

**Sermons**  
on  
**Salvation**  
through  
**Jesus Christ**  
**Our Lord**

from  
**Bob Thrower**  
and  
**The Hour of Prophecy**  
**Ministry . . .**

- ★ Radio Evangelism
- ★ Newspaper Evangelism
- ★ Evangelistic Crusades
- ★ Cassette Tapes

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# Focus on the Cover

## Hour of Prophecy Presents God's Grace to the Multitudes

"You have some real gem statements, choice ones that you make about distinctive church teachings. God has given you an understanding and insight so that your theological themes shine through in simple style with persuasion. The Holy Spirit is indeed working with your efforts," said a letter from Texas received in August by Elder Bob Thrower, director and speaker of the Hour of Prophecy radio broadcast ministry.

In fact, the Hour of Prophecy received huge bags of mail during its recent fall letter campaign, and the same theme shone through in many of them. The listeners really appreciate the clear presentation of the good news of Christ and His salvation.

"In every broadcast, in every Hour of Prophecy newspaper, in every evangelistic meeting," says Thrower, "I want to present God's free gift of salvation, and I know that people are accepting the Lord's invitation for eternal life as we repeat it over and over again."

An Argyle, Texas, couple wrote in September that "it is so wonderful to be able to tune in your program and hear the truth preached by Elder Thrower, as we believe he is a born-again Christian, one who loves all humankind."

A radio announcer in Marshall, Texas, wrote that she felt that God was leading when the Hour of Prophecy broadcast was aired during her shift at the station. "I feel like I'm on my way to the life God would have for me," she commented.

A prisoner in Grady, Arkansas, wrote that he was much encouraged by the organization's newspaper and would like to read it each month.

In a day of conflicts and controversies, this arm of the church is teaching the salvation of Jesus Christ and His mercy to a large listening audience on radio stations across the country in quarter- and half-hour broadcasts daily and on weekends. One of those stations, XERF across the Mexican boarder from Del Rio, Texas, is the world's most powerful commercial radio station, and its programming is available to a large portion of North America.

In response to the need for sharing the Gospel of Christ, Thrower and his staff at the Hour of Prophecy have prepared a 16-cassette album of Thrower's sermons on salvation so that listeners may use them for "spiritual growth and for sharing with friends and relatives," he explains. "They can be used for prayer meetings and Bible studies, and they can even become a lending library."

The album contains such titles as "The New Birth" "Led by the Spirit of God," "Watching Christ on the Cross," and "Saved by Grace Through Faith". It is available for immediate shipment and may be purchased for \$49.50 from the Hour of Prophecy, P.O. Box 1417, Fort Worth, TX 76101.

Knowing that many people still have not heard the story of Christ and His salvation, the Hour of Prophecy has also launched a campaign to raise \$125,000 for its various ministries by December 31, 1982.

"Since the beginning of this work 16 years ago, it has been our conviction that we have a Christian obligation to pay our accounts on time and to work toward making the funds that



Bob Thrower

our friends trust us with go as far as possible as we share the Gospel of Christ," says business manager Larry Guinn. "It is very important that we end 1982 with all bills paid, in order that we may prepare our 1983 budget. Gifts — which are tax-deductible by the way — may be sent to our Box 1417 address in Fort Worth."

Thrower concludes that he is "positive and optimistic about the future of the Hour of Prophecy. I believe there is a continued potential for happiness in the sharing of the good news of the Gospel and the message of Christ's soon return. Until that great day all of us must pray for each other and pull together, as God finishes His work through His people."

## Spotlight on Soul Winning

### Exciting Soul-Winning Reports from Laity in Southwest Region

Ellen White declares, "The laity must join hands with the gospel ministry, and assume their rightful place by furnishing the kind of leadership needed today, as was done in the first century by the Early Church." The Elders' and Deacons' Retreat at Lone Star Camp is a response to the servant of the Lord's admonition. The personal ministries director, R. E. Brown, used as his opening message "Sounds in the Trees." Other devotional speakers were W. C. Jones and M. M. Young.

This was an unusual retreat in that there were many new faces. Several new converts were present. When Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Sanders were building their new home, a Baptist minister, Pastor John Lewis, was disturbed because they were working on Sunday. He went to them and discussed the matter of Sunday labor. Mrs. Frankie Sanders followed him home, for she wanted to visit and converse with him about the day of worship. After a number of studies and enrollment in a Bible course, Pastor Lewis took his stand for the truth. He regrets that he has been preaching for so many years, not knowing the Sabbath truth. He is only 97 years young.

Pastor John Lewis found another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Euleus Warren, and they too have joined him in uniting with the Sabbath-keeping church.

Still another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos McConico, were present also. Mrs. McConico serves as musician for the Marshall church. After listening to the doctrine she recently decided to take her stand and her husband soon followed. Pastor O. A. Jackson baptized them this summer.

Special guests were Dr. Benjamin Reaves from Oakwood

A Baptist minister, Pastor John Lewis, 97 years young, is happy that Brother and Sister Oliver Sanders witnessed — showing him the true Sabbath, and then he won Brother and Sister Euleus Warren. Pictured W. D. Lewis, Brother and Sister O. Sanders, Pastor John Lewis, and Brother and Sister Euleus Warren.



College who instructed the men in "Sermon Preparation." Dr. Reaves observes the progress and development of the elders and deacons from year to year. Dr. Patrick Vincent, a pastor from the South Central Conference, gave instructions on organizing S.W.A.T. Teams (Special Witnessing and Tactics).

The crowd peaked at 100-plus on Sabbath morning, to hear Dr. Vincent's message "Three Men and Three Trees." Sabbath afternoon following a delicious meal, 12 carloads went to Tyler for a door-to-door witnessing program and distributed Amazing Fact Cards in the community.

This is the fourth retreat, and the men are excited over the progress this gathering has made since its beginning. See the regular Southwest Region section for more photos from the retreat.

Doris Jones, Reporter,  
Southwest Region Conference.

## General News

### The Conscience Project

Unemployment, financial concerns, and other problems are causing many Seventh-day Adventist youth to volunteer for military service. We are concerned because they will be faced immediately with Sabbath-keeping problems and related difficulties.

The National Service Organization (NSO) is responding to this situation, because of indications of an impending military draft. The NSO has recently developed a plan called THE CONSCIENCE PROJECT. It is part of a three-way plan to help our young people successfully face these issues.

THE CONSCIENCE PROJECT is a 10-hour seminar-type training program, that will usually be conducted over a week-end. Making it more youth-appealing and fast-moving, the program utilizes slide/cassette presentations, four motion pictures, role-playing, small group activities, and other training methods. THE CONSCIENCE PROJECT deals with such topics as: Decision making/values clarification, the Christian's relationship to government, taking of human life, options available in a military draft, and the church's position regarding military service.

An extension of THE CONSCIENCE PROJECT is an NSO computer program to provide Selective Service information to our youth. A new series of attractive leaflets on military service is also being introduced.

During the month of November, youth directors across the

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# Report to the People



by your Union Conference Associate Secretary . . . Richard Bendall

• Elder Robert Rider reports from the Oklahoma Conference the following:

— BAPTISMS through August total 195. This is an increase of 39 over the previous year at this time.

— ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING began September 18. Twenty-five crusades are planned for this fall, including major evangelistic meetings in Oklahoma City, Lawton, and Muskogee, Revelation Seminars and revivals. 1982 will be the best year of soul winning in the history of the Oklahoma Conference.

— MEMBERSHIP GROWTH for the second quarter reflected a net gain of 82. At this point we are 81 short of the 6,000 mark!

— TITHE through August shows a 10.95% GAIN (second highest in the Southwestern Union). SABBATH SCHOOL percent of increase through August was 4.04% (highest in the union). OKLAHOMA 2% for August was \$15,032, a RECORD MONTH!

We appreciate this steadfast attention to stewardship and praise the Lord for continuing to bless our Oklahoma constituency.

— An ELDERS' LEADERSHIP SEMINAR will be held November 5-7 at Wewoka Woods. ALL ELDERS with their wives should begin NOW making definite plans to attend.



(Left to right)

Robert Rider  
Wayne Shepperd  
B. E. Leach

• Elder Wayne Shepperd reports an exciting camporee at Wewoka Woods Adventist Center in Oklahoma. 47 Pathfinder clubs were represented with 1,016 Pathfinders plus directors and deputy directors attending. The weekend was very enjoyable except for the rain which washed a few tents downstream. But then it wouldn't have been a camporee without rain.

• Elder Ben Leach reports by phone from Manila where he is attending the Annual Council that Elder Neal Wilson, president of the General Conference of SDA, prior to the council held an evangelistic meeting in the city. As a net result of the total effort in the great cosmopolitan city of Manila it is expected that 1,000 souls will be baptized on Sabbath, October 9.

• Dr. David Henshaw, formerly dean of Loma Linda University School of Medicine and chief of surgical service at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda, California, is now dean of Oral Roberts University Medical School. Dr. Henshaw was selected from 31 nominees.

• John H. McFarlane is director of continuing education and works specially with pastors of other denominations. His ministry is greatly appreciated. Chatting with Brother McFarlane this morning, he shared with me the following information:

The expression, "Welcome, Brother!" is being more and more heard these days as pastors come to us from other denominations. An increasing number are coming who are "bi-vocational," having a full-time job to support a weekend ministry. The potential this gives to our church in more fully meeting the pastoral needs of our districts is obvious. The pastor can continue his full-time work and also assist our local pastors in a broader ministry. This is working out very well in the Fayetteville, Brentwood, Chester district of Arkansas where Elder Phillip Young is ably assisted in Fayetteville and almost completely in Chester by Pastor Darrell Townsend

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(formerly of the Apostolic Church) who is an air conditioning-refrigeration expert.

In Texas, Pastor Bruno Guerrero (former First Apostolic pastor), works full-time as a welder, but extends the effect of Elder Orlando Zaceta's ministry through his presentations of "Prophecy Panorama" in the Spanish community wherever he gains an audience. He owns his own copy of the program with 400 slides. He is really on fire for Christ and extends his ministry by trips to tell of present truth to his friends in his native Mexico. The truth captivates the possessor and thrills the hearer!

In the Southwest Region Elder W. E. Lewis is excited about two Southern Baptist pastors who have joined us there. Pastor Eddie Emanuel and Pastor John Lewis bring their independent ministries to bear with power. The former is relocating in Houston to be active there, but has started with Pastor Lewis a work in Athens which will be carried on with Elder Lewis. Pastor John Lewis is amazing, strong in the message and faithful, having come into this ministry at the age of 97! He is quite a witness particularly in an effective outreach with Amazing Facts and organization of his interests in Moore's Station.

Pastor Sonny Kagel (formerly Southern Baptist) is now a local elder in the newly established Fort Worth River Oaks church with active participation in the evangelism crusades. He is a builder by trade and a great asset to Elder Bobby Roberts of the Fort Worth district.

Truly Philippians 4:19 comes true in the need for careful financing and expanding work for the pastoral ministry; self-supporting men Christ is supplying!



Huguley Volunteer Director Frances Hadley looks on as Jeff Hunter presents "Busy Books" to emergency room secretary Bonnie Ristau.

Jeff Hunter, age 13, and a member of Troop 23, organized the project, as means of learning and developing his leadership and organizational skills while working towards being an Eagle Scout.

Jeff visited businesses in the area persuading different stores to donate the materials that went into the books. He then organized his troop into a working group that completed the books in 44 hours of work.

The volunteer department of Huguley usually makes the busy books. Volunteer Director, Frances Hadley, was happy to receive the books.

"Troop 23 did a lot of hard work, and we appreciate it," said Frances Hadley, volunteer director. "Their work reveals a special caring attitude that you don't often see these days."

Jeff has earned the 21 merit badges he needs to be an Eagle Scout and now only lacks his final report and Board of Review.

Skip Joers, Correspondent.

## Health Happenings in the Southwest . . .

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

### Boy Scouts Donate Books to Huguley Hospital

Huguley Memorial Hospital received 50 handmade books from Boy Scout Troop 23, of the Longhorn Council.

The books, called "Busy Books", are made to help children feel at ease and pass the time when they are in the emergency room. Inside the books are things like a box of crayons, pictures to color, puzzles and many other things a child might like to do.

## Southwestern Adventist College

### All 1982 Nursing Grads from Southwestern Pass State Boards

One hundred percent of Southwestern Adventist College's 1982 nursing graduates have passed their state board licensing examinations, according to Dr. Gerald Colvin, vice president for academic affairs.

The two-day National Council License Examinations were given in Ft.



Dr. Laurice Durrant, right, chairman of Southwestern Adventist College's nursing department, shares the results of the state board examinations for registered nurses with Mrs. Muffin Pierson, assistant professor of nursing. One hundred percent of Southwestern's 1982 nursing graduates passed the test on the first attempt.

(Photo by Jeff Halfner)

### The Conscience Report

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United States will be trained, and subsequently THE CONSCIENCE PROJECT will be conducted in local conferences.

If you have any questions concerning military service or any of the new features mentioned above, contact your local conference youth director.

C. D. Martin, Director,  
National Service Organization.

Worth in July, and word was received by the college and the individual nurses in September that all had received passing scores. The test covers all aspects of nursing, including obstetrics, psychiatry, medical-surgical, and pediatrics.

Dr. Laurice Durrant, chairman of Southwestern's nursing department, says that the minimum test score required by the state of Texas is 1600, and that the lowest score of a Southwestern graduate was 1831, and the highest was 2405. Until this year, the college's highest percentage of graduates passing the test the first time was 93%.

The Southwestern nursing graduates all hold the associate of science degree. Next spring, the college will graduate its

first class of baccalaureate degree nurses.

Dr. Durrant attributes the high test scores to "a sound nursing program; a most supportive college administration; good students; and an extremely efficient, dedicated and committed nursing faculty."

The nursing graduates include Judi Badgley, Keene; Elizabeth Duncan Beyer, Dallas; Charles Bicek, Keene; Donna Durichek, Elgin; Deborah Evans, Houston; Cynthia Frank, Keene; Jamie Jacobs, San Antonio; Denton James, Fort Worth; Debra McAlexander, Keene; Tami Perez, Keene; Wolfgang Radelfinger, Keene; Kathy Secrist, Galena, Kansas; Suzanne Smith, Keene; and Julie Songy, Keene.

## Southwestern Trustees Pledge \$125,000 for Fine Arts Building

A pledge of \$125,000 by the Southwestern Adventist College board of trustees for the new J. E. and L. E. Mabee Fine Arts Center was "very significant", says Dr. Berney Neufeld, vice president for development and public affairs.

At the board's September 20 meeting, individual members promised to raise \$100,000 in response to the \$400,000 challenge grant made by the Mabee Foundation of Tulsa. The various church conferences represented on the board pledged an additional \$25,000 for the construction of the center.

College president Dr. Donald R. McAdams says that he is "delighted with the board's response to the Mabee challenge. Seventh-day Adventist colleges often receive extra appropriations from the supporting conferences for capital expansion, and individual trustees occasionally pledge significant gifts. What is unusual about this trustee commitment is that all of the trustees pledged to raise a portion of the \$100,000 total. No trustee assumed responsibility for raising or giving more than \$10,000."

According to the conditions of the

The architects' model of the J. E. and L. E. Mabee Fine Arts Center.

(Photo by Urias Chagas)



grant, Southwestern must raise the balance of the \$1.3 million building cost by April 14, 1983. Neufeld states that a substantial portion of that remaining \$900,000 has already been received. Groundbreaking ceremonies are scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday, April 15, 1983, with construction to begin immediately. The Mabee Fine Arts Center will be ready for occupancy at the start of the 1984-85 school year.

"The \$100,000 pledge made in 1980 by long-time board members Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wharton of Dalhart was the key to getting this project started," he explained. "In appreciation of this gift, the college plans to dedicate the 180-seat recital hall as the Roy and Grace Wharton Fine Arts Auditorium."

The Mabee Fine Arts Center will be an 18,529-square-foot brick structure to be situated immediately west of the Committee of 100 Cafeteria. The architectural drawings by Hueppelsheuser-Darrow, Inc., of Fort Worth, take advantage of the natural incline of the building site to slope the group practice rooms and the recital hall for easy viewing of the instructors or performers.

Inside, the facility features practice rooms for musical groups and individuals. Faculty offices, with teaching studios, provide for private and small group lessons, and a large area devoted to the visual arts allows students to develop their talents in painting and sculpture. Two classrooms complete the instructional facilities of the building.

A key element of the center will be the Wharton Auditorium. It will feature carefully designed sound, lighting and acoustical systems and will be ideal for lectures, films and musical and dramatic productions. The stage will be large so that complex props or large musical groups can be accommodated easily.

## Marshall Nursing Student Awarded Scholarship

A Southwestern Adventist College nursing student from Marshall, Texas, has been awarded one of the 10 \$3,000 scholarships given this year to students from east Texas by the Hope Pierce Tartt Scholarship Fund of Marshall, according to Dr. Gerald Colvin, college vice president for academic affairs.

Colvin says that Vanessa Renee Butler, daughter of Mrs. Lillie J. Qualls, will receive the scholarship on the basis of her academic achievements and her leadership in school activities. Students from 26 counties in east Texas, one county in Arkansas, and five in Louisiana were eligible for the scholarships.



Vanessa Renee Butler

While a high school student at Jefferson Academy, Miss Butler was president of the student body, secretary-treasurer of the senior class, treasurer of the girl's club, a member of the traveling choir, and taught children's classes at her church.

After completing her bachelor's degree in nursing at Southwestern, she plans to go on to medical school.

## Arkansas-Louisiana

### Full Gospel Pastor Joins Church

"That really hit me in the face! It only took a couple of nights for me to see that I had been observing the wrong day for Sabbath." Lewis Johnson recounted his experience attending the Brass-Peel evangelistic series in Rogers, Arkansas. The following Sunday he resigned his pastorate in Springdale, Arkansas. On September 4, 1982, he was baptized in the Rogers Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pastor Johnson spent most of his 27 years in the ministry as an evangelist. Even as he attended the evangelistic meetings, a church in Oklahoma called several times — once at 2 a.m. — urging him to fulfill a preaching engagement there. The meeting place had been packed and they wanted him to preach. "I felt I could not leave these meetings," he said. "Now then, if they call me again, tell them to hold the door open — I'll be there!"

Brother Johnson has been praying that if it is God's will, He will open the doors again in the places he has preached in four states.

"... Even though I was pastor of a full gospel church, I had not been preaching the full gospel," he said. Now he wants to go back and do just that!

James Peel.

## Arkansas-Louisiana Adventist Book Center

### Fall Book Display Schedule 1982

#### October

- 30, Sabbath School Workshop - CYB —  
Sundown - 9 p.m.
- 31, Sabbath School Workshop - CYB —  
8 a.m. - 12 noon

#### November

- 1, Hot Springs Church — 4 - 7 p.m.
- 2, Texarkana School — 4 - 7 p.m.
- 6, West Helena Church — Sundown -  
9 p.m.
- 7, Pine Bluff Union Hall — 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 8, El Dorado Church — 4 - 7 p.m.
- 13, DeRidder Church — Sundown - 9 p.m.
- 14, Lake Charles School — 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 15, Lafayette Church — 4 - 7 p.m.
- 20, Monroe School — Sundown - 9 p.m.
- 21, Sabbath School Workshop-Minden —  
8 a.m. - 12 noon.
- 27, Alexandria Church — Sundown - 9 p.m.
- 28, Baton Rouge School — 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 29, Hammond School — 4 - 7 p.m.

#### December

- 4, Slidell Church — Sundown - 9:00 p.m.
- 5, New Orleans Central Church — 11 a.m.  
- 4:00 p.m.
- 6, Gonzales Church — 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- 11, Houma Church — Sundown - 9:00 p.m.
- 12, New Orleans Metairie Church — 11 a.m.  
- 4:00 p.m.
- 12, Shreveport & Gentry Stores Open — 10  
a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 13, Denham Springs Church — 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- 19, Shreveport & Gentry Stores Open —  
10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Vacation Bible School in Shreveport

Fifty eager children, along with 20 willing and capable staff members, met at the Shreveport First Seventh-day Adventist Church on Monday morning, August 2, 1982. The children enrolled for five days of a well-planned, fast-moving program centered around the theme, "God's Marvelous Book." About 15 were non-Adventist youngsters who came to share the good times.

Mrs. Sue Monteith was the enthusiastic leader, and Mrs. Ruth Manchester was her dependable co-leader. Elder Don McAnally, pastor of the church,

Students and leaders who enjoyed a week of vacation Bible school in the Shreveport First Seventh-day Adventist Church.



CLINTON, ARKANSAS, BAPTISM — Pastor Jeremia Florea, back, right, with four new members baptized into the Clinton, Arkansas, church.

was available each day for interesting stories and for leading the singing and playing his guitar.

On Sabbath the group gave the church an enjoyable glimpse of the week's activities. Even though it had been hard work, everyone agreed that "it was worth all the work, and we'd do it again!"

Ruth Gullion,

*Communication Secretary,  
Shreveport First Church.*

## Kretschmar Speaks to Leaders

Sixty Community Service people started the new church-officer year in a conference-wide seminar at Camp Yorktown Bay, October 1-3.



J. Kretschmar

Leader of the New York Van Ministry, Juanita Kretschmar, gave a first-hand view of this health-screening outreach program. She presented, among other things, slides and stories illustrating the "how to" of brid-

ing from the physical to the spiritual needs of people.

As Juanita shared her own story of personal growth in the Lord, the Arkansas-Louisiana delegates realized once again, the vital role of the Holy

Spirit in the apparent success of the health-screening ministry.

Other personnel contributing to this moving weekend were: Arkansas-Louisiana president, Don Schneider; and Fred Murray, Southwestern Union community services and health director.

From this deep inspirational foundation, definite plans are emerging in several cities for expanding the ministry of Community Services.

Pete Kostenko,

*Personal Ministries Director.*

## 22 New Members from the Rogers Crusade

"This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes" Psalm 118:23. The Rogers and Bentonville, Arkansas, churches rejoice with 22 new members today. Seventeen joined during the Brass-Peel crusade in Rogers which ended September 11, 1982. The other five were baptized in the Rogers church a couple of weeks before the crusade began.

Among the new members were: a couple who walked into the Bentonville church one Sabbath morning and told Pastor Mike Chappell that they believed like the Seventh-day Adventists and requested baptism (they had been studying *Bible Readings!*); a full gospel pastor-evangelist who resigned his pas-



One of the Groups baptized in Rogers, Arkansas September 4, 1982. Evangelist Buddy Brass, extreme left, and Pastor Mike Chappell, rear, right.

Jacob Borntregor, of Amish background, was baptized in Rogers, Arkansas, and wants to return to Iowa to share this message with his people.



# Oklahoma

CHARLES R. BEELER, Correspondent

## Crusades Have Good Attendance

Two evangelistic crusades, begun in mid-September in Lawton and Muskogee, continue to be well attended by interested people.

In Lawton, Jimmy Griffin, Texas Conference evangelist, has a large number of people studying their Bibles through a Bible-marking program. At each meeting, he presents a different subject, leading the audience from Scripture to Scripture as they follow a printed outline



Jimmy Griffin, leads the study in the Bible-marking class.



The evangelist, Rudy Skoretz, answers questions raised by a couple following a meeting.

Muskogee people follow Rudy Skoretz' sermon with the help of texts and illustrations on four screens.



**REVIVAL AND BAPTISM IN METAIRIE, LOUISIANA** — Two former deacons of the Metairie church who were called to be gospel ministers later in life, Pastor Dexter LeBlanc, left, and Pastor John Taylor, both ordained ministers in the Texas Conference, returned to their home church to conduct a weekend revival.



As part of the revival, four men were baptized. Left to right: Fabio Della Santa, Percy Brown, Andre Della Santa, and Robert Duplaisir. Percy Brown observed his sister, Olivia Stevens, a member of the Hammond church for 15 years, and then decided to follow His Lord. This indeed was cause for much rejoicing. Fabio, Andre, and Robert are witnessing at the same high school. The Lord has done a marvelous work in the lives of these young men.

Thomas Kopko, Pastor,  
Metairie, Louisiana, Church.

torate after hearing the Sabbath truth and requested baptism into God's remnant church; and a former member of the Amish belief who had become convinced of the Sabbath truth. He had attended the Adventist church for some time in Iowa and in Arkansas. It is his desire to return to Iowa (beard and all) to share the truths he has learned with his people.

Each of the others not mentioned is also a unique story and just as precious in the sight of heaven. Pray for them all.  
James Peel.



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Sign announces the Griffin meetings in Lawton's McMahon Auditorium.



People pick up their Bibles before the meeting.

and mark the texts in their Bibles. Rodney Grove, district pastor, and Michael McPeters, his assistant, report a lively interest in the program.

In Muskogee, the evangelist is Rudy Skoretz, of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. He uses slides on four rear-projection screens with all of the Bible texts of his sermons and appropriate illustrations to hold the people's attention. According to the pastor, Forrest Tenbrook, they are working with a number of good interests.

Charles R. Beeler,  
Communication Director.

## Summit Ridge Has Active Program

W. G. Larson of Bonnerdale, Arkansas, retired former lay activities director of the Northern Union Conference, was a recent guest speaker at the Summit Ridge church.

The church is made up largely of the residents of the Summit Ridge Retirement Center and some of the personnel



## ELDERS' Leadership Seminar

November 5-7, 1982

Wewoka Woods

Adventist Center

Guest Speaker:

Dr. H. K. LaRondelle

His topic: A Fresh Look at  
Prophecies of Last-Day Events

All church elders and their wives  
are urged to attend.

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and students of nearby Oklahoma Academy.

The retirement center is on a 95-acre tract with three lakes and a small wooded area. There are 20 or more brick homes, several duplex units, two fourplex units, and a mobile home park.

The activities center has a large, modern kitchen and dining room, a health store, library and Dorcas room. Attached to the building on the east is the church, completed nearly a year ago. In the center also are several rooms for room-and-board residents. A new wing is nearing completion that will accommodate about 30 more residents.

Many of the residents in the homes and apartments have beautiful gardens. Those who eat at the cafeteria enjoy the delicious cooking of Mrs. V. O. Schneider, who grinds her own whole wheat flour and makes delicious bread.

## Holiday Book Display Schedule

### Oklahoma Adventist Book Center

Ardmore Church, Sat., Nov. 6, After sundown

Lawton School, Sun., Nov. 7, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Bristow School, Mon., Nov. 8, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Enid Church, Thurs., Nov. 11, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Tulsa School, Sat., Nov. 13, After sundown

Shattuck School, Sat., Nov. 20, After sundown

Guymon Church Sun., Nov. 21, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Claremore School, Wed., Dec. 1, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Sand Springs Church, Thurs., Dec. 2,  
5:00-7:30 p.m.

Bethel Church, Sat., Dec. 4, After sundown.

Okeene School, Sun., Dec. 5, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Muskogee Church, Sat., Dec. 11, After sundown.

Sallisaw Church, Sun., Dec. 12, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Tahlequah Church, Mon., Dec. 13, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Listed above is our 1982 HOLIDAY BOOK DISPLAY schedule. For the most part this will be the only time during the year that we will bring a display to these various locations so we hope that you will make plans to attend the DISPLAY in your area. If you have a special order that you want brought to a particular display, please notify us at least a week in advance.

V. O. Schneider is the administrator of the Summit Ridge Retirement Center and pastor of the church. Among the guest speakers scheduled for the near future are: Josephine Cunnington Edwards, Norman Matiko, Bob Thrower of the Hour of Prophecy, W. R. May of the Southwestern Union Conference, and Willis J. Hackett, retired former vice president of the General Conference.

Edith White,  
Communication Secretary.

## Ground Broken for Edmond Church

On September 26, members of the Edmond church and several guests, met at the corner of Memorial Road and Scott Street for a ceremony to break ground for a church building.

Among the guests for the occasion were Robert D. Rider and Deryl Knutson, president and secretary-treasurer of the conference, and Fred Snyder, a county commissioner.

Al Anderson, the pastor, directed the ceremony in which Vonda Nicholas,



Justin Jones, representing the children of the church and its future potential, leads in the breaking of the ground.

Ground-breaking ceremony for the Edmond church. From left: Deryl Knutson, Vonda Nicholas, Robert D. Rider, Justin Jones, Fred Snyder, Maxine DeCocq, and Al Anderson.



representing the youth of the church, read a Scripture and Maxine DeCocq, a charter member, gave a historical sketch of the congregation, which is about four years old.

Justin Jones, five years old, led the way in the use of the shovels to actually break the ground.

Construction on the new church will get underway as funds are available.

Charles R. Beeler,  
Communication Director.

## Jay Hospital Goes to the Fair

Jay Memorial Hospital presented an exhibit in the Delaware County Fair with a variety of features.

Free blood pressure checks were given. Printed information was distributed from the American Heart and American Lung Associations.

A survey was taken to see what types of educational classes the people would like to see presented by the hospital. The list, in part, consisted of childbirth classes, breast self-examination, bread-bake, diabetic teaching, stress management, stop smoking and others.

The new Vial of Life program was launched at the fair with employees distributing hundreds of vials.

The fun came at one end of the booth where the hospital's dietary supervisor, Beverly Reasoner, conducted a mini breadbaking class. A lot of interest was shown in this and there is a good possibility this will be offered on a larger scale soon. Participants at the classes would, as those at the fair, take their bread home with them to bake it and enjoy the rewards of their labor.

Virginia Craig,  
Public Relations Director.

## Okeene Exhibits at Watonga Fair

The Okeene Community Service Department sponsored a booth at the Blaine County Fair in Watonga, on September 13 and 14. Their theme was "Be Healthy Naturally". Posters made by students of the Adventist School were



displayed. Literature on healthful living and food preparation was given away or sold.

Samples were offered of vegetarian dishes made by members of the church. People were surprised that they tasted so much like meat. "Nature Burgers" made of lentils and potatoes were sold. All seemed to really enjoy them and some came back for seconds. About 40 signed up for classes on vegetarian cookery.

250 adults signed up for the free book drawing. First prize was *It's Your World* cookbook; second prize was a *Desire of Ages*. In addition, all who gave complete addresses and phone numbers will be given copies of the small edition of *Desire of Ages*. A separate children's drawing was held and the book, *Hey Kids, Stay Well and Feel Good* by Kathryn Smith was given to an 11-year-old girl in Watonga.

The purpose of the booth was to advertise the cooking school scheduled for October 18-21. It will be held in Okeene by Gina Harlin and members of the community service organization.

Patti Heinrich,

*Communication Secretary.*

## OKLAHOMA NEWS ROUNDUP

- A Pathfinder Leadership course, conducted at the Jay church by Sam Miller, conference youth director, was attended by 12 persons. Mrs. Winnie Moses is the club director there.
- The title income of the Oklahoma Conference continues to increase. The amount for the first eight months of this year is 10.95% more than for the same period last year. Sabbath school offerings increased by 4.04%.
- The Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking continues to be a well-appreciated service of the church to the public. Plans have recently been held in Pauls Valley, at Tinker Air Force Base and at the Westside YMCA in Oklahoma City, and at the Muskogee General Hospital.
- More than \$13,000 was committed during camp meeting toward paving the ROAD AT WEWOKA WOODS ADVENTIST CENTER.

Charles R. Beeler,  
*Communication Director.*

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Oklahoma Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that there will be a constituency meeting of the Oklahoma Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists at the Oklahoma City Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4747 NW 63rd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 22, 1982. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Board of Trustees for the ensuing term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the corporation. The meeting is called for Monday, November 22, 1982 at 2 p.m.

Robert D. Rider, *President*;  
V. O. Schneider, *Secretary.*

# Southwest Region

W. C. JONES, Correspondent



Guest speakers for elders' and deacons' retreat at Lone Star Camp, September 17-19. Dr. Benjamine Reaves, Oakwood College and Dr. Patrick Vincent Pastors in Birmingham, Alabama.



Brother Williams from Marshall enjoys the retreat, he has only been in the church two years, while Brother and Sister Carlos McCornico were baptized this summer in Marshall.



Elders from Fort Worth enjoy discussing the important topics presented at elders' and deacons' retreat.

## More Photographs from Annual Elders' and Deacons' Retreat



The Sheffield elders in Houston had the largest representation attending elders' and deacons' retreat.



Twelve carloads of elders and deacons journeyed from Camp Lone Star to Tyler to witness from door-to-door passing Bible course enrollment cards. Pastor R. E. Brown is in center.

## 1983 Church Officer's Meeting

Sabbath, November 6,  
Dallas, Texas

**CHURCHES** — Ardmore, Cleburne, Corsicana, City Temple, Dallas Fellowship, Garland Co. Fort Worth, Hillsboro, Mosier Valley, Longview, Nacogdoches, Tyler, Waxahachie, Wichita Falls, Waco.

Sabbath, November 13,  
El Paso, Texas

**CHURCHES** — Amarillo, Albuquerque, El Paso, Hobbs, Las Cruces, Lubbock, Roswell.

Sabbath, November 20,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**CHURCHES** — Enid, Hominy, Langston, Fort Smith, Ark., Oklahoma City, Okmulgee, Sapulpa, Muskogee, Tulsa.

Sabbath, December 4,  
New Orleans, Louisiana

**CHURCHES** — Alexandria, Covington, Hammond, New Orleans (East), New Orleans (Ephesus), New Orleans (Caffin), New Orleans (Kenner), New Orleans (Riverbend), New Orleans (Thibodaux), New Orleans (Riverbend), Baton Rouge.

Sabbath, December 11,  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

**CHURCHES** — Monroe, Louisiana, Tallulah, Marshall, Shreveport, Cedar Grove, Shreveport, Philadelphia, Natchitoches, Coushatta, Mansfield, Little Rock, Hot Springs, Pine Bluff, Monroe, Arkansas, Jefferson, Texarkana.

Sabbath, December 18,  
Houston, Texas (Hebron)

**CHURCHES** — Austin, Houston (Belfort), Houston (Berean), Houston (Hebron), Houston (Smyrna), Houston (Sheffield), Conroe, Elgin, Kerrville, Navasota, Port Arthur, San Antonio, Taylor, Beaumont, Lake Charles, Jennings.

Meetings Will Begin 2:30 p.m.  
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# Texas

WARREN SKILTON, Correspondent

## Church Increases Membership by One-Third

What do you do if you want to increase your church membership by one-third?

Jim Bunkley, Kevin Floyd, and Pastor Fred Adams of the San Antonio Highland Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church know because it has happened to them over the past four months.

The Highland Hills church, though only a few years old, had developed a respectable membership of 122 people, but there was a sudden growth spurt that began last May when the work of these three young and dynamic persons started to pay off.

Pastor Adams, through personal visitation and a series of meetings, received commitments to baptism from 51 people who were later baptized during the same service. Although this in itself has been a subject of rejoicing, the story has been brightened even more by the work of Jim Bunkley, a college sophomore, and Kevin Floyd, a high-school junior.

The Texas Conference has developed a program where the young people of the church could be trained how to teach seminars on Bible prophecy, a duty usually reserved for the pastor or a visiting theologian.

The idea was met with enthusiasm by the youth, and Bunkley and Floyd became very interested in holding a series of these meetings in San Antonio.

Their training began with a special weekend session at Nameless Valley Ranch near Austin, but according to Floyd the training didn't stop there. "We spent every Sabbath afternoon with Pastor Adams," said Floyd, "and we went over very carefully the subjects we would be teaching; but we also spent a



Pastor Fred Adams, from the San Antonio Highland Hills church, reviews the doctrines of the church with the 12 baptismal candidates who made a decision for Christ as a result of a youth Revelation Seminar that was held this past summer.

These 12 people who were baptized on September 11 join with the 51 other new members who have become a part of the Highland Hills church since May.

lot of time learning how to visit the people who came to the Revelation Seminars."

The reward of Bunkley and Floyd's efforts came Sabbath morning, September 11, as 12 of their students were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, making a total of 63 people added to the Highland Hills church over a five-month period.

With the success of these meetings, Bunkley and Floyd have expressed an eagerness to conducting more seminars in the San Antonio area. A tentative time has been set for next summer when both students will be out of school.

## VGA Homecoming Set for This Weekend

Members of the 43 graduating classes from Valley Grande Academy are strongly urged to attend the school's 1982 Homecoming Festival that is scheduled for the weekend of October 29.

According to alumni president Ed Fry ('80), registration of the visiting alumni will begin on Friday afternoon in the academy gym but the first program will be vespers in the church at 7:30.

Most of the 51 new members of the San Antonio Highland Hills church were present to see 12 new souls baptized into the church on September 11.

Due to the 63 new members who have been baptized over the past four months, the Highland Hills church has increased its size by one-third.





Ron Childers, left, looks over the shoulder of one of the students enrolled in Valley Grande Academy's computer course.

VGA recently purchased four powerful Commodore computer terminals and one TRS-80 that will be used to teach seniors how to program and run a computer. They will also be used in the daily operation of Valley Grande Academy. Also purchased for the class are a dual disc-drive program loader and a full-size printer.

"Computers are becoming an everyday fact of life," said Childers, "and we at VGA are teaching our students today the skills they will need tomorrow."

Because a large number of alumni are expected the church service will be held in the Widmark Auditorium and will be followed by a potluck dinner. The weekend events will close out on Saturday night with the traditional alumni-VGA allstar basketball game.

Fry says that one unique thing about this year's alumni weekend is that for the first time there will be 10, 20, and 15-year honor classes representing the years 1972, 1962, and 1957.

Some of the special guests who will be participating in the programs this weekend include Steve Borth ('72) a gospel recording artist from Corpus Christi, and Roy Robinson ('80) the campus ministries director from Southwestern Adventist College.

So if you are one of the 616 members from any of Valley Grande Academy's graduating classes don't miss this chance to attend the homecoming festival.

Raul Sanchez, pastor of the McAllen North Spanish church, prepares to baptize a new member in the lake at Anzalduas State Park.

Nearly 200 people came out on Sabbath afternoon, September 11, to witness the addition of 12 souls to both the McAllen North and San Juan churches.

According to Sanchez, these new members are the result of personal visitation and Bible studies as well as the fruit of a recent evangelistic crusade.



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## VGA Enrollment Increases Over Last Year

Valley Grande Academy opened this year with 150 enthusiastic students coming from nine states and three foreign countries. This number represents an increase of 10% over the last school year.

The board, administration, and staff thank the conference leadership and the constituents who have given us the strong positive support needed for VGA to continue to grow.

The academy also gives a special thanks to the Southwestern Union Conference and its leadership for making Christian education a reachable goal for all its young people.

Paul Rouse,  
Principal.

## Children's Revelation Seminar in Baytown

During the recent Revelation Seminar directed by Pastor Frank Ottati in Baytown, a children's seminar was also held. This seminar was a great asset to the adult seminar, and to the church. Parents who otherwise could not have attended came night after night, knowing their children were also learning from God's Word.

Mrs. Dorothy Bashum directed the children's seminar. An average of 25 to 35 children attended regularly, and some have joined our Sabbath School classes.

On August 6 a graduation service was held in which the children pres-

### Children's Revelation Seminar in Baytown



"Second coming" program presented by leaders and children of Baytown Children's Revelation Seminar.

ented a program on the second coming of Jesus.

So far 11 have been baptized from the adult Revelation Seminar, and more are preparing for baptism.

Frank Ottati.

## Church School Opens in Hamilton

For possibly the first time in its history, the town of Hamilton now has a church school in operation.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has begun operation of a school for grades one through eight in a building located about a block east of Hwy. 281 on East Boynton Street.

The school is taught by Woodrow Baker who holds a master's degree in education. School hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday.

On the first day of classes, five students were enrolled in classes, and school sponsors are hopeful this

NEW SCHOOL — Woodrow Baker, in rear, is the teacher at a new school opened in Hamilton.





(Left) Gayle Rustad works full time at the Texas Conference office, helps her son in a furniture and remodeling business, teaches a Sabbath School class, but she wanted to do something MORE, so volunteered to conduct a Revelation Seminar. It has been a success and a blessing to everyone involved. (Right) Students are enjoying Revelation Seminar taught by a woman who turned her furniture store into a meeting hall, enlisted the help of her Sabbath School class, and is discovering a thrilling way to witness and win souls!



Gayle Rustad, Sabbath School teacher, invited her Sabbath School class to help her hold a Revelation Seminar. It resulted in a missionary adventure for the entire class.

number may grow as news of the school spreads.

"We are not in competition with the public schools here because they certainly have a good program," David Tucker, a local church member said. "We don't think our being here will hurt the local system."

"We have two purposes for the school — to prepare our students to be good citizens here on earth and to prepare them for eternity," Tucker said.

Baker said the school is fully accredited with the state of Texas through the Seventh-day Adventist School System.

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# Texico

DON SULLIVAN, Correspondent

## Texico Task Force Assists in Soul-Winning

We had five Texico young people working for Christ this past summer on our Texico Task Force. They worked in several different areas, such as vacation Bible schools, helping lead young people to Jesus Christ. These young people were Rhonda Aldridge, Sherry Harvey, Vangie Chacon, Vickie Gonzales, and Keithan Parks.

They worked at our youth camp and helped on our back-pack trip also. We had a large vacation Bible school in Deming and also one in Lubbock. We would like to share an interesting story that took place during the VBS in Littlefield.

This was the first vacation Bible school held there in 20 years. Five children attended this year, two of them non-members. After it had finished they asked if they could come to our church school, which was about to open. Their parents came to the vacation Bible school graduation service, which was held on Sabbath morning. When the parents enrolled the children in school, they were told that they would be studying the Bible and the writings of Mrs. Ellen White; but that was no problem and they put the children in school.

That gave us a total of four young people in the church school. Nelson

**FIRST FRUITS** — Pictured left to right are Dan Schiffbauer, Kathryn Muse, Wilma Valdez, Monica Valdez, and Judy Belding. Mrs. Valdez and Monica are shown with their spiritual guidance counselors and Pastor Schiffbauer. They are the "first fruits" of the new pastor's class that is held each Sabbath morning during the Sabbath School hour.

Nine more precious souls are studying for baptism with our pastor and his son, Dan Schiffbauer, Jr. The goal of the Lubbock district is to add 25 souls to the kingdom during 1982. Mrs. Valdez and Monica make 16 that have been baptized this year.

We are grateful to our lord for His leadership in the lives of the people in the city of Lubbock.

June Muse,  
Communication Secretary.



Mathers is really enjoying teaching them. The two non-Adventist children have asked to be baptized. Elder Dan Schiffbauer is studying with them and also with their parents. At the writing of this article, it looks as though this family of four will be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

All this has come about as a direct result of our young people in the Task Force. They are willing workers and we greatly appreciate their contribution. We hope, by God's grace, that we can have them with us again next year.

Dale Tunnell,  
Texico Youth Director.

## "Blueprint for a Happy Life," Theme for Lubbock VBS

Mrs. Mirtha Wolfe, vacation Bible school leader, led in a wonderful way in our Bible school this year. The 28 leaders, teachers, and helpers enrolled 31 non-Adventist and 24 Adventist children. Rhonda Aldridge, Sherry Harvey,



VBS leader Mirtha Wolfe addresses the children.



Literature Evangelists Mario Barrios, Elsa Porras (pictured here) and their fellow workers were much appreciated in Lubbock.

(Left) Marge Schiffbauer displays one of the crafts made by the children. (Right) Craft leader Lila Guinn was kept busy with her innovative ideas.





Rhonda Aldridge, Sherry Harvey, Becky Gonzales, and Vangie Chacon served as Task Force helpers.

Becky Gonzales, and Vangie Chacon, Task Force workers for the conference, helped lead our children. Their help and participation made this week a very enjoyable one.

The theme, "Blueprint for a Happy Life," was accented each day with devotional thoughts presented by Mrs. Wolfe and Pastor Schiffbauer.

The talents of Mrs. Lila Guinn and Mrs. Margie Schiffbauer were very much appreciated. The children enjoyed the various crafts these two ladies so willingly provided.

Our vacation Bible school commencement program was presented for the parents on Sabbath, August 7, with a fellowship dinner following the morning worship service.

Lubbock church was especially blessed with the part-time literature evangelists working in our area. It was a special treat to have Mario Barrios, Elsa and Eunice Porras, Mary Garcia, and Elizabeth Yanes to be in Lubbock for the summer. Their dedication and Christian influence definitely was influential in our church. The dedicated efforts of these young people will be felt for many months and years to come. They added so much to our service and Lubbock will long remember these dedicated young people.

God is leading and blessing the Lubbock district in a mighty way. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

June Muse,

Communication Secretary.



Lubbock Vacation Bible School students pose for a group picture.

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## BIG SPRING NEWS ITEMS

• The Big Spring Pathfinders, under the leadership of Ken Sheldon, are planning to take a canoe and rafting trip down 30 miles of the Rio Grande River this Thanksgiving holiday.

The crew of 25, including Pathfinder members from the Midland-Odesa group, will launch their canoes and rafts at Tally and end up at Rio Grande Village for Sabbath. Everyone will head for home Sunday morning.

Twelve people took a 35-mile trip through Boquillas Canyon last year and had so much fun they want to do it again this year.

• Big Spring grade school is off to a good start this year as Earl Hartzell takes over as teacher of 12 students ranging from second grade to eighth grade. Mr. Hartzell taught in Newfoundland before he came to Big Spring and we are just thrilled to have him with us this year. We ask God's blessing on him and his students.

• Mark Dorton, Mechelle Dorton, April Sulatan, Cha Cha Gaiji, and Wesley Jobe (all students at Big Spring elementary school) were baptized last spring. They were the first baptisms in our newly-constructed church. We give God the glory and pray for the Spirit to continue to work with these young people.

Carolyn Sheldon,  
Communication Secretary.

## Belen and Peralta Report

**WHAT?** Vacation Bible School

**WHERE?** Peralta Church

**WHEN?** August 1-8, 1982

**WHO HELPED?** Ladies and men of the church. Good spirit of cooperation. Members in general bringing children.

**ATTENDANCE?** 76. Excellent! Had to turn down children for lack of space.

**FOLLOW UP?** Children are coming to Pathfinders and Sabbath School. At graduation parents expressed their appreciation and a strong desire to send children next year.

**WHAT?** Lay Instructors' Class

**WHERE?** Belen and Peralta Churches

**WHEN?** July 7-28, 1982

**PURPOSE?** Prepare willing lay members for Bible study evangelism and for instructing others. Certificates were issued.

**ATTENDANCE?** Belen, 4; Peralta, 12. They are helping out in door-to-door evangelism in preparation for evangelistic meetings.

**INSTRUCTOR?** Pastor Orlando Newball.

## At Rest

**ANTHONY, William**, was born May 11, 1878, in the state of New Jersey. He served in the army and navy during the first World War. After the war he worked as a railroad man until his retirement. In 1968 he accepted the Adventist message and was a faithful member until his death.

He fell asleep in Jesus, July 27, 1982, at the Clin-

ton, Ark., hospital at the age of 104. He is survived by his wife, Julia; two sons, one daughter, and two grandchildren. Funeral service was held by Elders H. White and J. Florea. Interment was at the Denard, Ark., cemetery.

J. Florea.

**CARUBBA Josephine Vicari** was born Nov. 6, 1906, in New Orleans and passed to her rest Aug. 16, 1982, in Orlando, Fla.

In June, 1925, she was married to Henry Joseph Carubba, also of New Orleans. To this union was born one son, Henry Joseph. Her husband met an untimely death while at his job in Feb., 1943.

At the age of 28, Josephine and her son began having Bible studies in their home and later they were both baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was a dedicated Christian and was always very active in her home church, serving as treasurer for many years.

Josephine was a very enthusiastic ingatherer. It was during this activity that she met and was instrumental in bringing into the church several families who are today members in New Orleans area churches.

She is survived by her son, Henry, who is president of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; her twin sister, Sarah Gonzales; and a brother, Frank; three grandchildren, Leigh-Ann Hunt, Kerrie Crozier, and Keith Carubba; and one great-granddaughter, Courtney Allison Hunt; and a host of friends.

She rests awaiting the call of the Lifegiver in Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City, Florida. Services were conducted by Elders Joseph Reams, R. J. Ulmer, and J. P. Rogers.

**HILL, Shelloma** was born Feb. 16, 1905, and died Aug. 2, 1982. She was preceded in death by her husband, George R. Hill, in 1942. She is survived by her daughter, Marva Tuminello; two grandsons and their wives Claude and Martha Gifford and Thomas and Laura Tuminello; and a very dear sister-in-law, Vera Jackson.

Sister Hill had been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1925. She and Brother Hill were sent as colporteurs and builder missionaries to the Utah Mission in 1926. She was a colporteur many years and a faithful member to her death.

Graveside services were conducted by Pastor Charles Ferguson at Roselawn Cemetery in Baton Rouge, where she awaits the second coming of Jesus.

**HARDWICK, Minnie Mae**, was born Aug. 18, 1892, in Bonham, Tex. She lived most of her life in Texas and about 15 years in Morton, Tex.

She married Harry Hardwick in 1911. To this union were born three children: Dora, Nina, and Robert. Her husband and Dora and Nina have all preceded her in death.

She became a Seventh-day Adventist in Kansas. She was a member of the Littlefield Seventh-day Adventist Church and loved her Bible and her faith dearly. She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

Minnie fell asleep in Jesus Sept. 17, 1982. Her death was the result of a heart attack. Now she is free from the heartaches of this world and awaits the call of the Life-giver.

She leaves to mourn her departure one son, Robert Lee Hardwick; and one granddaughter, Dan W. Schiffbauer.

**HORTON, Mintie** was born in Stone County, Ark., Aug. 21, 1897, and died July 24, 1982. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In 1915 she was united in marriage to Dan Balentine who preceded her in death. To this union three children were born.

Survivors are her husband, Albert Horton; one son, Richard Balentine; two daughters: Mrs. Carmen Powell and Mrs. Irene Plesha; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren two step-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was at the Seventh-day Adventist Church with Elder Don McAnally officiating. Burial in Farris Cemetery.

**O'DELL, Charles F. Sr.**, was born Aug. 27, 1900, near Cleburne, Tex., and died on Sept. 11, 1982, in Lubbock, Tex. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I. After the war he met Margaret Lucy Robinson and they were married in 1925 at Belton, Tex., the day Margaret graduated from Baylor College for Women. To his union were born two children, Charles Jr., and Lucy Lee.

In 1934 he and his wife joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Hereford, Texas. In 1936 the family moved to Houston where he was very active in the work of the church and in soul-winning. He conducted several lay evangelism meetings in Houston. In 1941 the family moved to the Ft. Worth, Tex., area. During World War II he was invited by the church to serve as a civilian camp pastor at Camp Wolters near Mineral Wells, Tex.

After the war he worked as a literature evangelist in the Texas Conference and in 1946 he moved to Alaska where he continued to be active in the church. For a while he and his wife taught church school in the Bellingham and East Stanwood areas of the Washington Conference.

In 1954 his first wife died while they were living in Georgia. He returned to Alaska and met Margaret Iredale while living in Nome. They were married on Dec. 31, 1954, and continued to live in Alaska. In 1967 they moved from Anchorage to Eatonville, Wash., and subsequently to Hereford, Tex. While living in the Hereford area he continued his work as a soul-winner. One year he was named as one of the Texico Conference's laypersons of the year. His last home in Texas was at Petersburg where he endeavored to continue his work as a soul-winner. He and his wife were members of the Plainview, Tex., church.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Iredell O'Dell; his son, Charles F. O'Dell, Jr.; his daughter, Lucy Torrey; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted in the Plainview church on Sept. 13, 1982 by Elder Daniel Schiffbauer, with burial in the O'Dell family plot in the Hereford cemetery. He died in the blessed hope of a soon-coming Saviour.

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**Sunset Schedule**

	Oct. 29*	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19
Abilene, Texas	6:52	5:46	5:40	5:37
Amarillo, Texas	6:56	5:49	5:44	5:39
Brownsville, Texas	6:50	5:46	5:42	5:39
Dallas, Texas	6:39	5:33	5:27	5:24
El Paso, Texas	6:19	5:13	5:08	5:05
Fort Worth, Texas	6:41	5:35	5:29	5:26
Galveston, Texas	6:36	5:30	5:26	5:23
Gentry, Arkansas	6:26	5:19	5:14	5:08
Keene, Texas	6:41	5:35	5:29	5:26
Little Rock, Arkansas	6:19	5:12	5:07	5:02
Muskogee, Oklahoma	6:30	5:23	5:17	5:12
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:16	5:10	5:06	5:02
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	6:39	5:32	5:26	5:21
San Antonio, Texas	6:21	5:45	5:41	5:37
Santa Fe, New Mexico	6:12	5:04	4:59	4:54
Shreveport, Louisiana	6:27	5:21	5:16	5:13
Tulsa, Oklahoma	6:32	5:25	5:19	5:14

\*Daylight Saving Time



# on the record

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

## “Live Right Before the Lord, Ben, and You Will Never Miss It.”

Andy Brenner was a most attractive and likable person. He was “ready-met,” out-going, and friendly. Everybody liked Andy. If you couldn’t get along with Andy Brenner, you knew there was something wrong with you.

But Andy wasn’t a Christian. His wife, Pauline, was a good Seventh-day Adventist. Andy just couldn’t “see” the Adventist religion. To him it was very strange. But Andy was easy to live with, so he went along with Pauline as far as he could. He didn’t make the practice of her religion difficult for her. In fact, he even went to church with her occasionally. They were happy in their marriage relationship but a chord was missing in that they did not see eye to eye when it came to religion. Andy wasn’t against religion, he just couldn’t totally swallow Pauline’s particular brand of religion.

Andy played the saxophone. In fact, he played in a jazz band in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. He not only played the saxophone, he was an exceptional performer. He loved music, especially jazz music. He was running all over the place, meeting appointments with the band. This took him away from home until the wee hours of the morning. It wasn’t an ideal situation, especially since he held a regular daytime job. The Brenner home was on solid ground. The strain of Andy’s jazz band appointments and Pauline’s “strange” religion were felt — but the home was holding together solid and good.

I was the young, unordained pastor of the Ashtabula, Ohio, church where Pauline held her membership. It was a small church with less than 35 members. Everybody knew everybody and everybody cared. We were just one big, happy family.

One Sabbath the special music didn’t show up. So, on the spur of the moment, I asked my friend, Andy Brenner, to play his saxophone for the special music. I wasn’t thinking good and straight that Sabbath or I would never have done that! Andy literally ran out to his car and in no time was back in the Odd Fellows Hall, where we met, with his sax ready to play

something special. It was special all right! In the history of the Ohio Conference I doubt if any special music was ever *that* special! Andy played “Rock of Ages,” and I want to tell you, he nearly rocked that little church right off the map! I never ever realized “Rock of Ages” had such possibilities! He finished with a flourish and as he did my mind was a blur! There was one faint amen from Brother Johnnie Glass, which required great spiritual insight. But other than that, the little congregation took it all in stride.

I knew Brother Fred Numbers would take me aside and give me a little counsel, which I deserved, and which I needed, and which I expected. But that didn’t happen that day. The Ashtabula church, and their leadership were so happy to see Andy involved, they decided to overlook the “rock” in the “Rock of Ages” (for that day that is.) They were spiritually sensitive. They knew it could be a spiritual disaster to criticize this “in-law” of the church on his first effort to do something for the Lord, something special, like the special music! So they decided not to see or hear the bad. They thanked Andy at the close of the service and he was absolutely ecstatic! He offered to perform again. Perform was the right word. Andy was a performer from the word go. He meant no offense. To him, he was performing beautifully. I just thank the Lord that the Ohio Conference president, Elder Will Robbins, didn’t walk in during that performance!

They say, to be a good pastor, or elder, or teacher, or father or mother, you have to have one blind eye and one deaf ear. There are some things that you see that you don’t see and there are some things you hear that you don’t hear. That takes love and the Ashtabula church had an abundant supply of that. They would do almost anything to win a soul.

But something had to be done to get that “rock” out of the “Rock of Ages.” Someone had to talk to Andy Brenner. Guess who got that assignment? Stay tuned.

Yours for hearts of love,

B. E. Leach

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“There is need of showing Christlike patience and love for the erring one.” *Gospel Workers*, p. 31.

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