

SOUTHWESTERN UNION *Record*

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H. M. S. Richards Jr., Voice of Prophecy speaker.



Jane Barker phones many students each week to encourage them in their studies, and to answer their questions.

See Cover Story on page 2.

“You Brought Me Comfort”

“I have listened to your program for some time now,” writes Carolyn from Port Arthur, Texas, in her first letter to the Voice of Prophecy. “I love your program and can catch it on several radio stations in our area.”

Until a few months ago, Carolyn would turn the dial of her radio whenever the announcer said, “Stay tuned for the Voice of Prophecy.” She recalls, “I thought it was going to be boring and dull, but one day I decided to listen. I must say I enjoyed it. It wasn’t how I thought it would be at all.” She wrote the VOP when H.M.S. Richards Jr., offered a map tracing the apostle Paul’s journeys.

Rodney, a first-time writer from Austin, says: “I certainly have appreciated your series on values. I am a long-time teacher on a leave of absence. I have been listening to your program for the last six weeks and I have enjoyed it immensely.”

Lillie wrote from Beaumont, Texas, after hearing a program on “How to Live Above Suffering and Guilt.” She says, “You really spoke on something that brought me comfort today, for I

have felt so guilty that I couldn’t sleep at night. I appreciate you very much.”

The Voice of Prophecy catches the ears of people today with messages on many topics — family living, health and nutrition, science, archaeology — in addition to direct exposition of Bible doctrines.

The goal is to reach individuals who have widely varied interests and concerns, suggest to them that the Bible has something to say on a subject that appeals to them, and then lead them into a study of God’s Word with the help of the New Life Guides and the advanced courses on Daniel and Revelation.

Upon completing New Life, Mary wrote from Alexandria, Louisiana: “I have really enjoyed learning these Bible truths. They have brought so much light into my life. I always believed in God and His power, but after studying New Life, I feel a change in my life. I feel close to God and want Jesus Christ to live in me and control my life. I am looking forward to His second coming.”

Church members often enroll in the Bible courses also. From Oklahoma comes this letter: “I have been a Seventh-day Adventist for six years. However, a few things were still



Ilene Diede (standing), is supervisor of the Bible school. Margaret Lapostol is one of several instructors for the Voice of Prophecy courses.

unclear to me. You have helped me greatly.”

Jeri writes from Texas that she has attended five different churches and is still searching for the right one. “Man changes God’s Word so much,” she says. “Each church has a different belief on certain subjects.”

Because of this, she was hesitant to enroll in any Bible course, but finally decided to try New Life. As she completed the lessons and enrolled in the advanced studies on the prophecies of Daniel, she wrote, “Thank you for the opportunity to study and for the concern and effort of the staff. I always had the desire to study God’s Word and these guides helped. Thank you for the book on Sabbath. I want to study more on this subject. I’ve told my husband about these studies

Southwestern Union

Darmody Wins Award In Talent Competition

Steve Darmody of Burleson, Texas, program director of STAR (Satellite Trans America Radio), recently won a first-place award at the 14th Annual Christian Artists Music Seminar in the Rockies.

The event at Estes Park, Colorado, drew over 500 Christian vocalists. Steve's award was for first place in his category.

He has served for 10 years in the Adventist ministry, most recently as associate pastor of the Burleson, Texas, church. It was from that post that he was invited to join the staff of STAR-Net, participating in the production of Adventist radio programming being broadcast by satellite.

Steve began singing as a teenager. Over the past six years, with God's help, he has worked at developing a professional singing voice, and has dedicated this talent to the Lord's service. He has been receiving more and more invitations to sing, both in Adventist and in non-Adventist churches.



Steve Darmody with the trophy he won at the Christian Artists Music Seminar in the Rockies.

and he is now reading them."

Another Texas student writes, "I have had an interest in the Seventh-day Adventist Church since my mother became a member eight years ago. My husband has recently become interested also. We have been attending for six months and my daughter is currently attending an Adventist school. My purpose in this study is to learn about the basic beliefs of Adventists and to be sure as I make my own commitment."

The Voice of Prophecy offering received in many churches on October 8, along with a portion of what is given to the World Budget throughout the year, will help the church's radio broadcast continue sharing Bible truths with those who are searching for answers. (If your church is following the Personal Giving Plan in which a number of objectives are combined in the World Mission Budget, a percentage of your gifts to the World Budget automatically goes to the Voice of Prophecy. If you would like to make a special gift, all of which will benefit the VOP, place it in a tithe envelope, marked specifically for the Voice of Prophecy.)

Hospitals

METROPLEX HOSPITAL BUILDS MEDICAL CLINIC. Ground was broken on August 15 for the first medical clinic in Harker Heights, Texas, near Killeen. It is sponsored by Metroplex Hospital, and will provide office space for four primary care physicians. The ground breakers are: Hal Weiler, city manager; T. C. Connell; Dean Adamson, hospital trustee; Sam Leonor, hospital president; Jack Hemingway; Dr. Kenneth Brock, hospital chief of staff; and Dick Hathaway, Adventist Health Systems representative.





Cyril Miller

PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN BOARD

Let Us Pray, "God Bless . . ."

When I was a child we used to pray, "God bless the missionaries and colporteurs all over the world." Today, we need to continue praying for them but add at least one more — our healthcare professionals.

Sometimes we have heard criticisms about our excellent healthcare institutions and those who serve so conscientiously as they follow the commission of Jesus to His disciples when "He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." Luke 9:2.

Healthcare institutions in America operate under a tremendous pressure today. This is true of all hospitals and Adventist hospitals are no exception. We should do everything possible to support and uphold the hands of those who are laboring for the Lord and His church under such difficulty. Let us pray for our health professionals every single day. The servant of the Lord heard an angel's voice say, "Press together, press together, press together . . . In unity there is strength." *Selected Messages*, Book 2, p. 374.

Good Things Happen at Adventist Hospitals

Lots of good things are happening in Seventh-day Adventist hospitals. Here are but a few:

Christian Witness. This is a recent letter, received by Tom Werner, president of the Florida Hospital, which is typical of hundreds of such letters arriving weekly all across the country.

Dear Sirs: I had a diagnostic laparoscopy yesterday, using the rapid in and out surgery. I must say that I received exemplary care. My mom took me, and she too, commented the whole day on how kind and caring everyone was. Barbara, the nurse in IRO, was especially attentive and gentle. But all in all, I had excellent care. Everyone asked if I was cold or needed blankets, and how old was I? Every time I needed something, it was immediately given to me.

I also noticed back in the operating room area, how kind everyone was to each other. Although early in the morning, they all greeted each other in sincere and kind tones. I was very impressed I realized the hospital is under the direction of the Seventh-day Adventist church. I do not hold to that particular religion, although I am a regular practitioner of another faith. But, I felt the testimony of your staff, whether because of their religious faith or not, did give a positive

example of what your hospital and its backers believe in. I want to thank you all for the care I received. It couldn't have been better.

Christian Employment. Thirty thousand people go to work in a Christian atmosphere in Seventh-day Adventist hospitals every single day. This is an amazing church resource that very few recognize and appreciate. We not only witness to 12,000 patients daily and at least that many more who are relatives and friends, but also to thousands of non-Adventists who serve our hospitals in various capacities.

Ellen White tells us that "As the right hand of the third angel's message, God's methods of treating disease will open doors for the entrance of present truth." *Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 59. It would be next to impossible for us to meet so many fine people under such receptive conditions as within the walls of our Adventist hospitals; only God knows how many of these precious souls will be won to Jesus Christ and His kingdom as a result of our daily witness.

Christian Philanthropy. Adventist physicians and healthcare professionals are giving millions of dollars to the health ministry of the church at Loma Linda and many other places. Sometimes we do not give proper recognition to the wonderful service and sacrifice of those who have responded to the call of the Lord and carry the burdens of our health ministry. We need to express our appreciation to them personally more frequently.

Sometimes we do not esteem ourselves as much as others do. Our Adventist Health System hospitals and leadership personnel are recognized to be among the very best by non-Adventist healthcare professional organizations. In *Health Week*, a national publication dated July 25, 1988, there is a listing of the top hospitals, medical schools, nursing home organizations, etc. Our Adventist institutions rate very high in these listings. It is important that we be recognized by the world, but it is even more important to be recognized by God and His church.

I wish to express my appreciation and support to our health ministry and invite each of you to do the same.

"The men who build the future are those who know that greater things are yet to come, and they themselves will help bring them about. Their minds are illuminated by the blazing sun of hope. They never stop to doubt; they haven't time." — Selected.

The Caring Message of 1888

by George R. Knight

The 1888 General Conference session in Minneapolis was one of the great turning points in Adventist history. In the last few numbers of this journal we have examined some of the high points of the 1888 message—especially as it related to the caring church. In this final installment we will focus on some of the most important lessons that we can learn from the 1888 meetings.

First and foremost, we must never forget that Jesus Christ and His saving righteousness stand at the very center of Christianity. That "most precious message" of Jones and Waggoner" was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour... It presented justification through faith; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. "Many had lost sight of Jesus." "They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family," *Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 91, 92.

The centrality of Jesus is deeply anchored in the message of 1888. That fact and the great Pauline doctrine of justification by grace alone through faith, found new life in Adventism at the Minneapolis meetings. That message was not new to Ellen White. In 1889 she declared that she had been presenting "the matchless charms of Christ" to the church for 45 years, *Manuscript 5*, 1889. It is astounding that the Adventist Church of that day could have missed the importance of that emphasis. Thus 1888 was primarily a rebirth for Adventism in the area of the greatest Christian truths.

A second lesson from the Minneapolis experience is that Seventh-

day Adventists need to "search the Scriptures" in times of doctrinal controversy. The battles of 1888 led Ellen White to reaffirm the importance of the Bible in times of disagreement.

Interestingly enough, the hottest battle at Minneapolis centered on Mrs. White's interpretation of the law in Galatians. The orthodox party got all out of kilter in seeking to defend what they believed to be the traditional "Spirit of Prophecy position." That supposed challenge to traditional views, claimed Mrs. White, aroused the spirit of pharisaism in the traditionalists against those who did not accept their interpretation. Ellen White, on the other hand, was not nearly as concerned with their doctrinal squabbles as they were. She never pontificated on the issue, nor did she attempt to use her authority to settle the interpretive problems related to the ten horns of Daniel 7 or the law in Galatians. To the contrary, she called for Bible study and open discussion when her understanding differed from that of Waggoner. She refused the role of theological policewoman. Perhaps here is an important lesson for twentieth-century Adventism as it seeks to relate Ellen White to the Bible and Adventist doctrine.

A closely-related lesson is that church members should not treat the words of Jones and Waggoner as if they were inspired. Because Mrs. White suggested in no uncertain terms that the two young preachers had a special message for the people, some Adventists began to treat their words as if they had divine authority, and that they were somehow functioning as prophetic extensions of Ellen White.

Mrs. White certainly did not agree with all they taught. She freely told the assembled delegates on November 1, 1888, that "some interpretations of Scripture, given by Dr. Waggoner, I do not regard as correct" *Manuscript 15*, 1888. On another occasion she wrote of Jones: "The Lord has given Brother Jones a message to prepare a people to stand in the day of God; but when the people shall look to Elder Jones instead of to God, they will become weak instead of strong" *Letter 38*, 1894.

We must always remember that God's 1888 spokesmen got their messages from the Word. The imperative is not to fixate on the words of Jones and Waggoner, but on those of Jesus and the apostles. Mrs. White uplifted the two men because they were uplifting the gospel message, because their words pointed to the message, not because they were the message itself. Down through history the church has always been in deep trouble when it spends more time with the ideas of its theologians than it does with the Bible, or when it interprets the words of the Bible through their eyes.

A fourth lesson flowing from Minneapolis is that new truth and new ideas regarding old doctrines are not always bad. To the contrary, the Christ-centered renovation of Adventist theology that flowed out of 1888 is a demonstration that the church needs the reformatory power of new or, more accurately, forgotten truths from time to time.

Lastly, one of the most important lessons from 1888 is directly in line with our theme of the caring church. My concluding words in the discussion on the meaning of the 1888 event in *From 1888 to Apostasy* are appropriate here. "The meaning of 1888 is to learn its central lessons and to start living the caring Christian life now. The meaning of 1888 is to face forward, not backward. The meaning of 1888 is the call for Adventists to put away their theological disputes as being all-important, and to treat each other like Christians even though they disagree. Only then will they be in a position to testify convincingly that they have Christ's message for a dying world."

Southwestern Adventist College

SHARON LEACH, CORRESPONDENT

Sharon Leach Named Vice President

Sharon Hardwick Leach has been named vice president for advancement of Southwestern Adventist College, according to Marvin Anderson, president.

She will direct fund raising and public relations, as well as overseeing the offices of news service and alumni affairs.

She has been public relations director at the college since 1981. She and her husband, Benjamin Leach, college counselor, teach a class — "Are You Fit to be Tied? — for engaged couples, every spring.

A former Southwestern student, Mrs. Leach holds the Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

She sits on the board of directors for the Fort Worth branch of the North/East Texas Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and on the board of Keene Adventist Elementary School. She is a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, and is vice president of Adventist Editors International.

She and her husband live in Keene with their children Aimee, 13, and Bj, 11.



Sharon H. Leach

SAC Alumni Surpass Giving Goals

Southwestern Adventist college alumni gave generously during the 1987-88 fiscal year, donating \$100,000 to the Alumni Annual Fund, according to Helen Hazelton, assistant to the vice president for advancement. The drive which ended June 30 raised money for student aid.

"Our total was \$7,500 over our Annual Fund goal," Hazelton says. "Thirty-eight percent of our alumni participated. That's a fantastic number; nationally, about 22 percent of alumni give to their alma mater. An average SAC alumni gift is \$68. Our alumni are very generous."

A new incentive program for college fund raising, BECA PS, will be instituted by the General Conference Philanthropic Service for Institutions this year and will continue until 1992. "It focuses on four areas: class participation among young alumni; grants and foundations; class agent and volunteer work; and maintaining and slightly increasing current alumni giving status," Hazelton explains.

She and her staff of student workers begin training immediately to launch the 1988-89 giving season with the annual alumni phone-athon, October 23 to 30.

Arkansas-Louisiana

WILLIAM L. WOODRUFF, CORRESPONDENT

Decatur Teacher Sets Goals

"There's no way that I could lead children to Jesus of my own accord," says Dianne Eslinger, new teacher at the Decatur church school. "As long as the Lord is on my side giving me strength, I can. If I can show them a personal relationship with Christ, then that relationship can grow and see them through a multitude of life happenings. Children don't live in an easy age and they need every strength that they



Dianne Eslinger

can possibly have. I just ask the Lord daily to help me."

Dianne was born in Lodi, California, and has spent most of her life in Oregon. She began teaching in 1978, after earning her Bachelor of Science in education at Walla Walla College. In 1985 she took one year out of teaching to begin studying for her Master's Degree, which she completed in 1987 at Loma Linda University. All but one year of her teaching experience has been in one- and two-room schools.

"The Lord has led me to teach here in Decatur," she testifies. "I had not applied in Arkansas, and was eagerly anticipating a position in Alaska. After morning devotions and claiming God's promises, I received a call from Dale Kongorski who gave me some counsel and told me of the

opening in Arkansas. I believe his counsel was from the Lord."

After visiting Decatur and meeting with the school board, she decided to accept. Her goal is to have a closer relationship with Christ, and to have a school where children learn about Christ.

"I love children and I want to see each one of them in heaven," she affirms. "My life is dedicated to Him and to teaching."

Twila Owens
Communication Secretary

McClintocks to Present Concert in Gentry

Jim McClintock and his wife, Ann, will present a vesper musical concert on Sabbath, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Gentry, Arkansas, church.

Oklahoma

RODNEY GROVE, CORRESPONDENT

Jerry Beem Heads Educational Department

Jerry D. Beem, an experienced teacher, principal and director of education, has joined the Oklahoma Conference as superintendent of schools. He will give professional guidance to the conference elementary schools, contract schools, home schools, and two day academies. The quality of the educational program in the conference will be strengthened and growth is anticipated under Beem's leadership.



Jerry Beem

Elder Beem is a graduate of Union College and holds an M.A. degree from Andrews University. He most recently served as associate superintendent of education in the Texas Conference.

His family includes two daughters and two sons: Cynthia Hiday, a nurse in the Huguley Hospital Hospice program; Jerelyn Moench, whose husband, David is pastor of the El Dorado, Arkansas, church; Arthur, an employee of McNeilus Manufacturing in Loma Linda, California; and Alan, an academy student. There are five grandchildren.

Robert D. Rider
President

LEGAL NOTICES

Oklahoma Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that there will be a constituency meeting of the Oklahoma Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists at the Oklahoma City Central Seventh-day Adventist church, 4747 N.W. 63rd St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 17, 1988. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a board of trustees for the ensuing term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the corporation. The meeting is called for Monday, October 17, 1988, at 2:00 p.m.

Robert Rider, President
Alfred C. Schnell, Secretary

Tulsa Adventist Academy

Notice is hereby given that there will be a constituency meeting of Tulsa Adventist Academy in the academy gymnasium at 900 S. New Haven, Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 23, 1988, at 2:00 p.m.

Robert Rider, President
Jack Francisco, Secretary



BRANDING OKLAHOMANS FOR CHRIST



DON BRIANS—SALES
BAPTIZED: APRIL 26
McALESTER

To be with his grandparents who raised him as a child, Don moved to Oklahoma in February. In March he attended a Sabbath School Target 200 Session at Wewoka Woods. At that meeting he decided to follow God completely.



DENITA BLAND—STUDENT
BAPTIZED: APRIL 23
JAY

Denita was raised in a Seventh-day Adventist home. She has attended church school at Jay and Ketchum Jr. Academy. She can also regularly be found at camp meeting and youth camp. Her whole life has been a preparation for this step.



BUDDY MCKINNON—
COMMERCIAL ROOFER
BAPTIZED: MAY 14
OKC CENTRAL

In the book "Religions in America," Buddy read what Seventh-day Adventists believe. The next Sabbath he attended Central Church. He was invited to attend a Revelation Seminar and six weeks later joined the Adventist family.

ONWARD OKLAHOMA 2%

REJOICE WITH Ardmore Adventist Hospital

at

Ground Breaking Ceremonies

October 9, 1988

2:00 p.m.

(see related story)

The hospital belongs to the Oklahoma Constituency. All Oklahoma Adventists are invited to share in this momentous and happy celebration!

Ardmore Hospital To Break Ground

"It may be just a piece of paper, but it means a lot to us," says Sam Loewen, administrator of Ardmore Adventist Hospital. He was speaking of the Certificate of Need, a document issued by the State of Oklahoma signifying approval for a new addition to the hospital.

Health-care facilities must receive approval from the state Health Planning Commission before beginning most building projects or offering major new services.

Ardmore Hospital's addition will actually be a separate, two-story structure built to the west of the present hospital. The new building will house 30 private patient rooms, a new surgical suite, emergency room, gift shop, and chapel.

"Most of our patient rooms are in a part of the building constructed in the late 1950's and early 1960's," according to Ray Hutson, assistant administrator. "This new building is really phase one of a long-term project to completely replace the existing facility."

Ground breaking, which will feature Ben E. Leach, retired Southwestern Union Conference president, state and local government personal-

ities and the Southwestern Adventist College Concert Band, is scheduled for October 9, 1988. Construction will take about 18 months, with the building being ready to use in the summer of 1990.

Charlene Ingulfsen
Public Relations Director

Ministry of the Cross

presents

Jim McClintock

in a special Sunday evening
Gospel Concert

October 9, 1988, 7:00 p.m.

at the

Oklahoma City Central Church
4747 NW 63rd St.

Revelation Seminar Increases Attendance

A recent Revelation Seminar in Antlers is beginning to increase Sabbath attendance in the Antlers church.

Invitations to the seminar were mailed to every home in the little town. Since the meetings were to be held in the church itself, there was some concern as to whether people would attend. But excitement ran high, when 18 nonmembers started the class on opening night. This almost equaled the number of members, who were, themselves faithful in attendance.

The pastor, Gordon Burton, who taught the course, reports that personal Bible studies are being given to several of those who attended, to further cultivate their interest.

Ruth Asher
Communication Secretary

Elders Leadership Seminar

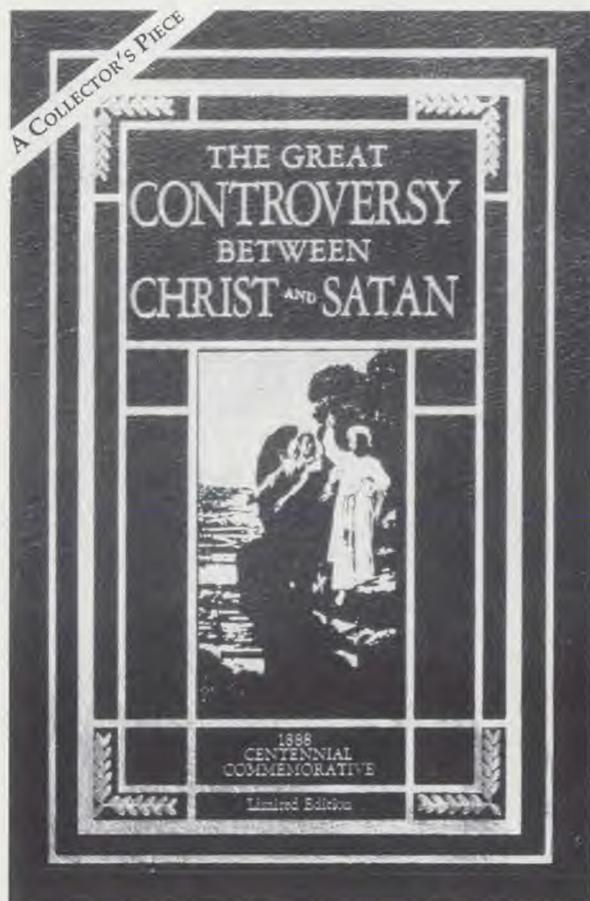
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9:15 a.m. at
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Southwest Region

R. E. BARRON, CORRESPONDENT

Family Find Christ Under a Tree

Kenneth Price was very active as a youth in his church, but left the church to go away to college and the night life. Soon he felt a big void in his life, and came to the realization that what he needed was Jesus.

Upon moving to Dallas seven years ago, Kenneth decided he would visit different denominations, praying and seeking for a church with teachings like Jesus taught. He thought, "If they are not teaching what is written in the Bible, I will simply walk out." And he did indeed walk out of nine out of ten churches he visited.

One day Jeanette Simeone walked into Kenneth's office, gave him an address, and asked him to meet her there on Saturday at 3:30. It was the address of the Penuel church in Dallas. This must have been a miracle, because on that Sabbath the

members of the Penuel church were all going to Fort Worth to attend the Youth Federation meeting.

But Nathaniel Lee was impressed to stay at the church and keep the doors open that Sabbath. He was having his Walking With Christ Bible class at 3:30 under a tree, following a strong impression he had had.

Meanwhile, curiosity was impelling Kenneth Price to go to the address given him. He took his fiancée Patricia and son Chane, and thought they would drive by and see what was there. But he was impressed by the Lord to stop. He got out of the car and inquired of a gentleman where the Bible class would be. The gentleman was Nathaniel Lee, who gladly pointed Kenneth to the tree where the class was being held.

Kenneth, Patricia, and Chane continued attending, and have not missed a Sabbath. On February 14,

1988, Kenneth and Patricia were married, and on the following Sabbath they and their son Chane were baptized.

One night Patricia dreamed of seeing a young lady, whom she had never seen before, but her face was very clear. The next morning at work she saw the very person she had seen in her dream. She introduced herself and told about the dream. The lady was Annette Reeves, a Seventh-day Adventist seeking a church home. She accepted Patricia's invitation to church, and was so impressed by the warmth and friendliness of the Penuel members, she is now an active member. She invited her husband Joe to the Walking With Christ Bible Study class under the tree. On June 4, 1988, Joe and Annette Reeves were baptized.

Ismay Gordon
Communication Secretary

Texico

DON SULLIVAN, CORRESPONDENT

SANDIA VIEW ACADEMY

Alumni Weekend

Sept. 30-Oct. 2

For further information, contact:
Sam Fahsholtz, 505/898-9019.

Ministry of the Cross

presents

Jim McClintock and his wife,

Ann McClintock

In a series of concerts:

Amarillo Church—

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Albuquerque Heights Church—

Sabbath, Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m.

Santa Fe English Church—

Sunday, Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m.

Midland Children Launch Balloons

From July 24 to 29, Kerri Marsh and her coworkers led the children of the Midland, Texas, church and 20 new friends into a richer experience of the joy of serving others as they live for Jesus. The theme of their vacation Bible school was "Happy in Jesus," and its aim was "Peace in the World for All to Share."

Stories were told by the pastor, Eddie Card, Clyde McCoy, and Kerri Marsh. Judy Fair was crafts leader.

There was excitement when all took part in the balloon launching. Each balloon had a streamer to which a card was attached carrying a message from the Midland VBS. The address of the church was given, with a request that the finder respond. Now all are eager to see how many returns are received, and from what distance.

Evangeline Richman
Communication Secretary

Righteousness by Faith RALLY

Roswell

English & Spanish Church

2915 S. Union Street
Roswell, New Mexico

7:30 pm, Friday, October 14
Sabbath, October 15, all day



Come and enjoy the inspirational messages to be given by **John McFarlane**, ministerial director of the Southwestern Union Conference. Question and answer period. Musical program. Share your food and friendship at noon.



Church leaders join with Elders Don Sullivan and Richard Bernal in the groundbreaking for the Clint, Texas, church.



Don Sullivan, conference president, brought encouraging words at the ground breaking.



Pastor Richard Bernal leads out in the ground breaking service for Clint.

Olsen Park Revives VBS

Old timers couldn't remember a vacation Bible school at Olsen Park church, Amarillo, Texas, since the '70's. Stanley Gillham, Sabbath School superintendent, emphasized the need for one to the Sabbath School council early in the spring. With much trepidation and planning, it became a reality on August 8, with 35 children in attendance.

A colorful, felt display of Nature, God's second book, helped to portray the VBS theme, Happy with Jesus. Each evening Don Sandstrom, conference trust services director, presented a "nature nugget," teaching interesting facts about common

crystals to be found in every household, and about birds' feathers.

The Lord's Prayer was the theme of devotional talks by Sam Miller, pastor, and was taught in song by Alene Weber and her teenage helper, Joquita Swingle. Of interest was a child's definition of temptation: "When the Devil is behind you, pushing you, and trying to make you do something that you know is not right."

During the final program each child and each teenage helper received a memento of the VBS. The attendance in kindergarten ranged from 21 to 23; in primary, from 13 to 15; in junior, from 5 to 8.

Anna Swingle
Communication Secretary

Ground Broken for Church at Clint, Texas

A new group in Clint, Texas, broke ground on July 31 to build a church. Many of the members have come from the El Paso Central Spanish church to form this group. They have saved money to buy the land, and are now ready to move ahead with the construction.

All of the members, including the children, took their turn with the shovel. A special group from Mexico provided music.

Justificación por la Fe Reunión

1988

Valencia Spanish Church

28 El Cerro Rd.
Los Lunas, New Mexico

El viernes, 23 de septiembre, 7:30 p.m.

El Sabado, 24 de septiembre, 9:30 a.m.

Todo el día



Angel M. Rodriguez

Vengan y goçen de los sermones del Pastor Rodriguez, profesor de Biblia del **Southwestern Adventist College**. Tendrán oportunidad para hacer preguntas. Compartiremos nuestra comida y gozaremos del compañerismo Cristiano.



Final rendition of the Abilene Church at the end of the musical program.



Winston Clark holding his gift that he received at the Asian mini camp meeting.

Asian Camp Meeting Studies Righteousness

Winston Clark, administrative assistant to the General Conference president, spoke on righteousness by faith on Friday night, Sabbath morning, and Sabbath afternoon at the Asian mini camp meeting in Big Spring, Texas, July 29, 30.

As usual, the musical program was presented by members of various churches under the direction of Edith Gayao of Abilene. As usual, also, was the enjoyment of egg rolls and other Asian specialty foods at the fellowship dinner.

Texico Expansion
Needs Your Systematic Support
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Don Sandstrom, association secretary and trust service director for the Texico Conference directed the Sabbath School for the youth.



The youth presented a special program during the afternoon musical program.

Al Beyer Elected Principal of CTA

Al Beyer was recently elected principal of Chisholm Trail Academy, where he taught physical education during the previous school year.

He was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is a graduate of Ozark Academy and Southwestern Adventist College, where he received a Bachelor of Science in secondary education with a major in physical education and minors in religion and biology. His Master of Science in secondary education is from the University of North Texas.

Al's wife Liz is a registered nurse at Huguley Memorial Hospital.



Al and Liz Beyer.

"I am Convinced that You have the Truth"

There are people in every community who are almost persuaded to believe God's truth and be wholly His. Decisions are being made as people read our literature and hear our messages on radio. Radio still reaches people. The Scriptures are still true today. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17.



Bob Thrower

The preaching of truth makes a difference. Those longing for truth can detect it when they hear it. The following letters recently came to the Hour of Prophecy office.

Will you please send me your printed sermons and the book, *The Final Countdown*. I listen to your broadcast on WRVA Richmond, Virginia. I have been listening to your program only three Sundays, and am convinced that you have the truth. I'm also convinced that most churches do not have the truth. —N.L., Hopeville, Virginia.

I have heard your programs about six or seven times and I really enjoyed them. You are easy to understand and I believe you say what is on your heart. I think you are different from most preachers I have heard. Keep up the good work and may God bless you. — O.J., Azle, Texas.

We must follow God's counsel in preaching the truth: "It is not flowery discourses that are needed, not a flood of words without meaning. Our ministers are to preach in a way that will help people to grasp vital truth." — *Gospel Workers*, p. 154.

Bob Thrower
Speaker and Director
Hour of Prophecy

Dallas First Reports Growth

"The Dallas First church is growing," reports Murrell Tull, pastor. "We have just experienced a full summer of activities that strengthened our church spiritually."

A vacation Bible school, under the direction of DeAnn Wehtje, brought 35 to 40 children every night with half of them from nonmember homes. The theme was "Happy with Jesus."

In conjunction with the VBS, a health fair was held in Holly hall. The exhibitors included physicians, nurses, dentists, optometrists, medical technicians, physical therapists, and dietitians.

At the August 13 church service, Jim McDonald presented a sermonette and sacred concert from his recent world tour. He dedicated one song, "Until Then," to his grandmother, Betty McDonald, a member of the Dallas church. Jim's parents, Tex and Fern McDonald, are also long-time Dallas church members.

Each Sabbath brings new visitors to the sanctuary. They are impressed with the friendliness and warmth of the church. Church members invite all visitors to their homes where they can share a happy Sabbath with fellow believers or new-found friends. Tull says this personal evangelism is paying rich dividends toward permanent growth.



Jim McDonald from J. D. Productions, California, presents a sacred concert at the Dallas First Church.



Construction moves ahead on the Chisholm Trail Estates Retirement Center.

Retirement Center Advances Construction

Construction is steadily progressing on the Chisholm Trail Estates Retirement Center. Ed Padon, general contractor, expects the project to be completed by December 31, 1988.

According to Wesley Voss, electrical contractor, there are over 400 miles of wire in the building to supply all of the electrical services including fire alarm, security, telephone and paging.

A temporary rental office is functioning at the site. To date, 26 of the 52 units have been rented. Phone for information: 817/556-9100.

Six Join the Arlington Church

Six new members joined the Arlington church on August 13. They had attended a Revelation Seminar conducted by Henry Barron, associate pastor. Others are still studying in preparation for baptism.

The Arlington church now has a membership of 550. The pastor, Jim Gilley, recently began a series of sermons from the Gospel of John. The Sabbath attendance in the new sanctuary averages 450.



General News

Halloween — A Disguised Opportunity

The children coming to your door will be disguised as spooks, monsters, and creatures. But before you barricade your property and head for the mountains, consider the untapped potential for witnessing on this strange holiday. These little people coming to your door present you with an opportunity to be a caring Christian neighbor with something

special to share. Use this thoughtful bag stuffer and it will also help keep drugs out of your neighborhood.

The special Halloween issue of *The Winner*, our drug-prevention magazine for children, is a gift that both children and their parents appreciate. All 16 pages are chock full of teasers and treats in the form of stories, games, and puzzles. Here's a fun and entertaining gift that won't cause a toothache or stomachache. When parents return the subscrip-

tion coupon from your gift copy, *The Winner* will arrive each month to help their kids say No to drugs.

To be assured of receiving your supply of *The Winner* in time for Halloween distribution, your order and prepayment must reach Narcotics Education no later than October 19. Call toll free: 1-800/548-8700 with your credit-card or purchase-order number. Or mail your check to Narcotics Education, Inc., 6830 Laurel Street, NW, Washington, DC 20012.

ADRA Rushes Aid To Khartoum

In Khartoum, Sudan, it is being called the worst flood of the century. On August 4, thirteen hours of rain dumped 8 inches of water on the city. Rising floods left an estimated 1 million people without shelter as the downpour melted their mud homes. Even as the rains were falling, ADRA set in motion its relief efforts, distributing blankets, food, clothing, and medicines as well as setting up emergency shelters.

Currently, relief efforts are concentrating on the most effected areas of Khartoum, the capitol, and Omdurman, its sister city across the flooded Nile River. Here the shantytown slums which spread for miles into the desert, home to over 700,000 people, are still submerged in knee-deep, sewage-contaminated water.

To help combat the imminent threat of highly infectious, water-born diseases such as cholera and

typhoid, ADRA is rushing water purification tablets and urgently needed medicines into Sudan. According to UN health officials, some 400,000 children are at risk and if aid is not received, some 40,000 could die.

Along with the shipments of urgently needed supplies of medicines and water purification tablets, ADRA is also sending more clothing and emergency shelters.

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.

McClintock to Sing in Oklahoma City

Ministry of the Cross presents Jim McClintock in a special Sunday evening gospel concert, October 9, 1988, 7:00 p.m., at the Oklahoma City Central Church, 4747 N.W. 63rd. Street.

Reunions

Sandia View Academy Alumni Weekend

Sandia View Academy Alumni Weekend will be held September 30 to October 2, 1988. For further information contact Sam Fahsholtz, 505/898-9019.

Obituaries

HAUF, Eva, was born June 30, 1895, and died Aug. 9, 1988, in Oklahoma City, OK. Was a member of the Summit Ridge, OK, church. Survivors: son, Arthur Roland, Jones, OK; daughter, Evelyn Lovell, Jones; sisters, Irene Jeffreys, Bristow, OK, Katherine Bell, Ella Mae Perkins, and Pansy Jones, all of Oklahoma City. Burial was in Jones.

New Releases

Heritage Series Launched

Here's a chance for Adventists to add to their Spirit of Prophecy collection at a reduced cost! The E. G. White Estate and the North American Division publishing houses are selecting one book each year to receive a special emphasis and price. These books will comprise the Heritage Series. Bright, full-color dust jackets are giving these books a fresh, new look.

The premier book in this series is *Faith and Works*, a natural for the 1888 centennial anniversary. "The thrust of this book is to show that saving faith will always manifest itself in works or actions," says Arnold V. Wallenkampf, author of *What Every Christian Should Know about Being Justified*. Calvin B. Rock, vice president of the General Conference, uses this book when dialoguing and preaching on righteousness by faith. "It emphasizes the merits of Christ and His substitutionary role," he states, "without depreciating individual effort and will."

Faith and Works is on sale now at your Adventist Book Center for \$5.95 until December 31, 1988.

NICHOLS, Robert W., was born July 10, 1924, in Enid OK, and died July 16, 1988, in Ojai, CA. Survivors: wife, Martha, Ventura, CA; son, Robert Jr., Ventura; daughters, Karen Pollock, Weed, CA; sisters, Thelma Day, Perris, CA, Dorothy Walter, Ventura, Doris Donaldson, Enid; and 10 grandchildren. Services conducted by Linda Walter and Kenneth Richards. Burial was in Ventura.

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ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE is seeking a chair (Ph.D. required) for the English Department, beginning fall, 1989. If interested please send resume to Sakae Kubo, vice president for academic affairs, Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, MA 01561. 16-1t

COLLEGE TEACHERS. Canadian Union College invites applications from persons interested in teaching in the following areas: mathematics, philosophy, and psychology. In each case the applicant must be an SDA in regular standing, have a Ph.D. degree, have teaching experience and be willing to be involved in research. Send a resume to: The Vice President for Academic Administration, Canadian Union College, Box 430, College Heights, Alberta, TOC OZO. 16-14t

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Sunset Calendar

	Sept. 23	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Oct. 14
Abilene, Texas	7:35	7:26	7:17	7:08
Amarillo, Texas	7:43	7:33	7:23	7:14
Brownsville, Texas	7:25	7:18	7:10	7:03
Dallas, Texas	7:23	7:13	7:04	6:55
El Paso, Texas	7:02	6:53	6:44	6:35
Fort Worth/Keene, Texas	7:24	7:15	7:06	6:57
Galveston/Houston, Texas	7:15	7:07	6:58	6:50
Gentry, Arkansas	7:13	7:03	6:54	6:44
Little Rock, Arkansas	7:05	6:55	6:45	6:36
Muskogee, Oklahoma	7:17	7:07	6:57	6:48
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:56	6:47	6:39	6:31
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	6:26	6:16	6:06	5:57
San Antonio, Texas	7:30	7:21	7:13	7:05
Santa Fe, New Mexico	7:00	6:50	6:40	6:31
Shreveport, Louisiana	7:11	7:01	6:52	6:43
Tulsa, Oklahoma	7:20	7:10	7:00	6:50

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"Pass me not, O Gentle Saviour..."

Carol awakened very alert—despite a drug hangover. She reached over and turned on the radio expecting to hear rock music. Instead, she heard Del Delker singing . . . "Pass me not, O Gentle Saviour."

Carol melted. "Listening to that song broke my heart," she remembers Everything within me reached out to the Saviour the voice was singing about—I was experiencing God. I've never been the same.

"When the song was over, H. M. S. Richards talked about God's plan for my life. I knew I had to take immediate action!"

"I got out of bed and quickly packed. I could no longer live in a sinful environment. Desperately searching the phone book I found the name of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Faye Mills answered the phone that Sunday morning. I blurted out:

"I'm looking for God, and I've had some bad experiences going to different churches. I'm not going to your church. You will have to come to me!

"If you can show me there's a God, I'll join your church."

Carol was full of questions. Faye was full of answers. Wednesday night, Carol went to prayer meeting with Faye.

"When I walked into that Adventist church, the faces of the people looked like faces lit up—and for the first time in my life, I found in them and the Seventh-day Adventist Church an echo of what my inner voice had been leading me to for so long."



CAROL



H. M. S. Richards, Jr.
DIRECTOR - SPEAKER

Carol was baptized into the Memphis First Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Spring of 1974 at the age of 24. There she met her future husband, Don, and today they have two beautiful daughters.

Her life could have taken a much different turn if the Voice of Prophecy had not been there when she casually flipped that radio dial.

And there are millions of other confused, longing, yearning, lonely people—just like Carol—who will hear about Jesus because of your gift on Voice of Prophecy Day. Please plan to be generous with your Lord. *His rich presence will fill your life!*

Remember Voice of Prophecy Day!

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