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The Military Situation

By CARLYLE B. HAYNES

THE President has asked Congress to put universal military training into effect and resume the Selective Service draft temporarily.

While Congress debates the proposals, inquiries are reaching me by mail, telegraph, telephone, and personal visits regarding the best and wisest procedure for our men of military age.

The answer is—Keep about your work and take no action about military relationships. Just wait.

We do not yet know what Congress will do. Congress does not yet know. Until laws are enacted no one knows what provisions they will contain, either about service, age limits, recognition of noncombatancy, or other requirements. Until we do know, it is not safe to be giving counsel.

Many raise the question as to whether they would not put themselves on vantage ground regarding bearing arms and Sabbath-keeping by enlisting at once—in the Army, the Navy, the National Guard. The answer is, No.

Voluntary enlistment has been, and may reasonably be construed as, voluntary relinquishment and surrender of the non-combatant position and claim.

"Ah, but Elder Haynes, the recruiting officer promises that I will not have to bear arms or break my Sabbath, and will be assigned just where I want to be!"

Quite so. But who is going to carry out such promises? Not the recruiting officer, for he loses control. His promises on these matters are not binding on the officers to whose command you are assigned. They are not binding on anyone but the recruiting officer, and he loses jurisdiction immediately. He has no authority to make such pledges.

It is best to wait until an act of Congress covers our need by a provision of law. Those who enlist now may well find themselves barred later from taking advantage of provisions safe-guarding the rights of individual conscience with reference to bearing arms.

Do not allow yourself to become uneasy and restless. God knows where He wants you. He can put you there. Don't rush in ahead of Him. Go on about your work and keep out of His way.

Your church leaders are not asleep. They are watching developments. They will have counsel for you at the right time. They did not let our men down in World War I, nor in World War II. They do not propose to let them down now.

It is best to await their counsel, then to follow it, and all of us act together, and do and say the same thing.

Darting off in every direction as individuals, and acting on snap judgment, before anyone can possibly know what is to be required or allowed, is bound to bring sorry results.

Go on about your work—and wait.

What Are You Waiting For?

By B. E. WAGNER

EVERY month brings a calamity graver than most major battles. Millions pass into slavery between one week and the next. The fate of whole continents swings with a day's news. A fifth of the world's people are involved in actual war. No place from the Congo to Spitsbergen is safe. Nobody is secure." *Time*, March 8, 1948, page 26. "The world has a bad case of the jitters. There's a feeling that a bang-up crisis is near. *There's a sense of teetering on the brink of disaster.*" *United States News*, March 12, 1948, page 31.

"America has a troubled conscience. It looks into a future black with disaster. . . America is also filled with fear. . . *Fear stalks the land and creeps into every home.*" *Christian Century*, February 24, 1948. In his latest book, "While Time Remains," Leland Stowe declares: "Armageddon and Doomsday are now suspended over the heads of our generation." Page 12. "At last there exists a universal time fuse. *The minutes tick away, and the doomsman's hand rests just above our shoulders.*" Page 25. Robert M. Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chi-

SOUTHERN UNION YOUTH'S CONGRESS-June 3 to 6-Make Reservations Now!

ago, writes: "We must acknowledge that a world crisis exists—not next week nor tomorrow, but now, today, for there is very little time remaining." Bishop B. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist church says, "Time is running out."

When statesmen, educators, scientists, and clergymen declare in books, magazines, newspapers, from the pulpit, and over the radio that the world is poised on the brink ready to descend to its complete destruction, what are we waiting for? The lengthening shadows and the reddish glow of the sky warn that we have come to the sunset hour of earth's history.

This is a great day of opportunity for the distribution of our literature. Yes, I believe I can say without successful contradiction that this is the greatest opportunity we shall ever have for colporteur evangelism, and may I add emphatically that this day is rapidly drawing to its close. The urgency of the sunset hour should impel us to respond now to God's call and labor with unflagging zeal to present the message contained in our

books and periodicals, for we know that the men and women to whom we minister will go down with the destruction of the world unless they make haste in their preparation to meet God.

This is not only a day of great opportunity. It is a day of destiny for Seventh-day Adventists. During this sunset hour we cannot afford to postpone our service for God or allow selfish desires or creature comforts to deter us from doing our duty, for if this climactic hour ends while we are carrying out our own plans, Jesus cannot say, "Well done." Our literature is a specific remedy for an outstanding world need. Yes, our books contain a dynamic message for a dying world. The hour is very late! The time for action is *now*. "The night cometh, when no man can work."

A short intensive course in Christian salesmanship will be given in the Southern Publishing Association chapel from April 26 to 29. Write at once to your publishing department secretary at your conference office address concerning the institute and territory.

sunset hour of earth's history? Write your publishing department secretary that you are interested in attending the three-day institute for colporteur evangelists at Nashville, April 26 to 29.

Tidings Out of the North

Many wise men have applied their bright minds to an understanding of that phrase from Daniel, and to an expression of their conclusions. They do not all agree as to the interpretation of the prophecy, but their thoughts are worth reading.

Whatever the particular power described by that citation from the words of the prophet, the world is really troubled by "tidings out of the east and out of the north." Statesmen, soldiers, and legislators are very much perplexed. Some fear a catastrophe greater than World War II, and not far hence.

Appeasement, procrastination, ineptitude, stupidity, chicanery, insincerity, frustration, murder, and other unpleasant words are being applied to some policies of the principals involved. The leaders of each group have been frank in their attempts to localize responsibility for the world situation.

Seventh-day Adventists have usually been pretty sure of what at least was not going to happen. Some people now seem a little uncertain as to what the immediate future holds in store. Those most dependable for guidance in times like these are careful students of the Word and of all the counsel given the church.

Nothing seems more secure or worthy of confidence than the plain statements of the Word itself. It seems a most fitting time to return to that great guide or to continue its study. When other men's hearts fail them for fear, and troublous times come to all, what a bulwark of defense and an aid to courage are men who know the Word and teach it confidently and fearlessly.

No books of the Bible seem to be more pertinent or more timely than Daniel and the Revelation. A verse by verse study of these illuminating prophecies can renew confidence and

Sheep Without a Shepherd

By B. E. WAGNER

Fourteen million people who reside within the territory of the Southern Union Conference are not members of any church. This means that two-thirds of the population are not church members. What a challenge this should be to Seventh-day Adventists. Note the following words from the messenger of the Lord in *Testimonies*, Volume VI, page 315: "The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place, and the work that should be done for them is being neglected. From the light given me I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be *one hundred*." If the work of God is finished in the Southern Union before it becomes extremely difficult to give the message, then our colporteur forces must be enlarged by the hundreds, and they must be recruited now.

According to reports from state health departments approximately 200,000 die in the Southern Union

territory every year. About 3,850 are laid to rest every week, 550 every day, and about twenty-three every hour. On an average about two-thirds of these people are not members of any church. Are you laboring faithfully at your post of duty to reach them with the last gospel message before they pass on?

God says through his servant, "Souls are perishing out of Christ, and those who profess to be Christ's disciples are letting them die." *Testimonies*, Volume VI, page 434. "It is a mystery that there are not hundreds at work where now there is but one." *Testimonies*, Volume IX, page 42.

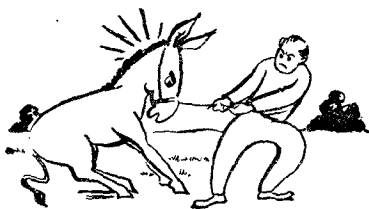
The General Conference voted at Autumn Council last October that we double our colporteur army in 1948. If you have been impressed to do this work, then God is calling you. Will you not cooperate with God and the leaders of the Advent movement in quickly finishing the work during this

give supporting strength for days of trial.

Studies in these great books have been prepared by experienced and scholarly Bible students and are available. These teachers do not know all the answers but do know most of them or where to find them. You can receive great benefits and a sense of abiding security from a knowledge of the prophecies applicable to our times. Let us help you.

W. HOMER TEESDALE,
President Home Study Institute

Meeting Resistance?



The Method May Be Wrong
or the Direction
or the Load
or the Approach

Learn How to Go Places

Write for the 1948 Bulletin

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Make wills and legacies to the Alabama Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Incorporated.

Camp Meeting—May 20 to 29

Camp meeting is a very precious period of heart-searching and fellowship with friends in Christ. Who knows if our young men will be drafted shortly for another world war? Time is awfully short before the Lord comes. Every Adventist should attend the annual convocation of

God's people for 1948 in Meridian, Mississippi.

Visitors from other conferences, also visiting ministers from other states, and the General Conference freely tell us that we have a very beautiful and attractive location for our camp meeting. Under the tall, whispering pines our believers gather for prayer, devotion, and good fellowship. The colporteurs meet their friends. The Missionary Volunteers enjoy their special meetings. The children also are eager for their regular programs.

The conference business will come at the very beginning of the camp with the president giving his report on Thursday night, May 20. All Conference business will be completed on May 21. Elder V. G. Anderson, president of the Southern Union Conference, will be with us for the first week end of the camp. There will be visiting missionaries and speakers from the General Conference. In a later article these will be named.

Start now to plan for camp meeting. We will have plenty of tents and rooms for everyone. Send in your reservations to Brother Myron J. Harvey, Box 1311, Meridian, Mississippi. Arrange for your vacation from May 20 to 29 and come to camp meeting.

H. J. CAPMAN

Inheritance Notice

Hazel Rebecca Read Campbell is to receive an inheritance in connection with the settlement of an estate. We are unable to locate this sister. When last known she was living in the Mobile district. If you know anything that will lead to the location of Sister Campbell, please write to Elder W. L. Mazart, 107 West Tally Court, Mobile, Alabama.

MYRON HARVEY

Tornado Experiences

Within the last few months four tornados have swept through small portions of our conference. As far as we know only two Adventist homes have been touched.

Near Newton, Mississippi, one of our conference church members was blown out of the back door of her house and was actually carried and tumbled across the field. She was not seriously injured but did spend a few days in a local hospital. The home was entirely demolished. The Meridian church raised a good sum of

money, and many of the members contributed clothing. This help was certainly appreciated.

The other home was that of Elder C. E. Wheeler in Opelika, Alabama. He writes of his experience as follows:

"My wife and I are deeply grateful to God for his protecting care over us during the tornado which passed through Opelika on Friday night, March 26. The prince of the power of the air tried to take our lives in two ways: first, by toppling the brick chimney over on the roof directly over us, then by hurling a board through the window nearest us and scattering splinters of wood and broken glass over the room. It was by God's keeping power that we escaped without a scratch. When the tornado had passed, we sat out at once through the debris-littered streets in search of our church members and found them all unharmed. 'Bless the Lord, O my soul... who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.'" Psalms 103: 2-4.

Junior Ingathering

Wonderful reports are reaching us of the part our juniors have played in raising the Ingathering goal. Here are some thrilling accounts. Birmingham, grades 1 to 4, has raised nearly \$600.00. This room has twenty-two students, which gives them a per capita of between \$25.00 and \$30.00. Miss Flora Savelle is the enthusiastic leader of this outstanding group.

Birmingham, grades 5 to 9, report over \$400.00. Their per capita is around \$20.00. Miss Annie Lowe is the proud teacher of these grades.

The Jackson and Meridian church schools report \$170.00 and \$122.00 respectively. Miss Hoskins and Mrs. Kurtz are the teachers. Mrs. Clark in Hattiesburg reports her school a Minute Man school. To all these and to others who have all worked so nobly to make Alabama-Mississippi the first minute-man conference we say congratulations.

F. W. FOSTER

Great News For Juniors

Don't you know? Haven't you heard? Hasn't anyone told you? LISTEN!

On June 8 we begin seven glorious days of camping in the mountains. A clear lake for swimming, thrilling sto-

RESERVATION FOR 1948 JUNIOR CAMP

Please enroll me in the Alabama-Mississippi Junior Camp.
I promise to follow the camp code and give cheerful cooperation.

Signed Age..... Boy or Girl.....

Signed Address.....
(Teacher or Church Officer recommending applicant)

We are in favor of this Junior's attending the Camp, and as parents or legal guardians accept all the conditions named, including release of the management from liability in case of accident or illness.

Name Address.....
(Parent or Guardian)

\$2.00 DEPOSIT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS CARD. RECEIPT NO.....

Paid in full Signed.....
(Business Manager)

Notice of withdrawal must be given a week before opening day to get refund

ries around the campfire, baseball games, Morning Watch circle and prayer bands, hiking, boating in the big navy raft, leathering and wood-carving—DON'T MISS IT!

Rush your reservation blank with your two-dollar fee to F. W. Foster, Box 1311, Meridian, Mississippi. Then you can pay the thirteen-dollar balance on arrival at camp.

F. W. FOSTER

CAROLINA

Box 930, Charlotte, North Carolina

F. O. Sanders, President

R. G. Mote, Secretary-Treasurer

Make wills and legacies to the Carolina Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Incorporated.

Acknowledges Claim of God

"Tithes and offerings for God are an acknowledgment of His claim on us by creation, and they are also an acknowledgment of His claim by redemption. Because all of our power is derived from Christ, these offerings are to flow from us to God."—*Testimonies, Volume 6, page 479.*

Camp Meeting

We are looking forward to the best camp meeting in the history of the conference. Start planning *now* to be present at the first meeting on May 25, 1948, at 7:30 P. M., and plan to stay and enjoy every meeting to and including the last night meeting on May 30, 1948, at 7:30 P. M. We are

sure it will be a spiritual feast for all.

As now is the time to plan to attend, send your order for a room to Camp Meeting, Carolina Conference, Box 930, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Senior Camp, Too

Three days and three nights of camp life will be calling, August 17 to 20, to Carolina senior youth who have missed Junior camp and want the thrill of spending a few days of organized association with other Seventh-day Adventist youth in the rustic beauty and quiet of a camp.

From Tuesday evening through Friday noon, August 17 to 20, Camp No. 1 in Crabtree Creek State Park will be open to senior youth, aged seventeen to thirty-five. It will not be possible to hold this camp over the Sabbath, but we can provide a wonderful time for three days to the senior youth who are able to turn aside from the cities and from the rush of the summer's work.

At Senior camp, our program will be much like that at Junior camp, with flag-raising, Morning Watch under the trees, campfire, swimming, handicrafts, M. V. classwork, and all the other trimmings.

For the entire period we shall have to charge \$6.50 for each camper. This amount covers three nights of lodging and nine meals. Transportation to and from camp will be provided by each camper.

For young married couples who live in the cities, and for students who are working, like beavers to be back in school in the fall, August 17 to 20 can be a delightful oasis. We invite our senior youth to experiment a bit and learn for themselves the happiness that can be found in a senior camp.

L. W. PETTIS, *Camp Director*

Attention! Special Camp Meeting Notice

Elder G. W. Asher requests all who are interested in singing in the camp meeting choir to contact the Carolina Conference immediately. Please state the part you sing and if you play any musical instrument; we are vitally interested in having a strong musical program for our camp meeting.

Please do not delay in sending in this information, for we want our plans and our program to be well organized. I will be looking forward to having a good time together with you and yours at the camp meeting at the Blue Ridge Assembly. Please notice! Send this information in immediately.

G. W. ASHER

Junior Thrill-Call

Here's the big news for all Carolina boys and girls who are keen-eyed for happiness and like to make their own fun:

Junior camp for 1948 will be held August 10 to 17 at Crabtree Creek State Park, Camp No. 1. This Junior thrill-week opens Tuesday noon, August 10, and closes at noon on Tuesday, August 17.

It's the *big* camp we have this year, Camp No. 1 at Crabtree. So we don't need to disappoint anyone; we can offer this week of outdoor thrills to a hundred boys and girls of the Carolinas. Yes, sir, to one hundred juniors, aged nine to sixteen, we send a welcome as big as a western hat and as warm as the Texas sunshine!

We invite the juniors of Carolina to come and spend seven wonderful days with us in the woods. We plan to give them as much clean fun as we can crowd into the waking part of every day. From the bugle blast in the morning till the restful "Taps" sounds on the night air, we'll be leading the juniors through a program of outdoor life without a dull moment.

SOUTHERN UNION INGATHERING

Fortieth Anniversary

ARE YOU A MINUTE MEMBER?

WHEN I arrived at the union office after an absence of a number of weeks, I found that the brethren connected with our office were doing Ingathering solicitation in the city of Decatur, and everywhere throughout the union we hear "a sound of a going" in this important campaign.

Mrs. J. J. Bentley, missionary leader of the Atlanta colored church, reported eleven "Minutes" at the Sabbath service, making a total of over \$200 for her personally. Ninety-nine have already received bookmarks for being minutemen in that one church. It was thrilling to see the long line of church members standing in the front of the church to have the bookmarks presented to them.

Brother H. E. Schneider, our union treasurer, came into the office one day walking on air. The result of a new Ingathering contact had been a check for \$300.

There is no substitute for hard work in getting our Ingathering goal. May we always keep in mind that there are neighbors and friends that need a missionary visit. Will you respond by bringing them a knowledge of the third angel's message and ask them to help in our mission program?

V. G. ANDERSON

A VISIT WITH THE GOVERNOR

One of the church members who volunteered to solicit on a field day for Ingathering in Atlanta recently, was assigned a territory of palatial homes. This brother has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church only two years, but he expresses his deep love for the truth by ready and willing service. Last year he raised several minuteman goals. However, feeling that he was not capable of making the approach to mansion-type homes, he replied to the pastor, "I'm just a plain man; I feel more at home among plain people." But the pastor brushed aside his protest and sent him forth.

When he came to the governor's mansion his courage failed temporarily and he passed it by. But he says his conscience bothered him and he finally said to himself, "Who am I to withhold something good from the governor." Back he went and rang the bell at the executive dwelling. Who, to his surprise, should answer his ring but the governor himself! The state's highest official graciously invited in our humble solicitor and they conversed about twenty minutes. The governor remarked that he had heard many fine things about our work and would like to know more. He excused himself for a moment and returned with a good donation. It is of course planned to meet his request for literature to further inform him regarding our work. Needless to say, our brother feels now that he will never, never pass by a house when he is out working for God.

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

It is really interesting to see how some of the churches stand in per capitas. Notice these:

Churches	Per Capita	Churches	Per Capita
Natches	\$62.75	Pensacola	\$21.79
Gulfport	27.15	Vicksburg	21.72
Meridian	26.23	Hattiesburg	20.92
Laurel	25.02	Prichard	19.33
Sheffield	24.40	Clanton	19.03
Gilbertown	24.23	Selma	18.80

It will be interesting to see how all of our churches stand when the final figures come in.

Now that the Ingathering is over in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, they will no doubt plan for strong evangelism which will follow their early camp meeting. Truly all who had a part in the Ingathering feel that they were wonderfully blessed.

FLORIDA

A really fine piece of work has been done by the loyal leaders and members of Florida. It seems, however, that there are a few belated churches, and no doubt they themselves are anxious to get it over with. When they reach their goal Florida will be through, but it can't be until all have done their part. One church lagging behind can spoil the entire picture very easily. So come along and let's finish it. What do you say? Have you done your part?

CAROLINA

With the opening of spring the churches in the Carolina Conference have taken on a new lease of life in the Ingathering work.

Elder T. J. Jenkins in the Greensboro district is enthusiastically promoting the program, and it looks as though they'll have their goal in a short time. The idea of contacting the Chamber of Commerce for a complete list of the business establishments and manufacturing plants is a tremendous revelation as to the abundance of territory. The suggestion may be helpful to others who are seemingly short of places to work.

We have a nice report from the Wilmington church. They have completed their large goal of \$2700.

Brother M. B. Elliston's district has reached its minuteman quota which is a good start on the way to their complete goal.

The Charlotte church is out for a large overflow and doubtless will have \$1500 beyond their goal before they quit.

Watch the next issue for a report of the Fletcher church. They are planning to have a field day and many other Ingathering activities.

It is very inspiring to get a letter like we got from Mrs. Clyde Alford, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. She writes, "We hope to have the goal at an early date. This is the first year that we have ever Ingathered without a minister, and we have had some nice visits among the business and professional people here." The spirit of service is getting into the hearts of our people, and they are willing to go in the Master's name, and the Lord will bless us.

J. O. MARSH

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Georgia-Cumberland now has twelve Minute Man churches. The total Ingathering received at the end of March was \$30,745.77.

I spent the past week end in the Albany district and am happy to report that the Albany church reached its Minute Man goal, and has done so after having had a church building drive this winter. This certainly is a demonstration of the fact that it can be done. We were in the midst of a downpour in south Georgia and found some folks, especially farmers, a bit discouraged, yet the Lord is blessing in the offerings. But most important is the interest that is being shown because of the missionary contacts that have been made.

Brother Everett and I visited the manager of one of the largest peanut industries in south Georgia. He happens to be a member of the Baptist church and was interested to find out the main differences between the Baptists and Seventh-day Adventists. He is very interested in religious things and his budget has run out, but the fiscal year of the company ends in June, and he has promised us that if we would leave our name and address he would have a liberal offering at the time he sets up his budget. If we would take the offering now it would not amount to very much. I trust the Lord impresses the man to give a liberal offering. We left him the little book, "Who Are Seventh-day Adventists," and he seemed to appreciate it very much.

I believe the most important thing in Ingathering is the contact with souls and the opportunity of leaving with them information that may eventually lead them to the kingdom. If we can ever keep this in mind, the Ingathering will be a success, and the funds will come in as a result of the contacts.

We are pressing on in Georgia-Cumberland, looking for success to crown our efforts. WARD A. SCRIVEN

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Truly South Atlantic is pushing ahead. They are reporting a great list of Minute Men. We have here in our office pages and pages of Minute Men, too many to publish, but here are those who have raised two Minute Men goals and more:

Honor Roll

Mrs. Alice Slater	\$200.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Miller	105.55
Mr. P. P. Perkins	104.00
Mrs. E. V. Tyrus	72.00
Mrs. Julia White	60.00
Mrs. D. E. Davis	51.31
Mr. C. C. Carter	50.65

Mrs. S. Alexander	48.80
Mrs. Milder Roberts	40.71

Two Minutes

Dr. E. S. Portis	Mr. Fred Gray	Mrs. Clara Cross
Mrs. Jessie Tabor	Mrs. J. Dinkins	Mr. S. Williams
Mr. George Sears	Mrs. Estella Hites	Mrs. Pearl Howell
Mrs. J. W. Brown	Mr. C. J. Jackson	Mr. J. Harrell
Mrs. L. E. Reid	Mrs. Jennie Cosby	Miss A. Hicks
Mr. Willie Laidler	Mrs. Lillie Cobb	Mrs. E. Vincent
Mr. Ivan Collins	Mrs. B. Crittle	Mrs. M. Wilkerson
Elder D. E. Davis		

SOUTH CENTRAL

It is always encouraging to hear good news from around the field. The Ingathering campaign brings exciting news of heroic deeds and of Christian service. Have you had a wonderful time Ingathering? Then we want to hear about it. Sit down and write us a letter and tell us all about it. Our address is P. O. Box 936, Nashville, Tennessee. We want to tell others your experience.

We have news that there are many Minute Members all over the conference. Are you one? We hope that you will be in the number.

Are you striving to make your church a Minute Member Church? If every church were a Minute church in the conference this year, it would help us to do an outstanding thing. You ask what? It would furnish us with money to raise up seven new churches in cities that have never had a tent effort or hall effort and where there never has been an Adventist. We could send seven tent crews into each of these seven new cities, and by December 31 there would be seven new churches in the conference sisterhood of churches.

From this you can see what Ingathering does. A good part of the Ingathering money is sent back to the conference by the General Conference to be used in the South Central Conference for evangelistic work and to help build churches. By making your church a Minute Man Church you not only help foreign lands, but you help the home land around you. May God bless you as you go out for Him to gather funds for His cause.

H. R. MURPHY

THE MASSES HAVE THE MONEY—IN THE MASSES YOU WILL FIND SOULS

The work is not done by calling on the business manager of a large factory. If he would give you \$100, you would perhaps be happy and never go back to the factory for anything else. If so, how much good have you really done? If each workman in that factory could be contacted, we would get more money and we would have a chance to find interested souls.

Let us see if we cannot solicit the workers as they go to work. This can be done by going to the factory and getting permission from the management, and if properly worked can produce much good. If, for any reason, these factory workers cannot be solicited, then by all means the factory village should be worked from house to house.

When those junior tummies begin to groan under the pressure of wolfish outdoor appetites, we'll set our campers up to meals that would make a king's mouth water; when the youngsters are hotter than a bowl of soup, we'll take them to the lake for an hour of swimming; when they're tired from running and playing, we'll let them take it easy by working at some fascinating handicraft; and when their batteries are all run down at the close of the day, we'll send them to sleep for nine and a half hours in the screened cabins under the whispering pines.

We'll have a lifeguard and a nurse to take good care of the juniors. They'll be as safe as at home, or safer; for we know that parents are entrusting their most precious possessions to our care.

In spite of all the high prices of supplies, we are asking for only \$15.00 for each junior for the week. The only other expenses will be transportation and handicrafts charges. Campers get a great deal for their money, when they think it all through.

So right now let every dad and mother and every wide-eyed junior mark up the August page on the calendar and start planning at once for the junior's biggest week in the year—Junior camp!

L. W. PETTIS, *Camp Director*

Self-Supporting Missionaries

In thundrous God is calling our attention to the fact that the end of all things is at hand. The rapidly fulfilling signs of the times indicate that our days upon this earth are few. This brings to us a wonderful privilege—a privilege of having a part in the final work of God in the earth. It gives to us not only a privilege, but a great responsibility of carrying the truth of God into every corner of the globe. We have this counsel given to us from the Spirit of prophecy: "It is not the purpose of God that His people should colonize, or settle together in large communities. The disciples of Christ are His representatives upon the earth, and God designs that they shall be scattered all over the country in the towns, cities, and villages, as lights amidst the darkness of the world." *Testimonies*; Volume 8, page 244.

In harmony with this instruction Brother and Sister G. B. Case from

Hendersonville moved out into some new territory about a year ago. Literature work had already been done in that area to which they were to go, and graduates from the Twentieth Century Bible School had begun to accumulate. They took a list of these names and started to visit and follow up with Bible studies. It was my happy privilege to spend a Sabbath with them recently and find that there are five people completely ready for baptism. This is only a beginning, however, in the work they are doing, because there are several that they are visiting and others that are to be visited as soon as they can reach them. Brother and Sister Case are self-supporting missionaries, doing co-operative work to make it possible for them to get along. Being isolated by themselves about sixty or seventy miles from the nearest church makes them missionaries of the highest order.

We are wondering why there could not be many other families that would move out into new territory such as this. The other day we received a letter from a man sixty miles from the nearest church asking how he could become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. He had been a reader of the *Signs of the Times*, had taken the Twentieth Century Bible Course, and I believe he had a book or two. He was out all by himself, not knowing that there were any Adventists nearby; he had made a decision to join the remnant church and be a part of the third angel's message. This statement coming to us from the *Testimonies*, Volume IX, page 33, is very pertinent: "God calls for Christian families to go into communities that are in darkness and error and work wisely and perseveringly for the Master. To answer this call requires self-sacrifice. While many are waiting to have every obstacle removed, souls are dying without hope and without God in the world."

Should we not answer this call, even in the face of great sacrifice, for the time surely is short in which we can labor for the souls of men and rescue those that will be saved from the destruction that is sure to come in a little while. May the Lord impress our minds as to what we ought to do in this matter.

J. O. MARSH

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Ingathering in Atlanta Union Academy

The Atlanta Union Academy students have quite an arresting chart in their auditorium this year. It is gaily studded with red, blue, and gold stars, and red and blue ribbons designating the amount of Ingathering funds the students have raised. The red star means that an individual has raised at least \$10, the blue star represents \$25 raised, and the gold star \$50. Those who have raised \$75 have red ribbons placed by their names, and those who have raised \$100 receive a blue ribbon. To date there are twenty-five red stars, fifteen blue stars, seven gold stars, four red ribbons, and two blue ribbons representing a total of \$1,700.00. Ninety per cent of the students in the academy have participated in the Ingathering program.

The Intermediate room, grades seven and eight, have also worked faithfully. Donnie Nofio has raised \$36. Ingathering on an entirely new experience for Ontra Allen and Joan Wiley, nevertheless, this room raised \$104.84 on Field Day alone.

Grades four, five, and six are also working hard. Seven in this room worked for the first time. Honorable mention should be made of Janet Helms who has raised \$51. To date this room has raised \$277.

On Field Day fourteen little missionaries, a 100 per cent representation from grades one, two, and three, went out and came back that afternoon with \$138.48. Little Jack Helms was enthusiastic about his experience, and why shouldn't he be, for \$11.05 is quite a bit for a five-year-old to raise in one morning!

INVITING ALL YOUTH

Cumberland M. V.
Federation Meeting

9:30 A. M., April 24
GRAYSVILLE, TENNESSEE

We congratulate the students and faculty of Atlanta Union Academy for the excellent work that has been done this year and trust other schools and churches will follow their fine example that the Ingathering fund this year may be greater than ever before in the history of the denomination. Have you done your part?

GRACE MAXWELL

Announcing Dorcas Meeting In Knoxville Area

Sunday morning, April 25, beginning at 10:30 A.M., there will be a Dorcas meeting held in the Knoxville church to give study to the organization of a Dorcas Federation for the four districts of Crossville, Greeneville, Chattanooga, and Bristol.

We invite and urge all of you Dorcas sisters to be present on that day. Elder R. H. Wentland, Home Missionary Secretary of the Southern Union will be present with us, and we believe this meeting will be a real inspiration. Come and bring your lunch!

WARD A. SCRIVEN

Your Youth's Congress Room

The locating committee for Youth's Congress reservations must know how many rooms to reserve in the hotels and other places. I want to *urge* you to fill in an information card, and give it to your M. V. leader just as soon as possible. We would like to have all this material from all of the conferences in the hands of the locating committee by the middle or last part of April. Thank you for your cooperation.

J. M. ACKERMAN,
Chairman, Locating Committee

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

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From Our Twentieth Century Bible School

The Twentieth Century Bible School for our conference has a goal

for this year of two hundred new students every month. This would mean six hundred students enrolled every quarter of the year. During the month of January the weather all over our conference was so bad that it was almost impossible to pass out any enrollment cards; but when our monthly report was made up, we had just a few more than our two hundred.

Now it is almost time to make up the quarterly report, and truly the Lord has blessed our efforts, for we have over seven hundred new students. This means that seven hundred people in our conference have taken the opportunity to learn more about God's Word. We are also very well pleased to report six baptisms for the first two months of 1948.

Please remember our Bible School in your family worship and don't forget to pass out the Twentieth Century Bible School cards.

DON SCHLINKERT, *Secretary*
20th Century Bible School

News Notes

★ On Monday, April 5, the Conference Committee met in the Conference office in Nashville; and on Tuesday, April 6, the Highland Academy Board met at Highland Academy. We were happy that Elder V. G. Anderson, Mr. H. E. Schneider, and Elder H. C. Klement could be here for these meetings.

★ The conference office workers joined the Nashville Memorial church in an Ingathering field day on Wednesday, April 7.

★ Sermons centering around Christ and the practical side of Christianity are being given by Elder W. E. Strickland in the Spring Week of Prayer at Madison College. These sermons are greatly appreciated, and the response is good.

★ Elder and Mrs. E. J. Barnes and family visited the Bowling Green (Kentucky) church on Sabbath, April 3. Elder Barnes spoke at the 11:00 o'clock hour and showed moving pictures at the social gathering on Saturday night.

★ Elder and Mrs. W. E. Strickland and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Higgins visited the Manchester and Shelbyville companies on Sabbath, April 3.

★ A series of meetings, conducted by Mr. F. E. Ashby in the Masonic Temple of Dayton, Kentucky, began on Sunday night, April 4. We do hope that as a result of this series

many new souls will be won to Christ.

★ Elder and Mrs. G. Lester Stauffer have now moved to Henderson, Kentucky, where they will work for the next few months.

★ Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jansen and family spent the week end of April 2 to 4 with friends in Chattanooga and Collegedale. Mr. Jansen leaves Wednesday night, April 7, to attend the Book and Bible House Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. During the trip he will also visit the offices in Kansas City, Missouri; Topeka, Kansas; and Lincoln, Nebraska.

★ Elder P. E. Shakespeare visited the Lexington church on Sabbath, April 3; and on Sunday, April 4, he met with the Dorcas Federation in Louisville.

Tithe

"The Lord of heaven challenges those whom He has supplied with His bounties to prove Him. 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'

"This message has lost none of its force. It is just as fresh in its importance as God's gifts are fresh and continual. There is no difficulty in understanding our duty in the light of this message, given through God's holy prophet. We are not left to stumble along in darkness and disobedience. The truth is plainly stated, and it can be clearly understood by all who wish to be honest in the sight of God. A tithe of all our income is the Lord's. He lays His hand upon that portion which He has specified that we shall return to Him, and says, I allow you to use My bounties after you have laid aside the tenth, and have come before me with gifts and offerings." *Counsels on Stewardship*, page 82.

"The people of the world are worshipping false gods. They are to be turned from their false worship, not by hearing denunciation of their idols, but by beholding something better. God's goodness is to be made known. 'Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God.'"—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 299.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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News Notes

★ Elder R. P. Robinson, W. E. Adams, S. McClamb, and Mrs. A. R. Robinson attended a Student Colporteur Institute held at Oakwood over the week end. They report more than a score of new recruits for this summer's work in the literature ministry.

★ Beginning April 17, Elder L. B. Reynolds, editor of the *Message Magazine*, will spend two weeks visiting a number of our churches in interest of the new subscription plan.

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The Journey's End

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Revelation 14:13

ELDER C. E. BOYNTON

CHARLES ELMER BOYNTON was born in York County, Nebraska, July 21, 1877, and died November 17, 1947, at Collegedale, Tennessee. He received his elementary education in Calhoun, Nebraska, and later attended Washington Missionary College. He worked in the post office at York, Nebraska, and when the Spanish-American war came he enlisted in the First Nebraska Regiment of Volunteers and fought through nineteen battles in the Philippines. After the war he served as American Postmaster for Manila for about a year.

About 1901 he returned to the States where he was converted and entered the ministry in the Nebraska Conference. He labored as Pastor-Evangelist in Wyoming, Utah, Missouri, Iowa, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

In June, 1912, he married Miss Cornelia Peterson of Decorah, Iowa, and together they accepted the call of the General Conference to go as missionaries to South America. Eight years were given to this work in British Guiana, Panama, and Nicaragua. Returning to the States, he accepted the call to be Home Missionary secretary for the North Carolina Conference. Later he was pastor of the Dayton, Cleveland, East Ridge, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, churches. During his last days he lived at Collegedale, Tennessee.

Death came suddenly as the result of a stroke. On Sabbath he was at church at Cleveland and taught his Sabbath school class, but enroute home he told his wife he was sick and feared he could not drive home as he could not see the road or the cars.

There remain to mourn their loss his widow; three sons, G. W. Boynton and K. E. Boynton of Collegedale, Tennessee, and Elder Paul Boynton, a missionary in Iran; two brothers, Elder W. S. Boynton of Cove, Oregon, and B. B. Boynton of Boone, Iowa; six sisters, Mrs. E. W. Wolfe of Ooltewah, Tennessee, and Mrs. Floyd Bralliar of Madison College, Tennessee; Mrs. C. H. Graf, San Bernardino, California; Mrs. Ruth Clifford, Menlo, Iowa; Miss Rilla Boynton and Mrs. Ada May Bunch of Sydney, Australia.

Brother Boynton was an earnest Christian, friendly, a good mixer among men, and loved by those who knew him. He sleeps to await the call of the Master in the morning of the soon-coming resurrection day. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Services were held in Chattanooga, Tennessee, at the Coulter Funeral Home. He was laid to rest in the Chattanooga Memorial Park.

Words of comfort and consolation were spoken by the writer.

HORACE R. BECKNER

La Sierra Anniversary

La Sierra College Alumni will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their founding on May 2, 1948. It will be the greatest home-coming in the history of La Sierra. Please make your reservations at once. If you cannot meet with us, we will send you a report of the celebration if you send greetings together with your address. Mail all correspondence to Alumni Association, La Sierra College, Arlington, California.

WALLACE LORENZ
 President -15

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WANTED:—To employ at once a well-qualified maintenance man at the Pisgah Institute. Also to secure the services of a church school teacher for the next school year. If interested, address E. C. Waller, Candler, North Carolina. -16

FOR SALE:—Twenty-nine modern, government-built farm homes, \$4000 to \$6000, about half down. No snow or taxes. Never need electric fans. Soft, cold, tasteless mountain water. Good roads, soil, fruits, vegetables, and nuts. Greyhound

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QUIET REST HOME for the aged, nervous, and chronic. Excellent diet, scientific treatments, courteous service, with physician available on call. Rates \$25 weekly, including board, lodging, laundry, sanitarium treatments as needed, and general nursing care. Rest Harbor Rural Sanitarium, Henry County, Lockport, Kentucky.-20

FOR SALE:—One and one-half ton Cab-over-engine Dodge Truck with Van Body. Purchased new in March, 1946. Has been used exclusively for conference work. Motor in excellent condition, extra good tires. Only reason for selling is that we need a larger truck. Priced at only \$1800 cash. Georgia-Cumberland Conference, R. S. Blackburn, Treasurer, Box 4929, Atlanta, Georgia. -17

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The World-Wide Bible Pictures, a department of the Pacific Union Conference, now offers a variety of Sabbath Music Records of very high quality. Many of our leading musicians can be heard on these special records, in quartets, solos, a capella choirs, and organ selections. For descriptive literature and prices please address your inquiries to: World-Wide Bible Pictures, Pacific Union Conference, Box 146, Glendale, California. -15

FOR SALE:—Very attractive sanitarium in a wonderful locality, three miles from a small town of 9,000. Now on a paying basis. Doctors very cooperative and business really growing. For more particulars, write Mrs. H. R. Stewart, Route 5, McMinnville, Tennessee. -16

WANTED:—Share Cropper, 50 acres in hay, corn, cotton. Gordon County. Will furnish living quarters and all equipment. References required. Hurlbutt Farm, Reeves, Georgia. -17

WANTED:—Couple—man as handyman, wife to help in sanitarium; also practical nurse. References required. Scott's Sanitarium, Reeves, Georgia. -17

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SOUTH ATLANTIC

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Each evening before the service, the film, "One World or None" will be shown. It deals with the terror of the atom bomb. We invite those from nearby churches to plan to attend the meeting nearest you. With the exception of the Sabbath service, each meeting will begin at 8:00 P. M. The schedule is as follows:

- April 17 Jacksonville
- April 18 Savannah
- April 19 St. Augustine
- April 20 Ocala
- April 22 Sanford
- April 21 Orlando
- April 23 Clearwater
- April 24 Tampa
- April 25 St. Petersburg
- April 26 Fort Myers
- April 27 Delray
- April 28 West Palm Beach
- April 29 Ft. Lauderdale
- April 30 Homestead
- May 1 Miami
- May 2 Atlanta

★ Elder Simons initiated the young people's Spring Week of Prayer, at Albany, Georgia. Elder Morgan and his wife, who is the young people's leader, are making plans for a big Southwest Georgia Youth's Rally for April 10. Elder Singleton and Elder Jenkins will be there for the occasion.

Bible School Enrollments

Hundreds of thousands of Ingathering papers are being passed out, and have you noticed that in each paper there is a free Bible Course offered? It would be well if those of you who are still passing out the paper will call attention to this free offer.

So far we have received 155 enrollments to this course from the Ingathering papers. These coupons are cut out and mailed to Washington, D. C., and then returned to us, and we in turn send them to the Bible schools concerned. It will interest you, I am sure, to know that many of these coupons were sent air mail to Washington, indicating more than usual interest. Remember, the people who enroll this way do it knowing that this is a Seventh-day Adventist paper and a Seventh-day Adventist course. These should make very good prospects.

A minister who has enrolled states his anxiety to know more of the truth as it is in the Bible. One individual

writes that she would like to take this course and that she has already taken the course offered by the Voice of Prophecy. She says, "I don't belong to the Seventh-day Adventist Church or any as yet, but I am praying for the day I can. I have been going to church since last December. I know you folk have the Bible truth. I am very anxious to learn all I can of the Word of God." It is wonderful how God is blessing the work. Should we not pray daily that God will impress people to use this free offer?

Southern Missionary College

"The School of Standards"
Collegedale, Tennessee
Kenneth A. Wright, President

The International Relations Club

The International Relations Club at Southern Missionary College is the largest departmental club in the school's history. Having a membership of well over a hundred, the club is very active in accomplishing its purpose.

Organized to give the student a better opportunity to study international affairs in the world today, the IRC includes members from all the various departments. The only prerequisite to membership is the student's interest in this particular field.

The IRC sponsors a variety of programs and enterprises. It is now engaged in packing, addressing, and mailing more than three hundred dollars worth of relief packages to Adventists in countries still suffering from war effects. This project is carried out each semester. The IRC also sponsors guest speakers—legislators, editors, and others. Up-to-date films on world situations are shown periodically. Forums and round-table discussions on pertinent problems are conducted. A recent discussion on the Near East and the political implications involved there brought out many side-lights which help in prophetic interpretations.

Sponsored by the Social Science Department under the direction of Elder Leif Kr. Tobiassen, the International Relations Club has its own small but well-chosen library which includes current books on international affairs, periodicals, state department pamphlets, and literature from the var-

ious embassies in Washington. Club members are urged to take advantage of this material.

We believe that a worker in this denomination, and the lay members as well, must have an understanding of what is happening in the world today from the political point of view in order to portray correctly and vividly the prophetic point of view. The IRC helps the student to coordinate the two.

CECIL COFFEY, *President*

Hobbies At S. M. C.

The Crafts Club, one of the more productive clubs at Southern Missionary College, has progressed in a visible manner since its inception this year under the sponsorship of Mr. G. W. Boynton, instructor in Industrial Arts.

It has sponsored one exhibit, is planning another for college day, and will give a chapel program on April 9.

The club, using nearly all the facilities of the Industrial Arts laboratory, has constructed and fashioned numerous articles for personal use and is waiting to use several new machines and pieces of equipment recently acquired.

Mrs. G. J. Nelson is instructing several members in leather craft. A number of creditable articles have been turned out.

Some of the more ambitious projects in woodworking have been cedar chests and book cases. Many small articles, such as bookends and tie racks, have also been made.

Two hours each Sunday afternoon afford this ambitious group of young people an opportunity to work with their hands in instructive, yet remunerative enterprises.

The officers are Phaize Salhany, president; Ernest Anderson, vice-president; Dorothy Jean Graves, treasurer; and Richard Rimmer, secretary.

RICHARD RIMMER, *Secretary*

SUNSET TABLE

Friday, April 16, 1948

Atlanta, Ga.	7:09
Charlotte, N. C.	6:55
Collegedale, Tenn.	6:13
Huntsville, Ala.	6:18
Memphis, Tenn.	6:32
Meridian, Miss.	6:24
Nashville, Tenn.	6:21
Orlando, Fla.	6:49
Wilmington, N. C.	6:43