



Arkansas- Louisiana's New Conference Headquarters

Focus on the Cover

Growth and Progress in Arkansas-Louisiana

Growth can be measured in many ways, and our cover picture is an illustration of one way to measure our growth in Arkansas-Louisiana.

In 1960, under the leadership of Elder I. M. Evans, the office center of our Conference was moved from Little Rock, Arkansas, to Shreveport, Louisiana, and a new office building was constructed containing about 6,000 square feet of space. Our membership at that time was 3,479. The membership continued to grow solidly and rapidly and therefore created new challenges and needs for the central office. Elder E. F. Sherrill, in 1970, led out in building additional room space in the office of another 1,000 square feet. This was adequate for only a short time because of the rapid addition of churches throughout the two states.

As the decade of the 70's was coming to a close, it was very apparent to the conference committee that more office space must be provided. The membership had now passed the 7,000 mark; and new, enlarged services were needed to serve the constituency.

Much prayer and many planning sessions, as well as much hard work, produced the new, beautiful office building shown on the front cover. The building is very visible from Interstate 20 going west into Texas.

We praise the Lord for a very fine friend in our field who provided a very liberal gift for this edifice; also for the liberality and prayers of our good people.

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

Spotlight on Soul Winning

Shreveport South Church Adds Members From Ken Cox Crusade

It was Thursday night in Shreveport, Louisiana, and the closing weekend of the Kenneth Cox crusade. The South Seventh-day Adventist Church had arranged for a city bus to transport the new converts to see their new church home, and the new, 600-seating-capacity sanctuary under construction. The pastor, Deward Edgmon, directed the new members to the church, to the new conference office, and to the Adventist Book Center. Upon completion of the tour all were returned to their cars at the meeting hall. The South church is very grateful for the 28 new members they received from the Cox crusade.

Another baptism is planned in the near future. Pastor Edgmon is excited over the future of the Shreveport South church. The members are looking forward to the completion of their \$700,000 project which will give them a new sanctuary, fellowship hall, and added Sabbath School rooms.

Deward Edgmon, Pastor,
Shreveport South Seventh-day
Adventist Church.

General News

General Conference Publishing Leader Dies in Auto Accident

Elder Joseph Norman Hunt, 53, associate director of the General Conference Publishing Department, died March 12 of injuries he received in a car accident near Nashville, Tennessee.

Hunt, who had held his GC position since 1973, was the author of *No Higher Calling*, a book about the literature ministry. Released several months ago, the book has sold over 17,000 copies.

In his work at the General Conference, he prepared recruiting materials, cassette seminars, articles for the *Literature Evangelist* newsletter, and conducted leadership seminars around the country.

One of his most significant contributions was the gathering and organizing of a new compilation of Spirit of Prophecy counsels to be published under the title *Signet of the Eternal: Counsels on Publishing Work*. Because White Publications had several books on their agenda already, Hunt offered to do much of the selecting and organizing to speed up publication. They supplied him with many unpublished manuscripts and letters, and he spent several months assembling this material. The day he died, his office received the completed manuscript from White Publications with the word that it was cleared for publication.

A graduate of Union College, Hunt was appointed at the age of 21 as publishing director of the Nebraska Conference, the youngest man ever to work in that capacity. He served there until 1954, when he accepted a call to the East African Union in Nairobi, Kenya. While in Africa, he was also publishing director of the South Africa Union and the Trans-Africa Division. He learned to speak Swahili and Afrikaans fluently.

Returning to the United States in 1967, he served as publishing director of the Central Union before going to the General Conference.

He is survived by his wife, the former Bonnie Grogan; and two sons; Steve, of Denver, Colorado, and Dan, under mission appointment to South Africa.



J. N. Hunt

BIENNIAL OFFERING — APRIL 17

Southwestern Students Benefit from Andrews Graduate Work

Commitment to service — the gospel depends on it. Christian education inspires it.

And there is no shortage of that kind of commitment in students from the Southwestern Union taking graduate or seminary training at Andrews University.

Mike Tomlinson, a 1981 graduate of Southwestern Adventist College with a B.A. in theology, is enrolled in the seminary working toward a master of divinity degree. Sponsored by the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, he expects to finish his seminary training in the summer of 1983.

Mike says that his seminary training is rapidly sharpening his skills as a minister. He has especially enjoyed his class, "Church in the Middle Ages," taught by Dr. Daniel Augsburg, and he reports that the class is very spiritual in tone. "Every Thursday Dr. Augsburg leads out in small prayer bands, and we do a lot of singing in class. I've never seen that in

a class before. I've also enjoyed how Dr. Augsburger relates the problems of the church of the Middle Ages to problems we face today."

Aided by his conference sponsorship, Mike still finds it necessary to work 12 to 15 hours each week to help meet his expenses; his wife Rhonda, also a 1981 SAC graduate, works full-time as a public relations department secretary.

Other students from the Southwestern Union are also preparing for Christian service by studying at Andrews. "The practical experience I'm getting here at AU is very valuable," says Renard Doneskey, a 1981 SAC graduate who is enrolled in a master's program in English. He received a teaching assistantship in the English department and teaches a freshman composition class each quarter.

"I feel that I'll be very well prepared to teach in an Adventist academy, as I hope to do when I finish here," Renard says. "My classwork is combined with teaching experience, especially in connection with teaching writing."

"I came to Andrews because I received the teaching assistant position. I also came because my professors at Southwestern encouraged me to come to Andrews for my graduate education. They told me it was a good program — and it is."

Church members in the Southwestern Union can help assure the continued success of graduate and seminary education at Andrews University by giving to the Andrews biennial offering to be taken in local churches on April 17. The offering will go directly into endowed scholarship funds for graduate and seminary students. And this year that financial help is more important than ever.

Esther Hare, financial aid officer at Andrews, points out that belt-tightening in the general economy and especially in student-loan programs is drastically changing the picture of financial aid for graduate education. She says that due to new regulations, fewer students will be eligible to receive the limited amount of aid that will be available in the future.

Graduate and seminary education at Andrews University is a profoundly powerful force in spreading the gospel to the world. The students who come from the Southwestern Union and from around the world leave to serve as leaders and workers, as teachers of our children and as pastors in our churches. The April 17 offering will enable more men and women to enter that service.

BATON ROUGE

Members Work with Evangelist for Successful Crusade

The people in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, had a desire to share the love of Christ, and they had an even greater asset — a willingness to work hard to do it. When they learned that evangelist Kenneth Cox had an unexpected five-week block of time open for a crusade, they went into action, electing a committee to work on the many necessary details in order to plan a crusade in a three-month time period.

Paramount on the committee's list was securing a meeting hall. They feel that a miracle allowed them to arrange for the Theatre for the Performing Arts in the new downtown Centroplex Convention Center for the time and price they wanted.

They were told that some concessions would have to be

Report to the People



by your Union Conference Associate Secretary . . . Richard Bendall

W. C. Jones was re-elected Sunday, March 21, 1982, to his third triennium term as president of the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Mrs. Helen Turner, who has served as the assistant treasurer for the Southwest Region Conference, was elected to serve as Treasurer. Mrs. Helen Turner is the first black lady to hold this distinguished title.



(Left to right)

W. C. Jones
Helen Turner
M. M. Young

M. M. Young is the newly elected Secretary for the Southwest Region Conference. See page 16H in this issue of the *Record* for more information concerning the Southwest Region Constituency meeting.

Elder Neal Wilson, President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was the speaker for the mini-camp meeting held at Sandia View Academy, March 26 and 27.

The theme of the week end meeting was "Sowing and Reaping Together". A theme Elder Wilson suggested should not remain on the wall above the speaker's platform but should be transmitted to the heart.

Sowing of the good news that Jesus is coming soon is taking place around the world reported Elder Wilson. In one country a year ago some individuals decided to share the message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in a new area. The group encountered hostility as they endeavored to share their faith and were told to leave or "we will drive you out." They left but prayed that God would guide them. The pastor and 60 lay persons returned and a few weeks ago a church was organized with 160 new members — praise the Lord!

A world report of the activities of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was given by Elder Wilson at the 2:30 meeting immediately following the world report. Elder Wilson answered questions on any subject for more than three hours from individuals from the floor.



(Left)
Neal Wilson

(Right)
Don Sullivan

Elder Don Sullivan was re-elected as president of the Texico Conference at the Texico constituency meeting held at Sandia View Academy on Sunday, March 27, 1982. The entire team was reinstated.

Elder Charles Ferguson, pastor of the Baton Rouge Seventh-day Adventist Church, states his congregation is elated about the present Revelation Seminar he is conducting. An expected attendance of 100 mushroomed into 200. Approximately 40 attending the seminar are referrals from the recent Kenneth Cox crusade.



Pastor Charles Ferguson commends the congregation for their support and interest in the five-week Kenneth Cox crusade and now for helping with the eight-week Revelation Seminar.



Baton Rouge's Theatre for the Performing Arts in the Centroplex Convention Center site of the Ken Cox crusade.



Evangelist Kenneth Cox talks with members of the congregation who have come forward in affirmation of their acceptance of Christ.

made regarding the scheduling of the theatre, and not until the Cox team arrived was the extent of the schedule changes realized. A total of eight moves between the theatre and the convention center were necessary during the February 6 to March 13 crusade, and all involved called it a really "moving experience."

The audience was forgiving, and of the 1,432 persons who attended one or more times, 381 accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and 87 have been baptized. Spring-like temperatures made an outdoor baptism possible on Sabbath, March 13.



Jerry Lynn and Jerry Bryan

Among those baptized were Jerry and Jerry Lynn Bryan. They'd heard about the Dimensions in Prophecy crusade on television and had received a brochure in the mail. Both being science fiction buffs, they were interested in finding out what was meant by the "Big Bang" mentioned in the TV ads.

"When I got there," Jerry Lynn begins, "I found out that what Kenneth Cox was preaching was more outstanding and really stranger than fiction! It interested me more. I went home and read the miracles and prophecies in the Bible and knew that nobody could make them up."

The Bryans have found another reason for being excited. "It is something how this has brought us closer together. We read

Newly baptized members of the Levraea-LeBlanc-Norris family.



the Bible together now, and I have to say that this has been more important to me than anything. We own a small printing company and work in it together. With a small business, there are tremendous pressures, and at a time when we could have been split far apart, we really have gotten closer together. The business has become secondary now, as it should be."

Three sisters attended the crusade with their husbands and made a united stand to follow Christ. Luke Levraea stated, "I am 60 years old, and now I find out that I have been a lost soul. Pastor Cox and his wonderful team have shown me Christ in so many ways. I was raised and baptized a Catholic, and I believe that I'm on the right road now."

His wife Mary stated that she is sure the Lord knew that they needed Him. "We enjoyed the crusade tremendously and with God's help, we will have a new life. I'm proud that seven in our family were baptized today."

Another brother and sister-in-law, Milton and Gloria LeBlanc, stated that they were thankful to be exposed to the Word of God as they'd never heard it before. "We want to continue our lives trusting in God so that we can go to heaven and be with Him."

Jack and Peggy Norris and their daughter, Stacy, were other family members baptized. Peggy says that "coming to these meetings just really opened my eyes, and I realized that I couldn't wait any longer to accept Jesus again and to follow Him closely."

Phil Draper.



Copies of a special mass distribution issue of **SIGNS OF THE TIMES** come off the web press at the Pacific Press Publishing Association at a rate of 30,000 per hour. The 16-page four-color issue contains articles on the second coming, Bible prophecy, good health, and a children's story. The undated issue has a response card and coupons offering free Bible study guides and a free 12-month **SIGNS** subscription for non-Seventh-day Adventists. Looking approvingly at the first magazines off the press are, from left, associate circulation manager Henry Nelson, lead pressman Dave Ojala, **SIGNS** editor Lawrence Maxwell, and Pacific Press general manager LeRoy Leiske.

Adventist Radio Network Pledge Week Is Success

Over \$185,000 was pledged in support of Adventist Radio Network stations in North America during their annual Valentine fund-raising appeal, February 14-20.

Eight of the 12 ARN member stations participated in the event, raising over \$40,000 more than last year's appeal, in spite of the fact that some stations did not make their goals.

Station managers continue to be encouraged by the consistent round of support of listeners who give generously each year to these non-commercial, public supported radio stations.

The largest amount pledged was to WGTS-FM in the Washington, D.C. area, which raised over \$50,000.

Music for New Hymn Needed

Composers are invited to set the hymn "A Prayer" by C. R. Munroe to music. This hymn was chosen the best entry in the 1981 hymn contest of the Seventh-day Adventist Church Musicians' Guild. The best setting of "A Prayer" will be chosen by a panel of leading Adventist composers and will be introduced at the Hymn Festival of the 1982 National Convention of the Guild. It will also be printed in *The Score*, and a copy sent to Wayne Hooper, coordinator of The Hymnal Project.

Entries should be postmarked no later than May 15 and sent to:

Douglas Macomber
Editor, *The Score*
P.O. Box 5295
Fletcher, NC 28732

Composers may write to the above address and request a copy of the 10 best hymns from the contest. Those of excellent merit will be recognized by publication in *The Score*. Just as the 10 best hymns have been submitted to Wayne Hooper as coordinator of the Hymnal Project, the 10 best compositions will likewise be submitted for his consideration.

A Prayer

by C. R. Munroe

Lord, give me the will to think of Thee,
To ponder well the mystery
Of love like Thine for such as me,
Lord, give me the will to think of Thee,

Lord, give me a word to speak for Thee,
A cross to lift for the world to see,
A story to tell of eternity,
Lord, give me a word to speak for Thee.

Lord, give me a love that it may be,
A living spring, a boundless sea,
As wide and deep as eternity,
Lord, give me a love that's true to Thee.

Lord, give me a path to tread for Thee
That leads thru the vale of Gethsemane
If such be the road to purity,
Lord, give me a path to tread for Thee.

Lord, give me a heart to bring to Thee,
When morning breaks and shadows flee,
A heart to be Thine thru eternity,
Lord, give me a heart to bring to Thee.

NEWS NOTES

• Early reports from Tonga to Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS) indicate devastating destruction there from Hurricane Isaac earlier this month. Worst hit was the main island of Tongatapu, where 15-20,000 people huddled together to watch the sea surge inland over their flat land, smashing their houses and washing out their food crops. SAWS clothing and bedding for 20,000 sent from the Australian SAWS Resource Center were the first to arrive. From the Watsonville, California, SAWS Center were sent 300 six-person tents, made available through a discounted price at Sears and airlifted from Los Angeles by US AID. A supply of corn and bean seeds for planting was also sent. The Adventist Beulah College near Nuku'Alofa suffered serious damage, but repairs have already begun so that the school is operating as a day school while dormitories are rebuilt. Two California reporters are on the scene, courtesy of Air New Zealand. Hosted by Tonga's Queen Salote are Herbert Ford, a vice-president of Pacific Union College in

Napa County, and Jerry Reed, a cameraman from the Adventist Media Center in Newbury Park (Thousand Oaks).

Situated as it is at the Dateline, Tonga is the only place in the world where Seventh-day Adventists and all other denominations attend church on the same day.

SAWS sends appreciation to all who sent special gifts for the Poland airlift and now for Tonga.

• Reflecting God's love is the purpose behind the Prayer Alert Telephone Ministry — the newest addition to IT IS WRITTEN's total prayer outreach. Janice Lenhoff (whose husband, Roland, is IT IS WRITTEN's associate speaker) coordinates the new program and makes the calls on behalf of Pastor George Vandeman and the telecast. Each week thousands of requests for prayer pour into IT IS WRITTEN headquarters in Thousand Oaks, California. Some needs seem to carry a special urgency and she calls as many of the people these needs represent as possible. Mrs. Lenhoff says that people appreciate the opportunity to express their need in greater detail. Janice refers people with special needs or serious problems to a local pastor or another counselor, depending on the situation. And some even request Bible studies in their home.



Health Happenings in the Southwest . . .

Fred Murray, Director

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

Huguley Hospital Receives JCAH Accreditation

Huguley Hospital, for the third consecutive time, has received accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH). A letter from the JCAH notified John D. Koobs, president of Huguley, of the two-year accreditation.

Accreditation by the JCAH is a voluntary process. The JCAH is a private, not-for-profit organization created by and composed of health care professionals. It is governed by representatives of five national health-care organizations.

The purpose of JCAH is to promote quality health care by establishing high standards and guidelines. A team made up of a hospital administrator, physician, and nurse conduct on-site surveys that evaluate the facility. Where needed, they make recommendations for improvement, and when all criteria are met, accreditation is awarded.

Standards for the JCAH accreditation program are developed with the assistance of other national health-care organizations that provide professional and technical advice. The standards are revised and updated constantly to keep pace with current knowledge, techniques, and government regulations.

"This accreditation acknowledges the hard work of the Huguley team," states Koobs. "Employees, management staff, and physicians, alike, work hard to provide quality medical care to community residents."

Skip Joers, Correspondent.



Watch for the Providences

Southwestern Adventist College

New Physics Major and Minor Offered at Southwestern

Curricula for two new physics programs will be introduced at Southwestern Adventist College in the fall of 1982, according to Dr. Donald R. McAdams, president.

To prepare students for work as applied mathematicians or theoretical physicists, the college will offer the bachelor of science degree in mathematical physics and an academic minor in physics.



Harold Wright

"The B.S. degree is designed for the student who plans graduate study in theoretical physics," said Harold Wright, instructor in physics. "He or she will enter graduate school with an exceptionally strong background in mathematics. The degree is useful at the bachelor's level for one of the many jobs as an applied mathematician in government or industrial laboratories."

A total of 53 hours of upper-division mathematics, physics, and chemistry are required of mathematical physics majors. The second program, the 18-hour physics minor, is designed to provide a valuable support area for chemistry, mathematics and biology majors.

"A study of physics is the search for order in the physical universe," noted Wright, a former senior nuclear physicist at the White Sands Missile Range near Las Cruces, New Mexico. "The expression of that order is in mathematics, the language of nature."

Persons interested in entering either of the new programs should contact Wright at Southwestern Adventist College.

Academy Students Attend Music Clinics at Southwestern

Choir and bell choir clinics for 150 academy students were the highlights of the annual Southwestern Union Music Festival held on the campus of Southwestern Adventist College March 3 to 6.

Festival participants were selected



Members of the Ozark Adventist Academy Bell Choir perform during their sacred concert in the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church at the conclusion of the Southwestern Union Music Festival held March 3 to 6 at Southwestern Adventist College.

(Photo by Urias Chagas)

from music students at Chisholm Trail, Jefferson, Ozark Adventist, Sandia View, and Valley Grande academies.

The purpose of the festival, according to Randy Wagner, instructor of music at the college and festival coordinator, was "to give students a solid musical experience, expose them to professional clinicians, and teach new techniques of voice production."

Zvonimir Hacko, currently working on a doctoral degree in conducting at Indiana University, directed the 130-voice festival chorus; and Robert Young, a doctoral student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, directed the Valley Grande and Ozark Adventist academies' bell choirs.

The bell choir presented a sacred concert in conjunction with the college's Choraliers and Chamber Singers on Fri-

day, March 5, in the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church; and the festival chorus performed in a sacred concert with the bell choir on Sabbath, March 6 in the church with college soloists Luz Ruiz, Virginia Sewer, Don Scroggs, and Chris Bauder.

Arkansas- Louisiana

J. WAYNE HANCOCK, Correspondent

LEGAL NOTICES

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the 24th regular session of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Shreveport First Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 6475 Westport Road, Shreveport, Louisiana, Sunday, April 18, 1982. The first meeting of the session is called for 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and departmental secretaries for the ensuing term, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one additional delegate for each 25 members, or fraction thereof.

W. H. Elder, President;
W. J. Griffin, Secretary.

Arkansas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Arkansas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its constituency meeting in connection with the triennial Conference Session at Shreveport, Louisiana, April 18, 1982. The first meeting is called for 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this 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 Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Session are also delegates to the Association meeting.

W. H. Elder, President;
J. R. Bailey, Secretary.

Louisiana Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Louisiana Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its constituency meeting in connection with the Triennial Conference Session at Shreveport, Louisiana, April 18, 1982. The first meeting is called for 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this 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 Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Session are also delegates to the Association constituency meeting.

W. H. Elder, President;
J. R. Bailey, Secretary.



Nearly 1,000 people sampled food from 15 countries during the international food fair held at Southwestern Adventist College in March. Pictured here are the booths selling French quiches and Belgian waffles, and other booths offered such foreign specialties as Indian curry, Filipino egg rolls, Romanian galushti, and Colombian empenadas.

The foods of Texas were also celebrated during Southwestern Adventist College's international food fair. The college's Wagoneers' Club served up heaping plates of barbecue, baked beans, and potato salad to diners interested in a vegetarian version of "down-home" food.

(Photos by Urias Chagas)



Decatur Member Celebrates 104th Birthday

Special guest of honor February 6, 1982, was William King, celebrating his 104th birthday. The gala event was held in the house on the new church property recently purchased by the Decatur, Arkansas, church.

Friends and relatives came from far and near to wish King well, two from Poland, who recently escaped on the last train out before the military takeover. Joan Breyzka, one of the Polish escapees, brought her guitar and accompanied the guests as they sang "Happy Birthday" to King.



William King, Decatur member, on his 104th birthday.

King, born in Texas February 2, 1878, came to Arkansas in 1939. He and his late wife, Dovie, were charter members of the Decatur Seventh-day Adventist Church. They brought their family faithfully to church all these years. His three children remember riding in the back of the truck every Sabbath morning from Gravette to Decatur and going to camp meeting on Flint Creek near Gentry. The youngest daughter, Blanche Sheen from Texas, and her husband have moved to Arkansas to care for her father. Blanche, her sister, Florence Thomas, and brother, Cecil King, remember how long the trip from Gravette to Decatur and Gentry seemed in those days.

King is a diligent student of the Bible. He has 18 diplomas from Bible study schools and classes recognizing his diligent study of the Holy Scriptures. His latest diploma was received in December, 1981. He is rightfully very proud of his diplomas. When asked how many he has, he replies, "Enough to paper a wall." "This must be some kind of record, Brother King, for correspondence school achievement. We are all

proud of you." stated one of the members.

The road has been long and varied from Bell County, Texas, to Gravette, Arkansas, and from February 2, 1878, to February 2, 1982. King has been a part of the history and development of Benton County. He has seen the pioneer days and lived to see the jet age.

The friends and relatives paid King the following tribute: "All your relatives and brothers and sisters of the church and friends wish you many more happy days. We all thank you for your faithful attendance at church all these years. Your example is an inspiration to us who follow you. We all knew when you were not present and on time for Sabbath School there was a serious reason. Your faithfulness has helped keep the small Decatur light burning for God's last message. Many times the light has flickered and almost gone out, but you and Sister King's support joined with that of other faithful people has kept the light burning. Today the Decatur church has purchased property on which to build a new church. We want to ask our Lord to help this small, dedicated group to get the desperately needed church building finished so you, Brother King, can enjoy the comforts and pleasure of a new building for our church in Decatur. Thanks for holding your light of faith high with pride and love and dedication."

LaVada Gay,
Communication Secretary,
Decatur Adventist Church.

Oklahoma

CHARLES R. BEELER, Correspondent

Oklahoma Leads NA Division in Ingathering

Faithful members and workers of the Oklahoma Conference completed the recent Ingathering campaign with an average of \$27.67 raised per member. This is the highest per capita of any conference in the North American Division. The average for the whole division was \$13.85.

"This represents a lot of diligent effort of a great number of people, and the members of this conference are to be congratulated," observed Robert D. Rider, conference president.

The total raised was \$159,012.45. Thousands of business people and householders received visits from smiling, friendly Seventh-day Adventists and were given copies of the Ingathering magazine and other literature.

Marriage Seminar Coming to Ardmore

A marriage can be made happier and more secure by understanding and the right kind of effort. This will be the message of a "Compleat Marriage" seminar to be held in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Harry and Nancy Van Pelt, a happily married team of family specialists will share their understanding of what makes a marriage happy. They are members of the Adventist church and Harry is an ordained minister.

Sponsored as a community service by Ardmore Adventist Hospital, the seminar will be held at the Ardmore High School Cafeteria, 142 Bypass, Ardmore, April 15-20 from 7 to 9 p.m. each evening. The only charge is \$15 per couple for materials.

The seminar is specially designed to be of value to four groups: 1. Secure and happily married couples who wish to continue their happiness in the face of a very insecure world; 2. Couples of average marital happiness who are jogging along fairly well on their own but who wish to experience a real surge of closeness and intimacy; 3. Couples who are distressed and discouraged because their dreams for a happy home have not materialized; 4. Engaged couples who wish to seriously prepare for a successful marriage.

Many couples are expecting their marriages to survive with little or no effort, the Van Pelt's believe. They say, "This won't work in marriage any more than it will work with our spiritual lives. If we expect to succeed in our religious experience, we must take time on a daily basis for commitment, study, and prayer. Likewise in marriage, it takes a daily investment to realize maximum benefits."

To register or for more information, call: Ardmore Adventist Hospital, Ardmore, Oklahoma, 405/223-4050.

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

Nancy and Harry Van Pelt



Oklahoma Adds Publishing Assistant

Gene Cowden has been a part of the Oklahoma literature ministry since 1967. His total yearly sales have increased regularly and in 1980 he was chosen as Southwestern Union "LE of the Year."

Gene has been asked to work as an assistant publishing director, serving the Tulsa district, and we know that his leadership will prove to be strong and blessed of the Lord.

A family who strongly support Gene in his work includes his wife, Nancy, and



Gene and Nancy Cowden and sons, Gregory, Jerry, and Chad.

three sons — Gregory, Jerry, and Chad. The family is a credit to the literature ministry and has positively accepted the challenge of greater responsibility.

Robert D. Rider, *President*;
Barry George, *Publishing Director*.

Tulsa Reaches Ingathering Goal in Five Nights

Jim Briscoe, chairman of the Tulsa church Ingathering committee, congratulated the church at the close of the recent campaign for reaching three goals: \$13,970 in contributions, all members of the church involved, and completion of solicitation in five nights.

Although it had never been done before, the church members accepted the challenge of completing the job in five nights. With God's blessing, they did.

Briscoe observed that Ingathering is a triple-blessing program: those who ingather receive a blessing, those who give receive a blessing, and those who benefit from the programs financed with Ingathering funds are especially blessed.

Merle Moore,
Communication Secretary.

Chandler Celebrates Birthdays, Anniversary

The Chandler church recently had a fellowship dinner to honor five members' birthdays and a wedding anniversary.

Those having birthdays during February were Bernice Sims, Opal Hudson, Louis McKee, Jack Massie, and Mrs. Roy Roberts.

It was Jack Massie's 91st birthday, and the next day marked the 65th anniversary of his and Lucille's wedding. In his quiet way, he told of the wedding day. It snowed so hard and fast that they had to brush the snow off the bride before they could board the honeymoon vehicle, pulled by the trusted horse. He said he promised the Lord he would see that his bride was well cared for as long as she lived. He noted that the past year had been the hardest, but that they had felt the nearness of God's presence through illness of both of them and bereavement from the death of their son.

Maude E. Hendrixson.

OKLAHOMA NEWS ROUNDUP

• A Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, conducted by the Enid church at the Bass Hospital, was attended by 60 persons, 51 of which completed the course. The number succeeding in stopping smoking was 41.

Southwest Region

W. C. JONES, Correspondent

Region Holds Fourth Triennial Session; W. C. Jones Re-Elected

W. C. Jones was re-elected Sunday, March 21, 1982, to his fourth triennial term as president of the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He was elected by more than 550 official delegates attending the constituency meeting of the conference held in the L. C. Evans Auditorium of the Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, Texas.

Others elected Sunday included: M. M. Young, secretary; Helen L. Turner, treasurer; S. L. Green, auditor and assistant treasurer; R. E. Brown, personal ministries and inner city; James Marshall, publishing director; James Ford, education and Sabbath School director; and B. E. Wright, youth activi-

Reservation for OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING July 16-24, 1982 • Wewoka Woods

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DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$10.00 (non-refundable unless notified by July 9) is required with each reservation. The balance is due upon arrival. Reservations will be canceled after 6:00 p. m., Friday, July 16, unless notified of late arrival. Applications for the **full week** will be considered first.

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8, 10, 12, 13, 14



W. C. Jones



M. M. Young



R. E. Brown



James Marshall



Helen Turner



S. L. Green



James Ford



B. E. Wright

ties and temperance director.

M. M. Young, newly elected secretary comes to us from the Tulsa, Oklahoma, district. He began his ministry in this conference 26 years ago, and has labored in the South Central and Central States Conferences, served as youth and education director and baptized many souls through evangelism. Mrs. Helen Turner is no stranger, for she has labored untiringly in this field in all departments, has her master's degree and is the first black woman to hold this distinguishing title. S. L. Green, newly elected auditor comes to us from the Muskogee district. He holds a B.S. degree in accounting from Oklahoma State University, a degree in theology from Southwestern Adventist College, and did graduate work at Andrews University. Sam has taught in church school and worked in the literature ministry.

The members of the Executive Committee appointed include: W. C. Jones, chairman; M. M. Young, secretary; Mrs. Helen L. Turner, treasurer; James Ard, Monroe, Louisiana; A. Booker, pastor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Willie Brown, Navasota, Texas; Carnie English, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Mrs. Eugenia Foster, Albuquerque, New Mexico; M. A. Jemison, pastor, Little Rock, Arkansas; Elbert Moore, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Attorney Frederick L. Risker, Jr., Houston, Texas; Roosevelt Smith, Kenner, Louisiana; G. N. Wells, pastor, Dallas, Texas; and C. Williams, III, Hobbs, New Mexico. These individuals were appointed to a three-year term and are responsible for the financial operation of the conference and the overall direction of the 72 churches in the Southwest Region Conference area. The president reviewed in his report the pro-

gress of the conference during the last three years. Some of the outstanding accomplishments are:

- 1) Church Growth — 7 newly organized churches.
- 2) Conference Expansion — 7 new church buildings.
- 3) Church Dedication — 3 churches dedicated.
- 4) Publishing Department — total sales \$509,124.17 compared with \$298,783.58 during the previous triennium — shows a gain of \$210,340.67. It took 34 years (1947-1975) for tithe to reach \$900,000 annually.
- 5) Tithe increase from 1976-1981 the next six year period, the tithe doubled with an increase of \$1,265,845.89. We have now exceeded the \$2,000,000.00 mark with \$2,165,845.89 in 1981 alone.
- 6) Wills and Trusts — we are now approaching the \$2,000,000.00 mark in monetary value of wills and trusts in one year.
- 7) Lone Star Camp — the entire indebtedness will be settled this year, 268 acres at cost of \$450,000. Purchased 1978 — paid 1982.
- 8) Evangelism — record number baptized in three years 1855, constituency stands at 8796.

Projections for next three-year period:

- 1) Reinstitute in Southwest Region — Adventist Book Center.
- 2) Faith, Action, Advance — every district establish one new church.
- 3) Church Growth — reach a membership of 12,000 by 1985 in harmony with the 1,000 Days of Reaping.
- 4) Christian Education — open at least 10 church schools.
- 5) Enlarge — The Trust Services Department and reach a goal of \$500,000 in the revolving fund.
- 6) Continue — The progressive development of Lone Star Camp.

Commendations are in order to the General Conference, union officials, and a sacrificial giving on the part of the con-

stituency. The business was conducted by B. E. Leach, president of the Southwestern Union Conference. The president expressed appreciation to the union officers, local conference staff, pastors, Bible workers, and dedicated laymen for making this progressive report possible.

Doris Jones,
Reporter.

Texas

WARREN SKILTON, Correspondent

Jefferson Central Purchases Land for New Church

The members of the Jefferson Central church feel that God has answered their prayers by opening up the opportunity to purchase a lot in the city of Jefferson. Last July, the Central church was organized with the purpose of building a church in the city of Jefferson and working for the people in town.

Since that time they have been looking for a lot in a prominent location. Nothing could be found for many months that met their desire for a good location and affordability. Everytime property was found for sale, it was either very expensive, needed improvements, or was not in the right location.

In February, a lot with the right location (midtown just off the intersection of two main thoroughfares), a reasonable price, and an owner willing to sell was found. The members rejoiced when the transaction was closed on February 19 for only \$14,000. The church was able to pay cash and is now laying plans for the speedy erection of a lighthouse for the truth here in the city of Jefferson.

Brian Savage, Jr.,
Assistant Pastor,
Jefferson District.

BIESDA Expands

Even as the ribbon was being cut at the grand opening for the Laredo Institute for English (LIFE) in November the design for a much larger BIESDA operation was on the drawing board.

According to Dan Serns, director of BIESDA, the plans call for three new language schools to open along the U.S. Mexico border — in Eagle Pass, Del Rio, and El Paso.

"It looks like we could open up in Del Rio very soon," said Serns, "but we'll have a more definite idea of when in a few weeks."

The school will be located in the Del Rio church Sabbath School rooms.

The Eagle Pass church plans to build

more Sabbath School rooms which could double as classrooms and a laboratory. This is a good location, according to Serns, because the school would only be three miles from the border and the large Mexican town of Piedres Negras.

The possibility of a BIESDA school in El Paso came as the result of an invitation by the Texico Conference.

"El Paso has more potential than any other place," said Serns, "because it's the largest Texas border city across from the largest Mexican border city."

There are close to 500 students in the three existing BIESDA schools with more than 100 enrolled in Bible classes. As the new schools are added to the BIESDA organization they will all, including LIFE in Laredo, be named BIESDA.

Larry Williams,
Valley Correspondent.

Texas Laymen Advisory Meet at NVR.



Administrative, Evangelistic, and Education Committees meet at recent TLA meeting.

TLA Advisory: Harry Sunderland, Christian education committee; Roy Hunt, treasurer; Larry Guinn, church administrative committee; Grace Smith, secretary; Claude Hughes, devotional speaker. Cyril Miller, chairman of the TLA and conference president, is not in picture.



BEREA — JEFFERSON

Foreign Missionaries Honored on Medical-Missionary Day

A number of foreign missionaries received recognition for their many years of service to humanity at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church on a recent Sabbath. Pastor Gaston Wallace called the group to the rostrum and told the number of years served and in what area of the world they had served or were serving now. Some still serving in foreign lands were honored by a relative locally who stood in their place representing them. Among those on the rostrum were the following:

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sibley have a son, Glendon, and his wife, Irene, both teachers at the teachers' college in Kenya, Africa. The Sibley's daughter, Carol, served in South America, Singapore, and is now at Washington, D.C., in the treasury work. Mr. Sibley's niece, Lockie Gifford, from Shreveport represented the Sibley family, herself being a foreign missionary having served in China, Shanghai, Canton, Honkkong, Burma, and Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blewett represented their son, Larry, who is now serving in Haiti at the Adventist Hospital as a lab technician.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Culpepper served as director of literature evangelism, in the South American Division, in the Southern European Division, and the Inter-American Division. They have a daughter, Erna Jean Johnson, who is serving in Central America at St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. They also have a son, Carl, and his wife, Fabiola, who were present to represent themselves. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Culpepper served in Colombia, South America, as a teacher and Mrs. Culpepper as church treasurer. At present both the Culpeppers are in Jefferson on the staff of Jefferson Adventist Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin have a son, Dr. David Martin, who is serving as a pediatrician in Puerto Rico. Mr. Fred Martin represented his son.

Mrs. Lettie Collins represented herself and husband, the late Elder Thad Collins, who served as a union president in various areas of the Inter-American Division. Mrs. Collins was a teacher in Colombia and Puerto Rico. Their son, Dale, a printer, served in Cuba until they had to leave and now is in Montemorelos, Mexico.

Mrs. Lola Collins has a son, Ted Allen and his wife, Rita, who are serving in Punta Gorda. They are serving in hospital work.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Upton served in Puerto Rico in a nurse-training program at Bella Vista Hospital. They also pioneered in building construction besides teaching and training nurses. Mrs. Upton's brother, Maxwell Rudisalle, served as a dentist in Puerto Rico. The Uptons are both nursing at Jefferson's Douglas Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Morton represented Dr. Ralph Bailey, brother of Mrs. Morton who is serving in the educational work in Kenya, Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Connell, represented by Dr. and Mrs. Raymond McMillen, Mrs. Connell's sister, who served in China until the



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Communists came in. They are now in Uganda, Africa. Mr. Connel's relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kuester, who served in Venezuela and Canada, have now gone to Japan to develop the welfare work there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith have a daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Sheel, who taught in Beirut, Lebanon. The Sheels are now teaching in a college at Waycross, Georgia.

Many were present at the mission-day commemoration service who presently have children or relatives in Adventist work — both foreign and in the states —

ROSENBERG PATHFINDERS INSTALL 3,000 YARDS OF CARPET — Nameless Valley Ranch had a real surprise on Valentine's Day. Eliseo Diaz and his Rosenberg Spanish Pathfinder Club came on an errand of love. The club donated and installed 3,000 yards of carpet, enough to do one double and one single cabin. The carpet, purchased by Diaz's employer, was freight damaged. Diaz asked if he could have the salvage for his Pathfinders. There was enough carpet for two churches besides what was used at the ranch. Thank you Rosenberg Conquistadores!



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Mary E. Day, P.R. Secretary,
Berea Church.

New Texas Pastor Is Ecuador Native

Frank Ottati recently became pastor of the Galveston, Baytown, and Texas City churches. Ottati was born in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and is a graduate of Union College and Andrews University.



Frank Ottati

He has served the church as a pastor-evangelist in the Ecuadrian Mission, the Oregon Conference where he was ordained, and in the Costa Rica. At one

time he was ministerial secretary for the Central American Union.

In 1969 Ottati married Kathleen Louise Elkins. They have three children: Bobby, born in Ecuador, age 11; David, born in the United States, age 8; and Richard, age 5, born in Honduras.

We welcome the Ottati family to the Texas Conference, and pray that the Lord will richly bless their ministry.

Cyril Miller, left, Texas Conference president, presents Texas Expansion Reversion check to Arthur King, member of Fredericksburg church. Fredericksburg was one of several churches surpassing its goal in Texas Expansion during 1981.



Dale Brusett Meetings in Fort Worth



Dale Brusett, speaker for recent evangelistic crusade in Fort Worth First, points congregation to illustration on screen during sermon. Forty-six have been baptized to date.



Henry Reid, music director for Dale Brusett meetings in Fort Worth.



Behind-the-scenes view of slide projectors and motion picture projectors used in multi-media campaign by Dale Brusett in Fort Worth.

AUSTIN FIRST

Earlier Seminar Converts Help in Advanced Seminar

The Austin First church completed the Advanced Revelation Seminar on February 19 under the able direction of Pastor Hagar Thomas. The requirement for attending was attendance of at least 50% of the basic seminar.

Of those attending, almost 80% were newly baptized church members from one of the four basic seminars held in Austin during the last two years. An additional 5% were participants in one of the basic seminars who have not yet made

PHILOSDA Spring Schedule

Keene Area

April 17: Meet at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. Vespers with Dick Wilcoy and children. Covered dish supper, fellowship, skit and games.

May 1: Covered-dish luncheon.

May 7, 8, 9: Retreat — Keene, Texas. Spiritual gift seminar held by Elder Bob Strieb.

May 29: Covered dish luncheon at the College Park. We are having a booth at camp meeting. Please call any **Philosda** Officer and volunteer your services. We need you!!!!

June 2: Miniature golf after camp meeting service.

June 5: Covered-dish luncheon at the College Park. Watermelon feed at 603 Hillcrest after camp meeting service.

June 13: Sunday — Brazos River boat ride. Call Ruth Nelson at 641-8150 or Flora Vincent at 645-8036 for information.

June 26: Meet at the College Park for vespers with Gary Vannoy. Miniature golf and bowling.



Rachel Godinez, baptized through April '80 seminar, runs overhead projector for the fourth seminar.



Reggie and Debbie Sermersheim, baptized through the October '80 seminar, have story hour for the children during the fourth seminar in October '81.

Rick and Julie Barron, baptized during the fourth basic seminar, dedicate their son, Ricky, to the Lord.



Nameless Valley Ranch Schedule of Events

April 16-18 — Church Growth
April 16-18 — TLA Meeting
April 18-May 13 — Live-in-Clinic
April 30-May 2 — VBS Workshop
May 7-9 — Spanish Church Officers
May 14-16 — Church Music Camp
May 23 — Constituency Meeting
May 30-June 5 — Staff Training

their commitment to Christ and His remnant church.

The Austin First church's future plans in evangelism include: a Gunner Nelson crusade beginning this spring, a Youth Revelation Seminar in August with Larry Garrettson as teacher, and a basic Revelation Seminar beginning in October with Pastor Hagar Thomas as teacher.

God is truly blessing us as the members of the Austin churches work toward reaching their neighbors with God's closing message in Revelation.

Sandi Tuel,
Communication Secretary,
Austin First Church.



Irma Romero, one of the 14 new members baptized through the October '81 seminar, receives a framed certificate and a rose from Pastor Hagar Thomas.

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DON SULLIVAN, Correspondent

Big Spring Church Nears Completion

The Big Spring Seventh-day Adventist Church members are in the process of building a new church. The new building began over a year ago when members raised \$8,000 to begin the project.

As the months progressed, members again donated to keep the project moving. Carpet is down, the organ has been donated by a liberal church member, and the pews will be arriving soon. The large room in the back provides a place for the classroom as well as for fellowship dinners, Pathfinders, prayer meetings, Sabbath School classes, etc.

Almost every Sunday is spent working to finish the project. The ladies do their part by providing the noon meal as well as doing much of the landscaping and cleaning-up duties.

We are all proud of our church and grateful for all the help that has been provided by members and non-members of the church.

Our church school, under the direction of Nobert Sammer, has nine students (four of them from non-Adventist families). New desks and chairs make a comfortable school work setting.

Carolyn Sheldon,
Communication Secretary.

News from Lubbock District

The entire Lubbock area will benefit from a special program which began on Channel 34 (KJAA) on March 14. Faith for Today's "Westbrook Hospital" is being aired each Sunday morning. We are thrilled for the opportunity to feature our pastor, Dan Schiffbauer, and our local church on the program and feel it is the Lord's leading that we again can be a witness to our local community. We ask that you pray for God's leading in reaching souls for His kingdom here in Lubbock.

Each Sabbath morning our pastor holds a special Bible class for new and non-members. Last Sabbath, February 20, there were 15 attending this class. We are thankful for God's leading and for His blessing upon these people who are seeking the truth.

The Lubbock Youth Choir, led by Mrs. Debbie Edwards, is having a wonderful experience while others are being blessed. Once a month Mrs. Edwards takes the choir to a local nursing home to



Big Spring Church, April 1, 1980, after construction began in February. Now it is all closed in.



Pathfinders meet in the all-purpose room. Here they are shown with cans collected Halloween night. Left to right: Michelle Dorton, Kenny Sheldon (Director), Mark Dorton, April Sulatan, Wesley Jobe, Shannon Jobe, and Justin Jobe in the background.

sing and have a devotional service. In return, the children are being welcomed to come back again to visit these dear folk. A spark has been ignited and music is a very real part of our worship services to our own members and others as well. At present there are 22 children enrolled in the choir. To help keep interest going, special activities are planned. A special Christmas program was presented at Methodist Hospital, and the choir has sung at recent evangelistic meetings in the Dickens area. We are looking forward to doing more and greater things for Christ in the area of music in our church.

Lubbock Church School children are also very busy. Don Beck is doing a great job teaching our children. There are 13 students enrolled. Recently the children completed an enjoyable week of Bible study and several students are in a baptismal class as a result of this special week. These students are looking forward to making a definite decision for Christ in the near future. The school children are enjoying the efforts of Mrs. Debbie Edwards in teaching a rhythm class every Tuesday and Thursday. We appreciate her devotion to these children.

The Littlefield church has been hard at work in a building and remodeling program. With the aid of members from Lubbock and Plainview, the folk in Littlefield are nearing completion of their

building. The congregation now has pews installed and the baptistry is ready for use. The new school room is ready to be used. We are so thankful for the new school teacher, Mr. Nelson Mathers, and for his dedication to lead the children in the Littlefield area. The next item on the agenda to finish the work in Littlefield is the landscaping of the grounds and paving of the parking lot. We are thankful for the dedicated members in this church and commend them for their sincere efforts to do greater things for Christ and add more souls to His kingdom.

The Plainview evangelistic meetings, led by Pastor Dan Schiffbauer, have been a rewarding and successful endeavor during February and March. New interests have been sparked and we are thankful for God's leading in these services. There are between 35 and 40 who are attending the prophecy lecture and asking God's guidance in their lives. We praise the Lord for His bountiful blessings upon Pastor Schiffbauer and the dedication to which he leads our people.

We pray for God's continued guidance and blessings upon the Lubbock district and thank Him for sending Pastor Dan Schiffbauer and his wife, Marjorie, to lead us in adding more souls to His kingdom.

June Muse,

Communication Secretary.

Minute Manna for Marrieds

by ROBERT H. PIERSON

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As God Opens The Way

"Strife, bribery, and fraud," "heart-sickening violence and lawlessness," "indifference to human suffering," "brutal, fiendish destruction of human life," "insanity, murder, and suicide," "hotbeds of vice." Headlines from a city newspaper? Actually, these words are taken from the inspired writings. Sin in its progression is making living on our planet increasingly more difficult for Christians whose values are in collision with everything about them. City living can intensify the problems. Every day, news reports from the daily press, radio, and television are filled with deplorable conditions.

Little wonder that years ago the Lord's messenger counseled, "The time has come when, as God opens the way, families should move out of the city" *Adventist Home*, p. 139.

All can't leave the cities. Some, in the line of duty, are required to live in heavily populated areas. But, "as God opens the way" families seeking happier homes should plan to move out into rural areas where they can be closer to nature, closer to the Creator.

Pentecost in Our Homes

Did you ever think of it? Pentecost should be remembered for great grace as well as great power! Acts 4:33. The experience on

that day was characterized by "holy joy," "prayers," "praise," "favor," "fellowship" and "spiritual togetherness." Acts 2:42, 46, 47.

There was a gentle falling of heavenly dew as well as the turbulent rushing of a mighty wind. There was the quiet evidence of redeeming grace as well as a demonstration of tempestuous power.

For most of God's people, great grace at the moment of test or temptation may be the greatest evidence of the Spirit's presence in our lives. Great grace can be God's answer to our prayers for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, just as certainly as great power.

Pentecost must find its way into Seventh-day Adventist homes. No place on earth do we need to manifest the grace of Spirit-filled lives more than in our own family circles. This grace enables us to overlook the faults and shortcomings of those we love. Grace enables us to forgive when misunderstandings arise. Grace creates a sweet atmosphere of peace, love, and kindness.

When we pray for Pentecostal power to finish the work in the world, let us never forget to pray for Pentecostal grace that it may be finished first in our own homes.



Faith Action Advance

Weddings

SDA Singles Ministries

Brings Results—Cliff Turvey from Oregon, editor for the *Heart to Heart* letter will marry Darlene Faulkner, organizer of the "SDA Singles Ministries," of the Houston area, Sunday afternoon, April 25, at 2 o'clock at the Gulf Haven church. Pastor Harry Robinson of the Texas Conference will perform the ceremony and have the Sabbath services. EVERYONE WELCOME.

At Rest

COWARD, Jackson M., was born Oct. 16, 1917, to a devout Seventh-day Adventist family, in Lufkin, Tex. He died in a Fort Worth, Tex., Hospital on Mar. 4, 1982, following a long illness.

Survivors include a son, Jerry M. Coward; two daughters: Kathleen Lindelow, and Ann Johnson, and a sister. He was a member of the Handley Seventh-day Adventist Church, and was laid to rest in the Laurel Land Cemetery in Fort Worth.

L. E. Rogers and Altus E. Hayes.

DARNABY, Floyd W., was born at Cleburne, Tex., on Dec. 14, 1904, and died in Plano, Tex., on Feb. 19, 1982. For many years he was a member of the Fort Worth First Church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Irma Franklin; one son, Jerry Darnaby; three sisters, two brothers, and five grandchildren. Services were conducted by Pastors Howard Mattison and Joe Ray at Cleburne and interment was at the Keene cemetery.

GIFFORD, Vergia (Mozzie) Wilson, 79, died Feb. 9, 1982, at her residence in Shreveport after a lengthy illness. She was born in Heber Springs, Ark., and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church when a young girl.

She was married to H. L. (Pozzie) Gifford June 20, 1920, and the Lord blessed them with more than 50 years of life together.

She is survived by her son, H. L. (Buck) Gifford; two daughters Mrs. Mary P. Leggin and Mrs. Susan C. Long; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, a number of nieces and nephews, and 49 young boys and girls who found a home for awhile with this devoted couple.

She was a long-time member of the Shreveport First Seventh-day Adventist Church where she served at various times as Sabbath School teacher and Dorcas leader.

Services were conducted Feb. 11 at Rose Neath Funeral Home by old-time friends B. Page Haskell, former treasurer of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference and now assistant treasurer of the Southwestern Union; P. I. Nosworthy, retired treasurer of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference and presently serving as pastor of the Vivian, La., SDA church. She was laid to rest by her beloved Pozzie in Forest Park Cemetery where she awaits the day of glad reunion when Jesus comes.

Ruth Gullion.

HADLEY, R. T., was born in 1894 and passed to his rest at his residence Mar. 10, 1982. He was a lifelong resident of the Joshua, Tex., community. In 1942 he, with his family and a number of relatives, united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He was a faithful member of the Cleburne Seventh-day Adventist Church and, except for recent months, rarely missed a Sabbath service. He loved his church and God's people and looked for Jesus' return.

Hadley Hall, a women's dormitory on the campus of Southwestern Adventist College, was named in honor of R. T. and Grace Hadley because of their generosity to the college.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Grace Moore Hadley; two sons and daughters-in-law, Elder and Mrs. Lee A. Hadley, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hadley; and three grandchildren: Pastor Steve Hadley, Mrs. Sondra Damazo, and Jon Hadley.

Services were conducted in the Cleburne Seventh-day Adventist Church by Elder Wes Spiva and Elder D. A. McAdams. Interment was in Caddo Cemetery near his residence.

KUTIN, Joseph F., was born Oct. 18, 1890, and died Jan. 17, 1982. His wife preceded him in death. He is survived by one son, Victor, near whom he lived; and numerous nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

LAPHAM, Gordon T., was born Aug. 24, 1900, and died Jan. 15, 1982. He was retired from 30 years in the armed services. In 1945 he married Georgia Wells. He is survived by his wife, Georgia; their son, three step-sons, five step-daughters, a number of grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and great-step-grandchildren.

WIEMERS, Henry George, was born Sept. 4, 1903, in Pomroy, Iowa, and died Feb. 24, 1982, at Geary, Okla. He had been an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for many years, and most recently was an active support to our church in El Reno, Okla.

He is survived by one brother, George Wiemers, Jr., two sisters, Elsie Allen and Verna Mae Houston, and one sister-in-law, Zella Wiemers.

WILLIAMS, Frank Arnold, was born Sept. 4, 1915, and fell asleep in Jesus Feb. 26, 1982, in Lubbock, Tex. He married Hazel Kinsey in 1939 and to this union was born three children: Clifton Payne, Mari, and Fran Irene.

Frank was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a result of the witnessing of his wife's mother. He was a good Christian and was greatly loved by all who knew him. He loved his Bible dearly. He was an inspiration and a blessing to the members of the Lubbock Church. He was brave, courageous and uncomplaining until the very end. He loved to witness to others for his faith and did so almost up until his death.

Brother Williams first learned of his illness about three years ago. He is now quietly sleeping in Jesus awaiting the call of the Lifegiver.

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	Apr. 16	Apr. 23	Apr. 30*	May 7*
Abilene, Texas	7:09	7:14	8:19	8:24
Amarillo, Texas	7:20	7:26	8:31	8:37
Brownsville, Texas	6:53	6:57	8:00	8:04
Dallas, Texas	6:58	7:03	8:08	8:13
El Paso, Texas	6:36	6:41	7:46	7:51
Fort Worth, Texas	7:00	7:05	8:10	8:15
Galveston, Texas	6:46	6:51	7:55	7:59
Gentry, Arkansas	6:52	6:58	8:04	8:10
Keene, Texas	7:00	7:05	8:10	8:15
Little Rock, Arkansas	6:42	6:47	7:53	7:58
Muskogee, Oklahoma	6:54	7:00	8:06	8:12
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:28	6:32	7:37	7:41
Oklahoma City, Texas	7:03	7:09	8:15	8:21
San Antonio, Texas	7:02	7:06	8:10	8:14
Santa Fe, New Mexico	6:38	6:44	7:50	7:56
Shreveport, Louisiana	6:46	6:51	7:56	8:01
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a heart-to-heart chat with your union conference president

What's Good About the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

Conclusion

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a giving church. Our people love to give. They give and they give and then they celebrate their giving by giving some more! There is probably nothing that compares with Adventist giving in the whole world! It is unique and special *and* there is a reason why. Seventh-day Adventists have a world vision. They don't see themselves as a small church down on the corner living for Christ in their neighborhood or in their city. They are there to witness to their neighborhood and their city, but they see themselves as much much more. Every Seventh-day Adventist Church considers itself a link in a chain of churches that covers the world. Seventh-day Adventists are most unselfish. It seems they are almost happier to see new churches and new schools over on the other side of the world than in their own city. But, of course, Seventh-day Adventists like attractive churches in their own home town and they have many, *but* not at the expense of the world-wide work.

Why are Seventh-day Adventists this way? That is the big question in the religious world and in the world at large. Seventh-day Adventists are found in nearly every country of the world. Business people, people in the military, people who travel the world are amazed to find Seventh-day Adventist churches and Seventh-day Adventist institutions wherever they go on the face of the earth. One businessman made this remark, "Wherever I go around the world I find Coca Cola, The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church." Why is it so? The answer is found in the gospel commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19, 20. I don't know of any church or religious organization in the whole world that takes the great commission more seriously *and*, (the best part) there is no other. That single fact should cause all Christian people to sit up and take notice — especially these days. Why do I say this? Because all thinking people, religious or not,

know this world is in great trouble. Man has now developed instruments of destruction that are capable of destroying the world. This is the abiding fear of all world leaders. Scientists declare the world is sitting on an earth-destroying bomb. Political scientists, editors, and historians have never faced such a dilemma. They have no answer. The world is desperately seeking some alliance, some peace initiative, some laying down of arms that will save the world — not for Christ, but for the world itself. The situation and the dilemma is growing more and more hopeless by the hour. Unless something happens soon — very soon — civilization will be destroyed. These are not scare words, these are words a fearful world lives with day by day in 1982.

There is an answer. Thank God for that. The answer is found in the Bible in the words of Christ. Jesus said, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has believed and preached this message for more than 120 years. The church has made the preaching of Christ and His soon coming its one total compelling mission. This is why we are called "The Advent Movement." We are no ordinary church. We are a movement. This is the essence of the Advent message. We, through the blessing of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit, are doing what the great commission commands. We are now out there in the whole world. We preach the same message. All that is needed now is not a new message, or a new church, but an outpouring of the latter rain upon God's people. Then, this church, under the direction of the Holy Spirit of God, will rise up and finish the work. When that happens, we will see great and mighty miracles. The work will go as fire in stubble.

The hour has come. The hour is now. God is ready. Millions are longing to hear the "Everlasting Gospel," which we are "to preach unto them that dwell on the earth." Revelation 14:6. This church is going to fulfill its divine mission. That is the best thing that could be said about the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Yours for a finished work.

B. E. Leach

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