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Washington-Area Youth Revival--75 Decisions

THE Washington-area youth revival, conducted simultaneously in Washington Missionary College, Takoma Academy, and for youth in the Greater Washington area, in the Sligo Church in March proved at least two things: Seventh-day Adventist young people know how to pray with power, and they are not at all hesitant about testifying for Christ.

The average nightly attendance was 1,600, with many services having 2,500 present.

Everything that spiritually hungry young men and young women look for was put into these meetings by the three men who formed the revival team: Elder E. L. Minchin, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department; Elder Arthur J. Patzer, Columbia Union Conference MV Secretary; and Elder Charles Seitz, Potomac Conference MV Secretary.

The first meeting of the series, Friday evening, March 8, set the pace for the twenty-two meetings that were to follow.

The format of the programs, directed by Elder Patzer, was well planned and executed. As the moments for the opening of the eve-

By Don Yost

Assistant MV Secretary, General Conference

ning meeting in the Sligo Church arrived, one of the Washington-area choirs filed into the choir loft and began to sing "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine." As they did so, the evangelistic team, flanked by young people and youth leaders of the area, came onto the platform and the congregation joined the choir in singing the theme hymn. Immediately Elder Seitz, music director for the revival, launched into an enthusiastic and lively song service, which was interspersed with special music provided by the churches and institutions of the area.

Just before Elder Minchin arose to present his message for the evening the organ quietly played "Sweet Hour of Prayer" as a prelude to the main prayer of the evening.

On Monday Elder Minchin began his meetings for Washington Missionary College and Takoma Academy, meeting with each group on each school day of the week.

Elder Minchin chose to use no visual aids to support his messages.

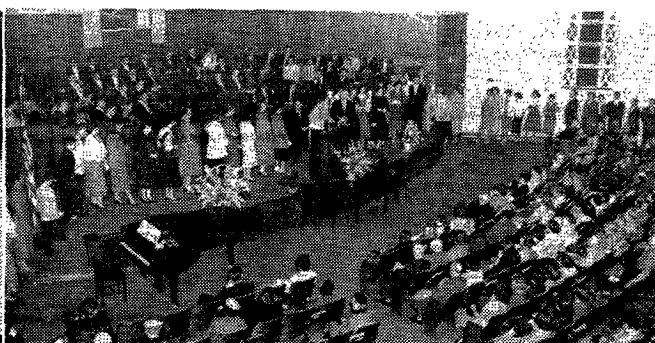
He drew heavily from the experiences he had had with young people in all parts of the world as service by service he unfolded the plan of salvation and directed the youth on the path of successful living.

It was a refreshing experience to see between 300 and 500 remain after each evening meeting for special prayer, and on the last Friday night the overflowing audience responded beautifully to the altar call.

In response to the spiritual appeals the young people sought help in solving their personal problems. It was planned that Elder Patzer would serve as counselor on the College campus; Elder Seitz, for the students of the Academy; and the pastors in the Washington-area churches would be available for counseling in the Sligo Church.

The pastors, MV leaders, and institutions were most enthusiastic about this youth revival. Elder T. G. Bunch, host pastor, made available every facility of the Sligo Church, thus contributing to the spiritual success.

Special musical features included the Sligo Church choir, the Takoma Park Church choir, the Silver Spring



YOUTH REVIVAL SCENES. Left, leaders in the youth revival series: Elders E. L. Minchin, A. J. Patzer, and C. H. Seitz with guests, Elders T. E. Lucas and L. A. Skinner. Right, the Sligo Church auditorium on the last Saturday night as youth line up to testify for their Lord. Photos by Logan



REVIVAL SIGN. Thousands daily passed this sign at the corner of Flower and Carroll Avenues.

Church choir, the W.M.C. Choraliers, the Halcyon Singers, the Hilltoppers, the J.N.A. Treble Choir, the Sligo Youth Choir, and the Takoma Academy Acadettes. Two quartets were the Crusaders and the Hilltoppers, and Dale Cornor and Harold Doering accompanied on the organ, while Giles Roberts and Jean Rauch played the piano.

The climax of the meetings came

on the last Saturday night when young people were given an opportunity to testify. Scores came to the platform, speaking boldly of their new religious experience, and specifically leaving behind habits of evil.

At present between seventy-five and 100 are in baptismal classes as the follow-up program is being well developed by the area pastors, who have reported a marked increase in the spiritual tone of their churches.



REVIVAL SCENE. Hilltoppers singing with Dean M. E. Loewen directing.

Your Union Youth Leader Says . . .



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WHAT does fifty mean to you? Dollars or diuturnity?

To International Harvester it means expansion.

To Maytag it means enlargement.

To the Washington Sanitarium it means service and growth.

To the man in prison being released after fifty years, it means a long time.

To the youth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church it means THE MV GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR. It means heaven's direction and approval of our General Conference youth leadership. It means a time to review in kaleidoscopic manner "Our Golden and Glorious MV Heritage."

It means a time to review fifty years of troubles, trials, and the tempo of a thrilling triumph. This review reveals the gripping story of the pioneers of our ever-progressing MV movement.

Ours is a priceless privilege to be alive during this year. We, therefore, need to remind ourselves over and over again of how God has led in what has been accomplished.

The idea of a youth movement began with youth. Luther Warren, fourteen, and Harry Fenner, seventeen, prayed together and sought guidance for a youth society.

Ellen White in 1892 wrote:

"We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged."

With this counsel scattered groups of youth responded and the "army" was forming.

In 1907 it all began officially. Through the years it grew, developed, enlarged, and expanded until today we have the Master Guide Clubs, Pathfinder Clubs, the MV Legion of Honor, MV Leadercraft Course, MV Voice of Youth, summer camps, MV revivals, MV rallies, youth congresses, and much more.

Yes, it means "What hath God wrought!" and it further means bringing into sharp focus the way God has led.

Youth in the Columbia Union Conference, let us rededicate and reconsecrate ourselves completely and unreservedly to our victorious youth leader, Jesus Christ, during this Golden Anniversary Year of Missionary Volunteers.

A. J. PATZER

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR



W. H. Shephard, Pres. L. G. Small, Bus. Mgr.

Summer School Announcement

THE College summer session will get under way June 16 and 17 when registration will be held. Classes will begin Tuesday, June 18, with the first term ending July 17. The second term will open July 18 and close August 15. Commencement is planned for Saturday night, August 17.

Courses are being offered in fifteen different fields and are planned to meet the needs of elementary and academy teachers in the Columbia Union Conference. They include both lower and upper division offerings in biology, business administration, chemistry, dietetics and household arts, education, English

language and literature, history, library science, modern languages, music, nursing, psychology, sociology, religion, and secretarial science.

In addition, not only will a consecrated, professionally equipped staff of Christian teachers be available this summer, but also a cool, refreshing swimming pool will be available for the convenience of the summer school student body, and studying will be done in the air-conditioned library.

Students interested in attending the summer session at Washington Missionary College may obtain information and bulletins by writing to the Secretary of Admissions, Corinne Wilkinson, Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park 12, Md. Applications should be received by May 1 in order to be processed prior to the summer session.

A. D. STEWART

Director, Summer Session



Sixty-one Years
Of Service

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Elder N. S. Ashton Retires From Active Church Work

ELDER N. S. Ashton, veteran minister who has spent forty-five of his fifty-three years of service in the Columbia Union Conference, has retired from active service with his church.

During these years Elder Ashton has served as a pastor, Bible teacher, school principal, conference president, and union conference president. His most recent assignment was the pastorate of the Beltsville, Md., Church which he organized more than a year ago.

A resident of Takoma Park, Md., for the past fourteen years, Elder Ashton plans to relocate soon in Worthington, Ohio, to be near his son, Wilton. The Ashtons live at 7306 Trescott Avenue in Takoma Park.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Elder Ashton accepted the message when he was but a teen-ager. Elder C. S. Longacre, an active retired minister in Takoma Park, was pastor of the Pittsburgh Church at that time and baptized Elder Ashton.

At about the turn of the century Elder Ashton enrolled at Mt. Vernon Junior College, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and prepared himself for the ministry. In 1903 he began his evangelistic and ministerial work in Kingston, Pa., in the East Pennsylvania Conference. After extensive experience in the field, Elder Ashton returned to Pittsburgh to become pastor of his home church, succeeding Elder Longacre.

In 1911 the Columbia Union Conference asked him to become its Educational and MV Secretary, a post he held for two years until he was called to become Bible teacher at his alma mater in Mt. Vernon. Later he became the school principal. In 1919, at the quadrennial session of the Columbia Union Conference, held in Columbus, Ohio, Elder Ashton was elected President of the Ohio Conference.

For nine years Elder Ashton served as President of that conference, then the largest in the Union Conference. From 1928 to 1932 he served as President of the Southern Union Conference, with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., at that time. Later, after serving for four years at the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital, Elder Ashton returned to the Columbia Union Conference to serve as pastor of the



Elder N. S. Ashton

Radio-TV Secretaries Meet for Council Session



Photo by Coffey

RADIO-TV PLANNERS. Shown above are the leaders of the Radio-TV Department in North America who met recently at Avon Park, Fla., for an advisory council. In the front row (left to right): J. O. Iversen of the Voice of Prophecy; Elder E. R. Walde, Radio-TV Secretary of the General Conference; and Elder W. A. Fagal of the Faith for Today TV staff. Third from the right in the back row is D. A. Roth, Radio-TV Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference. Extensive plans were made at the council which will result in many more souls won for the kingdom.

Charleston Church in the West Virginia Conference. Later he was called to Columbus, Ohio, and in 1943 he came to Washington to assume the pastorate of the Sligo Church. The present Sligo Church was constructed under his pastorate. After the church was dedicated it continued to grow until it became the largest church in the denomination.

In 1952 Elder Ashton retired as pastor of the Sligo Church, but later took lighter assignments with the Decatur Heights and Beltsville congregations.

On January 20, 1957, Elder Ashton

celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a minister of the gospel. He has given fifty-three years of service to the church, most of them having been spent in the Columbia Union Conference. He has been instrumental in bringing many hundreds of persons into the church and as an executive directed the work of the church in an efficient manner.

The Ashton's have two children—Wilton, Worthington, Ohio, and Shirley, Nashville, Tenn. The Columbia Union Conference is grateful to Elder and Mrs. Ashton for their years of service to the church. We wish them God's blessing.

Union-wide Spelling Contest Announced

Can We Spell? Let's Find Out!

COMING
Union-wide Spelling Contest

WHEN?
May 15, 1957

WHERE?
In Every Church School in the
Union Conference

WHO?
For Every Boy and Girl in Church
Schools in Grades Four to Eight.

Prepare now by studying the words in units eighteen, twenty-four, and thirty-six of your spelling book. The names of all who make 100 per cent will be published in a summer number of the Columbia Union "Visitor."

All church schools have been invited to participate in this Union-wide event. Particulars have been sent to the church school teachers.

Ethel Johnson
Elementary Supervisor, Columbia
Union Conference

New Voice of Prophecy Bible Course Offered

ON Easter Sunday, April 21, the Voice of Prophecy broadcast will offer for the first time a completely new Bible correspondence course, "The Light of the World."

Elder D. A. Delafield, the author of this course, was formerly the head of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School and associate speaker on the coast-to-coast broadcast.

Much time was spent by Pastor Delafield in preparing these lessons in order to bring to the attention of the students interesting facts, both new and old, concerning the greatest Man who ever lived.

Prepared in narrative style, "The Light of the World" presents the great Bible truths that are directly connected with the wonderful life of Christ as He lived it here on this earth.

D. V. POND

CONFERENCE NEWS

Ohio

Welcome to New Worker

WE extend a cordial welcome to Pastor and Mrs. Robert Collar who have accepted a call to join the evangelistic team of Elders C. L. Duffield and H. V. Shafer in Canton, Ohio. The Collar family came to Ohio from the Illinois Conference where Brother Collar was engaged as a district pastor.

Pastor Collar attended Cedar Lake Academy for his secondary education and later attended Emmanuel Missionary College, graduating in 1952. He started his work as a literature evangelist and pastor, but for the last seven months of his internship he was assistant in the Illinois Book and Bible House.

Most of Pastor Collar's experience since internship has been in evangelism and we are confident he will make a definite contribution to the Duffield-Shafer group.

Mrs. Collar, formerly Mary Penrod, a native of Broughton, Ohio, attended Mt. Vernon Academy for her junior and senior years. Her college work was started in Washington Missionary College, but later she transferred to Emmanuel Missionary College where she was graduated as a four-year Bible worker. Mrs. Collar was a Bible worker with the Vandeman effort in Pittsburgh, Pa., for one year prior to her marriage.

The Collars have two boys, Dale, who is two years old, and David, who is four.

Wedding

CAROL SCHAUM of Northfield, Ohio, and Ronald Knecht of Worthington, Ohio, were united in marriage in the Northfield Presbyterian Church on March 2, 1957, at 7:30 P.M. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride is a graduate of Mount Vernon Academy and the groom is attending Ohio State University. May the Lord richly bless this newly established home.

S. K. LEHNOFF

Farewell

BEFORE leaving for our new pastorate in San Bernardino, Calif., we felt we ought to write a farewell note and a brief summary of the work accomplished during our stay in Mt. Vernon.

In a few weeks from now the new Mt. Vernon Church will be ready for occupancy. This event represents a big milestone in the history of the church.

Let us go back a bit in the history of the work here in Mt. Vernon. It was on September 19, 1885, that the church was first organized. Money was scarce in those days and the people were poor. Two years later, in 1887, the advisability of erecting a \$500 frame church (18x26) was considered. Work and cash pledges totaled \$405. The remaining \$95 represented a real test of faith.

After prayerful consideration it was felt unwise to proceed "for the present" as they put it. Little did they realize that their deferment of the project "for the present" would last sixty-eight years!

During the long delay the congregation increased from fifty to 550. After waiting so long the congregation can look upon the nearly completed church building with justifiable pride. The new brick church is of colonial design with a seating capacity of approximately 1,000. In addition to the main chapel, rooms have been provided for prayer meetings, Sabbath school divisions, and other activities of the church.

While raising more than \$100,000 toward their church home, they have also become a Minuteman congregation in Ingathering. We feel that this is no small task in view of the large membership in a semi-rural area.

Other phases of the work have also shown growth. One hundred and twenty-five persons have been baptized or added by profession of faith during the past six years. The church school has grown so that four rooms are filled to capacity. A larger building will soon be needed.

We have many pleasant memories of our work in the Mt. Vernon district. Our experiences here have provided abundant proof of the oft-stated fact that Adventist people are the finest people in all the world.

ELDER AND MRS. N. W. BECKER

Spring Dorcas Federation Meetings Held

DORCAS societies of the Dayton, Youngstown, Liberty Center, and Mansfield Churches served as hostesses for the spring Dorcas welfare federation meetings of the Ohio Conference during the days from March 11 to 14.

Important on the agenda was the election of officers for the 1957-1958 biennium. The following federation presidents were selected: Mrs. Mary Parlette, Southwestern Federation; Mrs. Clarence Thompson, Central Federation; Mrs. June Gerst, Northwestern Federation; and Mrs. Winifred Hunt, Northeastern Federation.

Program high lights were the prepared narrations by selected Dorcas society and welfare center representatives who related some out-of-the-ordinary experiences in uplift work.

Elder S. W. Burrows, Home Missionary Secretary of the Ohio Conference, presented information and instructions relating to planned preparedness for both natural and man-made disasters. The days' festivities climaxed with an informative Civil Defense motion-picture film, "Let's Face It!"

S. W. BURROWS

Home Missionary Secretary,
Ohio Conference

Academy Day Scheduled For April 24

Mt. Vernon Academy will hold its annual "Academy Day" program on Wednesday, April 24, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

"Academy Day" is held for tenth graders from Ohio and West Virginia intermediate schools, eighth graders from elementary schools, and others who may be attending public schools but would like to attend a church school.

The Academy extends a cordial invitation to qualified students throughout Ohio and West Virginia. Further information can be secured from your teacher or your pastor. Registration begins promptly at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 24.

Church Building to Be Purchased in Annapolis

COURAGE is the word in Annapolis today—and for a very good reason. At last a break is evident in the long list of defeats that have met every attempt to establish in our capital city of Maryland some representative memorial to the ever-growing work of the remnant church.

Final details have been arranged for the purchase of the Eastport Methodist Church on Sixth Street in Annapolis.



Annapolis, Md., Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This modern, commodious structure with its furniture and appurtenances, will seat about 300. Surely a new day has dawned for God's work in this important city. Fifteen years of patient waiting and seed sowing by our small group of believers is now to spring forth into a heavenly harvest of additional souls.

Let us as a conference family praise God for another display of His loving care over even the smallest of His churches. Let us pray God's continued blessing to the end that many more in Annapolis will see and embrace His truth in preparation for the kingdom.

A. B. BUTLER

Investiture at Chestertown

THE Investiture service of the Missionary Volunteer Society of the Chestertown and Rock Hall Churches was held Sabbath afternoon, March 9, at 3:30, in the Chestertown Church. Remarks by Kenneth VanSant, director, were very timely for the youth of today.

The insignia awarded in four preparatory classes were as follows: six Busy Bees, three Sunbeams, two

Delmarva Golden Anniversary Youth Rally

Sabbath, April 27, 1957

9:30 A.M.—9:30 P.M.

Camden High School Auditorium
Camden, Del.

HEAR THE FOLLOWING

- Elder Lawrence Skinner, General Conference MV Department.
- Elder M. E. Loewen, President, Chesapeake Conference.
- Mt. Aetna Aeolians.
- W.M.C. Musicians.

Bring Your Friends—Bring Your Lunch—Stay All Day.

Robert A. Tyson
MV Secretary, Chesapeake

Builders, and two Helping Hands. A note of interest was that Helen and Ellen Witt of Rock Hall, received their insignia for the four preparatory classes at this one investiture service.

There were eleven local youth invested in the Friend class; one Explorer (the first insigne to be awarded in the Chesapeake Conference); and one Guide.

Twenty received honor tokens in star study; thirty-four, in leathercraft; nine, for dog study; ten, for cat study; thirteen, in cooking; two, for interior painting; one, for woodworking; one, carpentry; one, junior first aid; one, Bible evangelism;

Book and Bible House Notice

DELMARVA GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
YOUTH RALLY
THE BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE
WILL BE THERE

WHERE? Camden-Wyoming High School, Camden, Del.

WHEN? April 27, 1957.

After the evening meeting you will find a large display of books and Bibles especially for youth, including:

"Golden Anniversary Messages to Young People"—only \$1.

"What Jesus Said"—1957 Missionary Book—only \$1.

"The Desire of Ages"—only \$1.

Remember—this is "Spirit of Prophecy" month. We shall have the "Testimonies for the Church," "Testimony Treasures," and the "Conflict of the Ages" sets there at a special, reduced price for this month.

W. B. Robinson
Manager, Chesapeake Book and Bible House

one, Christian salesmanship; and one, Christian story telling.

Elder Robert Tyson, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Conference, gave the charge and presented the insignia and honor tokens.

Mrs. Dorothy Witt and Mrs. Hazel Downey of Rock Hall and Mrs. Betty Jackson of Chestertown were the instructors.

This MV progressive classwork is for all ages. The youngest to receive recognition was eight years old, and the oldest was in his sixties. This is truly an instructive and worthwhile family project.

MRS. BESSIE SAVAGE
Press Secretary, Chestertown Church

West Pennsylvania

Wedding

ON Sunday afternoon, February 24, 1957, Newanna Hainer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hainer of Smock, Pa., and Lawrence Wetmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wetmore of Port Allegany, Pa., were united in marriage by the writer. The service took place in the Star Junction Methodist Church and was witnessed by a large group of family, friends, and neighbors.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, had as her matron of honor Mrs. Florence Wetmore, sister-in-law of the groom. The bridesmaids were Marilyn Cooper and Mrs. Evelyn Snedden, roommate of the bride while she was a student at Washington Missionary College.

The best man was Jack Wetmore, brother of the groom. The ushers were Ernest Wetmore, cousin of the groom; Ralph Allen, brother-in-law of the bride; and Harvey Flory.

The flower girl was little Deborah Dawson, niece of the bride; and the Bible boy was Richard Allen, her nephew.

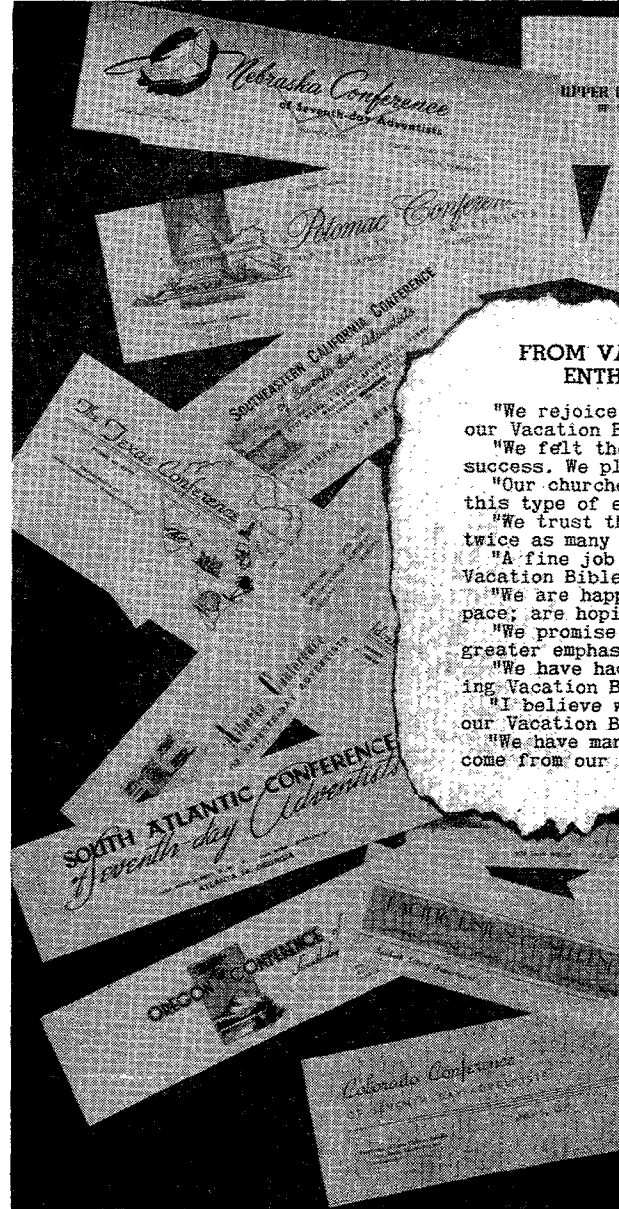
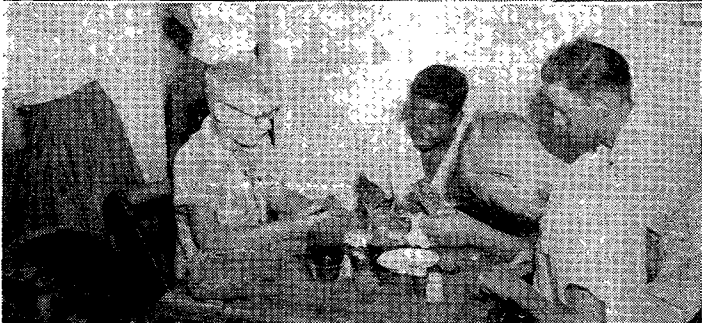
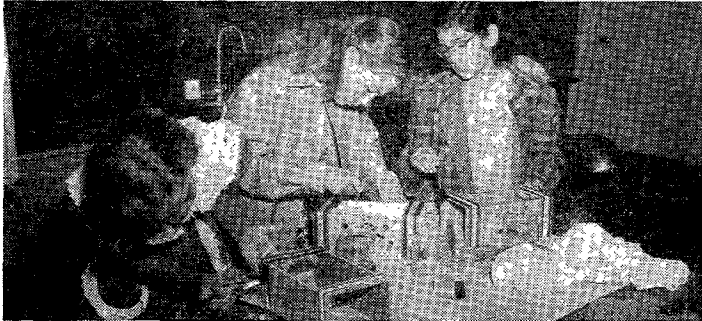
Preceding the ceremony, Ray Stephens sang, "Bless This House," and Mrs. Shirley Burrow sang two numbers, "Happy Home" and "Wedding Prayer." At the close of the benediction Mr. Stephens sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The wedding reception was held in the recreation hall of the church.

After a motor trip through Virginia the couple are making their home in Port Allegany, Pa., where the bride formerly taught the church school. We wish them God's richest blessing as they establish a Christian home.

ANDREW J. ROBBINS

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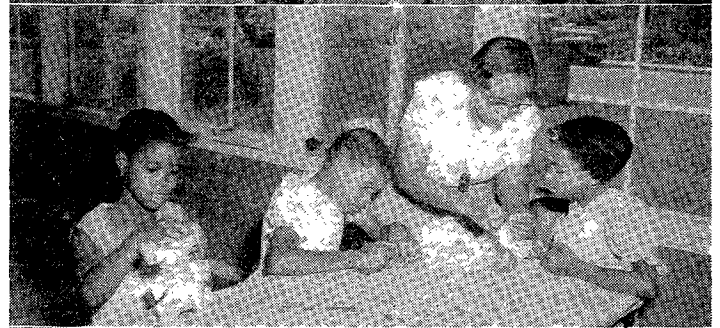
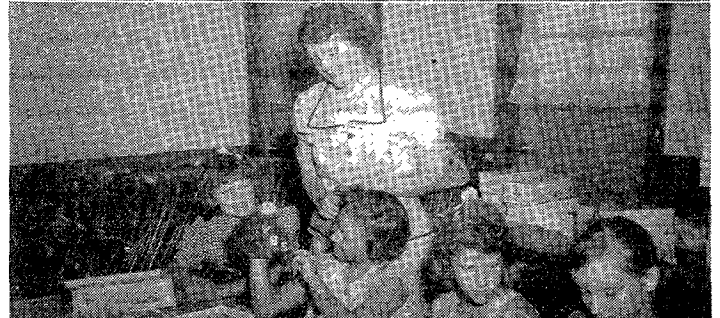
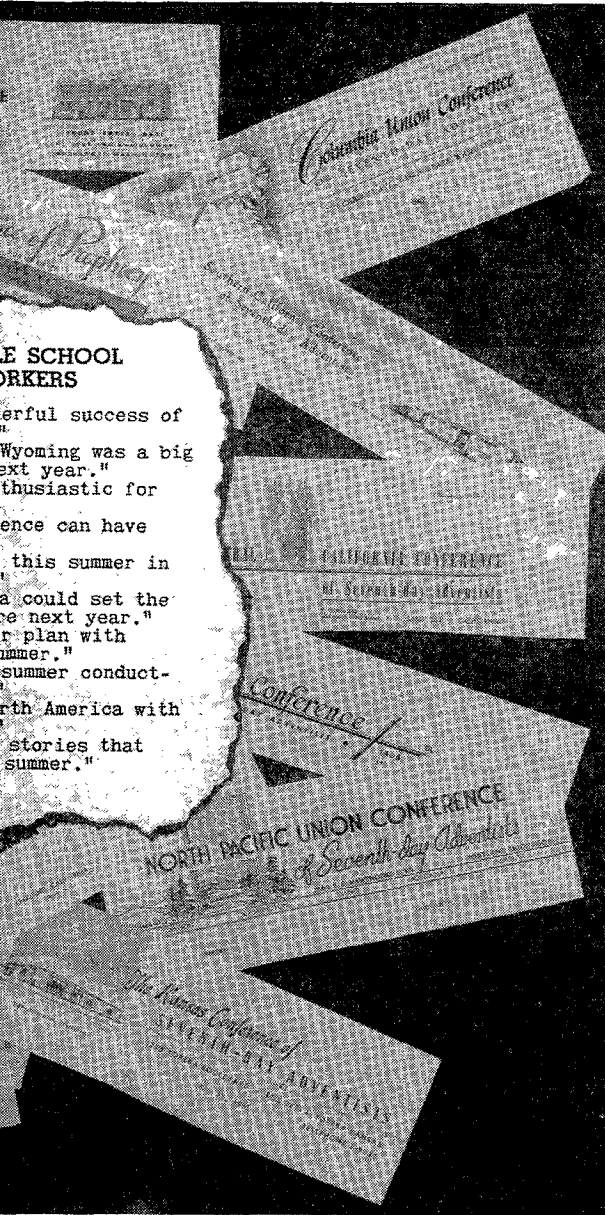


Plan I

VACATION

in Your Church

on Bible Schools!



for a
BIBLE SCHOOL
next Summer

West Virginia

Last-Minute Notice on Youth Rally

THIS is a last-minute reminder concerning the Conference-wide Golden Anniversary MV Youth Rally in Charleston, W. Va., Friday and Sabbath, April 19 and 20.

Elder D. M. Ingersoll, Conference MV Secretary, reports that a fast-moving and interesting rally has been planned. The principal speaker will be Elder L. A. Skinner, Associate MV Secretary of the General Conference.



Elder L. A. Skinner

Meetings will be held in the Charleston Church, 1534 Washington Street, East. The Friday-night meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock and the Sabbath meetings, at 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 2:30 P.M., and 7:30 P.M.

Also scheduled to be on the program are Elder A. J. Patzer, Union Conference MV Secretary; Elder A. F. Ruf, Conference President; and Elder B. J. Mondics, local pastor.

Reapers Needed

IN John 4:35 (last part) we read: "Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." From time to time we receive letters in the office that prove this text is true at this hour. I want to share with you some excerpts from these letters.

One person wrote: "I am interested in the two masterpieces of Christian literature by Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy*."

One of our literature evangelists received a card saying, "I would like to buy your *Bible Readings*." She is a Catholic lady and about a month previously our worker had prayer with her and gave her a copy of *Steps to Christ*.

Recently one of our canvassers informed us that she had found a lady who had finished the thirty-four lessons from Faith for Today and a copy of *Bible Readings for the Home* was lying on the couch. She had been studying it. Arrangements have been made to give her Bible studies. She already believes in the seventh-day Sabbath.

Who knows how many are waiting

for someone to call on them? In *Colporteur Ministry*, page 12, is the statement, "Those who belong to the Lord's kingdom must work earnestly for the saving of souls"; and on page seven we are told that "the Church must give her attention to the canvassing work."

Matthew 9:37, 38 tells us: "Then saith He unto His disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Will you not pray about this and answer the call and say, "Here am I, send me."

C. A. YARNELL

East Pennsylvania

Time for Summer Camps

CAMP time will soon be upon us. It is time now for every boy and girl in the East Pennsylvania Conference who is of camp age to send in an application to attend Blue Mountain Youth Camp.

Each Sunday volunteer work crews from the various churches are busily preparing for camp time. New cabins and a sanitary building are being built for the boys' division. Repairs and improvements are being made so that the facilities will be better for everyone. The camp program itself is being arranged, staff members are being secured, food is being ordered, and other vital arrangements are being made.

Camp dates are:

Primary Camp, Ages 7-9, July 21-28

Junior Camp, Ages 10-12, July 28-August 4

Teen-age Camp, Ages 13-17, August 4-August 11

This year the determining date for

all ages has been moved back to September 15 to coincide with the determining date for school entrance. This simply means that a child who will be seven on or before September 15 will be eligible to attend the Primary Camp. It should be pointed out that a child who will be either nine or ten on or before September 15 may attend either the Primary Camp and/or the Junior Camp. Any camper who is twelve or thirteen on or before September 15 may attend either the Junior Camp and/or the Teen-age Camp.

The accompanying application blank should be filled out and sent in to this office as soon as possible. Please be sure to notice that the total cost of camp goes up the longer you wait to send in your application. When the application is received in this office, a receipt and a sheet of instructions will be sent to the camper.

L. R. CALLENDER

Music at Blue Mountain Academy

Music at Blue Mountain Academy is a vital part of the cultural and educational growth of the student. The students of Blue Mountain Academy have reaped many of the benefits resulting from musical activities during the current school year. "The value of song as a means of education should never be lost sight of. . . . Let there be singing in the school, and the pupils will be drawn closer to God, to their teachers, and to one another" (*Education*, p. 168).

At the present time there are fifty-six students taking lessons in piano, voice, organ, and various other instruments. Many students who are not taking private instruction have joined one of the other musical groups on the campus.

Jack Kissinger has organized a

Blue Mountain Youth Camp Application

Enclose minimum of \$2 with application (not refundable). Total cost—\$16 up to June 1; \$17 June 1-July 10; \$18 thereafter.

Name Present Age Birthday

(Age limits to be determined as of September 15, 1957)

Were you at camp last summer? Yes No

I wish to attend: Primary Camp, Ages 7-9, July 21-28.

Junior Camp, Ages 10-12, July 28-August 4.

Teen-Age Camp, Ages 13-17, August 4-11.

\$ enclosed.

We hereby release the East Pennsylvania Conference from all responsibility for possible accidents or illness whatever. (All campers are fully insured against all accidents and illness.)

Signed Camper

Signed Parent or Guardian

Address of Parent or Guardian Telephone



Blue Mountain Academy Choir and Mrs. Barbara Baldwin, director.

twenty-one-piece band which has presented music for chapel and Saturday-night functions. He drives to the Academy from Reading two days a week for private instrumental instruction as well as band rehearsals.

The largest musical organization is the chorus of eighty-one voices. Many students who have previously had very little musical experience are developing basic skills while studying Alfred Gaul's cantata, "The Holy City." The presentation of this cantata on May 13 will include quartet, trio, duet, and solo numbers.

A more select group is the thirty-four-member touring choir which made its first off-campus appearance October 6 at the Reading Youth Crusade. Since that time the choir has presented worship services in the Mansfield, Beaumont, Harrisburg, Hershey, Reading, and Norris-town Churches. The choir sang at the opening meeting of the Pine

Grove evangelistic series conducted by Elder L. F. Myers, and also presented a Christmas program for the Hamburg Rotary Club.

The choir and other members of the music department appeared most recently on the programs of the West Pennsylvania State-wide Youth Rally at Punxsutawney, Pa., and the Tri-State Youth Rally in Hagerstown, Md.

Plans are being made for a B.M.A. Spring Music Festival to be held Saturday evening, May 18, in the Reading Intermediate School auditorium.

At the present time the students are using every possible means to secure money for choir robes. They have already earned some money through the sale of choir records. Many of the Columbia Union VISITOR subscribers already have ordered their records, but if you have not, write to the Music Department, Blue Mountain Academy. We greatly appreciate all you have done in securing records, and also thank you for your donations.

MRS. BARBARA BALDWIN

Potomac

Camp Meeting

THE annual camp meeting of the Potomac Conference will be held this year June 13-23 in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley on the campus of Shenandoah Valley Academy, one mile west of New Market, Va., off Route 11.

Facilities of the Academy are available, including the large gymnasium, which will be used as an auditorium for the main meetings. The Academy dormitories will be used for housing many of our people who attend. We shall also erect several hundred or more tents, and there will be some rooming accommodations in the nearby community. Motor courts are available on Highway 11 for transients.

In order to provide properly for those who attend, it will be necessary for us to know just what accommodations to make available. You will find in this issue of the VISITOR an order blank giving the price of tents, with and without floors, rooms, and the price of furnishings. We shall appreciate it very much if those planning to attend will fill out this blank and send it to the Potomac Conference office, addressing it to W. H. Jones, Gaymont, Staunton, Va. Accommodations in the dormitories are very limited, so you should make a second choice.

More detailed information con-

cerning camp meeting will appear in these columns from time to time—watch for them.

Plan to spend your vacation in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley at the Potomac Conference camp meeting.

W. H. JONES

Secretary-Treasurer

Spring Dorcas Federation Meetings Emphasize Civil Defense

I AM sure that I express the sentiments of all our welfare workers and pastors who attended our spring Dorcas federation meetings when I say that we are truly thankful for the inspirational and challenging messages we received through the person of Elder G. W. Chambers of our General Conference Civil Defense Program. His messages on preparing for any future war emergency, caused by the enemy, through an all-out Civil Defense cooperative effort by our membership was very timely and practical.

We cannot overemphasize the importance of encouraging every local church and society to counsel together with the pastor and church board concerning the laying of immediate plans for an all-out first-aid training program in your area. After your church board has met and given serious study to this enlarged welfare program in cooperation with the Civil Defense planning, please contact Elder Charles Seitz, the director of our Civil Defense Department for the Confer-

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An Unusual Program
SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 20
Ridgeville Union School
R.D. 4, Danville, Pa.
and on
SATURDAY NIGHT, MAY 4
Hatboro Church School
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York Road, Hatboro
Will Present
"Needs of Growing Children"
Every parent within driving distance should attend this program! The doctors will answer questions from the audience.
There will be good music.
* Dr. Thomas Davis, Dr. William Philpott, Dr. G. Edward Zerne.

ence. He will be happy to supply qualified Red Cross instructors to any area that is without a certified instructor at the present time.

It is also well for us to keep in mind, as we prepare our churches, welfare centers, and units through Civil Defense cooperation for any war emergency, that we shall also be prepared through our stockpile of clothing, food, and first-aid items to meet any natural disaster caused by flood, hurricane, tornado, or earthquake that may come to our conference territory in the future.

Highlighting our trip around the Conference are the following local news items of interest to all.

Portsmouth: Our Portsmouth Church is the first church of the Tidewater area, in cooperation with the Civil Defense chairman, Mr. Simpson, to launch a Civil Defense program for the city of Portsmouth.

Wytheville: We were happy to learn that Dr. Malin of the Wytheville Sanitarium and Hospital is the director of the Civil Defense program for the city of Wytheville. He told us of plans, now in the "talking" stage, for an evacuation bivouac to make their area more Civil Defense conscious and to stress the importance of preparing for what may come in the event of a future war emergency.

Roanoke: We were happy to hear that Mrs. Thomas Lambdon, federation president and local welfare center director of our Roanoke Health and Welfare Center, is also a qualified Red Cross first-aid instructor. They have already had two classes in first-aid training in recent months and have issued more than two dozen first-aid certificates.

South Richmond: South Richmond is also now in the process of conducting a class in first-aid training for members and neighbors in their community.

Strasburg: We learned at our Shenandoah Federation meeting that Elder McGraw and the local Dorcas society leader, Mrs. Santangelo, have issued first-aid disaster kits to the police departments of Strasburg and Woodstock, to the high schools there, and also to the local Civil Defense directors of these communities. As a result there have been much favor, publicity, and good will on the part of the public toward our program, as well as a request by the Civil Defense officials of the area to have our Adventist members distribute Civil Defense leaflets throughout the area and acquaint the populace with the latest Civil Defense plans. This has resulted in a class in first-aid training at the Strasburg Adventist Church with the entire community participating. Elder Charles Seitz, the director of Civil Defense for the Conference, has been asked to conduct this first-aid training program.

I trust that what we have mentioned here is only the beginning of a much greater effort now being planned for every church throughout our conference. We believe that it is possible for this conference to train a thousand of our members in first-aid during the current year.

Let us heed the counsel of the wise man found in Proverbs 22:3: "A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished." In view of this inspired counsel and the desires of our government officials to prepare our vast population for a war

emergency through Civil Defense cooperation, can any of us afford to do anything less than his best? Let us not forget that "THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN"!

W. M. BUCKMAN

Home Missionary Secretary,
Potomac Conference

New Jersey

New Jersey Camp Meeting

Kingston, N. J.
(Near Trenton)

JUNE 28-JULY 7

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Spend your vacation at camp meeting.

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Allegheny

Literature Evangelist Convention

A LITERATURE evangelist convention held in Danville, Va., drew twenty-one enrollees in a special salesmanship class.

Elder C. M. Willis, Publishing Secretary of the Allegheny Conference, assisted by George Murphy, associate secretary, and Mrs. M. Dunn, magazine worker, conducted a week-end rally and organized a class of enthusiastic workers in gospel salesmanship.

Getting a taste of the work first hand and combining theory with practice, the new recruits one afternoon sold \$294 worth of literature. This was a part of the field training.

Enthusiasm is running high and Danville can be counted upon to do its part in saving souls for God's kingdom through the literature ministry.

Elder Willis, Conference Secretary-Treasurer, gave the group a good start, and many in the class are entering the work on a full-time basis. Each one expressed the desire to have a part in the closing moments of God's great message to the world.

Pastor J. L. Reaves and his wife, both of whom are experienced in

1957 CAMP MEETING ORDER BLANK

Locating Committee Potomac Conference Gaymont Staunton, Va.	Date
Brethren:	
Please make the following reservations for me for the 1957 camp meeting to be held in New Market, Va., June 13-23, 1957.	
..... Dormitory Room	\$11.00
..... Tent With Floor	14.00
..... Tent With Half-Floor	9.50
..... Tent Without Floor	6.50
..... Single Cots75
..... Pads for Single Cots75
..... Chairs35

Total enclosed \$

NOTE: You must bring your own bedding as none is furnished.
DEPOSIT REQUIRED WITH THIS ORDER: One-half of the total cost should accompany this order as a deposit. Furnishings cost extra in all types of accommodations.

As dormitory rooms are limited, if one is ordered you should designate a tent as second choice, if so desired.

Name Address

Church



Group of young literature evangelists of the Danville, Va., Church. Pastor J. L. Reaves is in the third row at the extreme right.

literature evangelism, gave fine support to the work.

MRS. SADIE ALLEN
Press Secretary, Danville, Va.

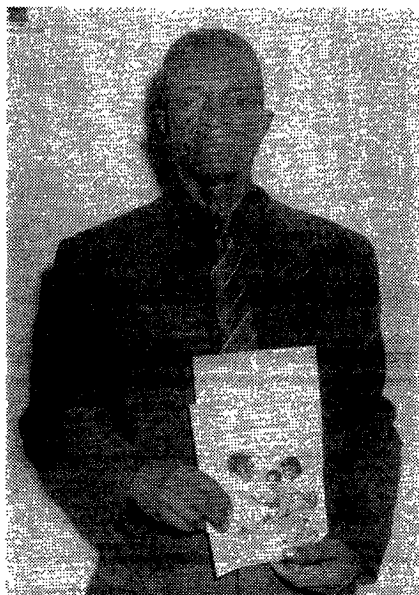
Ingathering

INGATHERING zeal has risen to a new level in my district, declared Elder U. S. Willis, speaking to the Treasurer of the Allegheny Conference.

As usual, Walter Moody, who raised two Jasper Wayne goals in 1955 and 1956 has already turned in one Jasper Wayne goal in 1957 and is now completing his second. Brother Moody, rejoicing in the love of the truth, does little soliciting, but gives as the Lord gives to him.

The Chester Church is carrying on a building-fund drive. They will make their report after they reach their Ingathering goal.

A. V. PINKNEY
Public Relations Secretary,
Allegheny Conference



Walter Moody, member of the Wilmington Church, who has for three consecutive years raised two Jasper Wayne goals.

Dorcas Society Meeting Held at Uniontown

THE Dorcas society of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church of Uniontown, Pa., held its first meeting of the new year on Sabbath, February 23, in the Crossland Project Center.

Mrs. Fannie Hall read the report of the election of officers to serve the society during the year. Mrs. Annette Holt, leader; Susie Johnson, chaplain and chairman of the prayer band; Emma Connor, handiwork committee; Nelle Smith, secretary-treasurer; Fannie Boyd, assistant secretary-treasurer; Nelson Poole, chairman, "cheer-up" committee.

Mrs. A. Holt, leader of the society, reported \$20.50 in the treasury from 1956.

Isaiah Hawkins, local elder, spoke to the audience on "The Keeping Power of God." The program was closed with prayer by Clarence Cantrell.

MRS. MYRTLE BOWMAN
Press Secretary, Uniontown, Pa.

OBITUARIES

FRANKLIN, Edward Grant, son of Grant and Annie Franklin, was born in Westminister, Carroll County, Md. His was the only family and firstfruits of the labors of Elder O. O. Farnsworth in that city. Because of persecution, the family was forced to move and located near Glen Burnie, Md., where they were among the early believers in that area. His abilities as a young people's leader were evident early in his work in Baltimore. He prepared for the ministry at Washington Missionary College. He was married to E. Geneviva Sheirich. His appointment to mission work in Africa was delayed by the outbreak of World War I. While missions waited overseas he was employed by the Chesapeake Conference here. Later he was called to mission work among the Six Nations Indians in the Hagersville and Brantford districts in Ontario, Canada. Following his return to the states, he again resumed labor in the Chesapeake Conference. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. B. G. Wilkinson, Elder Curtis Quackenbush, and Dr. R. L. Petersen at the Takoma Funeral Home and burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery. Surviving are his widow, E. Geneviva; two sons, Edward H. of Esda Sales and Roland A., a Chesapeake Conference teacher in Martinsburg, W. Va.; one granddaughter, Carole J.; one sister, Agnes Franklin; and other relatives and many friends.

ANDROSS, Matilda Erickson, was born February 10, 1880, and died February 9, 1957. She leaves two sisters, two step-sons, nephews, nieces, and many friends. Although she was born in Denmark, at an early age she came with her parents to America and loved the

advent message from her earliest days. While a student at Union College she was invited by Elder A. G. Daniels to come to the General Conference in March, 1907. In July of that same year she was appointed Associate Secretary of the newly organized Missionary Volunteer Department. For the next twenty-nine years she was identified with the growth and development of the young people's work in the Seventh-day Adventist Church; seventeen years in the General Conference office and twelve years in the Inter-American Division. She was married to Elder E. E. Andross in 1920 and stood nobly by his side in his arduous labors until his death in 1950. She spent the last few years in official retirement, living in Takoma Park. Elder C. S. Longacre conducted the funeral service in the Takoma Park Church and Elder D. A. Delafield officiated at the cemetery. The influence of her life and her books will live on though she sleeps awaiting the resurrection.

ALLMAN, Cora Rinehart, was born in 1872 and died February 11, 1957. She was a faithful member of the Buckhannon, W. Va., Church. For years she was an excellent church worker. She is survived by her husband, H. T. Allman; four daughters; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. She rests in the Lorentz Cemetery near her old home. W. H. Johnson

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SUNSET CALENDAR

	Apr. 19	Apr. 26
Baltimore, Md.	6:47	6:54
Cincinnati, Ohio	7:19	7:26
Cleveland, Ohio	7:11	7:19
Columbus, Ohio	7:14	7:21
Jersey City, N. J.	6:39	6:46
Norfolk, Va.	6:43	6:49
Parkersburg, W. Va.	7:07	7:14
Philadelphia, Pa.	6:43	6:50
Pittsburgh, Pa.	7:03	7:10
Reading, Pa.	6:47	6:54
Richmond, Va.	6:48	6:55
Scranton, Pa.	6:47	6:55
Toledo, Ohio	7:19	7:26
Trenton, N. J.	6:41	6:48
Washington, D. C.	6:49	6:56

NOTE: Time given is Eastern Standard Time.

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Columbia Union Conference Ingathering Report

Report for Week Ending April 6, 1957

Conference	Total to Date	Per Capita	
		1956	1957
Allegheny	\$ 26,007.73	\$ 3.62	\$ 4.07
Chesapeake	39,750.52	15.68	14.43
East Pennsylvania	55,793.22	9.69	13.46
New Jersey	12,563.62	10.02	4.85
Ohio	128,600.17	16.69	18.20
Potomac	125,740.53	12.40	14.61
West Pennsylvania	21,802.60	9.20	11.02
West Virginia	19,461.69	12.60	12.90
Union	\$429,720.08	\$11.29	\$12.27

The year 1957 is another opportunity for Ingathering. Although it has twelve months, fifty-two weeks, and 365 days like many past years, it is different due to the spirit already shown throughout the Columbia Union Conference.

Individuals by the hundreds, churches, and districts already can testify that they have achieved the Minuteman victory goal of \$23.11 per member. Some churches this year have accomplished in two weeks or less what used to be done in two months. During the December caroling program many churches in every conference reached or exceeded their Minuteman goal.

Ohio was one of three conferences in North America exceeding \$100,000 in caroling. New Jersey has set the highest goal it has ever set despite the fact that it has led the North American Division in per-capita totals for eleven consecutive years.

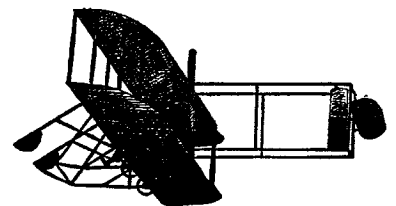
Both the West Virginia and West Pennsylvania Conferences had half of their campaign goals before the official start on March 30. East Pennsylvania is expected to exceed \$100,000 this year. At the recent Allegheny Conference workers' meeting \$26,000 was reported, which is one-fourth of their conference goal.

Chesapeake has said very little so far, but watch their reports. Church after church already has reported its full goal. The Potomac Conference follows the slogan, "Everybody at It." Larger churches are already "over the top." In the Takoma Park Church two weeks after they launched their campaign, "Mystery Day" revealed that they have achieved \$13,389 on their Minuteman goal of \$20,600.

The above is the report for the week end of April 6. This is a very good start. Watch this space every week until May 18 for the weekly reports.—H. K. HALLADAY.

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