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The Bible Advocate Press is becoming better equipped to print Gospel literature in greater volume. In the last two years several machines were installed in the B.A.P. printing plant to increase the work capacity in several phases of the printing work. The goal of the current fund drive is to improve the capability of the typesetting department, and to automate the bindery department in order to eliminate serious bottlenecks.

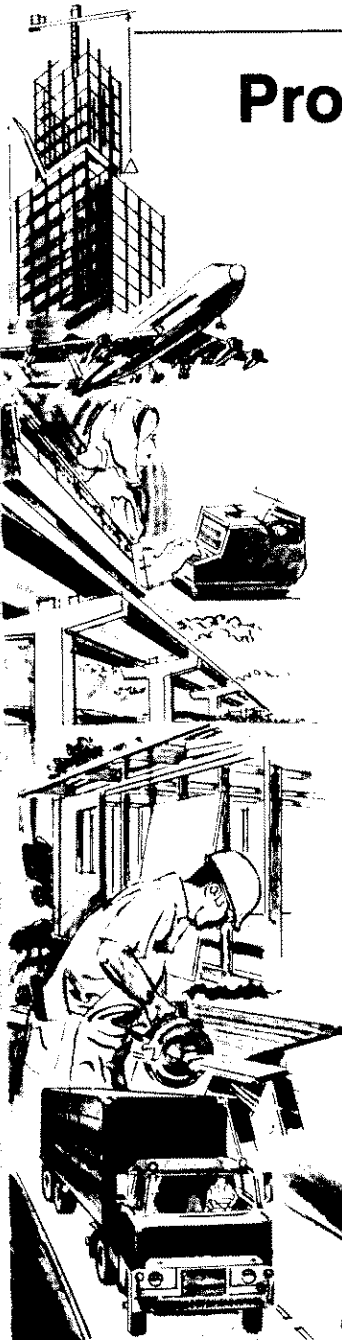
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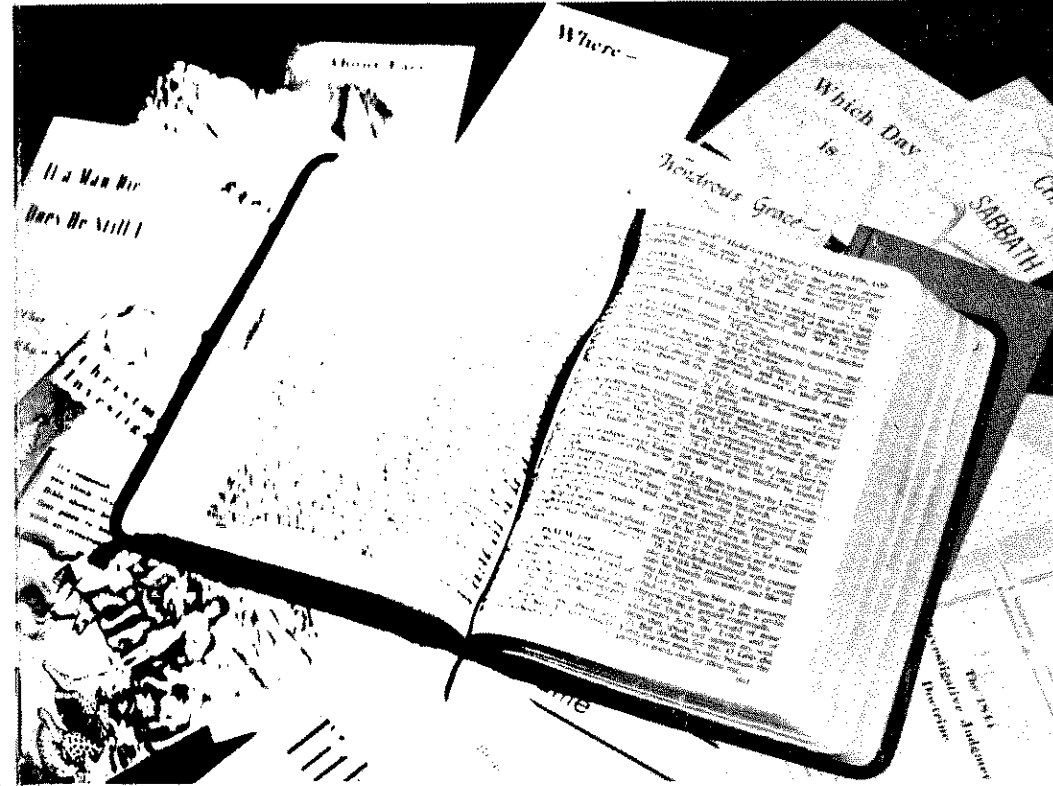
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WHAT IS OUR TREASURE?

Two men, traveling in rugged country, became lost in a severe blizzard. They were fortunate, however, to stumble onto an abandoned prospector's cabin and were sheltered from the storm.

Within the cabin one man found a rather large leather sack filled with gold. The other man found a metal container containing some beans and other food supplies. The man with the gold would not trade any of his gold for food, nor would he share any of it. The two men argued and became bitter toward each other.

When the fury of the storm passed in a couple of days they started — separately — to continue their journeys to safety. The man who had been fed was strong and completed his trip while the other man was found dead in the wilderness a few weeks later. He still hovered over his sack of gold.

Whose treasure-find was the most valuable? It is not difficult to observe that it is the things which preserve life that become most important.

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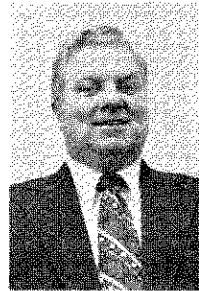


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Goals of the Church

Robert Coulter,
General Conference Chairman

SOMEONE has perhaps very aptly and correctly stated that if you want to stir a lively conversation, simply ask the question, "What is the matter with the church?" This will keep the discussion going at a rather hot pace for several hours. Many times, the Church of God deserves to be criticized but many times and maybe too often the church's critics are not fair in their final analysis. They fail to consider the realm of the church's responsibility.

Take for example the fellow who criticizes the church because it does not sponsor some sort of light industry to provide its members job opportunities. Or how about the man who feels all the church's efforts should be directed to winning a particular class or nationality of people to its fellowship?

While this individual limits the church's outreach there is on the other hand the one who wants the church to be so "missions minded" that the home fields would feel the impact of its neglect and ultimately collapse for want of care.

Finally and perhaps the most unjust criticism is that the church doesn't "make" people good. This individual has misunderstood the commission of the church entirely to think the church has the power or right to enforce its doctrines on anyone. Of course, the church has her rights but they do not include making people good.

In this area, the church's power lies in her ability to persuade men of their need for God through the preaching of His Word. Paul writes, "... we persuade men." It is a matter of whosever will, let him come.

In considering the responsibilities of the church we should think of them as falling into two general fields. There

may be several tasks falling to the church to perform, and indeed in this world of complex community life the church will fail in its mission if it doesn't at least try to offer a variety of services. But all of these seem to neatly fit the two general classifications of responsibility bestowed upon the church.

The first is the great commission that Jesus gave His disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." This places the responsibility of evangelistic outreach upon the church and this is the prime work of the Church of God; not for its ministers only but every member. Paul advises, "Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

This advice might be directed more to the ministry than to the laity, however, when talking to people in general Jesus admonishes, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

The early church responded to the commission to preach the gospel with great urgency. Following that out-

Extra!

Guatemalan Earthquake Hits the Members of the Church of God (Seventh Day)

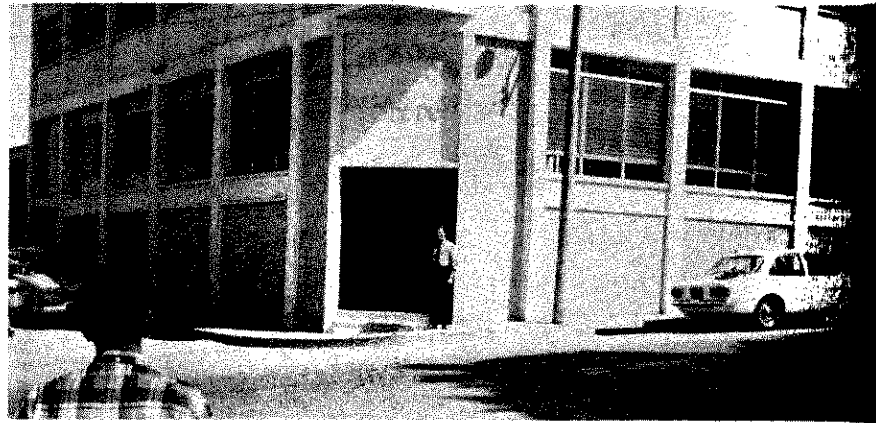
The earthquake which hit Guatemala City on Wednesday, February 4, and again on Friday, February 6, has left more than 14,000 dead. It has made countless thousands homeless and without food or clothing. Among some of these who have been left homeless and destitute are, without question, members of the Church of God (Seventh Day).

Repeated attempts to contact representatives of the Church in Guatemala have failed. Telephone lines are down. However, the little information available to us indicates the area of the city hit the hardest was the area in which the large central church and its membership are located.

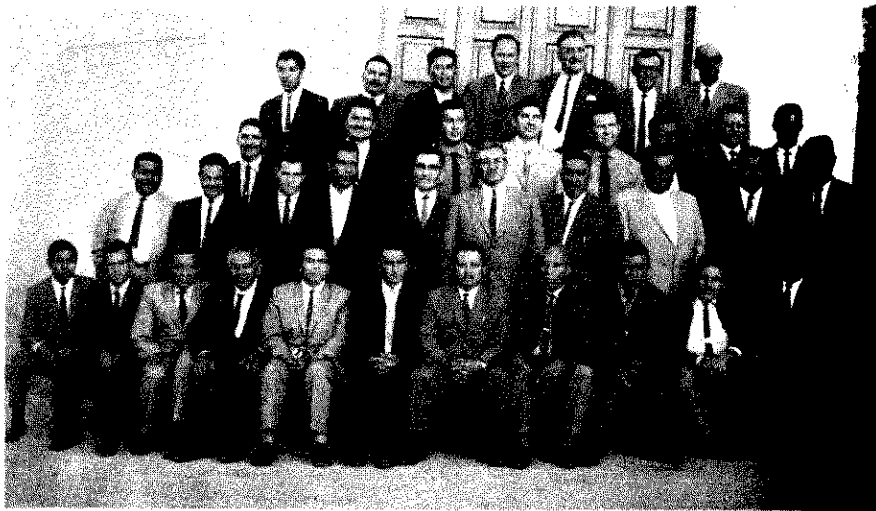
There is a serious question whether or not this church is still standing; also how many of its members have survived.



The congregation of the main church in Guatemala City. We wonder about their physical welfare as well as the losses they have suffered.



The main church building in Guatemala. It is located in an area where earthquake damage is severe.



This is a group of the elders, deacons, and leaders of the work in Guatemala and Central America.

At best, the Church of God in Guatemala needs financial assistance from us. Our Guatemalan brothers and sisters need a hand to help rebuild their homes and shattered lives. Send an offering to help today!

Send your offering for the Guatemala Relief Fund to:

Church of God (Seventh Day)

P. O. Box 2370

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Watch for a full report in the next issue of the Harvest Field Messenger in March.

pouring of the Holy Spirit upon the one hundred and twenty and the winning of the first new converts (about three thousand), the disciples with great enthusiasm busied themselves ministering to anyone who would listen.

The Apostle Paul seems to best express the seriousness with which the early church received its commission. To the Corinthians he wrote, "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel" (I Corinthians 9:16).

The reason so much emphasis is placed on the proclamation of the gospel is that through it, in the words of the Apostle Paul, salvation is obtained. "For it [the Gospel] is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..." (Romans 1:16). How shall we believe in Him of whom we have not heard?

The second general responsibility of the church is to create an atmosphere that encourages the spiritual growth and development of the believer. We cannot overstress the importance of each individual studying God's Word and communing with Him in prayer as a means of attaining greater stature in Christ Jesus.

If personal study and prayer are neglected, it is doubtful the collective efforts of the church will satisfy the deepest needs of the individual member. However, the fellowship, when functioning as God has ordained will also promote the spiritual development of the believer.

To the elders of the church, Paul says, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). Here is a clear command to the spiritual leaders of the fellowship to function in such a way as to meet the needs of the church.

This is all in accordance with Paul's later statement regarding the various offices in the church and their responsibilities.

In Ephesians he writes, "And he [Christ] gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come into the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things which is the head, even Christ."

In one place the Scriptures say, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:11). Paul indicates that when the Church of God functions properly through the offices God has ordained to be a part of the body, then the membership receives edification, and experiences the spiritual growth that is so important to its spiritual health.

If the church fails to pursue its cause, the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the development of its members through the fellowship then it has failed in its commission. It is entirely possible that in individual cases the church has failed in some way. Yet the great multitudes who, down through the years, have come to know God and serve Him because the church dared to proclaim the Word are witnesses of her success.

The Church of God still has her commission and we as members of the body have our responsibilities. The elders and other leaders must plan a program by which the spiritual needs of the church are met through the

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RADIO OUTREACH

Ray L. Straub, *Director*

Elder Trinidad Padilla became the new radio speaker for FAITH FOR OUR TIME early this year. There are three prominent reasons why Elder Padilla is a good selection to carry on this work. First, he is intensely interested in and enthused



about radiobroadcasting. This attitude is essential for success.

Secondly, he brings much experience to the radio agency. For several years Elder Padilla has been producing the Searchlight Bible Broadcast which has been aired on stations around the country.

He is well traveled, giving him unusually keen insight into the organization and scope of the work of the Church of God (Seventh Day). He understands the Bible's doctrines thoroughly, and he is capable of teaching them clearly.

Thirdly, Elder Padilla possesses technical knowledge that is invaluable to anyone involved in broadcasting.

This knowledge allows for added versatility in producing tapes; it assures good quality in their production and duplication; and it saves a considerable amount of money.

For example, some time ago the radio agency purchased a reel-to-reel tape duplicator which is capable of handling a sizeable amount of necessary duplicating. Upon delivery, the duplicator did not work properly. Correspondence with the manufacturer was unfruitful. Consumer advocates were contacted, and legal advice was sought to press the manufacturer to honor their guarantee.

When it appeared we were finally getting attention Elder Padilla tested the equipment, and took it to a technician whom he knew by his own experience and knowledge to be competent. In a short time and for \$26.00, the \$2,000.00 duplicator was in working order. It pays for a radio speaker to know electronics!

This is the time of year when the radio work is more productive. The good season will continue into late spring. The combination of more listeners and a new speaker is bringing in good mail response.

Those who seriously expect to have good results from radiobroadcasting need to set their sights on providing a daily (five days per week) 15-minute program. This allows FAITH FOR OUR TIME to develop a following.

Experience indicates that 5-minute broadcasts provoke inadequate response. The scant results hardly justify

the investment in producing, delivering and airing these abbreviated programs. The radio agency does not recommend five-minute broadcasts of any frequency. We find that 15-minute weekly broadcasts are more effective than 5-minute dailies.

The financial support provided through Radio Agency Emphasis Sabbath is sincerely appreciated. It is too early to determine whether the total amount received met expectations. Early indicators are encouraging.

Please remember to support through THE 500 Club. Hopefully, 500 mem-

bers and friends of God's Work who have a \$2.00 per month interest in reaching out with the Gospel to the needy by means of radiobroadcasting will indicate their interest by sending in the funds.

Two dollars per month is a small amount, but 500 of these amounts would contribute an inspiring boost. Are you willing to stand behind this important work?

Your \$2.00 per month may be sent directly to FAITH FOR OUR TIME, P. O. Box 2525, Denver, CO 80201. Please state that you wish to be numbered among THE 500.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Sandra Lawson, *President*

The new "SEEKERS" program is now ready for implementation by the local churches. The badges and the SEEKERS PATH handbooks have been printed and are waiting to be used by the 9 to 12-year-old boys and girls.

The Women's Association feels very proud of this fine program. It enthusiastically accepted the financial responsibility of this project because of the great benefits that it will provide for the children of the church.

It has been a costly undertaking of 2,500 badges and 200 back patches have already been printed, plus the handbooks. But there have been donations coming in to help cover these expenses.

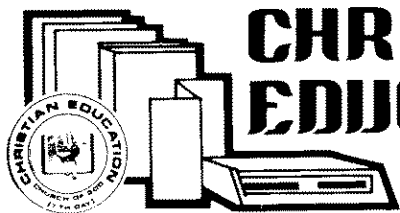
The Women's Association asked each local ladies' association to either send the proceeds of a special project or a donation from their group funds

to help meet the initial cost of the SEEKERS program.

Several groups have already responded well and their contributions are greatly appreciated. If your group has not yet sent in a donation for this project, please bring it up at your next business meeting. With all local groups helping, there should be no trouble in meeting these expenses. Individual donations would also be very welcome and greatly appreciated.

Donations should be earmarked for the SEEKERS and sent to Women's Association, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, Colorado 80201.

Tithes belong to God. We are instructed to use them for the proclamation of the Gospel.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Harvey Fischer, *Director*

This agency frequently conducts surveys in the interest of determining the needs of those churches and individuals we serve. The responses to these surveys provide guidelines for our projections of agency programming and are treated with great respect. It is important that we hear from you.

Over the past five months numbers of families at several of our churches have been participating in the pilot program for the "Family Life Today" magazine. A survey is presently being conducted to ascertain the value such a magazine might have to the families of our denomination.

Results of this survey will be important to us as we consider the role of this magazine in our Christian Education outreach.

Perhaps it is not very often that we consider a Sabbath school program as a common denominator to church growth. Our church appreciates a greater circulation of its literature than ever.

Readers are saying yes to our literature, indicating an interest in the message our church teaches from God's Word. What better place can there be than for such individuals to attend a class where they are provided opportunity to study and to share God's Word than in an active Sabbath school program!

Is your Sabbath school class the type of group you want these visitors to attend? Does your church provide a Sabbath school program for all ages?

What is your teacher-training pro-

gram? Are your teachers selected carefully? Does your teacher come to class prepared? Is your Sabbath school class exciting and fascinating?

Do the students in your class discover new insights in God's Word? Are they asked to share these new concepts with the class? When was the last time you invited a visitor to your class?

Christian Education means growth — spiritual growth as well as growth in numbers. When growth no longer is a natural ingredient in your program it must be given attention immediately.

Too often Sabbath school programs function on a "taken-for-granted" basis with little effort or attention on the part of the pastor or the church board. This should never be allowed to happen, for no program can involve so many people in as productive a work as the teaching ministry of an effective Sabbath school.

No amount of advertising, promotion or radio outreach can ever be effective UNLESS your church provides an environment for growth. There can be no substitute for a Sabbath school that cares and concerns itself with the individuals it serves.

Sabbath school classes graced with numbers of new students discovering Bible truths for the first time are the very basis for edification the Apostle Paul speaks about in the body of Christ.

What is your Sabbath school outreach programs? Do you know? For success it first takes an individual like you to care and to encourage

others to care. This is the beginning.

The agency continues to stand ready to assist in whatever way we

can to build your program so that growth can be a very natural experience in your church.

Jim Fischer, *Director*



The beginning of a new year is always exciting for local FYC groups. During January and February most groups are busy electing officers and planning activities which will benefit the local church throughout the year. Please encourage the young people in your local church and help them in any way you can. An active youth group is a tremendous asset to your local church program.

The United Missions Board has been generous in providing a Youth Agency to serve the needs of local FYC groups throughout the church. With money received from United Missions offerings, Emphasis Sabbath offerings, and local FYC support, the Youth Agency has been able to provide local FYC members and groups with many materials and services. The following are just a few of the services provided by the Youth Agency.

YOUTH MAGAZINE is distributed to all FYC members free of charge.

DEMON III is a personal growth program for individual FYC members. Each person enrolled (and there are over 300 presently enrolled!) in the Bible study course is encouraged to progress at his own rate of speed. The Youth Agency bears all costs of writing, editing, printing and mailing the material.

THE AREA YOUTH COORDINA-

TOR PROGRAM (AYC) is the newest service of the Youth Agency. The FYC Coordinating Committee (Steve Kurtright, Jerry Moldenhauer and Jim Fischer) is now in the process of appointing Area Youth Coordinators — young people who will serve as national representatives to local FYC groups. The Area Youth Coordinators will communicate directly with each FYC group and will explain policies and programs the local groups need help with.

YOUTH CAMPS and YOUTH RETREATS have usually been sponsored by local FYC groups or district FYC groups. In the future, however, the Youth Agency would like to become more involved with camps and retreats by providing communication between the directors of these camps and retreats. Included in this communication would be a listing of activities and classes which were well received by the young people, as well as a listing of those activities which failed. This information would be very helpful to a director organizing a camp or retreat.

The young people in your church are important! Please pray for them and encourage them in their FYC activities. You are their example. Your attitude toward them may very well determine their future in the church.



PUBLICATIONS

LeRoy Dais, *Director*

The *Bible Advocate* circulation was given a fine boost recently when a list of almost 400 new subscribers was received from the Oklahoma City church. The members of the church there had a booth at the state fair, handing out free literature and offering free subscriptions to the *Bible Advocate*. All such missionary efforts are important in reaching people with the Gospel.

Some local churches and individuals are engaged in efforts to have subscriptions to the *Bible Advocate* sent to libraries, doctors' offices and other public places in their localities. Such efforts are to be commended and encouraged. Numerous requests for subscriptions have been received from folks who became interested in the magazine while they read portions of an issue in some public place.

The Holy Spirit certainly can lead people to God's truth as a result of such missionary efforts. It is up to His people to provide more opportunities.

If you are interested in placing the *Bible Advocate* in public libraries and other places, you should contact the personnel in charge to learn whether they would accept the magazine and display it. Personal contact is best — both to readily answer any questions or objections, and to demonstrate a greater interest in your project. Write to the B.A.P. office for copies to show as samples.

Initiating New Equipment

The B.A.P. staff is easing into the

process of setting type by photocomposition. There are three basic operations involved in the method of type setting: 1. Recording the copy on magnetic tape cassettes on a Redactor editing typewriter; 2. Setting the type from the magnetic tape on the photo typesetter; 3. Processing the photo paper.

The most training by far is required on the editing typewriter. The basic keyboard is the same as on a regular electric typewriter, but there are quite a number of additional keys which perform various functions. Even about half of the regular keys perform a second or third function. This machine was delivered late in December, and some of the staff members have been learning to operate it.

The Redactor editing typewriter actually serves a dual function. In addition to its use in typesetting, it is also a real asset in various types of office work.

For example, paragraphs which are the same in several letters can be recorded on tape and inserted in the appropriate places without retyping manually; manuscripts which need to be typed two or three times ordinarily are typed in full only one time, and thereafter only corrections and revisions are keyboarded while the rest is typed automatically from the tape at 185 words per minute.

Addresses which are used regularly can also be stored on tape and envelopes may be typed at a fast speed.

The secretaries have already found

much use for the Redactor. Fortunately, the General Conference purchased an identical unit. With careful scheduling the two units should meet the work demand.

The fund drive is making good progress. After two mailings to the membership approximately \$9,000 has been received. This is a good step toward the \$70,000 goal in phase II of the equipment improvement program.

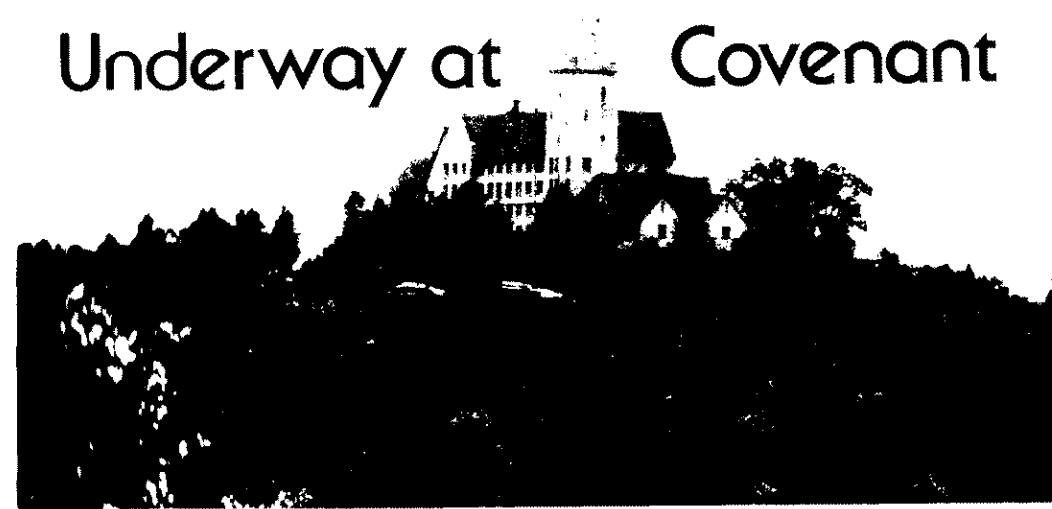
DEATH NOTICES

W. S. Hamilton, 83, of Jacksonville, North Carolina, passed away December 13, 1975.

Sarah Culberson, McAlester, Oklahoma, passed away September 2, 1975.

Mrs. Creda Jane Bean, 82, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed away December 21, 1975.

Summer Conference Underway at Covenant



SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

June 30 - July 3

Covenant College

Lookout Mountain, Tennessee

Plans for the Southeastern District's Summer Bible Conference are underway.

The program will feature activities of interest to every age group. It will be a Conference for the entire family.

Plan to attend this Conference on the beautiful campus of Covenant College.



Robert Coulter, Director

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Book of Acts relates two extremely interesting stories of how God performed miracles to reveal the Gospel of Jesus Christ to men. In one instance, God caused Peter to have a vision to go preach the Gospel to Cornelius who was a Gentile.

In the other case, Philip was sent out into Gaza, a desert. There, he encountered an Ethiopian returning to his country from Jerusalem. Philip was provided an opportunity to teach this man about Jesus Christ and to baptize him. Having completed his assignment, Philip was caught away by God's power.

A Miraculous Beginning

God still works miracles as a means of revealing His Son and the Word to men. In 1967, Elder G. L. Hnamte of Mizoram, India, organized the first congregation of the Church of God (Seventh Day) in Mizoram in the city of Lunglei. He learned of the church and its doctrines from literature which he received from the Bible Advocate Press.

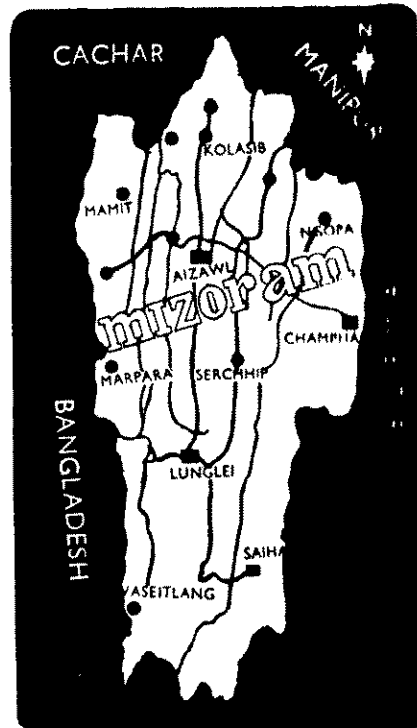
Since 1967, Elder Hnamte has translated many of our tracts and other literature into the local dialect which is "Lushai." Included in this material were the *Church Manual* and the *Doctrinal Beliefs of the Church of God (Seventh Day)*.

Recent reports from Brother Hnamte indicate that since 1967, the Church of God (Seventh Day) has grown in Mizoram into 15 congregations of a membership totaling 900 persons. All of these congregations have been organized in accordance to the plan outlined in the *Church*

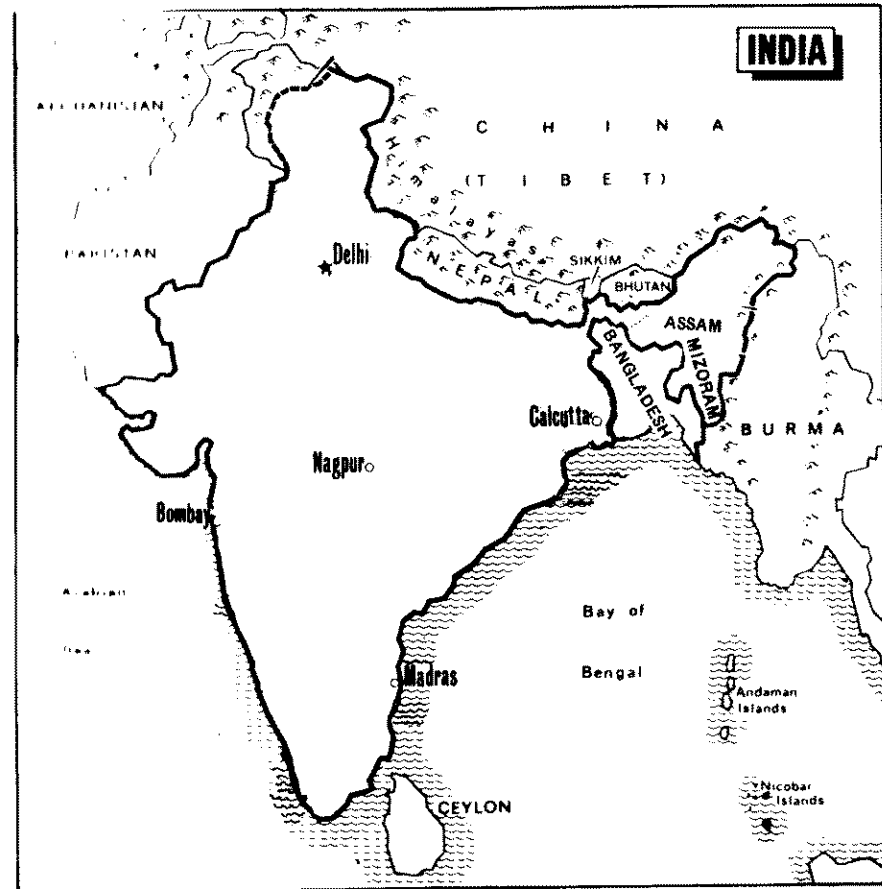
Manual issued by the Church of God (Seventh Day) in the United States.

Also through the help of Missions the church in Mizoram has recently printed 1,000 *Doctrinal Beliefs* tracts in Lushai. These have been distributed in places like Burma, Manipur, Meghalaya and Bangladesh where this dialect is read and understood.

The Church in Mizoram has never asked for financial aid except for the publication of literature which has



A close-up of Mizoram and locations of some of the churches in the area



The map shows India and some of the surrounding countries. Mizoram is located in the province of Assam on the border of Burma.

been translated from our tracts and newspapers. Elder Hnamte writes of this: "Don't forget us, give us the tools we need! We will pay the price for our own."

Missions can't forget the brethren in Mizoram, India. It has sent additional funds for another printing of our more literature.

The time the tracts entitled *The Changes of the Sabbath*, *The Ten Commandments* and *Should the Seventh Day Sabbath Be Observed by Christians Today?* will be published.

The cost of publishing these three books is \$10.00 per thousand. This is a tremendous bargain because it would

cost that much or more in postage to send a thousand of our own tracts to India. For the price of postage, these tracts can be printed in a local dialect.

The Church of God (Seventh Day) has existed in Mizoram since 1967 and has never asked for financial assistance except for literature. How did it happen? God worked a miracle to take the Church of God literature to this far-off place. Today, the Gospel goes forth from the Church of God (Seventh Day) in Mizoram, India.

Prophecy Lectures

In a report of January 8, 1976, Elder Hnamte wrote of some recent ac-



Elder Ginzamung Israel of Manipur, using a chart of the prophetic symbols of Daniel, Chapters 2 and 7, to explain these prophecies to a group gathered in an open-air meeting in Aizawl. A careful look at the chart reveals the outline of the image of Daniel 2.

tivities in Mizoram. He said, "Here in Aizawl, we held open air meetings in several places for three days. We hired a public address system and announced the soon-coming Kingdom of Christ. We displayed a prophetic chart painted on a big cloth, warning people to prepare for Christ's coming."

"My son Isaac . . . drew a prophetic chart from what he had seen in the *Bible Advocate*. The local church leaders of Aizawl decided to print a small, free tract containing the "beasts" and "image" of Daniel for distribution."

Unity is Achieved in Mizoram

The Church of God (Seventh Day) in Mizoram held a conference in early December, 1975. Elder Hnamte reports that the church associated with the General Conference, which he represents, was able to effect unity with a group represented by Elder Saingura Sailo of Missions Abroad. Thus, the Church of God (Seventh

Day) in northeast India is united. Elder Sailo is chairman of the Conference while Elder Hnamte was elected as General Secretary.

Missionary Report from Burma

The following report has been submitted by Brother Lam Ta Ming, General Secretary of the Church of God (Seventh Day) of Tiddin, Chin State, Burma. This church works with the church just across the border in Mizoram, India. Brother Ming writes:

Greetings in Jesus' Precious name to you and all your loved ones from the Church of God in this far-flung corner of the world — Northern Chin State — Burma.

It is now about seven years that we have been observing the weekly Seventh day Sabbath and freely exercising our faith under the name of the Church of God which we have taken over from the true and original church with whole-hearted affirmation.

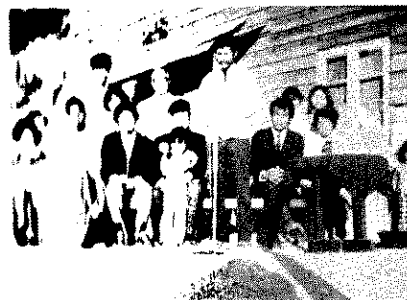
We wish to let you know of our appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the Bible tracts and informative leaflets which



The area where three days of open-air meetings were held in Aizawl, Mizoram, India.



A group of the ministers who live and work in Mizoram, India. Front row from left to right: Elder Saingura Sailo, chairman of the conference, Elder G. L. Hnamte, general secretary, Elder Bawikualla, vice-chairman and overseer of the Lunglei District.



Elder G. L. Hnamte addressing a group of people in the Barabar area of the town of Aizawl during a recent three-day open-air meeting.

you have been kindly supplying us during the past years. Those Bible tracts make the Bible clear and understandable and are very inspiring indeed. Your doctrinal beliefs are in line with ours and we readily accept them for the true doctrine of the Church of God.

The Church of God in Tiddin, Northern Chin State, Burma, so far is the first and only church in the whole of Burma country which is exercising the faith under the name of the Church of God (7th Day).

Church members are steadily increasing and we are now numbering a little more than ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY MEMBERS, who are living in scattered villages in the Tiddin township which are about twenty miles apart each.

Access into our rugged, impoverished, hill-locked homeland is difficult; communications are very poor and we are still rather primitive.

Though agriculturing is the main and only source of making a living here, the unfertile land is cultivated in such a primitive fashion that it is unproductive. All it has is people, half-starved and dirt-poor. The rural communities are unable to maintain self-reliance and every year we are near the brink of starvation.

Our pastor, Mr. U. E. Ngjel Kho Thang, is laboring with self-sacrifice for the church among these poverty-stricken people. He travels on foot into jungle-clad mountains and hills by way of mountain tracks and jungle paths which are all ups and downs.

The journey is so painful that he has to wade through tall grass and has to make his way through up and down steep slopes with great efforts and difficulties.

On many occasions, he has to wade across swollen mountain streams at the risk of his life. Ignoring the dangers and hardships, he persists to travel from village to village preaching the gospel and administering to the village churches.

The church members are hard-hit with poverty. Their tithe and offerings come to a small amount. The Bible lessons and religious articles are translated into our native language and are distributed to the church members for their Sabbath school
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Highlights of the Churches

ELDER PEDERSEN ORDAINED AT SPECIAL SERVICE

Special services for the ordination of pastor Gerald Pedersen took place at the Marion, Oregon, church on October 11. Audie Towery, Jan Pedersen, and Fred and Dorothy Walter



provided special music for this worship hour.

Elder Ray Straub, director for the West Coast District and pastor under whom Elder Pedersen interned, presented the message prior to the ordination. He then performed the ceremony of ordination, offering a dedicatory prayer in Elder Pedersen's behalf and presenting him with the credentials certificate.

Joyful and humble emotions filled the hearts of the participants, as well as the hearts of those in the congregation. It was appreciated that visi-

tors were present for the occasion.

Elder Pedersen spoke appropriate words of response following the ordination, using Scripture texts in his vow to serve God to the best of his ability. "All He Wants Is You" was the song Elder Pedersen sang to climax and give a very appropriate accent to the ordination program. May God richly bless Elder Pedersen now and in the years of service ahead.

SPECIAL FAMILY DAY PROGRAM AT MARION

September 20 was set as 100 per cent Family Attendance Day at the Marion, Oregon, church. Through personal invitations and letters sent out, those who do not ordinarily attend the church were encouraged to do so to make family attendance complete.

A promotional program was held in connection with Family Day. Hospitality music was provided by the pastor and his wife, Gerry and Jan Pedersen. The pastor's sermon emphasized the need for good Christian education.

Emma Howell, director of the children's educational department at Marion, made the presentation of awards and promotions. Outstanding achievements of students and teachers for the past year were recognized.

The position of outstanding student was shared by a brother and a sister this year. This is the third year that Galen McGill, a fourth grader the past year, has had perfect attendance plus a perfect record for lesson study and memory verse work.

Jilynn McGill, a first grader the past year, matched Galen's record. Other children were honored for very faithful work and good attendance records.

The outstanding teacher award was presented to Sister Grace Tilley who taught the kindergarten class. The sixth grade class won the innerclass competition, having won the first-place banner each quarter for a year. The four seven-year-olds taught this class.

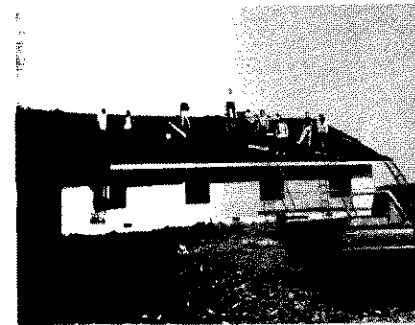
Second place winner was the Primary class, taught by Dixie Deedon. A point system determined the winner. Both parents and teachers are to be commended for the encouragement they give to the children.

After awards of appreciation were given to teachers, the new staff was introduced. A dedicatory prayer was offered in behalf of the new teachers.

BUILDING PROGRESS AT TOLEDO OHIO CHURCH

Two years ago the Church of God (with Days) of Toledo purchased a five-acre parcel of ground on which we planned to build a church.

After much planning ground was broken October 1, and we now have the first phase of our building project (class rooms, rest rooms and multi-purpose facility) completely finished on the exterior—debt free. Praise the Lord! We plan to sell our present church building to help with the finish and the second and third phases will be completed as the Lord provides.



Putting the roof on a portion of the new Toledo church.

We have enjoyed happy events as well as sad ones this past year. One of the enjoyable things was the baptism and joining of the local church by Brother and Sister Isiah Lee. They and their family have been a blessing to us.

The sad event was the passing away of Sister Eleanor Buczkowski on September 14. She leaves her husband John (also a member) and one daughter, four grandchildren and a host of friends.

Pray for us that the Lord's will be done in all of our efforts for Him.

—Pastor Spurgeon Tedrow

NEW CHURCH BUILDING STARTED IN ST. PAUL

Ground breaking ceremonies were held November 16, at St. Paul, Minnesota, for a new church building.

This church is literally being forced into a building program because the congregation has outgrown their old



(Left to right) Gilbert Sanchez, Ralph Bravo, Elder Ken Durham, Israel Bravo, and Alex Ernst breaking ground for the new building.

facility. Presently, an attendance of 75 is having to meet in an auditorium that has a seating capacity of 60. It is also optimistically felt that when they have a larger meeting place the attendance will increase immediately.

At the ground breaking ceremony Gilbert Sanchez reminisced on the history of the church. The congregation was begun nearly 30 years ago with meetings in homes of the members. Ralph Bravo, the oldest member, had the honor of turning the first shovel full of dirt.

It is planned construction will progress throughout the winter months, and they have hopes of occupying the new facility by April 1, 1976. Elder Kenneth Durham is pastor of the St. Paul church.

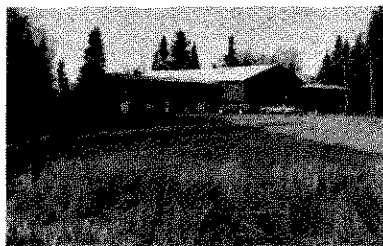
GOALS OF THE CHURCH

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evangelistic and pastoral programs of the church.

The membership at large must remember the church depends on their support and help through the tithe, offerings and witness. If anyone fails in his individual responsibility, the church is just that much more vulnerable to failure. On the other hand, the united efforts of all who will serve God in spirit and in truth assure the Church of God of success.

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Cause for Rejoicing... Perhaps Some Concern

by Harvey Fischer

Recently I took time to review some minutes of Administrative Committee meetings of five and six years ago. It was at that time consideration was being given to a plan which would provide for the distribution of the *Bible Advocate* free to all those who requested it.

Cause for rejoicing was that a special project in which the FAITH FOR OUR TIME radiobroadcast offered the *Bible Advocate* free to its listeners had received requests from the new subscribers. Even with this special blessing, the circulation was still that of 3,000. The circulation of the *Bible Advocate* had actually decreased by 12% from the previous year.

The Home Missions Department is hoping that some day our church might be able to have a daily radiobroadcast.

The Youth Department was looking for the day when those enthusiastic young people attending the various youth camps would be involved in middle church programs.

Christian Education was looking for the completion of their new girls' dormitory at Spring Vale Academy. The optimistic projection of 48 students seemed a possibility. Perhaps some day a new classroom with a gymnasium could become a reality.

The Sabbath School Department identified the need for a Sabbath School Handbook whereby all Sabbath Schools throughout the country would be conducted on a uniform basis. Plans were being formulated to adopt the

Gospel Light materials for a closely graded Sabbath School program for the children in our Sabbath Schools. Long-range goals were to provide our own Junior High quarterly for grades 7 through 9, while a curriculum for the Senior Youth and Adults in our Sabbath Schools would be planned.

The Sabbath School lessons would need to take on a new format so they could be more effective in providing an application of Bible truths we have loved for so many years.

Foreign Missions was in the process of attempting to identify leadership for our work abroad, as well as opening new fields for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Midwest Bible College was actively preparing young men for the ministry.

Members of the Administrative Committee were concerned about duplication of effort. Perhaps some day a plan could be devised whereby duplication of effort could be minimized and funds could be used more efficiently.

Those were days when plans were being made to construct a building to house the publishing and administrative offices of the church on property acquired years earlier. How was all of this to be accomplished? Who could guess?

It was in those days when we would shop around to purchase gasoline for less than 40 cents a gallon. Sugar was available for about 79 cents per five-pound bag. Hamburger was 83 cents a pound. →

Think about what has happened to those dreams members of the Administrative Committee had just a few years ago.

Today the *Bible Advocate* is being distributed to more than 11,000 homes a month. An active Literature Committee is working in reviewing and reprinting tracts distributed in a quantity that exceeds 400,000 yearly. More than \$75,000 has been invested in printing equipment to meet the demands for the published word.

FAITH FOR OUR TIME now provides several daily radiobroadcasts, along with more than 25 weekly radiobroadcasts.

The Youth Department's programs have been revised and updated while those young people attending youth camps then are now active in several leadership roles of the church.

For the past several years, more than 75 students have been enjoying the new girls' dorm at Spring Vale as well as the newly constructed classroom/gymnasium building.

Young people in our Sabbath Schools are being provided with a coordinated curriculum, assuring the teaching of church doctrines in the classes they attend. Children's materials are provided with teacher's guides suggesting ways to make the learning experiences of the children more interesting.

Adults likewise are provided with a curriculum providing a revised format for simple application of Bible truths studied week after week. The budget for this work has grown to nearly \$5,500 annually.

Our work in the foreign fields has been organized to work effectively with administrative techniques provided by the Foreign Missions Agency. Literature and Sabbath School materials are provided by the United Missions Agencies to promote the gospel around the world.

Ministerial training continues as a

top priority for the United Missions Board. New approaches to training are considered while those in training just a few years ago have found their way into leadership roles of the church.

Today that new General Conference plant in Denver already shows wear from the many activities that go on there. That large floor space of the publishing plant is now covered with machinery printing our pieces of literature to fill the requests for the printed page of the gospel.

Praise God for all of these blessings, perhaps beyond the comprehension of many of us. Our concern is while God has blessed us with a great ministry, we are aware of the fact that our Emphasis Sabbath offerings and, in many areas, our United Missions offerings have not nearly kept pace with the demands. It appears we are still working our way through Sabbath School offerings on a 25 cents per week basis, even though we purchase gasoline at 60 cents a gallon, hamburger at \$1.29 a pound, and become very concerned when our employers don't automatically provide a 5 per cent annual raise.

Realistically, the budgeted offerings we became so accustomed to several years ago just do not meet the demands in our inflationary economy. It is important that we evaluate our giving to the church.

The work God entrusted to His church continues to be productive. What an opportunity we have to participate! Let's be a little more realistic in our giving!

Lord's Supper Service

The annual observance of the Lord's Supper should be held on Tuesday evening, April 13, 1976 (beginning of April 14, Bible time). Every member of the church should participate in this service.

WHAT IS YOUR TREASURE?

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While gold is valuable and has its place, there are other things which may be more worthwhile. Values cannot always be measured by bank standards.

Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." (Matthew 6:19, 20).

Some material things may enhance and even preserve mortal life, but focus on presenting a valuable truth

when He says there are other treasures we may attain which will give us eternal life. There are spiritual treasures that cannot be purchased with money, and it is these treasures that are life-giving.

Gold may be valuable; food and clothing may be needful to preserve mortal life; but there is a spiritual relationship with God which exceeds them all in value. It is a spiritual treasure.

Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Verse 21). Where are our hearts?

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
EMPHASIS OFFERING
FEBRUARY 21**

"I Would Like to Know . . ."

Question: It has come to my attention that the age limit for FYC membership has been changed. Could you please give me the reason for this change, and tell me how the change will affect local FYC groups?

Answer: The newly adopted age range for the National FYC is ages 13 through 19. (It was 13 through 25.)

Even though some local churches have adopted this same age range for their local FYC groups it is not to suggest this must be followed by your local church. **AS IN THE PAST, EACH LOCAL CHURCH MAY DETERMINE ITS OWN AGE LIMIT.**

If your local church has a sufficient number of young adults in the 20 through 25 age range we would suggest your church form an organization for **YOUNG ADULTS**. If your church does not have sufficient numbers of young adults by all means have them participate in the local chapter of the FYC.

The **NEW AGE RANGE** basically applies to those activities scheduled at the General Conference sessions.

The new age range was adopted basically to encourage participation of those young adults over 20 years of age in General Conference proceedings. It has also provided new avenues of leadership and areas of responsibility to the teens.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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lessons. They are also given out to other Christian denominations and people who are interested to study them. Since we have no machine, the work is done with manuscript, by carbon paper. It is a slow and time-consuming work for our pastor.

On the other hand our pastor has a big family to support. He has to look after his aging mother and his eight young children who are students in various schools. A part-time job or work is so scarce it is a common tradition that even college students have to be totally supported by their parents.

Our pastor is continually away from home expanding the missionary field by preaching the gospel into further areas. While he is at home he is fully occupied with translation work. His wife has to toil day in and day out on the farm to feed their big family. . . .

License and Credentials Committee Hold Meeting

The License and Credentials committee met from January 3 (Saturday evening) through Wednesday, January 7.

The committee consists of: Elder Max Morrow as chairman, and Elders Dale Lawson, Nathan Lawson, Stanley J. Kauer, Archie Craig, Nick Nimchuk, Victor Youngs and Delvin O'Banion.

The License and Credentials committee is elected by the Ministerial Council and handles the work regarding ministerial papers that was formerly done by the whole council.

They review all applications relative to the issuance and renewal of ministerial licenses and credentials. Whenever possible they interview the applicants, and they do whatever is necessary to examine the qualifications of each ministerial applicant.

An applicant's doctrinal position, his attitude, willingness to work with the polity of the church, as well as his



The License and Credentials committee (left to right) Elders Dale Lawson, Victor Youngs, Nick Nimchuk, Delvin O'Banion, Nathan Lawson, Stanley J. Kauer, Archie B. Craig, and Max Morrow, chairman.

ability, are all taken into consideration.

A report and recommendations are then submitted for consideration and approval by the Executive Board. This year's meeting was a busy one with a number of applicants for all classes of ministerial papers. The committee worked hard and carefully to make decisions that will be right for the applicants and for the Church of God.

CALENDAR

United Missions Board Meeting, February 14-16, 1976 (after Sabbath).

Christian Education Emphasis Offering, February 21, 1976.

Executive Board Meeting, March 8, 1976.

Lord's Supper Service, after sundown, April 13, 1976.

Ministerial Training Program Emphasis Offering, April 17, 1976.

International Ministerial Council, October 5-9, 1976, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico.

1977 General Conference Meeting, July 11-16, 1977, Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma.

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KNBL fm (99.1 MHz)—10:45 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

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KRAK (1140 kHz)—9:30-9:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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