

Southwestern Union Record

Official Organ of the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

VOLUME XXVI

KEENE, TEXAS, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1927

NO 7

S. W. UNION CONFERENCE

518-19 Terminal Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Okla.

President—Elder M. B. Van Kirk
Sec'y-Treas. and Auditor—C. E. Smith

UNION NEWS NOTES

Elder Eichman is still in Arkansas visiting some of the churches assisting the home missionary secretary there. We are expecting him to return to the office about the middle of the week.

Elder M. B. Van Kirk stopped off at Perry, Oklahoma, Sabbath, February 5, on his return from a trip to Phoenix where he attended a meeting of the Spanish-American Training School board and spent the Sabbath with the Perry church. He reports a good congregation Sabbath morning and an interesting time.

Monday morning Elder A. F. Harrison and Brother Hooper opened an institute for colporteurs for Oklahoma. Elder Van Kirk was present and gave the opening Bible study to a reasonably good-sized company of colporteurs. We believe that the colporteur work in Oklahoma will continue to grow this year until it will be as large as ever.

The next three weeks are to be devoted to the relief campaign for the raising of debts on our institutions. We trust each person in the union conference will recognize his responsibility and do his part. If we could raise two dollars for each member in the union conference it would bring to us from the General Conference \$6,000 00 besides, from a special fund which they have prepared to use along these lines. It would relieve us entirely of all our school debt.

RELIEF CAMPAIGN

Before this paper reaches our readers the Relief Campaign program will probably have been given in all of our churches. This is an annual campaign toward raising more money than we are raising from other sources to free our educational institutions from debt.

As you all know our institution got behind by the failure of people to pay

their obligations to the school. Had all the bills which have been incurred by our people for the education of their students been paid our school would not have been in debt to any amount. As it is we had to take over the debt some years ago which amounted to about \$25,000.00. We paid something like about eight or nine thousand of this within the last three years. We are anxious to pay more this year.

The General Conference is planning to encourage all institutions to free themselves from debt. In the month of February we are instituting a campaign throughout the entire field asking our people to give at least \$2.00 per member, or pledge at least two dollars per member to be paid before the thirtieth of June; or to take at least one Christ's Object Lessons and sell it and turn the proceeds in. We are asking every worker to take twice as much, \$4.00 in cash or two books to be sold.

If every member in the union conference, which comprises about 6,000 members, could furnish two dollars, or if there could be sufficient money given by those who have more money so that there would be an average of \$2.00 for every member it would bring to us twelve thousand dollars. Then the General Conference from a fund which it has set aside would give to us another six thousand which would make eighteen thousand, and this would entirely wipe out our debt and give us a little something to help on the ordinary running of the school. We may never have an opportunity like this again.

Dear brethren, won't you as church elders, won't you as brethren throughout the field lift as you never have before. Let us do all that we can possibly do. I believe God will be with us in this and it would help us very much. Then our efforts could be devoted to something else besides raising debt.

Praying God to bless you all in your efforts, I am Your co-worker,

M. B. VAN KIRK.

OUR DENOMINATIONAL NAME

Some opponents of Seventh-day Adventists have a great deal to say against our denominational name, claiming that it is unbiblical and that the name "Church of God," is the only Biblical one for believers, the use of any other name branding those bearing it as a part of Babylon.

A few facts from the Bible will help us to weigh these claims and ascertain if they are really true. Our word "church" is translated from the Greek word ekklesia—a calling out—so the church is literally composed of called out ones. This is really a descriptive title and was applied in New Testament times to the believers in Jesus who were called out of Jewish and heathen associations. They are called "brethren" "saints" "elect" and "church of God." The term brethren is used over one hundred times, saints sixty times, elect twelve times, church of God twelve times, church of Christ once and church of the Firstborn once. It is evident then that the contention for the name "Church of God" as the only Biblical name for believers is not based on fact for brethren and saints are terms used more frequently and the elect is used just as often.

Acts 11: 26 tells us of a name given to the disciples by God. He called them Christians. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance defines the verb Chrematizo from which "were called" is translated as follows.—"To utter an oracle, i.e., divinely intimate, to bear as a title, be called, be admonished (warned) of God." This verb is used nine times in the New Testament and in every case it indicates God as the speaker. Please consult the following references Matt. 2: 12, 22; Heb. 11: 7; Acts 10: 22; Heb. 8: 5; where this word is translated warned of God and admonished. In all the other places where this verb occurs it is God who called the disciples Christians in Antioch.

We claim that God—given name Christians because we accept of Christ as our only Saviour and we are Seventh-day Adventist Christians be-

cause the name Seventh-day Adventist tells in the briefest possible manner the distinguishing characteristics of our message to the world.—The Sabbath truth and the Advent proclamation.

God has honored the faith of these who carry this name by giving the "message" victory even in the darkest corners of the earth and today thousands of believers brought out of Roman superstition and heathen darkness praise God in hundreds of languages and dialects for the light of "Present Truth."

Contrast the attainments of Seventh-day Adventists under the blessing of God with what has been accomplished by the so-called "Church of God" which boasts of its Biblical name and denounces the Spirit of Prophecy in our midst. While they number only a few thousands almost all being in the United States, our work is known and honored the world around. God said through a prophet of old, "Them that honor me I will honor," and if success attending a movement is any evidence of His honor then truly the name Seventh-day Adventist has been honored by God in all the earth. As a people we have our faults and have made plenty of mistakes but taking the name Seventh-day Adventist is not one of them.

Let us not be deceived by any specious presentation of half truths about Biblical and unbiblical names but let us follow the leadership recognized by God and walk in his opening providence. GEO. M. BROWN.

JANUARY COLPORTEURS' REPORT

Here we come with another report for the month of January of the new year. I am glad that we did so well. We came within three dollars of what we did in January of 1926 in orders. Well that is not so bad with our pre-

sent force of workers.

We are now in the midst of our Oklahoma institute and I wish to say that we have a fine class of workers, twenty in all, eighteen men and two sisters. I tell you it is a fine sight to see so many that are planning to enter the work. You will hear from them again soon. I am sure they will want to set their goal in hours of work for the year.

Our next institute will begin at Little Rock, Arkansas, February 18. I am expecting a nice class of workers at that place. I feel sure that the work will go forward in good shape this year in spite of the low price of cotton. God knows no failure in His work; then why should we fear to go right into the book work with all our heart and soul. Surely we are not afraid to trust Him when He has promised to pay us just what is right. Come on brethren and sisters and help us out. We need your help.

A. F. HARRISON.

FACING A CRISIS

The Sunday law issue before Congress is again revived. Another hearing was held Monday, February 7, and a hearing is scheduled for each week before the Congressional Committee till a Sunday bill is reported out, or till Congress adjourns. Likewise nearly every state legislature has a Sunday bill pending at present. Never before have the Sunday law forces been so active and so determined. From present appearances it looks as if we were going to have a steady campaign and a constant agitation over this issue to the end of time.

In view of what we are facing, our churches ought to give the Religious Liberty Department their hearty support on Religious Liberty day, Sabbath, March 5. Our church elders and pastors should not fail to carry out the Religious Liberty day program and

should urge all to give a liberal contribution on that day. No Adventist can afford to be without the *Liberty* magazine in these stirring times. Remember March 5, for we are counting on you.
C. S. LONGACRE.

KEENE NEWS NOTES

Mrs. W. A. McCutchen returned to her home in Dalworth Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meier returned Friday night from their trip to the Rio Grande valley country.

Mr. Pat Nichols has rented and moved to the old T. W. Brown home northwest of Keene.

Elder Benton spent the Sabbath with his family in Keene. He spoke to the students at vespers Friday evening and to the church at the Sabbath morning service.

Mrs. P. L. Thompson underwent a heavy operation at the Baylor Hospital, in Dallas, last Friday. She is reported to be doing as well as could be expected. Her many friends in Keene and throughout this field will pray for her sure and speedy recovery.

Mr. Glenn Luther and family have been visiting C. W. Dortch and family over Sabbath and Sunday. They are on furlough from China and expect to return to Shanghai next month where Brother Luther will be treasurer of the new Sanitarium soon to be opened there by our people.

Word has been received here of the death of Elder J. J. Graf at the home of his youngest son, Carl, near Arlington, Texas. Brother Graf was ordained to the gospel ministry many years ago, and has been a faithful worker until advancing years compelled him to retire. The funeral is to be held this afternoon from his late home.

Keene has been especially favor during the past week. Saturday night Doctor Dutton, of the University of Okla-

**REPORT FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE BOOK WORK
JANUARY 1927.**

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Ords	Value	Helps	Bibles	Mags.	Totals	Bib. D.	Mags. D.	Bks. D.	Val.
S. Texas	7	558	372	1878.00	170.00	62.00	.....	2110.00	14.90	.....	105	675.80
Okla	6	206	143	795.10	20.00	9.75	31.50	856.85	6.50	6.75	57	304.00
N. Tex.	4	175	90	619.15	4.75	.....	.....	623.90	.....	.....	74	386.00
Texico	4	229	106	459.75	52.15	22.50	.....	534.40	5.50	.....	18	97.4
Ark.	2	109	62	335.50	41.00	14.50	.....	392.00	.....	.....	6	25.25
Total	23	1277	779	4087.50	287.90	109.75	31.50	4517.15	26.90	6.75	260	1488.15

homa, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Cleburne, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture in the college chapel. On Sunday night the Vernon Ensemble gave a splendid musical recital which was greatly appreciated by a large audience.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

1215 Marshall St.
Little Rock, Ark.
President—R. P. Montgomery
Sec'y-Treas.—L. J. Black
Arkansas Tract Society:
Sec'y-Treas.—L. J. Black

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY MARCH 5

Programs will be sent out to the churches and companies for Religious Liberty Day. Surely we should spend the hours on that day considering the principles of liberty.

Advocates for Sunday legislation are still very active. We must do all we can to defeat Sunday laws and enlighten the people.

Let all take up a good offering on that day and send to the conference treasurer. This offering is used to send the *Liberty* Magazine to legislators, judges, school men, and others. We should continue to do this good work.

Do not forget March 5.

R. P. MONTGOMERY.

TWO MINUTE TALKS ON TITHING — No. 5

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Mal. 3:8.

Isn't it strange that we should rob God in view of all He has done for us? Just think of the many temporal blessings we enjoy every day of our lives. Think of His goodness and mercy. Think of the wonderful plan of redemption. Yet the Lord says we have robbed Him. In what way? In tithes and offerings.

Let us not do it any more, brethren. Let us resolve in our hearts not to rob God of a cent of the tithe this year 1927. Let us also be faithful in making offerings to His cause.

If every Seventh-day Adventist in Arkansas will pay a faithful tithe I am sure there will be a large increase in tithe this year over last year.

Remember there will be no robbers in heaven. They will be outside the

gates of the New Jerusalem. The Lord will deliver us though I am sure if our hearts are right toward Him.

If we love the Lord we will not rob Him.

R. P. MONTGOMERY.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

2900 Live Oak Street
Dallas, Texas
President—Elder Roy L. Benton
Sec'y-Treas.—C. G. Ortner
North Tex. Book and Bible House
Sec'y-Treas.—C. G. Ortner

NORTH TEXAS NEWS NOTES

Elder Spies spent Wednesday at the office attending the conference committee meeting.

A report comes from Lufkin that the cottage meetings being held by Elder Wolfe are well attended.

The Book and Bible House is well prepared to fill orders for relief books. Get your order in early.

Elder Yates stopped at the office in order to attend the committee meeting as well as look after his office work, on his way to Denison where he expects to hold an effort soon.

Brother Norman returned to the office from Brownwood where he started Brethren Cranfill, Tucker and W. T. Harrison out in the colporteur work.

Elder Benton visited at Lufkin over the week end where he planned in regard to the future of the work in that promising place, with Elder Wolfe.

The attendance at the Dallas church Sunday night meetings is on the increase. The auditorium being well filled the past two Sunday nights.

Nearly all the current numbers of the *Present Truth* are carried in stock at the office for the convenience of our churches and isolated members. The price is eighty-five cents per hundred, and \$7.50 per thousand.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Alexander spent most of the week with some of Mr. Alexander's people near Greenville, Texas. This change of environment was greatly appreciated by the Alexanders.

The tithe receipts for January exceed slightly \$4,000.00, which is more than was received during the same month of 1926. This is a good start for 1927. Let us encourage each other to be faithful in this sacred duty to God.

Our Book and Bible House net sales for 1925 were \$10,352.48, while for 1926

they were \$15,911.15. Will you help us to show an increase for 1927 over 1926? You can do this by selling our small books and periodicals, such as the *Watchman Magazine*, *Life and Health*, and the color edition of the *Signs of the Times*.

Be ready for the Sabbath school Investment Fund day. It is coming soon. Definite announcements will be made next week. If you are not already acquainted with this plan, you will be interested to read about it in the RECORD next week.

Our isolated believers have taken the lead in the Institutional Relief work so far, since quite a few orders have been received from all parts of the conference. Let the churches, also, get under this burden of reducing our indebtedness on our institutions.

Brother Ruf visited with our believers at Jefferson this past week. We feel that Brother Ruf's visit was appreciated, since the Jefferson church is a very live place because of the many young people who have gathered there to receive a Christian training.

Don't forget the Interested List. We have a long list of new names and are now waiting for you to send us the price of the subscription of the *Present Truth* for one year, that we may order this paper sent to these people. We are much encouraged over the interest that has been manifested and want you to help us spread the gospel to those who know it not. This is a good way to do it.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER NEWS

We have received very encouraging reports from the Missionary Volunteer societies at Waco, Fort Worth and Wichita Falls. We want to hear from every one. Do not fail to report.

We have tried to compile a complete up-to-date list of all of our young people in North Texas. We have about four hundred young people in our conference between the ages of six and twenty-four.

From time to time, you will find under the above heading, some interesting news items about our missionary volunteers in North Texas. I hope all of our young people will read these items and also furnish us with some news from your church or band.

The Dalworth church is making plans to organize their young people into a Missionary Volunteer Society.

Mrs. Howell Brooke has been chosen leader. We shall expect to hear good reports from the young people of this church in the future.

Thus far we have had encouraging reports from the societies concerning the Standard of Attainment classes and the literature bands. We hope that this new plan will be a blessing to our young people.

A number are taking advantage of the missionary volunteer library at the conference office. Ten cents is all it takes to bring a book to your home to keep three weeks. We invite you to take advantage of this. Why not read some of the old reading course books and secure a certificate?

From the last missionary report sent in by the Fort Worth society, we concluded that they must have a live wire secretary. In asking Miss Vivian Beach how she gets members to report, she tells us by effective speeches and hard work. Let us have more of these effective speech-making secretaries.

Mrs. Gladys Roberts, the missionary volunteer leader of the Wichita Falls society in 1926, in her last letter to the office, tells us that the young people of the Wichita society are deeply interested in missionary work. We are glad to hear that, and I am sure that our young people in that church will greatly assist Elder Haynes in bringing the message before the people.

The young ladies of the Dallas church have organized themselves into a Missionary Literary Club, that meets every two weeks. The outstanding feature of this club is the wrapping and mailing of one hundred and fifty copies of the *Present Truth* each time. One of the ladies to whom they are sending papers said she had not read them until the third copy came. She and her husband sat down intending to read only the one page and found it so interesting, read all three papers through before stopping.

THE COLORED WORK IN THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

I have found in the North Texas conference a warm welcome among those who do not profess faith in our message, and their doors are open to us. Of those who profess faith in the triumph of the message in this genera-

tion, there seems to be a union, and a spirit of cooperation which makes sure our hope.

I am glad to tell the readers of the *Record*, that advancement has been made in the Negro Department of the North Texas Conference. Our tithe and our offerings show an increase over that of last year. And wherever this is so, spiritual life is also on an increase. Our faithful church leadership, through encouragement is responsible for this. We are anxious for our faithful brethren and sisters to know that we greatly appreciate their noble service.

The treasurers of the churches have been faithful in the care of their books and making their reports to the conference. They have also been faithful in letting me know just how their work has been running financially. Our church at Corsicana now has a nice bank account of home funds. I wish this was so of all our churches. At Mosier Valley things are held together nicely under the leadership of brother Sam Johnson. However, they need in this place a building in which to worship.

At Jefferson, Sister Della Carter is holding the ropes of our work. We must hold a baptismal service at this place soon. I believe also that other additions can be made to this church by running a meeting, which thing I hope to do.

At Waco we have a very loyal people. Under the leadership of Brother C. L. Jones, this church has made a splendid showing over that of the previous year. Their spiritual and financial pulse was beating very low. But our books show that they have come forward and are now trying to do their part in the finishing of the work. The place in which they are worshipping does not represent us nor the message that we have. Waco needs a good strong effort and a new place of worship. I hope that this will be realized by next fall.

Last summer a union evangelistic meeting was held in Dallas by our union evangelist, and a church was organized as a result. You will be glad to know that this church has grown in grace, wisdom, and love, and that some new additions have been made. Along financial lines she has taken the lead of the other churches both in tithe and offerings to missions. It may be, however, that the tithe of the workers makes this possible.

We have in this church the service of Brother A. K. Watkins, who is now doing a good house to house Bible work. There is being manifest in the city an interest in Bible study, and we are looking for others to take their stand for the truth soon.

We have organized in the church a financial band, and one of the ways we have in raising money is through the sale of our small books. One of the new members has taken charge of this and with a few others he goes out on Sunday's. They have been realizing from four to fifteen dollars through these book drives. Older churches, take notice. H. W. MILLER.

Departmental Superintendent.

SISTER SIPE TO VISIT NORTH TEXAS

While at the Bookmans' Convention at Nashville recently, it was the privilege of the North Texas workers who were present to hold a brief council meeting in the rooms of the Circulation Department of the *Watchman Magazine*. Sister Minnie Sipes in charge of the circulation of the *Watchman*, at that time agreed to spend several days in the North Texas Conference and in council we worked out an itinerary for her. She will arrive at Keene, Friday, February 25th, in time to speak at chapel hour in the College then remain over Sabbath in Keene, holding as many meetings as may be thought best.

She will spend Sunday, 27th, with the Fort Worth church; Monday 28th, with the church at Wichita Falls, returning to Dallas Wednesday, March 2nd for a night meeting and will finish up with a night meeting Thursday, 3rd, in Waco.

Sister Sipe is not only a *Watchman* booster but a general missionary arouser, also a salesman trainer and we join her in hoping that she will be able to start several ladies on their way to success in the selling of the *Watchman Magazine*.

I hope all our people at these places will turnout at the meetings for I am sure you will enjoy having done so.

It is to be hoped we can greatly increase the *Watchman* sales in our territory during 1927.

R. L. BENTON

"Has God's Law Been Repealed?" asks many a man today. The forceful presentation of this question in Elder N. P. Neilsen's article will help you to meet those who continually

on "under grace, not under law." Our Book and Bible House will gladly furnish you a supply of the new color Signs, with this and other vivid articles. Ten or more to one less, four cents each.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Box 1977
Oklahoma City, Okla.
President—Elder W. E. Clark
Sec'y-Treas.—Lowell Estes
Oklahoma Book and Bible House:
Sec'y-Treas.—B. E. Bridwell

OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES.

Elder Clark spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Wewoka church.

Brother Gant visited the Binger church school Friday and remained overnight with the church.

We are glad to report that Elder Donald is much improved and is very hopeful of a recovery of health.

Elder Harrison occupied the pulpit at Oklahoma City Sabbath. His discourse led the way for a good institute.

Brother and Mrs. Estes, of Stroud, paid office a visit while in the city on business and visiting Lowell and wife.

Brother Jacob Loewen and wife of McCook made the office a pleasant visit a few days ago.

Elder Willess and wife went to Tulsa last week to counsel with the parium doctors in regard to Sister Willess' health.

Elder Dart was detained in the city on Sabbath to conduct the funeral of Brother McIlvain. Obituary will appear in the next issue.

Elder Minnie Sype, circulating manager of the *Watchman*, is now in the Oklahoma Conference, working among churches in the eastern part.

With the colporteurs' institute on, out-of-town visitors are too numerous to mention by name, but we want to tell you that they are a fine bunch and their visits are appreciated.

The most outstanding feature in accounts from the Oklahoma Conference are the reports being written in the colporteurs' institute. The institute is getting off nicely with an unexpected attendance. Eighteen men and two women are in, with others to follow. Elder Abbott of the Southern Publishing House at Fort Worth is giving valuable assistance in the meetings.

ENID, PERKINS AND POND CREEK

It was my privilege to visit the Enid church school and church during the last few days of January. The school there is full to capacity, three seats having been added to accommodate the last three students who have just joined. In fact, the school room is too crowded to do the best work, but Miss Cornish is overcoming the difficulty well and is conducting a good school. All the students and patrons are well pleased and standing by their school. Several new additions of equipment have been added so that now their school is well past the "C" rating. The church showed their loyal spirit to the church school work last Sabbath when they took up an elementary school offering to the amount of \$40.00 which puts Enid a little over their quota of twenty-five cents per member.

One day was spent out at Pond Creek where Miss Clara Johnson is teaching a home school for Brother W. D. Gurney. This school is also getting along well. Miss Johnson is putting her best into the school and the Lord is blessing her efforts. Brother Gurney is elder of the Enid church and is too far out to send to the church school, but he is setting a laudable example to our isolated parents who have children to educate.

The last two days of the month were spent with Mr. Harry Craig who is teaching a very unique church school at Perkins. Brother Craig has fourteen students, only two of which are girls and these two are in the eighth grade, so next year when about three other boys start he will have fifteen boys and no girls, but let me tell you they are strong-hearted Christian boys and we can expect to see some of these boys carrying the message in some of the hard places of the earth soon, for Brother Craig, by the help and co-operation of the parents is following the plan of God in moulding of the characters of these youths. By the addition of a little more equipment they expect to have "C" rating.

K. L. Gant

BINGER CHURCH SCHOOL

I thought my visit to Perkins last week took the lead for the number of boys, but I find since visiting Miss Will's school at Binger that she has thirteen boys and only two girls in the third grade. It made me happy to see every one stand when the call was made for those to stand who wanted to dedicate their lives to the finishing of the work.

Let us pray that many young men may be raised up out of our church schools to be ministers of God. Although the cotton picking has hindered the work at Binger, the young people are making splendid progress in their studies, and I am quite sure that if the boys continue to put their best into their work that the school will come up to a "C" rating before the close of the year. Miss Will is fitting into the work nicely and is doing a real spiritual work. Let us all pray for our church schools and our church school teachers.

R. L. Gant

SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

917 South Presa St.
San Antonio, Texas
President—Elder W. R. Elliott
Sec'y-Treas.—J. S. McMullan
South Texas Book and Bible
Society:

SOUTH TEXAS NEWS NOTES

Two young people were recently baptized by Elder Nicolas and united with the Mexican church in San Antonio.

Mrs. W. H. Hanhardt is recovering from an operation for tonsils which she underwent a short time ago.

Brother Wm. B. Miller is visiting the churches at Austin, Elgin and Brenham in the interest of church schools and young people's work.

Mr. Carl Shafer, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, arrived in San Antonio January 31 to assist in teaching the San Antonio church school.

Brother and Sister Van Campen are spending a few more days at Laredo, Brother Van Campen looking after the interest of the colporteur work while there.

Out of town callers at the office week ending February 12 were as follows: J. D. Weeks, returning from Corpus Christi, Brethren Fassler, Castillo, Bryon Alexander, Paul Kirkham, Ed Holub, and Brother Zendner, of Hondo.

In answer to a recent call of the South Texas Conference Brother Milton M. Young and wife, of the Tennessee River Conference, arrived in Houston where Brother Young will serve as pastor of the Houston colored church.

Brother Van Campen started to the Bookmen's Convention on his motorcycle, but encountered such bad roads (in Arkansas) that he had to leave his machine and go on to Nashville on the train.

Elder Elliott and wife and little daughter, Elizabeth, are making an extended automobile trip among the churches in the Rio Grande Valley. They are enjoying the trip very much and Sister Elliot is selling a large number of crisis books. They expect to return to the office Sunday, February 13.

TEXICO CONFERENCE
 419 Rencher St.
 Clovis, New Mexico

President—Elder E. T. Wilson
 Sec'y-Treas.—O. D. Slater
 Texico Book and Bible House:

TEXICO NEWS NOTES

Elder Wilson just returned from a trip among the isolated, and reports a most profitable time. He is now catching up with his correspondence for a day or so.

Elder Nelson reports good interests among the Spanish-speaking people of the conference, and that they hope to see a material increase in membership both among the churches and where special meetings are being held at present.

Brother Kinder, our bookman, is moving this week, but planning to go to the field with the colporteurs who have a delivery of books next week and says he is going to stay with each one until he makes good, for this is where his heart is.

Very encouraging reports are coming in from the churches, but a few were a little too late for the January closing time, so please be a little more prompt next time. Thank you.

Mrs. E. T. Wilson says her next door neighbor is reading our books, and seems anxious for more light on Bible subjects, which is an evidence that God is going before His people, and if we are faithful representatives of the truth we may have the privilege of seeing some of these neighbors of ours in the kingdom.

Let us not forget our New Year's resolution to do our best every month of 1927. It was a good report for January but it could have been a little better, had we all done our best. Already we are in February, so let us make this little short month a good one for the Lord.

OBITUARY

KIRBY, Mrs. Amanda Stevens Kirby died at her home in Las Cruces, New Mexico, January 24, 1927, at the age of seventy-three years. She had been a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for many years and was loved by both old and young. As she had lived alone for a number of years, it was a great comfort to her to have Miss Lila Evans, of El Paso and Sister Taylor, of Las Cruces, minister to her in her closing days.

Brief words of comfort were spoken by the writer based on Revelation 14: 13. One son and other relatives are left to mourn. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband to await the call of the Life-giver.

M. R. PROCTOR.

A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

The writer desires these lines to serve as a letter of introduction to the ever-increasing number of Advent believers coming into our conference, and settling in different localities, isolated from those comprising the organized churches.

Perhaps many who are enjoying church privileges do not know what it means to live isolated from others of like faith. As I visit these lonely ones in their homes, and learn of the true conditions, and see a manifestation of

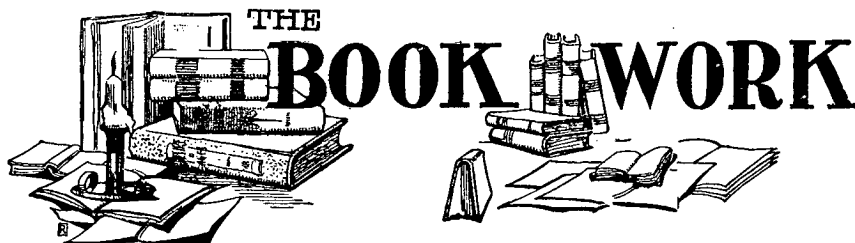
their faith in God, under the most trying circumstances, I marvel at the work of grace upon the hearts of those who are struggling against great odds and without a minister, or even a good church elder to counsel with them, to hold right on to the promises of God, believing that he will keep them from falling, and present them faultless before the throne.

Some of these are new in the faith and have come to our fine climate for health reasons, and perhaps have children who ought to be in a church school, yet the father is not interested in Christian education, but the mother and sometimes the children themselves are crying unto God for help to make it possible for the children to be educated in our schools.

Shall we not extend the right hand of fellowship to these fellow-believers and take them upon our hearts, bearing them to the throne of our Heavenly Father, and plead with him to help us to help them somehow, somehow, enjoy a few of the privileges so common to us?

I am sure the membership of our churches will respond with a hearty welcome, and be glad to answer an inquiry relative to church school privileges, and living conditions in their respective localities.

It was the writer's privilege recently to visit one of these isolated families and to speak in the Methodist Episcopal Church at the eleven o'clock hour on Sunday, and it was not difficult to



COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT

SOUTH TEXAS COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 5, '27

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del
W. H. Atherly	HW	40	47	198.50	62.25	260.75	21.2
R. M. Flores	OD	47	11	38.50	.....	38.50	.....
Jose Llornes	HP	30	15	97.50	.....	97.50	982.5
C. H. McColrey	HM	29	5	20.50	.....	20.50	15.7
A. A. Prewitt	HM	10	.....	.....	4.25	4.25	4.0
Wm. J. Prindle	GC	39	.....	.....	29.50	29.50	7.7
		195	73	355.00	96.00	451.00	1031.2

TEXICO COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 5, 1927.

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del
McNeeley	OD	14	1	4.50	9.25	13.75	5.2

that this family was regarded by the entire community as sincere earnest Christians. At the close of the service almost the whole congregation "brought" our Adventist brother to have some more of, "these words preached to them." Why? This man was living his religion every day, although isolated for more than three years without a single visit from a worker.

There was nothing spectacular about the sermon or its setting, but the speaker just tried to tell the simple story of the Man of Galilee and His work while on earth, His promise to return, and plead with all to be ready for that great day. May God help us ministers and lay-men to live our religion daily so that all our activities may be the, "gospel in practice."

E. T. WILSON.

RADIO AND SIGNS

Almost all our people are acquainted with the fact that there is located at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan, a powerful radio station. Recently there was put in operation a definite and systematic plan for preaching our doctrines over the air. Daily there is broadcast a straight Adventist sermon. At the close, the listeners are informed that they can learn more about the views set forth if they will send in name and address. They are specifically informed that a paper called the *Signs of the Times* will be sent to them.

The response has been beyond expectation, we learn. When one of the *Signs* editors dropped in at WEMC a few weeks ago, there was shown to him a batch of some sixty or seventy letters, — typical morning's mail. And almost all these letters contained requests for literature, — for the *Signs*.

The *Signs* has created a fund to care for these interests that are being found by this new method of evangelism. We are happy to cooperate in such pioneering work, and we believe that the combination will prove a glorious success.

CATECHISTICAL INSTRUCTION FOR CHURCH MISSIONARY SECRETARIES

No. 3.

In this the closing article of the series, let us consider the records to be kept by the church missionary secretary, his or her relationship to others bearing the responsibility of church office, and the preparation needed to do efficient work of this nature.

11. What should the minutes of the First Sabbath service and weekly missionary meetings include?

Answer: The following information should be incorporated in to these reports:

1. Date of meeting
2. Number present
3. Number relating personal experiences, with interesting particulars.
4. Subject of lesson
5. Summary of combined work of adults and young people
6. Actions taken
7. Amount of offerings

12. What information should be furnished by a report of the Missionary Committee meetings?

- Answer: 1. Date of meeting
2. Who were present
3. Actions taken

13. How long should be the minutes which are read to the church membership?

Answer: No defined length can be set, but they should be brief. Terse statements grip the attention. They should also be varied so as not to become monotonous.

14. What is the duty of the secretary in urging the members to report?

Answer: "Every member a reporting member" should be the goal of every missionary organization, and the secretary is the officer who must keep this constantly before the people.

15. How should individual reports be secured?

Answer: The few minutes intervening between the close of Sabbath School and the beginning of the worship hour is an excellent time for the secretary to request all adult members to make out their individual reports on blanks furnished for this purpose.

16. When should the report of work done by Missionary Volunteers be added to that of adult members?

Answer: At the end of each month the secretary should obtain from the secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Society a total report of missionary work done, and include it in the report for the church as a whole.

17. From what other class of people should a report be obtained to incorporate into the total church report?

Answer: From isolated members.

18. To what conference officer should the missionary report be sent?

Answer: To the Home Missionary Secretary.

19. By what date of the month should this report be in the hands of the Home Missionary Secretary?

Answer: Not later than the end of the first week in each month.

20. What should be the relationship between church missionary secretary and other officers of the church?

Answer: Cooperation of the closest kind should exist between one holding this office and all other officers of the church, especially the missionary volunteer leader and leaders of bands and classes. The entire work of the church should bear a sympathetic interest in the mind and heart of the secretary, and a willingness should be shown to help in any way possible to advance the cause of God.

21. What supplies are provided for the carrying forward of this work?

Answer: No church missionary secretary can afford to be without the following kit of "tools."

1. Church Missionary Report Record
2. Church Missionary Secretary's Record
3. Church Missionary Secretary's Order Book
4. Receipt Book.
5. Note Book—for keeping Minutes
6. Missionary Pulse Chart or other statistical device
7. Individual report blanks
8. Order Envelopes
9. Card Index for special records ..
 - a. Harvest Ingathering
 - b. Big Week
 - c. Missionary Organization
10. Home Missionary Series Leaflets
11. Home Missionary Recommendations
12. Home Missionary Worker's Calendar—year by year
13. "The Layman's Missionary Movement"
14. The Home Missionary Manual.

And this closes our catechism of information. May it prove of help and benefit to those men and women who have responded to the call of this church office and may the blessing of God rest upon each and every one of you as you engage in service for the Master during 1927. Let your motto be "Every church member a worker, and every worker a reporting member."

RUTH TYRRELL, Office Secretary,
General Conference, Home Missionary Department.

SUNDAY LAW CAMPAIGN ON.

(The two following articles came in late and are inserted out of the union department.)

Word from Elder Longacre brings us information that a number of small Sunday bills are being introduced with reference to the District of Columbia, some of them to close all barber Shops on Sunday. The reformers are doing their very best to get something of some kind through in this session of Congress. He tells me in this letter that they are having a real fight at Washington.

Now is the time for each person to write a personal letter to the representatives from the different districts of your conference and to both senators from your state, urging them as citizens, not as church members, placing it before them that we as citizens of the United States desire to stand upon the principles of free government which have been ours from the beginning, and urge these men to vote against Sunday laws.

A short direct letter to each Representative and each Senator will have more force and will be of more value than thousands of petitions. But if our brethren can't do this, let us get up petitions and send them in quickly against all sorts of Sunday legislation. They are asking us to hurry this on because there is great need.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

THE COLPORTEUR'S PRIVILEGE

It is a wonderful privilege to be called of God to carry the silent messengers from home to home. It does mean sacrifice, it does mean effort, it does mean courage in order to succeed, it does mean that God must be with the workers. But, dear colporteurs, this year when we start out to carry this message to the people who have never heard it before let us recognize that we are doing the work that God wants done. He has called us to carry this line of work on, and He has given us the material whereby we can reach each person in a way that no one else can ever reach them. And if we ourselves keep ourselves in such contact with God that He can work through us by His Spirit He will make us a great influence throughout this year.

Now is the time when we ought to plan a personal effort to each person that is interested in the subject. We ought to see that liberty gets to every

person who will read it. We ought to plan for a good donation on the coming Sabbath in March when we have a Religious Liberty program.

May God bless all our brethren everywhere and keep our hearts in this message for it is moving on toward final triumph and will triumph by and by gloriously under the leadership of our King, Jesus Christ.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

ADVERTISEMENTS

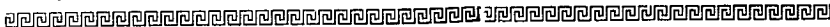
PANSY PLANTS!

Pansy Plants all colors in full bloom are ready now for transplanting. Come and see them, will sell them right. Also Tomato plants, also will be ready in due time. Will transplant them. All are invited.

-9p. HENRY SCHMIDT.

IT IS KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR

The Fireside Correspondence School stands at your door and knocks. It offers you a sympathetic teacher, carefully prepared lessons, and all other helps to successful home study. You can take work in any year of the college or academy and receive full credit. You can learn to be a soul winner. This opportunity to make yourself what you want to be is knocking at your door. Will you say "Come in" by sending for



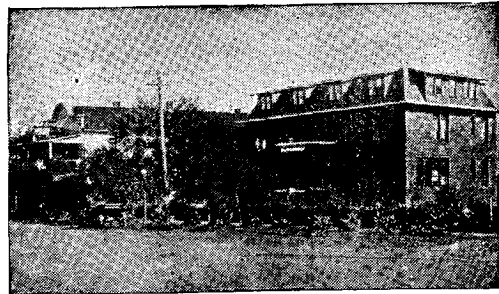
Dr. GAEDE'S SANITARIUM, Weatherford, Okla.

A medical, surgical and hydro-pathic institution. Consists of two main buildings,—the old and new sanitarium. The old building was erected in 1905; the new brick building was built in 1919, and is modern in every sense of the word, having steam heat, etc. Located in the Southwestern part of Oklahoma in a mild climate.

The sanitarium is well equipped with the latest and most approved methods; Hydrotherapy, electric therapy, massage and surgery for the treatment of practically all human ailments. All forms of rheumatism, diseases of the nervous system, liver, in-tines. Cancer is also successfully treated.

A speciality is made of dieting. The properly balanced diet is prescribed. The equipment is as follows: Electric light, Electric blanket baths, Electric tub, Russian, Turkish and vapor baths; dry blanket, wet blanket and cold sl-packs; sitz and foot baths, sprays, douches, showers; Swedish and Tur-shampoos and saltglows.

A Nurses' Training School is also conducted.



our price list? Address Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Southwestern Union Record

A WEEKLY JOURNAL

Published by the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Entered October 24, 1902, at Kee- Texas, as second-class matter under of Congress of March 3, 1897. Acceptance for mailing at special of postage provided for in Sec. 1102, of October 3, 1917, authorized July 1918.

Subscription price, per year..... \$

C. N. WOODWARD..... Ed

ASSOCIATE EDITORS

M B VAN KIRK C. E. AM

All subscriptions should be renev about two weeks before date indic on label. In giving notice of change address, be sure to give address to wh paper has been going. Make all ren- dances direct to office of publication.

Our space is limited and we do not sell general advertisements. We glad however, to accommodate friends who wish to advertise places sale, or other notices considered pro- to admit to the columns of this pa- We reserve the right to reject any all advertisements. Approved advert- ments will be inserted in the RECC reading notice style, at the follow- rates: Forty words or less, 50 cents each insertion, and one cent per w- for each additional word. Cash m- accompany copy for all advertise- ments.

Field reports, school reports, and items of general interest concerning work and workers in the Southwest- ern Conference, will be gladly receiv- Doctrinal and other articles which not require immediate attention will published as space permits. All s- articles should be carefully edited, when possible, written with a typewr- double spaced.