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The health screening van used by the Outpost Foundation.



Some of the Outpost Foundation van ministry volunteers. From left: John Mitchell, Afton Frank, Jessie Thomas, June and William Newton, Esther Bischoff, Nell and Carey Ballard.



June and William Newton. William is president of the Outpost Foundation.



Glenda Schram grades Bible course lessons in her home.

Free Blood Pressures in the Mall; Free Bibles for Prisoners

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Free Blood Pressure Free Bibles to Prison

Little did they realize they would find themselves working with prisoners in all of the penitentiaries in Texas as well as in many other states across the country. They were a group of professional people in Keene, Texas, organized as the Outpost Foundation, Inc., dreaming of establishing a live-in health center. But after many committee meetings, in 1978, nothing materialized.

Then came the suggestion, "Why not try health screening in some of the shopping malls?" The idea was soon given a boost by the donation of a nice Cortez motor home by Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Taylor of Kerrville, Texas. It required only a little remodeling to convert it into a health screening van. Volunteers were recruited, some of them health professionals, and regular visits to malls in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex were begun.

Another gift in 1981 gave added stability to the Outpost Foundation program. Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Bascom donated a property which was later sold, and the funds were used to purchase a mobile home which provides space for the office, a

conference room, printing equipment, and storage.

When the van visits a mall, signs invite people to come in for a free blood pressure check. As they are served they fill out a health habit questionnaire. If the blood pressure is good and their questionnaire indicates a healthy lifestyle they are congratulated. If any abnormalities

By Glenda Schram

are evident, they are encouraged to see their physician and develop better living habits. They are invited to enroll in a Bible course, and to take free literature from an ample supply.

Personal conversations often present opportunities for witnessing, both in regard to healthful living and to Christian principles. People take the first lesson of the Bible course with them, and many of them continue to take the course by correspondence.

It was the Bible lessons that brought the unexpected change in direction to the Outpost Foundation. Someone got a lesson from the van ministry and sent it to a friend in prison. This prisoner in one of the Tennessee Colony units in East Texas was so interested in the lessons that he not only completed the series, but he organized a Bible

study group among his fellow prisoners and called for help from the outside.

At that time it was very difficult for any of our ministers to get into that prison, but after a year of negotiations, Jerry Wilson of the Texas Conference and Bill Gardner, then pastor of the Elkhart and Rusk churches were able to meet with the prison group and help them. Seven were baptized.

In God's providence, the prisoners in the Coffield unit of the Tennessee Colony were reclassified and sent to other prisons around the state. As these prisoners moved to new locations, many of them started new Bible study groups, and these, in turn, have invited their friends to study God's Word, until the Bible is being searched in earnest in every penitentiary in Texas. And it has spread to many prison systems in other states.

The amazing part is that the prisoners themselves are the missionaries, helping their fellow prisoners, even getting their

Note. Glenda Schram is one of the Bible course volunteers in the Outpost Foundation.

n the Mall, ers

wives or sweethearts on the outside to take the lessons, too.

Laymen from the Elkhart and Athens churches are meeting four times every week with the prisoners in the four Tennessee Colony units, where the interest first started. Last year 16 prisoners were baptized, and so far four more have been baptized this year, with the prospect of many more.

This extensive prison ministry functions separately from the Texas Conference Prison Ministry, but in full cooperation with it. Outpost Foundation supplies the names of all its prison enrollees in the Bible course to the Conference so they can benefit from the Conference ministry, too.

The president of Outpost Foundation is William Newton, a dentist serving as clinic supervisor for the freshmen class in the Tarrant County Junior College Dental Hygiene Program in Fort Worth. He and his wife June have been leaders and promoters of the organization almost from its beginning. George Schram, who was lay activities director of the Southwestern Union at the time of The Outpost Foundation's beginning, and now retired, has been a helpful counsellor. The entire operation is carried on by volunteers.

The Bible course lessons and the mailing of Bibles and books are handled by four ladies, working individually in their own homes. (In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rael take care of the Spanish enrollees.) The

current active list of Bible students numbers about 170. Every enrollee is given a Bible. As their interest develops, books are sent to them, such as *Desire of Ages*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, and *Happiness Digest*. *Signs of the Times* magazine is also sent to many of them. During the past year more than \$1,500 worth of the large-print Revelation Seminar Bibles have been sent out, and requests continue to come in. By the time the course is completed, every enrollee has received a Bible and at least five books.

Quite a number of volunteers help with the van ministry which continues with twice-a-month stands at the Six Flags Mall, and frequent other appointments. There is usually at least one registered nurse on board, and others who help conduct the operation.

The Outpost Foundation people are enthusiastic in their efforts to be instruments in God's hands to reach people who feel helpless and lost and are hungering for hope and deliverance.



The Bible course volunteers: (seated) Glenda Schram, (standing) June Newton, Alice Davis, and Linda Stewart.



Esther Bischoff, taking blood pressure in the Outpost Foundation's van.



Linda Stewart preparing books for mailing.

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The Caring Message of 1888

by George R. Knight

Christian perfection has been an important concern of Seventh-day Adventists from their inception. After all, are not the 144,000 of Revelation 14:5 declared to be "without fault" (KJV) or "spotless" (RSV)? Beyond that, Revelation 14:12 claims that God's last-day people, in contrast to those who have the mark of the beast, will "keep the commandments of God" and have "the faith of Jesus."

Some have held "the faith of Jesus" (which can also be translated as "faith in Jesus") to be the same kind of faith that Jesus had. Therefore, God's last-day people can have the same quality of faith and life that Jesus did. The description of this kind of people in Revelation 14 comes immediately before the great second coming harvest of verses 14-20. It is little wonder that Adventists have had a deep concern with Christian perfection.

In *Christ's Object Lessons* Ellen White presents an interesting parallel to the sequence of Revelation 14 that helps us understand the meaning of God's "spotless" ones who "have the faith of Jesus." "Christ," she writes, "is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own." — p. 69, emphasis supplied.

The words "perfectly reproduced" are central to that quotation. What does it mean to perfectly reproduce the character of Christ?

There are at least two lines of interpretation of those words. I sought to follow one of them early

in my Adventist experience. Soon after I was converted to Christianity from agnosticism at the age of 19, I read this statement, looked at the imperfect church around me, and consciously vowed in my heart that I would be the first perfect Christian since Christ.

As a result, I began to earnestly and sincerely study to discover the way to perfection. It certainly called for vast changes in my lifestyle. Before many months had passed I could tell you what was wrong with almost anything a person might want to eat, do, or think. In my exuberance over health and diet, for example, I managed to get down to about 120 pounds. Some feared that I might die of "health reform."

In my desire for perfection I had become perfect all right. I had become what A. T. Jones had referred to in 1895 as a perfect "tell-me-anything-more-to-do-and-I-will-do-it Pharisee." I had become a perfect monk on the order of Martin Luther before he discovered Romans 1:16, 17.

In my desperate quest for perfection I had come face to face with the paradox of perfection: the harder I tried, the more self-centered I became and the more judgmental and harsh I was with those who did not agree with me. Thus, the harder I tried, the worse I became.

I had yet to learn the true meaning of perfectly reproducing the character of Christ and the lesson that came so hard to Paul and Luther — that Christian perfection is intimately related to the surrendering of the self to God. My road to perfection was a man-made road. It was self-defeating in the sense that it did not work.

I, and those who had to endure living with me, could have been

saved a lot of trouble if I had read carefully the context of the statement on page 69 of *Christ's Object Lessons*. On the previous two pages, for example, Ellen White explains what she means by perfectly reproducing the character of Christ. "Christ is seeking to reproduce Himself in the hearts of men. . . . There can be no growth or fruitfulness in the life that is centered in self. If you have accepted Christ as a personal Saviour, you are to forget yourself, and try to help others. . . . As you receive the Spirit of Christ — the Spirit of unselfish love and labor for others — you will grow and bring forth fruit. . . . Your faith will increase, your convictions deepen, your love be made perfect. More and more you will reflect the likeness of Christ in all that is pure, noble, and lovely. — *Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 67-68, emphasis supplied.

Perfectly reproducing the character of Christ, therefore, means the caring relationship. It is not, as we see from the parable of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25:31-46, what we eat or even how we keep the Sabbath. *Those lifestyle issues are important, but only within the context of the truly caring Christian life.* That is essentially what Jesus tried to tell us in Matthew 5:48 when He said: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." That command is in the context of the admonition to love our enemies. The parallel passage in Luke 6:36 is quite enlightening: "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." (For further discussion of this topic see *From 1888 to Apostasy*, pp. 132-158.)

Thus the perfect Christian is the caring, merciful Christian. It is that characteristic that God wants for his "spotless" end-time people who have "the faith of Jesus" and have "perfectly reproduced" the character of Christ. Such a caring people will be a demonstration to the universe that God can truly transform lives.

As Seventh-day Adventists we must never forget that "the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love." — *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 415. When that Christlike characteristic "shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own." Id., p. 69. Thus the message of 1888 is preeminently the message of the caring church.

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Southwestern Adventist College

SHARON LEACH, CORRESPONDENT

Biology Students Study in Hawaii

Eleven Southwestern Adventist College students and three professors of biology spent 16 days in May on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, studying endangered plants, birds, and fish during the college's annual biology field school.

The field school has taken students in the past to Florida, Honduras, and Colorado, and this was the second trip to Hawaii for the department. Students receive five hours of college credit in Field Natural History for one week of on-campus orientation, two weeks in the field, and several weeks of writing papers and tests after returning to campus.

Students were guided through the intricacies of island biology by Arthur Chadwick, biology department chairman; Dale Clayton, professor of biology; and Dan Petr, assistant professor of biology. The group made its headquarters at Kahili Mountain Adventist School on Kauai.

Art Chadwick at the end of one of the trails in Waimea Canyon.



Melitta Fish, left, a senior biology major from Keene, Texas, and Shelly Siebenlist, a senior nursing student from Killeen, Texas, plan their entrance to the Aliko Swamp. The swamp — atop 7000-foot Mount Halealeale — is the wettest place on the earth, and is the home of the honey creeper, a bird unique to Hawaii.



Bruce Robinson, the largest sugar cane grower on Kauai, took students into Hawaiian back-country for two days to study endangered plant life. Here, he points with his machete to a Kauai sunflower. Robinson's family owns the private island of Niihau, and he is developing a plant sanctuary for nearly-extinct species.

The students spent several days four-wheeling to get to study areas. Here, they are on the rocky cliffs of the Naapali Coast doing plant research.



The group of students and faculty pose at the rim of the massive Waimea Canyon. While studying the canyon, they lodged at Hole Koa Adventist Junior Camp.



(Left) Scott Rodney, a senior biology major from Keene, Texas, studies a leaf at Hole Koa Adventist Junior Camp. According to Dr. Dale Clayton, "Island biology is quite different from mainland biology. When plants and animals get to an island, the environment changes them somewhat as they adapt to environmental conditions." (Right) Dan Petr conducts morning worship before a day of study. Every person in the group presented morning worship during the stay on Kauai, each one making a spiritual connection with the work done the day before.




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SAC Student Joins Heritage Singers

"I'm so excited! It was the shock of my life!" exclaims Heidi Fry, a Southwestern Adventist college junior, of her acceptance by the Heritage Singers. She has taken some time off from college to sing with the group.

"I was so nervous at the audition!" Heidi recalls. "There were two other girls trying out, and they didn't seem so excited. They auditioned us in a 20,000-seat opera house; the sound system was so loud just breathing into the microphone sounded like an explosion."

"I felt so small and so nervous, but I wanted it so bad!" she admits. "And I got it! I'm so excited!"



Heidi Fry



CHRISTMAS IN JULY — "All I want for Christmas is a cool swimming pool." Anything connected with a Christmas party in July must be unusual. Southwestern Adventist College class agents gathered July 25 to sign thank-you cards to alumni donors who gave \$100 or more to student aid in the past fiscal year, and made a Christmas party of the event. Santa (Kevin Wells, junior communication major) is shown here with Stephanie Chalmers, a future alumna, who was present with one of the class agents.

(photo by Dan Chadwick)

Hospitals

Ardmore Announces Building Expansion

The Oklahoma Health Planning Commission has granted Ardmore Adventist Hospital a Certificate of Need, a document necessary before the hospital can begin a new building project.

"Now that we have the required approval," said Sam Loewen, administrator, "our builder, Hospital Building and Equipment Company, can finish the architectural drawings necessary to begin construction."

The addition will be west of the present facility, and will house 30 private patient rooms and a surgical area.

Metroplex Cosponsors Healthfest '88

Metroplex Hospital, Killeen, Texas, again joined forces with Centel, the local telephone company and Killeen Mall, to sponsor Healthfest. Healthfest '88, the third one given, presented over 40 health exhibits throughout the Killeen Mall, each providing information and assistance to shoppers who visited the mall during the two day event, July 29 and 30. Booths provided information on everything from sickle cell anemia to eye care to cancer.

Metroplex Hospital offered fitness evaluations on both days and booths staffed by health care professionals, both doctors and nurses, volunteering their time to the community.

Arkansas-Louisiana

WILLIAM L. WOODRUFF, CORRESPONDENT

Southern Louisiana Camp Meeting

September 16 & 18, 1988
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

FRIDAY — 7:00 p.m.

Baton Rouge Church, 6180
Winbourne Ave., Baton Rouge, LA.

SABBATH — all day

Baton Rouge Hilton Hotel, I-10 and
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September 17, 2:30-5:30 p.m.



Mike Loewen of Harrison, Arkansas, presenting the **Messengers**, Quartet.



(Left) **Max Martinez**, vice president of the Southwestern Union, tells the story of his life from the dance hall to becoming a preacher, "Three Angels Over Rancho Grande."

(Right) **Richard Duerksen** from Pacific Union College will present the vespers service.

Ronnie Vanderhorst, from Washington, DC, of Prepare Our Youth, Inc., "Walking Miracles."

Scenes from Camp Meeting, 1988



Elder and Mrs. Patrick Milligan were dedicated to the gospel ministry on the first Friday night.



The workshops provided practical help for the Christian life. Russ Potter II from Concerned Communications, shared outreach ideas in his workshop, "The Way to Adventist Church Growth."



(Left) The day began with the goodness of God being depicted through "Modern Day Jobs" as presented by Paul Heuback from Loma Linda University. (Right) Retired General Conference president, Robert H. Pierson, encouraged those present to permit the Holy Spirit to work Revival and Reformation in both the individual life and in the church as a whole.



The first contact many individuals have with the church is through a book purchased from a literature evangelist. In a workshop conducted by the Oklahoma Conference publishing director, John Altsman, more effective methods of carrying out this work were discussed.

Adults are not the only ones to receive a blessing from the camp meeting program. Throughout the younger divisions, the features kept the attention of each one as they were pointed to Jesus' love for them.



The ABC's Sunday Book Sale always provides plenty of fun to go along with the special bargains on books, music and foods.

ABC Open House Sale

Tulsa Academy — Saturday, September 10, following sundown.

Oklahoma City ABC — Sunday, September 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Camp Meeting Prices on many books and case foods. Here's another opportunity to purchase foods at tremendous savings. (Please call in food orders several days in advance.)

HAPPY SAVINGS

Investment Cantaloupes Not Affected by Drouth

Curtis Thurber, Sabbath School Investment director in the Muskogee church says, "There may be a drouth across America, but the Lord is not affected by it." The reason for his optimism is the success of the gardens of several members who have dedicated portions of them to Investment. One example is a patch of 16 hills of cantaloupes which have returned more than \$300 so far.

Another Muskogee Investment project is gathering aluminum cans, one that not only brings in funds, but also helps keep the neighborhood clean. A salesman gives a percentage of sales, and another person dedicated a portion of stocks and bonds. One lady no longer puts tea in her teapot — she saves small change in it for Investment, and will have filled it twice this year. The first time she turned in \$84.70.

But in Muskogee, it is not only how much money is received for Investment — that's up to the Lord. What is important is to involve everyone in Investment projects, because, as Thurber says, "God can't bless a project that isn't started."



NEW SABBATH SCHOOL MEMBERS. James and Sina Allen with their daughter, Bethany Elise, and Pam and Claudio Consuegra with their daughter, Hadassah Michelle during a presentation of the little ones to the Muskogee church family.

New School Named JAMS

JAMS — not a spread for bread; not colorful summer wear — it's Joshua Adventist Multigrade School. It's a one-room, 16-student church school for grades 1-8. And it has been a daily miracle.

Last spring the Joshua, Texas, church members were given an opportunity to operate the lab school for Southwestern Adventist College — the school in which student teachers are trained especially for denominational multigrade certification.

Joshua church members had already begun an ambitious building program, so financial support for a school would be difficult. The 110-member church did not even have



Third grader, Ashley Reed, and fourth grader, Billie Wescott, check out the new English textbooks with JAMS teacher, Sharon Smith.

enough students to justify opening a school. So with no money, few students, but lots of faith and an overwhelming spirit of enthusiasm, Joshua accepted their share of responsibility for training the youth of the church, and JAMS came into being.

Two days before the first major financial obligation was due — a payment toward the teacher's salary — the church's financial statement showed no funds in the educational portion of the church budget. But the Joshua church operates on a systematic giving plan with very infrequent calls for special offerings. That Sabbath, the day before the bill was due, sufficient money was received to meet the school's payment — with no calls for offerings.

The second payment was met with a very successful garage sale plus regular budgeted income.

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Several anonymous families began donating funds for new desks, chairs, bulletin boards, whiteboards, maps, and a clock. Donated labor has repainted and remodeled the Sabbath School areas that will serve as the JAMS classroom. Textbooks, ordered in faith, are arriving just in time for classwork to begin.

People are beginning to comprehend that Joshua really does have a school. That it really will offer unique intellectual and spiritual opportunities in a small school atmosphere.

Curious, adventuresome, convicted parents are enrolling children. Older church members are recalling with nostalgia their attendance at one-room schools in decades gone by. Interest grows. But, like in soul-winning, the results are in the Lord's hands. The school and its financial operation are an adventure in faith. So is its enrollment.

The concept of educating several grades in one classroom was once thought to be old-fashioned. Now, statistics indicate that students in such schools consistently score higher on national examinations, tend to be better adjusted emotionally, and have greater opportunities to develop leadership potential.

The old-fashioned, family-style classroom is a living experiment at Joshua. A waiting list is available for parents who wish to enroll their children as space becomes available. For more information, please contact the teacher, Sharon Smith, or Mary Ann Hadley, School Board Chairman.

Burleson Church Expands

The Burleson church has experienced rapid growth during the past three years. Mike Tucker, pastor, reports that the membership now



Martin Simpson, building committee chairman and general contractor for the Burleson church addition, discusses fine grading the parking lot with Joe Tackett, excavation contractor.

exceeds 350. The attendance is strong with a large number of young people.

The original structure was not built to accommodate this large congregation. Early in 1988 the church laid plans for expansion. The addition has more than 12,000 square feet, and is attached to the sanctuary with a large foyer. According to Martin Simpson, the building committee chairman, it was necessary to drill 50 piling piers, 50 feet deep to insure a good foundation. The budget for this new complex is in excess of \$400,000. It will provide much needed space for Sabbath School departments and church offices.

The congregation anticipates moving into the new building by October 1.

The church is located on I-35W, south of Burleson and next to the Southwestern Union Conference office. Much of the population growth of Fort Worth extends in this direction.

Jim Griffin
Communication Director

Construction under progress on the new addition to the Burleson church.





Front view of the new 144-apartment retirement complex, Huguley Place, Fort Worth, Texas.

Huguley Place Accepts Residents

Construction has been completed on the new Huguley Place Retirement Center adjacent to the Huguley Hospital on I-35W in south Fort Worth. The first residents were accepted on July 1.

LeRoy Leiske, administrator, reports that 27 persons are now in residence, and that another 17 units have been rented. There are 144 retirement apartments in the facility.

The grand opening and open house will be held on Sunday, October 2, 1988.

Highland Hills Church Seeks Missing Members

If anyone knows the present addresses or location of Brian Smith, Ebenizer Yeboah, Running Bear, or Katharine Nakama, please notify the Highland Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2526 Goalia Road, San Antonio, Texas 78223.

Highland Hills Reports Vacation Bible School

A vacation Bible school attended by 135 children was conducted by the San Antonio Highland Hills

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DON SULLIVAN, CORRESPONDENT

Plainview District Reports Activities

The churches of the Plainview, Texas, district — Plainview, Littlefield, and Hereford — are attempting to reach out to their communities in various ways.

The year began with Pastor Dan Schiffbauer conducting Learning to Love seminars in all of the churches. The congregations have attempted to apply the principles of living and accepting other people in all aspects of the church life.

The pastor conducted a Revelation Seminar in Littlefield during April and May. One person has been baptized, and another is preparing for baptism, out of three nonmembers who attended.

During that time, Pat Varner and Luetta Sherman, church members, conducted a Positive Parenting Seminar in Hereford. This was followed by a vacation Bible school in June with over 30 students graduating, about six of whom are still attending church. The Hereford church plans another lay-conducted Positive Parenting Seminar in November, hoping that many of the parents of the VBS students will attend.

In May the Plainview church conducted a community health screening with the help of the Mobile Medical-Dental Clinic. A number of

church, July 24-28. One-half of those attending came from non-Adventist homes, according to Mercedes Hysaw, director.

The attendance was built by the use of television announcements, newspaper articles, personal invitations, and announcements distributed to the homes in the area.

A free Bible was given to each young person attending. They were encouraged to follow a home Bible study plan. Other special features included a balloon race from the church parking lot, and parents' night with a special program and refreshments.

Pam Sauls

Communication Secretary

medical personnel from the community assisted in screening over 80 people. They organized a Pathfinder Club, and are listing the weekly church program in the newspaper. They also plan to run a weekly health column in the paper. In July and August the pastor conducted a Positive Parenting Seminar, and the church is preparing for two lay-conducted Revelation Seminars to be followed by a series of meetings. From five to ten non-member visitors are attending church services. Two persons have been baptized in Plainview this year, and others are preparing for baptism.

Dan Schiffbauer
Pastor

MOBILE CLINIC IN ABILENE. Members of the Abilene, Texas, church assist with the medical outreach for the community on the Medical-Dental Clinic van.



CHILDREN WALK FOR HEALTH. Children from a day care center in the Killeen/Copperas Cove, Texas, area take advantage of the Metroplex Hospital Health Hike at a local mall. The measured, indoor exercise trail sponsored by the Adventist Health System/Sunbelt hospital, allows children and the elderly to continue their walks despite the 100-degree temperatures.



FIVE-DAY PLAN. Some of the people who attended the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking in San Angelo, Texas, July 11-15. Dr. Jim Casey (left) from Dallas helped conduct the seminar. Fifteen persons registered.

Big Spring Reports Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible school in Big Spring, Texas, this year more than tripled the 1987 attendance with 46 children on the first day and increasing to 63 by the final day.

On Friday night, with parents present, diplomas were given to each child. Michael Merrick was given a picture Bible as a prize for memorizing the most scriptures. All of the children received a small gift for participating. Several of the children who attended the VBS are now attending Sabbath School and church.

Jan Huff was the director, and she also directed in the crafts. Her helpers include the following: Delia Hinojos and Consuelo Escobar, kindergarten; June Williams and Cesar Gellido, primary; Angela Wright and Pilar Balisnomo, junior; and June Williams, craft supervisor. The craft helpers were Angela Wright, Consuelo Escobar, Pilar Balisnomo, Jane

Card, Cesar Gellido, Lydia Gellido, Miram Sulatan, Adela Karamihan, Nola Gluege, Rhonda Merrick, and Donna Dickinson.

Nutrition Seminar Held

A free nutrition seminar was held at the Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, church, every Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday from July 10 to August 3.

According to Margaret Replogle, former civilian and Army hospital dietitian, the 12-lesson series covered nutritious breakfasts, meatless main dishes, low-fat sauces and gravies, naturally sweet desserts, and a study into the methods for preventing degenerative health problems.

The focus of the seminar was how to cook creative new dishes while avoiding dangerous fats, sugar, and oils, and how to apply the "eight natural remedies" to every-day life.

Each session included demonstrations, tasting, and a video lecture by physicians from Weimar Institute.

New School Opens in T or C

The Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, church is opening a school this year to be known as the Fincher Memorial Adventist School, and offering grades 1 to 8. Until a new school can be built, school will be held in the Fincher Memorial church at 207 Ash Street. Jeanne Upton is the teacher.

The decision by Adventist Health System/Sunbelt to continue opera-

tion of the Sierra Vista Hospital in Truth or Consequences was important in the decision to open a school.

This new school brings the number of elementary schools and junior academies in the Texico Conference to 14.

Corky Lawson
Educational Superintendent

Lubbock Holds Evening Vacation Bible School

Under the direction of Jean Miller, the Lubbock First church sponsored a vacation Bible school on the theme, "Happy with Jesus." Held during the evenings of July 24-29, it attracted 65 children, 37 of whom were from non-Adventist homes.

The children enjoyed crafts, nature stories, lessons on creation, music, and refreshments. On closing night, the children brought their parents to see the program they presented and the crafts they had made. Bryan Muse in the primary/junior division, and Tizoc Strong in the kindergarten received prizes for bringing the most visitors.

Melba Valdez
Communication Secretary



Color guards for opening night: Noah Young, Dale Roberson, and Triana deLeon.



Everyone joins in the fun at the Big Spring vacation Bible school.



Vacation Bible school registration at Lubbock.

General News

Burma, 13th Sabbath Project

This quarter Sabbath Schools around the world will focus on the Far Eastern Division, where Burma, the fabled land of pagodas, captivated Adventist consciousness in the 40's and 50's through the stories of Eric B. Hare.

Much remains of the Burma that Hare knew: the pagodas and saffron-robed priests, the British style architecture and wide city streets, the great rivers, the terraced rice fields, the raised houses with their own woven bamboo walls, and the school children with their slates. The large Central Rangoon Adventist church with its steep iron roof also remains as does the Ohndaw school that Hare built.

"Today the Ohndaw Bible Seminary occupies the same building," says Kapawsay Paul, principal. "It's a wooden building with a red tiled roof, but it is falling down. We want to build a new one as a memorial to Eric B. Hare." One of this Thirteenth Sabbath projects is the reconstruction of six junior Bible seminaries (church schools) throughout Burma.

"Church schools really pay," says Moses Po, church ministries director of Burma Union. "Several former students of Hare's, who lost touch with the church as a result of the war, have recently been baptized."

Other projects this quarter include the construction of a much-needed college to train ministers in Thailand and a literature ministry seminary for South Philippines.

Moses Po, Burma Union church ministries director, with students of a Burmese church school, called a Bible seminary.



Harvest 90 Approaches Culmination

The Harvest 90 program, seeking to double the baptisms attained in the Thousand Days of Reaping program, will culminate in the General Conference session in Indianapolis in 1990.

We are thankful to the Lord and to the effective evangelistic work of the world divisions, that up to March, 1988, we have reached 1,167,968 baptisms. This is 247,968 more than the goal of 920,000 to that date. Six of the ten world divisions have passed their quarterly goal. The Honduras Mission in Central America, the Soconusco Mission in Mexico, and the Quebec Conference in Canada have already gone over their total Harvest 90 goals.

Several divisions are planning great things for the future. The Euro-Africa Division plans to organize a second Mobile Institute of Soul Winning. Spain will begin the first National Evangelistic Campaign of Europe in 1989. The Trans-European Division will have a seminar of public evangelism with 25 pastors from the principal cities of the division, who will hold large campaigns in their home cities. The Inter-American Division is preparing Mega-Mexico 89 which will be a gigantic metropolitan campaign in which 150 pastors and 1,300 lay members will participate.

The South American Division is planning a great National Campaign in Brazil in 1989 and a large Continental Campaign in 1990. The African divisions are planning large campaigns in Kigali, Rwanda, and Kinshasa, Zaire.

Every division, union, local field, and church should plan as quickly as possible their own strategy with the firm determination to reach their Harvest 90 baptismal goal in the shortest time possible. Then during the last year of Harvest 90, we should launch a great global evangelistic effort with the participation of all pastors, millions of lay members, all institutional and other denominational workers.

Such an aggressive program of evangelism should include: Bible studies given by pastors and laymen wherever they can find interested people; baptismal classes; internal

evangelism for children, youth, relatives and friends of church members; Revelation Seminars; and public evangelistic campaigns, both in the churches and outside.

We recommend a total mobilization of the laity — 20 percent of the membership to participate in direct evangelistic activities such as preaching, giving Bible studies, and conducting Revelation Seminars. The other 80 percent can participate in indirect evangelistic activities such as bringing invitees to the meetings, taking visitors to church activities, handing out flyers, taking part in surveys, praying for the meetings, and personally witnessing.

Carlos E. Aeschlimann
Harvest 90 Coordinator
General Conference

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"Celebration '88" Lunch, Travel Information

There will be free lunches for those attending "Celebration '88" Sabbath services in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 5. Church members planning to attend and desiring a box lunch should send their name and address to Bob Dale, North American Division, 6840 Eastern Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20012.

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Teachers Invited to Fellowship

Preschool and early childhood teachers attending the NAEYC conference in Anaheim, California, are invited to an evening of fellowship at the Garden Grove Adventist church on Friday, November 11, at 6:00 p.m. Supper will be served followed by a worship and fellowship service. For information and reservations contact: Marilyn Beach, Southeastern California Conference, P.O. Box 8050, Riverside, California 92515, or call 714/358-5800 ext. 315.

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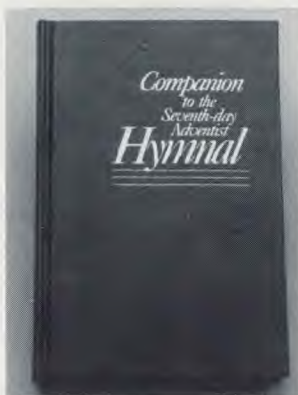
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The printing of the *Companion to the SDA Hymnal* earlier this year brings readers a wealth of information on Adventist music. This reference book includes the history of every song in our hymnal, along with biographies of the most prolific song writers. The following condensed excerpt is a biography of one of our pioneering musicians.

Franklin E. Belden was born at Battle Creek, Michigan, on March 21, 1858. He was the eldest of five children born to Stephen Belden and Sarah Harmon, the elder sister of Ellen Harmon White. Most of Franklin's education was obtained at Battle Creek College. About the year 1876 he moved with his father, stepmother, Uncle James, and Aunt Ellen to California, where he began to compose music.

[Later] he connected with the Seventh-day Adventist publishing work [in Battle Creek]. Together with Edwin Barnes, he was music editor of *Hymns and Tunes* in 1886. In that same year he produced, with his cousin Edson White, *Joyful Greetings for the Sabbath School*. In 1895 he published *Gospel Song Sheaf*, and in 1900 he finished *Christ in Song*.

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FAST, Florence Erma, was born Oct. 2, 1901, in OK, and died July 20, 1988, in Verbena, AL. Was a member of the Okeene, OK, church. Survivors: sons, Elmer, Portland, TN, Leonard, Okeene; daughters, Hazel Brooks, Jemison, AL, Doloris Hansen, Glendale, CA, Elizabeth Fields, Las Vegas, NV; brothers, Vernon Kinder, Oakhurst, CA, Cecil Kinder, Jefferson, TX, Eugene Kinder, Hacienda Heights, CA; and a sister, Gussie Calloway, Verbena, AL. Services conducted by Dan Jensen and Paul Proctor. Burial was in Okeene.

GULLETT, Nellie J., was born March 24, 1896, in Milford, IA, and died July 23, 1988, in West Siloam Springs, OK. Was a member of the Gentry, AR, church. She was preceded in death by her husband, 2 sons, and 3 daughters. Survivors: sons, Virgil, W. Siloam Springs, John, Vinita, OK, Elvin, Edmond, OK; daughters, Wanda Wilkins, Gentry, Frances Golden, Tulsa, OK, and Dora Nell Banks, Harrisburg, IL; brothers, Walter Barber, Tuttle, OK, Herbert Barber, Edmond; sisters, Pearl Newman, Duncan, OK, Ruby McDaniel, Edmond; 25 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren. Services conducted by Randy Murphy and Frank Ashby. Burial was in Gentry.

Millie Carlson

NEPTUNE, Marylots, was born Dec. 15, 1886, in La Belle, MO, and died July 3, 1988, in Oklahoma City, OK. Was a member of the Summit Ridge, OK, church. Survivors: son, Bill, Farmington, AR; brother, J. Ross Wildman, Oklahoma City; 4 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. Services conducted by Paul Proctor Jr. and W. P. Ortnier. Burial was in Edmond, OK.

PAYNE, Flossie Ethel Whitaker, was born Aug. 8, 1896, in Hall, IN, and died July 31, 1988, in Keene, TX. Her husband, Verne Hobart Payne, died May 22, 1987, in Cleburne, TX, at age 95. They became Adventists in 1915, and at death were members of the Keene, TX, church. Verne was a literature evangelist in the Kansas and Indiana conferences, and taught church school in Elmera, Indianapolis, and Anderson, IN. He was a church builder in the Kansas and Nebraska conferences. They retired in Keene in 1977. Survivors: daughter, LaVeta M. Payne, Keene; sons, Marcus E., Keene, and Dale L., Gretna, NE; 5 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren. Verne was survived by a brother and two sisters; Flossie by 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

SCHEPPLER, Corry Arramento "Arra", was born Jan. 7, 1896, in Rockwall, TX. She was a member of the Athens church. Her husband, Ernest, died Sept. 8, 1952. Survivors: son, Paul, Montalva, TX; daughter, Marguerite Malcolm, Palestine, TX; 3 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. Burial was in Grand Prairie, TX.

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Brownsville, Texas	7:41	7:33	7:25	7:18
Dallas, Texas	7:42	7:32	7:23	7:13
El Paso, Texas	7:20	7:11	7:02	6:53
Fort Worth/Keene, Texas	7:44	7:34	7:24	7:15
Galveston/Houston, Texas	7:32	7:24	7:15	7:07
Gentry, Arkansas	7:34	7:23	7:13	7:03
Little Rock, Arkansas	7:25	7:15	7:05	6:55
Muskogee, Oklahoma	7:37	7:27	7:17	7:07
New Orleans, Louisiana	7:13	7:07	6:56	6:47
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	7:46	7:36	7:26	7:16
San Antonio, Texas	7:47	7:38	7:30	7:21
Santa Fe, New Mexico	7:21	7:10	7:00	6:50
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