreciated, limited space.

Many other activities are planned for Adventist Singles — please watch your RECORD for details.

### McAlester Crusade Wins 41

The Peace of Life evangelistic crusade in McAlester resulted in the baptism of 41 persons, in spite of much difficulty in obtaining a good location.

According to H. B. Petry, conference evangelist, "The first setback was that we could not find a building." Finally, Christy Taylor, McAlester pastor, rented the old Greyhound Bus Station

and Cafe building. Upon inspection, this appeared to be a mistake. But with much scraping, scrubbing, painting, and carpeting, it was made very suitable. "Its location downtown on the main street contributed much to the success of the crusade," Petry observed.

Elder Taylor and the McAlester members worked faithfully throughout the crusade. Music was provided by Elder Taylor's wife, Clarene, with help from Nancy Allen, a soloist from Ardmore. Pat Milligan, Bible worker for the team, was assisted in the heavy visitation effort by Gerald Ferguson.



Some of the 41 persons baptized in McAlester. H. B. Petry, evangelist, is on the left, and Christy Taylor, pastor, is on the right.

### Tulsa School Holds Open House

School was held on Sunday — not as usual — November 22, 1981, at Tulsa Adventist Academy. The unusual school day was for parents as well as students. The parents were invited to attend and participate in classes, and it was a learning experience.

One of the special features of the day was the display of history projects created by the students in grades seven to ten. Both the talent and the learning of the students were evident in the exhibit



Tami Long and Julie Sharp show their first-place-winning coliseum.





Kellye Korne with her Hanging Gardens history project, which was a first-place winner.

of pyramids, the Sphinx, a colosseum, flatboats, Indian villages, and forts. Their pleasure could be observed as they displayed their projects.

For the final class of the day the visiting parents and students were entertained by the NOW Singers and a choral group of grades one to six.

Joada McGehee.

## Cincinnati Hills Marks Anniversary

The sixth anniversary of the dedication of the Cincinnati Hills church was noted on December 5, 1981. Mrs. Mildred Murphy, church clerk, read a paper of reminiscences of the changes during the six years.

Among the building improvements have been: a new roof, new ceiling, paneling, carpeting, stained-glass windows, new lighting, a children's classroom, and kitchen cabinets. Mrs. Murphy made mention of the generous financial support of the improvements by the

Almira A. Hogan, who reached the age of 100 years on December 12, 1981, was honored at a special dinner at the Summit Ridge Retirement Center, where she has lived for the past three years. Her husband was a farmer and after his death in 1942, she worked for many years in the drapery work room of the John A. Brown department store. She became an Adventist in 1954, and was very active in the Dorcas work at the old Oklahoma City Central church and later at the Southern Hills church. She still does nice crochet work, and has sold over \$200 worth for the Summit Ridge church fund. She is shown here with a scrapbook that was given her at her birthday celebration. Her roommate at Summit Ridge is also a centenarian, Roby Bedner, of Luther, Oklahoma.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fehrer, members of the Shattuck, Oklahoma, church celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 12, 1981. They were married in Woodward, Oklahoma, and lived on their farm near there until 1979, when they moved to Shattuck. Their two daughters, Irene Allmen, and Lila Lee Fehrer, live in Colorado, and are employed at Porter Memorial Hospital. They also have one granddaughter, Mrs. Karen Roethler of Ft. Morgan, Colorado.

members and the volunteer labor of the men of the church.

The Cincinnati Hills church, in a suburb of Tulsa, has 20 members. Kenneth Jones is the elder and Jim Ferguson is the pastor.

## Choctaw Entertains Senior Citizens

The Choctaw Church Community Services Center, under the direction of Vera Wolfe, provided a dinner for the senior citizens of the community, on Sunday, December 13. This has become an annual event, looked forward to by



Young people served as waiters.

Jim Miller at the piano.



many older people of the city. More than 80 attended.

Besides the dinner, there was a brief devotional service by the pastor, Clarence Southard, and a song service led by one of the guests. Jim Miller, a member of the Choctaw church, provided piano music during the meal. Several church members helped with the serving, and young people waited on the tables.



Elder and Mrs. Clarence Southard, center, help in serving the dinner.



A happy group of senior citizens, entertained by the Choctaw church.

## Southwest Region

W. C. JONES, Correspondent

### Senior Citizen Day in Baton Rouge

The congregation of the Baton Rouge church was admonished by the Psalmist David "cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth." The ancient prophet's counsel led to the planning of honoring the senior citizens of Berean. Sabbath, December 19, the senior ladies were presented with corsages by the Sabbath School department. Bernice James and Marie Kimble participated during the study hour, Adele Feltus, led the spirited





Elder A. R. Carethers, senior citizen day speaker, from Houston, Texas.



Mrs. Elnora Cage, 107 years young. She was unable to be present at the program, so it was decided to visit her home and present a corsage to her. Her daughter Jeanette Walker is pinning the corsage on her mother.

senior citizens in special music for the worship hour. The song entitled "We Are Senior Citizens" to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The message of the morning was presented by Elder A. R. Carethers, a retiree of Houston, Texas. His message, "The Prayer of the Aged" based on Psalm 71:9, 18 was an inspiration not only to the aged, but also to the young as well. Dinner was served to culminate a delightful day, when we all paused long enough to remember God's aged servants.

Evelyn Edwards, Reporter.

Senior citizens were honored on their special day in Baton Rouge by the Sabbath School Department.



## BATON ROUGE

### Berean Youth Experience "Lock-In"

To break the sometimes dull routine of everyday living, the Adventist youth leader, E. Edwards, coined a new expression called a "Lock-In," in Baton Rouge. Young people 13 years of age and up banded together to spend the weekend in the church's educational facilities. Here they worshipped, ate, slept (in separate quarters of course), and enjoyed good wholesome Christian fellowship.

The weekend began with Friday evening registration, with no one being able to join after that night. The evening snack and vespers conducted by Charles Wilson, Jr., followed. The night was a rather short one in that few wanted to get to sleep. After a few hours of slumber, it was washing up, devotion, breakfast, and then Sabbath activities.

That evening the youth traveled to the Clinton area (about 40 miles away) where they distributed literature.

The "mini camp meeting" as the lock-in came to be known, reluctantly came to a close about 1:00 p.m. that Sunday but will long be the topic of conversation of those who participated.

Evelyn M. Edwards, Reporter.



Berean youth during "lock-in."



In the month of October, John Gregory sponsored Temperance Day. The focus of attention was on healthful living with emphasis on nutrition. Rose Webber of New York City was the guest lecturer. Twenty-five persons completed requirements and received certificates.

### News from Bellfort Church, Houston



During the worship hour on Temperance Day, F. S. Hill, pastor of the Calfin Avenue church in New Orleans, delivered the spoken word.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### 4th Triennial Session Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the regular Triennial Session of the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Southwestern Adventist College, L. C. Evans Hall, Keene, Texas on March 21, 1982.

The meeting for the session is called for 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports for the triennial period then ending, to elect officers for the ensuing term, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church is entitled to one delegate to represent the church at the session of the conference and one additional delegate for each 20 members or the major fraction thereof.

W. C. Jones, President;  
Helen Turner, Secretary.

### 4th Triennial Session Southwest Region Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Region Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its regular Triennial Session at Southwestern Adventist College, L. C. Evans Hall, Keene, Texas, on March 21, 1982.

The meeting for the session is called for 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a board of trustees for the ensuing triennial term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Association. Delegates to the Southwest Region Conference session are also delegates to the Association.

W. C. Jones, President;  
Helen Turner, Secretary.



# Texas

WARREN SKILTON, Correspondent



**Our  
Conference  
President  
Says ...**

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

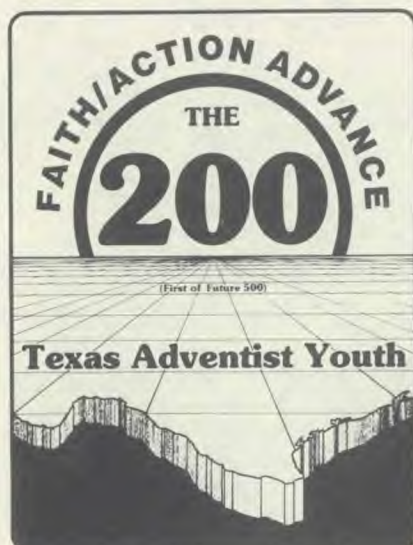
**OUR FIRST 200 TEXAS YOUTH.** We are off to a good start! Texas Youth Director Bob Boney reports, "More than 50 Valley Grande Academy youth signed commitment cards." Paul Rouse, VGA principal, states, "Our youth are anxious to become involved."

**WHY REVELATION SEMINARS?** Because they are easy and produce results. Anyone who can teach a Sabbath School lesson can successfully conduct a Revelation Seminar. Our young single and married adults are moving forward to accept this challenge too!

**WHAT ATTRACTS NON ADVENTIST'S?** The Holy Spirit through direct mail advertizing. Beautiful four-color brochures will be mailed to 7,000 homes for each of the 50 youth seminars. The advertizing, Bibles, notebooks, and lessons are all paid for by the Texas Conference. The cost to the church is minimal — only transportation for their youth to receive training at NVR and the meeting place rent.

**CAN JUST ONE PERSON DO IT?** Yes! We prefer a team of four, but one young person can be very successful without any assistance. So if you are in a small church and you are the only one, then accept the challenge and move forward. God will bless!

**ATTEND REVELATION SEMINAR TRAINING PROGRAM AT NAMELESS VALLEY RANCH WITH ALL EXPENSES PAID: ACADEMY/HIGH SCHOOL, FEBRUARY 5-7, COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND YOUNG ADULTS, FEBRUARY 19-21, BECOME INVOLVED, IT'S EASY!**



## Marshall Church Sponsors Area Cooking School

The members of the Marshall Seventh-day Adventist Church completed a four-day cooking school. Two classes were devoted to the preparation of vegetarian entrees.

The 375 *Meatless Recipes* book was given free to those who attended all four classes.

One class focused on beverages and sandwiches. Demonstrations and suggestions along with tasting of the various whole grain breads, seeds, and sprouts were given. Recipes for a more attractive, nutritional school lunches were presented. The effects of coffee and tea were discussed with a variety of healthful fruit drinks and coffee-tea substitutes were prepared and tasted.

In the last class of the school low-sugar desserts and attractive ways to serve

fruit and vegetable dishes were presented.

An average of 25 people attended every night. They expressed a desire to know more healthful ways to cook.

In the spring a bread-breakfast school will be held followed by a young mothers course featuring care, food, and discipline for the baby.

The school was conducted by Alice Kernes, Becky Salmi, Dorthy Clay, Paula Cooner, and Karen and Carolyn Ault. David Steingas demonstrated two fruit drinks, so men as well as women attended and helped. Heidi Salmi showed how the young could participate in a cooking school by demonstrating how easy and tasty "No bake carob balls" were to make.

Pastor Carl Anderson and Dr. Michael Weber assisted by giving talks on vegetarianism.

Alice Kernes,  
Communication Director,  
Marshall Church.

### ATTEND FIRST ANNUAL VALLEY WINTER

## CAMP MEETING!

### A Seasonal Spiritual Feast

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## VALLEY CAMP MEETING SCHEDULE

### VALLEY GRANDE ACADEMY

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 6, 1982

TIME	FEB. 26 Friday	FEB. 27 Sabbath	FEB. 28 Sunday	MARCH 1 Monday	MARCH 2 Tuesday	MARCH 3 Wednesday	MARCH 4 Thursday	MARCH 5 Friday	MARCH 6 Sabbath
9:30 A.M.		Sabbath School	W. J. Liversidge	W. J. Liversidge	W. J. Liversidge	W. J. Liversidge	W. J. Liversidge	W. J. Liversidge	Sabbath School
11:00 A.M.		Cyril Miller	J. R. Hoffman	J. R. Hoffman	J. R. Hoffman	J. R. Hoffman	J. R. Hoffman	J. R. Hoffman	Elder B. E. Leach
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.		2:00 W. J. Liversidge 3:00 Hoffman	Dr. E. Reed Health Clinic	Dr. E. Reed Health Clinic	Dr. E. Reed Health Clinic	Dr. E. Reed Health Clinic	Dr. E. Reed Health Clinic	Dr. E. Reed Health Clinic	2:00 Musical 2:30 Youth 3:00 Evang
7:30 P.M.	W. R. May	W. R. May	W. R. May	W. R. May	W. R. May	W. R. May	W. R. May	W. R. May	W. R. May





**TEXAS LITERATURE EVANGELIST MILLION DOLLAR CLUB** — The Lord blessed this special group of Texas literature evangelists and leaders with over \$1,225,000 in truth-filled literature in 1981. They also reported 93 baptisms. With God's help this group has pledged to accomplish even more for the Lord in 1982. Perhaps the Lord is impressing you to join this soul-winning team. For complete information contact your local conference publishing department.

Denton James, Publishing Director, Texas Conference.

### 1981 LE Sales in Texas Nears 1¼ Million Dollars!



**TEXAS PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT 1981 Award Winners** — From left to right: Ed Lassman, district leader, reported the second highest sales for district leader, 1981 — \$290,000; Andrea Gil, L.E. reported highest number of baptisms, 21 souls; Uden Perez, L.E. reported second highest L.E. sales, \$55,000.

Ted Rameriz, L.E. was highest in sales for Conference, nearly \$78,000; Robert Macias, L.E. reported 18 baptisms, second highest in conference; Johnny Gonzales, district leader, reported highest district sales for conference, over \$296,000.

Praise the Lord for His blessings!

Denton James, Publishing Director,  
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## Heart-to-Heart Seminar

on Valentine's Day —  
February 14, 1982

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## VGA Provides Music for Lawyers' Christmas Banquet

On December 6, the Valley Grande Academy chorale and handbell choir was the entertainment for the annual Hidalgo County Bar Association banquet.

In attendance were 130 of the most prominent lawyers, judges, and politicians in South Texas.

According to Andrew Leonie III, McAllen lawyer and organizer of the banquet, the chorale and handbell choir were chosen because of their reputation for excellence.

The handbell choir began the program with traditional Christmas carols and the chorale followed with secular numbers that included "White Christmas," "Happy Holidays," and "Jingle Bells."

The bell choir and chorale received a standing ovation for their performance and caused Tina Ortega, owner of the restaurant, to say, "I've never heard any-

Dian Simpson, music teacher at Valley Grande Academy, leads the VGA Bell Choir during a concert for the Hidalgo County Bar Association annual Christmas banquet.







## Something Special

### Deacons' Retreat

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thing so beautiful in person in my life."

"Never before have I had guest leave other banquets to come and hear the performers at another banquet," she added.

This concert was a highlight in a series of performances that culminates in the annual VGA Christmas concert that was Thursday evening, December 16.

Larry Williams,  
*Valley Correspondent.*



Boys in the Valley Grande Academy Bell Choir imitate bell ringers as they sing during a concert for the Hidalgo County Bar Association Christmas banquet on December 10. In the audience were many of the most prominent lawyers, judges, and politicians in south Texas.



WILL YOUR CHURCH HAVE ITS NAME ON A TEXAS EXPANSION REVERSION CHECK LIKE THIS NEXT YEAR??? Everything over your 1982 Expansion Goal will be sent back to your church early in 1983.

### TEXAS EXPANSION

## Nine Churches Reached or Exceeded Goal

Several churches have incorporated Texas Expansion into their operating budgets. Many of our members are

remembering Texas Expansion by giving 1% of their income. We're sure many of our Texas members will be remembering Texas Expansion in 1982, by giving 1% of their income.

The churches reaching or exceeding their Texas Expansion goals in 1981 were: Alice, Austin South, Brownsville, Coleman, Donna, Fredericksburg, Houston Spanish, Keene and McAllen Spanish South.

## Yancey Homecoming

Elder H. M. S. Richards, Jr., of the Voice of Prophecy, and Elder Robert Wood, secretary of the Texas Conference, will be the special guests of the Yancey Seventh-day Adventist Church on March 6, 1982, to celebrate homecoming.

All former members are especially invited for this occasion and the dedication of the new fellowship building. The Yancey church is perhaps the oldest church in the Texas Conference which is still used.

Please advise Pastor Van Buren of your attendance so food preparation can be made. If information is needed on lodging call 512/426-3903. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime event! Let us hear from you!

## Texico

DON SULLIVAN, Correspondent

### Texico Ministers Meet in El Paso

Texico's ministerial retreat was held in El Paso January 4-6. Highlighting the meetings was a family seminar presented to the workers by Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Bresee, who is currently pastor of the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church. The seminar included various tests, discussions in regard to better communication between husbands and wives and encouraged stronger family relationships.





Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Bresee emphasize a point on family behavior with a practical demonstration.



Children of ministerial families present special music at the special supper.

Ladies from the Spanish church prepared and presented a lovely meal for the ministers and their wives Monday night at the Central church. Mrs. Susie Retzer and others cared for the children at the church during the meetings and that evening they presented two special musical numbers for their parents.

Morning devotionals were inspirational. Monday, Jerry Oster emphasized that we need the "can" attitude, for we can do things through the Lord; Tuesday, Elder Tom Carter, director of public affairs and religious liberty as well as SES associate director for the Southwestern Union Conference, encouraged a strong religious liberty program during January. Devotional for the last day of the session was by Ruben Rodriguez, pastor of the Saragosa, Van Horn, and Odessa Spanish churches. He related some of his experiences in Cuba.

Recreational time included a visit to Juarez in Mexico.

Ministers and their families stated that this was one of the most worthwhile meetings they have had, and were thankful for the practical benefit they received.

## Fascinating Soul-Winning Story from El Paso

Serving as church treasurer has its own rewards, but in December of 1980 I received a check in the offering that sent me on a new experience with beautiful results and rewards.

I didn't recognize the signature on the

check as being that of a church member so I began inquiring of the former treasurer, Velma Lynn and Pastor Gerald Retzer. Neither were acquainted with Charles White. The address imprinted on the check was near me in the northeast section of El Paso so after several attempts, my husband and I found the Whites home one evening.

We met a wonderful friendly couple and their two children. No, they were not Adventists; they were Baptists. Charles told us this story:

He was a Specialist 5 in the military stationed in Okinawa when he met Hiroko Oshiro and although language was a barrier, it did not prevent their marriage in 1968. She was of the Shinto faith of her country and Charles had a Baptist background. During the 10 following years Charles was on duty in the States, Okinawa again, Viet Nam — and Hiroko was with him as the military permitted. Also during those years Charles Jr. and Christina were born. At Ft. Hood, Texas, Hiroko became a Christian and she and Charles began faithful Baptist attendance.

During his tour in Germany in 1978 Charles received appointment to Warrant Officer School and was sent to Ft. Bliss for this training.

After receiving his commission as Chief Warrant Officer, Charles was sent to Korea for a year beginning in January, 1980, having to leave his family behind in El Paso.

The pressures of responsibility, loneliness, depression, and near despair in a country where she had not mastered the language as yet led Hiroko to a breakdown. While in the hospital her neighbor, Miyoko, visited her and brought with her a Seventh-day Adventist, Toshiko Pate. Two other Adventist ladies, Yoshie Rubio and Yoshiko Ward, were very helpful during her illness. Mrs. Ward cared for young Charles and Christina in the White home while their mother was hospitalized. Mrs. Rubio and Mrs. Pate brought to her truths from the Bible with comforting promises.

From despair came hope as these Christian ladies took the lonely lady under their wing and gave her courage and comfort and friendship. After her release from the hospital she began attending the Central Seventh-day Adventist Church.

When Charles came home in December he found a changed wife, but as he said, "a wonderful change." He had been unaware of her critical illness and as he learned of it and how the Seventh-day Adventists helped her so much, he was determined to find out what these people believed so he began attending church with her.



Charles and Hiroko White with their children — Charles, Jr., and Christina.

This is where we came in. We asked Charles if they would like to study the Bible and learn what we believe. He said he certainly would.

Bill and I studied all the truths with the four Whites gathered around their table each Friday evening, during which time they were also attending church and Mrs. Rubio was continuing the studies with Hiroko in Japanese. It was such a joy to see their growth as we studied week after week. Pastor Retzer prepared them for baptism and on June 13, 1981, the four were baptized.

I suppose the reward came when Charles had to go to Germany for three weeks and Hiroko said, "It isn't so bad this time for him to be gone. Now I have friends and I'm not afraid."

Charles will retire from the military in two years and as he is in computers he is taking continuing education during his remaining years in the military to better prepare himself for the Lord's work. Hiroko will begin classes in English in January.

Truly there are gems everywhere. We just need to find them.

Helen Beach,  
Communication Secretary.



**INGATHERING IS FOR EVERYONE** — Imagine opening your garage door and being met by a dog with an appeal for Ingathering funds! And the look in her eyes makes it hard to refuse — sincere, honest, determined, and dedicated to the cause.

Such was the experience of Beccy Burke, whose dog took seriously her task of cleaning up the garage when an Ingathering paper from the car fell there. And — would you believe it — Beccy's the secretary in the Texico Conference for the department which cares for Ingathering!



## Lubbock Holds Victory Banquet

Lubbock members and friends enjoyed a lovely banquet January 10 to thank the Lord for the victories of 1981. Young people from the church did a beautiful job of serving the banquet meal in the multi-purpose room of the church.

Pastor Dan Schiffbauer's remarks centered on the happenings during the



Head Elder Marc Garcia addresses those present at the victory banquet.

past few months and he thanked the church for their faithful work in Ingathering. The church met and went well past its goal. The conference president, Don Sullivan; and head elder, Marc Garcia, also expressed their gratitude and praise for what has been accomplished.

The film "John Hus," from Faith For Today, was shown as the concluding feature of the evening of fellowship.



Left to right: Olga Garcia with Marc, Jr., Marge Schiffbauer, Elder Dan Schiffbauer, Marc Garcia, and Dorothy Sullivan.



Left to right: Velma and Capt. John Worth; Don and Debbie Edwards.



Left to right: Rosie Boyd, Marshall Boyd, Mrs. Dan Schiffbauer, Sr., Nicki Boyd, and Theresa Boyd. The Boyds will soon be baptized.

These young people served at the banquet. Front row: Shelley Eustace, Rebecca Muse, Adrienne Beck, and Josie Garcia; back row: Dennis Muse, Don Eustace, Vaughn Stanford, Danny Muse, and Ricky Edwards.



Keith is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Clinton Roberts; two sisters: Karen and Kaye; one brother, Kevin; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roberts, and Mrs. Floyd Fortner; and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Roberts.

W. Rob Sheppard.

**TREGRE, Colette LeBlanc.** One month before her untimely death, caused by a blood clot in the lung after elective surgery, Colette and her husband, Tim, were dedicating their two young children at the Metairie church. Colette was the 22-year-old mother of two whose husband was beginning to attend church.

Everyone asked, "Why?" But God brings good out of bad and sad situations. At the viewing, about 1,000 people attended. The LeBlanc family is a large family loved by the community. Colette's brother Dexter, a minister in the Texas Conference, conducted most of the funeral service. At the committal service at St. Peter's Cemetery in Reserve, Louisiana, both Dexter and Leo, another brother, made an appeal with tears running down their faces.

"Brothers and sisters, family and friends, do you want to be with Colette in the kingdom? I do, we do, do all of you want to be there also?"

All responded to the call of the two brothers who dearly missed their sister. Hearts were touched and decisions for eternity were made. The memory of this service will be recalled by the almost 100% Catholic audience present.

Colette was born in New Orleans, Aug., 12, 1959, and died at Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, Aug. 23, 1981. God is preparing a place for her in heaven, and by her untimely death many others will be led to be with her in heaven as well.

Thomas Kopko.

**WOLFE, Hattie L.,** was born Dec. 30, 1885, Wichita, Kan., and died Dec. 3, 1981.

She was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1914 and for over 60 years was a faithful and active member. In 1921, when the Adventist church was organized in Sapulpa, Okla., she was one of the charter members and remained a member of the Sapulpa Seventh-day Adventist Church until the time of her death.

She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Eunice Fowler and Mrs. Velma Henninger; three sons, Elgie Widdoes, Paul Widdoes, and Ernest Widdoes; 23 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

R. E. Barrett.

## At Rest

**OSBORN, Mrs. Clara Nell,** was born April 29, 1925, in Edinburg, Tex. She had been a resident of Houston for the past 49 years. Clara and Kenneth Osborn were married on May 3, 1947. To this union were born three sons: Arwyn Eugene, Gary Wayne, and Kenneth Dale; and one daughter, Donna, all of whom survive their mother.

Clara was given the nickname, Peggy, by her older sister early in life and she carried it with her ever after.

Peggy and her husband recently purchased a home in a rural setting a few miles west of Houston where they planned to live in their retirement years. But because of her illness for the past several months this comfort has been denied her. Perhaps the coming of the Lord will recompense her for all her trials and troubles.

Peggy was an inspiration to all who knew her, and as a Christian she faced her problems with courage. She had an abundance of love for her friends and family, and they will miss her. Their prayers are for a happy reunion in the future.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; her four children, her five sisters, by eight nieces, eight nephews, six grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Burial in Woodlawn Garden Cemetery, Houston. Elder Herman J. Griffin officiated at the memorial services.

**ROBERTS, Clinton Keith,** of Keene, Tex., was born Oct. 18, 1960, and died one month before his 21st birthday. In addition to being a pre-dental student at SAC, Keith worked at Huguley Memorial Hospital. Keith never allowed his busy schedule to crowd out time for his real loves; his Lord, his family, and his love and concern for people were of primary importance in his life.

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## Sunset Schedule

	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
Abilene, Texas	6:16	6:22	6:29	6:34
Amarillo, Texas	6:20	6:27	6:33	6:40
Brownsville, Texas	6:16	6:21	6:25	6:30
Dallas, Texas	6:03	6:09	6:16	6:21
El Paso, Texas	5:43	5:50	5:56	6:01
Fort Worth, Texas	6:05	6:11	6:18	6:23
Galveston, Texas	6:01	6:06	6:12	6:17
Gentry, Arkansas	5:49	5:56	6:03	6:11
Keene, Texas	6:05	6:11	6:18	6:23
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:42	5:49	5:56	6:02
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:52	6:00	6:07	6:14
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:41	5:46	5:52	5:57
Oklahoma City	6:02	6:09	6:16	6:23
San Antonio, Texas	6:16	6:21	6:27	6:32
Santa Fe, New Mexico	5:35	5:42	5:49	5:56
Shreveport, Louisiana	5:51	5:59	6:04	6:09
Tulsa, Oklahoma	5:55	6:02	6:09	6:16

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## What's Good About the Seventh-day Adventist Church Part II

The Bible counsels us to be "temperate in all things." I Corinthians 9:25. This good counsel applies to more than eating or drinking. It applies to our attitudes toward just about everything in life. We need to be balanced. Don't go overboard. Stay in the middle of the road. Keep your mind open to further facts and information — and think a long time before you cast overboard the most precious things in life. This counsel applies to husband and wife. It applies to standards in life and it applies to our relationship to the church.

The church is God's organization. It is sacred and it is heaven-bound. The problem with the church is that it is filled with human beings and even operated by sinful, imperfect mortals. This being so, any church operation will never be perfect. Only through the power of God and the direction of the Holy Spirit and the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ will the church arrive spotless on that heavenly shore. It will never be because of our own goodness or merit.

But doesn't the church need to be cleaned up? Don't we need to get rid of sin? Doesn't the Lord say, "Be ye therefore perfect?" Our only hope for getting rid of sin is found in Christ. Our only hope for perfection is found under the covering robe of Christ's righteousness. Nowhere else. The minute we feel we have arrived spiritually we are guilty of the worst sin of all — self-righteousness — Phariseeism.

Are we always going to have sinners in the church? Jesus said, speaking of the wheat and the tares, "Let both grow together until the harvest." Matthew 13:30. He also said, "The harvest is the end of the world." Matthew 13:39.

So long as the church is in this world there will be sinners in it. The church is not some religious social club for perfect saints. It is more like a hospital for needy sinners. In the church those who are bound for the kingdom find encouragement, strength and, through Christ, salvation. The preacher knows he is preaching to sinners. He shows them Jesus. He makes calls for

surrender, calls for repentance, calls for commitment, calls for recommitment, calls for revival, and calls for service. The calls will never cease until the door of probation is closed.

But don't we need to clean up the church? Yes. We need to keep the church as close to Jesus (the Head of the church) and His standards as we can; but any plan to rid the church of all sinners will not clean up the church — it will clean out the church! Gross, open sin must be dealt with; but always remember whenever this is done it is sinners dealing with sinners. The work of church discipline must always be done with humility and tears for, perhaps in the eyes of God, those who deal with open sin are no better than those who are dealt with.

Why didn't Jesus throw Judas out of the church? He knew who he was and what he was. Judas appeared almost perfect in the eyes of the disciples. Christ knew that if He uprooted this "tare" he would also uproot some of the other disciples, who were the "wheat." So He permitted Judas to stay in the church. If he had become an open sinner, the story would have been different. As it was, Judas eventually showed himself up for what he was and took himself out of the church and out of life — present and eternal.

Christ is perfect and He is also patient, long suffering, and forgiving. It is the spirit of Jesus to forgive 70 times seven. It is like Jesus to go out in the wilderness to seek and find one lost, straying lamb. The Good Shepherd loves His flock. When they wander away from the fold He goes out and finds them. He does not berate them or lecture them or even condemn them. He just brings them back into the fold.

This is the spirit the church and those who lead the church should ever have toward sinners, both without and within the fold. The church is a haven for sinners. It is a place of strength, a place of love, a place of salvation, a place of hope. Jesus is there. Forgiveness is found. Eternal life is secured. Stay tuned.

Yours for a church that is always a haven for sinners,

B. E. Leach.

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