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*A*t a time in earth's history when society is confused on many issues, with moral values in decay, the future uncertain, and people paralyzed by fear, what better message can we, members of the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, share than that we have a vision for the great need of our society, an urgent mission to fulfill that need, and that we're ready to serve wherever we encounter the need?

Following God's direction, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will move together to spread the good news of salvation to our cities, towns and districts here in the Southwest.

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**ABOUT THE COVER:** Southwestern Union Conference office headquarters located at 777 South Burleson Boulevard, Burleson, Texas. Photo: Jean Thomas

## Southwestern Union Conference

officers and departmental directors wish to pay tribute to the dedicated office support staff. It is because of their faithfulness in executing their daily responsibilities

that the work at the office is done professionally and well.

We recognize that in any organization, efficiency and order are due in a large part to the staff who serve

with their directors. Our staff are always willing to go a second mile in making sure everything is done, not only for the good of the organization, but also to the glory of God.



Office support staff, back row from left: Esther Gallardo, Agnaldo de Castro, Art Stoelting, Wes Stoops, Janet Miller. Second row: Carla Baker, Betty Heinrich, Mildred Garner, Carol Cheadle, Jackie Wright, Amy Jenkins, Lily Gonzalez, Bryan Swope. Front row: Elizabeth Aldava, Muriel Allred, Carol Aalborg, Kim Arkusinski, Vivian Johnson, Silvia Soupet and Ana Alvarado. (Not pictured: Kristi Amparan; Frances Garner; and part-time staff, Elsibeth Canizares, Idelsa Canizares, Jennifer Galland, W. B. Robinson, Annette Sadau, Abel Santiago and Jennifer Zook.)

To summarize the progress of the Southwestern Union Conference during the last five years, we must begin with Elder Cyril Miller. Until the end of 1995, it was his visionary leadership that propelled the growth and progress of the Southwestern Union Conference.

It was my privilege to be associated with Elder Miller during his ten years as Southwestern Union president, and as I report on the growth of the Southwestern Union since 1991, I gratefully acknowledge his leadership.

Elder Miller emphasized evangelism—both here and in our sister union, the Ukrainian Union—which resulted in vigorous membership growth in both places. Under his leadership, the Southwestern Union moved into television ministry. We now have three television stations broadcasting the gospel full-time in our union, two owned by Three Angels' Broadcasting Network, and the other operated by Southwestern Adventist College.

## Membership Growth

During the five-year period beginning January 1, 1991, and ending December 31, 1995, the Southwestern Union surpassed the 60,000-member milestone. Membership on December 31, 1995, was 61,222—a gain of 6,165 members for the quinquennium. The increase in membership resulted in 23 new congregations.

## Tithe & Offerings

Along with membership, we have seen an increase in tithe and offerings. Tithe during the quinquennium totaled \$152,690,000. This is an increase of \$33,600,000 or 28.23 percent over the previous quinquennium. The mission offerings amounted to \$6,510,000 or 2.86 percent over the previous quinquennium. During 1995 the increase was 11.4 percent. Ingathering for the five year period was \$4,013,000, which

unfortunately is a loss of 13.82 percent. We appreciate the faithfulness of our members in returning their tithe and contributing their offerings.

## Union Conference Finances

As you review the financial statement, you will find that the conference had strong operating gains each year and closed 1995 with 120 percent of the recommended operating capital. In addition, all long-term debt has been paid off during this period, which means the Union is debt free. The Revolving Fund currently has deposits of \$26,300,000, making it possible for churches, schools and institutions in the Southwestern Union to have low-interest loans to finance their growth needs.

## Local Conferences

I am pleased to report that the five conferences in the Southwestern Union have made excellent progress during the quinquennium.

**The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference** helped sponsor the first Teen Prayer Conference in North America which was held last September on the campus of Ozark Adventist Academy. Students from the Oklahoma and Texico Conferences joined students from several academies outside the Southwestern Union in converging at OAA to learn the science of prayer through first-hand experience. They came away with an understanding of prayer and an ease in praying with and for others that is an inspiration to us as older Christians. The conference also has had a debt reduction program, Freedom '92, which was very



successful. **The Oklahoma Conference** has worked hard to reduce debt and has made solid financial gains. They have continued to minister to the families of the Oklahoma City

bombing victims in loving and tangible ways. Their commitment to their young people was also strongly evidenced in the delegations they sponsored to the Teen Prayer Conference.

**The Southwest Region Conference** experienced an extremely productive summer of soul winning in 1995 with the Ebony Evangelism program. Their concentrated evangelistic efforts produced a record 1,100 baptisms and resulted in the formation of nine new churches. During the quinquennium the conference also purchased property in west Dallas on which they plan to build a new conference office and school.

**The Texas Conference** has

made an all-out effort to reduce debt. By cutting overhead, they have experienced major operating gains while making sizable reductions in indebtedness. In 1996 the conference expects to be debt free. The most encouraging news is that they have continued to have a strong, productive evangelism program at the same time.

**The Texico Conference** surpassed 5,000 members this quinquennium and also passed the \$3 million mark in annual tithe income. During this period the conference has developed the Gallup Inter-Tribal Center which will be the base for evangelism to the Native Americans in that area.

## Local Churches

We appreciate and affirm the 240 dedicated pastors serving our 512 churches. Exciting things are happening in our churches. The Keene church is the home of the New Discovery Bible School which has 85 teachers reaching 2,500 students in 100 prisons. The Gentry church plans and coordinates the camp meeting in that area of the conference. Last year over 2,000 worshippers attended their spirit-filled meetings. In addition, they have hosted two North American Division-sponsored prayer conferences.

The New Orleans Ephesus church has recently distributed 1,000 copies of *Steps to Christ*, along with Bible Answers, in preparation for an evangelistic crusade.

## Sister Union

In 1991 we adopted the Ukrainian Union in the



**Union president, Max Trevino, in conference with the treasurer, Deryl Knutson.**

Euro-Asia Division as our sister union. Since that time we have had the privilege of assisting this field by providing evangelists and financial resources. During this period workers from our union have held 28 evangelistic meetings, resulting in 8,838 baptisms. Along with this, a large number of Ukrainian ministers attended field schools of evangelism taught by our ministers and have now begun to hold their own evangelistic meetings. This endeavor has had a positive impact on our members as they have supported this special effort.

### Nursing Homes

Last year we sold our two nursing homes, one in Fort Worth and the other in San Marcos, to Adventist Health System Sunbelt. The net profit from the sale of the homes enabled the Southwestern Union to pay off the debt of approximately \$2,000,000 on our headquarters building in Burleson, Texas, and to make a \$1,000,000 donation to Southwestern Adventist College to help build a new men's dormitory. We will receive an additional \$2.5 million over the next several years which will be used for other capital improvements at the college.

### Southwestern Adventist College

Progress at our college during the last five years has been remarkable. Our talented administrative team has led the college through vigorous growth during a time when some Adventist colleges are losing ground in enrollment and finances. In 1995, SAC enrollment passed the 1,000 mark for the first time. In addition, the school, through an intensive process, received a ten-year reaffirmation of its accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The look of the campus has changed considerably. We can all be proud of the new Chan

Shun Centennial Library with its copper dome that can be seen for miles. Ground was broken last December for Cyril Miller Hall, the new men's residence hall. If you haven't visited the campus in a few years, you'll be impressed with the new look.

### Adventist Health System Sunbelt

Our hospital system is another organization of which we are justifiably proud. The Southwestern Union and the Southern Union jointly



**Mildred Garner has served as secretary to the president for nine years.**

operate Adventist Health System Sunbelt. In the Southwestern Union, Sunbelt operates five hospitals and two nursing homes. Huguley Memorial Medical Center in Fort Worth has grown from one hospital to a health care system operating two hospitals, 13 clinics, and three fitness centers. The second hospital in the Huguley system is Willow Creek Psychiatric Hospital in Arlington, Texas, which AHS Sunbelt acquired in 1993. Sunbelt continues to operate Metroplex Hospital in Killeen and Central Texas Medical Center in San Marcos. Metroplex has also added another hospital to its system, Rollins Brook Community Hospital in Lampasas, Texas.

Adventist Health System Sunbelt actively strives to keep the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church foremost in its operations. Each year during this quinquennium a mission conference has been held to assist our Sunbelt institutions in relating closely to the mission of the church.

### Union Departmental Restructuring

In the last year we have accomplished major restructuring of several of our departments. These departments now function on the union level only and are not duplicated at the local conference level. This restructuring saves the cost of several salaries and helps both the union and the local conferences operate at maximum efficiency.

**Publishing.** The publishing program is now handled entirely on the union level. Since the reorganization took effect on April 1, 1995, sales have increased considerably. A student literature

evangelist program has been instituted, giving academy- and college-age young people the opportunity to become actively involved in ministry through literature sales. The young people are earning scholarships while working hand-in-hand with the Lord to win souls. I hope more of our young people will become involved in this faith-building work.

### Church Ministries Services.

In four of our local conferences the departments of Sabbath school, children's ministries, personal ministries, stewardship, family ministries, and community services have all been transferred to the union level with union personnel coordinating these

services. Training sessions are being conducted by union personnel in churches throughout the five states of our Southwestern Union territory. This is a two-year experimental program which began on January 1 of this year. The response has been overwhelmingly favorable.

Excitement builds as we prepare for a new century. The results of the NET '95 evangelistic endeavor have demonstrated how effective the use of modern technology can be in reaching members of a community. Plans for NET '96 are already well advanced, and with God's blessing we anticipate even greater results this year. I would encourage every church member in our union to keep NET '96 in your prayers. Pray also for your communities, that the Holy Spirit may prepare the hearts of those who are seeking more truth.

The Southwestern Union is committed to being of service to the local conferences and churches in every possible way. We will continue to work toward streamlining operations and making use of new technology to handle the Lord's work with ever-increasing efficiency.

I praise God for His leading in the Southwestern Union Conference. Let us never forget that the work of winning souls is the reason we are here. When we make God first in our lives and unite our efforts with His, we can expect great things. God honors prayer and faith.

"Press together" is Ellen White's counsel to the church, for our strength lies in unity. Exciting as the 1991-95 quinquennium has been, I believe that as we follow this advice and unite in Vision, Mission and Service to God and our fellowman, the next five years will be even greater.

The first quinquennium of the nineties can be characterized by one word—change. Since the last union session in 1991, we have experienced such rapid change that many have nostalgic desires for the “good old days” as a relief from today’s dizzying pace. The truth is, however, that it’s impossible to turn the back the clock. These challenging times give opportunities to see God’s miracle-working power through His faithful servants.

Many miracles have taken place in our union territory. They’re miracles because, in spite of the pundits of doom and gloom in the church, the discouraging economic trends,

and the increasing secularization of society, our net growth in membership during the past five years is 6,165—from 55,057 to 61,222. The 15,291 baptisms and professions of faith contributed largely to the net growth. The number of churches has increased from 489 to 512, making an average



of 4.6 new churches each year.

Taking into consideration that four of our five conferences have had administrative changes during this quinquennium, three being in the last two years, it becomes clear that the

growth in membership is due largely to the evangelistic thrust. Therefore, we can see that the Lord’s blessing has been with us. (See Table 1.)

A review of the membership comparisons for all the unions in the North American Division shows the total NAD gain was 10.32 percent. The Southwestern Union was above the average at 11.19 percent. It is easy to lose the significance of church growth when looking merely at statistics. It becomes more meaningful to recognize that each numerical figure represents an earnest soul

who has accepted the “Three Angels’ Messages” as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and thus represents the love and mercy of a gracious Savior. In addition, each new member becomes an immediate soldier in God’s army to advance His kingdom through soul winning.

The remaining few years of the twentieth century present some formidable challenges. However, God has never left His Church without faithful members, a message, or means to meet every challenge. And we believe this next quinquennium will hold even greater successes for the cause of God in the great Southwest. (See Table 2.)

## Church Policy

Since the New Orleans General Conference session in 1985, church leaders have worked diligently to bring the governance of all church entities into compliance with a model constitution and bylaws. These models have been prepared for each level of our church structure from the General Conference to the local conference. With the litigious and complex environment in which the church must operate, it has become essential that each entity document a strong linkage in our organizational structure from the General Conference to the local conference. The integrity of each entity is to be recognized (church, conference, union) as a part of a sisterhood which cannot act without reference to the whole.

The proposed Constitution and Bylaws being presented for adoption at the session has been prepared with this

**TABLE 1**  
**Local Conference**  
**Membership Changes**

CONFERENCE	1990	1995	GAIN (LOSS)
Ark-La .....	7,735	7,792	57
Oklahoma .....	5,890	5,458	(432)
SW Region .....	13,575	16,547	2,972
Texas .....	22,989	26,054	3,065
Texico .....	4,868	5,371	503
Union .....	55,057	61,222	6,165

**TABLE 2**  
**North American Division**  
**Membership Comparison**

Union	1990	1995	Gain	% of Gain
Atlantic .....	69,489	77,176	7,687	11.06%
Canadian .....	40,047	45,129	5,082	12.69%
Columbia .....	88,145	98,131	9,986	11.32%
Lake .....	65,750	68,511	2,761	4.20%
Mid-America .....	52,869	53,394	525	1.00%
North Pacific .....	70,458	78,286	7,828	11.11%
Pacific .....	178,909	191,613	12,704	7.10%
Southern .....	139,424	165,202	25,778	18.48%
Southwestern .....	55,057	61,222	6,165	11.19%
NAD .....	760,148	838,664	78,516	10.32%



**Samuel Green writing the minutes after a union committee.**

principle in mind. The language incorporated in the model is essential to the unity of the worldwide Church, and the bylaws will accommodate the operational uniqueness of our union conference.

### **Public Affairs and Religious Liberty**

The Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department (PARL) of the Southwestern Union is moving into more prominence as the last days of earth's history unfold. We are living in a time that Ellen White predicted would witness a convergence of apostate Protestantism, Catholicism, and spiritualism that would threaten the liberty of conscience in America (*Great Controversy*, p. 588).

Every opportunity should be taken to set the message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the most favorable

light possible. We have been given this admonition: "... the followers of Christ, as they approach the time of trouble, (should) make every exertion to place themselves in a proper light before the people, to disarm prejudice, and to avert the danger which

threatens liberty of conscience" (*Great Controversy*, p. 616). As director of public affairs and religious liberty (PARL) in the Southwest, I view every Sabbath accommodation problem as an opportunity to explain the tenets of our faith while negotiating with employers on behalf of faithful church members.

Great as it may seem that a number of individuals in our union have been granted Sabbath accommodations, what makes it even better is that these members are demonstrating their loyalty to their God by standing for their faith. Some have had their problems resolved and have retained their current positions with the same pay. However, others have had to take a lower paying position or work inconveniently odd hours. Disappointingly, others have had to find other lines of work. However, it has been a joy to work with all these

individuals and to know that many of them will be part of the number that Jesus finds faithful when He returns.

A portion of the money donated each year to support the *Liberty* magazine campaign and sponsor subscriptions to thought-leaders and lawmakers in our communities is used to assist with litigation when necessary. It is vital that these funds increase in the light of the misguided coalitions and religious right lobbyist groups that seem to be on the increase and who seek to control political venues to bring prayer into our public schools, to push for tuition vouchers for parochial schools, and who wish to destroy the "wall of separation" between church and state and promote their own "moral" agenda items.

A warning found in the Spirit of Prophecy, which should keep us focused, reads, "Let the principle once be established in the United States that the church may employ or control the power of the state; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws; in short, that the authority of the church and state is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured." (*Great Controversy*, p. 581)



**Carla Baker handles the day-to-day details for Samuel Green and is editorial assistant to the Southwestern Union Record office.**

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Deryl Knutson, Treasurer

Joel Wallace, Undertreasurer

Jerry Davidson, Assistant Treasurer

As you review the following graphs and financial information, it will be easy to see that the Lord has blessed the Southwestern Union Conference during these past five years. The Lord has given many of our members financial success, and they, in turn, have been faithful in their stewardship by returning tithes and offerings to God's storehouse.

Your dollars do make a difference in the success and progress of your church. Membership in the Southwestern Union Conference has grown by more than 6,165 members this past quinquennium. Currently, 240 pastors serve 512 churches and 61,222 members in our union. This current school year



**Deryl Knutson**

silver for the advance of His work. He supplies men with resources that, by their gifts and offerings, they may keep His work advancing." *Coun-*



**Joel Wallace**

*sels on Stewardship, p. 36*  
It is the privilege of every member to return the tithe to God through His church. It's always interesting to know that the Lord works to stretch the 90 percent that we have left when we are faithful in returning a tithe to Him. From year to year, the tithe is the primary source of income for the conferences within the Southwestern Union Conference.



**Jerry Davidson**

The tithe received within the union during this past quinquennium has increased by 28.23 percent, or an average increase of 5.65 percent per year. The actual tithe dollar increase for the five years 1991-1995 was \$33,617,540, or an average increase of \$6,723,508 per year. The continual growth in tithe received each year over the past ten years has made it possible to meet the financial



**Betty Heinrich is secretary in the treasurer's office.**

finds 319 teachers providing Christian education to 3,640 elementary and academy students within our union territory. Yes, God has been able to use your dollars to the benefit of His church here in the Southwestern Union Conference.

"The Lord does not propose to come to this world to lay down gold and

## Where Your Tithe Dollar Goes



**70c to  
local conference**



**10c to  
union**



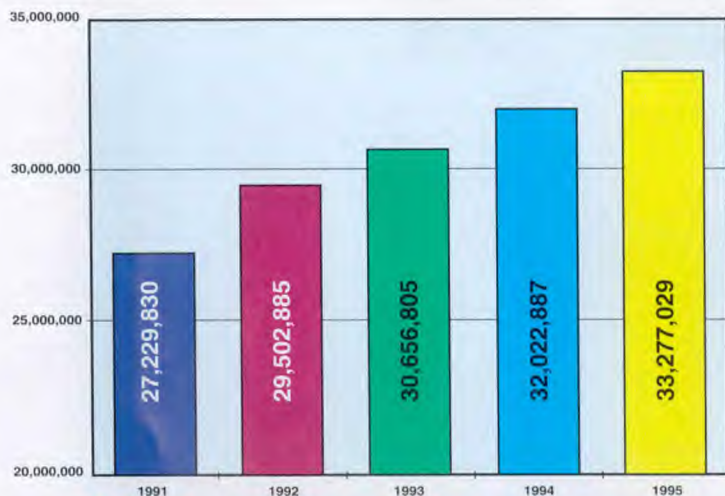
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General  
Conference**

## Tithe Income

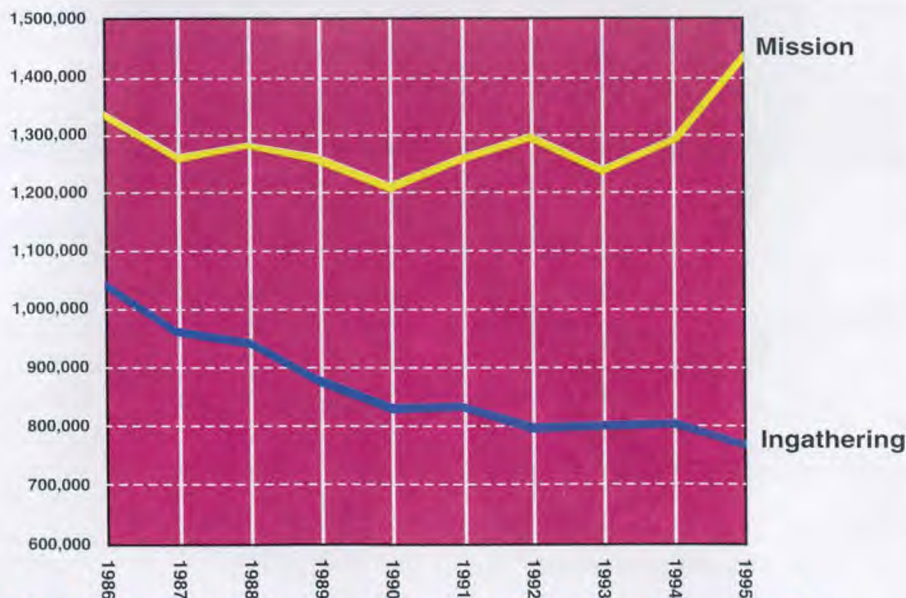
Conference	1991-1995	1986-1990	Gain/Loss	Percent
Ark-La .....	\$ 24,161,161	\$ 21,575,123	\$ 2,586,038	11.99
Okla .....	15,142,780	13,768,268	1,374,512	9.98
SW Region .....	25,946,016	16,939,476	9,006,540	53.17
Texas .....	72,706,641	55,453,929	17,252,712	31.11
Texico .....	14,732,828	11,335,090	3,397,738	28.98
TOTALS .....	\$152,689,426	\$119,071,886	\$33,617,540	28.23

## Tithe Income Comparison

Conference	1995	1990	Actual Decrease	Percent
Ark-La .....	\$ 5,168,974	\$ 4,279,598	\$ 889,376	20.78
Okla .....	3,201,473	2,841,310	360,163	12.68
SW Region .....	5,659,998	4,061,899	1,598,099	39.34
Texas .....	16,003,705	12,004,109	3,999,596	33.32
Texico .....	3,242,876	2,402,917	839,962	34.96
TOTALS .....	\$33,277,029	\$25,589,833	\$7,687,196	30.04



**Tithe Income – 5-Year Comparison**



**Mission and Ingathering Offering Comparison**

needs within your union. The following graphs and charts will help you to visualize the tithe income growth over the past ten years.

As illustrated on the previous page, a tithe dollar, given in the local church and remitted to the local conference, is divided three ways: 70 cents remain in the local conference; 10 cents are allocated to the union conference; and 20 cents go to the General Conference.

The complete audited financial statement will be presented at the union session. Financially, this quinquennium has been a good period for the union. Net assets have increased significantly; the indebtedness on the office building has been paid off; our liquidity remains strong; and we have over 100 percent of the recommended working capital.

Let us always remember that we are a worldwide church with a worldwide mission. It is good to see that our general mission offerings have increased even with added emphasis in giving to specific Global Mission projects. There is concern, though, because the Ingathering funds have decreased over the past few years. Please remember that the Ingathering contacts made and the funds received are important to the Lord's work.

A special thanks to Max Trevino (former treasurer, now president), Joel Wallace, undertreasurer, Gregg Baker (former associate treasurer), and Jerry Davidson, assistant treasurer, for their help with this good report. They, along with Betty Heinrich, Vivian Johnson, and I, would just like to say, "Thank you, Southwestern Union members, for your faithfulness in the financial matters of your church."

It is a pleasure to share with our loyal members the progress we have made over the past five years. We have been actively engaged in helping our members make estate plans which have included our conferences, hospital, college and other church institutions. Many also included charitable intent for the Lord's work in the various charities of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We were also active in promoting the trust departments in our local conferences by conducting family, financial and estate seminars in the churches.

The primary function of trust services is to assist members in their planned giving through wise estate planning. This includes the needs of the individual and family members first, and their charitable desires for the Lord's work. This normally includes wills and various types of trusts which are

prepared by attorneys skilled in estate and tax planning. In addition, gift annuities equaling \$3.3 million are presently administered and invested by the union trust department for our local conferences.

Many other trust monies are invested in the union Revolving Fund.

## Trust Services Landmarks

1. **Trusts and wills were transferred** in June, 1993 from Southwest Estate Services, Inc. to the local conferences, who now operate their own trust departments. Southwest Estate Services, Inc.,
2. **The highest certification of "A"** was granted to Southwest Estate Services by the governing accreditation board of the General Conference trust and treasury departments for the first time in our history.

This came about after close examination by eight auditors, including the chief

trust auditor of the General Conference. This special award will be presented officially in Edmonton, Canada, during the North American trust meeting in August. Again, we thank the dedicated personnel of our trust department. Joel Wallace, CPA, treasurer, has done an excellent job of maintaining our finances. Also, our secretaries have developed into a professional support team and have helped produce outstanding office management. We give all praise and honor to God, for without His blessing we can do nothing.

3. **The 300 millionth dollar** was channelled to the North American Division through the trust service organization in December, 1994. This all began in the late 1950s and early 1960s when a few leaders caught a vision of the help our members could be to the Lord's work once they learned to manage their financial affairs during life



**Paul and Lillian Proctor consulting with Harvey Byram regarding their wills.**

## Monies Generated by Trust Services Benefiting Church Charities

1995 .....	\$1,639,435.20
1994 .....	722,033.44
1993 .....	582,260.00
1992 .....	730,872.88
1991 .....	1,543,246.10
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$5,178,847.62</b>

# REVOLVING FUND

**REVOLVING FUND** Fred G. Thomas



**Joel Wallace, union undertreasurer and treasurer for Southwest Estate Services.**

and after death by careful estate planning.

4. **Trust Services** became a full department of the General Conference in July, 1995 on the second day of the General Conference session in Holland. It was my privilege, as your director, to be invited by Attorney Tom Carter, world

trust director, along with the leadership of our world division, to lay plans for the future of the trust work around the world.

The accompanying charts will show the activity for our union in the past five years.

## Documents Administered by Southwest Estate Services, Inc.

Annuities .....	68
Matured Trusts .....	7
Trusts .....	118
Unitrusts .....	17
Wills .....	264
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>467</b>

**S**ixteen years ago the Revolving Fund was established in the Southwestern Union Conference as a self-supporting service to both



amounting to \$19,273,413, which is down from \$21,736,033 five years ago.

The integrity of the fund is maintained by regular monthly payments from the churches that enable the fund to

church members and churches. Members with existing accounts may deposit money into the fund that yields interest, and, in turn, these funds may be borrowed by churches and denominational entities for projects that are in harmony with policy.

Members have the satisfaction of knowing that their money is being used to expand the church's work, while individual churches can borrow for building projects without paying closing and other costs.

As of December 31, 1995, there were 163 loans to churches and organizations

operate with a reasonable gain each year and pay the interest due to depositors each quarter.

Deposits are limited to a maximum of \$5,000 per month. Withdrawals may be made at any time in writing and are usually honored within 24 hours unless they are large, which may require a little longer.

The Revolving Fund is operated in harmony with North American Division policies solely for the purpose of serving the needs of constituent members, churches, and organizations in the Southwestern Union Conference.



**Rechecking each account to make sure the interest has been computed correctly is part of what Fred Thomas does when working with Revolving Fund monies.**

# FAMILY MINISTRIES / SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS

Walter L. Wright, Vice President for Ministries

During the autumn of 1995 the Church Ministries department was reorganized in this union. The departments which had been merged at the 1985 General Conference session were separated and realigned. With the exception of youth, these functions are now being directed at the union level. The youth work will continue to be coordinated from the ministries office of the Southwestern Union, while being directed by each local conference.

This reorganization provides opportunity for concentrated teacher/officer training from union personnel. A number of departmental training sessions have already been held throughout the union at designated training centers, and more will follow throughout the remainder of the year.

The union-wide Sabbath School convention to be held September 6-8, 1996, at the Omni Hotel in Richardson, Texas will be expanded to encompass a full ministries convention featuring instruction in children's, community services, family, men's, personal, prison, Sabbath school, singles, women's, and youth ministries. It will be spiritually packed with informative general sessions and inspiring preachers.

On February 22 of this year the Union Executive Committee elected me to the post of Vice President for Ministries. I, along with the rest of the Ministries staff, appreciate so much the warm reception you, the constituents, have given to each of us as we

have come into your churches for service.

We look forward with great anticipation to serving you in the years to come. Please keep us in your prayers, and let us know of your needs that we might serve you better. This Ministries Resource Model is a two-year experiment. If the first five months of this year are any indication, then we are in for a time of growth and expansion like this union has never seen before. Our prayer should be, "Dear Lord, let it happen in me."

## Sabbath School

The terms "nurture" and "outreach" are best defined by the mission of the departments of Family Life and Sabbath School. The possibilities for service in these two areas are limited only by our individual commitment and dedication. As a child I remember how our world-wide Sabbath school membership always exceeded the church membership. This no longer is the case. The opposite is now true. Over the past 35 years Sabbath school attendance and participation have declined steadily.

It is refreshing to see the most recent attempts to make the Sabbath school class a small, action/caring unit rather than a place to assemble each week simply to rehearse biblical truths supposedly studied at home. The study of scripture will



always be a primary purpose for the Sabbath school, but now we are training members to care for each others' emotional and spiritual needs. We are discovering

how the Sabbath school can be a natural and powerful soul winning and soul holding tool.

As warmth and caring take place, these action units will become very effective outreach and nurture centers in each church, no matter what size the congregation. The focus of the 1994 and 1995 Southwestern Union Sabbath School conventions has been to train and to engender the idea of spiritual uplift, outreach and nurture. And we have not forgotten foreign mission needs. This union had the largest mission offering gain of all the unions in North America in 1995, a gain of 9.5 percent over giving in 1994. Praise God for His blessings!

With 503 local Sabbath schools throughout the territory, the opportunity to make an impact in the communities in which we live is great. There are two kinds of Sabbath schools. There is the "we will have it because we have always had it" kind,

and there is the "what's new and exciting for our involvement in church and community" kind. It is our determination that all Sabbath schools will become the latter kind. Full-scale training and motivation have begun. Revival is not only possible, but also probable. Look for us in your district soon.

## Family Ministries

Family Ministries, or Family Life as some call it, was not even thought of until recent times. Families seemed more tight-knit and functional in those simple, bygone years. Now the church must be relevant to the complex society in which we live. We have "Boomers," "Busters," "Yuppies," "Buppies," and the ever growing "Generation X." The Southwestern Union accepts this challenge and gladly confronts the task.

The direction of Family Ministries has been the opposite of Sabbath school. Long underemphasized and even ignored, this department is now enjoying a tremendous growth and prominence among Adventists. We are becoming much more aware of the felt needs that our people have. The Southwestern Union has been a leader in establishing this important department with budgeting and a full departmental slot.

Over the past 3 1/2 years, more than 55 Family Life seminar/retreats have been conducted throughout the union territory. Two major groups have been organized—Metroplex Family Life Association at Dallas and the Greater Houston Family Life Association. These two associations have committed themselves to at least one major family



**Student group from Burton Academy building a church in Mexico during a spring break.**

program annually.

Many couples have been helped, and many families have been strengthened, but there is much left to do. It is my great desire to see others training to do this most

tender work. Fortunately, we have committed professionals like Willie and Wilma Lee and others to help carry the load. Watch the Record and



**Walter Wright with his secretary, Elizabeth Aldava.**

your church bulletin for the nearest Family Ministry activity this year.

Nineteen Family Ministries and 14 Sabbath school training functions have been planned in all of the five

conference territories that make up this union. A number of these have already been held with maximum participation.



**Before dividing into several working groups, students who go to Mexico to build churches and hold vacation Bible school during spring break meet for two days of orientation at the youth camp in Mexico.**

Some people think children's ministries just encompasses the children's Sabbath school and vacation Bible school.

## WRONG!

Children's ministries is children, period. Wherever you have children, you have the opportunity and responsibility to minister to those children. You have the opportunity and responsibility to introduce them to their Friend and Saviour, Jesus. You have the opportunity and responsibility to respond to their needs, to protect and love them. Children's Ministries is a very important part of every church. And children's ministries is not a ministry just for women. Men are needed, and in some places men are very much involved in ministry to children. In fact, the man who is tender and kind to children is closer to heaven than the rest. The Bible tells us, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

I am blessed to be called to this ministry. It is my aim, as children's ministries director of the Southwestern Union, to encourage and affirm all people who protect and care for the children. It is possible to have a children's coordinator in every church in the Southwestern Union. If your church does not have such a person, get one quickly. A good children's program affects the future of your church. If your church has no children's program it will not attract young families. Young families bring life to a church.

The children's coordinator of the local church should be a part of the church board and be active in planning programs and schedules. A church in a building program needs a children's coordinator on the building committee. A children's coordinator should

work with the leaders of the children's programs and help produce a budget for the church finance committee. A children's coordinator should be part of the evangelism committee to see that the children are included in evangelistic plans for the year. A children's coordinator should participate in plans for a stewardship program so the children have an opportunity to become good stewards for Jesus. A children's coordinator should be aware of the needs of the children in the community and participate in the community service programs of the church. A children's coordinator should know the children of the church. They should know whether they attend church school. They should know the family background. They should encourage the church to assist the families of children who need help. A children's coordinator should encourage the church to have an active Adventurer and Pathfinder organization. Are children a part of the Sabbath worship? They should make sure the children are recognized and included as an important part of the church family. Yes, being a children's coordinator is a wonderful and awesome responsibility and ministry, but one that is filled with blessings.

I began my ministry in the Southwestern Union this year. Already we have held 16 Sabbath school training seminars, four children's ministries conventions, a week of vacation Bible school for the Native Americans, and coordinating the children's programs for five Texas camp meetings. I am becoming



acquainted with the "children's people." As I visit various places, I look for people who will be good area children's coordinators. We need a children's coordinator in every church and

an area coordinator for every 25 churches. I will work with the area coordinators. Training classes designed for each particular area can be scheduled. In the future the area coordinators will be responsible for the children's programs at camp meetings and other scheduled conference gatherings.

The four children's ministries conventions scheduled for the spring of 1996 included training in all areas of children's ministry. The 1996 vacation Bible school curriculum training introduced hands-on learning centers. We

had fun while we learned. Noelene Johnsson, North American Division children's ministries director, and Judi Rogers from the Review & Herald Publishing Association were featured guests at three of the conventions. It was a pleasure and encouragement to have the conference presidents as the Friday evening speakers.

Many times in the past those important people who work for the children were not recognized. The Southwestern Union children's ministries is here to recognize and support every children's worker. Together we claim God's promise in Isaiah 41:9-10.

*"I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant;' I have chosen you and have not rejected you.*

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*



**In action—Margaret Taglavore makes a presentation at a recent Sabbath school workshop.**

The departments of stewardship, Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) and evangelism are exciting ministries. 1996 will record the greatest growth ever in all three departments. Please consider the reasons I believe this to be true:

## Stewardship

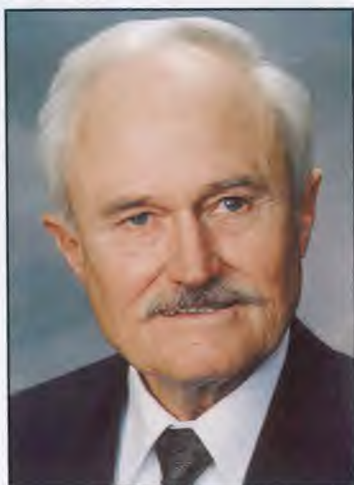
During the last 12 months, 15 stewardship seminars have been held. Each seminar has focused on tithe and offerings, although the principle emphasis has been on personal finance. Hundreds of families are working toward being completely out of debt. This will make a positive impact on the work of God. Recently commitments have been received from 26 pastors to have stewardship seminars in their districts during the next six months. This is why it appears 1996 will record the greatest growth ever in stewardship.

## Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries

During the last 18 months, six ASI rallies have been held. The second annual Southwestern Union

ASI Convention was held March 22-24. Many dedicated ASI members are recruiting friends. This has resulted in a 27 percent growth in membership in just one year. ASI is not only

growing in numbers, but in service as well. Each year ASI sponsors a project in the Southwestern Union to boost the work of God. Since the momentum is building, it is possible that



Adventist Church in the United States was the NET '95 campaign which realized results all across America. It has demonstrated that people will respond to evangelistic appeals even when the evangelist is being viewed on a screen hundreds of miles away. NET '95 also demonstrated that God is using advanced technology to proclaim His message for

churches that participated last year.

In addition, the amount of preparation is intense. Mark Finley, the speaker, and the NET '96 team are well organized and their leadership has motivated the participating churches in the Southwestern Union. Bible schools are operating all over the union. Some churches are using *Signs of the Times* magazines to find interests. Prayer groups are praying daily for God's spirit to be upon congregations and surrounding communities. Cooking schools are being held. "Something Wonderful" cards are being mailed. People are going door to door with NET '95 tapes to interest people in NET '96. Pastors and laymen

are holding Daniel seminars as preparation. More is being done for NET '96 than has been considered in any previous crusade.

If NET '95 was a success, then NET '96 will break all records. With

baptisms already high, with other types of evangelism continuing, and with the united efforts of our people for NET '96, this will be an outstanding year for evangelism.

These three departments, stewardship, ASI and evangelism, are experiencing dynamic growth. Let us praise our wonderful Jesus and pray for His immediate return.

# NET'96

1996 will show the greatest growth year ever for ASI in the Southwestern Union.

## Evangelism

The 3,820 baptisms and professions of faith during 1995 make this the highest number in the last 10 years. Evangelism has, once again, become an active part of the lives of our people.

The greatest single event in the history of evangelism in the Seventh-day

a troubled world. With a minimum of preparation, NET '95 was successful.

Preparations for NET '96 are now well advanced. As of last count there were 118 churches in the Southwest planning to be a part of NET '96. That is quadruple the number of

# PERSONAL MINISTRIES AND ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS Dem Robles

## Personal Ministries

The beginnings of this department can be traced back to 1869 when a women's group known as the Vigilant Missionary Society was established in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Their missionary endeavors gave birth to the Tract and Missionary Society in 1870. Although the name has changed through the years to Home Missionary, then Lay Activities, and eventually Personal Ministries, the mission has remained constant. In 1985 this department was combined with other departments to make up Church Ministries. However, now after 10 years, it has been changed back to being a separate department, but it still has the same mission.

The objective of this department is to inspire, motivate and train church members to become more involved in sharing Jesus with others. It is anticipated that participation in training events will help members discover their spiritual gifts and give them a vision of what they can do through the small group concept in their churches.

With this in mind, lay training events have been scheduled around the union with particular emphasis on preparing for the NET '96 evangelism campaign. Twelve of the 17 scheduled events have already been held at designated training centers. The average attendance at each seminar has been 62.

The outreach activities held in churches over the past five years has helped increase the total membership in the Southwestern Union Conference from 55,057 to 61,222. Ingathering has been part of this outreach and has provided funds for specific community projects amount-

ing to \$3,927,285.57.

A good example of active lay participation in church work comes from Albuquerque. In 1995 several personal ministries leaders and pastors combined their efforts in starting a new church congregation in Rio Rancho. After careful planning and with a vision of what they were to accomplish, they began distributing literature. Visits, contacts and Bible studies were made. Later a Revelation seminar was held. It was not easy work, but finally it was time for an evangelistic campaign. Steve Bohr, then conference evangelist, held meetings which resulted in the formation of a company. This company meets every



to learn how to do soul-winning, Esther Shaneyfelt, a lay member, attended a Baptist seminar on "Experiencing God." This motivated her to become active in sharing her faith and reclaiming members who had become inactive. As a result, her husband joined the church. With their pastor's encouragement this little group participated in the NET '95 campaign. Their membership has now grown to nearly 80. They're enthusiastically preparing for the NET '96

Sabbath in Rio Rancho.

The Zachary church in Louisiana is another example of active lay participation. Less than two years ago this church had 40 members. In her eagerness

meetings.

Another example of lay ingenuity is the New Discovery Bible Correspondence course for prison inmates begun in 1992 by Alice Davis of Keene. This has expanded to 33 other churches, two of which are outside of the United States. Currently 2,500 students are enrolled in these studies.

## Adventist Community Services

Adventist Community Services (ACS) engages in wholistic ministry, touching the physical, social, economic, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals, families and neighborhoods. This charitable organization delivers social services, mobilizes the involvement of volunteers in community action, and raises funds to deal compassionately with contemporary social problems.

Periodic training events seek to develop ACS leadership, provide skills to set up and operate a center, establish a network, encourage



**With a desire to start a new congregation in a different part of the city, a group from the Rio Grande church in Albuquerque began an active campaign to generate interest in the South Hills area. During the past two and a half years their membership has grown from 46 to 64, and they have begun working on their new church building.**



**Veteran Adventist Community Service and Disaster worker, George Schram, has been involved in the humanitarian and relief work since 1954. His wife, Glenda, joined him in directing the work at the depot in Keene in 1984, and together they have directed and helped in innumerable disasters.**



volunteers to become certified and establish a relationship with the states and other voluntary organizations such as VOAD.

A major part of ACS involves disaster training and relief work which often comes into play during a disaster. One such disaster was the Oklahoma City bombing where many ACS volunteers and pastors were among the

first to respond and became directly involved in caring for the hurting community. Their services were recognized by President Clinton who sent a letter to Stan Buckmaster, disaster relief coordinator for Oklahoma, commending the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and the Adventist Community Services for their relief work relating to the bombing.

The ACS in Texas was given special mention and recognition during the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Convention in Austin last February for their services during the 1994 Houston floods where, under the leadership of George and Glenda Schram, John Hope and the combined efforts of volunteers from Texas, Texico, Oklahoma, Arkansas-Louisiana

and the Southwest Region, they helped coordinate and operate the relief work. Two conference ACS coordinators, Stan Buckmaster and Verdie Culpepper, are presidents of VOAD in Oklahoma and Louisiana, respectively, while Joe Watts, Carolyn Morgan and Linda Walker are backups. John Taylor and Ilse Stelzied are both members of the Arkansas VOAD.

## HISPANIC MINISTRIES Eduardo Canales, Coordinator

**T**he Hispanic work in the Southwestern Union is a very healthy segment of the church. With more than three million Hispanics in our union territory, the challenge we face is taking advantage of the opportunities there are for evangelism.

While most Hispanics live in Texas and New Mexico, they are also found in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas. They are being evangelized on their own Spanish cultural level, with materials adapted to their needs. This has produced

phenomenal results.

In the past five years the Hispanic membership has increased by an impressive 40 percent. By utilizing church growth programs, public



evangelism, stewardship, ingathering, Christ-centered preaching, weekly youth meetings and Bible studies in the homes, many of the members are involved in outreach. Hispanics

believe in preparing people for the second coming of Christ.

### Facts about Hispanic work:

- \* Membership has increased from 8,000 in 1990 to about 11,000 in 1995.
- \* There are 90 organized Spanish churches and 20 groups in the union.
- \* During 1995, Hispanic literature evangelists sold \$1,829,520 worth of literature and reported 210 baptisms.
- \* Tithe amounted to more than \$4,500,000.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES Nola Horne

**A**lthough women have had an active part in the overall program of the church for many years, organizing and directing Sabbath schools, holding Bible studies, running community service centers, vacation Bible schools, nutrition and cooking schools and carrying an important part in evangelistic campaigns, it is only in recent times that the church has officially recognized the vital part they play in the mission of the church.

For the most part, women have served their church faithfully, not by demanding to be in the spotlight, but with the knowledge that they are serving the God they love and that they will one day hear the "well done" from their Master. However, with the changes that have come in society, with many women having qualifications equal to those of men, it has become important to give them the recognition they have so long deserved.

It is only recently that the church has been willing to affirm the vital role women have played in its program for many years. Today women's ministries is recognized as an official department of the General Conference, having been granted full departmental status placing it on the same footing with youth, Sabbath school, family ministries, et cetera, at the General Conference session in Utrecht last July.

Here in the Southwest women have made a significant contribution. Women who have never been involved in leading out are now actively directing programs. Prayer and Bible study groups are bringing new life to many churches.

In New Orleans, the Westbank church membership had dropped to just a few who came to Sabbath services, and no one came to prayer meeting. One woman, Dr. Hortence Boudin, a psychiatrist dealing with family life, had a vision of a

different church.

She brought together several other women who began to study about intercessory prayer. After several weeks when they felt comfortable with what they were doing, they let others know of their ministry. People began to call, and these ladies would pray for them. God answered their prayers, sometimes within 24 hours. The church has been revived, for the more they prayed, the more God blessed with answers.

Another group of women began meeting in Houma, Louisiana. They began praying for their families, their church and the people in that city. As word spread, more and more people asked to join their prayer chain. Today there are over 100 on this prayer chain. A number of them are not Seventh-day Adventists.

A large group of women are involved in prison ministry work which began in Keene with Alice Davis and her New Discovery Bible School lessons for incarcerated women. This program has mushroomed and is now bringing hope to women in 100 prisons both in the United States and overseas. The lessons have been translated into five languages.

Ella Fisher, who directs this Bible school in the church in Gentry, Arkansas says, "I couldn't tell you



what this ministry has meant to the church members who are involved. They are excited about ministering to people in need."

Women have played a significant role working during

times of disaster. Vera Wolfe from Oklahoma, Glenda Schram and Linda Walker from Texas, Verdi Culpepper and Yvonne Hills-Hawkins from Louisiana and Carolyn Morgan from New Mexico, to mention just a few, have all helped coordinate relief work during floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and other disasters. Corinne Reasner of San Antonio, who has also been involved in disaster work and been made disaster coordinator and trainer of 40 churches in central Texas, has been a strong women's leader in her home church, Laurel Heights. She has led out in a prayer chain that has had exciting results. She also coordinates the yearly National Day of

Prayer where the church offers a prayer breakfast and is open all day for people to come in and pray.

Space does not allow for all the women to be mentioned who are working for the Lord in their own way, but we wish to honor the efforts of each of them.

Events during the past year include 10 women's ministry retreats to which more than 1,000 Adventists and 97 non-Adventist women came. Nine women were baptized as a result of women ministering to their needs. Women make a considerable difference in their ministry, and we wish to recognize their contribution in this report.



**Sandra Bokovoy was overjoyed to meet her sister at the Native American women's retreat. They had not seen each other since their girlhood days.**



**One of the highlights of women's ministries during this quinquennium has been the Native American women's retreat held in Albuquerque. Mary Martinez, right, and her helpers were able to put on a spirit-filled weekend for approximately 80 Native American women.**

Christian education is alive and well in the Southwestern Union. During the past five years we have continued in the solid traditions of offering a uniquely Seventh-day Adventist education, but we have also reached out in service to lead our youth into a life-long commitment to helping mankind. Our children and youth have traveled throughout our union and around the world on mission trips and service projects to assist those in need.

They have built buildings and shared their faith through hard work, story hours, feeding the needy and developing personal friendships. They have given of their time, their money, and sometimes of their own clothing as they have seen the needs of others. Perhaps most of all these young people of ours have caught a renewed vision of what Jesus meant when He said, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after

me, I was in prison and you came to see me." (Matthew 25:35-36, NIV)

Yes, our students have continued their excellence in academics, and their music still stirs hearts. But these

young people have also reached out toward a new century through an almost frightening command of technology. Their boundaries have expanded through communication around the world on the Internet. Daily they can share friendships, ideas and knowledge with fellow students from other cultures as both groups become part of a growing global society.

Do we face challenges? Yes, our students are surrounded by a world of constantly shifting and growing temptation that comes clothed in



ever more attractive attire. Many of our homes lack the strong guidance and modeling that we depended on in the past for assistance in values transmission. Our churches all too often

seem to offer little of the acceptance and warmth, caring and comfort that appeals to the thinking, searching young person. Yet, in many areas, our homes, churches and schools are learning new ways of cooperating, of working together to

reach out to the beautiful flock that our Lord has entrusted to us all.

We do have some special needs in our education system. First we need adequate funding to attract and hold good teachers. This funding should include appropriate salaries and classroom materials. All too many of our schools depend on using outdated textbooks and inadequate materials with which to teach our children. Second, we need more teacher supervision and assistance. Over the past several years, we have faced major cutbacks in this area, and our teachers and instruction have suffered as a consequence.

As we look to the challenges of the future in education here in the Southwest, we ask for your prayers

## Enrollment 1991-96

	Grades K-8	Grades 9-12	Total Enrollment
1991-92	2,638	791	3,429
1992-93	2,721	822	3,543
1993-94	2,785	852	3,637
1994-95	2,879	899	3,778
1995-96	2,785	855	3,640



**Christian education provides opportunity for children to learn about the true creator of the universe—the One who loves and cares for all His creatures.**

## Schools – 1995-96

Conference	K-8	K-10	K-12	9-12	Total
Arkansas-Louisiana	13	5		1	22
Oklahoma	6	3	1		10
Southwest Region	8	2			10
Texas	25	7	1	3	36
Texico	6	2			8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>86</b>

and your support of your local school and its teachers. But, most of all, we need your personal involvement in helping each school become the best it can be and in assisting each student to come to know Jesus Christ personally and to reach out to achieve his God-given potential. Working together, we can educate for Eternity!

**R**esearch indicates that the first four minutes of any contact are the most crucial. And impressions made during that time are difficult to change. For this reason, the Southwestern Union Conference communication department has sought to encourage churches to create an environment that will appeal, not only to the physical, but also to the spiritual dimensions of both their internal and external publics.

An attractive church sign pointing the way to the church, a church structure with well-manicured lawn and shrubs, tidy parking lot and a well-apportioned entry way invite guests inside. Greeters in the foyer who are sensitive to guests' needs, members who shepherd them to a Sabbath school room or the sanctuary, and speakers who use generic terminology in place of "Adventese," all convey a message that the Seventh-day Adventist Church cares.

By emulating the way Jesus, our Master Communicator, interacted with others by showing love, acceptance and consideration to all ethnic groups and ages, we, His followers, interpret what our concepts of Christianity are. People around us need to know that as a church we love them, care about their needs and desire to bring relief to the distressed. Proselytizing should not be the main concern. Christ first

ministered to people's needs and when they were met, He invited them to follow Him.

By joining community projects, volunteering support and assistance, we put our religion into action. And when people see us as born-again Seventh-day Adventist Christians living our religion, they will be attracted to our God—and even if they aren't, we still send a message of love. For too long we've kept aloof from the community. Living in a world torn by crime, strife and hurt, we do have a message of love and hope we need to share.

As one young Episcopalian minister told an Adventist friend, "It's because of your kindness to me when I was a teenager, when my own father was preoccupied with his work, that I first got a glimpse of what a real father could be like. Today I am a minister because you showed an interest in me and you demonstrated how to care for others. Your actions taught me how to love."

Making our churches visible and our resources available is



our goal. While traveling through a small town in East Texas a few weeks ago, we stopped and bought their little newspaper. Imagine our surprise and satisfaction to find the Seventh-day

means to them. Since its beginning in 1902, the Southwestern Union Record has served as a networking tool. Beginning as a small eight-page weekly printed at Southwestern Junior College press, it has always remained the union's vehicle to share news, provide inspiration, and motivate its people for Christ's second coming. Whichever way we communicate, by word of mouth, by letter, by the printed page, by telephone or electronic media, let's share the good news of God's love to those around us.

Adventist Church listed first in a center spread of local churches. That listing tells everyone one who reads the paper that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is part of their community.

Recently when the religion editor of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* wrote about the lack of diversity in church congregations, one of our members invited him to attend our International Sabbath program. Amazingly, he came. He saw the 16 or so ethnic groups, all members of this one church, parade to the front and stand at attention while the flags were posted. We were sending a message that God loves everybody, and so do we!

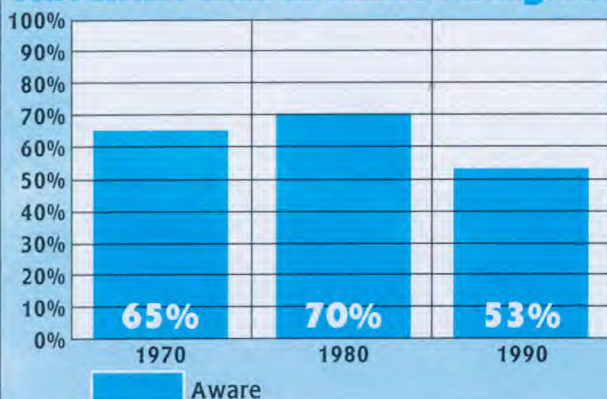
Our Adventist community service and disaster volunteers, who give so willingly of their time during disasters, are communicating by their actions. The ACS workers and pastors who rushed to the bombed site of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City to offer their help were showing the city that they cared. The Youth Emergency Services (YES) team who helped during the recent fires in North Texas, relaying messages with their two-way radios, were living their religion.

Many of the articles in the Southwestern Union Record have tried to showcase the actions of those who are communicating what God

**A 1994 study of the key images or ideas connected with the Seventh-day Adventist Church indicate a decrease in public awareness and the need for the church to be much more active in their community involvement.**

- ◆ More than three-fourths who know the church's name have no idea as to whether Adventists are concerned with preserving the environment, whether they are active in supporting local community causes, or that they live longer than the general population.
- ◆ The public is more apt to think of Adventists as a sect or cult than as a Christian, Christ-centered denomination.
- ◆ Comments from respondents paint word-pictures of both positive and negative images of Adventists and their church. Named were such things as "good people," "people you can trust," "serious about their religion," "crackpots," and "people who bother and pester you."
- ◆ Perhaps the most revealing finding is that the majority of those completing interviews have nothing that comes to mind when they hear the words "Seventh-day Adventists."

## Adventist Church Name Recognition



Credit: NAD B. B. Ministry Center, "Public Awareness" booklet, 1994.

## HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT

Rodney K. Morris Sr., M.D.

In November of 1993 I was asked to be Health and Temperance director for the Southwestern Union Conference. As a family physician in the Fort Hood area, I am an avid believer in our health message and its importance in today's living.

Personally, I have run nutritional programs from my office and home with the help of my wife and family, and we have seen the help this has given to those in our community. It has also been a way to present the gospel. The church locally has benefitted from health teachings and prayers related to healthful living.

Since becoming the Union leader I have:

1. Attended North American Division Health and Temperance Advisory meetings,
2. Attended Nutrition 2000, a vegetarian congress (Video tapes are available.),
3. Visited three churches for a full day of health and temperance workshops,
4. Attended the Southwest Region workshop on health and temperance in May of 1995,
5. Hosted a Union meeting in Austin, Texas, in October of 1995.

We are presently looking forward to the year of Health and Healing in 1997. We will host a Shared Vision for Mission project in the Fort Worth/Dallas area during the next few months. This will provide scientific



background to spearhead a great movement back to God's program of health, given to us through the Bible and prophetic writings. Looking to the

future, I would like to encourage cooperation among our healthcare providers in actively spreading the health message.

My other specific points of interest include:

1. A desire to get *Listen Magazine*, *Vibrant Life*, and *Winner* into every church, church school and college in our denomination,
2. A concern for the special boards and committees in all of our churches and the advice offered in the books, *Temperance*, *Counsels on Health*, *Counsels on Diet and Food*, and *The Testimonies*,
3. A desire to educate by setting up community centers, providing care for AIDS victims, teaching AIDS awareness, ministering through our hospitals, and providing healthy surroundings and bodies for service to God and mankind.

Finally, I want to remind you that as laymen we must work with the ministry in meeting our objectives. This will ensure a well-rounded and smooth operation as we work to educate our members and the community. We all must work to see a soon-coming Savior, Jesus Christ.

## INFORMATION SYSTEMS SERVICES

Jerrilynn Bicek

Technology is growing at an unprecedented speed. Just a few weeks ago, while flying from DFW to Oklahoma City, I witnessed yet another example of the ongoing technology revolution. In the same package as the usual complimentary peanuts came a diskette containing

programs to a popular on-line service. The on-line service provides access to news, weather, sports, travel, electronic mail, reference materials such as encyclopedias and educational materials, stock quotes, technical forums, and the Internet. Many businesses and homes today have access to this information explosion through on-line service and/or the Internet. In a time when we observe corporate (and denominational) downsizing, it is the challenge, and goal, of Information Systems to utilize the technology available today to enable and empower union and conference personnel to be effective in their work.

The focus of Information Systems has changed over the past five years. In addition to support provided to the treasury departments at the conferences and union office, we now provide support to all departments that use computers in their work. We provide complete hardware support, beginning with recommendations on equipment purchases, installation, maintenance and training of personnel in the use of computers. Complete network installation and maintenance is also provided. Many of these services would cost between \$75 and \$120 per hour if conferences were required to hire local consultants. These services are provided at no cost to our conferences.

During the past two years, we have installed Novell Networks at the union and at each of the local



conferences. We have jointly developed a new General Ledger and are working together to complete payroll and remittance programs with North Pacific Union Conference. The new General Ledger has been installed at each of the confer-

ences and the union office. Our plan is to by year-end install new payroll and church remittance programs. The General Ledger program is already providing efficiency to our conference accounting staff. For example, the month-end statements previously required over three hours processing time. This can now be accomplished in less than 20 minutes. In addition to providing the software at no cost to the conferences, training and support in the use of the software is also a part of the service provided on a daily basis via telephone, e-mail, and personal visits to the conferences.

For the past 16 years the Southwestern Union has worked together with North Pacific Union Conference in joint development of accounting software. This joint venture has enabled us to have excellent accounting software for our union and conference offices at no cost to the local conferences, and to provide these services utilizing approximately one-half the staff of other unions in the North American Division. With the advancement of technology, the physical distance between our two unions is no longer a constraining issue. Program updates, test data, and documentation are transferred electronically in a matter of minutes.

Our members can be assured that the Southwestern Union is using technology to enhance and expedite the work of the church, not only at the union office, but in all five of our local conferences as well.

# PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

**Denton James, Director** **Eduardo Canales, Associate Director** **Ron Christman, Manager / Treasurer of HHES**

In 1992 the members of the Paris, Texas Seventh-day Adventist Church had a burden to sponsor two student literature evangelists to contact several hundred people in their city with truth-filled literature. The members agreed to furnish food, housing, and help with transportation and finances for that summer. However, by the end of the summer some members wondered whether it had been worth the trouble.

On January 6, 1996 Jerry Fletcher, Arkansas-Louisiana Conference publishing leader, and Denton James held a weekend literature evangelist rally in Paris. During the service a young couple, Andy and Jill Cobb, told how they had become Seventh-day Adventists. It was through the literature distribution of that previous summer. Jill told about how two students came by her home and how she had hesitated to let them in, because she never let anyone into her house unless her husband was home. But the Lord impressed her to invite them in. As they visited, she became impressed that the Lord had sent them to her house.



**Denton James**

She bought some books and enrolled in Bible studies. As she studied, she became convinced that the Lord had sent her this message. In 1994



**Andy and Jill Cobb**



**Eduardo Canales**



**Ron Christman**

she was baptized into the Paris church. It took her husband, Andy, a little longer, but he joined the church in 1996. They have two daughters, aged 5 years and 5 months. This happy young family is a glowing example of the power of the printed page.

Today the church members in Paris agree it was more than worth the investment they made for the students to be involved in literature work in their town.



**Ron Christman and Carol Cheadle sorting out the LE accounts.**



## A Tribute to Wes Stoops

Wes Stoops, who had been employed as computer services manager at Home Health Education Services, was tragically killed on Friday, April 5, 1996. His service was greatly valued and he will be missed as we struggle to find his replacement.

Wes was a quiet, constant source of strength to his family, friends and work associates. His friendship was treasured for its warmth and fidelity.

He took pleasure in close relationships, learning, creative thinking, playing with words, the outdoors and his work. Wes excelled at problem solving because of his attention to detail in the context of larger issues. His faith was personal and lived.

He was fun and caring.  
He will be missed.

## Literature Evangelism Soul Winning 1991-1995

Prayers in non-SDA homes .....	54,707
Pieces of literature given to non-SDAs .....	468,343
Former SDAs invited back to church .....	5,714
Personal Bible studies to non-SDAs .....	14,096
Number of non-SDAs enrolled in Bible courses ....	28,928
Sales to non-SDAs .....	\$ 8,975,000
Number of baptisms as a result of contacts .....	1,071

The Southwestern Union literature evangelists had a half million dollar gain in sales in 1995 over 1994, giving a sales total of \$2,487,000 for 1995.

Each of the past five years has been a banner year for Southwestern Adventist College. The strength acquired during this period has helped assure a long-term, stable future for the institution.

**A record enrollment** has been experienced for each of the past five years. Thanks go to Victor Brown and his staff for literally reaching around the world to attract students.

**Academically** the college has gained more strength and quality. Recently three more individuals with doctorates have been hired, for nursing, for math, and for business. Dr. Marie Redwine continues to upgrade the academic quality by encouraging the faculty to improve through assessment and evaluation.

**Student retention** has improved considerably. Dr. Tom Bunch has maintained these statistics and communicates their importance to the faculty.

**Graduate placement** has been successful in spite of the slow economy during the past five years. Working through the departments, Benjie Leach has made placement a priority.

**A Master of Business Administration degree**, beginning in the fall of 1997 has been approved by the Board of Trustees. Dr. Jose Goris and the business department have been meticulous about creating a relevant program.

**A School of Allied Health** connected with Huguley Memorial Medical Center has been considered favorably by the board. David Jimenez, president of the Southwest Cluster for Sunbelt, is taking a leading role.

**Accreditation** of the college from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has been reaffirmed. Also the social work program has received accreditation.

**Financial strength** continues to build under David Hope's steady and frugal



hand, and Southwestern Adventist College continues to operate within its means. By emphasizing academics while keeping the administration lean, tuition has been kept affordable.

## Campus

**improvements** include the Chan Shun Centennial Library, Thompson Rotunda, parking lots, swimming pool, lighting, more administration work space, and removal of power lines and poles. In addition, hundreds of trees have been planted, thanks to a donation from Trammell Crow. The museum of student life has been developed into a major attraction. LaVerne Beeler's leadership launched the interest, and now Jean Voss has made it much more than could be expected for a college of this size.

**Philanthropy** has never been better than under the leadership of Sharon Leach and her staff. Many of these projects would not be possible without funds to pay for them. Millions of dollars have been donated to help make SAC a beautiful campus.

**A new men's dormitory**, Cyril Miller Hall, is currently under construction. Thanks go to his vision and insightful leadership. Funds for this building, as well as the new university complex, are coming from proceeds of the sale of two nursing homes. As manager of these operations, and of the sale of the facilities, Max Trevino has made it possible for the funding of these projects, which adds up to the single largest gift ever given to SAC.

The Board of Trustees has recognized that the college may have to change its name to university. Surveys are underway to help to determine the most suitable name. Input is being invited.

Southwestern Diversified Industries continues to be successful, thanks to David Tharp. Southwestern ColorGraphics continues to earn between \$600,000 and \$800,000 per year. Old Betsy Village has been sold to Phil Hooten. It appears to be prospering under his ownership.

**Spiritually** SAC has never been better. As usual, student leadership is strong in continuing the Seventh-day Adventist outreach tradition. Student missionaries and mission trips to Romania and Mexico continue. Local outreach, as well as evangelism, continues with enthusiasm. It is important to remember that the whole purpose of Southwestern Adventist College is to educate people to be prepared to live eternally, not just for a job.



Chan Shun Centennial Library

# ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM SUNBELT Mardian Blair, President

In 1991 I reported to the constituency of the Southwestern Union that the previous five years had been years of major change in healthcare, particularly in the area of federal reimbursement. As I report to you in 1996, the changes that have occurred during the early 1990s are even larger than we expected. We have truly entered a sea of change in healthcare.

During the past few years, our management has made several alterations in the operations of our hospitals, nursing homes and other business units in order to adjust to the changes that are constantly taking place. We are fortunate to have the quality of leaders we have in our Southwestern Union healthcare facilities and across the entire Adventist Health System Sunbelt organization.

Even during these difficult times, the Lord has blessed us. We have had seven years of excellent profitability. During these years, the percentage of debt to equity has been reduced from 70.6 percent to

62.5 percent. Our hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies and ambulance services have continued to grow. We now manage 24 hospital campuses and 21 nursing homes, totaling more than 6,000 beds. Our

home health agencies have visited more than a million patients, and our ambulance company serves thousands of people.

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Hospital also continues to be the leader in cardiac care, with the fifth largest heart center in the United States.

To further strengthen our organization, we

have entered into joint ventures with other hospital organizations in Nashville, Tennessee and Atlanta, Georgia. These relationships allow us to better serve the community while maintaining our mission.

Recently we focused on ways to extend our mission into our communities at the sixth annual Conference on Mission. This past March healthcare and church leaders worked together with a common goal to develop

mission in a way that has never existed in my many years of healthcare leadership. Our healthcare leaders as well as our conference leaders and pastors continue to focus on our Adventist mission. It is an exciting experience to work together in healthcare for the betterment of the church's mission.

During the past five years, our healthcare institutions made substantial monetary contributions toward mission advancement. As a result of their generosity, the Ukrainian Union (formerly a part of Russia) will dedicate a 700-person capacity church on May 5, 1996. Our goal is to continue our mission to help those in need, not only in our own region, but around the world.

Adventist Health System Sunbelt is even stronger now than it was five years ago. Although we do not know what the future holds, we have the assurance that God will continue to lead as long as we are faithful in our service to Him.



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The meeting is called for Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Each church is entitled to two regular delegates without regard to membership plus one regular delegate for each 40 members.

Steve Gifford, President  
Larry R. Moore, Secretary  
Frank Moore, Treasurer

### Texas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

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The meeting is called for Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Delegates of the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are also delegates to the Texas Conference Association.

Steve Gifford, President  
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### Valley Educational Foundation

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Session of the Texas Conference Valley Educational Foundation will be held at Bell County Expo Center near Belton, Texas on Sunday, June 30, 1996. The purpose of this meeting is to review the business of the Foundation for the past year and to consider amendments to the constitution and bylaws, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Foundation.

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## 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.

### Muskogee Church to Celebrate Golden Jubilee

Sabbath, May 18, the Muskogee, OK church will celebrate its 100-year anniversary from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Former members, pastors and church school students and teachers are invited to attend. Take your old pictures or memorabilia. Each family is asked to bring enough food for your family plus one more person for the potluck luncheon. For more information contact Mickey Hagen at 918-478-3807 before noon, Lois Sullivan at 918-682-0113, Denise Carter at 918-683-5569 or Judi Stout at 918-687-6899.

### Maranatha Volunteers Hold Convention

Maranatha Volunteers International will hold their 19th Annual International Convention May 10-11, 1996 at Cohutta Springs Convention Center in Crandall, GA. Elder Richard Duerksen from the Columbia Union Conference will be the keynote speaker for Sabbath services.

In conjunction with the convention, Maranatha will run a work project from April 28 to May 9 where volunteers will help the Georgia-Cumberland Academy construct 2 new houses as well as refurbish existing campus buildings.

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## Obituaries

**BISCHOFF, Joseph H.**, was born Mar. 27, 1912 in Newark, NJ and died Jan. 14, 1996 in Keene, TX. He was a former principal of Ozark Adventist Academy, Highland Academy, and Collegedale Academy. He was also business manager at Southwestern Junior College before founding his own pharmaceutical company. Survivors: wife, Esther, Keene; daughters, Barbara Koobs, Amarillo, TX and Juanita Ballew, Keene; son, Robert, Keene; and sister, Kathryn Duncan, Keene.

**GREEN, Minnie Lucille**, was born Feb. 18, 1912 in Nacogdoches, TX and died Mar. 12, 1996 in Fort Worth, TX. Survivors: daughters, Mary Kay Banks, Burleson, TX and Judy Smith of Virginia; 8 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren. John Griswell

**HAWK, George**, was born Aug. 18, 1909 and died Feb. 2, 1996 in Harrison, AR. He is survived by a sister, Lois Compton.

**HEINRICH, Mildred Lucille**, was born April 14, 1919 in Okeene, OK and died Dec. 30, 1995 in Lincoln, NE. Survivors: sons, Jim Heinrich, Yorba Linda, CA, Gary Heinrich, Keene, TX, and Lance Heinrich, Enid, OK; daughters, Sharon Bogue, Lincoln, Carolyn Howerton and Beth Chapman, both of Columbia, MO; 4 sisters, 15 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. Betty Heinrich

**KENNEDY, Edna**, was born in 1917 and died Aug. 6, 1995. She was a member of the Bartlesville, OK church. She is survived by her husband, Chester.

**MEANS, Virginia**, was born Sept. 21, 1905 and died Oct. 19, 1995. She was a member of the Dallas First SDA Church.

**PETERSON, Jane**, was born Sept. 2, 1923 in Chicago, IL and died Feb. 6, 1996 in Mineola, TX. Survivors: husband, Sherman, Mineola; son, Randall, Mineola; sister, Muriel McGarrahan, Mineola; and 2 granddaughters.

**ROBERTS, Vincent Lorain**, was born April 26, 1913 in Brunswick, GA and died Mar. 7, 1996 in Fort Worth, TX. Elder Roberts was president of the Southwest Region Conference from 1956 to 1969 and treasurer of the Southwestern Union Conference from 1971 until his retirement in 1980. He is survived by his wife, Alga, of Keene, TX; daughter, Verna Cason, Hyattsville, MD; brothers, Russell Jackson, Jamaica, NY and Horace Jackson, Magnolia, TX; and 2 granddaughters.

**RUFF, Clemmie**, was born July 4, 1903 in Tupelo, MS and died Jan. 21, 1996 in Sapulpa, OK. Survivors: daughter, Eunice Johnson, Beggs, OK; sisters, Virginia Jones, Jessie Major, Beulah Ruff, and Magnolia Clark, all of Sapulpa, OK and Mable Porter, Washington, DC; 11 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren. Lillie Davison

**SADAU, Paul L.**, was born May 25, 1940 in Sanger, TX and died Feb. 19, 1996 in Sherman, TX. He was a member of the Gainesville, TX church. Survivors: wife, Jeanne, Gainesville; and daughters, Patricia Singletary and Annette Sadau, both of Keene, TX.

**SANDERS, Kenneth Wayne**, was born Mar. 25, 1936 in El Dorado Springs, MO and died Dec. 18, 1995 in Gentry, AR. Survivors: wife, Faith, Gentry; son, Darrell Wayne, Casper, WY; daughters, Connie Jo Matlean, Gentry, Bonnie Jo Retamozo, Fort Worth, TX and Kennie Jo Sanders, Gentry; 2 brothers; and 5 sisters.

**SELGER, Lillian**, was born Jan. 26, 1908 and died Feb. 17, 1996 in Metairie, LA. Survivors: son, Philip Selger, Metairie; daughter, Ila Mae Selger, Metairie; and 3 grandchildren.

**SIGLER, Phyllis Marolyn**, was born July 12, 1928 in Sheridan, IL and died Jan. 12, 1996 in San Antonio, TX. Survivors: daughter, Callie Bourgeois, Magnolia, TX; sons, Skipper and Bob, both of San Antonio; sisters, Merrill Wier, San Antonio, Mackie Doyle, San Clemente, CA, Betty Wright, Franklin, KY, Beverly Buell, Holland, MI and Dorothy Oster, Santa Monica, CA.

**STEPP, Helen**, was born Feb. 11, 1904 in Evansville, IN and died Mar. 5, 1996 in Brownwood, TX. Survivors: son, Dr. Raymond Stepp, Comanche, TX; daughter, Beth Gilbert, Glendale, AZ; sister, Mary Drone of Indiana; brother, Francis Barwe, also of Indiana; and 4 grandchildren.

**SWARTZ, Nicholas A.**, was born Jan. 23, 1927 and died Nov. 16, 1995 in Little Rock, AR. Survivors: wife, Barba, Little Rock; and sons, Nicholas III, Duncanville, TX and Michael, Mabelvale, AR.

**THOMAS, Claudia**, was born April 28, 1928 in Coalfax, LA and died Dec. 29, 1995 in Shreveport, LA. Survivors: husband, Lorenz Thomas; sons, Orlen and Kenneth Davis; daughters, Deldria Davis, Pamela Brown, Laurie Braud, and Sherry Veuleman; brother, Alvin Graves; 21 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

**WIIST, Judy**, was born Oct. 11, 1917 in Belk, TX and died Feb. 18, 1996 in Cleburne, TX. Survivors: son, William, Houston, TX; daughter, Gladys Claiborne, Roseburg, OR; brother, Doyal Kirby, Sherman, TX; and 2 grandchildren.

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Brownsville, Texas .....	8:06	8:09	8:13	8:17	8:20	8:22
Dallas, Texas .....	8:16	8:21	8:25	8:29	8:33	8:36
El Paso, Texas .....	7:53	7:58	8:02	8:06	8:10	8:13
Fort Worth/Keene, Texas .....	8:17	8:23	8:27	8:31	8:35	8:38
Galveston/Houston, Texas .....	8:01	8:05	8:10	8:14	8:17	8:20
Gentry, Arkansas .....	8:13	8:18	8:24	8:29	8:33	8:36
Little Rock, Arkansas .....	8:00	8:06	8:11	8:16	8:20	8:23
Muskogee, Oklahoma .....	8:15	8:20	8:26	8:31	8:35	8:38
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