



THE Hour OF Prophecy . . .



Bob Thrower, Speaker
The Hour of Prophecy Radio Broadcast

Sharing the Gospel and Winning Souls

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Focus on the Cover

Sharing the Gospel and Winning Souls

Hour Of Prophecy Evangelism spells HOPE to thousands of American listeners who hear the broadcast daily on 12 AM and FM superpower radio stations. But for those who think this ministry is only a radio broadcast, Hour of Prophecy director Bob Thrower sets the record straight.

"Our goal is to share the gospel and to win souls! Our methods to achieve that goal have grown over the years to include our monthly newspaper, Revelation Seminars, revivals, brochures, church growth seminars, cassette tape sermons, and public evangelism."



(Left)
Bob Thrower,
Director and Speaker

(Right)
Frank Moore,
Chairman of Radio Board

The Hour of Prophecy newspaper contains articles on current national issues discussed from a Christian point of view, as well as doctrinal studies and updates on Hour of Prophecy activities.

Letters to Thrower tell him how people respond to HOPE. One came recently from a prison chaplain. "Sir: I have just looked through the current issue (of the newspaper) and am impressed with Robert Odom's 'The First Day of the Week in the New Testament,' Part II. May I please have a copy of the previous issue so I may bring this matter up to completion? On the Sabbath day of June 4 I was privileged to worship in the Lexington, Kentucky church and was mightily impressed with much that I found. For quite some time I have been holding Sabbath morning services in addition to the 'traditional' Sunday morning services, and the former has had much more appeal and substance than the latter. Perhaps my experience in Lexington affirmed what I had been suspecting. I will look further into it and see what transpires."

The radio broadcast remains the best-known arm of the Hour of Prophecy ministry. Stations carrying the program include XERF, the world's most powerful AM station. With a recent increase in power, Thrower says, XERF now allows him to share the gospel with the greatest portion of America during prime time in the evenings. The 1570 AM station carries the program at 7:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time, Monday through Friday.

The focus of the program since August has been a series of daily studies on the entire book of Revelation. "We're studying right through the whole book," explains Thrower, "and this will enable us to preach all the doctrines of the church with Christ in the center."

Because radio signals don't carry as great a distance during the summer as during the fall and winter, donations to the Hour of Prophecy usually go down during the summer. Although it is a subsidiary of the Texas Conference, the Hour of Prophecy depends on donations from listeners and friends to keep its various services in operation.

Thrower says that the best way to aid the ministry is through systematic giving, although an emergency gift now would really help.

Gifts may be sent to the Hour of Prophecy, P.O. Box 1417, Fort Worth, TX 76101.

"The employees here at the Hour of Prophecy are the kind of people who want our ministry to succeed," concludes Thrower. "Why do we care? Because it's our job and duty, and above all, because what we are doing is the greatest business in all the world, sharing the gospel and winning souls! This is why we ask every year that people help share the gospel in the framework of God's last warning message found in Revelation 14:6-12."

Spotlight on Soul Winning

Texas Youth Win 300 Souls

Cyril Miller, president of the Texas Conference, came back from his visit to Mexico thrilled with the possibilities of youth ministry. He learned there of ministers in their 20's and 30's baptizing 100, 200, and even 500 every year.

As he shared his enthusiasm with his staff, the plan materialized to use youth in the very successful adult program of Revelation seminars. As newly appointed director of youth ministries for the Texas Conference, my first assignment was to conduct five youth rallies around the conference to gather lay support for the program and encourage young people to help.

"The 200" Texas Youth was our motto — 200 Texas youth willing to serve the Lord in seminar evangelism. The students in three Texas academies also heard of this bold venture for Christ.

When all the names were in, there were more than 325! We contacted 50 pastors willing to have the youth conduct Revelation seminars in their districts. Over 200 English-speaking and 100 Spanish-speaking youth participated in a weekend training session at Nameless Valley Ranch.

The halls were rented, the supplies were sent, and 50 teams of trained youth took this momentous step in faith, beginning their seminars simultaneously.

1982 was the Texas Conference's greatest soul-winning year, with over 2,000 souls! The youth seminars brought in 300 of those baptisms.

Since the word has gotten out, we have been overjoyed with calls from almost every part of North America and other continents, asking for help in beginning youth Revelation seminars.

Sensing the need to develop even more powerful tools for this growing and effective form of evangelism, the Texas Conference has developed a new set of four-color lessons on glossy paper, authored by Bill May. Beautiful new Bibles have been stocked, and a new brochure has been developed.

We believe in evangelism in Texas!

We believe in youth in Texas!

Laymen, youth, and a few pastors are now busy, conducting Revelation seminars all over Texas.

The writer and other Texas Conference staff members are available to answer questions and help in planning these programs. These services are offered: youth training sessions,

ministers' training sessions, planning and strategy consultations, and diagnostic analysis (school/conference/union).

For information about these materials and services, write or call Herman Griffin, Revelation Seminars Resource Center, Texas Conference, P.O. Box 66, Keene, TX 76059; 817/641-4792.

Robert L. Boney,
Texas Conference Area Administrator,
for the Dallas/East Texas Area.

General News

Sacrifice Week Calls for Special Giving

What will you give this year for the Week of Sacrifice Offering? It is scheduled for October 29.

Like everything else, the cost of our world missions program continues to increase. The Week of Sacrifice Offering is one of several that, along with the Sabbath school offerings are crucial in supporting missions.

Traditionally, the Week of Sacrifice Offering has been a challenge to church members to respond in a way that goes beyond routine giving. The word sacrifice suggests a gift that can only be made by foregoing some other expenditure, or depriving ourselves of something — a gift that demands more than we can provide from our regular personal or family operating budget.

The suggestion was made in years past that we stretch ourselves in this giving to reach an amount equal to a week's wages, or at least one day's income.

The motive for all our giving, of course, should be our love and devotion to our God, and our personal dedication to the task He has assigned to us to do in the earth.

Shall we not plan ahead for the Week of Sacrifice Offering, on October 29, and seriously seek to make it an extraordinary gift?

B. E. Leach, President,
Southwestern Union Conference.

New Media Bible Film Offered

Andrews University announces the availability of a unique audio-visual evangelistic tool for Seventh-day Adventist Churches in the United States. It is a special 71-minute film entitled "The Death and Resurrection of Jesus," a combination of four films, all part of the New Media Bible. Revenue from the films will go to help send the New Media Bible to Seventh-day Adventist ministries in many parts of the world.

"The Death and Resurrection" film will be available on an offering only basis through the Teaching Materials & Learning Center at Andrews University (Director: Richard K. Powell Ed.D), Berrien Springs, MI 49104 Tel: 616/471-3272. Should churches prefer, they may pay a minimum donation (\$50 for churches under 100 members; \$75 for 200 or less, and \$100 for 200 or more membership). This special program is being co-sponsored by The Biblical Media Foundation, an organization dedicated to raising funds for groups needing authentic Biblical media.

"The Death and Resurrection of Jesus" is a word-for-word presentation of Luke 19:29 to Luke 24:52, showing Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and the Ascension. The film reflects years of careful research. Every artifact, costume, and detail of Bible life and times was given consideration. Even the colors of clothes are what would have been seen in Palestine 2,000 years ago.

There is an agreement that 25% of the freewill offering received will be sent to the Biblical Media Foundation. Seventy-five percent of the offering will be retained by Andrews University in a designated fund for expenses and the purchase of the New Media Bible for Seventh-day Adventist ministries worldwide. Currently requests have been received from union missions in the North Philippines, South China, and East Indonesia. A church showing a film may designate where the mission money will be used for Biblical Media purchases.

New VOP Station Logs Ready

Every area of the United States now has its own local radio station guide to Voice of Prophecy broadcasts. In all, there are 22 editions, each listing the stations for two or three states.

A quantity of these new guides has been sent to every Seventh-day Adventist church. Individuals may request a packet containing a personal-sized supply by writing: VOP, Box 55, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

The cover of the radio station guide emphasizes the idea that "Now, you can understand the Bible better." Inside is the promise that the Bible offers solutions for today's problems.

The recipient is invited to tune in the Sunday and daily radio broadcasts, and to enroll in the adult, youth, or junior Bible study series by mail. A tear-off response card makes it easy to "join the 2,000,000 people who have already asked for the New Life guides."

Industrial Management Training Offered

Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) is working with Andrews University to develop a degree program in industrial management to begin in the fall of 1983. After one year the student would receive a certificate enabling him to step into a supervisory position. The second year leads to a college associate of technology degree that would allow the



H.M.S. Richards is congratulated by Robert R. Frame, chairman of the Voice of Prophecy Board of Directors, at a celebration in honor of Elder Richards' 89th birthday. At left is H.M.S. Richards, Jr. On the table are an oversized birthday card signed by all the VOP staff, a basket with some of the greetings sent in by friends and donors, and a birthday cake in the shape of a pulpit. Elder Richards was 89 on August 28.

graduate to fill a managerial position. The bachelor of technology degree program consists of a total of four years placing the graduate in a managerial position in any size industry. The program includes courses from technology, business, communication, and behavioral science. The students will be required to take field placement at an industry or small business.

Wes Shultz, dean of the College of Technology at Andrews, says, "We feel that this new program in industrial management will be one of the fastest growing academic areas offered by the College of Technology. Because of ASI's interest in this field we expect 100 students to be enrolled in this program within the next three years."

"On Adventist college and academy campuses there is a need to create more work opportunities. ASI members have said they will relocate their businesses or add branches to their organizations if there are enough supervisory and managerial personnel."

"The University will place students where they will get hands-on experience. In addition, the student will be able to choose from a variety of electives to create an emphasis in the program, such as wood working or welding. With this new program Andrews will be able to offer graduates who qualify many excellent opportunities."

For further information, write to: M. W. Shultz, Dean, College of Technology, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104; or call toll free 800/253-2874.

Attorney Harold J. Lance, *President;*

Elder Kenneth H. Livesay,

Executive Secretary and Treasurer;

ASI — Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries.

Health Happenings in the Southwest . . .

Fred Murray, Director

Hays Memorial Opens New Facility

A new, four-story, 109-bed facility was opened on September 4, 1983, by Hays Memorial hospital in San Marcos, Texas, according to George H. Dashner, president. The opening culminated a building program of nearly two years.

An open house on August 28 was attended by about 2,000 who were given tours of the building. Guests for the occasion included, besides local dignitaries: Donald Welch of Orlando, Florida, president of the Adventist Health System; Robert E. Trimble of Burleson, Texas, regional vice-president of Adventist Health System/Sunbelt; B. E. Leach, Southwestern Union Conference president; and Cyril Miller, Texas Conference president.

The new hospital has cost over \$15,000,000, a major portion of which was financed through the sale of tax-exempt bonds. Citizens of Hays County pledged over \$800,000 toward the cost of equipment and furnishings.

Hays Memorial Hospital opened in March, 1960, and was leased for operation to the Texas Conference. With the completion of this building project, the hospital is now owned and operated by the Adventist Health System/Sunbelt.



The new Hays Memorial Hospital.



George H. Dashner, president.



Other speakers: (Left to right) Donald Welch, B. E. Leach and Robert E. Trimble.

Southwestern Adventist College

Southwestern Enrolls 700-Plus

Southwestern Adventist College officials have released fall enrollment figures, showing 708 students in classes at the school.

The number is 99.99 percent of last year's total of 712. Enrollment for each of the past six years has been between 700 and 744 students.

"I am very pleased with this number," says Larry Wilson, assistant to the president and director of enrollment. "Since the size of last spring's high school graduating classes was smaller, we could realistically have expected a 5 percent drop this fall."

A breakdown of college statistics shows 334 men and 374 women enrolled, with students coming from 43 states and 24 foreign countries, including Brazil, South Africa, Hong Kong, Nigeria and Yugoslavia.

Physics Professor Attends Conference

Dr. Harold Wright, assistant professor of physics at Southwestern Adventist College, recently attended the 15th International Conference of Statistical Physics and Thermodynamics in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he presented the results of his doctoral research on the statistical mechanics of gravity in the stars, or what Wright calls "the physics of chaos."

Besides being a breakthrough in this field, Wright's research may impact other, more "practical" fields. Research of the "physics of chaos" may help doctors understand the sudden shift in the heart making a transition from regular beating to irregular, or from equilibrium to chaos, says Wright.

To date, Wright has received inquiries concerning his research from labs in Italy, Belgium, Norway, Canada, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Australia and the United States, and will publish his research in a future issue of *Physical Review*. The reviewer of Wright's paper for the magazine noted that it was "excellent research in an area of major interest in physics today."

The paper was co-authored by Bruce Miller, Wright's dissertation adviser at Texas Christian University. Mathematician William Stein of Texas A&M also helped in the research.



Dr. Hal Wright looks up from his computer terminal as he explains his dissertation on the "physics of chaos."

(Photo by Larry Cooke)

By devising a computer model of a one-dimensional galaxy, giving each star velocity (speed) and mass (weight), and adding the mathematical equivalent of gravity, Wright showed that it takes much longer for the stars to reach a state of equilibrium than had been previously predicted. In fact, previous predictions were off by a factor of a million, he says.

The process of reaching equilibrium, he explained, can be compared to cream dissolving in a cup of coffee. When the cream is first poured in, the system is not in equilibrium in that the coffee and cream are mixing. After they are totally dissolved into each other, the system will have reached a state of equilibrium.

Though such research may seem, and is, quite hard for the nonphysicist to understand, Wright said he felt like a "freshman" among the other 465 participants at the conference. He noted, "it was an exhilarating experience to rub shoulders with international leaders in the physics community."

Dean Publishes Fourth Poetry Book

Gerald Colvin, vice president for academic affairs at Southwestern Adventist College, has recently published his fourth book of poetry, a compilation of inspirational poetry titled *Now Will I Sing*.

Written over the past 25 years, the new book focuses on "down-home," positive and humorous selections, explains Colvin, and is dedicated to Southwestern Adventist College, "the school of the Mizpah gate." The book's cover displays the outline of that campus landmark. Colvin is a 1959 graduate of Southwestern.

Published by Resource Publications,



Dr. Gerald Colvin looks over the first copy of his new book of poetry, *NOW WILL SING*.

(Photo by Larry Cooke)

Now I Sing is available at Adventist Book Centers, and is also being sold in the College Bookstore.

Colvin has written three earlier books of poetry: *Celebration Poems*, *Days of Lilac* and *Meditation Poems*. His other books are *Counseling for Christian Education* and *The Emerging Christian*.

According to Dr. E. Paul Torrance, professor of educational psychology, University of Georgia, and director of Georgia Studies of Creative Behavior, "Colvin has achieved an excellent variety in subject matter, variety, and length. I have found many of the pieces provocative and excellent stimuli for meditation."

Arkansas- Louisiana

DON SCHNEIDER, Correspondent

Another CYB Cabin Updated

The idea is catching on! Camp Yorktown Bay has had an ongoing project of updating cabins. Churches in the conference volunteer to do a cabin as their project.

Shreveport First church has been the latest volunteer to insulate, install inside wallboard, windows, and put in a new door.

Pastor Don McAnally brought a volunteer crew one Sunday during the summer for a work bee. There are now three finished cabins at CYB.

A dozen men can quickly finish the job in one working day. All the church does is supply the man power and the money for the materials. The camp management will see that the building



Pastor Don McAnally (second from left) and his crew of workers take a little break from their remodeling job.



Future occupants of the Chipmunk cabin will have an attractive, remodeled cabin to stay in, thanks to the Shreveport First church.

materials are on site whenever the church decides to work. For further details, contact Bill Wood at the conference office, or Camp Ranger, Ron Becker at CYB.

Singles Spill on Canoe Trip

Some of the New Orleans folk who went on the Adventist Singles canoe trip can certainly say that it was a "never-to-be-forgotten" experience. One of the canoeists, Mike Shoen, youngest member on the trip, capsized twice, but was still first to finish the 11 miles with Jueth Hyde from the Islands in Honduras. Elvira Incardona, Adventist Singles Ministry historian tipped over four times, lost her keys, and other valuables. "I'll never forget my first canoe trip," she recalls. "Even though the water was low, it was still fast-moving; all the logs were showing in the Bogue Chitto Mississippi River, and the canoe just wouldn't stay right side up!"

Denny Nelson, Club Adventurer co-

ordinator, was responsible for the disaster. "Of course, I didn't mean for everybody to get wet, but we still had fun, and fortunately, no one drowned even though we did lose our lunches. Hope the fish enjoyed them."

After the trip the travelers were able to assess the results of the day's adventures. Some had lost their shoes as well as their lunches. "And I got the most black-and-blue marks," decided Doris Kopko looking at her arms and legs. Dottie Hogg and Elvira were able to count some black-and-blue marks also. Even former Singles president, Dave Skolfield, and Dot Reilly did not come out unscathed. Their canoe went over five times!

Diane Butler, Singles Club president, and Keith Dillon, experienced canoeists, did not overturn. However, it wasn't all smooth sailing for them either, because they had to spend most of the day rescuing the other singles. "But we had fun, anyway, and maybe next time everyone will be more experienced."

Thomas Kopko, Pastor, Metairie, Louisiana, Church.



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Mike Shoen (left), youngest member on the canoe trip, Elvira Incardona, club historian, and Denny Nelson, club adventure coordinator, enjoyed the trip, spills and all.

Oklahoma

BEAMAN SENECA, JR., Correspondent

Cox Crusade Packs Tulsa Church

The Kenneth Cox Crusade opened in the Tulsa church September 10 with almost 1,200 packing the sanctuary, overflow room, and children's services.

Hubert Cisneros, pastor of the Tulsa church, has been joined by 13 pastors from other districts to make this the major crusade of 1983 for the Oklahoma Conference.

The laymen from Tulsa and surrounding churches are supporting the meet-



Several of the participating pastors and evangelistic team at the Tulsa crusade: (left to right) Dan McIntosh, Mike McPeters, Evangelist Kenneth Cox, Al Anderson, Phil Draper, Ed Holton, Hubert Cisneros, Jim Ferguson, Richard Barrett, and Jim King.

ings and buses are bringing visitors from three area churches.

The preparations for this crusade have been the priority for the Tulsa area and Jerry V. Schnell, Oklahoma evangelism coordinator, is anticipating a strong meeting.

Pastors joining Cisneros are: Albert Anderson, Guymon; Don Baker, Stillwater; Richard Barrett, Sapulpa; Gordon Burton, Bartlesville; Jim Ferguson, Owasso; Don Fortner, Ketchum; Ed Holton, Ardmore; Frank Jenkins, Tahlequah; Jim King, McAlester; Dan McIntosh, Shawnee; Michael McPeters, Duncan; Larry Priest, Broken Arrow; and Royce Splawn, Vinita.



Richard McGehee, in charge of arrangements at the Cox Crusade gives pointers on traffic control to Willie Klink who's father and mother are part of the Cox team.

Muskogee Church Honors Fathers

The Muskogee Sabbath School honored their fathers on Father's Day by a special recognition. The youngest father was Loyd Mendenhall; the father having the most children present in Sabbath School that day was Bud Amerson; and the oldest father was Charles Sheppard.



Left to right: Phil Draper, member of the Cox Crusade team, Evangelist Kenneth Cox, and Hubert Cisneros, Tulsa pastor, preparing for the crusade.



Registration desk at Tulsa crusade: (left to right seated) Imogene Bohannon, Evelyn Hold, Gloria Childers, (standing) Dorothy Wall, head greeter, and Jean Sumpter.

Ira Gilliam, Sabbath School superintendent, presented a book to each of these fathers.

Ira Gilliam,
Communication Secretary.



Linda Sharp, in charge of child care at the Cox Crusade comforts one of the children.



Left to right: Loyd Mendenhall, Bud Amerson, and Charles Sheppard of the Muskogee church.

ABC Book Displays

The **OKLAHOMA ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER** has planned a number of book displays for the fall season. These displays are held for the benefit of those who cannot come in to our store in Oklahoma City. Please look over our schedule and plan now to attend the display in your area.

Saturday, October 15	Tulsa Adventist Academy	Following Meeting
Sunday, October 16	Sapulpa Church	3:00-5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 17	Bristow Junior Academy	5:00-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 22	Okeene Adventist School	Following Sundown
Sunday, October 23	Enid Church	4:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 29	Jay Adventist School	Following Sundown
Sunday, October 30	Ketchum Junior Academy	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 31	Claremore Adventist School	5:00-7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 1	Bartlesville Adventist School	5:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 5	Ardmore Church	Following Sundown
Sunday, November 6	Lawton Adventist School	3:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 12	Shattuck Junior Academy	Following Sundown
Sunday, November 13	Guymon Church	4:00-6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 14	Elk City Church	5:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 19	Muskogee Church	Following Sundown
Sunday, November 20	Sallisaw Church	3:00-5:00 p.m.
Monday, November 21	Tahlequah Adventist School	5:00-7:00 p.m.

For your convenience we now have a toll free telephone number, **1-800-522-2665**. We want you to think about your needs and then call ahead so that we can be sure to have the goods available to you when we come to your area. This is especially true of case foods. Plan to do your Christmas shopping this year at your **ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER** or the book display in your area. Remember that the Spirit Of Prophecy is 20% off until the end of 1983. Don't delay!

Community Services at Expo X

Vera Wolfe, Oklahoma Conference community services director, led out in the Adventist booth at EXPO X, a volunteer exposition at Shepherd Mall in Oklahoma City.

This is the eighth year that Mrs. Wolfe has participated in this citywide showcase of volunteer oriented agencies.

Volunteers from the Central church joined in screening 650 persons for blood pressure. This was one of the busier booths in the exposition and there were generally several waiting in line.

The seven volunteers were: Susan Brewer, Margaret Lehenbauer, Lonnie and Rebecca Litchfield, Dick Lorenz, Shirley Schnell, and Diane Ward.



Vera Wolfe displays "Smoking Sam" assisted by Dr. Sidney Morse at the Exposition Ten Volunteer Fair at Shepherd Mall in Oklahoma City.



Taking blood pressures at the Exposition Ten Volunteer Fair were Diane Ward (seated on right) and Vera Wolfe (standing).

Spanish Colporteurs Help Oklahoma City, Tulsa Churches

Each year in April it is time to recruit students for a summer program. We encourage students every year to go out and spread the gospel of the printed page. This helps to develop the student's spiritual condition, his working habits, and also to train him how to meet people of different cultures. This is helping form their Christian character to become pastors, teachers, health workers, full-time literature evangelists, and evangelists.

This year six bilingual students were recruited to help our first Spanish church in Oklahoma City pastored by Claudio Consuegra. Five of these students from Montemorelos University, Mexico, worked under Pastor Consuegra. We encouraged these five students to place as many books in the homes as

possible and also to look for good Bible study interests for the church pastor.

Pastor Consuegra said they were a big asset to his church this summer. They gave him several Bible study interests, helped with a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, and helped the church with Sabbath School and church services. The other bilingual students worked in the Tulsa area preparing for next year. These six students delivered over \$63,000.00 worth of truth-filled literature in 10-week period. The highest, having over \$17,000.00 delivered, was C. E. Suescun, a theology major who was a pastor for several years and is now taking the medical course at Montemorelos University. The lowest in sales was over \$5,000.00.

Next year our plans are to continue this effort in Oklahoma City and to help establish our Spanish work in the Tulsa area also.

Barry George,
Publishing Director.

Southwest Region

W. C. JONES, Correspondent

ATTENTION...

**Southwest Region
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of Arkansas and
Louisiana —**

See page 12F for details on upcoming Sabbath School Workshops to be held jointly with the Arkansas Louisiana Conference.

Texas

WARREN SKILTON, Correspondent

Gainesville Seminars Win Souls

The Gainesville Seventh-day Adventist Church firmly believes in Revelation Seminars, and as a result have added several members to the church.

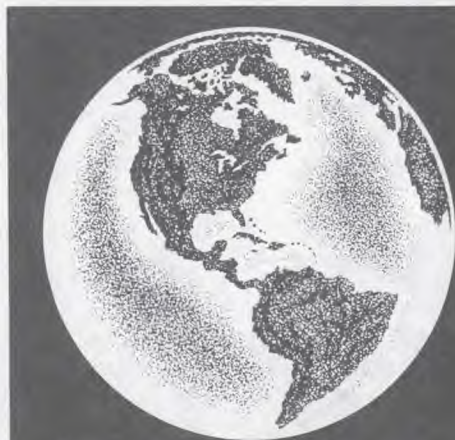
Mrs. Pauline Kirkland was a Seventh-day Adventist several years ago in California, but as the years went by she drifted away. She thought many times of returning again to California to find the religion that she once knew. After hearing the Revelation Seminar, and attending with her 84-year old aunt, she said, "I do not have to go to California, this is the truth!" After the sixth lesson, she requested baptism and was baptized.

Mr. and Mrs. Salazar have also been attending these seminars. Another lady and her two teenage daughters, and the Salazar's three daughters, have all requested baptism, and will do so by the grace of God.

Two more Seminars began September 18 and 19. One in Sanger, conducted by Jim Peterson, the other in Gainesville conducted by Steve Schmidtkofer, a recent convert himself of a Revelation Seminar.

Hazel Strader Oliver,
Communication Secretary.

Thanksgiving Evangelism Offering



1% of Income to Texas Evangelism

Seerys Accept Mission Call

A recent Saturday night social at the Cleburne church honored Kenneth and Becky Seery and their young son, Nathan. The Seerys, residents of Alvarado, left Texas in late September for a six-year term of mission service for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Zambia.

They will be stationed at the Mwami Adventist Hospital and Leprosarium in Chipata, where Kenneth will be employed as maintenance director, or as he termed it, Mr. Fixit. Since the 175-bed hospital has recently completed a major building and renovation project, his main concern will be with upkeep.

The Seerys recently attended a seminar in Berrien Springs, Michigan,



Nathan Seery and a toy truck as his going away gift.



Kenneth and Becky Seery, with miniature car stuffed with gift money from the Cleburne church.

designed as an orientation for missionaries under appointment. Their term will be broken at the end of three years with a three-month furlough to the United States.

At the social, fellow church members and friends presented the Seerys with a miniature four-wheel-drive vehicle packed with dollar bills and a "daddy's-helper" miniature work truck for ten-month-old Nathan, and wished them Godspeed in their new adventure.

Alberta Brown, Cleburne Church Associate Communication Secretary.

Boy Interprets at Durango Church

How many earlsteens would be willing, or able if they were willing, to preach to their own parents, aunts and uncles, not

to mention occasional visitors in church?

Many of the members may not know it; it could be that even the preacher, especially if he were a visiting minister, might be unaware of it; but the only link between him and the occupants of the last two benches on the right side of the Durango Spanish church in San Antonio, Texas, is a 13-year-old boy named Ramon Rodriguez.

Both of his parents, several aunts and uncles, and the friends they sometimes bring to church, are all deaf. They can read the hymns, even if they can't hear the tunes; and they can read the Bible verses, that is, if someone shows them which ones to read. But the sermon would be a total blank except for Ramon's nimble fingers. Since he is the only hearing person in the congregation who knows the Sign Language, he is the only one who could act as interpreter. Quite a responsibility, isn't it, for a young boy?

How many deaf people live in the Texas Conference territory? How many of them know that Jesus is coming again? If some of them should visit one of our churches some Sabbath, would they find someone able to greet them with more than a smile and a handshake, able to help them to "hear" the sermon, and to invite them to come again?

Helene Wollschlaeger.



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SCHEDULE

Friday, October 14, 7:30 p.m.

"My search for the Lord's Day at the Vatican"

Sabbath, October 15:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service — "The Sabbath as Service"

11:30 a.m. Worship Service —
"Divine Rest for Human Restlessness"

5:30 p.m. "Holy Day or Holiday?"*

6:30 p.m. "Questions and Answers"*

*There will be films shown for children to age 9.



20 BAPTIZED IN ROBSTOWN — As a result of evangelistic meetings conducted by Victor Collins, 20 converts were baptized. In the picture above, Elder Collins (fourth from left) prepares for a baptism. Jorge Morales, Robstown pastor is on the right. In the picture below Elder Morales baptizes one of the converts.



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Denison Helps Alicia Victims

Dorothy Brock, community services director of the Denison church, recently saw her church become a clothing depot for Hurricane Alicia victims.

All areas of the media gave full support to the extent of five tons of clothing, along with bedding and food.



Front of Denison church.



Channel 12 of Denison interviews Dorothy Brock concerning needs of Hurricane Alicia victims.

VALLEY GRANDE ACADEMY Alumni Weekend

October 28-30, 1983

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Texico

DON SULLIVAN, Correspondent

Southern Texico Holds Stewardship Rally

August 27 was Stewardship Rally Day for the entire Odessa Spanish district. All three churches — Odessa, Saragosa, and Van Horn — came together at the Saragosa church for the occasion. Young people from all three churches led the Sabbath School.

During the 11:00 o'clock hour, Elder Jose Hernandez, district pastor, challenged the entire district and its individual members to faithfulness as stewards of our Lord.

After a fellowship dinner at the Mission School, a musical program was presented, with the Odessa Spanish Church Choir and others participating. Then three of the students from Montemorelos who worked in Odessa as student literature evangelists during the summer — Manuel Alcudia, Marcos Alcudia, and Esteban Quiyono — presented a program. They emphasized Christian education and how the work of literature evangelists can be used to help in financing it.

The whole day's activity was a revival for all who were present.

Farewell to Frosts in Midland

August, 1980, brought a rich blessing from the Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, to the Midland/Odessa/Big Spring District, for it brought the Frost family to Midland. Rex and Donna came with service as their motto. The Lord worked through them in marvelous ways and progress was made all over the district and in dark counties beyond.

We saw the Frost children — David, Shelly, Holly and Melanie — grow and change so fast.

All too soon came August, 1983, when the Frosts received and accepted a call to the El Paso Central and Northeast churches. Although it was sad news to us, we realize we are the great Advent Movement!

Some families were on vacation, but many gathered on the school lawn to fellowship, to express appreciation and



Rex Frost

to talk of the blessed hope as they wished their pastor and his family well in their new field of labor.

Secrets were buzzing and fingers were flying as preparation was made for this farewell party. For the program a friendship poem was given by Kathryn Qualls. An acrostic poem, by Donna Barrosa, was recited by the children as they held up the letters of the word "good-bye".

A main feature of the program was the presentation of a beautiful friendship quilt with the names of the Midland church families embroidered or painted on the blocks. Some ladies made blocks for the elderly and those who had moved recently or were on vacation.

One of Donna Frost's enthusiastic remarks was, "This we will always treasure as we use it and think of you." Most of the quilt blocks had a suitable motif that immediately reminded others of the person's vocation or personality (hammer for carpenter, gold tooth for dentist, roses for flower lovers). The block for our oldest active member, Mary Dockett (96) boasted of hats, because she wears one every Sabbath, year round. She has a great variety of them.

The Frosts arrived at their new post in El Paso August 31. We wish them God's richest blessings as they continue to serve Him.

Evangeline Richman,
Communication Secretary.

Alamogordo Graduates Two from Church School

Alamogordo Church School graduation was held May 26. The two eighth graders were Eric Weed and Scott Efid. The church was beautifully decorated with red and white paper streamers and flowers made by the students. The younger students walked in the procession carrying lighted candles and stood along the aisles. Then the two graduates entered, followed by Mrs. Sylvia Scott, teacher; Robert Weatherman, school board chairman; and Bill Hagee, speaker.

All 12 students participated in the program, beginning with a poem of welcome by first grader, Sara Scott. The beautiful ceremony included songs and inspirational talks. The seventh-graders read the tributes to the parents of the two graduates, while Scott pinned flowers on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Efid; and Eric on his mother, Mrs. Dottie Weed, and his brother, Matthew.

After the graduation ceremony



Front row: Bradley Newkirch, Annette Gailey, Amber Muncy, Shawn Gailey, Dawn Weatherman, Danny Eford, Billy Muncy, Sara Scott. Back row: Graduates Scott Eford and Eric Weed. Sitting: Speaker Bill Hagee and School Board Chairman Robert Weatherman.

refreshments were served in the basement, where tables were decorated with red and white streamers and flowers. Scott and Eric read their prophecies about their fellow students and willed them some of their discarded possessions. The graduates were congratulated by all.

Emma G. Lopez,
Communication Secretary.

Reminiscing with the Borger Church

The Borger church was organized in 1939 and as the years passed it outgrew its first meeting place. We are thankful for the early pioneers who labored to help it grow.

If we could roll the clock back 25 years to July 19, 1958, we'd see Elder L. C. Evans addressing an overflow crowd at the dedication of the Borger church. We'd also see Paul Mauk taking his place with the rest of the members gathered there.

Paul was born February 17, 1910, in Independence, Kansas. He moved to Borger in 1933 and returned to Oklahoma to marry Elverta Alexander in January, 1934. Paul and Elverta came back to Borger to make their home and raise their two daughters, Viola Pauline and Nellie Pearl. Paul is now retired from Phillips Petroleum Company after 40 years.

During the years Paul has done much for the church which perhaps at times has been taken for granted. In 1973 he initiated and carried through the plan of



Paul Mauk

displaying the Texico Disaster Relief Van at the local fair at Phillips. Several thousand pieces of literature were given away to interested people who toured the van and discovered what Adventists do in their welfare ministry.

No doubt Paul would agree with Matthew, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Karen May.

Children Present Program in Portales

The Portales church was happy to have the 13th Sabbath program presented on June 25 by the three Sabbath School divisions — kindergarten, primary and youth.

The kindergarten children, led by Pat Harper, Janice Osborn, and Ethel Firestone, sang some of the songs they like so well. Though small in number, they give plenty of life to this department.

The primary children, led by Corene Cooper and Avis Sillivent, presented a well-prepared mission appeal in verse and song, "This Little Light of Mine." The youth department, under the lead-

Portales children in thirteenth Sabbath program.



ership of Dennis Harper and Juanita McElwain, presented their artistic conception of the animals in Daniel, which they have been studying.

We appreciate these young people. What a responsibility is ours to teach and lead them in the right way!

Maree Mathis,
Communication Secretary.

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by ROBERT H. PIERSON

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A Tall Order

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She puts her shoulder under real, not imaginary, burdens.

She is understanding and thoughtful.

Thus Ellen White sums up "the characteristics of a companionable wife and mother."

A tall order? Yes. But the results are reassuring. She continues, "Many a man would thus be led to choose the society of his home before that of the clubhouse or the saloon. Many a boy would be kept from the street or the corner grocery. Many a girl would be saved from frivolous, misleading associations. The influence of the home would be to parents and children what God designed it should be, a lifelong blessing." —*Adventist Home*, p. 110.

At Rest

CAUSEY, Carl Raymond, was born in Gonzales, LA, Sept. 8, 1918, and died Feb. 23, 1983, in Ponchatoula, LA. He was married to the former Annette Thompson who survives him. They had three sons: Glenn, James, and Danny, who also survive as well as six grandchildren. Others who mourn his passing are three brothers: Vernon, J. W., and Marion; and four sisters: Mrs. Eunice Bouregois, Mrs. Nonie Braud, Mrs. Theola Himes, and Mrs. Mamie Kruger.

He was a faithful member of the Hammond, LA church, and the funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Jerry Waggoner. Interment was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

DILLARD, John Dewey, born at Bonnerdale, AR, Aug. 7, 1898, to Hansford Dillard and Melissa Ewing Dillard, died in a Hot Springs hospital July 4, 1983. He was married to Pearl Hildreth in Oct. 1942.

In 1942 he made his affiliation with the Seventh-day Adventist church in Little Rock, AR, where he

served as elder for many years. He was a retired maintenance worker for the Lion Oil Company, returning to Bonnerdale for retirement. A few years ago a mowing accident resulted in the amputation of a foot, but he was as active as his disability would allow.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl; one son, Don Bass, of Little Rock; one daughter, Frances Fikes, of Hot Springs; one brother, Allen Dillard of Bonnerdale; two sisters, Ruth Whisenant of California and Josephine Lamber of Texas. Interment was in the cemetery beside the little Adventist church in Bonnerdale that he loved so much.

W. G. Larson.

KIBBEY, Elliott Warren, born Aug. 6, 1912, in Bonnerdale, AR, died June 24, 1983, in a Little Rock hospital after a lingering illness of several months. Most of his life was spent in Bonnerdale, where he met and married Grace Wright in 1912. In 1927 he made his affiliation with the Seventh-day Adventist Church to which he was faithful until the end. Besides being an aircraft mechanic, he was also a skilled watch repairman, specializing in antique watches.

He is survived by his wife Grace; three daughters, Joan, Christine Young, and Charlene Payte. Burial was in the church cemetery at Bonnerdale.

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POYTHRESS, Eva Roach, was born in Caddo Parish, LA, Nov. 11, 1883, and went to sleep in Jesus Sept. 2, 1983. She accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of twelve years, and has been a faithful Seventh-day Adventist until her death. She was a charter member of the Shreveport Seventh-day Adventist church.

She leaves to mourn her death one sister, Ruby Ashlock; one son, J. Robert Smith of Natchitoches, LA; one grandson also of Natchitoches; besides several nieces and nephews.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.
J. H. Wardrop.

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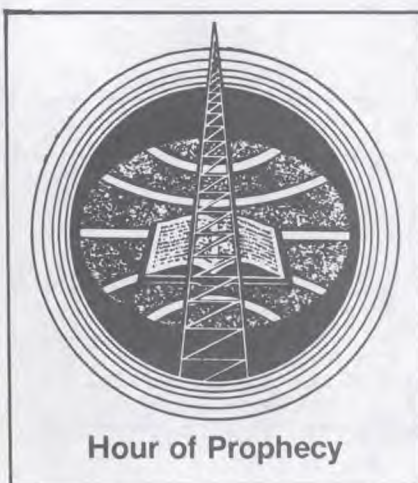
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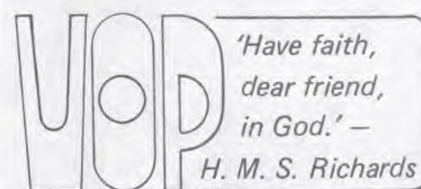
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Abilene, Texas	7:08	7:00	6:53	5:46
Amarillo, Texas	7:14	7:05	6:57	5:50
Brownsville, Texas	7:03	6:57	6:51	5:46
Dallas, Texas	6:55	6:47	6:40	5:33
El Paso, Texas	6:35	6:27	6:20	5:14
Fort Worth, Texas	6:57	6:49	6:42	5:35
Galveston, Texas	6:50	6:43	6:37	5:31
Gentry, Arkansas	6:44	6:35	6:27	5:20
Keene, Texas	6:57	6:49	6:42	5:35
Little Rock, Arkansas	6:36	6:27	6:20	5:13
Muskogee, Oklahoma	6:48	6:39	6:31	5:24
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:31	6:23	6:17	5:11
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	6:57	6:48	6:40	5:33
San Antonio, Texas	7:05	6:58	6:52	5:46
Santa Fe, New Mexico	6:30	6:21	6:13	5:05
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"My Cussin' Elder"

(Part 2)

My father, Elder C. V. Leach, often said, "The very best men — the very finest men, make mistakes." This is true. A cursory reading of the Bible will affirm that statement. The Bible speaks of "the sin that doth so easily beset us." If we are looking for perfection in words and conduct, we can only look to Jesus. He is the only perfect one. He is the only One who lived His whole life without sin.

I have known a few nearly perfectly spotless people. But even those make mistakes. They sin. On one occasion my father went to see Elder J. L. McElhaney, then president of the General Conference, on behalf of a successful young evangelist who was being investigated by some for sins made in his youth. After discussing this very promising young preacher with my father, Elder McElhaney made this comment, "Elder Leach, if we could use only men in the ministry who never made mistakes, we wouldn't have many workers. Even the General Conference, by that standard, would be pretty well wiped out." The young worker under discussion in that case was saved to the work and has gone on to become one of our most productive leaders in the church.

What is true of ministers is also true of local elders. They are all just mortal human beings who need the Lord and His forgiving grace every day that they live. If there were some way to place 100% surveillance on every preacher and local elder, day and night, 24 hours a day, around the clock, we would find the Bible is true. There is "none perfect." The Bible is true.

Peter was cursing and cussing, lying and betraying his Lord during the final hours of Christ's ministry. He spiritually fell flat on his face. He was truly sorry and repented with anguish and tears. Forty days (not weeks or months or years), just 40 days later he, a converted disciple, preached the great Pentecost sermon. Three thousand people were converted, baptized, and added to the church! Isn't that wonderful? Isn't that encouraging? It is to me.

Consider Saul who later became the apostle Paul. That great man of God was also a great sinner. Before he was converted he was out of breath pursuing God's saints. He was standing there holding the coat when Stephen was stoned to death. There is one thing you have to say for the apostle Paul — whatever he did, he did with vigor! But then Jesus entered the picture. He struck him down with these words, "Saul,

Saul, why persecutest thou me?" The man was dumbfounded. He surrendered and became a Christian of Christians — the great apostle to the Gentiles. From that day on, he made no mistakes. Right? Wrong! He called himself "chief of sinners." He said, "I die daily" (to sin). He had an abiding fear "lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

Paul could have become a first-class neurotic. He could have become a back-seat Christian, worrying himself to death, and every pastor assigned to his local church, by reviewing his terrible sins against God.

But Paul gives the secret and the answer to all those who have been great transgressors. In Phillipians 3:13,14 he writes, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

I doubt that many modern-day Christians will fall as often and as hard as did David. God called David "a man after mine own heart." Isn't that marvelous? How wonderful Jesus is. It was David's attitude toward God and sin that made him so dear to the heart of Deity. When Nathan the prophet said, "Thou art the man," David admitted his terrible sin in humility, sought forgiveness in sackcloth and ashes. That act drew him close to the heart of God.

How perfectly perfect does a man or a woman have to be to be used of God? If they have sinned, how long should they be made to wait before being used in some official capacity? Does the extension of mercy and forgiveness mean we are "soft on sin" or does it simply mean we approve of Jesus? Can a local elder who has a human weakness like getting mad and cussing have any place in leading a local church? Is he fit? (Stay tuned.)

Yours in praise to God that He can use imperfect human beings in His work,

B. E. Leach

INSPIRED . . .

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I (Paul) am chief." I Timothy 1:15.

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