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## Lamp Book Seen As Symbol of Publishing Maturity

By the editor

Publishing news was made, both in Seventh-day Adventist circles and in the Middle East, with the publication in Beirut at the Middle East Press of *Your Ideal Diet as a Physician Sees It*, by Dr. Herschel Lamp, medical department secretary of the Middle East Division.

The book is news as a Seventh-day Adventist publishing venture because it originated in the Middle East.

To this writer's knowledge only two other books have been created as original works by Seventh-day Adventists in this division. The first was a book about Daniel by Elder George Keough. Although written a number of years ago it is still in use as a subscription book and as the basis of the correspondence course on that subject. The second, published in 1966, is the popular *Miracle Girl*, a narration of the faith which sustained Nellie Haddad through a heart ailment and the subsequent recovery as written by her husband.

Adventists publishing history here has since its infancy depended upon the translation of books written in English primarily for other areas and secured from other publishers. However steps toward maturity were evident in several books, which although prepared from existing materials, were directed to Middle Eastern readers. These were largely adaptations, but could, for instance in the preparation of a comprehensive popular medical book, demand long and painstaking editorial work. Later editors gathered articles, tracts, and similar manuscripts by a single author and then combined them, adapting, eliminating, and rearranging, so as to present them for the first time

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## CYPRUS SECTION PURCHASES NEW CHURCH PROPERTY IN NICOSIA

The Cyprus Section has announced the completion of the purchase of land and a building in Nicosia for use as headquarters and as a church in that city. The move from the former headquarters in rented property to the new building is expected to be complete by the end of February.

The final steps in the purchase were taken after the recognition, November 25, by the Cyprus government of the Seventh-day Adventists in Cyprus, Limited, an association authorized to hold properties in Cyprus. The articles of the association and official memoranda are based on those of the British Advent Missions, Limited, of Watford, England, and grants some privileges to the church in Cyprus officially for the first time.

The new property, at 32 Gladstone street, is described by Section President J. Sherwood Jones as being ideally situated in a preferred residential area of the city. The large two-story building contains adequate space for the headquarters offices. The property is

large enough to provide room for the construction of an attractive church and other smaller buildings.

In the same district, in addition to the large well-kept residences of the city's professional community, are to be found a museum, a general hospital, the Russian embassy, and Nicosia's professional club mansion.

Remodeling of the building has opened up a 100-seat L-shaped chapel to be used temporarily while plans for the construction of a church are carried out. Moses Elmajian, secretary-treasurer of the Section, revealed a master plan for the development of the property which could eventually also include a physical therapy unit, a church school, and living quarters for workers.

The present structure with four auxiliary buildings now house the Section headquarters offices, the correspondence school office, the book and periodical house, the welfare center, chapel, recreation hall, and two small apartments. It is within a ten-minute

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*The house on 32 Gladstone street seen at the time of the purchase.*



# TALKING TOGETHER

A few years ago there came to my attention a most delightful quotation from the Spirit of Prophecy. It was taken from the *Review & Herald* of June 8, 1897, but in different places in the published volumes similar statements appear. It reads as follows:

"All who will gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their defections, and loyalty from their treason, will triumph with the third angel's message."

I am certain that we are all intensely interested in any experience that will help us to triumph with the third angel's message, and enjoy the blessings that are offered to the redeemed throughout eternity. Here at least is one of the formulas that is offered to us that we may attain those blessings.

First, it speaks of gathering "warmth from the coldness of others." Truly our world is a cold and heartless world. It is so because men who make up its inhabitants are all too often self-centered and more interested in their personal well-being than that of the needy about them. That coldness should, most certainly, not exist within the boundaries of God's church; the spirit of Christian brotherhood makes such coldness wholly incompatible with the ideals of true Christianity. But sometimes an ill-directed soul who bears the name "Christian" and sometimes even finds his way into our group of workers, radiates coldness rather than Christian warmth.

It is rather human to be chilled and sometimes hurt by lack of human understanding. But this quotation pictures as heaven-bound those who "gather warmth from the coldness of others." It would seem that such persons are so intent on pursuing the pathway toward heaven that even icy words that betray suspicion and lack of confidence fail to deter them. The beautiful character of Jesus and the rich promises of His Word so completely absorb the attention of such a believer that any coldness manifest toward him by his fellowmen, appears so unlovely and un-Christlike that he turns his mind away and scarcely gives it heed as he moves undauntingly toward the environment of heaven.

And then this quotation speaks of gaining "courage from the defections" of others and "loyalty from their treason." God has repeatedly given counsel to His church that as we enter the final conflict some who have seemed deeply devoted to God's cause and have loudly and effectively proclaimed His final message for mankind would step aside enamored by things of the world—wealth, fame, pleasure, or even an exalted opinion of their own ideas, and would ally themselves with Satan. It is indeed grievous to see such defections which are nothing less than acts of treason to God and His movement. As the worker for God observes such defections, he realizes that he must step forward to fill in the gap, work harder, and re-double his own consecration so that he himself may be triumphant along with God's victorious movement.

May our workers and friends of the Middle East Division hasten toward heaven radiating Christian warmth and love, and triumph with the third angel's message.

*A. C. Webster*

## Cyprus Church

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walk from the center of the city and close to public transportation.

Purchased for 34,000 Cypriot pounds (US \$95,200), the property is registered in the name of the Seventh-day Adventists in Cyprus, Limited. After an application to purchase the property under the denomination's earlier registration narrowly missed acceptance by the council of ministers, the new association was formed. This association conforms to the regulations of the government of Cyprus describing a national Cypriot organization and does not require permission from the council of ministers for transactions involving immovable properties, as do organizations under foreign control.

Under the new registration, Seventh-day Adventists in Cyprus have the legal standing of a non-profit business corporation. Officially Greek Orthodox, Cyprus makes no provision for the registration or legal standing of other denominations as religious organizations. Thus traditional Seventh-day Adventist church activities previously had no legal permission. The new association, however, is recognized under a charter which specifically authorizes these activities.

## Lamp Book

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in a book form for special use in the Middle East.

Now with the publication of Doctor Lamp's book, Adventist publishing in the Middle East can claim a higher degree of maturity. *Your Ideal Diet* is a modern book on nutrition written by an authority in a competent style and produced professionally. It is a symbol of the growing strength and independence of Middle East Press as publishers.

The book is news in the Middle East because it is a major work in Arabic devoted wholly to the subject of nutrition and based upon a serious and systematic study of the area.

Doctor Lamp, a physician but also a specialist in public health with a degree from Harvard university, soon after his arrival in Lebanon began studies of endemic health problems. He also researched the available foods and the predominant eating habits of the area. These two studies qualified him

to give unusually practical counsel on nutrition for the Middle East.

More research went into the basic culture of the area as it is related to health and especially to the interest patterns of teenagers in the subject of health. The result is a book presenting basic principles of nutrition so as to promote habits of importance for the health of the area in a way which both appeals to the interest of the reader and offers practical help.

*Your Ideal Diet* is also a "message" book. The author shows ability to make the health reform message clear. At the same time he is scientifically authentic and intellectually conservative, offering none of the unbalanced fare which makes feasting for the extremist and fanatic.

His treatment of vegetarianism is an example. Two chapters of the 21 in the book are on the subject: "Can you eat Without Meat?" and "Disease in Animal Foods." But he urges it cautiously, "Personally I do not like to take the risk involved in eating the flesh of diseased animals when other foods are available."

## Church Studies Approach

The Amman church in Jordan, under the leadership of Pastor W. A. Potter, spent a week, January 15 to 21, in study of the principles of approach for meeting non-Christians. Robert Darnell, head of the division religious research project, conducted the nightly meetings, emphasizing the need to observe the basic rules of good human relations.

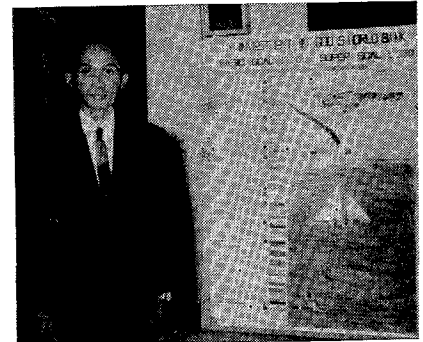
## Benghazi Church Raises Records SS Investment

"At the end of the year, everyone was riding in the airplane or ship and the Sabbath School Investment fund had passed 350 Libyan pounds (US \$980)." So concludes a Benghazi report about the 1966 investment campaign.

The year began with investment enthusiasm. Investment Leader Dr. M. T. Oliverio set a super goal of twice the division-suggested 125 pounds and the school nearly reached it a third time.

Projects included cutting hair, cabinet making, violin lessons, baby sitting, candle holder making, cake baking, etc. But what has that to do with riding airplanes?

Plenty! Each family had a flag on the goal device. They began swimming, then moved from raft to sailboat, to ship, to airplane as they progressed toward the goal. Happy flying in '67.



*Dr. M. T. Oliverio and the S. S. Investment Goal Device at Benghazi.*



*Press Manager R. E. Anderson is seen presenting Author Herschel Lamp with the first copy of the new nutrition book at the press bindery.*



*Minas Megurditchian (behind the projector) is seen at a branch Sabbath School in Lebanon.*

## Lebanon Starts Thirteen Bible Schools

The Lebanon Section Sabbath school members, inspired by the recent visit of Elder Nash, have gone all out for branch Bible and Sabbath schools, according to a report by Minas Megurditchian, the section department secretary. Having set a goal of 15 new branch schools to be begun during 1967, the parent Sabbath schools went to work and began 13 branches in January alone.

The College Park church at Middle East College leads the effort with the founding of eight new branch schools, according to the report. Two parent Sabbath schools account for the other

six new branches. The Bourj Hammoud Sabbath school has started three and the Sabbath school at Bishmazine in North Lebanon sponsors three.

An Armenian branch Bible school (see picture above) held Wednesday nights has brought special joy, department secretary Megurditchian reports. It is being held in the home of one who used to tear up the Sabbath school quarterly out of prejudice. Now he closes his work early so he can make the appointment. This group of from 15 to 20 persons studies the Adventure Series films.

## Literature Evangelists Sell for \$34,679 During 1966

Literature evangelists in the Middle East during 1966 sold literature worth \$34,679.32 for a 27 per cent gain over 1965, it was reported by the division publishing department. Of the total, \$11,190.08 was described as religious sales. Student sales accounted for 43 per cent of the total.

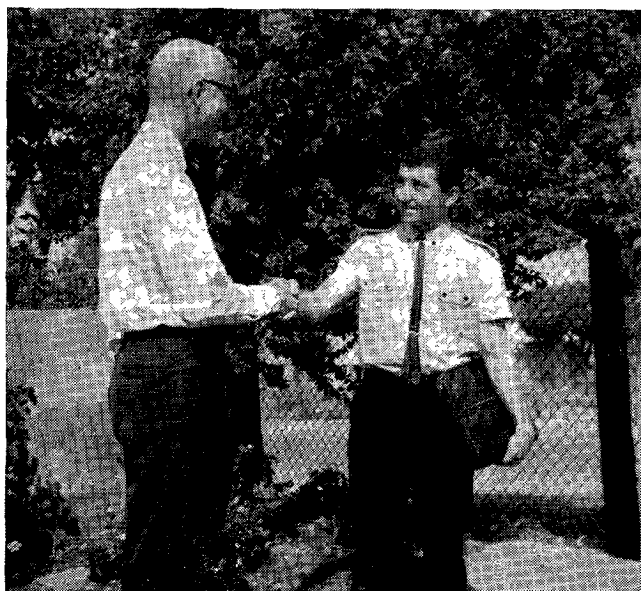
Individual records were made by literature evangelists working in districts well scattered from each other. Top sales among the women was made in Cyprus; among the men in Egypt; and among the students in Iraq and Iran.

Star canvasser in the division was Mrs. Leontides of Nicosia, Cyprus. Her deliveries of \$4,318.93 during the year set an all-time record in the Middle East Division. Reporting this success, division department leader Elder Derwood Chappell pointed out that her sales alone exceeded the total sales in each of Iraq, Iran, or Jordan.

Leading the men colporteurs was Fereh Rizq of Cairo, Egypt. In 1,799 hours of work he delivered books worth \$2,139.46.

Top honors among the students went to Raymond Williams of Baghdad, Iraq, who delivered \$1,224 worth of Adventist books. Second was Ahmad Farnood of Tehran, Iran, who delivered for \$802.

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*Raymond Williams, student literature evangelist, receives congratulations from Elder Chappell for his taking top honors in student sales.*



*Colporteur Leontides uses a wheeled bag to carry her books from door to door. Moses Elmadjian, the Section treasurer, shows the book she sold for a new Division record.*



Samir Shabin



Basim Aziz



June Soper



Nadia Et-Tabawi



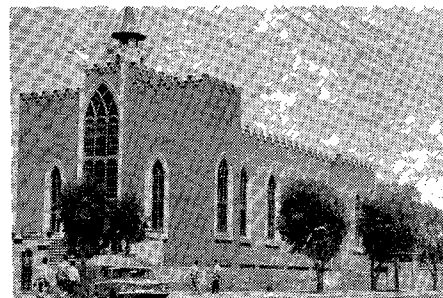
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## COLLEGE MV'S STEP OUT AND WITNESS

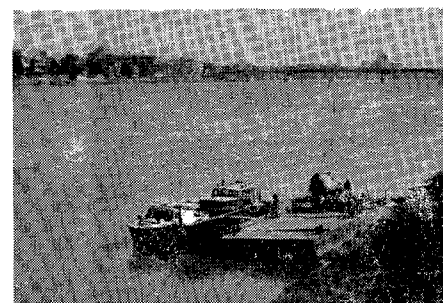
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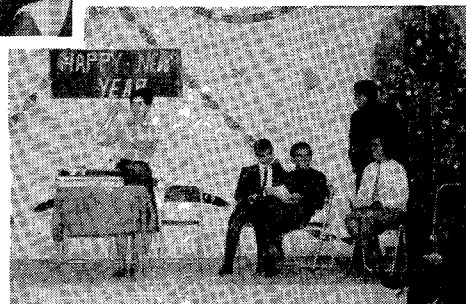
*Baghdad Church  
Euphrates River*



A band of Missionary Volunteers from Middle East College awoke early Christmas morning to begin a vacation week in Iraq. Led by Basim Aziz and club sponsor Leif Jensen the group pledged to make their experience an inspiration to their fellows at MEC and to the listeners at Baghdad. Included in the group were Harley and Dorothy Bresee, June Soper, Samir Shabin, Nadia Et-Tabawi, Kevoork Terzebashian, and Esther Nashed. In Baghdad daily meetings were held in three places: the primary school, the secondary school, and the Baghdad church. Sabbath was a high day, December 31, with the MV band taking all the church services and two separate afternoon meetings. A grand social welcoming the New Year brought the visit to an end. A weary but grateful group headed back to Beirut to share the inspiration of the visit with their college friends.



*Social Evening*



## Amman Church Gives JD 122 Sacrifice Offering

The annual week of prayer and sacrifice was a special blessing this year in Amman, Jordan, reports Elder Chafic Srour, division evangelist who conducted the meetings for the week. The church responded with the largest offering in its history, giving JD 122,275 (US \$342.36). This far exceeded the 100-dinar sacrificial goal the church had set for itself.

The week-long series of meetings, begun November 26, attracted audiences which overflowed the church into the balcony. Elder Srour gave 17 sermons during the week. He and the church pastor, Elder W. A. Potter made 46 missionary visits together. "I spoke much about conversion," he said, "and the way an Adventist ought to live in order to be a blessing to himself and to others."

## Elder Chafic Srour Baptizes 14 in Egypt

Elder Chafic Srour, division evangelist, reports baptizing 14 persons in the Assuit district December 17.

The date marked the close of a two-week series of meetings he held in the Assuit church. Encouraged by the attendance, Srour exclaimed, "I never had such big meetings in Assuit.

The district leader, Elder Fakhri Naguib, planned the baptism and invited Elder Srour to baptize seven of the candidates. Elder Naguib is assisted in the church by Michael Fehmeh. That afternoon Yacoub Ghali presented to Elder Srour seven more for baptism at Tatalia.

## Former Priest Joins Adventist Church At Musseitbeh

Maroun Khoury, a former Greek-Catholic priest, became a Seventh-day Adventist. He was baptized, January 7, at the Musseitbeh church, four days after exchanging his priestly robes for civilian dress.

His studies for the priesthood began at an early age when he joined the Franciscan monastery in Jerusalem for instruction. Two years later he was sent to Rome where he studied theology and reached the highest level possible for his age and was given the office of "deacon."

But mundane affairs interrupted his progress. His father, the mayor of Aleppo, in Syria, a city of nearly 40,000 persons at the time, needed his help. He settled down to managing a tourist agency for travellers between Syria and South America and to service in government office. While attending travel business in Argentina for a year, he added the Spanish tongue to the Italian he had learned in Rome, and his native Arabic.

It was as a city official that he first met a Seventh-day Adventist. A colporteur was accused and it was his duty to accompany the police and make an appropriate record of the case. The colporteur had been accused of being a Jewish spy by antagonistic Christian religious leaders, but when Brother Maroun saw his Bible he began to have doubts. Nor did he find it possible to forget the true Christian manner in which he politely asserted that he was

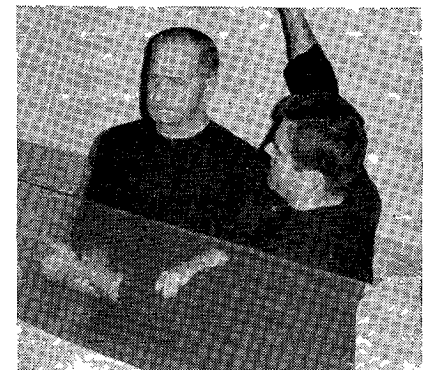
no spy. The Sabbath school memory verse picture cards which he had pocketed from the youth's possessions served to keep to him reminded.

As the years passed, the voice of conscience called back to the priesthood. He wanted to be near to God and to help others. He resumed studies, and since he was married, he went to an Orthodox Bishop for ordination. In the end it was a Greek-Catholic parish in Lebanon to which he was assigned. Still the voice of conscience called. He found the priesthood had not led him near to God.

Thus one morning he informed his family that he would search for the truth. He hailed a taxi, and believing that the Lord led him, he came to the office of the division headquarters. That was July. Six months later, after studies with Agnatious Yacoub and attending a series of evangelistic meetings by Elder Khoury, he was baptized by Elder Khoury.

Today, he says, his conscience is at peace and he is busy telling others his experience in finding the true faith.

## Baptisms



Maroun Khoury at Musseitbeh



Mrs. Bowers at Benghazi



Elder George Khoury, Maroon Khoury, and Salam Abujawdeb. (Story above.)

## Libyan Combination Leads Two To Baptism In Mediterranean

By Elder R. C. Mills

A speedboat made from packing crates; an oil company air pilot; an American engineer and a Filipino pharmacist; a mission hospital and an upstairs chapel; a book, a prayer and a missionary to answer questions: these were the ingredients that were used by God to produce two new church members in Benghazi.

The boat was built by Russell Nolin,

maintenance engineer of the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, who was standing on the shore watching a missionary doctor water-ski behind it when the off-duty pilot drove by, blinked at such a sight in Libya, and stopped in inquire of Nolin. The contact ended with an invitation for the pilot to visit the Adventist chapel sometime.

Weeks later, after a homeland vacation, the pilot, Richard Bowers, showed up at the chapel on Sabbath morning. He kept coming. Pastor W. J. Clemons studied with him. He visited the Benghazi Adventist Hospital and became acquainted with the missionaries from America, the Philippines and other places in the Middle East. The Sabbath truth became a matter of conscience, but there was a job and a bonus to consider.

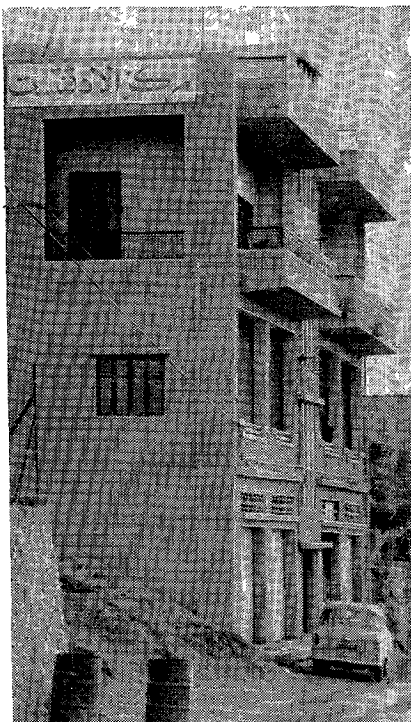
Then Alice Medina, the Filipino Pharmacist loaned him "The Great Controversy". Alone in the desert, he read it through and determined to risk loss of job, bonus or anything else to follow the Lord. He was baptised in the Mediterranean Sea by Elder V. A. Fenn, then the Middle East Division treasurer. He did lose his job, regained it, received the bonus and married the girl who had loaned him the book.

Richard's mother came from America to visit him for a few weeks. Contact with Richard in the bloom of new faith, with his dedicated wife and the others in Benghazi, sparked in her the recognition of the love of God and the obligations of mankind to serve Him.

Sabbath, January 14, a cold and windy day, saw the rough billows of the Mediterranean receive mother Bowers in the burial baptism. At the service in the little chapel that morning, Richard had been ordained as a deacon. It was a blessed day for the Bowers, the missionaries in Benghazi and for R. C. Mills, the Middle East Division treasurer, who officiated.

It had been the plan that mother Bowers, before returning to the States, would visit Athens and a few other places of ancient interest. Then they heard the appeal for the Week of Sacrifice offering. The trip was abandoned in order that Richard could give a week's pay to the work of God.

Now Mrs. Bowers, her son and family look forward to the journey past the stars to the city of Our Lord.



*New Adventist Center at Zalqa*

### New Center at Zalqa

Elder George Khoury and a team of associates began a center-type program December 15 with the opening of meetings in a rented house in Zalqa. The program includes a weekly evangelistic talk by Elder Khoury, an Arabic class by Munir Abu Deeb, an English class, a weekly health lecture, and a branch Sabbath school led by Ella Haddad.



*Some of those baptized at Assuit are seen on the front row of the church.*



*Mother Bowers, Elder Mills, Alice and Richard Bowers. (Story this page.)*

## Naim Awais, Herschel Lamp Named Editors of Arabic Magazines

New editors were appointed, January 1, 1967, for Middle East Press and two of its Arabic publications, the *Hope* and *Call to Health* magazines.

Mr. Naim Awais was named the acting editor-in-chief of Middle East Press, the acting editor of the *Hope* magazine and the managing editor of the *Call to Health* magazine. Dr. Herschel Lamp was appointed the editor of the *Call to Health* magazine.

The vacancy in editorship was caused by the recent departure of Mr. Jabbour Semaan to Kettering Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Awais brings to his new duties a long background of experience in editorial work. He has served as the Arabic editor of Middle East Press for 10 years. Throughout the denomination and commercial publishing circles his command of the Arabic language is accepted without question.

Mr. Awais was born in El-Husn, Jordan July 11, 1922, and baptised in 1937. In 1946 he was married to Karma Azar. They now have three children Wisam, Aida and Nadeem.

Mr. Awais began his work in the denomination in 1942. For two years he served as a teacher-evangelist in Amman, Jordan. The Musseitbeh Arabic School in Beirut was his next assignment where he taught for seven years.

In 1951 he joined the staff of Middle East Division as translator for the Arabic Sabbath school quarterlies, and in 1956 joined the editorial staff of Middle East Press.

Dr. Lamp takes up his responsibilities as editor of the *Call to Health* magazine in addition to his responsibilities as medical secretary and acting temperance secretary of the Middle East Division. Dr. Lamp was graduated from Loma Linda University in 1952 after which he completed a residency speciality in internal medicine.

For five years Dr. Lamp and his family lived in West Africa where he served as medical director of the Ile-Ife Hospital. In 1961 Dr. Lamp received a Masters of Public Health degree from Harvard University.

Dr. Lamp has been a contributor to the *Review and Herald*, *Signs of the Time*, *Ministry* and *Youth's Instructor*. Recently he authored a new book for the Middle East which has been pub-

lished in Arabic entitled *Your Ideal Diet as a Physician Sees It*.

Mr. Jabbour Semaan had served as editor-in-chief of Middle East Press and editor of the *Hope* and *Call to Health* magazines for two years in addition to serving as assistant medical secretary for the Middle East Division.

During this time he contributed much to the building up of the literature work in the Middle East Division. Books that were published during his term of office included a revised edition of *Bedtime Stories-Arabic*, a revised edition of *Your Baby-Arabic*, *Messages to Young People-Arabic*, *Miracle Girl-Arabic* and *Armenian*, *Your Way to Health and Happiness-Farsee*, *Your Baby-Armenian* and *Farsee*, *Pathways to Happiness (Steps to Christ)-Armenian*, *Your Ideal Diet as a Physician Sees It-Arabic* and *Ministry of Healing-Arabic*.

Mr. Jabbour is joining the staff of Kettering Memorial Hospital in Ohio as a physical therapist.

—R. E. Anderson

## Wedding in Egypt

SHARKAWI - HASABALLA



Brother Favid Sharkawi and his bride Nadia Hasaballa as photographed after their marriage in Egypt, October 6, 1966. Elders Fakhri Naguib and Abadir Abdelmessih conducted the ceremony.



Elder and Mrs. Hugh Cowles (far right) are seen in Port Said with their family and some of those who greeted them following their arrival in Egypt December 13. They were met by Habib Ghali, acting president of the Sectors (far left), who is seen holding the youngest Cowles' girl, Marla, and standing next to Brenda, age 13. The other two girls are Nelda, 9, in sailor dress, and Ginerva, 15, standing behind her. Also pictured are Antar Yacoub and Mrs. Shabata Guindi and her two daughters. Elder Cowles arrived in Egypt to begin a term as principal of the Adventist academy in Egypt, a post he previously held 1955 through 1959.



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### Hospital Welcomes New Workers

The Benghazi Adventist Hospital administration has announced the addition recently of two staff members to the business operation of the hospital.

Habib Banna, of Egypt, joins the hospital as credit manager. A 1963 graduate of Middle East College, he has been business manager of the academy in Egypt for the past three years.

George Khoury, a Lebanese joins the staff as out-patient desk clerk and cashier. He graduated from Middle East College in 1966 where he was employed as a student in the college accounting office.

### Literature Evangelists

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Mrs. Leontides' record was made pioneering the new payment plan of selling books. She worked primarily with a large health book in the Greek language. The record is the more outstanding since it was made in only 1,008 hours of canvassing.

The publishing department anticipates that the use of the payment plan will continue to push colporteur earnings higher. Mrs. Leontides herself is expecting a good year in 1967. She recently obtained permission from the department of education to show her books to school principals.

"One explanation of Raymond Williams' good sales," explained Elder Chappell, "is that circumstances left him without a partner to accompany him to the houses in the usual Middle East custom." Not having to share his sales with another student, he came out with individual sales far ahead of the others.

Fereh Rizq made his record specializing in *Patriarchs and Prophets* and *Desire of Ages*. A minister in Cairo who had purchased these books from him, telephoned the office and asked for the agent to see him. To Fereh's joy, the man greeted him: "These are the best two books I have ever read. I want you to bring me three more copies of each to place in our church library."

Magazine sales, like books sales and sales of religious literature showed gains over 1965. The 1966 report listed magazine sales at \$3,825.32 and religious sales at \$11,190.08.

The proportion of student sales to the total came to only 43 per cent, the lowest figure known in recent times. This indicates the growing strength of the regular work.

Totals by Sections were as follows:

Cyprus	\$ 4,961.41	471% gain
Egypt	11,640.86	11% gain
Iran	3,554.75	45% gain
Iraq	1,593.48	29% loss
Jordan	2,958.87	100% gain
Lebanon	5,753.15	19% loss
Syria	3,587.55	55% gain
Turkey	629.25	100% gain

were purchased by the hospital staff during a visit to Libya, January 17 to 21, by R. E. Anderson, manager of Middle East Press. Plans were made for providing literature to be distributed at the forthcoming Tripoli International Fair.

## FROM HERE AND THERE

### MIDDLE EAST PRESS

The publication of the Ministry of Healing in Arabic has been completed and the first copies sent to the field.

The book has been designated as book of the year for 1967 and a campaign launched to place 2000 copies in the hands of church members and their friends.

### IRAN

The Tehran Farsi church celebrated Sabbath school visitors' day November 19, and was rewarded with 60 visitors. Guests were given carnations and the hall was decorated for the occasion.

The church ladies prepared a lunch to which all the guests were invited following the service. Sabbath school superintendent Hebe Hasso directed the program.

### JORDAN

The Hashemite broadcasting service chose the second secondary class of girls at the Amman school to prepare a program on geography. The program was taped at the school January 17 and later broadcast.

Successful book sales were conducted in El-Husn, Irbid, and Amman during the visit of R. E. Anderson, manager of the Middle East Press, December 12 to 14. Brother Zaki Saliba in his capacity as manager of the Jordan book and periodical house joined Brother Anderson in conducting the sales. The president of the Section, Elder W. J. Clemons, also participated.

### LEBANON

The Adventist Center in Beirut was scene of the first health-oriented series of public meetings in Lebanon. In a series beginning December 12, Dr. H.

C. Lamp spoke on popular topics related to health. The series continued three nights a week through January. Topics included cancer, nutrition, overweight, tobacco, mental health, marriage, emotions, and germs. Several talks were planned on religious philosophy as viewed by a physician. Salam Abujawdeh assisted in the talks.

### LIBYA

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Ewert announce the birth of a son, Brian Wayne, November 12, 6 lbs., 12 oz. Dr. Ewert is the dentist at the Benghazi Hospital. They have one other child, a daughter, Julie.

The Jack Thompsons welcomed a healthy 8-pound, 4-ounce daughter. Born December 10, she is called Shorna Kay. They have two other children, Lorelie and Karl. Mr. Thompson is the hospital physical therapist.

Books and records valued at \$350



Dr. H. C. Lamp and Translator Abujawdeh at the Beirut Center Meetings.

## IS IT SAFE ?

It is estimated that more than 360,000 different articles are on sale in stores today. Many of these are desirable; others are useless. Some are worth more than they cost; others cost more than they are worth. From all these articles each one chooses what he will buy; for which he will spend his money.

But there is one thing which is not for sale in any store, though it is worth more than all the others combined. It is character. A man who is absolutely honest, who tells the truth under all circumstances is most precious in God's sight.

Adventists understand that "the world does not so much need men of great intellect as of noble character." (*Education*, page 225.) In order to maintain the favor of others or to secure titles and honor, some are willing to tarnish their character. "There are those who will suggest to you that in order to be successful in your profession you must be a policy man; you must at times depart from strict rectitude." (*Counsels to Teachers*, page 485.) But the inspired counsel declares: "There is danger in the first and slightest departure from the strictest rectitude." (*Ibid*)

When a child refuses to take a Sabbath examination and as a result loses credit for an entire year's schooling, he is placing the correct value on character. Also when man pays an honest tithe even though he is pressed to use the money for food and needed clothing, he is making a right choice.

A boy was taking an examination in mathematics and having difficulty with a problem. Just then his eye caught sight of the correct answer on the paper of a friend. He rationalized that he would have been able to solve the problem had he worked longer and placed the answer on his sheet. Fortunately for him, the teacher detected his dishonesty and led him to comprehend the seriousness of his offence. He was led to realize that cheating mars the character, a lesson that helped him overcome when tempted in later life.

Only by constant vigilance can the Christian keep his spiritual vision clear. Would it not be well, then, for us individually to examine our life to see if we measure up to the Divine standard or if we are inclined to follow the practices of those about us? It was when the people of God became "like the nations" about them that they lost the favor of Heaven. We must not make this mistake.

"It is not safe to be occasional Christians. We must be Christ-like in our actions all the time. Then, through grace, we are safe for time and for eternity." (*Counsels to Teachers*, page 487)

—Ray L. Jacobs

## Adventist World

### SDA'S REPEAT WEDDING VOWS

About 800 Adventist couples stood in the Sligo church at Takoma Park, January 14, to renew their wedding vows, as Pastor William A. Loveless led in a typical wedding service. While some couples had been married less than a year, others had been together fifty years.

### ADVENTISTS IN CHINA

Ezra Longway, a former missionary to China, told the Far Eastern Division annual council that some Adventist churches in China are still meeting on the Sabbath. Each church operates without contact with the other churches, he explained pointing out that often the government asks various denominations to share the same building. According to Longway, a member recently spent three months on the mainland attending Sabbath services every Sabbath morning.

### DIAL-A-PRAYER

Australian Adventists were using 63 telephone lines at the close of the year to offer dial-a-prayer services in that country. The number of calls placed with the service reached to nearly two million.

### PREACHING IN SAIGON

Evangelist Milton Lee of Singapore has opened daily evangelistic meetings in a canvas-covered auditorium in Saigon. Although the sounds of war were heard and the display of exploding ammunition could be seen, more than 700 persons attended the opening meetings. About two thirds of the audience was Buddhist.

### LUNG CANCER RARE

Lung cancer deaths are rare among Seventh-day Adventists. A five-year study was made in California comparing 11,000 Adventist men with men in California in general. Proportionately there were only one-sixth as many lung cancer deaths among the Adventists as among the total male population of California. In fact Adventists deaths from all respiratory diseases was one-third that of the general population. Adventist abstinence from smoking was considered a major cause for the difference, but the researchers pointed out that Adventists have "a way of life which includes adequate rest, recreation, exercise, avoidance of tension and worry, good hygiene, and prompt cooperation with medical care." The results of the study were published in a ten-page article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

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# Obituary:

## Mrs. Frieda Schlegel Ising

Mrs. Frieda Schlegel-Ising was born January 29, 1884, in Vohwinkel, Germany, the third child of nine children of Swiss parents who had become Seventh-day Adventists in 1882 and had gone to Germany as colporter-evangelists. They later returned to Switzerland.

As a very young girl she showed a spirit of stamina and great zeal. At the age of sixteen she took a short course in sewing and then made all of the clothes for her brothers and sisters. She was able to attend the first Seventh-day Adventist boarding school in Europe for a year along with Dr. Jean Nussbaum and the late Mrs. Pearl Holzer-Wood. While in this school she learned French and then the following year became a French governess to a family in Leibzig, Germany.

Her ambition to become a nurse took her to our first missionary college in Friedensau. There on her 20th birthday a young man by the name of Walter Ising asked the school band to serenade her. Three years later they were married. During the waiting time she was a Bible worker and her young man was secretary to Elder Conradi.

A year after their marriage, with a tiny baby daughter, they left for Beirut, Lebanon. Five years later Elder Ising made a trip of a year's duration to organize the work in Iraq. Mrs. Ising and her little daughter went to London where she studied midwifery.

In 1914 World War I took Elder Ising to an Internment Camp. Mrs. Ising took care of the wounded English soldiers. After the Armistice she went back to Friedensau, our Seventh-day Adventist school center. While here she delivered many post-war babies. A year later the family was finally reunited.

Following the war our mission work in Europe was reorganized. Elder Ising was appointed secretary of the Greater European Division. They spent two years in Denmark and six years in Berne, Switzerland. In 1928 the old mission field beckoned them back to Beirut, Haifa and Jerusalem. While in Jerusalem Mr. Ising landscaped the old mission compound which they helped build in 1935.

After waiting twenty years a much longed for and beloved son, Konrad, was born and joined their family.

In 1938 Elder Ising was invited to join the Sabbath School Department in the General Conference so the family moved to Takoma Park. They built their home on Sycamore Avenue and the family has lived here ever since.

Both Brother and Sister Ising were active in church work. Both were Sabbath School teachers. Both were eager Ingatherers and always ready to help. Sister Ising was very active in Dorcas work.

All of her life Sister Ising was an avid gardener. Her green thumb won many a ribbon from the Horticultural Club Takoma Park. She was a life member of the W.C.T.U. For all of her help to the Red Cross she received a plaque. In 1950 she lost her faithful companion

and soon after her husband's death her health broke. She was cared for in her own home for eight years and then she accepted the necessity of spending the last seven years in a nursing home. She never complained. She enjoyed being taken to church on Sabbath until she suffered another stroke a few months ago. Following this she became weaker and weaker. Almost sightless she never forgot her loving Saviour.

She quietly slipped away on Monday afternoon, July 11, 1966.

To mourn their loss she leaves her daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Boyd and her son Konrad, his wife Laurel and their three daughters and three sons. She also leaves six sisters.

—Dorothea Ising Boyd

## THE WORLD IS STILL LONGING FOR THE MASTER'S TOUCH

... to preach good tidings unto the meek; . . . to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn . . ."

*Isaiah 61:1,2*

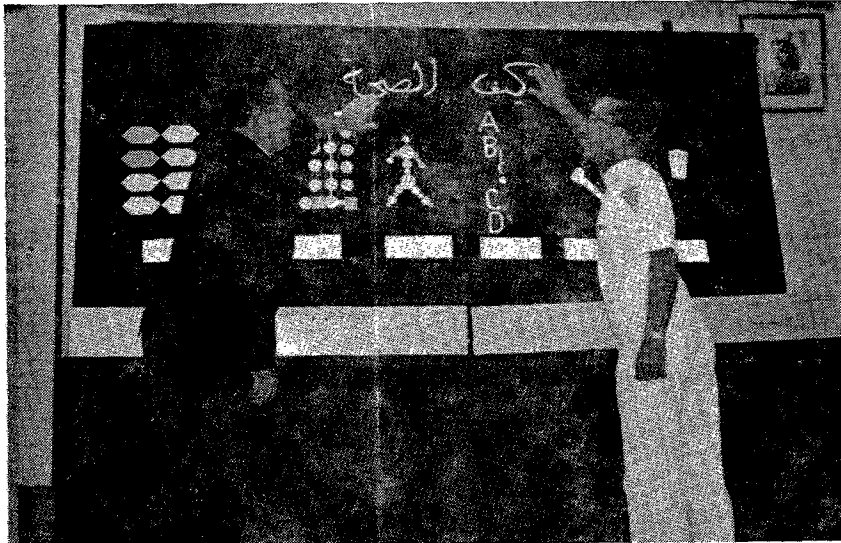


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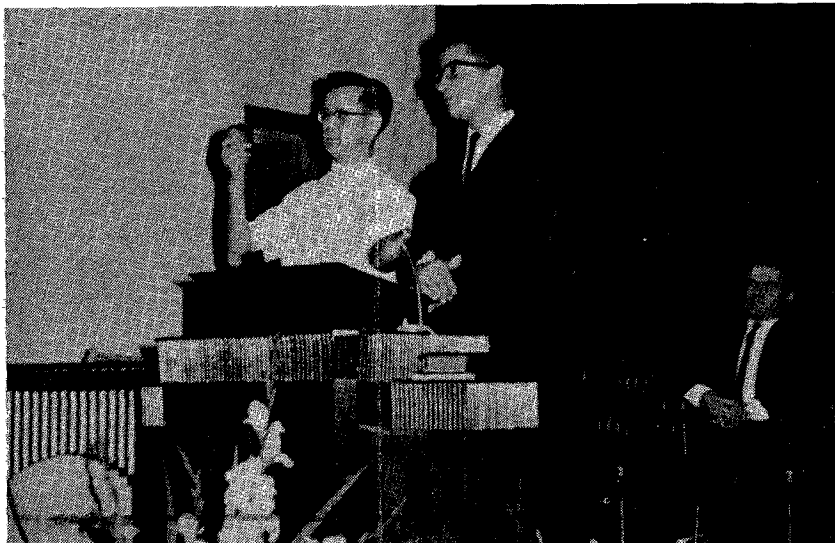
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Elder Potter and Reuben Lorenson demonstrate visual aids as used during the September health meetings in Amman, Jordan.



Leif Jensen recommends an apple a day during a health talk at the Musseitbeh church. He was featured daily during a three-week effort in November by Elder George Kboury. Translating is Bro. Abujawdeb.



The Lebanon Section teachers gathered at Elder Kboury's house, Oct. 2, for a dinner party following the annual teachers' institute.

## Elder Charles Brooks Begins Meetings At Cairo Center

Elder Charles D. Brooks, the well known American evangelist, arrived in Cairo to begin a three month series of evangelistic meetings in the Cairo center.

The series opened January 29 before an overflow audience estimated at more than 1,500 persons. The opening talk was entitled, "Jesus Christ, the Hope of Mankind for Eternal Salvation." Newspapers carried ads for the meetings for two days before the series started. Some 40,000 handbills and 2,500 personal invitations were distributed.

Elder Fakhri Naguib is assisting Elder Brooks as translator and a team of young ministers has been organized to assist in the visiting.

### Church Calendar

#### SPECIAL DAYS

February	4	Book of the Year
February	11	Middle East College
February	18	Christian Home and Family Altar Day
Feb.	18-25	Christian Home Week
February	25	Temperance Day
March	4	Visitation Evangelism Day
March	11	Sabbath School Rally Day
March	18	Missionary Volunteer Day
March	18-25	Missionary Volunteer Week
March	25	Thirteenth Sabbath Far Eastern Division

#### SPECIAL OFFERINGS

February	4	Church Missionary
February	11	Middle East College
February	18	Church Expense
February	25	Temperance
March	4	Church Missionary
March	11	Spring Mission
March	18	Section Project
March	25	Church Expense

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