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NEW DIVISION OFFICERS ELECTED AT G. C. SESSION



Elder R. C. Mills, of Syracuse, N. Y., elected treasurer.



Elder F. C. Webster, of Montevideo, Uruguay, elected president.

A third-generation Seventh-day Adventist minister, Elder F. C. Webster, was elected president of the Middle East Division by the General Conference session in Detroit. He announced plans to reach Beirut by the middle of August to take up his duties.

Earlier in the session the delegates voted the election of Elder R. A. Wilcox to the office of president of the large South American Division with headquarters in Montevideo, Uruguay. Elder Wilcox had completed two terms as president of the Middle East Division.

The elections resulted in an exchange between the South American and Middle East divisions. Elder Webster leaves the division office in Montevideo where he was secretary of the laymen's activities and radio-TV departments. For Elder Wilcox it is a return to the South American Division where he earlier served as a union president in Brazil. Both men speak Portuguese, a major language in that division.

Also in the spirit of exchange is the election of R. C. Mills as Middle East Division treasurer. Elder Mills moves to Beirut from Syracuse, New York, where he was treasurer of the New York Conference. It was announced subsequently that the vacancy left there as a result of this election has been filled by the outgoing treasurer of the Middle East Division, Elder V. A. Fenn, who after a full missionary term here had requested return to the United States.

Elected secretary of the division was Elder R. L. Jacobs, formerly president of the Franco-Haitian Union Mission with headquarters in Port-au-Prince. He replaces Elder Darnell who was elected field secretary of the Middle East Division. Elder Jacobs speaks French, his native tongue English, and Spanish.

The three newly elected officers of

Welfare Assistance Given 2000 Persons In Lebanon by Adventist Societies

More than two thousand persons have been helped with gifts of clothing from the Seventh-day Adventist welfare societies in Lebanon during the first six months of 1966, it was reported by A. Ruby Williams, director of the Beirut Cultural Center welfare society.

The clothes were part of a shipment of 100 bales supplied to the Lebanon Section by SAWS, the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services, Inc., with warehouses in New York and California. The bales of clothing were distributed to the various Adventist welfare societies in Lebanon by the Lebanon Section. The welfare society of the Beirut Cultural Center, which serves as a depot for distribution throughout the area, received 58 bales.

Miss Williams commended the ladies of the center. "They spent many happy hours preparing and distributing the clothes," she said. "We wish to thank all those who so willingly took part, particularly Alice Nehmie and Aziza Araheid.

Also mentioned for significant service were Salaam Abujawdi and George Nehmie. "Without the brethren's help we could not function," she pointed out.

The clothing was shared with other Lebanese organizations for distribution. Miss Williams listed among those which participated the St. Joseph welfare society of Damour headed by Antonious Andrawas; the S.O.S. child-

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Ladies of the Center welfare society ready clothes for distribution.



Elder George Khoury, Lebanon Section president, ceremonially unloads a bale from the truck in front of the Section office.

Welfare Work

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ren's villages, Bhersaf, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Michel Gemayel; and Mr. Chafik Daher's youth welfare society of Beirut. The last mentioned featured the gift in their organization magazine, *Er-Rahme* (Mercy).

The Cultural Center welfare society made direct distribution to the needy of two mountain villages, Maaser Shoufi and Kermayal. Another distribution was made to prison inmates in Tripoli.

Approximately 750 hours of work were donated by members of the welfare societies in order to prepare and distribute the clothing. Eight thousand garments, were given away. At the same time, it was reported, requests for 300- pieces of literature, were filled.

The shipment of clothing was im-

ported into Lebanon through the courtesy of the Republic of Lebanon. No customs duties were charged and the denomination's welfare societies were allowed freedom in their distribution program. This represents a new understanding of Adventist work in Lebanon for which the Adventist welfare societies are thankful.

Words of thanks were also directed to the members of the Adventist churches in North America who contributed to SAWs and made this gift possible. "Through this distribution Adventists are better known to thousands of people," Miss Williams explained, describing the welfare activities as helpful to many needy persons and as a factor in developing friendship between the Adventists and other Lebanese institutions. "We pray that this is but the beginning of a bigger and better service in this area," she said.

New Officers

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the division have had wide experience in the Adventist work, mostly in divisions outside of North America. All are citizens of the United States, although Elders Webster and Jacobs are Canadian-born, both of Hamilton, Ontario.

Elder Webster served eight years in the Ohio conference and 18 in the South American Division. He has been president of two conferences in Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul and Buenos Aires, and president of the Inca Union (Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru), in addition to carrying departmental responsibilities in the South Brazil Union and the division office.

Elder Jacobs was the predecessor of Elder Webster as president of the Inca Union, and later served for twelve years as a union president in the Inter-American Division, of the Antillian and Franco-Haitian unions successively. The Antillian Union includes Cuba, from which country he was evacuated during the crisis of 1960. He has also served as education department secretary of the Lake Titicaca Mission and the Inca Union, in which fields he later worked as principal of the Lake Titicaca Indian School and president of the Inca Union College.

Elder Mills served in the Far Eastern Division for eleven years as secretary-treasurer of the Korean and North Philippine unions successively and as division auditor. His experience includes work as accountant at the Southern Publishing Association and as hospital administrator for the Highland Sanitarium and Hospital.

The office of field secretary is a new one in the Middle East Division. It carries administrative responsibilities but the duties are not so strictly defined and detailed as those of the general secretary. It is used primarily to free a worker from time-demanding or office-confining administrative routines, in this case, to allow for more attention to Muslim-Adventist relations.

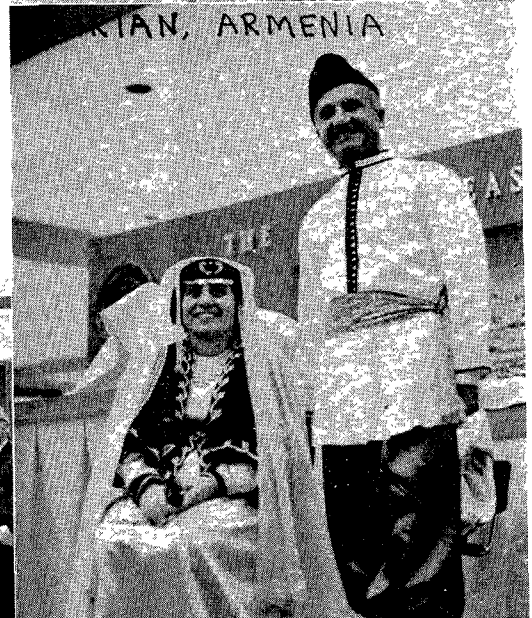
All the officers have families. Elder Webster, who married Dorothy Bryan, has a son, Kenneth, 22, of Washington, D. C. Elder Jacobs has two sons, Roger, 27, and Dennis, 25, also of Washington. He is married to Alberta Beardsley, daughter of one of the denomination's leading educators and college presidents. Elder Mills brings a daughter to the division compound. Married to El Rita

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AT DETROIT





Egypt's publishing secretary, Fuad Guirguis (back center) presents colporteur recruits from the church literature sales bands during Cairo institute.



D. L. Chappell, Jordan treasurer Zaki Saliba (front right), and student assistant Bisbara Taweel (2nd left-front row) are seen with students working in Jerusalem.

Sales Band Plan in Egypt Adds Canvassers; Increases Sales

The approximately one-year-old church-literature-sales-band plan has added eight new canvassers to the ranks of the part-time and regular literature evangelists and accounted for increased sales to the value of nearly LL 1,200.

In Egypt, the first Section to adopt the plan, publishing department leader Fuad Guirguis praised the band as a "fruitful field for recruiting regular literature evangelists." He made the statement at a training institute in Cairo, June 24-27, after welcoming eight former band members to the regular and part-time literature work.

Band sales in Egypt have reached a value of \$370.56. D. L. Chappell, the division publishing department leader reported, listing seven churches as participating: Mansoura, Cairo, Assuit, Tanta, Alexandria, Minia, and Heliopolis. "Just think," he envisioned, "what could be accomplished in literature distribution if every church in the Middle East Division followed the lead of the seven churches in Egypt."

The Museitbeh church in Lebanon gave the plan a one-day trial in April and delivered literature worth LL 68, an indication of future successes in that field.

The plan calls for bands to be formed by the local church of two or more

persons who will devote from four to ten hours a week to literature sales work. Using small books and magazines, they work under the direction of the pastor and report as a church to the book and periodical house rather than as individuals. Under the plan, the pastor assigns territory systematically, so that band members serve as scouts in their house to house contacts reporting to the pastor the interest discovered.

Profits from the sales are given the individual band members.

Students Begin Outstanding Summer

First reports from the 53 student canvassers working under the scholarship plan for literature evangelists promise an outstanding summer.

Five students working in Palestine report sales in two and a half weeks of literature worth \$840.

Raymond Williams, in Baghdad, reports sales at the end of July valued above \$665. Using the new Farsi health volume in Tehran, Ahmad Farnoody has sales in the same period reaching \$535.

Although details of the transaction have not been released, one student has delivered \$300 worth of literature to a single office.

Memorial Services for Elder Salim Noujaim

Memorial services were held at the Bourj Hammoud church for Elder Salim Noujaim, May 11, to coincide with funeral services at Los Angeles. Elder Noujaim passed after a long illness and his loss was mourned by hundreds of friends and relatives.

His retirement at the age of 64 in 1962 closed a long career of service to the church in the Middle East, during which time he served as president of the Lebanon Section, education department secretary of the East Mediterranean

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Noujaim memorial service in Beirut.

Middle East College Miracle Girl Graduates Ten Students in 1966

Ten students received degrees and certificates at the annual Commencement of Middle East College held on the campus June 17 to 19. Bachelor of Arts degrees were conferred upon eight men. Certificates in Secretarial Science were presented to two young ladies.

The traditional graduation services were held during the three-day ceremonies, beginning with a consecration service Friday evening, a Sabbath morning baccalaureate sermon, and ending with the commencement program Sunday.

Dr. A. Allamuddin gave the commencement address in Arabic. He is secretary to the committee of higher learning of the Republic of Lebanon and secretary of the Lebanese University. Present for the occasion was Dr. Farid Najjar, representing the minister of education. The program also included student responses and the awarding of certificates. Representatives of several embassies attended.

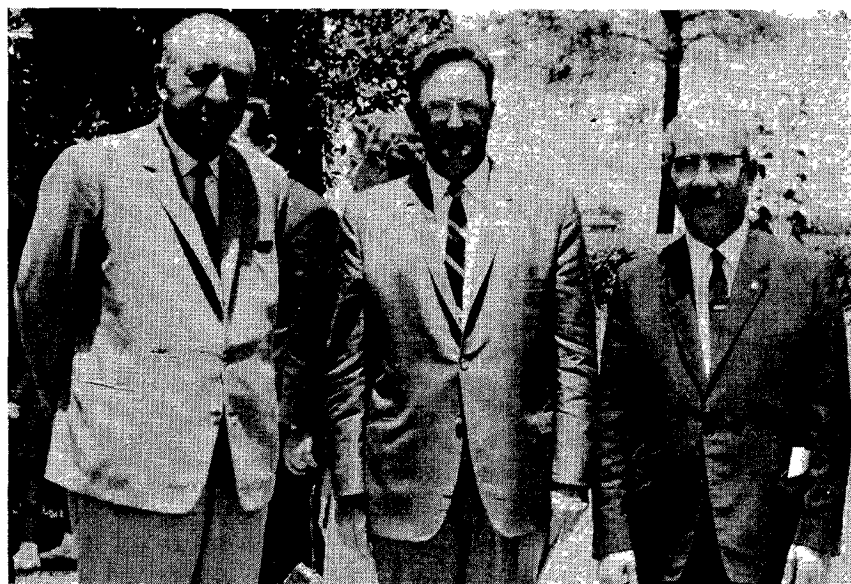
The baccalaureate sermon was presented by Dr. Bernard Brandstater, a Seventh-day Adventist who is chairman of the department of anesthesiology at the American University of Beirut school of medicine. Dr. Kenneth L. Vine, President of Middle East College, conducted the consecration service.

Graduates of 1966 included the following: Nadeem Beebe, B. A., business administration (Jordan); Habib Bishara, B. A., business administration, (Lebanon); Wajih Faddoul, B. A., business administration (Lebanon); Kamal Issa, B. A., business administration (Syria); Issa Kharma, B. A., elementary education (Lebanon); George Khoury B. A., business administration (Lebanon); Jirayr Kourouyan, B. A., business administration (Lebanon); Sobhi Fahim Michael, B. A., religion (United Arab Republic, in absentia); Nadeema Beebe, Certificate of Secretarial Science (Jordan); and Suad Inaty, Certificate in Secretarial Science (Lebanon).

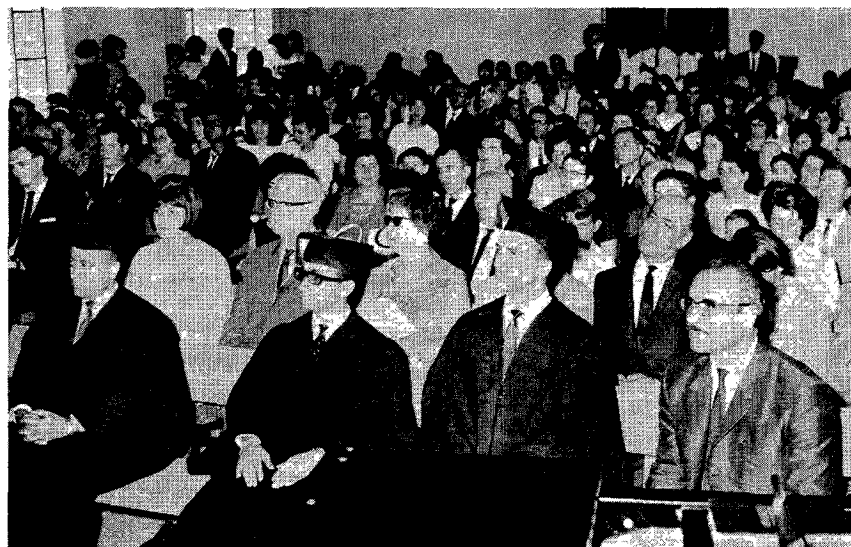
The story of the providences through which Nellie Hadad was saved by open-heart surgery, written by her husband, Elder A. A. Haddad, has been published by Middle East Press under the title, "Miracle Girl." It is being distributed by colporteurs.

Special ceremonies were held to dedicate the book to the cause of literature evangelism, July 16, at the Museitbeh church. Elder George Khoury president of the Lebanon Section, led in the service. The book is the first subscription book to be written expressly for Middle East Press as an original manuscript by a national worker.

The picture shows Boutros Ghazal, acting press manager, as he presents a dedication copy to Mrs. Adeeb Haddad the mother of the author.



Doctors Allamuddin, Vine, and Najjar at the M. E. C. commencement.



The graduates of Middle East College and friends hear the commencement talk.

Reports from Jordan and Lebanon

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

FUN AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

A two-week vacation Bible school was conducted for the first time at the Beirut Cultural Center, July 10 to 23. The attendance after the first two days reached 75 and more wanted to come.

The program was directed by Jeanette Issa, assisted by Zacharia Yousef, Mary Jeha, Ruby Williams, and Salaam Abujawdi. The children participated enthusiastically in singing, lessons, crafts, and other activities.

Results of this vacation Bible school program extended beyond the school itself, according to the report of the church pastor, Salaam Aboujawdi. "No one can ever enjoy the blessing of a vacation Bible school unless he joins the ranks of the workers, reaching the hearts of children and opening doors to homes that would not have welcomed Adventists before."

Our faith grew to 25 children before we started, however the Good Lord blessed our faith and tripled it. Since then Sabbath school attendance has doubled and quite a few of the children plan to attend the MV summer camp.

Next summer we hope to double the number of students and have two vacation Bible schools.

—Harlee Bresee



Rose Katrib, director of the Irbid and Madaba schools, praises the new Arabic teacher's guide.



Four scenes from the classroom at the Beirut Center school. On the right a little girl shows her Arabic activity book; a boy his picture of Christ.

PROGRESS IN LEBANON

New VBS programs were started this summer in Lebanon at the Beirut cultural center and the Bourj church. Schools were to be started at Bishmezzine and Aley. "As this program grows," reported Khoury, the Section president

"This was the first time we had a VBS in our church," explained Salaam Abujawdi "but it won't be the last time." As if to back up his promise, he quickly added, "I'm already thinking of ways to expand our 1967 school."

SCHOOL TIME

AND IRBID PARENTS PLEASED

7, the date set to begin the vacation Bible school drew near, the teachers were ready, the materials were ready, but no suitable location had been found. Then after a few hours God opened the way to use one of the vacant school buildings.

For a year some of the teachers of the Amman Branch have been conducting a branch Sabbath school in Madaba. They thought a vacation school would be successful there. This year we had 75 children attending every day.

As a result of the visitation, the people of Madaba have opened a regular school there. One family asked to have studies in their home.

When a new way was tried when in Irbid the school opened, the teachers asked the children for a small registration fee. This year 53 youngsters registered and attended regularly. They think that they had helped to pay for the beautiful school which they had made.

Children of one family reported that their parents had asked them to come home each day in order to tell them what they had learned. "Now, the children said, "we will come and have prayer together."

During visits to the homes, the teachers found that many parents were interested in sending their children to the new day school opened in Irbid this fall. We are praying that the Lord will continue to lead in this northern city of Jordan.

—W. A. Potter



ARABIC MATERIALS IN USE

Series B of the vacation Bible school program materials has been translated into Arabic and is in use this summer, Elder D. L. Chappell, director of the program in the division reported, explaining that there are three series. Series A was translated and put into use last year and Series C will be ready for 1967. For English-reading teachers in non-Arab schools the Teacher's Guide is provided in English.



Three youngsters from Irbid display their handwork.



The children and staff at the vacation Bible school in Irbid, Jordan.



Najm Khoury and Josephine Mansour, married at College Park, April 10. Elders Russell, Khoury, and Raffoul conducted the ceremonies.



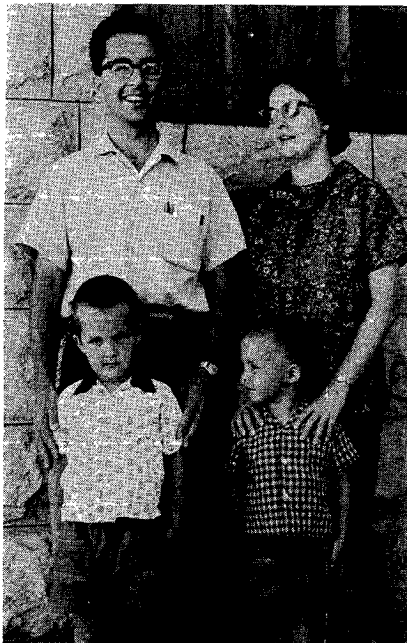
Dr. Joseph Khoury and Ellen Ghazal, at ceremonies in Bourj Hammoud, July 17, led by Elders Stanley Bull, Maurice Katrib, and George Khoury.



Hanna Abdelmalik and Georgette Morshid seen at their wedding, Nov. 24, in Heliopolis. Elders Hilal Dose and William Gayed officiated.

Welcome

Reuben Lorenson, wife Marilyn, with George (5) and Ronald (3) join the workers in Jordan. He will head the physical therapy clinic in Jerusalem. Canadian by birth, he was graduated from Loma Linda University (M.S. health education, 1962) and worked previously in India. His wife has a B.A. in music (organ) from Walla Walla College.



FROM HERE AND THERE

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

George Ghazal and wife Nazira rejoice over the birth of their third child, Carolyn. She was born at 3:15 a.m., June 26, and weighed in at exactly three kilograms.

CYPRUS

A Cypriot corporation is being formed to purchase property on Nicosia's respected Gladstone street as a site for a new church building, correspondence school and headquarters office.

The Seventh-day Adventist church will be represented by an exhibit at the Cyprus fair to be opened in Nicosia in September. The exhibit will feature health and temperance work.

The president and treasurer of the Section have additions to their families. Moses Elmadjian has a son, Yervant, and Sherwood Jones a daughter, Susan. Her first day of life was a Sabbath, she having been born just before sunset, Friday, November 26.

IRAQ

Fuad Ashkar and his family have moved to Mosul to reopen the work there. The church in Mosul has been closed for six years due to disturbed political conditions, but was once an important congregation.

Salim Majeed is acting-president in

the absence of Behnam Arshat. Elder Arshat is in the United States on medical and educational leave.

JORDAN

W. A. Potter is acting president of the Jordan Section during the absence of W. J. Clemons. Elder Clemons and his family are in the United States for a short furlough.

Farid Samour was recently appointed leader of the El-Husn-Irbid district. A building has been rented near the church in Irbid and plans made to relocate the El-Husn school there this fall. Brother Samour will also be principal of the school. Camille Haddad, former leader of the district, has moved to Jerusalem.

Nadeem Beebe, graduated in June from Middle East College with a B. A. degree in business administration, will teach at the Amman school and serve as business manager of the Adventist farm. His sister, Nadeema, will join the office force of the Voice of Prophecy.

LEBANON

Adventist schools in Lebanon saw sixty per cent of their students succeed in the government examinations, it was reported with the explanation that this

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Baptisms Conducted Recently In Lebanon and Jordan

Thirty persons were baptized in the Lebanon Section during the months of May and June, according to a report by Elder George Khoury, president of the Section.

The most recent baptism was June 11 at Middle East College where ten youth made public their decision to walk with Christ in the Advent hope. May 7 twenty candidates gathered at the Bourj Hammoud church for joint ceremonies representing the churches in Lebanon. "Other baptisms," Khoury announced, "are planned for the near future."

Two young men in Jordan were recently baptized and are now working as literature evangelists. Elder W. A. Potter, acting-president of the Jordan Section who performed the baptism, reported their experience. They are Atif Shuwarib and Kamil Haddad.

Atif learned of the church through relatives in El-Kerak and made a study of its doctrines while employed at a government post in Jordan's port city Aqaba. After deciding to keep the Sabbath, he went to Amman for instruction. There, after six weeks of studies with Elder Potter, he was baptized.

Kamil was baptized July 9 in the Amman church as one of the highlights of a literature evangelists' rally being

held in Amman by Elder D. L. Chappell, the division publishing department secretary. The evening of his baptism he received books and a canvass to prepare to begin work, but he had already begun giving Bible studies to a friend in his village. He had been interested in the Adventist message through Camille Haddad, leader of the El-Husn-Irbid district in the Jordan Section.

MISSIONARY APPOINTEES

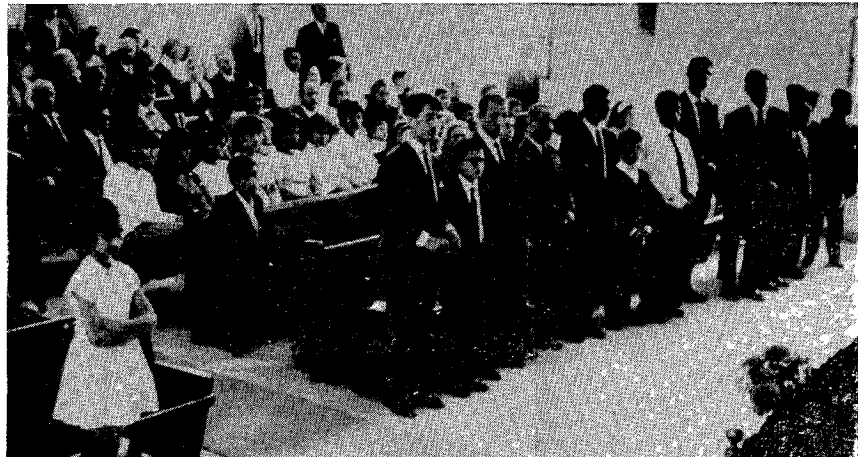
Elder A. E. Gibb, elected an associate secretary of the General Conference at the Detroit session, has been appointed to succeed Elder Dunbar as the secretary in charge of appointments to the Middle East Division. In this capacity he should be contacted by prospective missionary appointees interested in service in the Middle East Division.



Elder Potter and Atif Shuwarib.



Elder Khoury baptizes in Beirut.



Some of the candidates pictured as they testify to their new faith in Beirut.

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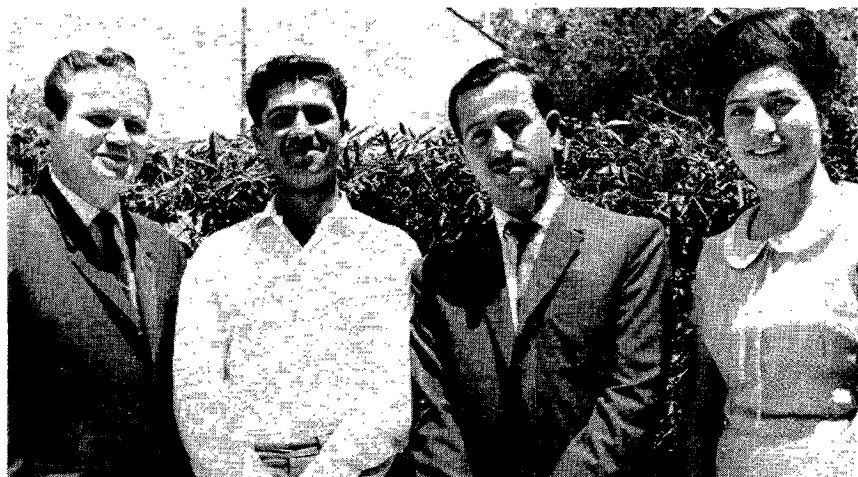
contrasts favorably with the twenty per cent success shown by other schools.

The laymen's activities department of the Section thanks the workers and members for the enthusiastic support of the book of the year. By the end of June the book and periodical house had exhausted its supply.

LIBYA

Dr. and Mrs. Christensen, formerly of Southern Missionary College and Andrews University, visited Benghazi, November 9 to 17. During the time she conducted classes in nutrition and gave food demonstrations.

Dr. Herschel Lamp conducted a workshop on hospital evangelism, March 13 to 19. This was followed by a five-day plan in which he was joined by Anees Haddad and Jabbour Samaan. Drs. Ludington, Oliverio, and Ewert also participated.



Elder Potter, Kamil Haddad, Camille Haddad (no relation) and his wife.

THE BURDEN LIFTER

Eighteen-year-old Amina had a burden.

She had borne burdens before in her life. For instance, there were the hours she watched her mother suffer the pain of an incurable cancer, and ultimately the loss of the most important person in her world.

Now she had an added burden. She had a lover who wanted her as his bride. But she did not dare. Like her mother before her, she too must suffer and die — perhaps in less than a year. How could she lay upon her lover the same grief which had saddened the eyes of her father and torn out of her own heart its joy? But, then, how could she tell him, "No," when he wanted her so much?

If only there were some hope! If she could talk to someone who would understand, there might be another way. There might be a better way than the quick, easy end that continued to suggest itself as a solution. But who?

Amina felt a strange movement in her chest and a choking sensation. She had come to recognize the feeling, but not to escape the fear. She wished for health, but some people seemed born to die young, — people like her mother.

Health. Sickness. The human body. The subject fascinated her. For several weeks she had been studying health by correspondence in order to understand better her own body. Although she was not much conscious of a change, nevertheless a new belief was taking root. Here were principles of health and right living. She thought that she could trust them, perhaps to give her life.

She knew nothing about the school which sent the lessons, but she decided they might help her. She wrote it all down, the whole problem, and sent it registered, special delivery.

Meanwhile Mahmoud thought Amina was taking things too seriously. He wanted to marry her. He thought she would not die, but anyway, he was willing to take the risk. However her mind was fixed beyond argument. She would suffer alone.

The more she thought about her problem, the clearer it became. No doctor, no health course teacher, nor anyone else could help her. She would rest from her burden; go to sleep and never wake up.

Even so, she opened the letter from the health school with excitement and a pulse beat of hope. As she read, Someone came and wafted the black clouds away.

"It is not surprising that a girl of your age and experience should have the feelings you describe, but you do not need to worry. You have not inherited your mother's cancer and there is no danger that you will do so. Put your life in the care of God. Pray, and He will take care of you. I suggest that you accept Mahmoud's proposal."

Within hours Mahmoud and Amina were making plans for the wedding. The health school director must be a special guest.

And he was. He was introduced to the families and to their friends as the one who had saved Amina's life.

As for Mahmoud and Amina, they have begun a new life together, trusting God. They love each other, and they love the Adventists.

Once again our health message has searched out the heavy laden and rolled the burden away.

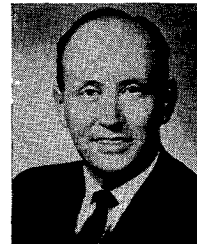
—Robert Darnell, editor

Adventist World

REVIEW EDITOR

Kenneth Wood has been appointed editor of the *Review and Herald* to fill the vacancy left by the death of Francis D. Nichol, editor for the past 21 years. Elder Wood has been associate editor for the past eleven years.

UNIVERSITY VP



Earle Hilgert, Th. D., has been appointed vice president for academic administration, it was announced July 18 at Andrews University. He replaces Dr. Charles Hirsch who was recently elected education department secretary of the General Conference. Hilgert who has been at Andrews since 1952, was professor of New Testament and acting dean of the seminary. He was awarded the doctor of theology degree at the University of Basel, Switzerland. He is known in the denomination as an experienced traveler, missionary to the Philippines, and author of learned articles.

BURMA SCHOOLS

A high school, three middle schools, and 29 elementary schools belonging to the Seventh-day Adventist church have been nationalized in Burma, according to a report by Frank C. Wyman who was director of the Burma Union Bible Seminary there until May 19. He said that the Burmese government at that time had complete control over pupil and teacher assignments, curriculum, and use of school facilities. At the boarding school, housing and feeding of boarding students continues under church supervision. Bible classes are permitted before and after regular school hours.

ADVENTIST ATTORNEYS

The first conference of Seventh-day Adventist attorneys was held June 13-15 on the campus of Andrews University. They voted unanimously to form an association of Adventist lawyers. The twelve charter members appointed an executive committee to organize a newsletter, conduct a membership campaign, and draw up a set of by-laws. During a three-day seminar at the university they discussed legal problems of interest to the church and heard an address by Justice Otis Smith of the Michigan supreme court.



Doctor Vine studies his notes and drawings at the excavation site.

Doctor Vine Reports Discovery Of Iron Age Village Limits At Deir Debwan in Jordan

Dr. Kenneth L. Vine, president of Middle East College, reported from the archaeological site at Debwán the discovery of the village limits of the iron-age community previously known to have settled there. This discovery is significant in determining the periods of occupation for the site. Beyond the village limits, archaeologists have uncovered some remains of a more extensive early-bronze-age inhabitation.

Dr. Vine is a member of a team of archaeologists, led by Dr. Joseph Calloway of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, who are excavating the tell at Deir Debwan west of the Jordan River. Digging continued through an eight-week season ending July 31. The site has sometimes been identified with the Biblical Ai.

However the latest discoveries cast doubt on the possibility of this identification. Doctor Vine explains that the site appears to have been inhabited only during the early bronze period and the early iron period, leaving a gap for the period which one would expect to find according to the Bible accounts of the city.

The expedition has been sponsored by the Perkins School of Religion, of the Southern Methodist University, and the American School of Oriental Re-

search. The expert techniques employed have led the Jordan government to choose the site as a model to be shown tourists visiting the Holy Land.

Excavations were first begun on the site by John Garstang in 1928 and major discoveries made by Judith Krause 1933 to 1935. The most impressive ruins are those of the acropolis built during the early bronze age.



Doctors Vine and Calloway examine a portion of the excavations.

Noujaim Memorial

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ean Union, principal of the Museitbeh school, translator, and teacher.

He began his service when 29 years old as a teacher in the Egypt Mission. Through the years he emerged as one of the denomination's leading educators, teaching in Iraq, Lebanon, and at Middle East College, before serving for six years as union education department secretary. His influence reached to many more youth as director of the Voice of Prophecy correspondence school.

He was known as an Arabic scholar. Besides his work in the classroom, he was active in translation and pioneered the production of Adventist literature in Arabic.

Prominent as an administrator, he served for various periods on institutional boards and administrative committees for virtually all the Adventist work in the Middle East. As the first national worker to develop a wide influence of leadership, he provided the church with valuable insights and paved the way for greater national participation in denominational administration.

The influence of his life stands as a permanent monument in the lives of the persons whom he helped to train, in the minds of those who read the literature he prepared, and in the work of the church which he devotedly counseled and guided.

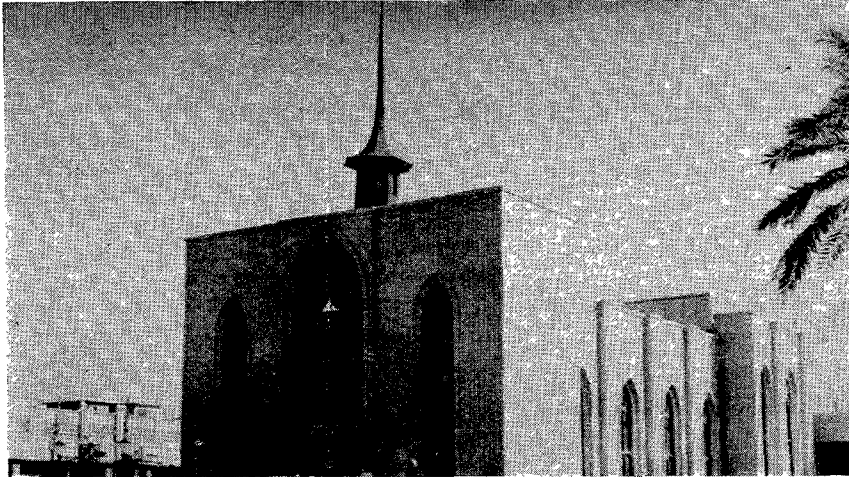
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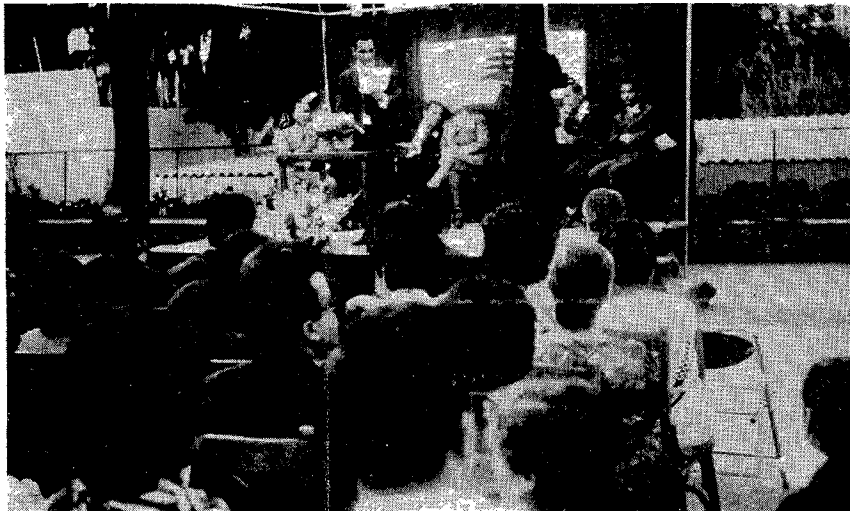
Ellis, he has four children: Bill, 25, Bob, 23, Charles, 16, and Susan, 11. The two youngest will accompany him to the Middle East.

Their elementary, secondary, and college education has been in Seventh-day Adventist schools; Elders Jacobs and Mills at Andrews University and Elder Webster at Columbia Union College. Elder Jacobs has an M.A. degree from the Seminary (1949). All three wives studied secretarial science in college; Mrs. Webster has also completed work in music and Mrs. Jacobs in education.

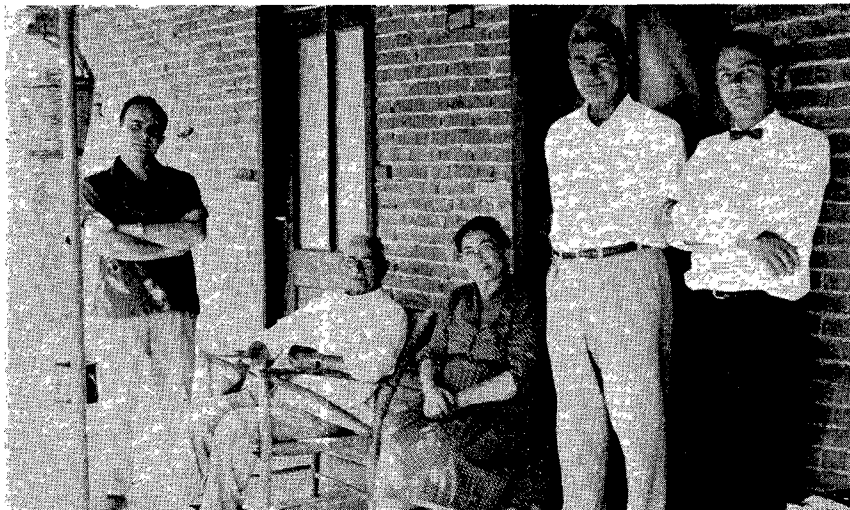
Elders Jacobs and Mills have previously visited the Middle East and report looking forward to working here. Elder Webster has twice before received calls to the Middle East Division and believes that God has been leading him to this field, although earlier circumstances prevented his coming.



A view of the new Basrah (Iraq) church dedicated November 20.



Graduation exercises at the Museitbeh school. Alfred Akar, principal of the school, is speaking.



Charalampos Coskinides and his wife, Arghyro, sit on the porch of their summer home at Blatres, Cyprus. They announced the bequest of their total possessions to the Lord's work. Seen with them are the Cyprus Section officers and an SDA neighbor, Nicolas Ioanno. Brother Ianno recently donated a piano to the church. Another sister, Piste Vittoki, gave her whole savings, a sum of 80 pounds sterling.

Explorer's Discovery In Aramoun

Members of Elder Richard Fenn's youth class in the College Park Sabbath School have called themselves "Explorers" and participated in the "Discovery," a one-week series of evangelistic meetings, August 7 to 13, in Aramoun, Lebanon.

Led by Coordinator Glenn Russell, Secretary Ardis Russell, and Treasurer Rick Wilmot, the team directed all phases of the program including simultaneous meetings for children. The youth took over the preaching Wednesday evening. Choosing the topic, "The Christian Life," Milt Chappell gave a sermonette on faith, Rick Wilmot on hope, and Ardis Russell on love. Sermons other evenings were presented by Elder Fenn.

Two Middle East College students furnished translation for the meetings: George Terzibashian, a senior theology student, and May Abdulkarim, a freshman from Aramoun.

Summer School

Among the nearly fifty students who attended the 1966 summer session of Middle East College were several elementary and secondary teachers from various sections of the Division.

Included in the daily program were courses in anatomy, Arabic, business administration, education, English, history, music, and psychology.

The six-week term opened July 5 and closed August 16.

Aside from the elementary and secondary teachers, other regular students remained for the summer session taking classes so as to have lighter loads during the coming school year.

Earnest W. Waring, dean of men, directed the summer session in the absence of President Kenneth Vine who participated in an archaeological expedition to Jordan.

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