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## UNION NEWS NOTES

Elder Pohle is spending a few days in the office after having been at Keene for the first week of the Summer School.

Elder A. F. Harrison will leave tomorrow for the colporteur field to put in the Big Week with the colporteurs.

Elder Eichman is taking his vacation next week and the week following. He gave a very interesting discourse in the Oklahoma City church Sabbath, June 11.

Elder Van Kirk has been resting from public speaking for several weeks on the order of the doctor, on account of a bad throat. He is again ready for public work.

Mr. Smith is auditing the books of the Oklahoma Book and Bible House today. He will audit the conference books after completing the Book and Bible House books.

Camp meetings are soon coming on in this field and plans are being made in the local conferences for especially interesting and helpful meetings. All of our brethren and sisters should be making plans to attend.

Word comes from various parts of the field of interesting experiences in connection with the evangelistic meetings being held in the various conferences. Brethren, let us remember our officers and the various workers daily before the throne of grace.

Brother Orno Follett, who for eight years was in charge of the Lake Grove Indian Mission near Thoreau, New Mexico, but who was obliged to leave the field on account of his health, is

visiting the mission and the surrounding Indian objects to stay about a month. We appreciate his visit is much appreciated as he can speak Nava-jo language.

## MAY COLPORTEUR REPORT

Well, here comes another report. It shows a heavy loss in orders over May of last year, but a gain of over \$800.00 in books delivered. Well, I guess all the colporteurs are now right in the midst of the June Big Week. I expect to start out in the morning, if nothing happens.

I have been bothered about our July Big Week on account of camp meetings, but now that South Texas has decided not to hold a camp meeting this year I think it will be best to set the date July 11 to 16, and that Arkansas set their Big Week July 4 to 9 on account of their camp meeting beginning July 14. I trust this will be all right.

You will see North Texas taking the lead for May, and they have sent out the signal warning to look out for June. I rather think it will pay us to keep our eyes open the way things are moving off.

There is one thing I am pleased about, and that is, while we have dropped off in orders taken, up to date, we are \$1,500.00 ahead of the amount of books delivered last year. If we can just keep that up the remainder of the year we will make a gain in spite of the floods and the drouth.

May the Lord help us to push to the front is my prayer.

A. F. HARRISON.

Look at our colporteur reports.

## BETTER HOMES IN AMERICA

Washington, D. C.—The tremendous post-war expansion of suburban areas with detached homes, according to Secretary Hoover, is one of the finest achievements of the present period of increasing national prosperity and a tribute to the thrift of millions of our people and to their will to own their homes and improve their living conditions. This statement is contained in an article in the April issue of *Child Welfare Magazine*. Mr. Hoover's article begins the series in that issue of the magazine which is devoted to the subject of home in connection with the sixth nation-wide Better Homes campaign.

Better Homes Week, April 24 to May 1 marked the culmination throughout the United States of educational programs in more than 3,500 communities, which had as their object the improvement of housing conditions and the attainment of a more wholesome home life. These programs were sponsored by Better Homes in America, the educational organization of which Mr. Hoover is President. The National Congress of Parents and Teachers is co-operating actively in this campaign.

Secretary Hoover's statement follows:

"The tremendous post-war expansion of suburban areas with detached houses which the development of the automobile has helped to make possible, is one of the finest achievements of the present period of increasing national prosperity. It is a tribute to the thrift of millions of our people and to their will to own their homes and improve their living conditions.

"This current is in the right direction

### REPORT OF THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR MAY, 1927

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Bibles	Maga.	Totals	Bib. D.	Maga. D.	Bk. D.	Value D.
N. Texas	15	776	667	2840.75	175.20	19.85		3035.80			96	474.90
Oklahoma	10	1714	441	2190.50	287.10	192.70	113.25	2783.55			206	132495
S. Texas	9	789	262	1094.00	231.10	36.00		1361.10	49.25		183	1216.85
Arkansas	9	798	162	694.00	166.25	71.00		931.25	62.00		121	631.85
Texico	8	454	127	541.50	120.40	45.50		707.40	72.00		105	527.60
Totals	51	4531	1859	7360.75	980.05	365.05	113.25	8819.10	183.25		711	4176.15

A. F. HARRISON, Union Field Miss. Sec'y.

but it is not broad enough nor strong enough. We have only to survey the living conditions of American families as a whole, and to observe some of the new construction that is not creditable, to see that a far greater task still lies ahead.

"If our standards of housing are not to lag behind our improving standing in the matter of food, clothing, education and recreation, we must count first of all on the energy and resourcefulness of individual families which determine to own their homes and have the character and ability to save up the amount of a first payment. For the demand for attractive, livable homes from families who can make a substantial first payment is the most dependable force to insure the building of the right kind of homes.

"This demand can be encouraged and made more effective from an economic point of view, by improved home financing facilities, especially in the field of second mortgages, by increasing efficiency within the construction industries, by improved layout of new residential areas, and by the cooperation of local governments in assuring orderly civic development through good city planning and zoning.

"Rising standards for owned homes should tend to raise the standards of rented homes which we may consider auxiliary. We have ample evidence that two great reliance on rented dwellings tends in the modern industrial state to inadequate housing and the demand for state participation in housing.

"The large home building program of the past five years has undoubtedly been instrumental in the maintenance of stable employment and prosperous business conditions, and a continued demand for homes is always a healthy factor in the general business situation.

"When a family or a state or a nation does not pay enough attention to the future consequences of its acts it is in peril. Looking to the future is a point of view which permeates a man's whole attitude and outlook on life. The home owner or the man who sees home ownership just ahead inevitably has that point of view strengthened. While the home owner's judgment as to the future may be warped in some cases, at some times, and there is always a need for liberality and thought and wisdom in meeting changed conditions, surely the greater the number of home owners, the greater confidence we may place in the future of our country.

"Certain clear obligations rest upon

us of the present generation. It behooves parents to achieve home ownership so far as they are able. We all ought to promote better facilities for the use of others who are striving to own their homes. Parents and teachers can both help inculcate in children an appreciation of the value of home ownership and knowledge of the relation of thrift to family financing and home ownership. There can be no sounder guarantee of the stability and progress of our nation than that in every child there should be implanted the ideal of an owned home as the center of happy family life and that each child should have some instruction in the business problems that confront the family. The cooperation given to the Better Homes in America movement by parent-teachers associations is one concrete manifestation of the constructive forces that may mobilize our efforts. It is a movement with a message of cheer."

**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
	Quota	Received	Short cent
Ark	5,637.60	1,937.82	3,654.78
Ark. C.	747.00	268.48	478.52

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that there will be called a special session of the conference of Arkansas, to be held in connection with the camp meeting at Malvern, 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 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.

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

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Arkansas 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 transacting such business as may come before the Association. Delegates to the Conference are delegates of the Association.

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

**NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE**  
8900 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
	Quota	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**

Mr. Jim Yates, of Ardmore, called at the office recently. Mr. Yates plans to move, with his family, to Keene in the near future.

Brother Ruf spoke to the Dallas church Sabbath, June 11. The young people were glad also to have him speak to them in the afternoon.

Elder AcMoody and his family were seen in Dallas this past week. The mid-week prayer meeting lesson was conducted by this, a former pastor of the Dallas church, where they met many of their old friends.

Miss Nadine Harris, our conference Sabbath school secretary, conducted a Sabbath school rally at Wichita Falls Sabbath, June 11. From there Miss Harris continued her trip to Amarillo where she will visit her sister.

We would be glad to have our people take a look at our colporteurs' reports. We feel our boys are doing excellently. Kindly note Mr. Phillip's fifty-seven hour record. Brother Norman gave his time last week to the boys in the extreme southeast part of the conference.

Elder Yates and Professor Gunderson of Jefferson, spent several days at the office in counsel with the president in working out their program for holding meetings before camp meeting. One of the high points in the program is to hold a short but intensive effort at Avinger.

Elder H. J. Miller, who is conducting an effort at Waco for the colored people, was at the office to confer with the president in regard to the increasing interest at Waco. It is quite evident that the old church building will not provide sufficient room for the new anticipated congregation.

The thirteenth Sabbath overflow of the Sabbath school collection is to be used for the extension of our mission work among the many Indian tribes of Central America. Let us show our love and faith in the third angel's message by responding liberally to the calls which come to us from the mission fields.

A brother, who has not as yet become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, who came into the knowledge of this truth through the reading of our literature, ordered twenty-three Crisis books to sell among his neighbors and friends. We hope some of our people who have known this truth for years will be inspired to follow this good example.

It was after a great deal of persuasion on the part of our worthy president that he secured a permit from Miss Ruth Elizabeth, who recently arrived in Keene to make her permanent home at the home of the above mentioned, to come to Dallas and spend several days in the office, and visit with our believers in Denison and Sherman over Sabbath.

Information comes to us from all parts of the conference, from our good colporteurs as well as from lay members, that crops in north Texas were made almost sure through a good rain. Now is the time for colporteurs to be putting in from fifty to sixty hours per week in taking orders. Prospects for the book work are most encouraging.

A letter: "Some four years ago I received some copies of a pamphlet 'The Papacy,' by Doctor David Paulson, for which the bill was misplaced and overlooked while moving and forgotten for a long time. It was forty cents, which I enclose with interest." Do you like the spirit of this letter? We do. At times we fear that some of our people have lost their bills who have not been moving. If you lost your bill feel free to ask for another.

#### A CALL FOR HELP IN CAMP MEETING MUSIC

In order to make the meetings more attractive for outside people and more

pleasant for us all we desire to have an orchestra composed of volunteers from all parts of the conference. Brother O. W. Tucker, of Southwestern Junior College business office, has kindly consented to help us and get the orchestra members together and lead out in the music; so we would like for all who plan to come to camp meeting that play the violin, clarinet, saxophone, cornet or trombone, and that will be willing to be real missionary volunteers and help us make this a better camp meeting with better music, to let us know what you will play and when you expect to come.

The opening meeting will be on Thursday night July 28. Please write to Professor O. W. Tucker, Keene, Texas, giving him the above desired information. We hope for a large number of responses to this call right away so full plans may be made.

R. L. BENTON.

#### WICHITA FALLS MEETING.

Our seven week public effort in Wichita is over. Some splendid results are visible. A number of fine people are deeply interested and declare their intention to unite with this people. We now have more than twenty persons on our list who are seriously considering uniting with the church. Some of this number are from among our young people. We shall organize our baptismal class on the coming Sabbath, June 18.

One of the gratifying results of the meeting was to see our church members revived by hearing anew this glorious three-fold message. Some of the sisters of our church have long been praying for their husbands to become interested in the truth. God gave answer to these prayers. One husband has publicly declared his intention of becoming one of this body, and another is deeply interested.

Our meetings began just as the greatest union revival ever held in this city came to a close. Thousands of dollars were spent by the churches in erecting a great tabernacle, in propaganda, choir, soloists and an evangelist of international fame. This great revival continued for six weeks. It was declared by the evangelist in charge a near failure. Then began our meetings. We had little money for propaganda. But we announced well our meetings. We launched out our faith, and although the audience was not large at any time, a very interested class of people came. Some hardly

missed a single lecture. We believe God sent some of those at least who are called to be heirs of salvation. We are staying hard on the track of all those interested ones. We have faith to believe that the money spent will be returned in precious souls.

We were successful in getting nice reports through the papers. The largest daily only failing one time to print our excerpts of the lectures. Thousands were thus able to read the message which they did not hear orally.

The method of service was different to the usual preaching program. Professor Ruf opened the meeting by giving a fifteen to twenty minute Bible study, calling on the audience to read from their own Bibles more than a score of texts on the topic of the night. Then I followed with a thirty minute lecture in which the plain teachings of the Holy Scriptures were emphasized. This gripped our audience as I have rarely seen an audience interested.

We have some fine colored and Mexican people very much interested in the truth. We hope to have an effort here for the Mexicans and the colored folk. Pray for Wichita Falls and the North Western district.

JOHN D. HAYNES.

#### A WEDGE OF GOLD AND A BABYLONISH GARMENT

Although many centuries have passed since the people of God erected a stone pile over the body of Achan because he took a golden wedge and a Babylonish garment, which he was told not to take, yet today we find creeping in among our good people the same covetous desire for gold in its various forms and garments that, if not Babylonish, are certainly out of place in the camp of Israel.

When I came into this message it was made clear to me that God did not expect Seventh-day Adventists to wear gold for adornment. I came out of the world, where I had been used to wearing gold rings and other gold ornaments, and yet, somehow, I was impressed with the propriety of God's people, believing this message, to take off their gold adornment, which I did. Although I thought a great deal of my large gold band ring, I found real pleasure in taking it off and placing it in the contribution basket for missions. I supposed at that time that every Seventh-day Adventist accepted the Bible teaching on this matter. Today, I am convinced that many of our people do not accept the Bible

teaching on the matter of adornment and dress. My brethren, I do not know what the outcome will be; but I fear, unless there is a change, that many are going to be enticed into the world, and consequently into the snares of Satan, and be lost in the day of destruction.

As a gospel minister, I have always made it my practice never to recommend for church membership any individual wearing gold for adornment. I do not expect to change on this point. It makes me feel sad when our workers are careless on this point, for I know it means confusion for some of us to say that candidates for membership must conform to the Bible teachings before we recommend them, and another to recommend them first, and hope that they may conform afterward.

I find since coming to this conference that quite a number of our sisters wear gold rings. When a conversation is started concerning it, they hide behind the fact that it is a wedding ring. I wonder sometimes how they get the idea that that makes any difference in the sight of God. For the benefit of those who think that it is necessary or expedient to wear a wedding ring, I quote herewith a portion of a testimony found on page one-hundred-eighty in Testimonies to Ministers:

"Some have had a burden in regard to the wearing of a marriage ring, feeling that the wives of our ministers should conform to this custom. All this is unnecessary. Let the minister's wives have the golden link which binds their souls to Jesus Christ, a pure and holy character, the true love and meekness and godliness that are the fruit borne upon the Christian tree, and their influence will be secure anywhere. The fact that a disregard of the custom occasions remark, is no good reason for adopting it. Americans can make their position understood by plainly stating that the custom is not regarded as obligatory in our country. We need not wear the sign, for we are not untrue to our marriage vow, and the wearing of the ring would be no evidence that we were true. I feel deeply over this leavening process which seems to be going on among us, in the conformity to custom and fashion. Not one penny should be spent for a circlet of gold to testify that we are married."

Then I would call attention to the fact that God sent this people a message at one time regarding the matter of wearing short or long dresses. I would not like to see our people become

fanatical, or even extremists, but I perceive our sisters have become extremists when they have adopted the ultra short dress. I know, from my own observation and my contact with other men, that there is a recognition on the part of men that the modern skirt is immodest. I feel that every conference worker ought to be understood by our brethren as being decidedly against immodesty. I believe, too, that he ought to be decidedly against the wearing of those things which are forbidden for adornment. Otherwise, my brethren, where will the church drift to? Where is the Bible simplicity that characterized this movement at its beginning? Is there not a danger that we are losing this simplicity? I think we are fast departing from it in many places on many questions.

Perhaps some may feel that I am an alarmist. Even though this may be so, the Scriptures indicate there comes a time when an alarm should be sounded. I desire that in this article. I quote again from the divinely inspired writings that have led God's people in this movement so successfully in the years past. I quote from Volume four of the Testimonies, page 647.

"Fashion is deteriorating the church, and eating out the spirituality of our people. Obedience to fashion is pervading our Seventh-day Adventist churches, and is doing more than any other power to separate our people from God."

My brethren and sisters, shall we not return from our backsliding to that path of Christian simplicity that is laid out for the people of God to walk in? Shall we not renounce the things of the world and be truly converted to God, and to His glorious message that is to prepare people for translation? Let the money that is being wasted in an effort to keep up with the god of fashion, be placed in the contribution box for missions. Let the tithe be returned to the storehouse. Let the time that is wasted be used in missionary work. Let the strength that is being frittered away be given to the work God. And thus pave the way for the speedy accomplishment of the time when the Spirit of God will be poured on this people as has never been upon any other people.

Yours with Christian love,  
R. L. BENTON.

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#### A LETTER

On account of my wife's health I have

not been able to do much work of late. We spent four weeks in Doctor Gaede's Sanitarium, at Weatherford, Oklahoma. We were gone six weeks in all, part of which we were water bound. One Sabbath I spent with the company near Snyder, Oklahoma. Of course I did some work in Weatherford with literature, and preached a few times on Sabbath. The last Sabbath before we came home was spent with the Binger, Oklahoma, church. I was surely glad to be with this company again. Sixteen years ago I had the privilege of holding several meetings in and around Binger which resulted in the organization of this church. Since that time many changes have come, some have moved away, others have come in, some are dead, others have left the faith, but I was glad to find the majority of the same old familiar faces who are still pressing on to receive the reward at the end of the journey. Then there were those who were children then, now grown young people. May God present these, and all who are now with our people there, unbroken families in His heavenly kingdom.

We reached home just as the college year was closing, and just as the Sabbath closed we were surely glad to see Bessie who has been two years in training at St. Helena Sanitarium. She will be here a few weeks and give her mother treatments this summer before returning to finish her course. Mabel is also here for awhile, but all the boys have gone; two to east Texas to canvass and one to work in Fort Worth.

Wife is much better than she was but is still in very poor health. Some have written, asking me to visit them and hold meetings, but at present it does not seem possible to do so. We do ask all our friends in the faith to pray that the Lord may see fit to bless us with good health and vigor and ability to work for Him. The time is drawing to a close. My earnest desire is to have a part in the work as it closes.

I. A. CRANE.

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#### 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

Brethren Gant, Dart and Riffel spent last Sabbath with the Cushing company, at which time twelve were baptized. Plans were also laid at this time for a church school for the coming year.

Elder Clark spent the week-end at the Kansas camp meeting, at the same time taking advantage of the opportunity

to visit relatives before returning to the office.

Brethren L. H. Robinson, Clinton Woodland and Richard Fisher, three of our colporteurs, have recently made calls at the office.

Brother Aitken and family, of Binger, called at the office one day this week while in the city on business.

Although the weather has been cold and rainy the meetings at Capitol Hill are being quite well attended. A number of faces are being seen at practically every meeting.

Miss Olivia Uhrig has been spending a couple of weeks with her sister who is one of the conference stenographers.

There are only two more Sabbaths in this quarter so if you have not ordered your supplies for the third quarter, it is time to hurry your order in.

Brother Riffel has been in the city the past few days making final arrangements for sending out tents and equipment for the effort which is soon to begin at Wayne.

Reports from Bristow indicate that the campaign there will be a successful one. Elder Fillman and Brother Fowler are in charge of this effort.

Brother G. W. Calloway made a short visit at the office to arrange for new territory, having just completed a ninety per cent delivery in the north-west part of the state where there has been practically no moisture for the past twelve months. If this percentage of books can be delivered in a section that is so dry, why cannot others do as well where conditions are more favorable?

OBITUARY

COVER—Hulda Ruth Cover was born April 18, 1918, and died at Marshall, Oklahoma May 28, 1927. She suffered a great deal during the last year of her life, but in her suffering she gave evidence of her genuine Christian experience.

Ruth was baptized at the Guthrie camp meeting in August, 1925, and fell asleep in full faith of a part in the first resurrection morning. She leaves to mourn her loss, her parents, three grand parents, and one great grandmother, and several uncles and aunts. The large crowd that filled the church where the services were held was evidence that she had a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by Prof. K. L.

Gant, assisted by the writer, and the little body was laid to rest awaiting the call of the Life-Giver.

B. E. BRIDWELL

CUSHING, OKLAHOMA.

The baptismal service at Cushing last Sabbath, June 11th, will long be remembered at Cushing. We were glad to have three of our ministering brethren with us, Elder Dart, Professor Gant and Brother Riffel, also Sister Riffel, all of whom rendered excellent service. We were also glad to welcome the entire company from Stroud and several others from Drumright.

It is needless to say that we had an interesting Sabbath. The eleven o'clock hour was given to the ordinances. This was a very impressive service, especially to the new converts. One dear old brother who has been a member of the Christian church for forty-two years, in speaking of the ordinance of humility said it was the most solemn service he ever attended. He made his final decision to obey the truth last Sabbath, and being satisfied with his former baptism, he was taken into the church along with those who were baptized.

After eating prepared lunches we went to the Perry Lake and had the pleasure of seeing twelve precious souls led down into the watery grave to be buried with their Lord in baptism. Such a scene gives one a little foretaste of the inexpressible joy that will be his in the kingdom when he meets there those for whom he has labored.

After the baptism we all returned to the hall, and Professor Gant gave a very timely discourse on the purpose and influence of our church schools, which resulted in definite plans being laid for a school here beginning next fall. The purchase of a suitable location for a church and school building is also being considered, which makes our hearts rejoice. Coupled with the rejoicing is a deep sense of the weighty responsibility that is laid upon us.

We need the earnest prayers of our people that the blessing of God may attend our efforts. ABBIE DUNN.

We should educate the youth to help the youth; and as they seek to do this work, they will gain an experience that will qualify them to become consecrated workers in a larger sphere.—Vol. 6, p. 115.

# COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT

NORTH TEXAS COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 11

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
J. D. Philips	BR	57	39	238.50	14.00	252.50	8.50
C. L. Grandon	BR	53	25	147.50	5.00	152.25	.....
R. Cloninger	BR	45	32	176.00	9.50	185.50	.....
A. C. Cranfill	BR	45	17	95.50	3.75	99.25	2.00
W. T. Harrison	DR	45	9	49.50	15.50	65.00	4.50
W. T. Tucker	BML	44	.....	.....	25.25	25.25	5.00
R. F. Culpepper	RJ	42	58	210.00	6.75	216.75	1.25
R. F. Culpepper	RJ	42	48	160.00	1.75	161.75	.....
Waldo Crane	BR	41	28	158.00	6.75	164.75	6.75
W. T. Tucker	BML	40	.....	.....	36.25	36.25	6.25
W. T. Tucker	BML	40	.....	.....	28.25	28.25	7.75
West Smith	OD	38	51	209.25	9.50	218.75	81.75
Carl Moyers	DR	31	12	66.00	12.25	78.25	1.00
Martin Pettey	BR	34	20	114.00	1.75	115.75	.....
Wesley Crane	BR	30	17	109.50	9.50	119.00	.....
J. D. Wilburn	BR-OD	24	10	52.00	16.75	68.75	8.00
J. O. Conrad	BR	15	3	16.50	1.50	18.00	.....
R. E. Writaker	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	56.75
Workers	15	680	369	1802.25	203.75	2006.00	189.50

OKLAHOMA COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 11, 1927

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
Arthur Burton	BR	55	20	137.00	6.00	143.00	.....
Glenn Ross	DR	53	33	187.50	11.50	199.00	.....
G. B. Boswell	BFL	53	11	36.00	19.25	55.25	5.50
Chester Georgia	DR	51	37	208.50	9.00	217.50	.....
G. B. Boswell	BFL	50	20	69.00	48.25	117.25	.....
C. W. Calloway	BR	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	276.42
R. E. Fisher	DR	43	7	36.50	43.00	79.50	.....
R. L. Laird	BR	42	9	53.50	11.00	64.50	.....
Chester Georgia	DR	41	.....	175.50	.....	175.50	.....
Wm. A. Lee	HP	34	5	37.00	.....	37.00	.....
J. F. Stringer	BR	30	3	16.50	1.25	17.75	.....
Ewell Walker	PPF	28	19	70.00	13.25	83.25	10.65
W. R. Barlett	BR	26	4	24.00	.....	24.00	.....
W. S. Hicks	BR	19	3	16.50	12.00	28.50	24.00
Carl Dyer	DR	18	5	29.50	13.00	42.50	11.50
Ewell Walker	PPF	15	4	15.50	2.50	18.50	2.60
Carl Greanz	BR	14	8	54.00	1.00	55.00	.....
L. H. Robinson	BR	10	4	22.00	.50	22.50	.....
J. B. Roth	TP	9	1	7.00	8.75	15.75	62.50
Workers	16	623	193	1195.50	200.25	1396.25	393.17

TEXICO COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 11, 1927

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
C. D. Colburn	GC	108	30	164.50	86.70	251.20	87.10
Pearl Guinn	RJ	26	9	27.00	39.50	66.50	3.75
Elleta Ellett	RJ	25	9	29.00	.....	29.00	.....
G. M. Curry	RJ	24	6	14.00	6.00	20.00	1.75
J. C. Curry	RJ	24	10	62.50	12.25	74.75	1.25
Jaunita Ellett	RJ	24	5	7.00	.....	7.00	.....
Magdelene Wright	RJ	24	6	18.00	6.75	24.75	.....
C. L. Chastain	OD	19	4	15.50	3.00	18.50	3.00
C. H. Truitt	GC	19	3	16.50	16.25	32.75	7.00
G. Sillivent	OD	18	6	21.00	13.25	34.50	4.50
Mrs. Chastain	RJ	16	3	21.00	8.00	29.00	.....
Workers	1	327	91	369.00	192.70	589.70	111.10

**GRAND TOTAL:**  
Workers 42 1630 653 3376.75 596.70 3991.95 693.27

## 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

### Important Notice!

On account of financial condition, the South Texas Conference Committee has decided to not hold a camp meeting this year. The committee made its decision after the conditions had been placed before all the churches and council and advice received from them.

This notice is given to counteract the former camp meeting notice which has appeared in the RECORD, and that all our people, especially in the South Texas Conference, may know that we will not hold a camp meeting this year.

W. R. ELLIOTT, Pres.  
J. S. McMULLEN, Sec'y.

## 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

### A CALL TO PRAYER

When the Son of Man was here upon earth, He spake a parable one day, in which He said, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint," and the apostle, Paul admonished the brethren at Thessalonica to, "Pray without ceasing", and the writer is convinced that these orders given by our Great Captain, and the apostle to the gentiles are

applicable for such a time as this.

Another institute has just closed in Lubbock, and going out from this weeks' intensive training are a number of our boys and girls, children of Texico's Adventist parents. Should we not remember these dear young men and women at the Father's throne each day, that as they go forth in this literature ministry, they may have heavenly companions to keep them in the way, and that success may attend their efforts, not only to do their bit in the spread of the message, but that they may be able to earn their way through school next year?

Then, too, on Sunday night, June 5, the first meeting was held in the tabernacle constructed by the Lubbock church, at which a very gratifying audience attended, and this, too, in spite of the fact that three other meetings are in session, one of which is within a stone's throw of the tabernacle.

For a number of weeks, in fact several months, the members of the Lubbock church have conducted a *Present Truth* campaign, visiting every home in the city every two weeks, and of course this has stirred many to inquire more about the message, which resulted in a strong plea from the church for a meeting to be held. The committee asked the writer, Elder LaGrone, and Brother Herschel Martin to conduct this effort, and we are very anxious that the readers of the RECORD will remember us at the throne of mercy each day to the end that every honest soul may be sought out from the world in this city at this time.

So let us pray dear brethren, as we have never prayed before.

E. T. WILSON.

### OUR CHURCH PAPER.

A most startling fact has been revealed recently concerning the subscription list of the *Review*. Elder A. E. Sanderson, a successful evangelist, who felt a great burden to see the church paper going into more homes of the Advent believers, was appointed to devote his entire time for a while to increasing the subscription list of the "Good Old *Review*."

Most encouraging results have attended this arrangement, but a startling fact has been brought to light viz: At least thirty per cent and perhaps forty per cent of the Adventist families of America are not readers of the *Review and Herald* and as a result a great loss has come to our work

through lack of cooperation in plans for the church, and a spiritual declension which is no small item to be reckoned with.

The writer is of the firm belief that the greatest stabilizing agency among this people today is the *Review*, and he would not think of missing its messages of counsel, warning, and encouragement any more than he would think of missing the Sabbath services.

Experience has long since taught us that it is not the price of the paper that accounts for this low subscription list, for the people get just about what they want these days, so the first thing necessary is to create a desire for the spiritual uplift coming from a perusal of our church paper, and it is to be hoped that each worker in the Texico Conference will share the burden with those elected to edit our paper, by urging every family of Seventh-day Adventists to become regular readers of this divinely-appointed messenger of truth.

The writer is also of the opinion that if the bread winners of all the Adventist families read the *Review* each week, there would not be such a thing as a non-tithe-paying family among us; for surely the hearts of all would be so stirred with the rapid closing work in the earth, there would be no temptation strong enough to keep one from known duty. Our Motto, "Every Seventh-day Adventist in Texico a reader of the *Review*." E. T. WILSON.

### PLANS FOR NEW CHURCHES AND SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN TEXICO

In several places in the Texico Conference, plans are on foot for the erection of new churches and school buildings.

At Raton, brethren have already secured the building site and are now raising the funds for a building which they purpose to use as a church and school building. It is desired to have the building ready for the beginning of school this fall. At this place we have a joint school of the American and Spanish churches.

The lumber and land for the church and school building at Maxwell has been provided. As soon as the dobes are made the building will begin so as to have it ready for the school this fall.

The Albuquerque Spanish church is

considering the building of a new and larger church in a better location and using their present church building for school purposes.

As the Mexican government has already given us a building site in Juarez for a church, the brethren in El Paso and Juarez are anxious to get their building up.

New interests among the Spanish are developing near Maxwell. A family has just taken their stand for the Sabbath and a number are beginning to study the message with us. In Gardener where several have been studying for some time and are keeping the Sabbath, we expect to have baptism soon.

Several are waiting for baptism at Cleveland, Mora County, New Mexico where Brother Ayala is working. Some of these will be baptized during this month.

### GOOD EXPERIENCES

I was selling books once when I met a protestant minister. He used to be pastor of a church, evangelist of that territory and professor of one of their schools. The book I was selling was "Heralds of the Morning." After a little talk with him he said:

"Why do you Seventh-day Adventists not sell Bibles?"

"Who told you we do not?" I replied. "How many and what kind do you want? I will sell you any kind you want. Have you ever been in any of our Bible Houses?"

"Yes, but you are selling another book now."

"Why," I said, "Do you remember what Philip did when he met the eunuch? He did not give him the Scriptures because he already had them, he only explained them to him. That is what we are doing. All the hundreds of denominations are selling Bibles although we hardly find any among their members during the services. You are selling Bibles to others and after you sell them we bring the Philips, as I call our books, to explain the Scriptures to the people if they have read them, and if not, to make them thirsty so they will go after their dusty Bibles to see if what our books say is right."

We had a long talk on the Sabbath question, and after that he said:

"Well, your doctrine about the Sab-



bath is not so bad as the doctrine of the immortality of the soul."

"Let us not argue," I answered. "Let us study. Let me present our standing on the matter and after I get through you present yours."

He agreed and I did it. When I got through he only said:

"Maybe you are right, I don't know."

Now, talking with the Catholic people, one of the arguments I present in favor of my book is this: I always keep with me a Catholic catechism in which I have marked this question and answer: "Ques.—What things help us to keep God's commandments? "Ans.—Prayers, the sacraments, the sermons, reading religious books, and good companions." I have sold many books for this reason. I emphasize the point "reading religious books."

A son and daughter of a family with which I have been studying since last January, have just come from a protestant school. The boys up here began to ask them the meaning of some verses in the Bible. Although the young lady was in the seventh grade and the young man in the ninth, neither could explain anything. Then the boys up here explained according to the studies we have had. They were deeply surprised and exclaimed, — "Well, how did you get so smart about the Bible?"

The Lord is blessing us and some are preparing to be baptized, so we ask our brethren everywhere to pray for us.

C. I. AYALA.

**THE GREATEST AND NOBLEST WORK OF ALL.**

We read in the Bible: "He that winneth souls is wise;" that is, he is one who has been taught how. It is encouraging to hear from Fireside students who are giving the morning hour to study, and are seeing fruit of their efforts. One writes from Chicago: "I study from five to six a. m. . . I have won one soul since I began this Bible Reading course." Another writes; "I am a colporteur and also work by the day. I study going to and from work and in the evening before retiring." This student is reading with four persons. Two have signed the temperance pledge, and he expects them shortly to take their stand for the truth. A sister who is about half-way through the course writes from the state of Washington: "Through God's all-sufficient grace my husband and I have brought a family to Christ, including

husband, wife, and two children. Moreover they are themselves beginning to work, and are out bringing other people to the meetings."

Soul-winning is the supreme test of spiritual life. Abiding in Christ means bearing fruit; and when the members bear fruit, the church grows in numbers and in spiritual power. It may reach all its other goals; but if its members are not successful in bringing other souls to a saving knowledge of the truth, the church is a failure. Fruit-bearing calls for earnest, believing prayer. Zion must be in travail before she can bring forth children.

"The conversion of souls to God is the greatest, the noblest work in which human beings can have a part. In this work are revealed God's power, His holiness, His forbearance, and His unbounded love." —Gospel Workers. May we not have the privilege of hearing from more men and women who are willing to rise early on these bright summer mornings, and give patient thought and study to the fine art of soul-winning?

Fireside Correspondence School.  
Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

**NOTICE**

Next winter there will be an opportunity 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 correspondence with mature young women, who are planning to be in Southwestern Junior College next year, in order that definite arrangements may be made with them for this work. Kindly address P. L. THOMPSON, Keene, Texas.

**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.

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B. C. Butler, Perkins, Okla. 25.

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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