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RETIREMENT— THE NELSON WAY!

by A. E. Cook

"LOOK AT THIS," exclaimed the builder, "mud for mortar! But, painted with cement and plastered inside, you will never know the difference."

Building methods certainly differ in the middle of Africa, but energy and enthusiasm mean about as much there as anywhere in the world. And Henry Nelson, Adventist layman from Lodi, California, brought along a liberal supply of both, plus his expert knowledge of building construction, when he arrived at Gitwe Seminary in the Republic of Rwanda in January this year.

The missionary-minded Nelsons are making the trip entirely at their own expense. By the middle of the year Henry hopes, with the assistance of the 30-odd African labourers he directs, to see three new buildings completed on the school campus. One is a much needed industrial building. The

other two are staff houses for expatriate families.

"In central Africa cement is expensive and hard to come by, so we use this mixture of special clays as the Africans have done for centuries," he explained.

"You would never guess it, but there is 100 tons of stone—one plentiful commodity around here—in the foundations of those two houses," he continued. "Mother is really enjoying it out here too. She has averaged five patients dosed or bandaged every day!"

We asked how he came to be at the opposite side of the world from his Californian home, deeply involved in this building programme. Henry, as he rushed across the foundation to give guidance to another group, called back over his shoulder, "RETIRED—we are retired—see!"



The little flock of Chibuyu church.

"THE LORD HATH CHOSEN THEE TO BUILD AN HOUSE"

by R. R. NDHLOVU,
Church Development Secretary,
Zambesi Union.

"And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever. Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong and do it." 1 Chron. 28: 9, 10.

IN THE YEAR 1962 the little flock of Zambian believers in the picture above, left, having heard from the Word of God that they should build a house for the Lord, started raising funds in different ways, being influenced by one of the laymen whose father was a pioneer. They did the best they could but could not raise enough to build a church. By 1968 they had raised K600 (£300). They went ahead and bought steel frames and zinc. As you can see the roof is now complete. What you see inside is the wall of the little church they had. Now they are working hard to get bricks to build the walls of the new church. We feel sure they will soon have their church finished and dedicated to the Lord. Pastor Walubita, Church Development secretary of the Zambia Field, took me to this place at Chibuyu in April. Talking to this little group with their pastor, S. J. Mainza, they said, "We are strong and we will finish this church." We were all im-



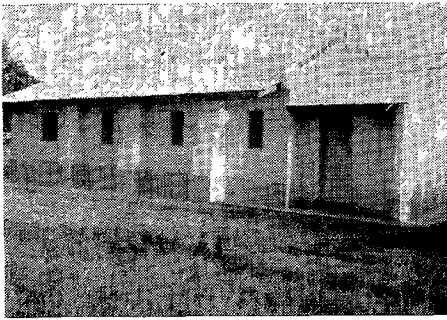
Brother Henry Nelson enjoys his retirement—building at Gitwe Seminary, Rwanda.

COVER PICTURE:

The Sentinel Publishing Association, Kenilworth, Cape Town, which has supplied the Seventh-day Adventist Church with literature in Southern Africa for half a century. Read about the Sentinel's proud record on pages 6 and 7.

TANZANIA HIGHLIGHT

J. T. KNOPPER,
Publishing Department Secretary,
Tanzania Union.



Chibuluma church built by one man at the cost of £600, which he donated. It was dedicated in February, 1968.

pressed by the spirit which these people have. The way they raised money is beyond understanding. Families sold some oxen, some sold bags of maize until they got enough money to buy steel frames and zinc to roof the church, as seen above, left.

Last year one of our church members, Brother Mvula in Kitwe Chibuluma church under Pastor Ndaiseka donated K1,200 (£600) towards a church building. His money was able to build the church shown above, right, and it was dedicated in February last year.

While in Ndola in April, Pastor Walubita came to me with a smiling face and said, "I was at Luanshya this morning and one man donated K100 (£50) towards a church building." Yes, men of God today know that all they possess belongs to God and God is blessing these people.

I am sure many of us can learn a lesson from these faithful members. We can do much for Him and many churches can be built for the Lord throughout our Division. "Take heed now for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong and do it."

CORRECTION: Any idea conveyed in the OUTLOOK of April 15 in the article entitled YET ANOTHER VAN DRUTEN, that Brother W. M. van Druten before his conversion and baptism used uncouth language, was due to inadvertence. Sister van Druten wishes to emphasize that her husband was always a staunch provider for his family. We rejoice with Brother and Sister van Druten that God led them so wonderfully into such a whole-hearted acceptance of His message for our day.—Ed.

IT IS ALWAYS a happy occasion for a union to be in the centre of a special event. This time it was the Tanzania Union's turn to have such a privilege. At the end of last year we received a letter from the Division Publishing Department secretary suggesting that we study the possibility of having the inter-union Publishing Council and Leadership School for Central and East Africa, in Tanzania. Friends, this was a challenge. The committee got together and the challenge was accepted. The staff of Ikizu Seminary was very pleased to have such an important gathering on their campus. Ikizu got busy with the preparations, and the Union with the organization of the meetings. The aim was to show that even a young and small Union, compared with other surrounding unions, was able to have such a gathering in their territory. Everything was ready on schedule. All the delegates arrived in time for the opening meeting Sunday evening, March 2, 1969. They came from the General Conference Publishing Department—Pastor D. A. McAdams; from the Division Publishing Department—Pastor J. T. Mason; from the Africa Herald Publishing House—Mr D. C. Swan, the manager. The neighbouring Central and East Africa Unions had sent their delegates. Then there were the delegates from Tanzania, representing the republics of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. Altogether a total of 32 delegates were present. Most of them were publishing secretaries in the various fields of this part of Africa. They represented about 350 literature evangelists who are going from door to door and from village to village in these different countries with God's message in printed form, and produced for them by the Africa Herald Publishing House.

All phases of the publishing program in regard to production and distribution were discussed. New plans were laid. Suggestions were made for new and better policies. Inspirational counsel was given to the leaders assembled together.

The reports rendered, in a very enthusiastic manner, showed progress in each union represented. Annual gains have been made in numbers of literature evangelists, sales of books and

souls baptized. Everybody became greatly encouraged after hearing all these very good reports.

The opening meeting was a highlight of the council itself. For this occasion Government officials had been invited in order to be introduced to this international group of people meeting together on Tanzania soil. Even the Regional Commissioner had accepted our invitation and was present with some other officials. They listened very attentively to the various speakers. Pastor D. A. McAdams gave an excellent discourse on the work of Seventh-day Adventists, in particular their publishing program. At the end of the meeting these Government officials received a set of books on the subject of home, health, and education.

The days passed quickly. With new courage, new plans to launch, new vision for the future, everybody went home to take up his duties in his appointed field of labour. After the council we received happy letters from leaders present. They expressed the sentiments of many others. One wrote: "Many thanks for your invitation and kindness in connection with the great Publishing Council and Leadership School. We were very happy to get in on this and greatly appreciate all that you brethren put into it." Another leader wrote: "Thank you very much for all you have done for us at Ikizu. My men enjoyed the stay very much. It was a good change for everybody."

We are convinced that the future will show great exploits in the literature ministry of Central and East Africa and a very busy time for the workers of Africa Herald Publishing House.

IN APPRECIATION

General Conference visitors, Pastors A. A. Esteb, D. A. McAdams, and J. R. Spangler, have concluded their itineraries in our Division. In institutes and workshops their counsel and assistance was invaluable to workers, and in the pulpits of our churches their ministry brought rich blessings to our believers.

Our Thanks

(In appreciation of the visit of Pastor A. A. Esteb to Anerley Place, Natal.)

Our Pastor Esteb, it was grand
To have you come our way
And visit us in this fair land
Where many old folks stay.

Remember skies were overcast,
And rain would come and go?
But that, of course, was just the last
To worry us, you know.

For sunshine filled that little room—
'Twas you who brought it there.
Your cheeriness dispels all gloom.
We love the smiles you wear.

Your memorizing gave us hope
Reciting such a lot.
We never heard you have to grope
In jingles like "So What!"

The subjects which you spoke about
Were psychologically
The very best, without a doubt;
On this we all agree.

For you can make adversity
A state we all should crave.
Some virtue you can always see
In life, or in the grave.

Your illustrations were so apt.
I wonder if you saw
Just how these dear old folks were rapt
In thought—and wanted more!

This meeting was, as I have said,
Exceptional—the best!
I never saw one silv'ry head
Relaxing on the chest.

I do not covet, but I crave
A memory like you've got.
The way our poor old minds behave
Confuses us a lot.

Sometimes the memory's apt to fail
In conversation too;
One tries to think—to no avail.
We just don't have a clue!

You seem to have a legacy—
A special gift for verse.
How can it come quite naturally
Whenever you converse?

Each jingle had a message clear
Of dedication true.
You made the morals come so near:
It's just that way with you.

Some shoes you wanted us to wear—
Some caps they fitted too.
We'll one another's burdens bear;
That's what you'd have us do.

Your "fire" was eclipsed by none,
For you, our brother dear,
Will have two *tales* for every one
That other people hear.

To think you've read the Bible through
Not once, but forty nine!
Another six in Chinese too—
Each precious, sacred line!

God's blessing on you, faithful friend—
A battered warrior too!
Such restful, healing thoughts we send,
Rejuvenating you.

God bless our friend, our brother too,
As you lay burdens down.
A shiny garb so bright with hue
Be yours, and then a crown.

We pray that we may faithful be
And meet in heaven above,
Forever and eternally
Surrounded by His love.

—by *Ida Ingle*.

GABERONES HEARS THE MESSAGE

by J. J. BLANCO, *Solusi College*

THE SINGING which came from the Municipal Hall in Gaberones was an inspiration to all who came to the effort. The people of Botswana love to sing! Five Solusi ministerial students and five workers from Botswana, together with the writer, were kept busy running a meeting every evening for three weeks, from 6:00—7:30p.m.

The hall, seating 400, was filled every night and often new faces would be seen in the audience. Only a few influential people of the town came, but we were able to enrol them in the Bible course which they began immediately. On the night of the first call, over 350 decisions for Christ were recorded.

After three weeks of preaching, Bible-marking classes were formed where the same truths were presented in Bible study form instead of preaching. The group of about 200 was divided into 20 small classes, 10 conducted in English and 10 in Sechuana. These people came faithfully, with nothing to attract them but the truth. They would leave the classes with shining faces.

We left Gaberones having baptized 10 people who had been in a previous Bible-marking class, and leaving 120 enrolled in the new class.

RHODESIA CONFERENCE CAMP-MEETING

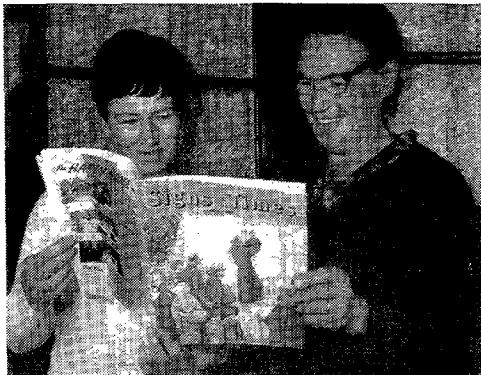
Pastor A. A. Esteb, from General Conference headquarters, was the guest speaker. In the picture he is admonishing his hearers, "Give the first hour of each day to God!"



Four "publishing" Masons were present! From right to left: Pastor John Mason, Trans-Africa Division Publishing Department secretary; Mervyn Mason, Zambesi Union Bookroom manager; Ivan Mason, Rhodesia Conference Publishing Department secretary; and Stanley Mason (son of I. R. and brother of Mervyn), student colporteur.



SIGNS NEWS



SHOWING HER APPRECIATION

Sister A. Ellis of the Southern Suburbs church, Johannesburg, accepted the truth as the result of receiving the *Signs of the Times* regularly from a non-Adventist friend, who in turn got her copies from a colporteur! After her baptism in 1953 she immediately commenced selling the magazine. At first she sold 25 copies per month, then 50, then 100, then 250. She now sells over 500 every month, all to "regular" customers. These include a Methodist minister who buys five every month. She knows of one person who has been baptized as a result of her efforts. In the picture she is shown (right) with one of her customers.

ADDRESSES OF P.D.S.'s

If you are led by God to join our corps of magazine sales-workers, contact one of the following persons, depending on the territory in which you live: **A MAGAZINE WORKER IS ANY PERSON WHO REGULARLY SELLS AT LEAST FIFTY CURRENT ISSUES OF OUR MISSIONARY MAGAZINE PER MONTH.**

- Pastor P. J. P. Botha, Box 4854, Johannesburg.
- Pastor M. P. Breedt, Box 403, Pietermaritzburg.
- Pastor M. Z. Cornelius, Private Bag Rybell, Athlone, Cape.
- Brother A. J. Oberholtzer, Box 177, Strand, C.P.
- Pastor W. H. J. Badenhorst, Box 2144, Windhoek, S.W.A.
- Pastor H. P. Charles, Box 27, Overport, Durban.
- Pastor W. C. Hewes, Box 573, Bulawayo, Rhodesia.
- Brother Ivan Mason, Box 348, Gwelo, Rhodesia.



PASSING IT ON!

"Have you had a kindness shown—pass it on!" That's what Sister L. Ishmael of Retreat, Cape, is doing. She was won to the truth through the *Signs*. So now she is showing her appreciation by selling *Signs* to others.

NEW CONVERTS SELL SIGNS

BROTHER and Sister S. G. Day accepted the message last year during Pastor R. H. Kent's evangelistic campaign in Cape Town. So eager were they to spread the precious truth they had learned to love, that they became magazine workers in their neighbourhood almost immediately after their baptism. God is richly blessing them with both sales and many inspiring contacts. Their hearts are full of joy in the message and in the privilege that is theirs in being workers together with Christ. How long have YOU been an Adventist? What are YOU doing to show your appreciation?



SIGNS SALES GROUP

During December a group of Cape Town members sold 1,000 copies of the Christmas issue of the *Signs* during one morning and evening. The group who went out in the morning is pictured above. The profits from the project are being used to send the *Signs* throughout 1969 to every City Councillor.

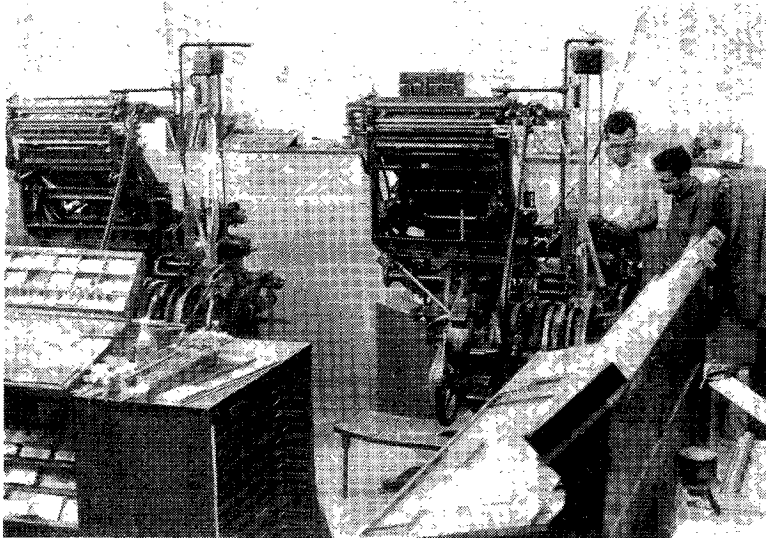
SPEAKING OF CITY COUNCILLORS!

A dedicated sister in the Johannesburg church—an old-age pensioner—sent us R100 to use for *Signs* distribution. R50 was for back numbers for hospital visitation. The other R50 she asked us to use. We are using it to send the *Signs* to all Johannesburg City Councillors during 1969. What an example of devotion this dear old-age pensioner has set us all. May God give her souls for her sacrifice! Are the Town Councillors of your town getting the *Signs*?

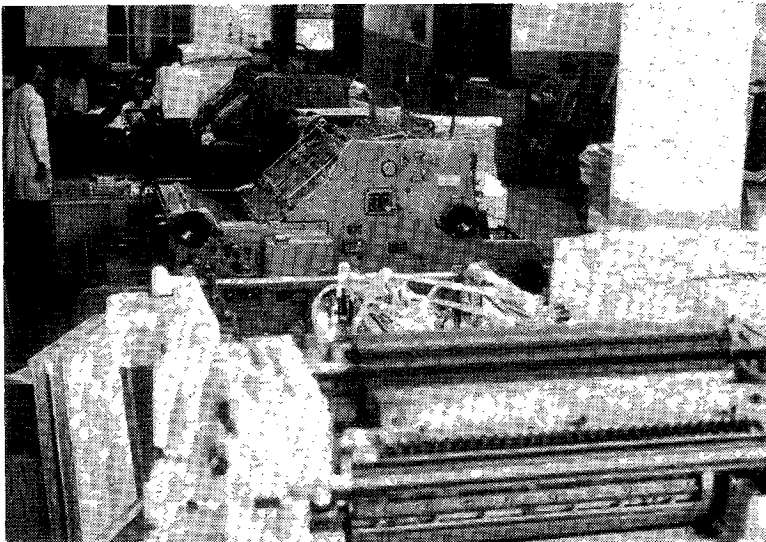
A letter from a City Councillor: "I thank you for your letter of the 23rd inst. (January) and can assure you that the complimentary copy of *Signs of the Times* will be very welcome. We (my wife and I) were in the habit of buying it from a young man who sold it at the door, but since we have moved temporarily this has not been possible. Again thanking you."

A BRIGHT IDEA!

Brother G. F. Visser of Claremont church sends the *Signs* to all the lighthouse keepers around the Cape. He has received heartwarming letters of appreciation from them. Can you think of other isolated people to whom the *Signs* could be sent?



A view of the composing room where the type is set.



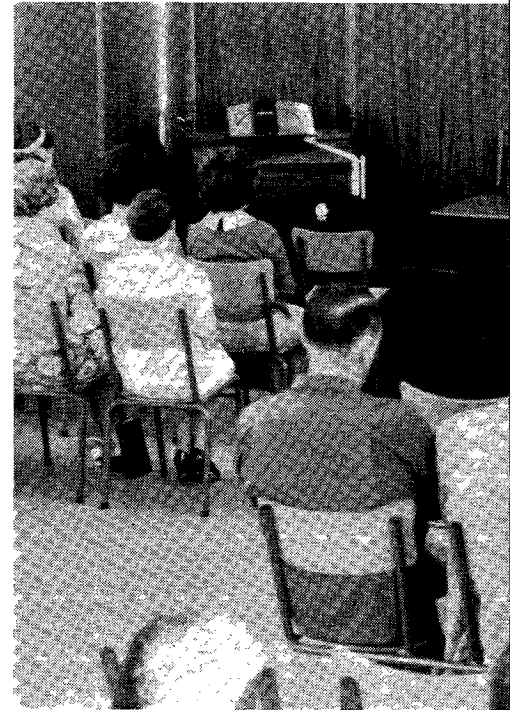
A general view of the press room.



Every line is carefully checked by our dedicated proof-readers who do all they can to make sure the printed message reaches you without mistakes.

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At 7.45 each morning the day We pray for YOU, the men and

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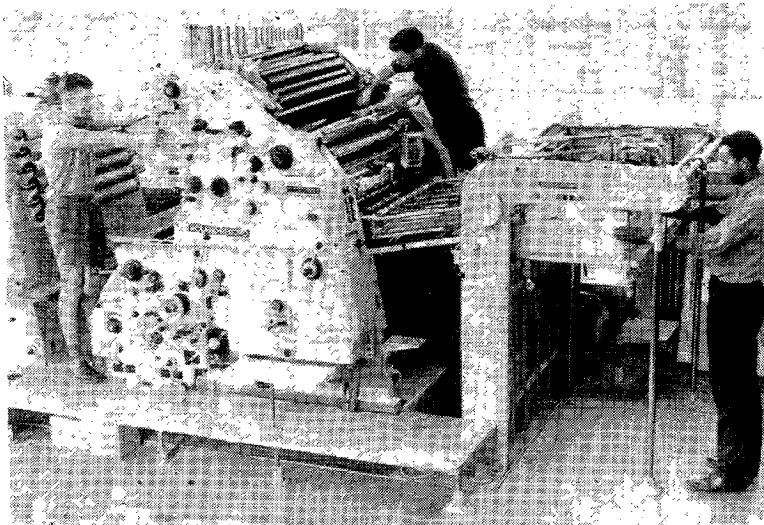
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Magazines included *Signs of the* English and Afrikaans, the *Sabbath Missions Quarterly* in Afrikaans.

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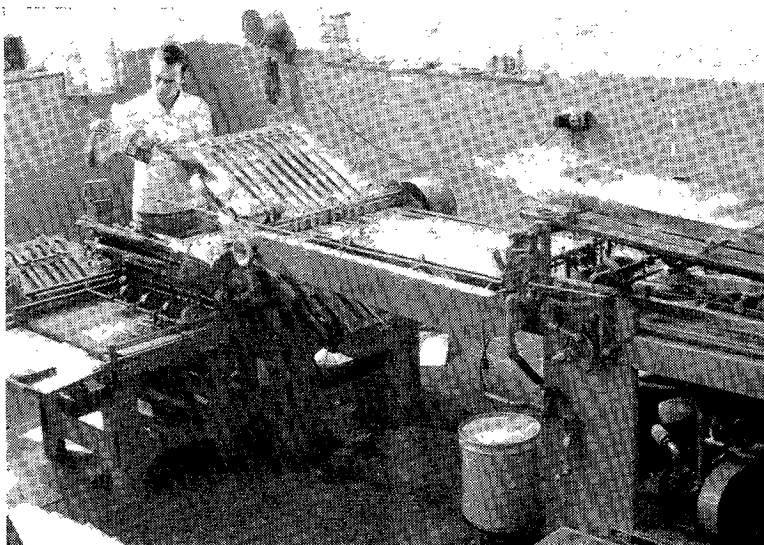
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The two-colour press on which the "Signs" cover, the Ingathering magazine, "The Bible Story," "Bedtime Stories," and other multi-coloured work, are printed.



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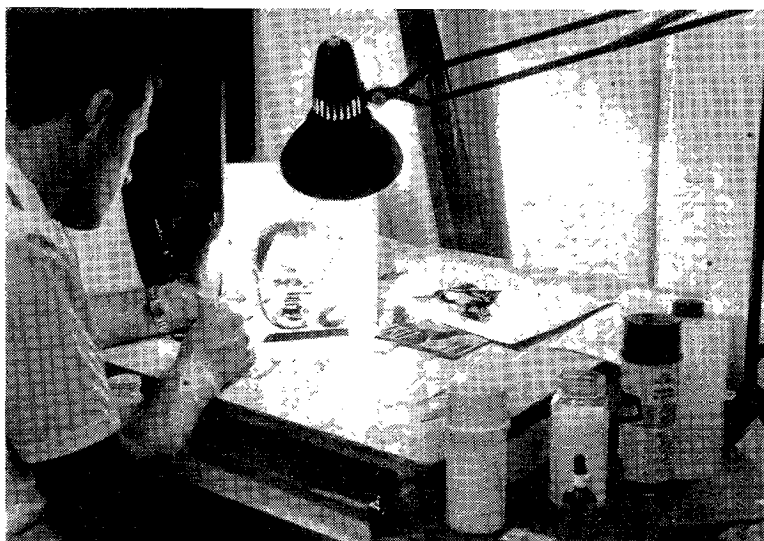
The folding machine which folds the flat press sheets into signatures, preparatory to wire stitching for magazines and quarterlies, or for thread sewing to make books.

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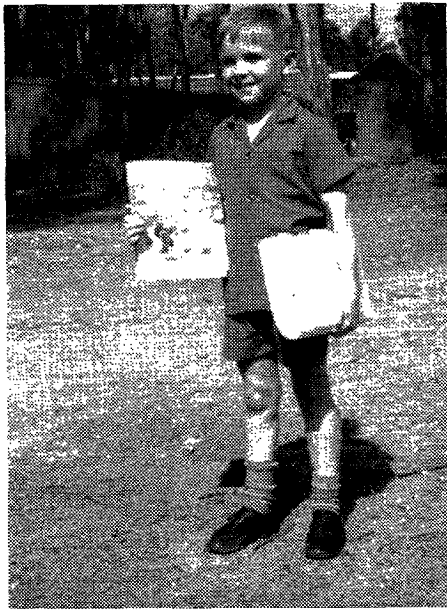
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00 in 22 different languages?

Outlook, Lantern, Think, all in both
Quarterly in nine languages and the

in English, Afrikaans and several



Our staff artist, who illustrates our various magazines.



YOUTHFUL MAGAZINE WORKERS

IN THE CITY of Johannesburg is a magazine sales club known as the Gideon Band. Among its soldiers it numbers some very young stalwarts, such as those portrayed in the accompanying pictures.

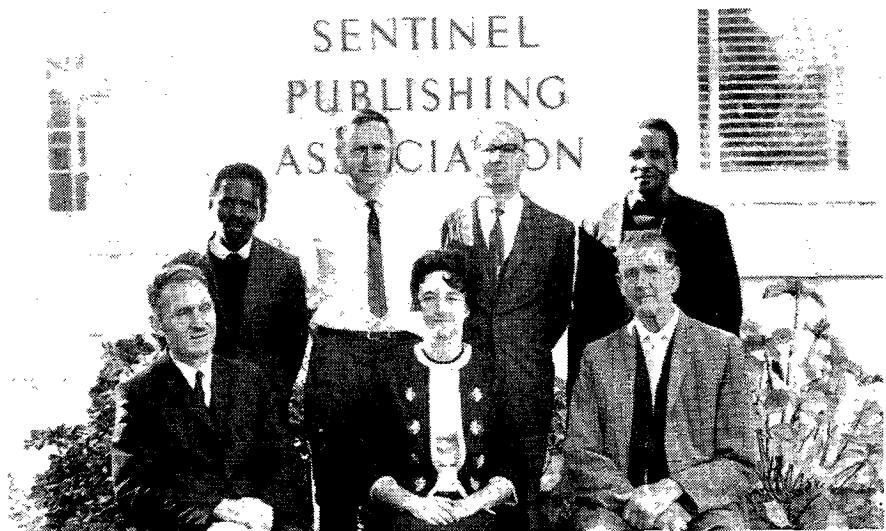
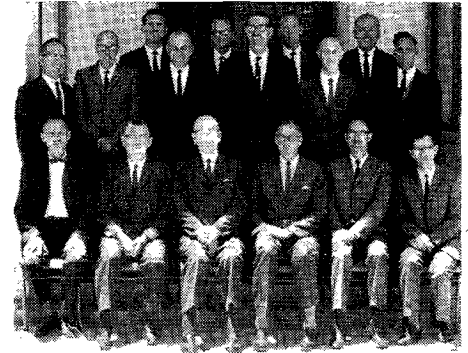
Above is Richard Basch, who sells 200-300 *Signs of the Times* every month. Below are the sons of Pastor H. F. Steenberg, Leon and André, pictured selling the *Signs* to a regular customer in one of the many business offices they visit. In June the Steenbergs are proceeding to Andrews University where Pastor Steenberg will further his ministerial studies. For the trip Leon has purchased a pair of binoculars for R20.00, has put R10.00 towards a camera and R17.00 towards film—all from selling *Signs*!

Anybody who can read these lines can be blessed with success as a magazine worker. Chat to your pastor, or your conference or field departmental leaders. This may be the work the Lord is waiting for you to do!



PUBLISHING LEADERS' COUNCIL

DURING the visit of Pastor D. A. McAdams, publishing leader of the General Conference, a Publishing Leaders' Council and Publishing House Survey were conducted in Cape Town, attended by publishing leaders of the South African and Zambesi Unions. In the accompanying picture the publishing leaders are seen with the *Sentinel's* general manager, production manager and editors at the publishing house.



ALMOST TWO CENTURIES OF SERVICE

The group pictured above have given over 180 years of service to the production of the printed page at the Sentinel Publishing Association. They are, seated, left to right, Pastor P. A. Venter, chief translator and assistant editor, 24 years; Mrs Gladys Leahy, circulation department, 24 years; Mr Henry Saunders, pressroom, 47 years; Standing, left to right, Mr Vizard Yhukutwana, bindery, 24 years; Mr Noel Neumann, bindery foreman, 22 years; Mr William Neumann, costing accountant, 23 years; Mr Samuel Ntunzi, composing room, 24 years.

"FAVOURITE SURVEY"

AS ONE of its features, the *Signs of the Times* is conducting a survey to discover the favourite Bible texts, chapters and characters, of the public. We are herewith inviting all readers of the *OUTLOOK* to participate in this survey. We would like to know what YOUR "favourites" are. Send them to: "Favourite" Survey, *Signs of the Times*, Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth, Cape Town. You may send in your name or leave it out, whichever you prefer. The results will be tabulated and published in a future issue of *Signs of the Times*.

MY FAVOURITES

My Favourite Bible Text is

My Favourite Bible Chapter is

My Favourite Book in the Bible is

My Favourite Bible Story is

My Favourite Old Testament Character is

My Favourite New Testament Character is

(Apart from Christ, who is everybody's favourite)

My Favourite Hymn is

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ADDRESS.....

"YE ARE MY WITNESSES"

by R. H. HENNING, *President,*
Tanzania General Field

THE TERRITORY of the Tanzania General Field is vast, stretching from the Indian Ocean in the east to Lake Tanganyika in the west. Its greatest challenge is that it is a real mission territory, encompassing about two-thirds of Tanzania, with about 60 per cent of the population. Here you will find young, growing churches. Our workers live far from one another, and most of them have charge of a district. To meet together and exchange ideas has been the desire of these workers for a long time. The needs of this large field have not made this possible before, but with funds from a recent donation all the ministerial workers of the Tanzania General Field met together for the first time, at the newly established headquarters at Morogoro. Some workers had to travel 700 miles.

At the opening meeting the president of the field stressed the high calling of the ministry. Under the motto "Ye Are My Witnesses" we united in prayer and study, and laid aggressive plans for the finishing of our great task. Pastor J. R. Spangler from the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, and our Trans-Africa Division Ministerial Association secretary, Pastor A. E. Cook, gave very valuable instruction.

The Sabbath was the climax of the meeting. We were happy to welcome Pastors L. C. Robinson, E. G. Olsen, S. D. Otieno and T. R. Lisso from the Tanzania Union. Brethren John Moses and C. L. Smith were ordained to the gospel ministry.

The workers left with new ideas and determination for a more efficient service. We look forward to seeing greater things happening in the Tanzania General Field.

During the overseas furlough of the editor of the OUTLOOK, Miss M. B. Dawkins (June-August), Pastor G. E. Garne of the Sentinel is serving as acting editor. Please send all material directly to Sentinel Publishing Association, Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth, Cape Town.

MORE NEWS FROM SOLUSI

by RUTH GORLE

1969 ENROLMENT

Solusi has a total enrolment of 450 students for the 1969 school year. Two hundred and thirty-two pupils are registered in the primary school, 177 in the secondary department and 41 in the college division. We are particularly thankful to see that applications for admission to the college division are increasing and that students are now beginning to pay their own way through school either by canvassing or with private funds.

This year's students in the college come from 11 different African countries, from Uganda in the north to the Republic of South Africa. Over 20 different languages are spoken by these students.

1969 GRADUATION

Thirteen students graduated from Solusi College at the end of the 1969 summer school programme. Seven Rhodesians graduated from the two-year ministerial course. Six students graduated with a B.A. degree in religion. Of these six, three came from Tanzania, one from Kenya and two from Malawi. All of these graduates have been taken into denominational service within their home unions.

SOLUSI UP-GRADED

The General Conference Department of Education has up-graded Solusi. The new college programs in

education and commerce, together with theology are recognized. The Bachelor's degree in Bible and education now have General Conference recognition. Our warm congratulations to Solusi on this memorable academic achievement!

WELCOME, ALUMNI!

The Solusi Alumni Association was born at about 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, 1969, at a meeting convened by the principal, Dr Daniel Walther, in the dining-hall. The thirty persons present included graduates, visitors, and staff members. All felt that this was an auspicious occasion for the inauguration of an association which would bind together the Solusi family. Like most good Adventist families, its members are scattered far and wide in God's service.

The following officers were elected and charged with the important task of drafting a constitution for the new association and laying plans for its rapid growth and expansion:

President: J. M. Nxumalo
Secretary: S. L. Masuku
Member at large: Z. E. Muswibe
Adviser: Miss L. Haskin

The picture below was taken at the inaugural meeting of the association.

To any readers who can claim kin with the Solusi family as former students, or as ex-staff members of the college, we say "Welcome, Alumni!"



Music — God's Gift, Part 3

THE PLACE OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP

by WILHELMINA
DUNBAR,
L.R.S.M., L.T.C.L.,
Helderberg
College



THE PLACE of music in worship is a question of direct concern to each of us. Is music merely a time-filler, something to drown the conversation while the congregation assembles, or is it a part of worship itself? To some people, music conveys even more of a religious meaning than the spoken word. We would not think of entering a service during prayer, because we consider it a part of worship, but we have no hesitancy about entering during the singing of hymns.

When music is considered merely an adjunct to embellish the service rather than an integral part of the service, the result is a lack of unity and coherence in worship. When the music is chosen with no reference to the main theme of worship, it is a sure indication that music is merely subsidiary and not a component part.

How Shall We Choose?

How shall we know the proper kind of religious music to use for various occasions? What are the criteria by which we may judge? This question was once discussed by two evangelists. The one claimed that only the latest type of gospel song would keep the interest of the audience. He felt there was no other way in which to get the people into the right spirit. The other pointed out that millions of martyrs went to their death long before the day of the gospel song, inspired to the utmost devotion under an entirely different type of music.

So in a congregation of any size, there is bound to be wide differences in musical taste and appreciation. The sensibilities of the musically educated may be deeply pained by the cheap and trivial in religious music. Likewise the musically unintelligent may be uninterested and even bored by highly intellectual music. To them it does not convey any meaning because they may not know what to listen for. I have been quite amazed to note how a person's taste in music may change over the course of a number of years through education in music. It is my conviction that, as a people, our musical taste will grow as we subject ourselves to that which is good in music.

There is truth in music as in art, and we should constantly seek to advance in the direction of that which we hope to enjoy in the future life. Sometimes, however, we hear our hymns sung or played in such exaggerated rhythm that we find it difficult to keep our feet from moving.

The history of our world opened with an oratorio when at creation the morning stars sang together. It will close with the song of the redeemed on the sea of glass, and it certainly will not be in waltz or swing rhythm. I am truly concerned whenever I hear any of our people humming or singing some of the latest pop tunes. It seems hard to believe that they are preparing to sing the song of Moses and the Lamb a short time hence.

John the revelator, inspired in vision by the heavenly music, describes

the perfect harmony of that grand chorus as "the voice of many waters." "And I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps, and they sang, as it were, a new song before the throne . . . and no man could learn that song but . . . [they] which were redeemed." Rev. 14:2, 3.

We could have no greater honour than to have a part in that most exalted and sublime music festival. Let us prepare now to learn the harmonies of heaven.

TREASURED THEMES . . .

From Familiar Hymns
by H. M. Tippett

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"—*Songs of Praise*, No. 42

"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12.

Roy L. Smith in his *New Light From Old Lamps* says, "Sin is not a question of breaking God's law; it is a question of breaking God's heart." God's law is identified with His love. When we wilfully disobey the moral law we outrage the love that sent Christ into the world as the Saviour of men. The truly obedient heart does not do God's will out of a grudging compulsion, but because it cherishes the communion with Christ that obedience ever enjoys.

But obedience is not always a matter of following a simple course, because there are some choices that lie in that twilight zone in which the differences between right and wrong are not fully clear. The cynical Pharisees were continually confronting Jesus with questions of this nature. Even the disciples were sometimes confused in matters of moral responsibility.

"Who did sin," they asked concerning the man born blind, "this man, or his parents?" The Master showed them that the poor man's affliction was the result of no one's sin, but was a consequence of the curse Satan's rebellion had brought upon the world. Furthermore, the blind man's tragedy was a wonderful opportunity to show how God's love operates in behalf of all in distress, for he who had never seen before, was now made to see.

The Saviour stands just as ready today to give sight to those who are spiritually blind. In those areas of confusion between what is right and what is wrong, He counsels us to "anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." Rev. 3:18. It is only the essentially disobedient heart that seeks an excuse to walk in darkness. The right course to pursue in every question involving moral procedure is clear to all who "walk in the light as he is in the light." 1 John 1:7.

NEWS and NOTICES

A VETERAN FINISHES HIS COURSE

MPOFU.—Peter Fayi, was born in 1866 and died at his home near Lupani, Rhodesia, on March 24, 1969, at the advanced age of 103 years. He commenced work at Solusi College in 1899 where he worked for 36 years as a teacher and evangelist. In company with the late W. H. Anderson he helped to open the work in Bulawayo, many parts of Matabeleland, and Zambia. He was laid to rest in the Solusi College cemetery by Pastor F. G. Thomas, assisted by Pastors Z. J. Ncube and J. J. Blanco. At the burial, in the picture below, are left to right, Pastor J. J. Blanco, head of the Theological Department, Solusi College, Mr J. S. Tshuma, College preceptor, Pastor F. G. Thomas, Zambesi Union president, and Mrs R. V. Gorle, Solusi College librarian.

Left to mourn are his wife, whom he married in 1903, 8 children, 29 grandchildren, and 34 great-grandchildren. With his passing one of the last links with the pioneer days of Solusi has been broken. We rejoice in the certain hope of the resurrection of the saints among whom this aged patriarch will have an honoured place.

—F. G. Thomas



A TRIBUTE

FEW HAVE a better claim to the blessed rest spoken of in Revelation 14:13, than Peter Fayi Mpofo, who was tenderly committed to the kindly Solusi earth on Wednesday, March 26, 1969, for he had lived and toiled for 103 years before entering that rest.

When the Advent message came to Matabeleland Pastor Mpofo embraced it, and in 1899 he came to Solusi as a worker. Here he remained until 1935, making a contribution and setting a mark on the community that cause many to remember him vividly after thirty-four years' absence.

On retirement he settled at Lupani, still serving his Master in his daily living. On Monday, March 24, he went out to gather a little firewood. Returning, he built up the fire and sat enjoying its warmth. Presently he fell asleep where he sat. That sleep will be broken by the voice of his Saviour, calling him to awake to eternal youth and "the higher joy of wider service" in a more spacious sphere.

One more of God's soldiers has joined those who sleep in quiet security in the Solusi cemetery. One more angel has marked the spot and will be present when the golden morning breaks, to fly upward with his charge to "meet the Lord in the air." May the morning break soon.

—Ruth V. Gorle

STOP PRESS

It is with deep sorrow that we learn, while going to press, of the death of Kevin Ashton, 15-year-old son of Brother and Sister Ashton of Heri Hospital, Tanzania, in a drowning accident. Further details will appear in our next issue. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the bereaved parents.

G.E.G.

OBITUARIES

MALLOCH.—John McVicar, fell asleep in Jesus on April 10, 1969, in his seventy-sixth year.

Born in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, he left there to go to Rhodesia as a married man. The family settled in Umtali and there learned and accepted the message under the ministry of Pastor A. N. Ingie. In 1933 they moved to Fort Victoria where our brother endeared himself to the people of all races in the town and district.

He was a "prince in Israel," a faithful witness, and a noble servant of his Master.

He leaves his dear wife, a son and two daughters with their families, and many friends, who will miss his cheerful helpfulness. We look forward to a glad reunion when Jesus comes.

—J. B. Cooks

RAWSON.—Noel Arthur Foster, son of Dennis and Rosemary of Salisbury, was the desire of his parents' hearts, but he was given to them for only a few months.

The Lord let him fall asleep so that he can be secure from all the pain and sorrow of this life and be with his parents in the better land.

We laid his little body to rest on March 31, 1969, under the green grass of Warren Hills. The little flower faded but it will grow again and be more beautiful than ever when Jesus comes.

—J. B. Cooks



LIBRARY BOOKS NEEDED:

EMMANUEL MISSION, Lesotho, urgently needs library books, used or new, particularly those of the Spirit of prophecy. These may be forwarded to the principal of Emmanuel Mission, Private Bag X018, Ficksburg, O.F.S. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

OUTLOOK

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SUNSET CALENDAR

JULY 1969

	4	11	18	25
Cape Town	5.48	5.52	5.56	6.01
Johannesburg	5.29	5.31	5.35	5.39
East London	5.13	5.16	5.21	5.25
Port Elizabeth	5.20	5.24	5.28	5.33
Bloemfontein	5.30	5.32	5.36	5.40
P'maritzburg	5.10	5.13	5.17	5.21
Durban	5.08	5.11	5.15	5.19
Windhoek	6.18	6.20	6.24	6.26
Bulawayo	5.38	5.40	5.43	5.45
Salisbury	5.31	5.33	5.36	5.38
Gwelo	5.32	5.34	5.37	5.39
Lusaka	5.42	5.44	5.46	5.48
Blantyre	5.20	5.22	5.25	5.27
Lubumbashi	5.59	6.01	6.03	6.04
Nairobi	6.39	6.40	6.41	6.42
Mombasa	6.22	6.23	6.25	6.24
Kisumu	6.49	6.50	6.52	6.51
Kampala	6.57	6.59	7.01	7.00
Dar-es-Salaam	6.19	6.20	6.22	6.23
Tabora	6.48	6.50	6.52	6.51

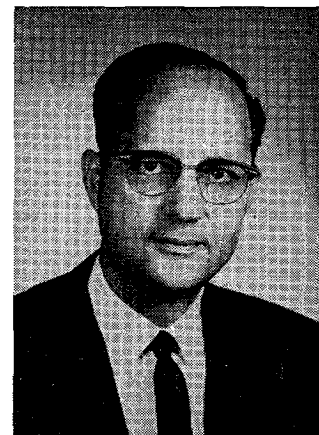
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Cape Town	6.06	6.11	6.16	6.21	6.25
Johannesburg	5.42	5.45	5.48	5.51	5.54
East London	5.30	5.34	5.39	5.44	5.48
Port Elizabeth	5.38	5.43	5.48	5.53	5.57
Bloemfontein	5.44	5.47	5.51	5.55	5.58
P'maritzburg	5.25	5.29	5.33	5.37	5.40
Durban	5.23	5.27	5.31	5.35	5.38
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Why Must We Wait?

by MERLE L. MILLS,

President, Trans-Africa Division



"IF THERE is a God why does He permit my wife to suffer?" This question was asked of me by an embittered man whose wife lay dying of a dread disease. She was a member of the church, he, an unbeliever. I had made a pastoral call and had just come from the sickroom where this good sister had been anointed. It was evident that, unless the Lord intervened, her days were numbered. We importuned the Lord to heal her that she might again be restored to her home, to her five-year-old daughter and to her unbelieving husband. But our prayer for divine intervention contained the thought, "Not our will but Thine be done."

As I left the room and went outside, the husband followed me. Then it was he asked the question, "If there is a God, why does He permit my wife to suffer?" As he observed her great pain and saw her life gradually ebbing away, a rebellious spirit welled up within him. He had become cynical and resentful for he knew that, unless there was a miraculous intervention, death was inevitable. Apparently, it was not the plan of providence that the life of this dear one should be spared, for within a matter of weeks she was released from her suffering and laid to rest.

Why was this mother, who was so urgently needed in the home, not permitted to live? If there was a God of love and power, how could He turn a deaf ear to the despairing plea of this distraught husband? We cannot answer this question, for God does not reveal the pattern of the fabric which man must weave on the loom of life. That such a pattern of beauty, symmetry and design exists for every life, there can be no doubt. But just as the final threads deftly woven by the artisan are required to reveal the exquisite design of the pattern, so it is in everyday life. For this reason, we have been admonished, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: Wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalms 27:14.

Waiting upon the Lord requires faith and patience which are the hallmarks of a Christian character. These virtues are not bestowed at birth but are acquired through one's encounter with Christ. They are developed by the disciplines of life. The husband of the dying wife had no faith because he lacked a personal experience with Christ. Consequently, he had no anchor to which he could secure his faith as the billowy waves of doubt lashed his soul. He yielded to the natural inclination of the carnal heart, questioning the existence and love of God.

Life at best has its share of vicissitudes, sorrows and tragedies. Calamitous circumstances lurk in the shadows ready to encompass us. Shattered dreams, bitter disappointments and unspeakable sorrows often strike without warning, bringing a dramatic change in one's life. But the humble, trusting soul does not yield to doubt or fear for he knows from experience that there is One who cares and understands.

God's plans know no haste nor delay. He may have us wait at times to reveal His will, but in His love and planning He is more gracious and provident than we ever anticipate. Then let us not become impatient, impulsive or resentful because of delays, allowing cynicism to control our lives.

Despite the tragedy and trauma, the discordant and distressing events that are certain to befall us, we must believe that there is One who loves and cares for us. God does not always choose to lead His children by smooth paths and calm waters. But, "He suffers no affliction to come upon His children, but such as is essential for their present and eternal good."—**The Acts of the Apostles**, page 522.

So it was in the case of our unbelieving friend. The death of his wife helped him to see life from a different perspective. He was made to realize his helplessness without the saving power and grace of Christ. His empty home and his aching heart made him

realize how empty life was without God. During the intervening months he yielded his heart to God. He took Bible studies and it was my happy privilege to lead him into the waters of baptism and admit him into the church. Could it be that this was the only way God could reach this man's heart and save his soul?

Waiting upon the Lord is one of the most difficult lessons for us to learn. We can learn this lesson only as we submit our will to the will of Christ and develop a faith that will not waver or fail in a moment of tragedy and trial. This calls for a linear development—a process consisting of faith and works. This experience is beautifully described by the servant of the Lord as follows: "Consecrate yourself to God in the morning. Make this your very first work. Let your prayer be, 'Take me, O Lord, as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me and let all my work be wrought in Thee.' This is a daily matter. Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day. Surrender all your plans to Him to be carried out or given up as His providence shall indicate. Thus, day by day you may be giving your life into the hands of God, and thus your life will be moulded more and more after the life of Christ."

Friend of mine, how do you relate yourself to the unexpected changes, sorrows and calamities of life? Do you become fretful and rebellious, or do you place your hand in God's hand and follow implicitly where He leads, knowing that He leads you in no other way than you would choose to be led could you discern the end from the beginning?