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Oklahoma City, Okla.

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

CARRYING THE GOSPEL

Shall the gospel of Christ's second-coming be carried to all the world in this generation by the people who have been raised up for this work? Do we believe that God is leading when He opens the many doors in which anxious persons of many nations are beckoning, "Come over and help us?" Do our brethren and sisters feel that we have gone ahead too fast? Yet thousands of millions of lost souls have gone into Christless graves even since the beginning of the message.

The General Conference report shows that in comparison with last year, we are between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars behind what we had donated last year at this time.

The Southwestern Union Conference has kept up its pace until the last month, and we have now fallen behind. Perhaps it is just a coincidence and will all be made up this month. We hope May will put us back again where we were, at least.

Dear brethren, we plead with all of you to become partners of the Lord in carrying this gospel, and to make this partnership count more and more as the days go by. Christ's second appearing is hastening on. The physical signs spoken of in Matthew twenty-four are very prominent this year. May God's spirit come into all our hearts and lead us to do our full part.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

UNION NEWS ITEMS

Elder Eichman assisted Elder Clark in dedicating the church at Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Mr. C. E. Smith returned to the office the last of the week from auditing the books of the South Texas Conference and Book and Bible House.

Elder M. B. Van Kirk returned to

the office Monday after meeting with the Texico Conference committee at Clovis, New Mexico, May 29.

Elder G. F. Eichman enjoyed a visit from his parents over Sabbath and Sunday. His son, Harold, returned to their home with them to spend the summer.

Elder A. F. Harrison is holding a colporteurs' institute in Lubbock, Texas. He reports that there are seven or eight in the class who intend to enter the book work.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON to the Graduating Class of 1927 at Southwestern Junior College.

Elder H. S. Prenier.

Stenographically reported
by Frances Johnson.

I Press On and Reach Out to gain the Heavenward Call which God gave me through Jesus Christ:— St. Paul.

The aim of this class, as you see, is a part of Inspiration. Paul, in the Spirit, recorded these words in Philipians the third chapter, verses thirteen and fourteen. I shall read from the Twentieth Century New Testament. "For I, brothers, do not regard myself as having yet laid hold of it, but this one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind, and straining every nerve for that which lies in front, I press on and reach out to the goal to gain the prize of that heavenward call, which God gave me through Christ Jesus."

Here we see Paul's intense purpose for his life, "Onward, Outward, Heavenward." His aim is yours. Any two in this class, with this same aim, may be lead in diverging paths, the one leading to selfish achievement, the other to self-submersion. In what terms do you interpret this aim, my students?

There were two angelic princes in heaven, Michael and Lucifer, who in the beginning had this very aim. They translated these words in contrasting terms of thought and conduct, each sealing his own destiny.

Lucifer—the supreme egotist—sought fame and the gratification of his fallen

nature. His interpretation was:

"I will exalt my throne above the stars of God I will be like the Most High."

Michael, the pre-human name of Jesus; Michael, which interpreted means "He who is like God", gave these words in opposite version, for I read in this same chapter:

"Though the divine nature was His from the beginning, yet He did not look upon equality with God as above all things to be clung to, but impoverished himself."

He humbled Himself to be a child, a man, a servant, a malefactor on the tree. He went down to go up. He prayed His way through. For that cause I read: "God raised Him to the very highest place, and gave Him the Name which stands above all other names, Jesus Christ the Lord."

These two met again on the Mount of temptation. This time Jesus appears worn, emaciated, impoverished, after His long time of fasting.

"And the Devil led Jesus up, and, showing him in a single moment all the kingdoms of the earth, said to him (young people, remember this voice will whisper in your ear):

I will give you all this power, and the splendor of them; for it has been given into my hands and I give it to whom I wish. If you, therefore, will do homage before me, it shall all be yours."

The response came back with the true ring of fealty:

"Get thee behind me, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve."

Just now, and in a little while, thousands of graduates from the schools of this land have unconsciously or predominately in their minds, this same aim you have, with its two interpretations. Many will start to climb the ladder with the idea of getting, and will attain, wealth, position, and the admiration of their fellowmen. They will succeed, as the world counts success.

On the other hand, others, with a greater, truer, higher ambition, with the idea of giving, as they look out, will see the world's need. They will look up to God for that Heavenward

call, which God gives through Christ Jesus, and then launch out into spiritual service. It is granted this morning that you, my young people, belong to this minority.

Undoubtedly, class, the world offers approbation in every line of endeavor. It holds out to you, temptingly, to allure and to win your soul. Will you yield, or will you follow your Master away from the fascinations of the world, away from the gratification of the earthly nature, away from the beggarly things to a life of prayer and spiritual labor? Will you as consecrated youths begin where Christ began, where patriarch and prophet gained their inspiration from God—in secret, earnest, fervent prayer? Will you descend and allow that to overshadow your benign influence to an unfortunate and struggling world, and make your personal progress of minor consideration?

Let me turn to the story of the ancients:

Onward, to the Egyptians, meant better manufacture and mixture of indelible paints; the art of tempering copper; greater massiveness in architectural structure, made possible by their perfection of hydraulic machinery.

They reached out and harnessed Israel; they enslaved them, to wear them out, and to kill off their male infants, all to save Pharaoh and the nation.

They reached up, up, but no higher than Egyptian skies. They, by better embalmed bodies, hoped for a reincarnation to higher spheres of life. They built sphinx, pyramids, and obelisks. Up, up they reared, reaching out to greet sun, moon and stars, the Egyptian deities. But mind you, young people, he who sets his goal to reach the skies without Christ goes no higher.

The true-blooded Egyptian has entirely disappeared. His sails of purple silk on the Nile and Mediterranean are gone, and his oriental splendors have passed away.

But Moses still lives, for his watchword was the same as yours. Moses' bulwark of faith was prayer. He communed with Jesus on Sinai. He was snatched from the hands of Lucifer by Jesus in the form of the archangel, Michael. He was finally glorified on the heights of Hermon with Christ his Lord. And this very moment he ministers before the throne of God with that same Lord of glory in the heavens above. While Egypt today, lies in death:

"The jackal whines among the

fallen stones;

The painted tombs no longer guard their dead;

The desert winds disport with mummy-dust;

The gods are fallen and their glory fled.

The bats at even flitter forth from holes

Wherein aged shreds of human clay are thrust;

The silken sails and gilded galley poles

Have crumbled, with the builders,—into dust."

Onward, to the Babylonians, meant pomp, power, and world supremacy. For temples, towers, hanging gardens, and city building, Babylon still holds supreme place.

They reached out, also, into neighboring countries and made vassals, vast populations, among them Judah and Jerusalem. They took these captives and demanded service from them, and commanded their consciences.

They reached up. They were the first to build the tower of Babel, Birs-Nimrod, and other famed observatories from which their astronomical instruments might sweep the stars. But their boasts were their undoing. It was the great king Nebuchadnezzar who exemplified his spirit of pride in these words recorded in holy writ: "Is not this great Babylon which I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?" That very hour he was led away, a raving maniac.

His noble grandson, Belshazzar, also prided himself on successful achievement. A great feast marks the occasion. That very night Belshazzar lay dead, and with him ended a world empire.

On the other hand, Daniel and his companions, schooled by crises, looked heavenward in prayer and sought the spiritual strength to stand before kings; then off to their stricken people, and as saviours of men, lived the conquering life; then on to promotion, advanced by their God from one empire to another.

Daniel, today, is a virile Bible character, and an inspiration to graduates from Christian colleges, while the selfish program of Chaldean empire-builders has failed:

"The moon shines cold above the desert sands,

The thin winds whimper lone across the waste;

The shifting dunes long since have rolled and closed

Above dead cities ages-long effaced. The monuments and towers are overthrown,

The tablets molder in the sword blade's rust,

And all the glory that the past has known

Has crumbled, and with its builders, into dust."

The original text that I used was Paul's words to the Philippians of the city of Philippi, a Greek center in Macedonia.

To the Greeks Onward meant the acme in letters, art, drama, and sculpture. Their contributions to these things are recognized today as the models of perfection, and are unsurpassed today.

In the physical realm as well as the mental, they had no peer. Their's was the genius of the sensual. But how are ye fallen, from the heights of greatness and acclaim, ye sons of the gods! Look about you, young people, and you will see the pettiness to which an empire and its builders have shrunk.

Marshall South, from whom I have already quoted, puts these words into the mouth of Rome:

"Behold our progress!—Hear the tramp of Rome:

Legion on legion on the stone-paved ways,

Clatter of chariots; tread of marching feet;

Standards ablaze beneath the morning rays;

Mistress of all the world, from pine to palm;

Art and adornment filched from every land;

Monarchs in chains behind her chariot wheels;

States that pay tribute to a conqueror's hand—

'Behold our progress and enlightenment!

We are the people! We shall surely stand.'

"But does she?

The broken pillars in the Forum lie, And shattered fragments strew the Circus floor.

The loathsome beggars cluster in the shade

Of walls whose echoes legions wake no more.

The brazen bucklers turn no foeman's steel,

The short, keen sword no longer makes it thrust;

And all the Empire that hailed Caesar lord

Has crumbled, with its builders,—into dust."

A socialist rules Rome today by force, and his black-shirted Fascisti, with revolver and stiletto. The tame age-old program of self-aggrandizement and territorial expansion is being followed at the expense of liberty-loving people. She is striving upward for a place in the galaxy of stars, with that same spirit that moved Lucifer. All so contrary to the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. For all night long the Master spent in the mountain in prayer, seeking victory, spiritual strength, and virtue from His Father. Then, at break of dawn, he came down to meet the multitude of people looking for the Bread of Life, and shared his spiritual powers in healing and teaching with others. So Self-forgetful, He crucified self.

Remember, young people, that we will run true to form: we will either go down to go up, or go up to go down.

Class of 1927, the time to which prophesy has pointed, the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, is just before you. Society has reached that stage where sin is no longer looked on with shame. No generation of gospel workers has looked upon so difficult a social task as the one you face. Prejudice against the rising, teeming foreign population, which is making inroads in commerce and industry, is fast checking the spirit of missions the world over. Men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth. Storm, earth-quakes, floods, business difficulties on all sides, war in the East, financial and political upheavals in the West, all are harbingers of the dreadful day ahead. Would you, young people, plunge out into this? Onward and outward in this world-wide cause, to go, if need be, as self-supporting workers, wherever you are most needed, to give out to humanity what you have gained in this Christian college, from these God-fearing teachers?

Seniors! I am sure that you have decided ere this to which of the two spirits you will yield; the Spirit of Christ, or the spirit of the mammon-loving world. I take it that you interpret your aim "Onward with Christ", for I see that you have set the Lord Jesus in the heart of your aim. Let Him, indeed, be the center of your soul's longing, and ever remain fixed in your consciousness, the Lord Jesus, your personal Saviour.

Tonight you will lay aside your gowns. You in black, with visions of service in the class room, in the office,

and the pulpit; out into the firing line with prospectus or foreign language grammar to bring the message of Christ to the people in their own language. You who are in gray, with holy aspirations toward many more hours of college preparation. You who are juniors will tonight, become seniors, clothed with something heavier than a gown—responsibility. Onward and upward to all of you must mean burden-bearing and hard, rugged climbing.

My heart goes out to you as a former teacher and spiritual counsellor.

Will you take the spiritual "Comfort wherewith you have been comforted" to the rent minds, to the thousands of bleeding hearts, and to the discouraged, hopeless, godless souls by the millions? The outward is a circle 25,000 miles around containing hundreds of millions hungering for sympathy, kindness, and love. Have you received the infilling since you first matriculated? If not, I beg of you, tarry in Jerusalem. Do not leave this hallowed spot until you have it to take with you.

Jesus marked you from your mother's first prayer. And through the years He has followed you to this sacred hour. He yearns to hear your soul's cry for the Spirit of God.

While out in an island campaign for Harvest Ingathering, I approached the manager of a large sugar plantation and mill. "I have waited a long time," he said, "for you people to come. We have a doctor who is so absorbed in politics and money getting that he neglects the poor in our community and the needy and diseased in the plantation huts that nestle in the hills. Can you send us a doctor like your Dr. Blank? We will pay any price to get a man to love the poor." That is the cry around the world.

Service that cannot be "bought with a price" comes straight from the heart.

Now in summarizing, graduates of this college, will you ever hold to understanding? Understanding that the true significance of your class aim does not altogether depend upon your mind's aspirations, but your soul's. That the Spirit of Christ in your heart is supremely needful, otherwise the length and breadth and height of your goal will fall far short of God's plan for you. God's plan for you is so mighty that the world cannot appreciate it. Its sympathy reaches out to the ends of the earth.

Moses' message was a message to the greatest nation on the greatest

continent of its time, Africa. It meant the salvation at the exodus of God's people and their deliverance finally to the promised land. It also meant the destruction of the rebellious hosts against God. The message that God gave Daniel was for another great continent, Asia, and for the greatest nation of that continent, Babylon. It meant the bringing out of God's exiled people from captivity—the cry, "Come out of Babylon, my people," and the end of Babylonian supremacy at Belshazzar's feast. God's message to Paul was a message to Europe, to the mightiest nation of that time, Rome. Paul finished his work in A. D. 68; but A. D. 70, just two years later, marks the dispersion of God's people; the destruction of Jerusalem; and the beginning of the downward course of Roman civilization to degeneracy; to the fall of that empire.

Little do we appreciate the eternal consequences resting upon this class. The responsibility resting upon you means, not the end of Africa, Asia, or Europe, but the end of all our civilization.

Genius, that power which dazzles mortal eye,

Is oft but perseverance in disguise;

Persistence of it implies, in spite of countless falls, the power to rise.

Twixt failure and success the point's so fine,

Men know not when they cross the line.

To take this honey for the bitterest cup:

There is no failure save in giving up,
No real fall as long as one still tries,
For seeming set-backs make the strong man wise;

There is no failure save from within;
If you're not beaten there,

You're bound to win."

Will you join Paul in his intensity of holy purpose? "To gain that heavenward call, to win the prize of that high calling in Christ Jesus, I press on perseveringly, with enduring constancy."

"I reach out, I strain every nerve for that which lies in front"—we see here the picture in Paul's mind of the Greek runner of his time, ready at the starting line for the race, digging his toes in the sand, and bending forward, almost prostrate, every muscle tensed—"toward the goal heavenward which God gave me through Christ Jesus."

That was the finishing line of the race. The length Onward, may it be with Jesus all the way. The Outward breadth of vision and service, may it be with the Holy Spirit in absolute

control. The height Upward, may it sweep to the very throne of the Father.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

1215 Marshall St.

Little Rock, Ark.

President—Elder R. P. Montgomery

Sec'y-Treas.—L. J. Black

Arkansas Tract Society:

Sec'y-Treas.—L. J. Black

STATEMENT OF 60¢-A-WEEK FUND

For four months ending April 30, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Received	Short	cent
Ark	5,637.60	1,937.82	3,654.78
Ark. C.	747.00	268.48	478.52

ARKANSAS NEWS NOTES.

Elder Montgomery is holding a series of meetings in the Springdale church.

Mrs. J. C. Baldwin has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Black, on her way to Mobile, Alabama, where she and her husband are moving.

Elder Montgomery will be in Little Rock the last of the week for a very short time. He has been in Springdale about four weeks.

Mrs. L. J. Black left several days ago to attend summer school at Keene. She will teach the Little Rock church school again next term.

Do not wait until the last minute to order your Sabbath school supplies for the third quarter which begins the first of July.

Elder Dasent, from the union conference, paid the office a short visit last week. Sunday night, May 29, he began a tent effort in Fort Smith for the colored people. He is assisted by Elder North and others.

Every member of the Little Rock church school received a Junior Reading Course Certificate, because their teacher, Mrs. L. J. Black, was faithful in reading the books to them. This is a splendid record.

Sabbath afternoon, May 28, the Young Peoples' Society of Little Rock took cars to the east side of the city and distributed about 500 copies of "World Outlook" number of *Present Truth*. The Little Rock church has ordered about 5,000 copies of this paper for use in home missionary work.

The Searcy church has been crippled by the serious illness of some of its

members. For many months Brother Wakenight lay at death's door. We are glad to report that he is now able to sit up. Sister Oscar England has had a hard siege of pneumonia, but she, too, is on the way to recovery and hopes soon to be taking an active part in the church work again. Hayward Litchfield is still confined to his bed.

Elder Baker, Brother Anderson, and their wives are busy with their Camden tent effort. They report the attendance the first week was injured because of a show in town. Satan will do all in his power to keep the people of this community from hearing the truth.

Brother Young has been assisting two new colporteurs in starting out in their work for the last week. He called at the office for a few hours and went on to Arkadelphia where he will be with two more new workers. We hope to have at least four new names added to our list of workers next week.

Mr. L. S. Brown, of Jacksonville, called at the office the first of the week and paid a nice sum of tithe for himself and also for his mother, Mrs. W. C. Brown. Mr. Brown has been a patient at the Baptist Hospital across the street from the conference office. His mother has been taking treatments there also.

Elder Haughey spent Sabbath, May 28, with the church at Searcy. While there he presented the "World Outlook" number of *Present Truth* and the church ordered one thousand copies. The Junior Missionary Volunteer Society plans to distribute these Sabbath, June 11. This number of the *Present Truth* deals with the present conditions in the world: wars, rumors of wars, floods, earthquakes, and other calamities. The recent floods and storms which have swept our state are causing many to ask, "What do these things mean?" and you could not give them a better answer than to hand them a copy of No. 27, of *Present Truth*.

Sabbath, May 21, was a good day for the Little Rock church. Four members were received upon profession of faith, and Elder Haughey baptized six others—Doctor W. C. Green, Mrs. C. S. Brown, who is the doctor's sister, Miss Goldie Terry, one of the doctor's nurses, Ida Green, his niece, Juanita Atchley, and James Fulmore. The last three were members of the church school, and to the faithful work of the teacher much of the credit should go.

This was not only a happy day for the church as a whole, but especially for the family of Doctor Green. We are glad to welcome these new members into church fellowship.

ATTENTION! SABBATH SCHOOL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

Next quarter our lessons will be topical in character, and frequent reference will be made to the books, "Patriarchs and Prophets" and "The Great Controversy." In order for you to get all out of the lesson you should, it will be necessary for you to have these books. If you do not already have them, get them of the Arkansas Book and Bible House. Prices are as follows: Either book, cloth \$2.25, limp leather \$3.25.

I hope the superintendents will encourage the teachers to supply themselves with these books.

Mrs. K. R. HAUGHEY,
Sabbath School Secretary.

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

STATEMENT OF THE SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

For four months ending April 30, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Received	Short	cent
N. Texas	12,393.40	4,264.56	8,133.84
N. Tex. C.	711.00	242.94	468.06

NORTH TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Brother A. F. Ruf spent Thursday in Dallas, looking after his office work.

Brother C. G. Ortner made a hasty trip to Waco Thursday afternoon.

Brother C. M. Norman and Douglas Prenier made a trip to the southern part of our conference, where Brother Norman started Mr. Prenier in the canvassing work.

We have just entered upon the last month of the second quarter. Now is the time when Sabbath School officers should be ordering their supplies for the third quarter, especially such things as Memory Verse Cards and Picture Rolls.

Brother West Smith, one of our col-

porteurs in East Texas, writes the following: "I was working a saw mill district and was told to go to a certain man who is a preacher. I dreaded him very much, but finally picked up courage and went. I gave him a canvass, then took his order in the best binding. He said there had been other colporteurs in there, but they had dodged him. I also took five orders from his near neighbors. This is one time it paid to visit a preacher."

The Sabbath School lessons for the third quarter of this year are on what we term doctrinal topics. Reference is made continually to the books, Patriarchs and Prophets, and Great Controversy between Christ and Satan. If you do not already have these books, now is the time to get them. Send your order to the Book and Bible House. The trade editions are \$2.25 each, in the cloth binding, \$3.25 in the limp leather binding.

THE GIRLS' LITERARY CLUB.

The Girls' Literary Club of Dallas was organized November 14, 1926. The meetings have been held the first and third Sunday afternoons of each month. To date, we have had fourteen meetings; mailed 1,800 copies of the *Present Truth*; written 150 missionary letters and received twenty-two favorable replies.

The following are some of the answers received: Doctor — of Dallas says, it is a welcome visitor to his office. Mrs. — of Dallas said it has more Bible facts than any paper she has ever read. Mrs. — mailed stamps to pay for the papers sent her. Mrs. — of Breckenridge says she is able to use excerpts from the *Present Truth* in some of her mission work. Mr. —, superintendent of a coal mine at Wheeling, West Virginia writes that he reads with interest, each number of the *Present Truth*. Mrs. — of Dallas, says when the postman brings the paper, she never lays it down till she has finished reading it.

The time for the meeting has been changed. In the future, it will meet on the first and third Friday evenings of each month, at 7:45.

Mrs. CHAS. MERZBACHER, Jr.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Did you know —

That camp meeting is to be held at Keene this year and that you have less than six weeks to arrange your work so you can attend?

That Professor C. A. Russell of the General Conference will be with us this year, and will give most of his time to the young people's meetings?

That we are counting on every one of our young people to be present at the very first and stay to the end?

That if you are not there that you will lose the blessings the Lord has for His people?

That we are trying to arrange our program in a way to be able to give much help to the juniors and that we want all the juniors to come?

That with these few lines I am giving our Missionary Volunteer's (juniors and seniors) an invitation to come to camp meeting, July 28 to August 7?

A. F. RUF.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that there will convene a special session of the North Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in connection with the camp meeting at Keene, Texas, July 28 to August 7. The first meeting will be called at 9:30 A. M., July 31, 1927. The purpose of this special session will be to receive reports of the officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization, and one additional delegate for each fifteen members or major portion thereof.

Signed,

ROY L. BENTON, President,
C. G. ORTNER, Secretary.

TEXAS CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the Texas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will meet in special session during the Seventh-day Adventists' camp meeting, which is to be held at Keene, Texas, July 28 to August 7, 1927. The first meeting will convene at 10:15 A. M., Sunday, July 31, 1927. The purpose of this meeting is to receive reports of the officers of the Association, and to transact any other business which may properly come before the delegates. The delegates of the North Texas Conference are also delegates of the Texas Conference Association.

Signed,

ROY L. BENTON, President,
C. G. ORTNER, Secretary.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Box 1077

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

STATEMENT OF THE SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

For four months ending April 30, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Quota	Received	Short cent
Okla.	22,204.80	7,821.31	14,383.49
Okla. C.	918.00	274.38	643.62

OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES

Elder Clark made a trip to Bristow Friday to help Elder Fillman and Brother Fowler arrange for their tent effort which they are to hold in Bristow.

Sabbath Elder Clark went over to Weatherford to assist in the dedicating of their church which is now free from debt.

Brethren Schneider and Voth, from East Cooper, were in the office Tuesday morning and made us a friendly call.

We are always glad to have the brethren from the different parts of the conference feel free to drop in when they are in the city.

Elder Willess and some of the other brethren have been busy pitching the tent in Capitol Hill where he is to begin his evangelistic effort Tuesday night, June 2.

Brother Carl Riffel is also getting out his tent and equipment for the effort which he expects to hold at Wayne south of Purcell.

Miss Letha Taylor has just gotten back from Redfield, South Dakota where she has been preceptress in the Plainview Academy during the last winter. Miss Taylor is taking up Bible work in the Oklahoma Conference. We welcome her back to her old field.

Brother Gant and Brother Bridwell were called to Crescent last Sunday to conduct the funeral of Ruth Cover, daughter of Brother and Sister Earl Cover, who died last Saturday night after a year of suffering with spinal trouble.

Brother Hooper says that the student colporteurs are starting out with good courage and big records. It is a good year for others to enter the work.

Why not now? If you desire to enter this work write to T. J. Hooper, Box 1077, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Brother Harry Craig is closing his work at Perkins this week being the last church school to close. We have had a splendid year with our church schools this last year and expect several new ones another year. If you have not made arrangements for your church school, it will be well to write Brother Gant about your needs.

Brother William Day has returned since teaching in the southern part of the state to take the place of Miss Lehmann in the Book and Bible House while she takes an extended vacation visiting her relatives in Texas.

Brother J. L. Eckert and family, of Cushing, was in the office Tuesday to counsel concerning the purchase of a building to be used for a church and church school for the new company organized in that town. Elder Clark has since gone over to investigate the property. We sincerely hope that Cushing will be able to have a church school this coming year.

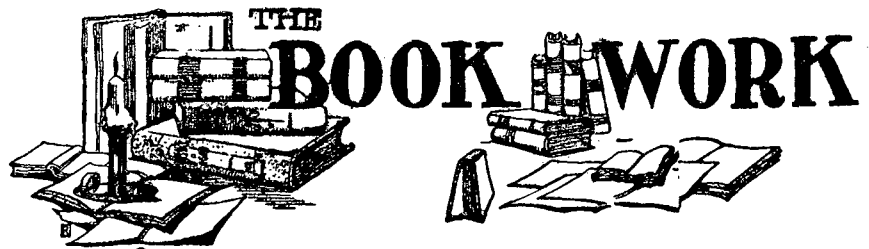
Brother John Gepford and his sister, Lennie, dropped into the office the other day enroute to College View where they expect to spend the summer. Miss Gepford expects to be principal of the Enid two-teacher school next year and John is to be principal of the Tulsa school.

HOOKER ENGLISH CHURCH

I was pleased to go out with ten of our young people in the Big Week campaign for two days selling our small books. We went to Guyman, Forgan and Beaver City. As the times are hard here we sold only \$26 00 worth of books, but we are thankful for that, as well as the many experiences the young people met. They were all cheerful and enjoyed the work for the Lord. On Wednesday evening at the prayer meeting we all listened to the experiences of the young folks. Such experiences give courage to the church.

There were others who went out and sold more books, but I am not able to give the exact amount. The Lord is blessing the sale of literature in this community. Brother G. W. Calloway, as a canvasser in this county sold over \$1,500 worth of books which we hope will bring many souls to the truth.

Prof. K. L. Gant and Elder E. A. Pohle came to Hooker to assist in the closing of the church school year. They



COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT

ARKANSAS COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 1927

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
C. H. Chenault .....BR	100		14	79.00	18.75	97.75	16.50
J. B. Hawkins .....DR	58		26	152.50	74.75	227.25	66.00
E. A. Huelsenbeck	41		6	21.00	3.75	24.75	2.75
Gordon Miller .....BR	34		5	27.50	11.00	38.50	4.75
Ella Boyce .....RJ	34		10	51.00	7.25	56.50	2.25
Killis Boyce .....RJ	33		11	32.00	7.25	39.25	3.75
Donald Burgard .....RJ	27		6	25.00	1.25	26.25	1.00
Workers	7		327 78	388.00	122.25	510.25	07.00

NORTH TEXAS COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 21

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
W. M. Smith .....OD	53		40	122.50	16.00	138.50	7.50
J. D. Wilburn .....OD	45		8	41.00	18.75	59.75	.....
W. T. Tucker .....BML	44		.....	.....	35.00	35.00	6.50
C. M. Norman .....BR	42		.....	201.75	.....	201.75	.....
C. L. Grandon .....BR	35		27	156.50	.....	156.50	.....
W. M. Smith .....OD	35		24	94.50	10.25	104.75	74.50
R. E. Whitaker .....OD	31		13	45.50	12.50	58.00	72.00
R. F. Culpepper .....RJ	25		36	114.00	.25	114.25	.....
Workers	8		314 151	775.75	92.75	868.50	158.50

NORTH TEXAS COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 28

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
C. L. Grandon .....BR	60		42	253.00	3.25	256.25	.....
Philip Faudi .....RJ	50		32	116.00	8.00	124.00	.....
R. Cloninger .....BR	41		17	101.50	3.50	105.00	.....
R. F. Culpepper .....RJ	40		44	141.00	.75	141.75	.....
Martin Pettey .....BR	40		19	110.50	1.50	112.00	1.50
W. M. Smith .....OD	43		46	157.50	16.60	174.10	5.25
R. E. Whitaker .....OL	38		13	45.50	9.50	55.00	43.50
C. M. Norman .....BR	20		12	71.50	2.75	74.25	.....
P. H. Faudi .....RJ	20		25	83.00	1.00	84.00	.....
Workers	9		352 250	1079.50	46.85	1126.35	50.25

SOUTH TEXAS COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 28

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
W. H. Atherly .....HW	21		13	56.50	9.25	65.75	3.00
R. M. Flores .....OD	48		22	78.50	2.50	81.00	3.50
W. J. Prindle .....OD	12		1	3.50	1.50	5.00	8.25
Workers	3		81 36	138.50	13.25	151.75	14.75

GRAND TOTAL:

Workers	27		1074 505	2381.75	261.85	2656.85	310.50
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were here May 11-14, and we all enjoyed the good meetings. They met with the board and Mrs. D. B. Payne was hired for another school year.

Thursday night, May 19, Mrs. Payne rendered a very interesting school program in the German church. Quite a good many were present to hear the program. We are certainly thankful for the good interest our young people have taken in our first church school, and we are looking for a still better school next year. Brother and Sister Bailey, from south of the river, are planning to send three or four children to our school next year. We are looking for some more new scholars.

Our wheat crop was a failure last year, but we are still of good courage, hoping for a good crop this year. Some of the young people are planning to raise money to pay their own way. Why not some more do likewise?

J. P. GAEDE.

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:

Sec'y-Treas.—J. S. McMullan

STATEMENT OF THE SIXTY-

CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

For four months ending April 30, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Received	Short	cent
S. Tex.	8,683.20	2,658.38	6,024.82
S. Tex. C.	2,628.00	1,097.69	1,530.31

TEXICO CONFERENCE

419 Rencher St.
Clovis, New Mexico

President—Elder E. T. Wilson

Sec'y-Treas.—O. D. Slater

Texico Book and Bible House.

Sec'y-Treas.—O. D. Slater.

STATEMENT OF THE SIXTY-

CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

For four months ending April 30, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Received	Short	cent
Texico	5,281.20	2,713.99	2,567.21
Texico C.	612.00	270.36	341.64

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that the Texico Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be called

to convene at Amarillo, Texas, at the S. D. A. camp ground at 10:00 A. M. August 5, 1927, for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the Association. Delegates to the conference are also delegates to the Association.

E. T. Wilson, President,

O. D. Slater, Secretary.

MEETING OF THE TEXICO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special session of the Texico Conference called, to be held in connection with the camp meeting in Amarillo, Texas, August 4-14, 1927. The first meeting will be held at 9:00 A. M. August 5. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each fifteen members or major portion thereof. Reports of officers will be read and such other business transacted as may come before the delegates.

E. T. Wilson, President,

O. D. Slater, Secretary.

TEXICO NEWS ITEMS.

A letter from Elder F. E. Wilson, over at Albuquerque, states that one of the brethren has donated a lot for a church building for the Spanish speaking people, in a splendid location on one of the prominent streets.

Word comes that the Lubbock school closed last week with a nice little program, rendering "Queen Esther." They report a splendid attendance during the term and some real good work accomplished. The Lubbock church is growing rapidly and we hope another year will find a much stronger school and church.

Brother Taylor just received a letter from one of the new believers down at Mesilla Park stating that another young man had begun keeping the Sabbath, and a little live interest in the prospect of another meeting in the near future.

A tabernacle is being constructed at Lubbock this week in which to hold a special meeting beginning Sunday night June 5. Elder Wilson will be the principal speaker at this meeting, being assisted by Elder LeGrone and Brother Hershel Martin. We solicit

your prayers in behalf of this meeting.

It is none too early to begin laying plans to attend the camp meeting to be held at Fair Park, Amarillo, Texas, August 4-14. We hope to see you there.

We are glad to tell our readers of the RECORD that advancement has been made in our Spanish church. We are anxious for our faithful brethren and sisters to know that we greatly appreciate their noble service of "Big Week." Their spiritual and financial pulse was increased by raising money through the sale of our small books. One of our boys delivered sixty of our small books in one day, and another brother delivered thirty books in one day, so they are now trying to do their part. We organized in our Spanish church a financial band and one of the ways to raise money, is through the sale of our small books.

A FURTHER WORD ABOUT CAMP MEETING

Our conference committee met last Sunday, and voted to follow the same plan of last year with reference to zoning the conference, and also the popular plan followed in the dining department, for we found it helped many of our people to attend camp meeting who otherwise would not have been able to come.

We are glad to do anything which will help those who have so few privileges of hearing the message, and it is to be hoped that everyone who can possibly do so will plan to come to Amarillo for the annual feast this year. Begin to pray and plan at once for August 4 will soon come and you will want to be ready, and we want to see you there. Jesus, and other representatives from heaven will be looking for you, and our dear brethren from Washington and Oklahoma City, besides your brethren in the Texico Conference will all be anxious to greet you the very first day of the meeting.

Any information concerning details can be had by writing Brother O. D. Slater at the office, who will be glad to furnish you with same.

E. T. WILSON.

CAMP MEETING

The final arrangements have been made for the Texico camp meeting and it will be held at the Fair Grounds in Amarillo, Texas August 4-14, so let us

decide this question like Moses decided a similiar question when Pharaoh tried to keep him from going to an holy con- vocation.

You will recall the conversation which ensued day after day, and the propositions put up by the king of Egypt, all of which were for the pur- pose of thwarting the plan of God for his people. You will also recall how emphatic God's servant was when the final decision was made, for he replied to the king in the following language. "And Moses said, we will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the Lord."

Yes, dear brethren, we must hold this feast unto the Lord, for no one can tell what a single day may bring forth, but one thing we may be sure of and that is Satan will suggest leaving some of the stuff at home, and that the chil- dren, or some of the old folks ought to stay at home and look after the things, but the writer believes we have come to the time when we should take the family and go to camp meeting, and trust to the Lord to help us arrange our business affairs so this will be possible.

We had a splendid camp meeting at Clovis last year, but we ought to have a better one this year at Amarillo, for another twelve month period has passed into eternity, and do you know more things happened the first quarter of 1927, as a direct fulfillment of the prophecies, than happened the whole of 1926, and all thinking men acknowledge that 1926 was a record-breaker for un- usual happenings on land and sea, so let us plan to take our wives, our chil- dren, and if we are so fortunate as to have our parents with us, take them also to this feast of the Lord.

E. T. WILSON.

NEW COURSES FOR SUMMER STUDY

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"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

NOTICE

Next winter there will be an oppor- tunity for some mature young woman, who is qualified, to take charge of our school laundry. In times past young women who have held this position have worked their entire way through school. I would be glad to get in cor- respondence with mature young wo- men, who are planning to be in South- western Junior College next year, in order that definite arrangements may be made with them for this work. Kindly address P. L. THOMPSON, Keene, Texas.

ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be called a special session of the con- ference of Arkansas, to be held in con- nection with the camp meeting at Mal- vern, Arkansas, July 14-24. The first meeting will be at 9:00 A. M. July 15, 1927. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for its or- ganization and one additional dele- gate for each fifteen members or major portion thereof. Reports of officers will be read and such other business transacted as may come before the delegates.

R. P. MONTGOMERY, President,
L. J. BLACK, Secretary.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Ark- ansas Conference Association of Sev- enth-day Adventists will be called to convene at Malvern at the Seventh-day Adventist camp 9:30 A. M. July 18, 1927. This is for the purpose of trans- acting such business as may come be- fore the Association. Delegates to the Conference are delegates of the Asso- ciation.

R. P. MONTGOMERY, President,
L. J. BLACK, Secretary.

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that a regu- lar conference session of the South Texas Conference will be held in con- nection with the annual campmeeting at Roosevelt Park, San Antonio, Tex- as, July 21-31, 1927. This is not a ses- sion for the election of officers, but for rendering of reports and the trans- action of any other business that may properly come before the delegates. Each church is entitled to one dele- gate for the organization and one ad- ditional delegate for each fifteen mem- bers or the major portion thereof. The first meeting will be called at 9:15 A. M., Friday, July 22, 1927.

F. R. ELLIOTT, President,
J. S. McMULLEN, Secretary.

FOR SALE:—My place at Keene, six blocks of college, twenty-seven acres, seven room house, barn, orchard, city water. Price \$2,000. Also ten and three-quarters acres, three room house, running water, \$500. I. A. CRANE, Keene, Texas. —25.

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