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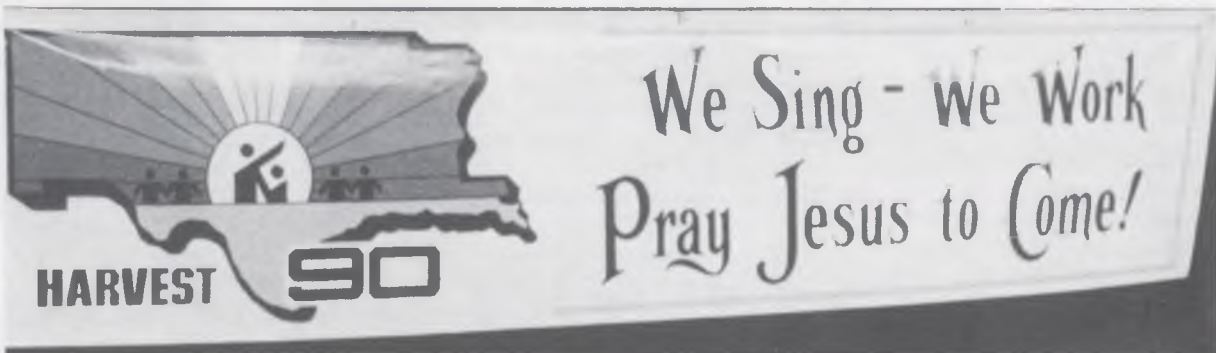
The Harvest 90 DOables

formed the basis of the plans of all of the departments of the Southwestern Union in their recent annual Council and Planning Session.

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The Council motto hung over the general meeting platform.



(Above) The Harvest 90 DOables condensed to one key word and graphically illustrated on banners at the Departmental Council.



(Right) Cyril Miller with native arrows he brought as a souvenir from Mexico. They were shown as an illustration for his keynote message on enthusiasm.

Southwestern Union Leaders Meet

By Charles R. Beeler

Administrators and departmental leaders of the Southwestern Union and its five local conferences met for their annual Departmental Council and Planning Session in Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 16-20, 1986.

The meeting was under the general direction of the Union officers — Cyril Miller, president, Clayton R. Pritchett, secretary, and Max Trevino, treasurer. Representatives of the North American Division and most of its departments and services were present as resource persons.

The motto of the session was:

We sing—We Work
Pray Jesus to come!

It was based on the General Conference's Harvest 90 theme song. The emphasis from beginning to end of the Council was on doing the Harvest 90 DOables in 1987 in every conference, every church, every school, and every institution in the field.

In his opening message, Cyril Miller called for doing the DOables with an "enthusiasm based on conviction." Every department, in its own council meeting was instructed to state its plans for the coming year in clear terms of how its programs would fit into and advance Harvest 90.

Harvest 90

The thrust of Harvest 90, of course, is to accelerate the winning of souls, with a goal of two million baptisms in this five-year

Charles R. Beeler is managing editor of the Record

term. But its scope is much broader. It seeks enrichment of the spiritual condition of the present members of the church, increasing their personal involvement in the church, and reducing membership losses through apostasy.

Departments Plan

Each union department director met with his associates and local conference counterparts, studying the accomplishments of the present year, grappling with the problems they had encountered, and laying plans and setting goals for the year to come. Once their work was done, each department group met with the union and local conference officers, presenting a statement of their objectives and proposals for changes and

for new programs. Their actions were then approved or adjusted as might seem necessary.

DOables Highlighted

One evening's general meeting was devoted to the five Harvest 90 DOables. Each of the DOables was highlighted by one of the conference presidents and his staff. The objectives of each DOable were outlined, and a comprehensive list presented of ways to implement them. This was done with posters and other graphic illustrations.

Ways to spiritual renewal were presented by William L. Woodruff, president of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. Bill May, president of the Texas Conference spoke on training and involving church members in service. Methods of involving the youth and young adults in the various lines of service were set forth by Richard Barron, Southwest Region Conference president. Don Sullivan, president of the Texico Conference, spoke on increasing baptisms through all avenues of witnessing. Robert Rider, Oklahoma Conference president, dealt with enrichment of the worship services of the church and increasing attendance and member participation. His presentation closed with a skit on the Sabbath School as the Heart of the Caring Church. The skit was prepared by Pat Stock of

Heard at the Departmental Council

**"God is ready and waiting
to do great things!"**

—Lynn Martel, director,
General Conference
Church Ministries Department.

**"I have a dream of one
million subscriptions to
the Signs!"**

—Gary Grimes, Signs Ministries
director, Pacific Press.

**"People don't care how
much you know until they
know how much you
care."**

—Gerald Hardy, director of field
service, Faith For Today.

**"Until God changes what
a person is, don't try to
change what he does."**

—Gerald Hardy.

Plan for 1987

Shattuck, Oklahoma, a member of the Union Conference Committee, and presented by her and Joyce Fortner, conference Sabbath School child evangelism coordinator, with assistance from their husbands.

A highlight of the Council was a banquet and a program featuring Christian education in the Southwestern Union and reports from the principals of all of the academies in the union. These reports stressed spiritual renewal on the campuses and witnessing outreach by the students in various ways. Most of the academies have students conducting Revelation Seminars. Other activities mentioned were a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking by students of one academy, and a clown ministry at two others. One principal, describing the spiritual activities on his campus said, "It's popular to be a Christian." Another told of "Getting kids excited about the church."

Most of the music during the Departmental Council was presented by students of Sandia View Academy at Corrales, New Mexico, near Albuquerque, under the direction of H. Lane Schmidt, head of the academy music department. His choral group, The Cantantes, was featured several times.

Cyril Miller's closing challenge, presented in the Albuquerque Central church, not only urged faithfulness and diligence in doing God's work, but called on all to expect and be prepared for a triumph of God's cause far beyond anything we have imagined possible. ●



(Above) The Trust Services group listening to suggestions from John Budagher, an Albuquerque attorney, regarding wills and trusts.



(Left) Pat Stock of Shattuck, Oklahoma, at the conclusion of her presentation on the Sabbath School.

(Below) The Sandia View Academy Cantantes, singing at the Departmental Council. The director is H. Lane Schmidt.





Cyril Miller

PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN BOARD

December is Square-Up Month

This is the time to be sure that our stewardship accounts are squared up with God. As you review your tithe and offering records for 1986, ask the Lord to help you bring everything up to date.

Radical Right or Liberal Left

Stay in the middle of the road because there is a deep ditch on both sides.

This is good counsel for most situations in life and especially when spiritual attitudes and church relationships are involved.

Just as in the social, economic, and political worlds, there is a liberal left and a radical right in the realm of religion, too. We call them extremists. Satan doesn't care whether you turn to the left or the right. He knows you will land in a deep ditch either way.



Please Wait a Minute

*I've got
Just a
Little minute,
Only
Sixty seconds
In it,*

*Forced
Upon me,*

*Can't
Refuse it,*

*Didn't
Choose it,*

*But it's
Up to me
To use it,*

*I
Must suffer*

*If
I loose it;
Give account*

*If
I abuse it,*

*Just
A tiny little minute,*

*But
Eternity is in it.*

**Remember
Your
Final
Square
Up** 

*Happy New Year
A new year with a
new start for a new life.
Make it your very best
for Jesus Christ
in 1987.*



SAC Adult Degree

The first Church Ministries Adult Degree course to be offered is Bible Instructor Training. January 18-22. See your pastor or call 817/645-2271.



Southwestern Adventist College

Students' Climb for CF Nets \$22,000

Southwestern Adventist College students, 100 strong, raised over \$22,000 November 16 during the Continental Climb in downtown Fort Worth to raise money for cystic fibrosis research.

Blue-shirted volunteers from the college worked to greet, check in, check out, nurse, judge, and photograph climbers. The climbers were other students, patients' families, runners, and corporate teams who raised money by securing pledges for each landing attained in the 72-landing skyscraper.

The college-sponsored climb has raised \$111,730 over the past five years. Members of the campus Circle K Club, the college arm of Kiwanis, organize the Southwestern volunteers. The event won the club first place in 1986 as the best service project in the Texas-Oklahoma Circle K region.

A. D. Fautheree of Zachary, Louisiana, a senior chemistry major, says, "It isn't at all unusual to find the same students who are working at the climb, also climbing the steps in order to show in yet another way their support and concern for these families.

"Not only do the participants gain an individual reward, but our campus benefits because this is one time when we as a student body join hands and hearts in order to help

someone who is less fortunate than we.

"And the cystic fibrosis families' benefits range from monetary support to new glimpses of hope as they realize that they aren't fighting the battle alone, that there are people who care and aren't afraid to give of themselves."

The manager of the Continental Plaza Building said that SAC students give her and her tenants great confidence during the climb, "because they're so honest, they won't let anything happen to the climbers or the offices!"



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Registration

for the spring semester at

**Southwestern
Adventist College**
is

Monday, January 5.

For information on courses, degrees and finances, call Victor Brown toll-free 1-800/433-2240 (outside Texas), or collect 1-817/645-5613 (if you're a Texan).

Southwestern Student Rated Outstanding

The board of advisers for the Outstanding Young Man of America awards program has announced that a Southwestern Adventist College student has been selected for inclusion in the 1986 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*.



Jack Boujaklian

Jack Boujaklian is a senior communication major at Southwestern. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Boujaklian of Glendale, California. Raised in Beirut, Lebanon, Jack came to the United States four years ago as a high

school student. His American sponsors are the late Elder Walde Jesske and his wife, Dorris, of Dallas.

Jack has served as editor of the *Mizpah*; as Student Association vice president; and as chairman of the student senate. He has been accepted into the master's degree program in film production at UCLA.

The outstanding young men were selected from nominations received from senators, congressmen, governors, mayors, state legislators, university and college presidents and deans, as well as various civic groups, including the United States Jaycees, which endorses the program.

Southwestern Adventist College volunteers at the Continental Climb pose for a group portrait outside Fort Worth's Continental Plaza after the November 16 event. (Photo by Earle Cabansag)



Hospitals

Huguley Launches Kidd's Club

A new program aimed at improving the health of both parents and children has been started at the Huguley Health Fitness Center.

The Kidd's Club for children from 18 months to 12 years of age is helping parents by taking care of their children while they exercise and getting kids involved and concerned about fitness at an early age.

"One of the main reasons we started the Kidd's Club was to let the whole family get involved in fitness," says Bob Peterson, HHFC director. "It is an opportunity to plant some early seeds in the youngsters' minds about the importance of fitness and health and it will give mom and dad an opportunity to exercise without

having to worry about the kids."

The Kidd's Club is not designed as a baby-sitting service, but is made up of planned, structured activity time for the youngsters. It is located in the Health Fitness Center building, near the area where parents exercise. Activities include games for the kids to work on motor skills and learn about good nutrition.

Coordinator for the program is Wendy Oranson. An open house celebration was held for the club December 15 — the first day of operation. Hours for parents and their children to take advantage of this new service are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3:30 to 8 p.m.

Recently, the Huguley Health Fitness Center has also designated an all-new aerobics exercise area.

Todd K. Parrish



A new Kidd's Club at the Huguley Health Fitness Center is helping parents and kids improve their health.

(Photo by Todd K. Parrish)

Arkansas-Louisiana

Marriage Enrichment Seminar Announced

Camp Yorktown Bay near Hot Springs, Arkansas, will be the site of a Marriage Enrichment Seminar February 13-15, 1987.

Bob and Betty Forbes of the Hot Springs Medical-Dental Clinic will be directing the weekend activities. The Forbeses are certified by the General Conference to conduct these seminars and are also members of the advisory board of the General Conference Home and Family Service.



Bob and Betty Forbes, marriage enrichment counsellors.

Some topics to be considered are: **Acceptance** — for close relationships in the marriage experience we must learn to accept each other as individuals.

Communication — solution of conflicts between husband and wife comes when we learn to communicate with each other on a level of intimacy.

Sexual Fulfillment — different needs in male and female sexuality require understanding and cooperation in the marriage relationship.

Enjoyment — marriage is enjoyable when a couple plays together as well as lives together.

Some of the key words which form the basis of this seminar are: *Growth* through nourishment of the marriage relationship; *Prevention* of small problems growing into major problems; and gaining *Support, Fellowship, and Encouragement* from others attending the seminar.

Meetings will begin Friday evening, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. and continue until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$50 per couple which includes food and lodging. For reservation phone the Youth Department 318/631-6240 or the Hot Springs Medical-Dental Clinic 501/624-5206. A reservation is necessary.

34 OAA Students Make Honor Roll

On November 12, Ozark Adventist Academy announced the honor roll students for the first nine weeks of school. A student must have a grade point average of 3.50 and above in order to be given recognition on the honor roll.

Those recognized were: Pam Allen, Rachele Blount, Debby Boyer, Heather Ericson, Ashley Hall, Elizabeth Jensen, Laura Lehmann, Kristie Peugh, Melissa Schuetter, Sheila Bonjour, Alicia Hunt, Tricia Greene, Roy Teale, Jason Fautheree, Nikki Villars, Mary Ann Lucas, Robert Swanson, Chyrelle Blount, Jennifer Hulse, Steven Shedell, Geoff Barber, Julie Bridges, Edwin Bland, Angel Potter, Shannon Conatser, Toni Goldman, Kim Pervis, Wendy Proctor, Heidi Barnett, Desi House, Dwayne Howerton, Adam King, Darlene Davis, Holli Kongorski.

Camp Yorktown Bay Influences Youth

Chris Pinion was feeling a lack in his life and was searching. Neither of his parents were Adventists. He feels that the Lord led him to Vicki Whaley, a member of the Central Louisiana Church in Alexandria. Vicki accepted Chris just as he was, and began to study with him. She let



Chris Pinion

Chris help with vacation Bible school, and then sent him to Camp Yorktown Bay.

At Camp, Chris began to question some of the staff to discover what made their lives so special. Doug Peterson and Liz Fisher spent several hours at camp telling him about their life with Christ.

After watching the Friday evening campfire program depicting Christ's death and resurrection, Chris asked if he could be baptized. Ron Whitehead, camp director, and Tim Roosenbeg reviewed with Chris the plan of salvation and the beliefs of the church. They also consulted with the Central Louisiana Church and Vicki agreed to continue encouraging Chris and studying with him. Chris Pinion was baptized as a result of the Holy Spirit working through the church and camp ministries.

Pathfinder Leaders Attend Seminar

More than 80 Pathfinder leaders and their staff attended the October Conference at Camp Yorktown Bay. This is the largest showing at such a gathering in over seven years.

The featured speakers were Terry Snyder, Dan Serns, Rudy Nelson, Chuck Horner, David Tanksley, David Drew, and Ron Whitehead. Many topics were covered extensively but the main focus was on outdoor living.

Terry Snyder taught classes in survival camping. He gave insights into safety equipment necessary for high adventure activities. Terry is considered by many to be one of the best outdoorsmen in the denomination, and he certainly gave us valuable information.

Also accomplished at this gathering was the division of conference Path-



The Seminar at Camp Yorktown Bay was conducted to help Pathfinder leaders sharpen their skills.

finder clubs into districts. A Pathfinder district coordinator will be chosen to help local clubs with growth and program ideas.

Ron Whitehead, Youth Director

1987 Camp Yorktown Bay Camp and Youth Activities

January	16-18	Literature evangelist rally, CYB
January	23-24	Arkansas youth rally at OAA (<i>Offering will be taken</i>)
February	13-15	Marriage enrichment seminar, CYB (<i>\$60 per couple</i>)
March	6- 7	Louisiana youth rally, Baton Rouge (<i>Offering taken</i>)
April	6-10	Camp Yorktown Bay annual work week (<i>FREE</i>)
April	10-12	ARKLA health education weekend, CYB (<i>\$30 per person, motel \$15 per night extra</i>)
May	8-10	Laymen's Congress, CYB (<i>\$30 per person, motel \$15 per night extra</i>)
May	29-31	Buffalo River canoe trip, CYB (<i>\$45 per person</i>)
May	31-June 7	Staff week, CYB
June	7	Pathfinder day, Gentry camp meeting
June	7-14	Cub Camp (<i>\$85 per camper</i>)
June	14-21	Junior Camp I (<i>\$85 per camper</i>)
June	21-28	Junior Camp II (<i>\$85 per camper</i>)
June	28-July 5	Teen Camp I (<i>\$85 per camper</i>)
July	5-12	Teen Camp II (<i>\$85 per camper</i>)
July	12-17	Diabetic Camp (<i>\$150 each</i>)
July	19	Half-marathon, CYB (<i>\$11.00</i>)
July	19-26	Blind Camp (<i>Free to eligible campers</i>)
July	26-Aug. 2	Family/Specialty Camp (<i>See Summer Camp Brochure</i>)
August	7- 9	Office retreat, CYB
August	9-13	ARKLA ministers' meeting, CYB
August	14-16	Pathfinder Leadership Seminar, CYB (<i>\$18 each</i>)
August	16-19	Ozark Adventist Academy staff, CYB
Sept.	4- 7	Southwestern Union singles retreat, CYB
Sept.	16-20	Southwestern Union Academy Leadership Seminar at CYB (<i>40 per student</i>)
Sept.	24-27	Junior Academy Bible Conference, CYB (<i>\$38 each</i>)
Sept.	27-30	Teachers' convention, CYB
October	1- 4	Inter-Collegiate Bible conference, CYB (<i>\$40 each</i>)
October	8-11	Pathfinder Camporee, CYB (<i>\$3.50 per person</i>)
November	6- 8	Pastors-Elders meeting, CYB (<i>\$30 per person, motel \$15 extra per night</i>)



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Oklahoma

Students Experience Wilderness Living

For one week in September, 10 Parkview students and four sponsors enjoyed a Wilderness Living Club campout in the Big Bend area of South Texas. The week was filled with adventure. One of the most exciting pastimes was searching in the desert for the creatures of the night. The opportunity to examine a rare Trans Pecos Ratsnake highlighted the nightly forays. Also seen were numerous Black-tailed and Mojave Rattlesnakes. One sponsor, Steve Paris, was the first to spot an extremely rare Big Ben Belted Snake. Ernie Wilson, a herpetologist, captured this dangerous single-fanged snake for all to examine.

This is the second year for Parkview to sponsor the Outdoor Living Club.

Calvin Bickell



Parkview Adventist Academy students on their Wilderness Living campout.



After the dedication service the official opening of the wing came with the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Summit Ridge Holds Open House

On November 23, Paul Proctor, Jr., Summit Ridge Retirement Center administrator, assisted by his wife, Lillian, hosted an open house and dedication of a new intermediate care wing. The program included music by the New World Singers from Parkview Adventist Academy, and Majesty from Southwestern Adventist College. Special guest speakers were: James F. Howell, Oklahoma Senator; Cyril Miller, Southwestern Union president; and Ben Leach, retired former Southwestern Union president.

During the program, attended by more than 200, several persons were recognized for special contributions that helped make the new wing possible. These included: Ernest and Vera Wolfe, Mildred Meier and the late Alvin Meier, Clarence Southard and Charles Gordon.

Summit Ridge is situated in a beautiful country setting convenient to Oklahoma City. Accommodations range from single family homes and mobile homes to efficiency apartments to intermediate care. The new wing adds 16 beds to the 32 existing ones in the Room and Board Center. Also included in the complex are an activities center and a beautiful church.



Robert Rider, conference president, Senator James Howell, and Paul Proctor Jr., inspect one of the new intermediate care rooms.



UPDATE



Reaching out to others — ministers too. God's love covers every one. That's why Oklahoma 2% provides avenues to share the Gospel as we know it with ministers of other faiths. *Ministry* magazine and P.R.E.A.C.H. seminars are planting gospel seeds for the harvest.

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Heights Church Has New Pastor

Ron Wham is the new pastor of the Albuquerque Heights church, filling the vacancy caused by James Greek's appointment as ministerial secretary of the Gulf States Conference with headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama.

Wham and his wife Anne come from the Rocky Mountain Conference where he has been a pastor. Their children, Brian, a junior, and Lisa, a freshman, are attending Sandia View Academy. Both Ron and Anne are from Farmington, New Mexico, and Ron once attended SVA. They have also served pastorates in Missouri and California.

The Heights church has a busy program. Rebecca Morgan Choate conducted a successful vacation Bible school with attendance double that of last year. Anne Wham is leading the Pathfinders whose most recent activity was their "Treats not Tricks" Halloween food gathering project.

Three Revelation Seminars are being held — one in a private home, one in Winrock Inn, and another in the church. The latter seminar was included in the Curriculum of Continuing Education by the University of New Mexico, with college credit for the classes.

Jackie Morrato
Communication Secretary

Saragosa Pathfinders Invested

Maranatha Pathfinder Investiture was conducted during the graduation exercises of the vacation Bible school, August 16, in Saragosa, Texas. The club has about 25 members, of whom 17 received honors. Some received one honor, while one instructor received 72. Another counselor was invested as a Guide.

Kara Wendt
Deputy Director

Kris Dunlap Teaches Math at SVA

We welcome Kris Dunlap of San Jose, California, as the new mathematics instructor for this school year at Sandia View Academy.

Following in his father's footsteps — his father teaches math at Columbia Adventist Academy — Kris has lived on the campuses of Canadian Union College, Milo Academy, and Columbia Adventist Academy. He graduated from Walla Walla College in 1984 with a major in mathematics and a minor in physical education.

Besides his responsibilities as math instructor, he teaches chemistry and physics, and is assistant boys' dean. In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf, water skiing, and sightseeing.

Ronald R. Skinner
Principal

Music Festival Held at Sandia View

Students in grades 5-8 from all Texico elementary schools joined their voices the weekend of October 16-18, 1986, to participate in the Elementary Music Festival held at Sandia View Academy.

In conclusion to a long day of rehearsals on Friday, the Festival

Choir participants were presented with a vesper program by the Academy Music Department under the direction of H. Lane Schmidt.

Festival Choir members had their Sabbath School lesson study conducted by four teams of students from the Academy Seminar Group. The sermon was presented by Max Martinez, vice president of the Southwestern Union Conference.

The Festival Choir presented a sacred concert Sabbath afternoon under the direction of Edith Araujo, teacher from Crestview elementary school in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The weekend was closed with the Lyceum Series documentary "16 Days of Glory," a film on the 1984 Summer Olympics held in Los Angeles, California.

Ronald R. Skinner
Principal

(Photos by Louie Roehl, Bible Teacher)



Lesson study led by Frank Moya and Blayne Laws, juniors.



Festival Choir in sacred concert.

Fall Festival Held in Midland

Donna Barroso and Kathy Karmy (Midland), Darlene Karmy and Alice Graham (Odessa), Home and School leaders, and their associates chose "A Walk Through Bible Lands" as the theme for the annual Fall Festival held October 26 in the Midland/Odessa school building.

Young and old joined in the pleasure and fellowship replacing Halloween pranks. Booths represented places, people, animals, and things mentioned in the Bible. Some of the attractions were:

- Noah's ark, where one could toss rings onto the horns or tusks of the animals.



Martessa Sandoval — Noah, Aiden Sandoval — Jonah

- Baalam's donkey. Participants tried to pin the tail on the donkey, blindfolded.
- Students serving buttered manna (popcorn).
- Fishing by the Sea of Galilee, designed with special appeal to the younger children.
- The walls of Jericho. Can you make them come down? Listen closely to instructions and don't trust your human wisdom!

- Joseph's carpenter shop.
- Sampson's strength tested.
- A pottery shop.

The Fall Festival served three purposes: fun and relaxation for the church families, fund raising for Home and School projects, farewell to the departing pastor, Jerry Oster, his wife, Sharon, and daughters, Lisa and Amy. Their son, Brian is attending Sandia View Academy. The Osters are moving to a new pastorate in Shreveport, Louisiana.

The students did extra well with an earlier project. The proceeds from the two projects total about \$900. Long range plans include playground equipment and a much-needed fence.

Evangeline Richman
Communication Secretary

Texas

COMING!

Harvest 90 Rallies

3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

- Jan. 10 **New Braunfels** — High School Cafeteria, 2551 Loop 337 No.
- Jan. 17 **Harlingen** — Municipal Auditorium, Fairpark & Avenue L
- Jan. 24 **Houston** — Arena Theatre, 7326 S. W. Freeway
- Jan. 31 **Marshall** — Civic Center, 2 miles No. of I-20 on HWY 59
- Feb. 7 **Fort Worth** — Truth Family Center, 4650 Campus Drive
- Feb. 14 **Dallas** — Bronco Bowl, 2600 Fort Worth Avenue

1987 SPECIAL EMPHASIS PRAYER • STUDY • SERVICE

Rally Theme — "SERVICE"

FEATURING: Irene McCary and the Belko Brass



"ARM IN ARM"

God has told us that His work in the earth will not be finished until the majority of the laity join arm in arm with the pastors and church officers and move forward to reach people with God's message for today. Our Texas lay people are saying two things:

1. They are indeed ready to go to work for God.
2. But they need to be trained.

These rallies will give each person an opportunity to volunteer for training in outreach work in an area of interest such as: health, home and family, prison, campus, singles, new youth program (ages 16-35), Revelation Seminar, education secretary, signing for the deaf, and many more. Pray that God will guide you in selecting the ministries best suited to your talents.

ABC Sale Immediately Following Program



Bill May

Keeping In Touch

Harvest 90 Rallies

The Rally Theme will be "Arm in Arm" and the emphasis will be on laity and pastors working together. At the rallies, lay members will have the opportunity to volunteer to train to do outreach work in their areas of interest, (health, home and family, prison, campus ministry, singles, new youth programs [ages 16-35], Revelation Seminars, education secretary, signing to the deaf, etc).

Shortly after the rallies, conference experts in each of the above listed ministries will come to each parish and train the volunteers to effectively conduct their chosen ministry for the people of the city. *Exciting! And more important — in harmony with God's word!*

Irene McCary, a dynamic Adventist lay soul-winner who runs her own business in California will be our speaker. She was one of the devotional speakers at the

Irene McCary





The Belko Brass

General Conference in New Orleans. Her story will set your soul afire.

In addition, Belko Brass will present a concert of instrumental music and their vocal soloist will lift you to the skies. They are absolutely outstanding. The youth from our college and our academies will be featured in short, outstanding presentations. The afternoon will be unforgettable.

The Adventist Book Center will hold a sale after each rally. Come prepared to participate. The hours will be approximately 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Full details about locations will be announced at your church and inserted in your bulletin.

Falcon Pathfinders Gather Food

The Wichita Falls Falcons Pathfinder Club had a prosperous afternoon, Sunday, October 26, collecting canned goods for the needy families in Wichita Falls.

Four units of Pathfinders canvassed the southwest and central parts of the city, and brought in over 800 items to the Community Services building. In an area stricken by oil-related, failing businesses, many families asked to donate a canned item were not able to contribute. But many families unselfishly donated more than the usual one or two cans of food.

After all the food was brought in and counted, the Pathfinders' efforts were rewarded with a hot meal. The *real rewards* will be awaiting them in a new earth where no one will be hungry or homeless.

Sabbath School Boys Get Balloon Ride

One of the special features of the Richardson Earliteen Sabbath School class has been the study of air transportation. They used a hot air balloon goal device to give points for Bible lesson study, Bible verses memorized, bringing their Bibles to Sabbath School, and arriving on time. Two boys were given a hot air balloon ride in recognition of their high scores.



Two Richardson boys given hot air balloon ride.

Texas Partners Plan Works!

It is good to be a partner. It is because of the partnership involved that a marriage is happy and works as well as it does. With a good partner in business you may be more successful than by yourself. Having a partner in hard or troublous situations helps to weather the problem.

What a thrill it is to be a Texas Partner! The two percent of our income that goes to Texas Partners does not individually amount to a great deal, but together it accomplishes much for our local conference work. The Texas Partners fund is divided among evangelism, new church buildings, and education.

How thankful Jefferson Academy is for your faithfulness to the Texas Partners program. A portion of these funds is helping there with much needed remodeling of the cafeteria, dormitories and administration buildings. The enrollment this year is up 36 percent (to 82), and the students are excited about Christian education. Texas Partners Works!

Keith Hassinger, *Vice President*
Dallas/East Texas Area



Lawmaker Speaks to Pathfinders

On Sunday, October 12, Frank Tejada, Texas State Representative, was guest speaker for the San Antonio Highland Hills Pathfinders. This group is working on its Christian Citizenship honor.

Tejada explained the process of making laws and told of his other duties as Representative, and answered many of the Pathfinders' questions. He presented the club a state flag which had flown over the State Capitol.

Pam Sauls



Highland Hills Pathfinder Club with Frank Tejada, State Representative.

Announcements

Upcoming programs and events that may be of interest to *Record* readers are announced here in brief. Additional information is available as indicated in each item.

Non Discrimination Policy

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in all of its church-operated schools, admits students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at its schools, and makes no discrimination on the basis of race in administration of education policies, applications for admission, scholarship or loan programs, and extracurricular programs.

Arkansas-Louisiana

Conference

ACADEMIES

- Baton Rouge Junior Academy — 3601 Prescott Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70805
Beacon Hill Junior Academy — Route 2, Box 525, DeQueen, AR 71832
Little Rock Junior Academy — 8708 Rodney Parham Rd., Little Rock, AR 72205
Ozark Adventist Academy — Route 2, Gentry, AR 72734
Shreveport Junior Academy — 3434 Gifford Drive, Shreveport, LA 71119
New Orleans (Jefferson Heights Jr. Academy) — 625 Newman Avenue, Jefferson, LA 70121

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Amity SDA School — Route 3, Box 306 Al, Amity, AR 71921
Batesville SDA School — 69 E & Gap Rd. (Box 2074), Batesville, AR 72501
Bentonville SDA School — Route 3, Box 8, (72 West), Bentonville, AR 72712
Bonnerdale SDA School — Route 1, Box 42, Bonnerdale, AR 71933
Brentwood SDA School — Route 1, Box 171, Winslow, AR 72959
Clinton Home School — HC-63, Box 284, Clinton, AR 72031
Decatur SDA School — P.O. Box 543 (Highway 102), Decatur, AR 72722
DeRidder SDA School — Highway 171 S., Box 565, DeRidder, LA 70634
Fayetteville SDA School — 1707 Crossover Rd., Fayetteville, AR 72701
Fort Smith SDA School — 2000 S. Louisville, Ft. Smith, AR 72903
Gentry (Ozark Elementary School) — Route 2, Box 506, Gentry, AR 72734
Hammond SDA School — 595 Cedar Lane, Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Harrison SDA School — Route 6, Box 29-A (Hwy 206), Harrison, AR 72601
Hot Springs SDA School — 200 Gardner St., Hot Springs, AR 71913
Jonesboro SDA School — 302 Steel Street, Box 578, Jonesboro, AR 72401
Lake Charles SDA School — 1537 Country Club Rd., Lake Charles, LA 70605
Malvern (Four Oaks Christian School) — Division Route 8, Box 772, Malvern, AR 72104

- Mena (B. J. Rowland Adventist School) — Route 1, Box 256E, Mena, AR 71953
Minden SDA School — 105 Magnolia, Minden, LA 71055
Monticello SDA School — Hwy. 4, West, Monticello, AR 71655
Mountain Home SDA School — Route 7, Box 419, (Hwy 62 SW), Mountain Home, AR 72653
North Little Rock SDA School — 398 School Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72116
Rogers Home School — 3605 Pleasant Ridge Rd., Rogers, AR 72756
Russellville Home School — Route 3, Box 197-A, Russellville, AR 72801
Slidell SDA Educational Center — P.O. Box 753, Slidell, LA 70459
Springdale SDA School — 1701 E. Robinson, Springdale, AR 72764
Texarkana SDA School — 2201 Arkansas Blvd., Texarkana, AR 75502
West Memphis SDA School — Box 1266 (Hwy 77 N), W. Memphis, AR 72301
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Oklahoma Conference

ACADEMIES

- Beavers Memorial Jr. Academy — Rt. 5, Box B45, Ardmore, OK 73401
Bristow Junior Academy — P.O. Box 756, Bristow, OK 74010
Ketchum Junior Academy — Rt. 2, Box 328, Vinita, OK 74301
OKC Parkview Adventist Academy — 4201 N. Martin Luther King Ave., Okla. City, OK 73111
900 S. New Haven, Tulsa, OK 74112

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Bartlesville Adventist Elementary — 4811 S. E. Nowata Rd., Bartlesville, OK 74006
Claremore Adventist Elementary — Rt. 7, Box 417-A, Claremore, OK 74017
Enid Adventist School — 1501 W. Purdue, Enid, OK 73703
Lawton Adventist Elementary — 1610 N. 19th St., Lawton, OK 73501
Muskegee Adventist Elementary — 1501 E. Broadway, Muskegee, OK 74401
Okeene Adventist Elementary — P.O. Box 527, Okeene, OK 73763
Sallisaw Contract School — Corner Mulberry & Lucy Sts., Sallisaw, OK 74955
Stillwater Adventist Elementary — P.O. Box 1265, Stillwater, OK 74076

Southwest Region Conference

ACADEMIES

- City Temple Junior Academy, 1600 Bonnie View Road, Dallas, TX 75203
Ephesus Junior Academy, P.O. Box 3155, New Orleans, LA 70117

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Smyrna SDA School, 916 Richmond, Alexandria, LA 71301

- Berean SDA School, P.O. Box 1925, Baton Rouge, LA 70821
Emmanuel SDA School, 702 N. Cherry St., Hammond, LA 70401
A. R. Carethers SDA School, 5878 Bellfort Blvd., Houston TX 77033
Shiloh SDA School, 2400 S. Maple St., Little Rock, AR 72205
Northside SDA School, P.O. Box 8908, Pine Bluff, AR 71606
Philadelphia SDA School, 3401 Greenwood, Shreveport, LA 71109
Bethel SDA School, P.O. Box 660, Texarkana, TX 75501
Heritage School, 1723 Oakbury Dr., Missouri City, TX 77489

Texas Conference

ACADEMIES

- Burton Adventist Academy — 4611 Kelly-Elliott Rd., Arlington, TX 76017
Chisholm Trail Academy — P.O. Box 717, Keene, TX 76059
Jefferson Adventist Academy — Rt. 4, Box 624, Jefferson, TX 75657
Valley Grande Academy — P.O. Box 1126, Weslaco, TX 78596
Greater Dallas Academy — 4025 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75204
Greater Houston Academy — 4303 Yupon, Houston, TX 77006

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Annaville SDA School — 2710 Violet Rd., Corpus Christi, TX 78410
Austin SDA Christian School — 301 W. Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78752
Burlleson Adventist School — Rt. 4, Box 615A, Burlleson, TX 76028
Burton Adventist Academy — 4611 Kelly-Elliott Rd., Arlington, TX 76017
Coggin Memorial Jr. Academy — 3333 Gollihar Rd., Corpus Christi, TX 78415
Conroe SDA School — 115 Silverdale, Conroe, TX 77301
Cypress Bend Adventist School — Rt. 4, Box 619, Jefferson, TX 75657
Denison-Sherman SDA Church School — 3409 Hwy. 75 South, Denison, TX 75020
Elgin SDA Jr. Academy — Rt. 2, Box 149, Elgin, TX 78621
Elkhart Elementary Church School — Rt. 2, Box 2228, Elkhart, TX 75839
Fredericksburg SDA School — 101 E. Highway, Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Greater Dallas Academy — 4025 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75204
Greater Houston Academy — 4303 Yupon, Houston, TX 77006
Harlingen Adventist Elementary School — P.O. Box 2814, Harlingen, TX 78551
Gulflhaven SDA School — 10716 Sabo Rd., Houston, TX 77034
Keene Adventist Elementary, 302 Pecan, Keene, TX 76059
Killeen SDA Jr. Academy — 3412 Lake Rd., Killeen, TX 76541
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- Mesquite Adventist School — 200 Paza Drive, Mesquite, TX 75149
North Houston SDA School — 626 Canino Rd., Houston, TX 77076
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Triangle Adventist School — Rt. 9, Box 1191, Orange TX 77630
Tyler SDA Church School — P.O. Box 7023, Tyler, TX 75711
Valley Grande Elementary — P.O. Box 8205, Weslaco, TX 78596
Waco SDA School — 800 State Highway 6, Waco, TX 76710
Wichita Falls SDA School — 1305 — 14th St., Wichita Falls, TX 76306

Texico Conference

ACADEMIES

- Sandia View Academy — P.O. Box 98, Corrales, NM 87048

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Abilene SDA School — 2842 Barrow St., Abilene, TX 79605
Albuquerque SDA School — 6000 Ouray NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120
Amarillo SDA School — 5408 Erik St., Amarillo, TX 79106
Clovis SDA School — 1501 Llano Estacado, Clovis, NM 88101
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Lubbock SDA School — 5801 8th St., Lubbock, TX 79416
Midland SDA School — 3112 W. Travis, Midland, TX 79701
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San Angelo SDA School — 110 E. 18th St., San Angelo, TX 77902
Santa Fe SDA School — 702 Bishop's Lodge, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Announcements

Upcoming programs and events that may be of interest to *Record* readers are announced here in brief. Additional information is available as indicated in each item.

Video S.S. Workshop Announced

The North American Division office of Church Ministries is providing each quarter a Sabbath School Video Workshop. Most conferences receive this workshop video tape, which is available for your use and which introduces materials and suggested ideas for all divisions, including some ideas for self-made devices to help create an interesting Sabbath School program for each quarter. Consult your conference Sabbath School director for availability in scheduling for your Sabbath School leaders' and teachers' viewing.

Voice of Prophecy to Parallel SS Lessons

The Bible books featured in Sabbath School Lessons during 1987 will also be discussed on the Voice of Prophecy daily broadcasts at least one week each month.

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Voice of Prophecy Schedule

Texas
Fort Worth, KWJS-1360
Mon.-Fri., 5:45 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Christian Lifestyle Magazine Schedule

Louisiana
New Orleans, WLAE, Channel 32
Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Correction

In the listing of the retired workers over 80 years of age in a picture on page 6 of the November 28 issue of the *Record*, the name of Elsie Leslie was printed in error. It should have been Esther Leslie.

Reunions

Maplewood Academy

Faculty and former students of Hutchinson Theological Seminary and Maplewood Academy are invited to attend the West Coast reunion on Sunday, February 8, at The Commons on the La Sierra Campus of Loma Linda University. Registration at 10 a.m., with buffet luncheon at noon. Contact Irene Ortner, 11407 Norwood Ave., Riverside, CA 92505. 714/689-5390.

Obituaries

BURKEY, William Melvin, was born Oct. 26, 1914, in Spencer, OK, and died Nov. 8, 1986, in Spencer. Was a member of the Oklahoma City Central Church. Survivors: wife, Frances, Spencer; sons, Matthew, Spencer, and Timothy, Bartlesville, OK. Burial was in Spencer.

Beaman Senecal, Jr.

DAY, Enid, was born Aug. 19, 1895, in Decatur, IL, and died Nov. 16, 1986, in Sedan, KS. Was a member of the Sedan church. Survivors: sons, Joe and Charles, both of Sedan, Henry W. (Bill) Day, Albuquerque, NM; and a daughter, Dorothy Taylor, Sedan.

FRAZIER, Nelle Holder, was born in 1894, in Joplin, MO, and died Nov. 6, 1986, in Shreveport, LA. Was a member of the Shreveport First Church. Her husband, Arthur, died in 1976. Survivors: sisters, Cora Jones and Esther Nelson, both of Shreveport. Burial was in Cooper, TX.

HUCKLEBERRY, Mabel B., was born July 19, 1890, in Little Rock, AR, and died Nov. 23, 1986, in Midwest City, OK. Was a member of the Summit Ridge Church in Harrah, OK. Survivors: daughter, Juanita Leonard, Harrah; 8 grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren. Service conducted by Paul Proctor, Jr., W. P. Ortner, and Alfred Schnell. Burial was in Oklahoma City, OK.

LANGE, Estelle E., was born April 13, 1893, in McGregor, TX, and died August 24, 1986, in Collegedale, TN. Was a member of the Collegedale church. Survivors: sons, Rupert Pierson, Park Hill, OK, L. E. Lange, Pine Bluff, AR; daughter, Mable Cossey, Amarillo, TX; sister, Bennie Watts, Oklahoma City, OK; granddaughters, Allene Weber, Amarillo, Marcella Minden, Amarillo; 7 great grandchildren; and 6 great great grandchildren. Burial was in Amarillo.

Marcella Minden

McCOLM, Ralph E., was born Sept. 9, 1897, in Carbondale, KS, and died Nov. 7, 1986, in Midwest City, OK. Was a member of Summit Ridge Church in Harrah, OK. Service conducted by W. P. Ortner, Edward Nachreiner, and Paul Proctor, Jr. Burial was in Oklahoma City, OK.

Paul Proctor, Jr.

PORE, Delmar D., was born Feb. 27, 1911, in Geary, OK, and died Nov. 28, 1986, in Ft. Worth, TX. Was a member of the Oklahoma City Southern Hills Church. Survivors: wife, Deloris, Ft. Worth; and daughter, Darlene Bascom, Azle, TX. Burial was in Oklahoma City.

David Wolkwitz

PRINDLE, William J., Sr., was born Nov. 2, 1900, in Decatur, TX, and died July 24, 1986, in Texarkana, TX. Was a member of the Texarkana, AR, church. Survivors: wife, Marie, Texarkana, AR; sons, William, Jr., Alvarado, TX; daughters, Catherine Max and Lora Beth Verden, both of Ft. Worth; 8 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren. Burial was in Texarkana, AR.

Jim Taylor

WELCH, John Thomas, was born Dec. 12, 1912, in Chatham County, NC, and died Oct. 17, 1986, in Clearwater, FL. Was a member of the Clearwater church. After his baptism in 1941, he became a literature evangelist. He served in the Carolina, Kentucky-Tennessee, Texas, Nebraska, and Potomac Conferences, as publishing director for the Southwestern Union, publishing secretary for Alabama-Mississippi Conference and division director for the Christian Record Braille Foundation. Survivors: wife, Catherine; son, Steve Thurman, Bloomington, IN; daughter, Cheryl Rogers, Hendersonville, NC; seven grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Volker Henning

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Miscellaneous

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Amarillo, Texas	5:41	5:46	5:53	5:59
Brownsville, Texas	5:46	5:51	5:56	6:01
Dallas, Texas	5:27	5:32	5:38	5:44
El Paso, Texas	5:08	5:14	5:19	5:25
Fort Worth/Keene, Texas	5:29	5:34	5:40	5:46
Galveston/Houston, Texas	5:28	5:32	5:38	5:44
Gentry, Arkansas	5:10	5:16	5:21	5:27
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:05	5:10	5:16	5:23
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:14	5:20	5:25	5:32
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:07	5:12	5:18	5:23
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5:23	5:29	5:34	5:41
San Antonio, Texas	5:43	5:47	5:53	5:58
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Home For Christmas

Christmas and the home are forever tied together. Without love and home, what would Christmas be? Christmas is for families — families are for Christmas. They are both forever linked. In the fullest meaning, you can't have one without the other.

When you think of Christmas, what comes to mind? Many things — gifts, mistletoe, Christmas trees, joy, merriment — and I could go on. There is one thing that cannot be left out of a true celebration of Christmas — babies. Little babies who almost overnight turn into little children. The coming of babies and the joy of little children bring to Christmas its greatest joys.

Babies do bring joy. We know. Our family has recently been blessed with another grand baby — Joshua Mark Tullia. What a fantastically beautiful baby he is! Brilliant child! Even though he is only five months old, I call him the “baby governor of Texas.” He is something else. You should see him. Unbelievable! (Of course, I'm unprejudiced.)

Babies are just what families need. They forever tie them together and hopefully help hold them together. Taking care of a baby is a big and important responsibility. They say a baby's psychological future is pretty well set in the first 18 months of life. If that is true, what care should be given to our little babies. Babies are a gift that last forever. That little helpless infant can grow up and become great for God and that little life now begun can, through Christ, last forever. Isn't it wonderful?

God still sends babies. Maybe it is to remind us of the Life that became Light. Into a world of sin and conflict God came as a helpless baby — into a *family*. There was no big parade or show of power. Only a beautiful song of joy to some shepherds tending their sheep and a vision of life to a few wisemen. God came as a helpless baby to remind us of tender love. Jesus came to call us to be born anew. His birth and the new birth He brought are the very heart of the gospel. They bring life and hope to all mankind.

Every Holiday is the same old thing — love, gifts, family. Cheers! May it never change. The Christmas story for Christians signifies endearing values — the miracle of life, hope, giving, and sharing.

Christmas does something else. It brings people home. It glorifies the home. Christmas is a family time. It is a time for going home.

Oh, the wonderful memories of home and Christmas. Recently, I made a quick trip back to Ohio and West Virginia (growing-up country for Helen and me.) As I drove around the countryside, fond memories of happy days flashed through my mind, memories of love and home. The memories were of love and parents who were totally dedicated, who had a vision not only for a good life for us here on this planet, but more importantly they constantly held before us a vision of heaven, a new earth, a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. What a heritage! How thankful I am today for this great gift.

As I meandered through the hills and valleys and villages, I saw the old haunts, the old schools, and the old homeplace. My heart swelled in thanksgiving. We were poor — 10 children on a preacher's salary, but we honestly didn't know we were poor. We thought we were well off. We were *well off*. We had everything — loving parents who taught us to pray, we heard the Bible read daily; we were instructed in righteousness as we came in and as we went out.

Our Christmases were beautiful, bright, and filled with joy, but very simple. We always got our Christmas tree off the side of the hill. The decorations were mostly homemade. Most importantly, there was a special kind of love that flourished in our home. I can still feel it and it still warms my heart. Perhaps that was the greatest gift Mom and Pop gave to our large family. It still exists; it's still there. That's why we always loved to go home and have those love fires rekindled, especially at Christmas. I hope all of you are able to make it home for Christmas.

May the gift of love, joy, and peace be yours,

B. E. Leach

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