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Biennial Council Reelects Section Leaders; Votes Budget

The 1964 Division biennial council, meeting November 11 to 17 at the Division office, re-elected all Section officers for a new two-year term, voted child allowance and salary raises, and called for higher offerings.

Among the 90 resolutions of the council, few were adopted with more enthusiasm than the policy to grant a monthly child allowance of LL 10.00 or its equivalent in local currency for each of up to four children in a worker's family. The action stipulated that children must be unmarried and 18 years old or less, if boys; 21 years old or less if girls. Another resolution voted raised the salary base in the various countries of the division.

All Section officers were re-elected for another two-year term. The presidents are: Cyprus, J. Sherwood Jones; Egypt, Hilal Dose; Iran, Kenneth Harding; Iraq, Behnam Arshat; Jordan, H. E. Robinson; Lebanon, George Khoury; Syria, Maurice Katrib; and Turkey, L. Curtis Miller. The treasurers are: Egypt, Habib Ghali; Iran, Vigain Marcarian; Jordan, Zaki Saliba; and Lebanon, George Yared. In other fields the Section president is also treasurer.

Plans adopted by the council were among the most ambitious ever and were supported by approving the largest budget in the history of the division, representing a 6.7% increase in the base appropriation over 1964. Special funds distributed exceeded 700,000 Lebanese Lira. At the same time appeals for increased offerings, more faithful tithes, stronger ingathering programs, doubled Sabbath School offerings, and investment funds were voted in order to keep pace with the expanding work.

Sights were set on a 3000 membership

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MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE; LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCE AFFILIATION

Center Purchased In Jerusalem

Seventh-day Adventists in Jerusalem have formally completed the purchase of a building and land there for use as a denominational center, it was announced here early in December. A large part of the purchase price came from thirteenth Sabbath overflow funds. The land is a short distance north of the old city wall.

New Matariah Mercy Home Dedicated

A new home for the boys and girls of the Matariah Mercy Home was formally dedicated at services Sabbath afternoon, November 22, in the children's chapel. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Elder C. L. Torrey, treasurer of the General Conference.

The chapel was crowded with friends of the home, members of the Egypt Section biennial council, and resident children. Included in the program was a history of the home presented by the directress, Mrs. Erna Kruger, a message of encouragement from the division president, Elder R. A. Wilcox, expressing the interest of the division in the home, and a short talk by Elder Torrey praising the work of the home and noting the importance of welfare work in the total church program.

The new home provides facilities for fifty children without crowding. It is built on the site of the first denominationally-held property in Egypt, located in a suburb of Cairo. The original building was used for a school and worker's residence until 1947 when the Mercy Home was founded.

Middle East College will affiliate with Loma Linda University in California according to an agreement reached recently between the two institutions, it was announced here by G. A. Keough, president of the college. Degrees conferred by Middle East College will be validated by Loma Linda University and carry the superscription, "In affiliation with Loma Linda University, California."

President Keough has been authorized by a recent communication from Dr. G. T. Anderson, president of the Loma Linda University, to publish the following statement in the Middle East College bulletin:

"Middle East College is affiliated with Loma Linda University, California. This university is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The affiliation between Middle East College and Loma Linda University means that the university has examined and approves the curricula of Middle East College and supervises the academic program through resident professors. It satisfies itself that the policies announced in the college bulletin are strictly adhered to, and thus it validates degrees conferred by the college in affiliation with the university."

Several major projects have been announced to expand the college facilities so as to take full advantage of the privileges of affiliation. These include the erection of an additional story on the administration building to house a new library and science laboratories and the construction of a music studio. A sum of LL 27,000 has been tapped for new library books. It is hoped, Elder Keough said, that the library will be ready for

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occupation before the end of the current school year.

Loma Linda University will supply the Middle East College with two professors for its staff, according to the terms of the agreement. The first resident professor from the university is expected to be on the campus of the college by September, 1965. He will be a member of the Academic Standards Committee. A second professor is expected to join the staff the following school year. Professors will be rotated on a two-year basis from the university.

At the same time the college is upgrading its own staff. Two members are currently on leave for postgraduate study, and others have completed courses. In January, 1964, Middle East College was raised to full senior college status by action of the General Conference Committee.

Plans for affiliation, Elder Keough pointed out, first took shape during the visit of Elder E. E. Cossentine, secretary of the General Conference education department, in January of this year. He recommended affiliation with Loma Linda University and used his good offices to work out an agreement.

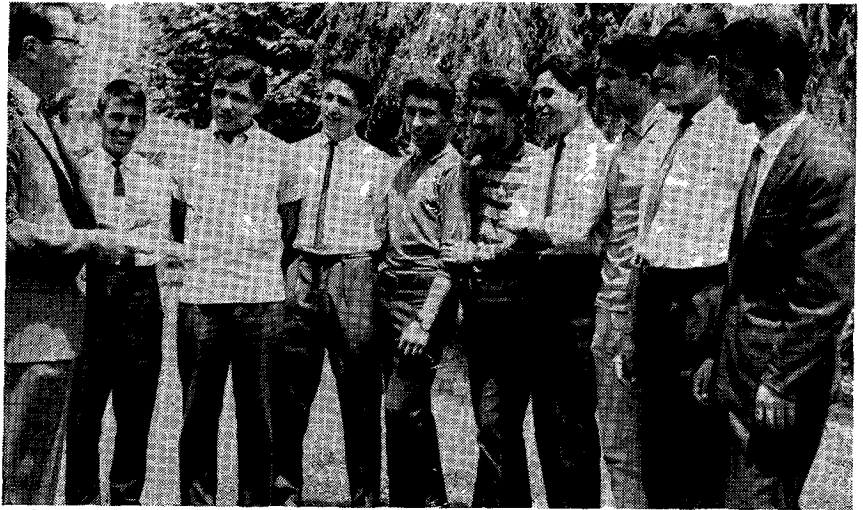
Biennial Council

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goal from the first meeting of the council, when Elder Wilcox challenged the leaders during his devotional talk to "reach out" for higher aims with single-mindedness of purpose. In a subsequent action, goals for membership growth were recommended to each section which will carry the division past the 3000 mark by the 1966 General Conference session.

Among the plans adopted were the holding of five-day clinics to stop smoking, greater health and welfare ministry, increased summer camp activity, new translations of correspondence courses, and more branch Sabbath Schools.

Kameel Haddad and Fareed Samour present a certificate to one of the 108 children who attended the Vacation Bible School in Amman, Jordan. Farouk Haddad looks on.



Elder Kenneth Oster, Iran Section publishing department leader counsels student literature evangelists. Summer sales reached 165,000 Rials (\$2,200).

Student Sales Pass 15,000 Dollars

Sixty student colporteurs, 44 of whom earned scholarships bonuses, ended the summer season with sales reaching over \$15,000, according to the report of the division publishing department. This represents about a 28% decrease in the number of students, but a raise in the sales average per student from \$236 to \$250 over 1963.

Five students accounted for sales of more than \$500 each; one in Iraq, two in Lebanon, and two in Jordan. They are Nathan Dawood, \$617.00; Kamal Issa, \$612.00; Milad Abdelkarim, \$564.00; Bishara Taweel, \$509.00; and Nadeem Beebi, \$509.00.

For the second year Ahmad Farnoodi made the highest sales record in Iran. Vivain Gharbian was second. Other high records were made by Guirguis Malaka and Azer Guirguis in Egypt, Nathan Dawood and George A. Khoury in Iraq, Nadeem Beebi and Bishara Taweel in Jordan, Kamal Issa and Milad Abdelkarim in Lebanon and Wajih Faddoul and Elias Khaddour in Syria.

Student leaders appointed to assist in the summer program were Zakariah Yousef, Jordan; Ghassan Deeb, Syria;

Daniel Minassian, Iran; Nicola Issa and Najm Khoury, Lebanon; and Fireih Rizk and Samir Aziz in Egypt.

First Vacation Bible School In Libya

Vacation Bible Schools were held in all eight of the sections during the 1964 summer season, according to the report of the division Sabbath School department, and for the first time a school was conducted in Libya. Egypt led the sections with 10 schools enrolling 660 students.

Children from five nationalities, Arab, Greek, Italian, British, and American, attended the school at Benghazi, directed by Mrs. Betty Ludington, where enrollment climbed to 115. Members of the American Community Sunday School assisted in the programs. Mrs. Frieda Nolin is following up the children's interest with a weekly story hour.

In Amman, where 108 attended the school, a father of one of the children has begun attending the regular Sabbath service. There parents packed the new school auditorium for the closing graduation program. Another 108 students attended three schools in Lebanon.

When Sister Miller was needed to help in the school at Istanbul, her maid was required to come early to the home. This resulted in the maid's children joining the sixty students at the school and to cottage meetings in the maid's home. She has since been baptized.

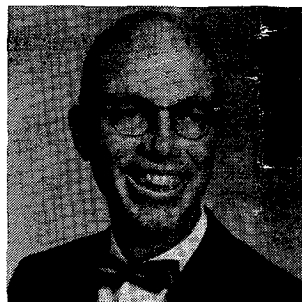
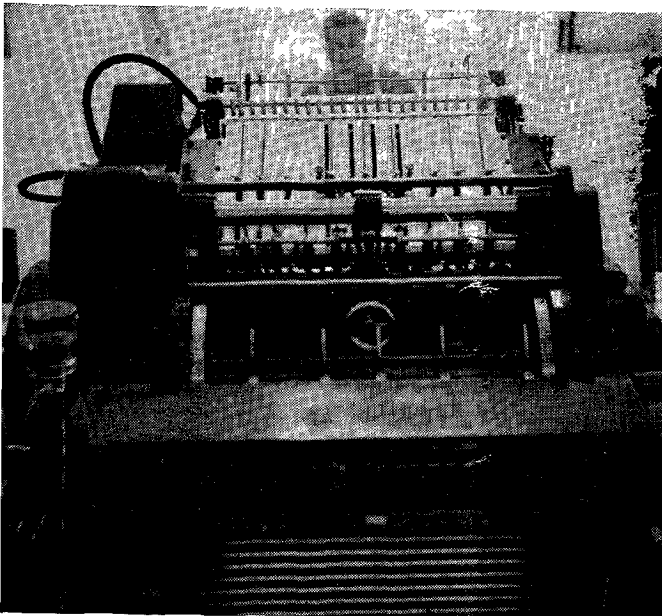
Eighty-three students attended a school at Teheran and 75 came to two schools in Syria.



FORMULA FOR A SUCCESSFUL PUBLISHING WORK

1) DEDICATED LEADERS

DEDICATED PRESSES



Leader—D. L. Chappell
Publishing Department



R. E. Anderson
Publishing House Manager

A new Heidelberg cylinder press purchased recently with help from the General Conference rehabilitation and expansion fund. It was dedicated at special ceremonies the afternoon of November 16. Elder C. L. Torrey, General Conference treasurer, offered the dedicatory prayer. Guests for the occasion included a representative from the Lebanese Ministry of Information, Mr. Chafic Dagher, his wife, and members of the division biennial council. Elders R. A. Wilcox, V. A. Fenn, and A. A. Haddad also participated in the program.

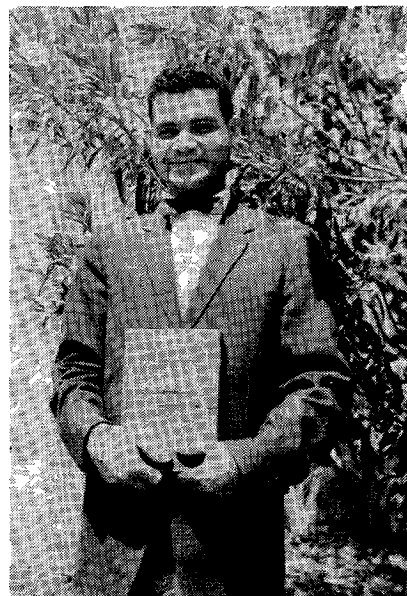


Mr. Boutros Ghazal, the press treasurer (extreme left), offers prayer during the dedication of the 10,000-copy edition of *The Desire of Ages* in Arabic at the Middle East Press, Lebanon, July 10. Others pictured are Elder George Khoury, Lebanon Section President, V. A. Fenn, division treasurer, D. L. Chappell and R. E. Anderson. The first copy was sold to the Middle East College Library.

Freih Rizk, a literature evangelist of Cairo, U. A. R., beams with gratitude for success in selling 567 copies of the Arabic *Patriarchs and Prophets*. He holds a copy in his hand.

3) DEDICATED BOOKS, AND

4) DEDICATED BOOKMEN





Dr. and Mrs. Lamp, David, Tommy, Donnie and Bobby

New Workers Strengthen Medical Work

"New workers joining the division from overseas and from our own ranks show a growing emphasis on medical work," it was reported by the division secretary. Nearly sixty per cent of the calls during the last three years have

been for workers connected in some way with medical work. Four new workers have recently taken up such duties.

Dr. Herschel Lamp and family arrived in Beirut, October 1, 1964. He has been appointed secretary of the division medical department. A graduate of Loma Linda University medical school, 1952, he has also a master of public health from Harvard and a residency in internal medicine from White Memorial Hospital. The Lamps have five years previous mission experience in West Africa. They have four boys: David, 12; Thomas, 10; Robert, 8; and Donald, 5. Mrs. Lamp is a registered nurse, a graduate of the Columbia Union College school of nursing.

A Physical therapist, Jack Thompson, arrived, September 8, in Libya to join the Benghazi Adventist Hospital staff. He and his wife, a nurse, are from Pacific Union College. He studied further at Loma Linda University. They have a baby, Loralee, born in January of this year.

Also joining the Benghazi staff is Miss Thelma Benson. She is a graduate of Pacific Union College with a major in Dietetics and Food Service Administration. She has worked in the P. U. C. food service department the last four years.

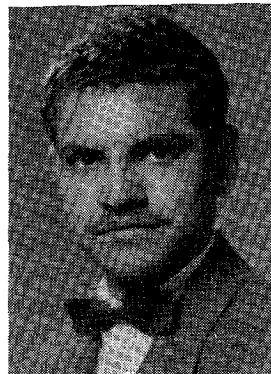
Coming from Egypt to the Benghazi Hospital, Nadie Wadie Koltia has taken up duties as a receptionist.



Jack Thompson and family



Thelma Benson



Nadie Koltia

Sabbath Lessons, Exams Disapproved

A resolution expressing the division position concerning study on the Sabbath was adopted by the executive committee at its year-end meeting in 1963 in response to questions on the subject. This resolution has not previously been published outside of the committee minutes.

"WHEREAS, The observance of God's holy day of rest is an essential part of the Advent message, which calls on all men everywhere to fear God and give glory to Him, and

"WHEREAS, The question of sending our children to secular schools on the Sabbath, and of permitting them to sit for examinations in holy time, has become acute in some countries of the Middle East Division, and our members have asked for counsel in this matter; therefore, it was

"VOTED, To call the attention of the Middle East Division to the following Spirit of Prophecy counsel:

"1. The Sabbath has been desecrated 'by bringing your studies into that holy time which was not yours to occupy for your own purposes. God has said: "In it thou shalt not do any work." '—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 114.

"2. . . .
"3. 'The Sabbath question is to be the issue in the great final conflict in which all the world will act a part. . . '—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, pp. 352, 353.

"And further, that we advise all our workers and members that sending our children to secular schools or permitting them to sit for examinations on God's holy day is a violation of the fourth commandment and is not to be condoned under any circumstances. We counsel our brethren to look upon the requirements of God's law as a hedge placed about us in love to keep us and our children from the snares of the enemy. No advantage is ever gained by allowing ourselves to break through this hedge.

"We cannot consistently work for the salvation of the world and encourage or permit our own children to continue to attend school or sit for examination on the Sabbath day.

"It is the duty of every worker, church officer, or member to set an example of true Sabbathkeeping before the world and the church, particularly before those who are studying the message or those who are new in the faith."

Biennial Council Told Work Progressing In All Fields

Leaders attending the Division biennial council in Beirut, November 11 to 17, reported progress in every field. The Section presidents were among those who made reports of their work during the hours of the council. The following are points of interest taken from their reports.

EGYPT. Two properties, the Assiut church and the Nile Union Academy, were transferred to denominational ownership under the name of the church body in Egypt. These were test cases and indicate that it is now possible to transfer church properties from the welfare societies to the name of the church.

An intermediate, coeducational day school has been opened in Zeitoun. Shortly after the school was authorized, a decree was issued by the ministry of education forbidding the issuing of any new coeducational schools in that level. Further the director of the educational zone has instructed that students from this school be given their examinations on days other than the Sabbath.

The Matariah Mercy Home has been rebuilt from scratch and is now ready for occupancy. The Cairo center still stands although all adjacent buildings,

have been demolished. We are told unofficially that the government has abandoned the project, thus removing the threat to the building. The Bible marking plan has met success in meetings all over Egypt. Baptisms show a 125 per cent gain over 1963; tithes is up one third.

LEBANON. Summer camps in Lebanon drew 125 youth. Plans are complete to open a road to the Royal Cedar Camp for 1965. The number of active students in the health correspondence course, growing about 300 a month, has now passed 3780. Enrollment in the schools is the highest ever, 885; 50 over 1963, more than 200 over 1962. Twenty colporteurs sold literature worth LL 15,000. The physiotherapy clinic income is the best so far. Tithes is up 6 per cent. Membership has reached 540.

IRAQ. The Baghdad Master Guide club is drawing 200 persons a night to evangelistic meetings. The church in Basrah nears completion. School enrollment in Baghdad and Kirkuk totals 580. The 1964 tithes goal of ID 11,000 has already been passed. Work is reopened in Kuwait, a meeting place rented, and a layman in charge.

The prime minister of Iraq received Elders Arshat, Haddad, and Scully following a one-hour TV program of interviews and a film. He told them that neither he nor the president smoke or drink and announced that the government was turning dates into honey instead of alcoholic beverages.

IRAN. John Minassian has succeeded in attending church every Sabbath despite induction into the military service. A recent convert, providentially able to keep the Sabbath and keep his job, ordered his lawyer to put his will in order before his baptism but he still lives. A young student who allowed two yearly examination periods to pass by because he wouldn't break the Sabbath, was rewarded when a special regulation allowed him to take a series of exams which were not offered on Sabbath. At the academy which now offers grades seven through twelve, government recognition will help enrollment, now three times greater than 1963-64. A Farsi sound track has been dubbed in on "One in 20,000" making increased temperance work possible.

JORDAN. The health course by correspondence has caught wide public attention. Already 789 active students are in the religious course. Feeding stations for the poverty-stricken have become an especially appreciated welfare service. School enrollment climbed to 185. The new auditorium at the Amman girls' school is now in use. A new denominational center is to be established at Jerusalem.

SYRIA. The believers were reported faithful and of good courage. A post office censor, who once burned S. D. A. literature, now recognizes its worth and passes it on for delivery.

TURKEY. The Cyprus issue has led to the exodus of some Christian families, but winds of strife have been held back. The worker staff has been augmented by a nurse, and a clinic has been opened in Istanbul. Tithes exceeds the 1963 total, and Sabbath school offerings are doubled. Vacation Bible Schools and youth camps have received public favor and are proving fruitful with the children. Temperance activities have been unusually effective; a thousand persons a day have viewed the films during tours. In one city a hundred Christian Armenian families with no church and no services for forty years gratefully received Adventist visitors.

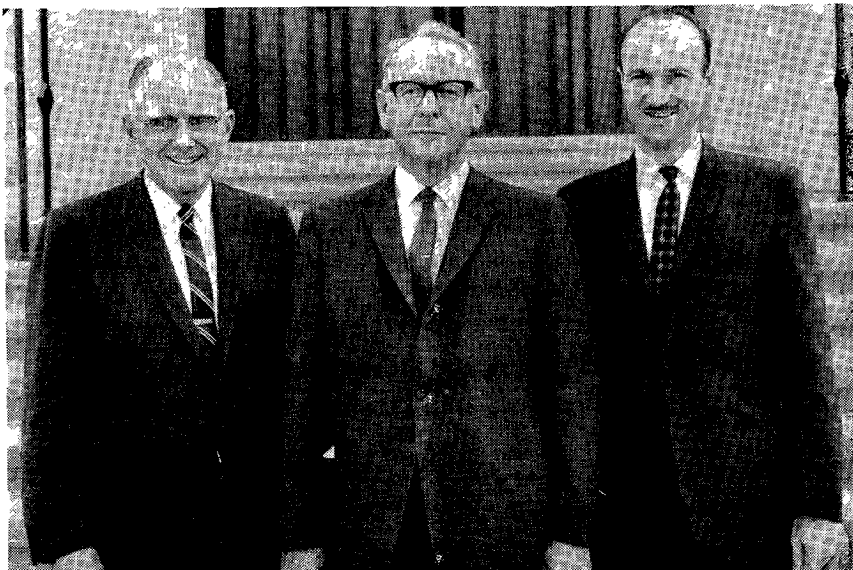


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The Division officers at the Autumn Council in Washington, pictured in front of the Takoma park Church.

MEETINGS AT CAIRO CENTER ADD 23 IN THREE MONTHS

- 15 Baptized August 8
- 4 Baptized October 30
- 4 Baptized October 31

The members of the evangelistic team at the Cairo Center completed a series of meetings during which twenty-three persons were baptized in the center pool, it was reported by the Egypt Section president and leader of the center team, Elder Hilal Dose, during the recent biennial session. He described the baptisms as being performed with a background projection of a river, giving the pool a realistic gospel setting. Members of the center team were Sabry Azer, Samaan Fanjary, Farouk Rizk and Saad Khilla.

The series of meetings were preceded, Elder Dose said, by two Sabbaths of consecration by the church members and advertisements in the most widely circulated newspapers. Subjects such as The Second Coming, The Signs of the Times, The New Earth, The Sabbath, and The Remnant Church were among those which aroused special interest.

Among those baptized were the fami-

ly of Abdelmalik Abdelmessih, Sadek Wahba, Mrs. Victoria, Massoud, Fahim Hanna, Amal, and Nadia, all of whom had thrilling experiences in the acceptance of the truth. Brother Abdelmalik was baptized a year ago (see MESSENGER, November-December, 1963) and persecuted by his family. But through the opposition and hard experiences, he gently led his family to the truth.

Sadek Wahba, a university graduate having done his higher studies in the United States on government grant and an engineer holding a high government position, attended the series of meetings and was led to reform his life and submit to God's standards. After deciding to keep the Sabbath, he approached his superior on the question and was advised to forget it since he would surely be refused Sabbath privileges. He then absented himself from work on Sabbath and when questioned said he would have to have Sabbaths off or submit his resignation. He was told that the law made it impossible for an engineer to resign and that he could not be excused from work on Sabbath. It was further explained to him that his 13 years of service entitled him to only a relatively small indemnity upon his resignation, whereas two more years of service

would make him eligible for a permanent pension paying annually the amount of the present indemnity. Brother Sadek replied, "To do God's will is all my desire. . . . I have counted the cost." He has remained faithful in Sabbath observance while his case is pending.

Mrs. Victoria, sixty years old and a paralytic, was once directress of an Egyptian welfare society which operated an orphanage, a school, and a clinic. Attracted by the advertising but unable to attend the meetings because of her paralysis, she was visited in her home and was soon convinced of the Sabbath truth and the necessity of tithe paying. To come the 35 kilometers to church, she is pushed in a cart by a servant to the railroad station. Several persons lift her and the cart into the train. At the church, she is put in a chair and carried up the stairs to the meeting place. She was seated in a chair in the pool for her baptism and immersed as

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Elder Hilal Dose in the baptistry of the Cairo Center Church



Brother Fahim Hanna



Brother Abdelmalik Abdulmessih



Brother Massoud Boutros

Press Editor, Factory Superintendent Named

Jabbour Semaan and Samuel Nassimian were formally appointed editor in chief and factory superintendent respectively of Middle East Press at the biennial meeting of the press's board of trustees November 16 in Beirut. The appointment of the editor was confirmed by the division council.

Egypt Section Appoints Department Heads

Department secretaries and the executive committee were elected for Egypt at the section's biennial session, November 22 and 23, in Cairo.

Elder William Gayed was named Home Missionary and Sabbath School department secretary. Four other department secretaries were re-elected: Shafik Ghali, education; Fuad Guirguis, publishing; Hanna Malaka, Missionary Volunteer; and Antar Yacoub, Temperance. Brother Antar was also re-appointed manager of the book and periodical house. Elder Hilal Dose, president of the section, was elected to head the Ministerial Association, and the public affairs, public relations, and radio departments.

The executive committee chosen to serve for the next two years is: Hilal Dose, chairman, Habib Ghali, secretary, Shahata Guindi, Mukhtar Nashid, Antar Yacoub, Abadir Abdel-Messih. Fakhri Naguib, Nassif Boutros, and Fikry Mikhail.

Cairo Center

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two ministers tilted her chair backward.

Brother Massoud, a resident of the Cairo district famous for the world's oldest church, the Hanging Church of the fifth century, persuaded his employer to give him Sabbaths off and deduct a day's pay to compensate, with the agreement that if there was urgent work to be done on Friday, the usual weekly holiday, he would work and collect the day's pay. He has not lost a day's pay since. Every Friday there has been urgent work, although this seldom happened in the past.

Fahim Hanna, chief accountant in a department of the state railways, is better known as an eloquent public speaker. The Orthodox Church, in which Brother Fahim was an ordained deacon, listed participants for meetings on handbills in the usual type, but always listed Fahim's name in big letters in the middle of the page. He was the

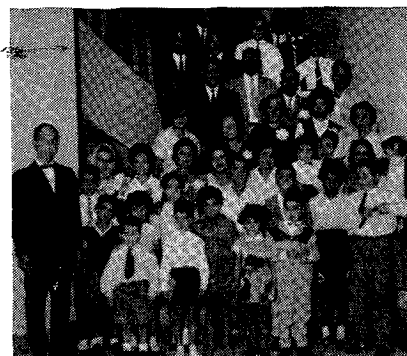
first to establish a Sunday School organization in the Coptic Orthodox Church and also introduced the use of visual aids into the church program. He overcame prejudice toward pictures by making a set of slides of the inauguration of the patriarch and then securing his blessing on showing them to the churches. He also pioneered summer camps and youth clubs among Coptics. Asked by a priest for the source of a discourse he had given on the book of Daniel, he boldly invited him to the Adventists to hear for himself. But it was his name and fame in the Coptic Orthodox Church which made his acceptance of the truth difficult. Nevertheless he made his decision, "esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches."

Amal and Nadia are sisters, students in the Cairo University. Both graduates of the American Mission secondary school in Cairo, Amal is in her second year in the philosophy section, and Nadia has begun studies in the medical college. Nadia, a musician, being accomplished both as a violinist and a trumpeter, contributes music to the church services. Her sister, an artist, prepares artificial flowers to decorate the church. These sisters are making God first and do not attend their university classes on the Sabbath.

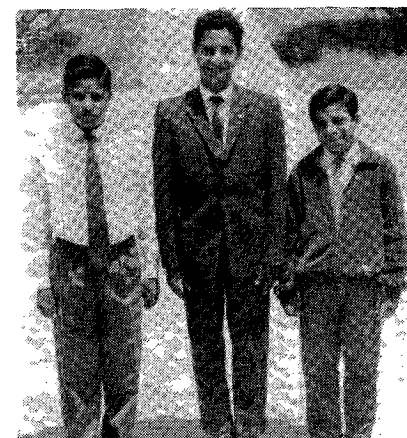
Elder Dose reported that as a result of the Cairo Center meetings an interest has been created in Old Cairo and that now four families there are keeping the Sabbath. Plans are now to begin regular meetings in this section of the city.



University students baptized at Cairo



Others in Cairo Baptism



Baptized at Gabal al-Asfar



Elder Willam Gayed, Nageeb Mousad, Daniel Dose and Galal Tadros with group baptized at Minia, September 14.

Can We Keep Growing ?

Reports of progress are always cheering. The recently concluded biennial council of the division was especially inspiring because of the good reports. Just 14 years old in the fraternity of world divisions, we sense that we are growing up and getting ready for greater responsibility.

We love our parent organization, the General Conference, who has supported us through our short life, increasing this support year by year. But we are growing up. Can we limit our growth to the amount of parental help? We are at the point where our growth takes us beyond the annual increase in the base appropriation from the General Conference.

The leaders of the various sections feel this acutely. Although their 1965 budgets are the most liberal ever granted in the lifetime of the division, they cannot support the great plans these leaders have for the work and the needs which have grown up in the local sections. Faced with such problems, our leaders might be tempted to abandon their hopes and plans and tighten up their needs. But can we allow this? If we try to prevent our growth, content to remain as we were, the irresistible laws of the universe condemn us to an early death. We cannot escape the verdict.

What then can we do? We can become a mature church. We can accept added responsibility. We can provide the means ourselves to support the movements of advance that our leaders feel impelled to make and which our growth demands.

A letter from a section president came to my desk a couple of weeks ago. He says that he has been thinking and meditating for a long time. Then he quotes some gems from the Spirit of Prophecy concerning the duty to support the Lord's work with the means which He has given us. Then he appeals, "I hope and pray . . . we will pledge to give more to the Lord. It is wise to plan our budget putting the Lord's share aside so we can give systematically."

The matter is serious. At the recent biennial session a special committee was charged with promoting offerings. The council also voted a resolution calling upon "ministers, church leaders, and school and institutional leaders" "to preach and teach concerning the obligations and blessings of individual faithfulness." Ingathering goals were raised and an appeal voted to double the individual Sabbath School offerings.

It is not that growth depends upon financial support alone. We cannot grow without the Spirit of God. The point is that the Spirit is a gift from God bestowed in proportion to our need and interest. Nothing better indicates to God the sincerity of our demand for spiritual power than the degree of personal sacrifice we make for the cause. Thus both the material and spiritual support needed for the growth of the work depend upon our systematic, sacrificial giving.

We must make an entire consecration to God of our life and all that we have. It means that in 1965 we are not only going to give more, but we will give all we can. The work of God in the Middle East will grow and those who give will grow too.

—Robert Darnell

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ADVENTIST WORLD

HUSSEIN'S NURSE FEATURED

The Seventh-day Adventist nurse who took care of King Hussein when he was a baby was featured in a 24-inch story in the *Washington Post*, April 15, this year. She is Mrs. Charles L. Boyd, now a resident of Takoma Park, Maryland, then Miss Dorothy Ising. The story was published in connection with the visit of King Hussein to Washington.

S.S. PASSES TWO MILLION

World Sabbath School membership passed two million at the close of the first quarter in 1964, according to a report by G. R. Nash, General Conference Sabbath School department secretary. It took 98 years to reach the first million Sabbath School members, he said, and 12 years to reach the second million. How long will it take to reach the third million?

LOMA LINDA NURSES EXCEL

Graduates of the Loma Linda University school of nursing scored higher than graduates of any other California school and outstripped their colleagues across the United States by an average of 553 points, according to test results released recently by a California state agency.

WELFARE FACILITIES READY

In a signed agreement with the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Adventist churches and institutions have listed 21 welfare depots, 492 major health and welfare centers, 25 mobile disaster-aid units, dozens of campgrounds, and thousands of school buildings among the facilities available for use in disaster emergencies.

OHIO TEACHER HONORED

Miss Mae Stebbins, a 78-year-old school teacher from Ohio, was awarded the Medallion of Honor by the General Conference education department at the Columbia Union biennial teacher's convention. A teacher for 54 years, she is one of seven to have received the honor. Adventist teachers in regular denominational employ number 13,897.

FALL COUNCIL MEETS

Two hundred and seventy-five delegates from eleven divisions at the biennial Fall Council voted the largest budget in Seventh-day Adventist history, \$34,746,361. Church leaders voted 66 per cent of the total budget for

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Elder C. V. Brauer, Division Sabbath School department secretary, displays Vacation Bible School manuals, Sabbath School materials, and other child evangelism aids in four languages.

Sabbath School Prepares Teachers Aids In Four Languages

By C. V. Brauer

Sabbath School evangelism is effective evangelism. It is not only a form of evangelism that all can do; it brings results! There is no more interesting work than working for boys and girls. Childhood is the golden age for decisions.

In order to do effective work for children and youth, teaching aids and other materials must be prepared. In the Middle East Division it is necessary to prepare materials in Arabic, Armenian, Farsee, and Turkish. While we have had the Sabbath School senior quarterlies for each language group, there has been little if anything prepared for Sabbath School evangelism.

Recently Middle East Press published the Pastor's Bible Class quarterly in Arabic. This serves as the basic teaching material for adult branch Sabbath Schools we have children's quarterlies in both Arabic and Armenian. Memory verse cards in both languages are also available.

In order to promote and conduct successful Vacation Bible Schools, special activity books in Arabic, Armenian, Farsee, and Turkish have been prepared. These with the manuals and certificates in the various languages has enabled our VBS program to move ahead.

Our goal is to enlist every church

member into the work of Sabbath School evangelism. Isn't it time now for every worker and member to unite their efforts in behalf of the unsaved?

Education Leader In Egypt Praises Adventist Students



Mrs. Mabasen Adventist intermediate school at Zeitoun. The students of the intermediate school and the sixth primary class were taking government examinations, when one student had an opportunity to correct a wrong answer. "Do you know that your answer is wrong?" an examiner asked. "Yes," replied the student, "but we are taught not to cheat."

The matter was reported to Mrs. Mahasen, chairman of the examination board, who was impressed to report a special commendation to the zone office.

The faithfulness of an Egyptian Seventh-day Adventist student led to a special commendation being recorded in the government for the

Early Greek Convert Dies In California

Miss Alexandra Keanides was born November 16, 1879, in Kutahya, Turkey, and died October 22, 1964, at Loma Linda, California.

She was a member of one of the earliest Greek families in the Middle East to accept the Advent message. A graduate of the Caterham Sanitarium school of nursing in London, England, 1910, she was sent to Greece, then a part of the Levant union mission, as a medical missionary and Bible worker. She was awarded distinguished service medals by the Queen of Greece and the Prime Minister for her services to her people in the First World War. When she retired in 1941, she joined her old mother and sister, Mrs. Diamond Ashod, in Istanbul. In 1948 she accompanied Brother and Sister Ashod to Cyprus and in 1950 came to California, living first in Modesto, and then at Loma Linda.

She leaves to mourn her two sisters, Mrs. Despina Crisp and Mrs. Diamond Ashod, both of Loma Linda, two nephews and two nieces. Her quiet life was much blessed of God. She rests in the blessed hope.

—Earl R. Reynolds, Minister of Visitation, Loma Linda University Church

The commendation praised the students for good spirit, cleanliness, order, and honesty. It also praised the Adventist teacher, mentioning her love for the students. The message concluded, "I seize this opportunity to congratulate the Adventist school for such virtuous teachers and faithful pupils."

SABBATH PROVIDENCE

The examination itself was a miracle. Usually given on Sabbath, it was changed to Wednesday by order of the zone director as follows: "In view of the religious belief of the Adventist Intermediate School . . . the Zone concurs in the school request to allow their students to sit for the promotion examination other than Sabbath." A similar miracle followed the petition of Fuad Guirguis that examinations for his daughter and 15 other young people might not be held as usual on Sabbath.

FROM HERE AND THERE

ARABIA

The first communion service held by Adventists in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, was conducted Sabbath afternoon, October 31, by Elder C. V. Brauer. Some believers have been there for twelve years without this privilege. The active company there have recently started a branch Sabbath School attended by 19 children from non-Adventist homes. Many of the parents attend the regular Sabbath School.

EGYPT

Hanna Watson and family left Egypt July 13 for Canada where he plans to educate his children. He had been in charge of the primary school at Zeitoun.

Zaki Assad, formerly a social science teacher at Gabal el-Asfar, has been appointed director of the Zeitoun primary school.

Four students of the Nile Union Academy were baptized during the school year 1963-64. They are: Bakoum William, Mahrous Youssif, Fawzy Bakit, and Sammy Farah.

Fifty MV honors were awarded in June, 1964, during an investiture service at Gabal el-Asfar. Nineteen were invested in the MV classes.

IRAN

Jack Bohannon gave a series of ten talks in the Farsi language at the Pahlavi church in Teheran, October 8 to November 6. The subjects, presented twice a week, included "The Bible," "Creation," "Fall of Man," "Plan of Salvation," "The Coming of Christ," and "Heaven." Brethren Amiri, Hasso, Malikian, and Peacock assisted with the meetings. The Pahlavi church is the only Seventh-day Adventist church in Iran to conduct its services regularly in the Farsi language. Elder Bohannon first began his study of the Farsi language in October of 1962.

KUWAIT

C. V. Brauer and Behnam Arshat visited believers in Kuwait October 22 to 25. Thirty persons attended the Friday evening meeting. The Iraq Section has rented a first-floor apartment in Kuwait as church headquarters. Mumtaz Fargo, a layman, leads the small

company. Another layman, a Syrian recently baptized at Kuwait, Joseph Hakim, is active. A second company, mostly members from India, meets at nearby Ahmadi.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

J. Sherwood Jones, B. L. Gilleroth, and their families are at Middle East College filling vacancies on the staff due to missionaries on furlough. They come to Beirut from Athens where they have been studying Greek and waiting to accept appointments in Cyprus.

Angely Gayed and family (including a baby boy born this summer) left Egypt for Andrews University in the United States where he is studying under the worker advance policy of Middle East College. He has been director of the Middle East College extension school in Egypt.

Habib Banna has been appointed head of the Middle East College extension program in Egypt for this school year.

New construction planned at Middle East College for 1963 includes a new story on the administration building to make room for a library and science laboratories, a new faculty home, music studio, and garage facilities.

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Elder Harris Leads S.S. Workshops Throughout Division

Elder W. J. Harris, associate secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School department, visited the Middle East Division during May and June of this year holding Sabbath School institutes and conducting Vacation Bible School workshops.

A total of 238 persons attended the workshops which were conducted in all the Sections except Syria and Cyprus. Two workshops were held in Lebanon, one in the Museitbeh church and the other at Middle East College. The Lebanon Section plans to conduct five Vacation Bible Schools during the summer of 1965, it was announced.

The Egypt Section workshop held at Heliopolis attracted 45 persons. Egyptian enthusiasm for the Vacation Bible School plan was demonstrated in the order for 750 activity books. In Libya 12 members of the Protestant community Sunday School joined the group attending the workshop. Other workshops were held in Amman, Baghdad, Teheran, and Istanbul, where Vacation Bible Schools are planned for 1965. The Iraq Section also plans Vacation Bible Schools in two other places.



A group of boys from Nile Union Academy at Gabal Asfar who were among those invested in the MV Classes last June.



Benghazi SS Workshop.



Baghdad SS workshop. Elder Harris is left man in the quartet.



Sami Bishai and Insaf Ghali who were married September 20 at the Heliopolis Church. Elders Wadie Farag, William Gayed, and Semaan Fangari conducted the ceremony. The wedding was reported to be the first in Arabic at the Heliopolis Church.



Fuad Ashkar and Nawal Abdelmessib were married July 6 in the Baghdad Seventh-day Adventist Church at ceremonies conducted by Elder Behnam Arshat, the Iraq Section president. The couple are working in the Dora district of Baghdad.



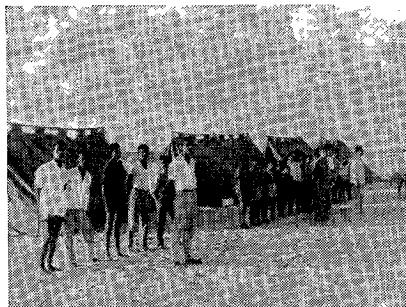
Zaki Assad and Futna Bisbai at their wedding August 16 in the Heliopolis Church. Elder C. V. Brauer and Hilal Dose officiated at the services. Brother Zaki was recently appointed Principal of the Zeitoun Primary School.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

Three new families have moved to the division compound. Elder C. V. Brauer and family are living in the house by the gate formerly occupied by the Lesher family. The R. W. Wilmots are in the house vacated by Elder W. E. Olson when he returned to the United States. Doctor H. C. Lamp, recently appointed medical secretary of the division, and his family have moved into the house used by the Andersons before their move to the new press apartments. The Brauers' and Lamps' four boys each, with the two sons of Brother Wilmot, added to the three Darnell boys already on the compound, fill the compound yards with 13 boys, —No girls.

CYPRIOT STONE LAID IN U.S.

In a ceremony at St. Barnabas Episcopal church in Fredericksburg, Texas, a stone from the Cypriot monastery of St. Barnabas was placed into a wall of the church by President Johnson. The stone was a gift to Mrs. Johnson from President Makarios of Cyprus when she and her husband paid an official visit to the island in 1962.



Inspection line



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Egypt Summer Camp Attracts 63

More than twenty youth with no previous direct Adventist contact were among the 63 campers, 38 boys and 25 girls, at the Egypt Section summer camp, July 16-26, by the sea near Haneua-Ville, according to Hanna Malaka, Egypt Section Missionary Volunteer Society leader, who was director of the camp.

Attending the camp from the Division were Izella Stuiwenga and A. A. Haddad, the division MV secretary. Elder Haddad, Brother Hanna reported,

helped bring the days to a "wonderful and impressive climax." Miss Stuiwenga gave instruction in crafts and assisted with music and other activities. Her trombone was the first and last sound heard daily in the camp. Elder Dose, Egypt Section president, also brought inspiration and encouragement to the camp

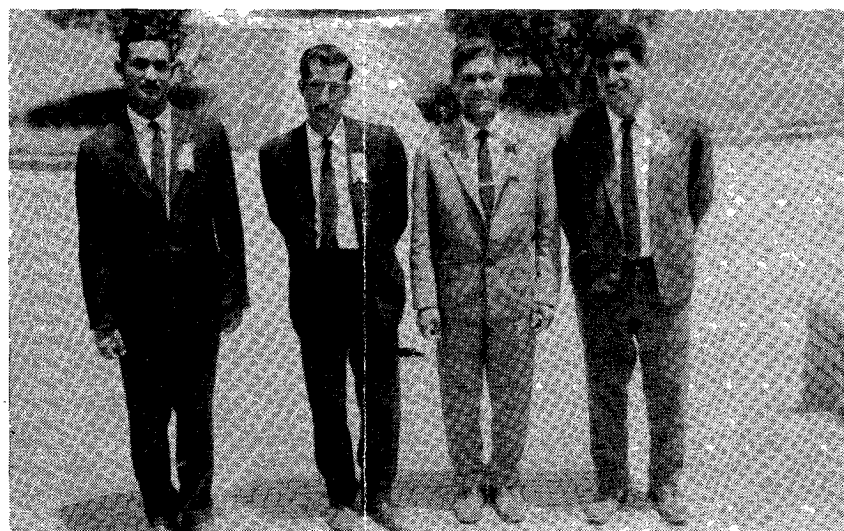
The camp staff included Mukhtar Nashed, business manager; Abadir Abdel-Messih, camp pastor; Ruth Nashed, girls' division leader; Habib Banna, boys' division leader; and Mrs. Kruger and Mrs. Antar Yacoub, food service supervisors.



Division Publishing secretary D. L. Chappell demonstrates the "Call to Health" magazine to Syrian workers. Circulation now tops 5000.



Brother Massoud Boutros passes sweets to friends on the occasion of his baptism in Cairo.



Guirgiis Malaka Hanna (President), Shaker Kussous, Mansour Sidrak (Treasurer), and Nasat Amin Wabba (pastor), Nile Union academy graduating class of 1964.

Adventist World

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overseas projects. Per capita giving by Seventh-day Adventists reached a new high last year, during which the average Adventist gave \$250 in tithes and offerings. Another action of the Council replaced bake sales and the "sewing of doodads" to raise money for welfare needs with a welfare fund from voluntary contributions by members of local churches.

SMALLEST BIBLE GIVEN

Several copies of the "smallest Bible in the world" were presented to officials of the Kettering Memorial Hospital near Dayton, Ohio, recently by a patient, Majorie Lyon, a research chemist at the National Cash Register laboratories in the same city. In their laboratory they produced a film which permits photochromic images so small that the 733,746 words of scripture were reproduced on a 32 by 32 cm. plastic slide.

Church Calendar

SPECIAL DAYS

- January 2 Soul-winning Opportunities
- January 16 Religious Liberty
- February 6 Home Visitation Day
- February 20 Christian Home and Family Altar Day
- February 27 Temperance Commitment Day

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- January 2 Church Missionary
- January 16 Religious Liberty
- February 6 Church Missionary
- February 13 Middle East College

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