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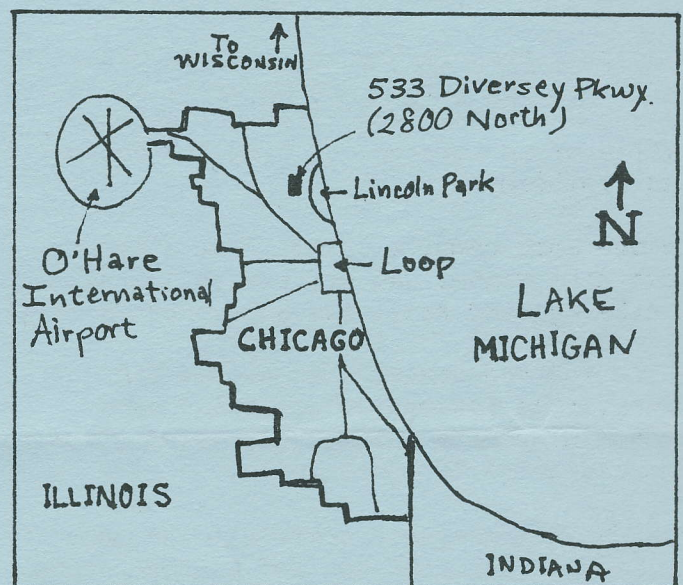
MIDWEST

THE BUILDING OF A FOUNDATION: TOURING BROTHERHOOD HEADQUARTERS

(Editors' Note: We remember sitting in a regional conference several years ago during the traditional "Brotherhood Update" portion of the program. A question was directed at then Secretary General and Resident Director John Hales. "If we come to Chicago, can we have a tour of headquarters?" was the query. Chicago area residents exchanged amused glances and polite giggles. "If you've got five minutes," John replied. The question revealed some of the misconceptions readers from outside the area have about the size, grandeur, and operations at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, where both URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood reside. So when PERVADED SPACE staff member Glen Thorsander, of Minneapolis, suggested a look at headquarters as a cover story, we felt we'd heard a good idea. Since this is the 30th anniversary of the formation of URANTIA Brotherhood (January, 1955) and the printing of The URANTIA Book (October, 1955), and since we love to commemorate things at PERVADED SPACE, we decided to make a "Commemorative Issue" out of the whole idea.)

HISTORY

The building at 533 Diversey Parkway was built around the turn of the century, shortly before Drs. William and Lena Sadler moved into it. The construction of the building is primarily brick with some cement and stone facade. The three-story (plus basement) quasi-mansion houses over 20 rooms, with about 2,000 square feet per floor. It purportedly is the first steel-beam construction residential building in Chicago. The building features magnificent wood panelling, fireplaces on



each floor, and an elevator that was not original with the building.

In those days, Diversey was a parkway with trees near the northern extremity of the city. 533 is a few blocks from Lincoln Park and the lakefront. In its day, the area was one of the finer residential sections of Chicago. (A history of some of Chicago's posher quarters can be traced by moving north along the lakefront and noting successively more recent centers of wealth, right up to the exclusive far northern suburbs such as Lake Forest and Kenilworth today.) Today headquarters is surrounded by a much busier and more commercial area which has undergone extensive renovation in the past few years.

Dr. William Sadler (see page 5) used the first floor, where offices now exist, as

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■ from the editors ■

(Editors' note: The following is a letter from Lea Fishburn, a First URANTIA Society member originally from the Chicago area and now living in the Atlanta area. Her letter is in response to our editorial in our last issue; it expresses some of our sentiments well enough to serve as this issue's editorial.)

Thank you for your statement in the Summer/Fall issue about the lack of information received by committees.

Committee members are not the only ones not getting information. In my area, the study groups and Members-at-Large are getting little or no information from the Foundation and Brotherhood.

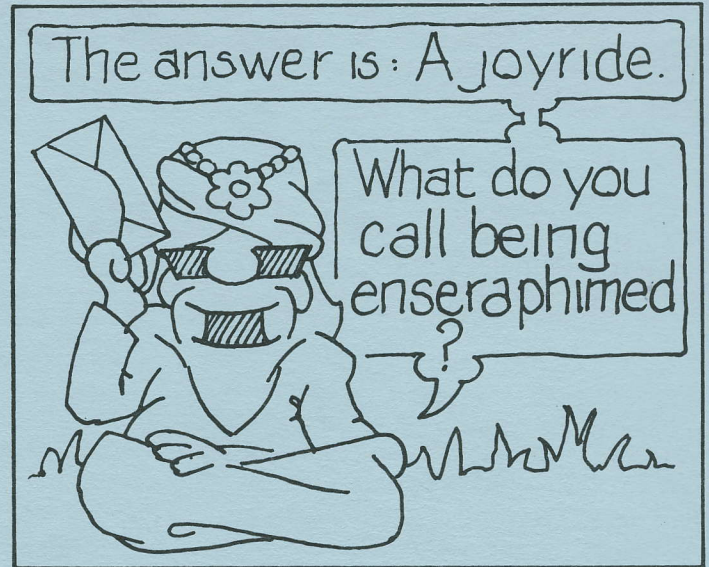
In one such case, a letter from a local committee member was written to 533 six months ago and still has not gotten a reply.

It is sad and tragic that people who function as leaders in areas and study groups away from Chicago are being given the impression of being ignored.

The URANTIA movement needs all the support it can muster, both now and in the future. I would hate to think that we are losing people because of poor information management or a lack of interest on the part of the Foundation and/or Brotherhood.

As you stated, "Creation and maintenance of new study groups is vital to the success of

Swamy Cool by G.Thorsander



the Fifth Epochal Revelation." To that I would add support and nurturing.

Without constant contact and support from Chicago, either the people will become fed-up and have nothing to do with the Foundation and Brotherhood, or they will be ripe for the leading of anyone in the movement who will pay attention to them, whether or not such a person reflects the views of the Foundation and Brotherhood.

Lea Fishburn
Statham, GA

■ letters ■

I was impressed by the sample issue you sent of PERVADED SPACE. I was glad to see that there is a URANTIA movement newsletter which reports news as well as publishing reader-submitted articles. This was the first I had heard of the Foundation's actions against Thomas Kendall.

I don't know all the details of the Grimsley matter, but have read some literature put out by C.U.B.S. [Center for URANTIA Book Synergy, Santa Barbara, CA--Ed.] Regardless of the true nature of these purported communications, I was surprised by the manner in which the Foundation (without

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Current Events

BROTHERHOOD UPDATE

Here is some recent news from URANTIA Brotherhood, some of which emerges from the recent (February 2) Executive Committee meeting:

The suggestions on name changes for the Domestic Extension Committee have been put on hold for the time being. Meanwhile, that committee, along with the Fraternal Relations, International Fellowship, and Charter committees, plans on working to coordinate its activities better.

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A mailing from International Fellowship Committee will offer the English version of The URANTIA Book to selected libraries around the world. That committee met in Los Angeles in February, along with other guests, to discuss a Chinese translation.

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The Education Committee continues to plan seminars in June, to be held the week between the TDA (Triennial Delegate Assembly) and the General Council meeting.

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Special Projects Committee, with Marilyn Kulieke in charge, is once again responsible for coordinating logistical activity at the seminars.

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Finance Committee reports good response to pledges for the Spanish translation, with \$336,000 raised so far.

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East Coast sites are still being examined for the 1987 General Conference (the University of Vermont is among those being considered). A decision must be made soon; the East is preferred since GC's have

previously been held in both the Midwest and West.

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Here are book sales figures reported at the Executive Committee for 1983 and 1984: English language version of the The URANTIA Book: 1983--8,324; 1984--6,837; French: 1983--2,088; 1984--1,931; Gift Books: 1983--327; 1984--309.

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Neil Francey in Australia is interested in organizing study groups in that country on a more formal basis.

William Hales, who was president of URANTIA Foundation for its first 23 years of existence, recently resigned as trustee of that organization. He has suffered from cancer for the past several years.

Gloriann Harris just joined the five-member Foundation in the Fall. However, no replacement for Bill has been announced at this time.



UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Mid-West Regional Conference for Students of The URANTIA Book will be held October 11-13, 1985, at Wallen Place (formerly Crosier Center, where the 1982 conference was held). It will be hosted by the Fort Wayne URANTIA Society. The theme will be: "Spiritual Perspectives for a New Age." Registration information is expected to come out during mid-August.

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533 DIVERSEY PARKWAY



Three Forumites, Edith Kellogg, F.L. Christensen, and Bill Sadler enjoy a third floor fire during the 1930's.

Foundation Director Gloriann Harris and Brotherhood Resident Director John Hales



A General Council Meeting of the late 1970's, in the 2nd floor meeting room

(Thanks to the Brotherhood Bulletin for several of the photos in this issue)

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well as the basement, for his practice. His office was the room where current Brotherhood President and Resident Director John Hales has his; for several years, Dr. Sadler's "psychiatrist couch" remained in the room as a reminder of its earlier function. The Sadler family used the second and third floors as residence. Helen Carlson, sister of the Sadlers' son Bill's

wife Leone, still occupies the second floor residence. Martin Myers, Foundation president, resides on the third floor with his wife Diane.

For several years, Dr. Sadler lectured and led study groups on various subjects in the second floor front room at 533. Eventually these meetings led to the formation of the Forum, the group which studied the

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A SELF-MADE RENAISSANCE MAN

(Editors' note: The following article was originally printed in PERVADED SPACE in the Spring, 1979 issue. It was subsequently reprinted by permission in an issue of the "Finaliter," the newsletter of the East Coast. We felt that it reflected the theme of our cover story in a timeless fashion well enough to warrant reprinting in this special issue.)

Most students of The URANTIA Book are aware of the significance of the name of Dr. William S. Sadler with regards to the history of the movement. But many perhaps do not realize that Dr. Sadler had led a widely varied and fascinating life before ever coming in contact with the teachings.

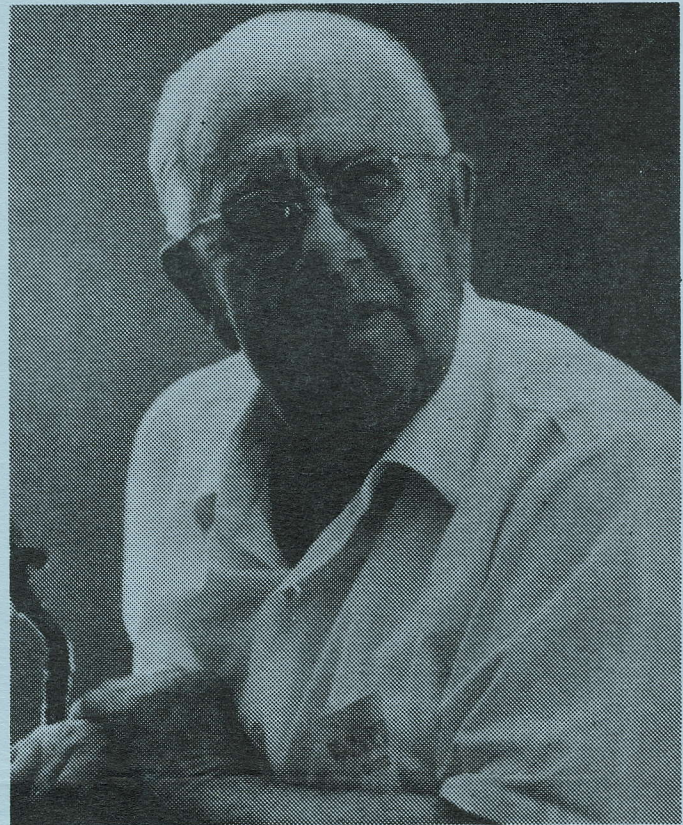
Born in Spencer, Indiana, in 1875, Dr. Sadler spent the next 93 years in a variety of pursuits. His invariably successful careers included those of surgeon, psychiatrist, teacher, lecturer, salesman and writer.

William's family moved a great deal around Indiana when he was young, as his father, Samuel Cavins Sadler, went from teaching music to being in the mercantile business (William was at times put in charge of his father's general stores) to selling Bibles.

While growing up in Indiana, William was taught history by General McNaught, one-time Chief of Scouts to General U. S. Grant. McNaught arranged for William to give his first lecture at the age of eight, on "Crucial Battles of History," to a high school class in Indianapolis.

Since the Sadlers lived across the street from author Lew Wallace, the boy would go lie on the floor of Wallace's library, reading his history books while the author wrote Ben Hur. This kind of self-education was the pattern of Sadler's life, which contained virtually no formal education, since his mother did not want him to go to school for fear of what might happen.

His first taste of religion was also self-acquired. William's parents were set against religion; William did not discover the Bible until he was 12. But he soon was preaching



William S. Sadler in 1963, at age 88

in a nearby vacant church to friends of his with whom he played baseball. (He also played baseball in a five-county league that included Billy Sunday, who would become a famous evangelist.)

William's mother, Sarah Isabelle (Wilson), had secretly joined a Christian church after one of two twin daughters had died. Soon the family became interested in Seventh Day Adventist literature, as well as studying the Bible. Finally, his parents were baptized and joined the Adventist church. Eventually, Cavins Sadler became known as one of the great Bible salesmen of a day when there were many.

When he was 14, William went to Battle Creek, Michigan, to work as a bellboy at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The superintendent was Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, brother of W. K. Kellogg, who was chiefly responsible for starting the Kellogg's cereal empire, and uncle of Lena Kellogg, who later became William's wife.

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In 1893, the Sanitarium began the manufacture of health foods. "Willie" was chosen to represent the Sanitarium in stores around the Midwest. He was eminently successful, at times even selling more food than could be produced; once he even won a bread-baking contest at a local store.

Lena Kellogg was a student nurse when she met William in 1893. They were married in 1897, beginning a long personal and working career together. A few years later, their first son died at the age of 10 months. The Sadlers decided to go to medical school. They went to different schools throughout the country, finally graduating from Rush Medical University of Chicago. For William, except for three months, medical school was his first formal education. William and Lena were partners both as doctors and authors while living in the Chicago area.

After several years as a general surgeon, Dr. Sadler said, "After taking out 10 gallbladders, there wasn't much charm left. But minds are all different." So he resolved to become a psychiatrist, after passing an exam.

He spent nearly a year in Vienna, studying with Freud, along with Adler and Jung. But he could not accept all that he learned there, leaving to form what he termed the school of "American Psychiatry."

Dr. Sadler lived and practiced psychiatry for many years at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, in the building that is now URANTIA headquarters. He also was a professor and lecturer of pastoral psychiatry at McCormick Theological Seminary, director and chief psychiatrist at the Chicago Institute of Research and Diagnosis, and attending psychiatrist at Columbus Hospital. He never really retired; he said that his patients retired him.

Dr. Sadler, who was described in International Who's Who as a "pioneer in the popularization of preventive medicine," wrote 42 books on various subjects. Among them were The Mind at Mischief, a bestseller, and Theory and Practice of Psychiatry, long a major text in psychiatric schools.

The Sadlers were married nearly 42 years before Lena's death in 1939. According to E.L. Christensen, their adopted daughter, "They worked together in everything. I never met a nicer couple." The Sadlers had another son, Bill, who, among other things, was the first president of URANTIA Brotherhood. Dr. Sadler was survived by by three grandchildren.

The Forum, the original group to study the URANTIA Papers, evolved from one of the many groups organized by Dr. Sadler during his life for the study of a wide variety of topics. During the last portion of his long life, the study and teaching of The URANTIA Book was a most important pursuit.

For those who knew him, Dr. William S. Sadler was an individual impossible to forget.



graduations

This past Winter witnessed the passing of Clyde Bedell, an old Forum member, charter member of First URANTIA Society, and author of the Concordex of The URANTIA Book. He died in Boulder, Colorado during heart surgery. A fuller biography of Clyde is planned for a future issue of PERVADED SPACE.

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Another charter member of First Society and a grandson of William S. Sadler (see page 5) also graduated this winter. Charles Sadler succumbed to cancer in Macomb, IL, where he was a professor at Western Illinois University. He was survived by his wife and children.

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A third member of First Society, Grace P. Hoiles of Boise, ID, died last Fall. She had been inactive for a long period.

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presenting any supporting evidence) attempted to personally discredit Mr. Grimsley with implied accusations that he is insincere or deluded. I believe that persons holding belief in the URANTIA Revelations are more able than most to adjudicate the misbehavior of an errant individual in justice and mercy; and it was improper for the Foundation to enjoin us to condemn Mr. Grimsley without even a fair presentation of the allegations. The Foundation letter broke what I consider to be common rules of conduct, not to mention any higher ethical values taught by the Orvonton Commission. The Foundation is setting a very poor example and has, I believe, alienated many readers who, like myself, had never heard of Vern Grimsley before receiving Martin Myers' letter.

Paul Goris
Mesa, AZ

(This letter was written some time ago, in response to an article we printed several months ago. It did not arrive in time for last issue.--The Editors)

Once again I find myself compelled to renew my subscription to PERVADED SPACE;...not from any external source but rather from my internal appreciation of such a good newsletter.

My best wishes to you and the P.S. staff.
With a smile.

Jack Seaman
Owen Sound, Ontario
Canada

I enjoyed the recent PERVADED SPACE very much. I think it's very helpful to "network" through newsletters and other correspondence. Keep up the good work.

H. Michael Brady
Knoxville, TN

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The Eighth Annual "Heart of America Get-Together" is being sponsored by the Kansas City area study groups and students of The URANTIA Book on May 3-5 at the Americana Hotel, 1301 Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO. The theme of the conference will be "The Mastery of Self". For more information, write or call:

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On May 17th through the 19th, a conference will be held at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL. The theme of the conference is "Sharing the Glad Tidings (Loving Outreach)." For more information, contact:

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unpublished Papers that became The URANTIA Book. In 1956 the Forum was succeeded by First URANTIA Society, which still has weekly Sunday afternoon meetings in that room. The Triennial Delegate Assembly, General Council, and the early Summer Study Sessions, forerunners of the General Conferences of today, have all met in that second floor room.

CURRENT OPERATIONS

Except for Helen Carlson's book distribution activities in her second floor home, and the Foundation meetings on the third floor, business of both Brotherhood and Foundation occurs on the first floor. If one were to come from the outer vestibule and turn left, then come up the few stairs in the darkly-panelled entryway at 533, he would only need

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to open the front office door to emerge into the brightness of the offices and be greeted by receptionist Chris Linas of the Foundation staff.

To the right, past the large mirror, is the long hallway leading to the offices of John Hales, resident director of the Brotherhood, June Moritz, administrative assistant to the Brotherhood, and her sister Beth Surface, secretary for the Brotherhood. The headquarters computer is housed in June's and Beth's office. In the extreme rear, just in front of the storage room for the odd few hundred copies of The URANTIA Book, is the office of Marian Rowley, who has worked for many years in many capacities for the Brotherhood.

Right behind John's office and the copying machine room is the small office wherein work new Foundation Director of Office Operations Gloriann Harris and Edith Cook, who does clerical work for the Foundation.

In the front of the first floor, to the left of the receptionist, is the office of Kay Michaels, secretary of the Foundation. To the right of her office is the large room which has often served for volunteer activity and also doubles as an entertaining room on Sundays and other occasions. Finally, in a large office behind the front reception area work Administrative Assistants Scott Forsythe and Mike Painter of the Foundation.

This hard-working group has had a bit of trouble with illnesses of late; John Hales commented that many office staffers have been sick during the past six months, but that things were getting back on track now.

Of course, headquarters is also a place where many volunteer mail stuffings, committee meetings (including regular Executive Committee meetings), and conference planning has occurred--utilizing volunteer personnel of many readers.

FUTURE PLANS

As the URANTIA movement expands, its need for space also increases. The inevitably suggested plan is to utilize the essentially unused basement at 533. Up until now, the heyday of this subterranean vault was during the time that Bill Sadler had his famous model trains running throughout. Apparently, no plans currently exist to move headquarters to another location. There has been speculation that a suburban site--perhaps one closer to O'Hare Airport--might be advantageous and something to plan for.

Certainly the congestion and parking and relative inconvenience to visitors are drawbacks; on the other hand, the rich urban Diversey diversity and even richer URANTIA tradition associated with the building are assets. Some think that the Foundation should retain the building because of its historical significance even if headquarters were moved.

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