Scope and Content

John Lewis Shuler (1887-1984) was born near Des Moines, Iowa, on March 2, 1887. At the age of sixteen, he took his stand to be a Christian under the preaching of Billy Sunday, a famous evangelist of that day. Shortly after, he became a Seventh-day Adventist through an intensive study of the Bible and Adventist literature. In 1911 he and his wife moved to the south where he did administrative and evangelistic work for the Southeastern States Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists. In 1939 Shuler was called to the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Washington, DC, to teach evangelism. He worked in this capacity for thirteen years until 1952 when he retired and moved to California. Shuler died on June 21, 1984 at the age of 97. Over the years Shuler held many institutes on evangelism. He has written more than 1,000 sermons, several books and manuscripts on effective evangelism, and a couple of Sabbath School lesson quarterlies.

This collection contains most of Shuler’s books, sermons, some articles, and copies of the two Sabbath School quarterlies he authored. In addition, there is an interview with Shuler. There is no correspondence of note.

Arrangement

The arrangement of the collection has been done by the Adventist Heritage Center.

Provenance

This collection was given to the Andrews University Adventist Heritage Center, over a period of several years (1972-1980), by John L. Shuler.

Use

All users of this collection will complete the “Application to Use Unpublished Records,” and observe the regulation specified in the “Patron’s Agreement” and “Researcher’s Code of Conduct.” All records in this collection are open and available for research. Suggested citation for this collection:

Box ___, fld ___, John L. Shuler (Collection 80), Adventist Heritage Center, James White Library, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI.
John L. Shuler Collection  
(Collection 80)

INVENTORY

Box 1 Fld1  Correspondence between Shuler and the Adventist Heritage Center regarding acquisition of items of the present collection (1972-1980)

I. Personal Documents

Biographical Information

Box1 Fld2  “An Interview With Our Oldest, Active Evangelist.” The interview was conducted by Daniel R. Guild (Manager of the Voice of Prophecy), May 1972.

Box1 Fld3  “Data for Life Sketch of J. L. Shuler.”

“Record of J. L. Shuler’s Life Placed in AU’s Heritage Room.” Pacific Union Record, Jun. 12, 1972, p. 4.

Box1 Fld4  “Funeral Service booklet.” Jun. 24, 1984 at Paradise Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church, National City, CA.

II. Writings

Books and Pamphlets (written by John L. Shuler)

Box1 Fld5  Evangelistic Lectures. [1946]


Are You Saved? (This is a small booklet).

Help for Every Time of Need. (This is a small booklet).

Books (about John L. Shuler)

Box1 Fld9 Edwardy, Fredrik W. “From Coalpit to Pulpit.” An original manuscript of the book which describes Shuler’s life-story. For the published book see: James White Library, Adventist Heritage Center (BX 6158 .S5245 E49).

Photocopy of the published book cover and content.

Sabbath School Lessons

Box1 Fld10 Christ, the Incomparable (Jul-Sept., 1970).


Articles (by John L. Shuler)


“Working for Decisions,” *Ministry*, Jun, 1972. (This was a supplement attached to the June issue of Ministry).


“God’s Medicine for the Elderly.” A small track.

Sermons:

Box1 Fl12 Sermons, 1949.

Box1 Fl13 “Truth for Today.” Evangelistic sermons.

Box1 Fl14 “Now is the Time!” Revival sermons, 1977. (Seems to be published by the Ministerial Association of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists. It is a compilation of sermon outlines by John L. Shuler (1-108) and Charles E. Bradford (111-170).

Box1 Fl15 “The Coming World Conflict Of Armageddon.”

“Why Doesn’t God Do Something?”

“Finding the Right Plan for Your Life.”

Lecture Materials:

Box2 Fl1 “Decision.” Unpublished manuscript, March 31, 1971. It contains the content of a two-hour graduate course taught by Shuler at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

III. Miscellaneous

Box2 Fl3 “Precious Secret Revealed” - an advertisement of a Seminar on prayer by Shuler, April, 197-?

Parts of advertisement posters for evangelistic series conducted by Shuler, 1943.

Items Removed

Personal Photographs. Several photographs transferred to the Photograph Collection of the Adventist Heritage Center.

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