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Oklahoma City, Okla.

President—Elder M. B. Van Kirk  
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## UNION NEWS NOTES

Elder A. F. Harrison was called to Kansas this week because of the death of his sister-in-law.

Elder M. B. Van Kirk returned to the office the last of the week from attending the Spring Council in Washington, D. C.

The Southwestern Junior College Board and the union conference committee are in session this week at the union office.

Elders G. F. Eichman and E. A. Pohle spent the week-end with the German churches in Oklahoma assisting in the convention of the home missionary and missionary volunteer departments.

## A 1927 EXPERIENCE

The home missionary secretary of one of our conferences passes on the following item:

A very interesting experience came to my attention a few days ago which I feel will be an encouragement to you and you might use it. A Catholic family who lives next to an Adventist family received a copy of the *Review and Herald*. The husband was especially interested in Elder Froom's article on "Present Day Conditions" which appeared in three sections. The lady became interested in other articles that appeared in the *Review* and, while they knew that it was an Adventist paper, the husband said it was the best paper he had ever seen. They are now subscribing for the *Review and Herald* that they might receive the good that it contains for their own experiences. The lady was riding in a street car, happening to have the *Review* in her hand and reading it on her way home from town. Some one back of her recognized the *Review* and whispered, "She must be an Adventist."

When the woman got home, she told her husband she didn't care what people thought she was, she certainly appreciated the *Review*. An Adventist church paper going into a Catholic home.

There are hundreds of people who have more or less knowledge of the work of Seventh-day Adventists and who would be interested in reading our church paper. Do not hesitate to pass yours along. It would be the most telling and effective kind of missionary work for persons who know something of us and who are at least somewhat interested in our activities.

## A LETTER FROM CHINA

While writing you in regard to the church letter, I am going to add a few lines which you might pass on to the brethren of North Texas. I am very glad, indeed, to note that North Texas is taking second place (and perhaps ere this first place) in their offerings to missions. When the news come across the sea that the folks at home have gone over the top with their goal for missions and are getting down in real earnest to finish the task before us, it brings a real thrill to hearts out in the far flung corners of earth. As we look at the reports our eyes naturally look to see what the "Home conference" did. If it has been loyal to the battle, and if churches in which we have labored head the list, then the report becomes, not a report, but a real letter from home. The battle goes hard sometimes, brethren, harder than you will ever know, and your prayers, your efforts, your faithfulness, serve to strengthen the tired heart, the flagging zeal, or the weary step, facing the strongholds of heathenism.

As we face strife-torn China and her millions, with our small forces, (as men count by numbers) shall we be discouraged? Shall we slacken our efforts in proclaiming the Good News? The answer comes to my heart in no uncertain terms, Decidedly no! The Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save! You can find on every hand the anti-most-every-thing spirit,

this only tells us that the Devil has passed into the hands of the Cantonese on Dec. 3, and we have been expecting trouble, but all has been peaceful until the last two or three days. Just today two churches, one Anglican and one Methodist, have been looted, also the Y. M. C. A. and a Catholic school, and a little trouble in one of the American Board schools, and this afternoon and to-night we are watching and wondering if they are coming here. These other incidents happened almost within sight of our compound, in fact some of the places are within sight. Just now we do not know whether we will be in this house tomorrow, or out fleeing for safety. We have gotten a few things together so that if we have to get out in a hurry we will be ready.

We are praying, however, that it will not come to that. Discouraging! Yes, but not discouraged. Let me now tell you just a few of the things we see and hear that drives even this kind of discouragement away and causes us to hope for and love the work more than ever. About one o'clock two native pastors and one teacher came to tell me about the looting. Their first thoughts were for our safety, and the safety of the chapel and school. We talked the situation over a bit, and then knelt down together and four very earnest prayers went up to God for the preservation of His people, His chapel, His school, His furniture.

A few days ago we were discussing salary raises in committee meeting. We came to one dear old brother's name, and he at once said that he did not want a raise, had rather see it in the work. Just a month before this, he had divided more than eighty dollars of his salary that he had not yet drawn, between some more unfortunate workers up in a district hard hit by famine and bandits.

A short time ago I passed the night at a little chapel right at the head of a big valley and at the foot of a tall mountain. We had a good meeting that night, with thirty men present.

They wanted a chapel built. I asked them, what they could do toward getting it. They were a group of farmers, poor, heavily taxed and surrounded by bandits, I wondered what they would say. "We will give the land, we will perform the labor, and will raise more than \$40 cash besides." This was their answer. Five of the men were ready for baptism, and we invited them to come to Sien-yu for the Sabbath meeting, when we would have a baptismal service and the ordinances. Sien-yu was twelve miles away. They at once agreed to come. That night we lay down to sleep. About 2 a. m. the native pastor with whom I was itinerating, came and awakened me, saying that the bandits were coming. He had heard a shot, a cry, and dogs barking. We got up and watched until morning, but none came our way. About 4:30 a. m. there was a bugle call, and a big light came through the mountain pass from the south, the Cantonese were coming! The next morning we set out walking for Sien-yu, and came into the city right behind a portion of the advance guard troops. The northerners fled, and the Cantonese were in possession. The city was crowded with soldiers and more were coming all the time, 30,000 were expected. Fully fifteen thousand did come, and they occupied chapels and schools, but fortunately not ours. We wondered if we could hold our meetings; many anti-Christian posters were in evidence, and we know the whole policy of the southern forces was against Christianity. On Sabbath we were to have baptismal services and the ordinances. We wondered if the brethren twelve miles away would come or not, would they face the dangers of the road, the soldiers, the bandits, and walk those twelve miles just to be baptized? Yes, they came! and we had our meeting. However, knowing the anti-Christian and anti-foreign feeling, we wondered if it would be safe to baptize. There was some concern as to my safety, and it was feared a service out in plain view of soldiers etc., might stir up trouble. There were fourteen to be baptized, and so I asked if they were afraid to go. I told them that I was willing to baptize them, if they dared to go. Not a one hesitated, so we went out about a half-mile to the river, and while the brethren and sisters sang the songs of Zion, I baptized them in that clear

mountain stream. Some of the women had bound feet, and I can see them now pegging along that rough road and across the river eagerly looking forward to baptism. There was a small temple on the bank of the river, just back of where we baptized. There were two rooms in it, and as the candidates came up from the water, they changed their clothes there. I fancied the old idols of the temple were a bit offended at this affront of burying the "old man" of their former followers and having them put on the garments of Christ right before their eyes, but they were indeed and in truth "dumb idols" and said nothing. Being the last out of the water, I also changed garments there, adding insult to injury!

I should like to tell you more of the providences of God to us while on this trip, but time and space will not permit. We can truly thank Him for his wonderful care, and know for a surety that "His Angel goeth before."

You ask, "Do these people believe that Jesus is coming again? Yes, they not only believe it, but pray for it, and long for it. One of our evangelists up-country was having the trouble in his chapel with the soldiers. He wanted to move to another building. He wrote me that we would not need a very substantial building, just a temporary one would do, because Jesus was coming soon, and we would not need it. As we prepared a few things this evening, in order to be ready to go, if it became necessary, the thought occurred to me that if we were going out to meet Jesus we would not have to take a thing,—just ourselves with His name written in our hearts and foreheads. Brethren, we long for that day to come. Let's make the finishing of the work our chief business, and may God help you to be faithful till He comes.

With very warm personal regards to each worker and each member, and wishing you God's blessing for the New Year, I am

Your brother in Christ,  
V. J. MOLONEY.

#### CHEAPER FOODS

Our health would be better and our pocketbooks fatter, says Dr. D. H. Kress in "Cheaper Foods and Better Health." if we would only discard some of the artificialities in our diet. Read this grand-jury indictment of the

every-day fare of the average American home.

Your Book and Bible House will gladly furnish you a supply of the March color Signs, with this and other splendid articles. Ten or more to one address, four cents each.

#### A FINE PROGRAM

The Keene community was favored last Saturday night by a musical program given by the Oakwood quartette, from our colored school at Huntsville, Alabama. It was a religious program largely composed of negro spirituals, with a few other numbers interspersed. The church was filled almost to capacity, and the program was greatly enjoyed by all. At the close a substantial offering was made to help in the purchase of furnishings for the new girls' dormitory at Oakwood Junior College. The quartette is visiting many of our large centers trying, in the words of their leader, to "sing up beds, dressers, chairs, etc." to furnish their dormitory.

#### 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 60c-A-WEEK FUND

For one month ending January 29, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Quota	Received	Short cent
Ark. . . . .	1566.00	488.56	1077.44 .187
Ark. C. . . . .	207.50	100.13	107.37 .121

#### WEDDING

On the evening of February 28, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, at Fayetteville, Elder K. R. Haughey officiated at a very pretty wedding, when Miss Zula Rudisaile became the bride of Mr. Oscar Knight.

Miss Rudisaile has been teaching the church school at Fayetteville this year.

Brother and Sister Knight have assumed the responsibility of caring for the orphaned Ladd children. The readers of the RECORD will remember that Mr. and Mrs. Ladd, and two of their sons, were killed in the Thanksgiving night cyclone. Three of the children were seriously hurt, and Truble, the nine year old boy, is still in bed in the hospital here in Little Rock.

He is recovering nicely now, and hopes soon to join his sisters at the home of the Knights.

We wish for Brother and Sister Knight many years of happiness in their service for others.

### INVESTMENT FUND

Did you have a part in the Sabbath School Investment Fund last year? If you did, I am sure you will follow the plan again this year. If you did not, I want to tell you something about it, so that you will become interested enough to adopt the plan for 1927. It is always interesting to know what others have accomplished, so let me cite a few examples:

Brother Norwood, the church missionary secretary of the Fayetteville church, championed the plan there. He writes of one family, all eight members of which had a row of some kind of garden produce dedicated to the Lord and that some of these rows bore more than double other rows growing right by their side; the difference was marked all summer. One of the children had a row of sixteen sweet pepper plants from which she received \$9.81. Fayetteville has followed this plan for three years and has turned in about \$220 as a result of the investment plan. Of course they are going to do the same in 1927.

Brother and Sister Anderson promised Don all the pennies they got in change. He did not let them forget their promise, either. Each Thirteenth Sabbath he would count out one hundred pennies, and "can" the rest for the Investment Fund. In the fall he sent three hundred pennies to the office.

He is not the only one that "canned" pennies. Brother Wesley Loudon, superintendent of the Little Rock No. 2 Sabbath school did not "spend a cent" all summer, and he had over three hundred fifty pennies by Investment Day. Other members took an active part in this plan, some having a row of garden produce, and others giving a day's wage.

Miss Irene McCormick, assisted by the other McCormick children, planted a row of popcorn. When this got ripe they made a sign: "Two pop corn balls for five cents. The money goes to missions." They put this up on the porch and as a result sent in \$4.30 for their heavenly investment. They write it was fun and are planning to do it again this year.

Now, it may be that none of these

ways of saving money appeal to you. Perhaps you would rather dedicate a hen to the Lord, or give the proceeds of the Sabbath eggs. Boys can earn money mowing lawns, and girls can care for babies or help their neighbors with the house work. Swift needles can make pretty fancy work, or aprons. Some can bake bread, or make candy. You know what you can do, better than I do.

I knew one lady who lived in the country in Alabama who raised flowers. Another sister in the church took these flowers to the city market and sold them, and before I had left there for Arkansas last fall over \$40 had been turned in from that flower bed to be used in planting the seeds of truth in the hearts of others.

Please write me telling how you intend to earn your investment money this year. It may be sent to the office once a quarter, or saved until the close of the year. It is credited to the Sabbath school, but not placed in the regular offering, or used on the Thirteenth Sabbath. Mark it "Investment Fund."

Mrs. K. R. HAUGHEY.

Arkansas Sabbath School Secretary.

### WHAT A CHURCH AND CHURCH SCHOOL CAN DO

I will mention some things the Fayetteville church has done with the help of the church school.

First, I will speak of Elder J. W. Norwood, as many of the readers of the Southwestern Union Record will remember that he was brought up and trained in the Fayetteville church. When he was eighteen years old he went to Union College and spent two years in school, and then took up the work of the ministry. For the last eighteen years of his life he was president of different local conferences.

He was much interested in church schools, and kept his children in the Fayetteville church school; when he was called away to other places he kept them in church school until they were ready for college. Then he kept them in college and now they are ready for the work.

Next I will speak of Sister Johnson who lived near Wheeler, west of Fayetteville. She came to Fayetteville to work and came to Sabbath School. We persuaded her to go to camp meeting and later to Keene. We made up money to help her on in college, and later she and Brother Wilson were married and are now in the mission field.

Two girls and a boy were taken in to

protect them. One of the girls and the boy had homes found for them in Kansas, and the girl proved to be one of the best Bible workers that Kansas had. She followed this work for twenty years and was faithful to her death. The boy grew to be a faithful man, and now has a daughter in the graduating class at Enterprise (Kansas) academy this year.

Roy Cole was a member of the Fayetteville church and attended the church school before going to Southwestern Junior College where he graduated and is now in the Lord's work.

My grandson, Noel Kinzer, attended the Fayetteville church school as his first school, and after graduating at Keene, he was called to the mission field where he is now.

There are several others I could speak of who have gone through our school at Fayetteville, and are now in other and higher schools. And others are now in school here who if faithful will soon be in the Lord's work. We cannot afford to let our children attend the public schools. Fathers and mothers, do not be afraid to invest a little in your boys and girls, to enable them to get a Christian education, for the Lord will bless you in so doing.

G. E. NORWOOD.

### NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

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North Tex. Book and Bible House  
Sec'y-Treas.—C. G. Ortner

### STATEMENT OF THE SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

For one month ending January 29, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Quota	Received	Short cent
N. Tex.	3444.00	1081.50	2362.50 .188
N. Tex. C.	197.50	59.86	137.64 .152

### THE DENISON EFFORT

Our people will be pleased to know that an interest is being shown in our Denison effort. The following quotations are from *The Denison Herald* in which our every lecture has been getting a big headline.

"Missionary at Star is heard by big crowd in spite of continuous rain Sunday evening." "Star Theater packed as crowd hears Evangelist John Yates. The public is taking a big interest in the services." "More than 1000 per-

sons heard Rev. John Yates lecture Sunday evening at Star Theater."

"The Ministry of the Screen" as well as that of "song," "Literature," and the "Word" is having a prominent place in these services. Most every meeting includes a song service, a picture-mission or travel-talk, a Bible lecture, sacred pictures, and the handing out of our literature. It is interesting to see the theater manager handing out *Present Truth* and the members of many churches as well as non-church members handing out "Your Bible Says." It seems sad to have hundreds turned away from the theater doors repeatedly for lack of even standing room.

In addition to the large theater meeting we have as many as six cottage services a week where from twenty five to fifty neighbors and friends congregate to hear the message. A more than double increase in the attendance and offerings at the regular Sabbath services is a token of a definite interest we believe. I am still alone in these meetings only as Brother Ortner and Sister Glendenning come up over week ends to help. Pray that we may be able to lead these people in numbers not only to meetings but to our God.

J. S. YATES.

#### ANOTHER BANK FAILURE

Word comes to us of another bank closing its doors, leaving many of its depositors with a very heavy loss. I understand that this involves some money owned by Seventh-day Adventists. This reminds us again that really the safest place in the world to have our money is in the cause. If our brethren who have a little surplus would place their money with the conference they would put it in use where it would not be lost. We carry a very small surplus in the bank, all money that is sent in to us we try to keep in use in such a way that the work will be benefited by it. Even if the brethren feel that they cannot let the conference use their money without interest we can pay a small rate of interest, enough to make them about what they would get were the money in the bank. Of course, we would be glad to get the money without interest, but we cannot expect all of our brethren to be able to do this, but really brethren, your money is safer in the North Texas Conference than it is in most banks.

I am sure those of our brethren, who have lost money in the bank would be glad if that money were now in the conference, for the whole denomination

is back of our organized work and we know that this work is going to go until the very end, so an investment in the work is the safest investment to make and let us not forget that we ought to give very liberally outright for the cause of missions as well as paying our tithe regularly.

We will be glad to help our brethren place their money where it will be safe if they care to have us help them.

R. L. BENTON.

#### LUFKIN, TEXAS

Just a word from Lufkin. We have quite an interest here which is growing. Sunday night two families came twenty-five miles to hear their first Adventist preacher, and others living here are much interested. The little country church is about filled to capacity each Sunday night despite opposition, whooping cough and rain. We are laying plans to hold a large tabernacle effort by May or a little before.

We have secured a nicely located lot or rather one half block, and are trying hard to raise the money to build the tabernacle. Those here, though few, have given liberally. By permission of our conference president, we are sending a printed card and apron to our friends, inside and outside our faith, for small donations. About one hundred cards have been sent out mostly to those in our conference; a few were sent to Oklahoma and California. Some twelve dollars have come in from this source for which we are thankful for the lift.

O. W. WOLFE.

#### SOMETHING OF INTEREST

Next Sabbath is the last Sabbath of this quarter. The offerings for this day are to be used in advancing the work in new territory. The Foreign Mission Board is asking for \$95,000 to be raised for this purpose, and the overflow is to go to the work in Russia. For the months of January and February of this year, we show a loss of \$213.05 in Sabbath School offerings as compared with those of the same months of last year. We trust every member will sense the great need and give as the Lord has prospered him. We invite all who will, to make this coming Thirteenth Sabbath a dollar day.

When we realize that over half the money used for missions is raised by the Sabbath Schools, we can see what it will mean to the foreign missions program if we fail to do our share.

We hope soon to have our Pennants ready to send out to the schools in recognition of their success in raising mission money. The goal to be reached is an average of thirty cents per week per member, including one dollar per member for the Thirteenth Sabbath. That is to say, the school that reaches one dollar per member on the Thirteenth Sabbath, and with this Thirteenth Sabbath donation averages thirty cents per member during the quarter, is entitled to a Pennant.

The Sabbath School that wins a Pennant is allowed to keep it as long as the offerings are up to the standard, but if they should fall below the goal, the Pennant will have to be returned to the conference office, but will be sent to the school again as soon as the offerings are normal. There is no charge to the school for these Pennants. We hope to be able to send Pennants to every school in our conference. It is the privilege of every school to win one.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
NADINE HARRIS, Secretary

#### EDUCATIONALS

Sister Doub, our teacher at Graham, gives us an interesting news item which we want to pass on to our teachers and readers. She says, "You will be pleased to hear that one of my Bible readers has taken her children out of public school, and has been teaching them at home for the last six weeks, and is using our church school text books. She is doing a splendid job of her teaching too. She is as delighted with our good texts as I am, and grateful to get away from public school influence. Her husband is highly pleased with it too."

As this leaves the office, we find that all of the educational reports are in, and also all junior missionary volunteer reports. We appreciate the promptness of our faithful teachers.

A letter comes to us from Miss Pii-green since she has gone back to her school room again, saying, "We are getting along nicely, and I am enjoying my work better than I ever have this year."

We are glad to get the many applications that have come to the office wanting to teach church schools. We will try to do our very best to satisfy each one.

Word comes from the Fort Worth

school that several of the children who were kept out of school for some time on account of sickness, are now back again. Waco has also added a few new pupils recently.

The following item has been given to us by the chairman of the Dallas Parent Teacher's Association: "A home and School Association has been recently formed. Two meetings have been held and a very lively interest manifested. The subjects were: How to prevent slang; The problem of how to get our children to and from school safely; How to relate ourselves to the sex problem among the children, and how to bring up the home study. Meetings are to be held once a month."

At their next meeting, the two following topics are to be taken up: School lunches, and dress problems. Reports come to us that the school is in a better spiritual condition than it has been this year. The missionary volunteer week of prayer opened with personal work among the young people and a marked change has come into the school. We are certainly glad for such a good report.

### NEW HOPE

It was last Fall, September 24 to 26, that I made my first visit to the New Hope church. On Sabbath I found about eight or ten of the adults met in the church for Sabbath school. Everything was dead, no spirit, no life. The brethren were just as well aware of this fact as I was. They knew what was lacking. Their young people stayed at home, for there was nothing interesting for them in Sabbath school, so they did not care to go. I began to talk church school and some of our good old loyal brethren backed me up, and the younger ones fell in line. A few weeks after that a school was in session with Mrs. Greenhill, from Jefferson, as teacher.

On Sabbath, February 12, I had the pleasure again to visit that church, but what a change. Instead of a few old brethren coming to Sabbath school, I found that their membership stood forty-five. And the best of it all, the young peoples department was the interesting item. What made all this change? It was following the Lord's plan to train our children.

When a meeting was called to discuss church school for next year, every one entered with a hearty co-operation, and definite arrangements were made for Mrs. Greenhill to stay and take the

school again. The brethren have a good building, a room for church services and two rooms for school, in a nice location and a good neighborhood. Our brethren at New Hope are very anxious to have some of our isolated people move in who are seeking church school privileges. They are willing to rent part of their farms or sell some. This is a good chance for some of our people who want to move close to a church school. They want such people as can help to make it a bigger and better school. For further information write to the chairman of the school board: W. B. Capps, Route 3, Naples, Texas. A. F. RUF.

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK

On my trip among the isolated in the south and west I passed through seven county seats and one other town where I distributed the Sunday law issue of *Present Truth*. This literature, amounting to about 1850 copies, was furnished by the Keene Missionary Society.

As I entered the offices of lawyers and officials and introduced myself, I presented the literature, calling their attention to the fact that Seventh-day Adventists had suffered fines and imprisonment under many state Sunday laws, and that we were carrying on a campaign against the present move on the part of several large organizations who seek to have Sunday enforced by a national law. I then suggested that in their official or professional capacity they might at any time be called upon to deal with this problem, and that this literature would show them why Seventh-day Adventists opposed Sunday enforcement.

As I shook the hand of a Jew, I spoke of the Sabbath as a bond of unity between the Adventists and the Jews, and urged them to read the literature and to stand with us in honoring God's Sabbath and in standing true to the principles of religious liberty. In barber shops I spoke to many who through their unions are unwittingly working against religious liberty by the endorsement of Sunday laws.

In business offices, hotels, cafes, and wherever I could meet men of influence, I tried to interest men in that which we are told is "the very present truth which they need for this time," "the third angel's message," "the very message for this time." Vol. 5 p. 715. News paper editors not only received the literature, but a news item calling attention to our stand against blue

laws as well as giving our reasons for observing the Sabbath and urging all to stand by the principles of religious liberty as set forth in the United States Constitution.

In previous years nearly all news papers have given favorable notice of our work. I have not learned how many responded this year, but I feel sure that some of them did. Whether these articles were printed or not, however, they will be read and will have their part in placing the message before these men who more than any others will mould public sentiment. Where such articles are printed they reach a large class that would never be reached in any other way.

Two editors were especially favorable. One of these who at first mistook me as one who favored Sunday enforcement, backed off, saying he was not at all interested, but when he found we were opposed to Sunday laws, his attitude changed to interest and friendliness. At another place, the editor of quite a large daily showed much interest and sympathy with our work, asking many questions as to our stand for religious liberty. As I was about to leave, he requested me to wait until he had scanned the news item I had given him concerning our work. He glanced through it, commenting on two or three points of special interest to him, saying he heartily endorsed it and could use it all just as written.

I can say that I greatly enjoyed this trip. Though some nights I found myself very tired from climbing stair after stair, besides walking from eight to ten miles in hunting up isolated brethren and others who needed to be visited, yet I enjoyed the privilege of doing what I could to help give the last message. I was sorry that my wife's affliction had delayed this work for some weeks as well as made it necessary for me to make my stay in each place as brief as circumstances would permit. Her condition seems to be but little, if any, improved. She still suffers severely. Pray for us and for this work.

I. A. CRANE.

### THE BIBLE'S ACID TEST

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**STATEMENT OF THE SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND**

For one month ending January 29, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Quota	Received	Short cent
Okla	6168.00	1356.46	4811.54 .132
Okla. C.	255.00	3032	224.68 .059

**OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES.**

(These notes were late reaching the office. They should have appeared last week.)

A Home Missionary Convention was held at the Ardmore church February 18 to 20. Mrs. Minnie Sype was present and gave us very valuable assistance. She delivered the opening address Friday night, Elder G. F. Eichman our Union Conference Home Missionary Secretary gave a stirring sermon Sabbath morning on "The Relation of the Church to the Finishing Work." The various lines of home missionary work were taken up and discussed Sabbath and Sunday. The Ardmore church gave us a hearty welcome and showed their keen interest in this important branch of the work by a splendid attendance at all the services. All felt that the meetings were profitable. We hope we may have such conventions in various parts of the conference more often.

Sister A. L. Sanders reports a good interest at Binger where Elder Dasent has been holding a series of meetings. They have a Sabbath School of thirteen members and eight persons in the baptismal class. She reports the work progressing and the prospects bright.

Miss Lehman and Miss Uhrig, our office stenographers, spent a pleasant week-end at Enid. Brother and Sister C. C. Uhrig are leaving Oklahoma. They plan to locate in western Texas near Amarillo.

A report comes back to the office of an interesting program held at the Enid church February 26 in the interest of the Institutional Relief. Orders for books and donations to this work amounted to more than \$50. We are pleased for the splendid interest in this important campaign.

**OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES**

Sister Minnie Sype made a four-day stop in Oklahoma City on her return from North Texas and southern Oklahoma points. She is also making a stop at Tulsa as she goes on her way toward Nashville. She reports pleasant and profitable meetings with the Addington and Duncan churches over Sabbath and Sunday. She also spent some time with the union colored department delegates in the convention at Oklahoma City.

Elder Dart has returned to the office after a four-weeks stay in the southwestern part of the conference, and is trying to dig his desk out from under accumulated mail. He found a very thrifty and interesting Sabbath School of about forty members near Reed.

Elder Gant was greatly disappointed in not being physically able to carry out his spring Week of Prayer program. He was compelled to return from El Reno Sabbath evening and was not well enough to leave home the remainder of the week.

Brother Hooper is starting some more new canvassers this week and is looking forward to starting a goodly number when the schools close in May.

Elder Clark and Brother Estes went to East Cooper for the church officers' meeting Sabbath and Sunday, returning for the colored department institute, college board and union committee meeting which consumed the greater part of the week.

Elder V. W. Robb and wife visited in Elder Clark's home on their way to Weatherford where Elder Robb will serve in Dr. Gaede's Sanitarium as chaplain and Bible teacher. Elder Robb labored with Elder Clark in both Kansas and Iowa.

Elder Beddoe and Brother Bridwell were in attendance at the East Cooper church officers' meeting full time, and are packed ready to attend the Shattuck meeting. The Book and Bible House display of books resulted in \$80 worth of sales at the East Cooper meeting.

Elder Boettcher is spending two weeks with the German churches in the west part of the state. He rendered good help in the church officers' meetings also.

A note from Brother Hooper reads thus, "The last three weeks I have spent with six of our workers. We had some precious experiences and the Lord added his blessing. I hope

to make my rounds among most of the workers before the Keene institute. I am sorry to report that Brethren Randall and Cox were compelled to leave their field on account of sickness. Let us pray for their recovery."

Among recent callers at the office were Elder Benton, president of the North Texas Conference; Elder W. H. Green, secretary of Negro Department of the General Conference; Brother R. E. Loudon and wife of Ardmore; Brother and Sister Aitken of Binger.

**TEXICO CONFERENCE**

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**STATEMENT OF THE SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND**

For one month ending January 29, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Quota	Received	Short cent
Texico	1467.00	764.21	702.79 .313
Texico C.	170.00	44.16	125.84 .130

**AT SUCH A TIME AS THIS.**

"For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Every informed Seventh-day Adventist knows that the experience of God's people in the days of Esther and Mordecai was typical of what may be expected in the last days; and the question raised in the text quoted above ought to ring in our ears in a very personal way, leading us to inquire, "What kind of a time is this in which we are living?"

By way of preparation for this time, our Saviour left a definite warning concerning prevailing conditions just before His return, when He said, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Then the servant of God, commenting upon this condition tells us that, "At this time, a time of overwhelming iniquity—a new life, coming from the Source of all life, is to take possession of those who have the love of God in their hearts, and they are to go forth to proclaim with power the message of a

**COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT**

TEXICO COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING  
MARCH 1, 1927.

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
Geo. Sillivent	OD	44	34	146.00	47.25	193.25	47.50
Mrs. McNeeley	OD	17	5	21.50	.50	22.00	.50
T. A. Pate	OD	11	5	17.50	5.50	23.00	.....
		72	44	185.00	52.35	248.25	48.00

OKLAHOMA COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, '27

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
G. W. Calloway	BR	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	338.00
J. Both	PP	42	15	85.50	24.50	110.00	.....
D. Minick	DR	33	6	33.00	3.00	36.00	.....
E. Walker	PPF	33	9	36.00	20.00	56.00	16.75
J. P. Williams	GC	31	5	27.50	26.75	54.25	7.75
R. O. Laird	DR	28	6	35.00	10.25	45.25	6.00
W. McCanliss	DR	27	12	66.00	.....	66.00	.....
C. L. Robinson	GC	26	2	12.00	10.50	22.50	5.50
W. S. Hicks*	BR	56	6	35.00	2.65	37.65	.....
Mrs. Walker	RJ	9	3	9.00	6.50	15.50	.50
Workers 10		333	64	339.00	103.90	443.15	374.50

SOUTH TEXAS COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAR. 12, '27

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
W. H. Atherly	DR-HW	51	40	179.50	32.00	211.50	101.75
U. M. Cooke	PP	40	25	139.50	9.70	149.20	10.05
R. M. Flores	OD	34	17	59.50	.....	59.50	22.70
Jose Llorens	HP	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	162.50
C. H. McColrey	HM-OD	15	3	13.50	3.75	17.25	18.75
W. J. Prindle	COS-GC	30	.....	.....	36.50	36.50	27.25
Workers 6		185	85	392.00	81.95	473.95	343.00

TEXICO COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 13, 1927.

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
G. Sillivent	OD	12	5	19.00	10.75	30.75	11.75
A. L. Chastain	OD	12	2	7.00	6.50	13.50	10.00
Mrs. McNeeley	OD	19	3	10.50	14.75	22.25	4.50
E. F. Stairs	BF	22	4	13.00	1.00	14.00	1.00
Workers 4		71	14	39.50	34.00	80.50	27.50
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>		661	207	955.50	229.85	1051.25	793.00

We are glad to have Miss Violet Doles in school again after an absence of several days.

We are glad to report the improvement of Mrs. Straw who has just undergone a minor operation.

Mrs. E. M. Taylor, from Cleburne, spent the week-end with Miss Mabel Kirkpatrick, a student in the dormitory.

Mr. Marshall Flowers, a former student of Southwestern Junior College, and his wife visited relatives in Keene over the week-end.

Mr. John Gepford, who is teaching church school at Hondo, arrived in Keene bringing with him two of his students to work in the broom factory. One of them, Mr. Dorris Alexander, is taking up the same subjects here that he had in school there. Mr. Klein is going to work full time in the broom factory.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Black were certainly surprised when Mrs. L. R. Alexander, from Dallas, arrived at noon Friday. Mr. Alexander came later in the afternoon and stayed over Sabbath.

Our last Lyceum number was given Sunday night, March 20, by Arthur Walwyn Evans, Welsh Humorist-lecturer. His subject was "Germany Now and Tomorrow." For twelve years Mr. Evans has been one of America's platform favorites. This was the third number we have had given by Mr. Evans in the last four years.

Spring house cleaning has been under way on our campus for sometime. The old dead leaves have been burned, pansies have been set out in several large beds, and the cannas are peeping up now. The normal building and the apartment house have been painted, and the screens and window frames of the college building are getting atten-

crucified and risen Saviour." Again "Heavenly angels marvel at those who for so many years have had the light, have not carried the torch of truth into the dark places of the earth." And still further, "The man who loves God does not measure his work by the eight-hour system. He works at all hours, and is never off duty. As he has opportunity, he does good, Everywhere, at all times and in all places, he finds opportunity, to work for God. He carries fragrance with him wherever he goes. A wholesome atmosphere surrounds his soul. The beauty of his well-ordered life and godly conversation inspires in others faith and hope and courage. It is heart missionaries that are needed. Spasmodic efforts will do little good." Vol. 9: 44,45.

Two things stand out clearly in these quotations from the Bible and the Testimonies, and they ought to stir us to search our hearts diligently to see if we are doing our best in "such a time as this."

The first thing that claims our attention is the fact that God tells us if we hold our peace in this time, "deliverance" will come from another source, and we and our household will be destroyed. What a sad thing indeed it would be if after we have had this great light, and the opportunity of disseminating it, we should let the prevailing iniquity in the world so effect us that we should lose out in the end; and yet this is exactly what God says will happen if we hold our peace, by not using our God-given ability, whether it be in talents of education or money, or anything else at "such a time as this."

Then again we are told clearly that when this overwhelming iniquity prevails, there must be seen a "New life, coming from the Source of all life", and taking possession of His children, causing them to go forth, burning with holy zeal, not measuring their hours by the prevailing system of the day; and living clean, godly lives, which will inspire others to be willing to spend and be spent for the salvation of the lost.

Is this not a mighty challenge to both minister and layman to arise and do what is called for at "such a time as this?"

E. T. WILSON.

**S. W. J. COLLEGE**

Misses Marguerite and Elizabeth Aitken and Frances Bleakly were glad to have their mothers and brothers visit them over the week-end.



tion now from the painting crew. The windows are going to be washed throughout the college building.

We have visitors frequently from Dallas. This week especially there were quite a few visitors from there. John Phillips visited his sister Grace, who is attending school here. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Norman and little son were visiting the Hewgley family. The friends of Katherine Merzbacher and Virginia Means enjoyed their stay Sabbath.

The Huntsville Jubilee Quartet from Oakwood Junior College, our colored school, arrived here Sabbath after a narrow escape from death in an automobile accident. The program, composed of negro spirituals and other selections, was rendered in the Keene church Saturday evening at eight o'clock. Many expressed their appreciation by saying it was as good as some of our lyceum numbers we have had this winter, while others expressed their feelings with a good offering to buy furniture for their new dormitory. The quartet is making quite an extended tour of our churches hoping to be able to raise enough money to furnish the new dormitory.

#### GOOD BUSINESS IN SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE INDUSTRIES

Our industries in Southwestern Junior College are crowded with business. For a long time we have been behind with our orders and have been pressed to turn out our products to satisfy the trade. This, of course, gives us courage about the future of our industries. During this year we have had all the work our students could do and in many instances have had to urge students to get into the industries in order to keep up with our work.

I think there is no school in the denomination where a student stands a better chance of working his way through than in Southwestern Junior College. People inexperienced in studying the ways and methods of schools are often misled when they study school catalogs. For instance: There are a number of schools who advertise an average monthly rate of \$35.00 per month, as does Southwestern Junior College. People, looking at the catalog, are inclined to think that the rates of Southwestern Junior College are therefore about the same

as the rates in many other of our schools. However, this is not the case, for there is another very essential item that is overlooked. In Southwestern Junior College, when a student does any labor in our industries we pay him for it. For instance; If a student works forty hours a month at an average rate of twenty cents an hour, he earns \$8.00 and this is subtracted from the average rate of \$35.00, reducing the average cash cost to \$27.00. (As a matter of fact the average student in Southwestern Junior College earns more than \$8.00 a month, but I'm just using this figure as typical in order that it may compare with charges of other institutions.) In another college advertising also an average cost of \$35.00 per month, there will be, nearly always, a requirement of ten hours per week, or forty hours per month of domestic labor in addition to the average charge of \$35.00 per month. If this domestic labor is not performed the student must pay for it at the rate of twenty cents per hour. If it is performed he pays at least \$35.00 per month in cash. In other words in such a school the bill would be as follows: \$35.00 per month in cash, \$8.00 per month in required labor, amounting to \$43.00 per month. In Southwestern Junior College the bill would be \$35.00 per month, average bill, with no additional labor charge. Now, if the student performs that ten hours per week of labor, amounting to an earning of \$8.00 per month, his bill is thereby reduced to \$27.00 making an actual difference between the charges in many other schools and the charges made in Southwestern Junior College, of \$16.00 per month.

Also laundry is usually charged extra, whereas Southwestern Junior College makes no extra charge for a reasonable amount of plain laundry. Many students who have had experience in other institutions agree that Southwestern Junior College offers almost unparalleled opportunities for a student working his way through school, and charges less for the schooling.

We don't say this by way of disparagement of any sister institution, for we are sure that all our schools are doing their best and various schools excel in various lines. Here in this field, where so many of our young people are poor, we have made

special effort to provide ways whereby students could work all or part of their way through school on one hand, and to hold down the bills, on the other hand.  
P. L. THOMPSON.

#### ADVERTISEMENTS

Lentils for sale—New crop, well cleaned, A—1 quality. Truly an economical strength-giving, health food. Will keep free from weevil. A good vegetarian substitute for meat. Free trial sample. \$6.00 per hundred F. O. B. Farmington, Wash, Route 1. J. J. Wagner. —15p.

Boy seventeen wants work of any kind with Adventists. Write Mrs. L. P. Nichols. 230½ W. 9th, Okla. City Oklahoma. —11p.

Want to work for S. D. A. so I can keep Sabbath. Prefer electrical or mechanical work. Experienced in both; would take other work. Age 20. Jimmy Handy, Bryan, Texas. —14p.

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