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New Religious Liberty Secretary

Neal Wilson Appointed to Union Staff

ELDER Neal C. Wilson, of San Jose, Calif., has been appointed new secretary of the Religious Liberty and Medical Departments as well as the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions for the Columbia Union Conference.

Announcement of the appointment has been made by Elder L. E. Lenheim, Union Conference President. Elder Wilson takes the place of Elder M. E. Loewen, who is now secretary of the Department of Public Affairs of the General Conference.

At the present time Elder Wilson is serving as Religious Liberty, Medical, Public Relations, and Radio-TV Secretary of the Central California Conference. It is expected that he will take up his new work here about February 1.

A native of Lodi, Calif., Elder Wilson, 39, has lived a large portion of his life overseas, having attended elementary and secondary schools in Africa where his father, Elder N. C. Wilson, was serving as a missionary. He graduated from Vincent Hill College in India and also from Pacific Union College, class of 1942. He has taken advanced work at Potomac University, Theological Seminary.

His work for the denomination began in Wyoming where he did evangelistic work. He then came to Washington, D. C., to study Arabic in preparation for mission service. For a period of time he assisted with the R. A. Anderson Evangelistic campaign in Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1944 he went to the Middle East where he first served as pastor of the Cairo Church in Egypt and then became president of the Egypt Mission until 1950 when he was elected President of the Nile Union Mission, comprising Egypt, Sudan, Aden, and

By D. A. Roth

Secretary, Public Relations Department,
Columbia Union Conference



Elder Neal C. Wilson

the Arabian peninsula. At the time of the 1959 General Conference session he returned on permanent leave

Say It Now!

Don't Keep Silent

By Neal Wilson

Religious Liberty Secretary, Columbia Union Conference

A FEW weeks ago I was talking with the President and several professors of a state college where I had given a talk on religious liberty. We discussed the crucial situation existing today in church-state entanglements in the field of education. These men pointed out that a camouflaged struggle is developing in almost ev-

ery institution of instruction and learning.

It was emphasized by these educators that certain religious groups are exerting extreme political, economic, and social pressure in an all-out effort to impose their subtle slavery of conscience on the masses

from the Middle East. Since that time he has served in the Central California Conference office. Elder Wilson was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1944 at the Takoma Park Church. His father is now President of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. His wife is the former Elinor Neumann of Chicago. She attended Broadview Academy and Emmanuel Missionary College before going to work in California. It was while working at the St. Helena Sanitarium that she met Elder Wilson. They have two children, Norman C., 9½ and Shirley, 7.

The new Religious Liberty Secretary comes to us with a rich background of experience in pastoral, mission, executive, and departmental experience. Within a short time he will be visiting churches throughout the Columbia Union Conference territory and becoming acquainted with the many problems in the religious liberty field.

The entire Union Conference family extends a hearty welcome to them.

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A Question You Must Answer

How long has it been since Y-O-U led a soul to Christ?

"Many all around us only need to have their prejudices removed, and the evidences of our present position spread out before them from



the Word, and they will joyfully receive the present truth." Those encouraging and assuring words were penned by Ellen G. White and are found in *Early Writings*, p. 61.

What are we doing about the "many all around us?" The responsibility becomes personal, for the same author has written: "There are multitudes who will never be reached by the gospel unless it is carried to them." There is an easy, interesting, and rewarding way of providing a faith for "the many all around us." A way that has proved successful on a world-wide scale. A way that has been time tested. A most economical way.

I am thinking of the Bible correspondence school way. It is indeed a plan "straight from the heart of God," as one writer recently expressed it. Scores of thousands around the world have been baptized as the result of the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today programs, with their Bible correspondence schools. How can many more all around us be reached in this inexpensive way? The answer—by putting into practice the recent Autumn Council action that calls for a greatly accelerated program of radio-TV Bible-school evangelism.

Here is the action:

"Whereas, the Faith for Today and the Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence schools have demonstrated their effectiveness in supplying to our pastors and evangelists the names of people interested in becoming Christians and potential church members, and

"Whereas, the number of baptisms from these Bible schools is in proportion to the number of appli-

By E. R. Walde

Secretary, Radio-TV Department
General Conference

cations received by the schools, and

"Whereas, our laymen, church officers, and ministers can cooperate effectively with Faith for Today and Voice of Prophecy in this personalized evangelism on a massive scale,

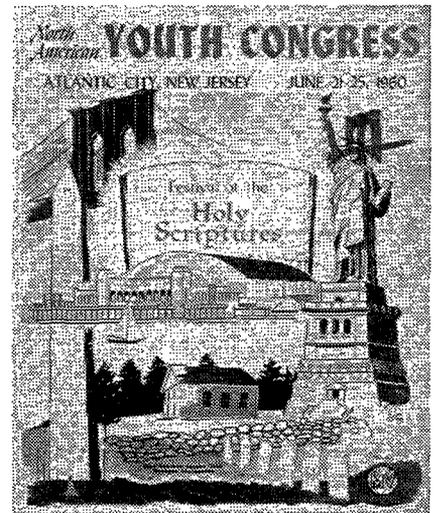
"We recommend, That in North America increased emphasis be placed on securing applications for the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today Bible correspondence courses, and that each union and local conference set a goal for 1960 on the basis of one application per member per month for Voice of Prophecy or Faith for Today Bible correspondence school lessons, and that the overseas divisions set a similar goal for their radio-television Bible correspondence schools (Autumn Council, 1959).

"One application per member per month." This is the challenge we face! What would happen if every Seventh-day Adventist church member in North America accepted this as a personal goal? We would see nearly four million applications pour into our Faith for Today and Voice of Prophecy post office boxes during 1960.

Yes, millions have been and are being blessed by these efficient Bible schools. But what about the other millions? They are waiting, waiting! They are longing and looking for

God, thirsting for a faith in a seemingly faithless world.

We are told that in the library of Northwestern University are displayed the immortal words of Ed Spencer, who rescued many victims when the ship Lady Elgin sank. "Not, have I done as well, nor have I done better, but have I done my 'dead level' best?" Let us look squarely at the question—Will less than "one application per member per month" be my 'dead level' best?" Let us heed the summons personally in the solemn certainty that "... house-to-house labor, searching for souls, hunting for the lost sheep, is the most essential work that can be done" (*Evangelism*, p. 431).



Progress Reported by W.M.C. Alumni Scholarship Committee



CAMPAIGN CONTINUES. Pictured above are some of the members of the Washington Missionary College Alumni Scholarship Committee. The campaign for funds continues through the winter and spring months until the time of the alumni homecoming on May 1. Left to right: front row, Jewell Peeke, Mrs. Zella Holbert, chairman, and Eunice Rozema; back row, Dr. C. B. Hirsch, Dr. Read Calvert, Elder D. A. Roth, Dr. Herman Slate, and Elder Jesse O. Gibson. Funds for the scholarship drive are coming in from all parts of the country. The goal is to provide scholarships for worthy students of Washington Missionary College. Contributions can be sent directly to the Alumni Office, Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, Md.

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February 13 Offering to Expand Faith for Today Television Ministry

A \$200,000 goal has been set for the Tenth Anniversary Faith for Today television offering to be received in Adventist churches on Sabbath, February 13.

An urgent need to expand the Faith for Today television ministry prompts setting the 1960 offering goal \$50,000 above last year's goal. Faith for Today, inaugurated in 1950, is now on 140 TV stations in the United States, Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Australia, the Philippine Islands, and the armed forces television network. But there are still 100 "dark" areas of 100,000 population each in North America where Faith for Today cannot be seen. This means that a vast segment of the population is not being reached by the church through its TV ministry.

Denominational leaders, meeting at the recent Fall Council, recognized anew the great soul-winning potential of Faith for Today and authorized expanding the program's scope of operation to reach into the "dark" areas.

To maintain the present scale of operation a church offering of \$150,000 is required. Any expansion must be done with additional funds, which, it is hoped, will be made available as a result of the \$200,000 offering in February.

A special campaign is to be launched in 1960 to increase the number of stations carrying Faith for Today. A need exists also for better facilities to house the program in New York City. Faith for Today is currently housed in two old residence buildings for which the city has been reluctant to grant certificates of occupancy. Space in these buildings is inadequate, and workers crowd into Pastor Fagal's small office for morning worship. Printing facilities are almost non-existent, and the Bible School in its cramped quarters corrected 500,000 lessons in 1959, working under very definite handicaps because of lack of space.

But the soul-winning work of Faith for Today continues to make progress because of the dedicated staff, and thousands of people are receiving the message in their homes week after week through the program's telecasts and the Bible lessons.

In 1959 the Bible School graduated 10,000 students, all potential church members who have studied the major doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists. Of this number 1,705 reported by the end of November that

they were keeping the Sabbath, and hundreds more are known to have become baptized members during the past year.

The February offering will help increase the tireless ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist telecast, Faith for Today.

C. A. OLIPHANT

Public Relations Director,
Faith for Today

Canvassing in a Cadillac



Pictured above are David Crumwell (left) and Robert Yingst with their Cadillac.

CADILLAC? Well, it was not the most luxurious car in the world, as you can see by the picture. The most difficult task we had in the morning was getting it started. After "Lady," as we affectionately called her, was fired up we would proceed for a great day of canvassing.

There were many hardships in the canvassing work. But give it up? Never on your life! The experience gained in a summer of canvassing is invaluable, the ideal "earn as you learn" summer.

Dave and I both earned a scholarship and are ready to go out this coming summer. There is so much enjoyment in knowing you have helped someone. You have this feeling every time you sell a book or give a Bible study.

If you are looking for an exciting and worthwhile summer, try sharing your faith the literature way.

ROBERT YINGST

Blue Mountain Academy

POAU Conference Slated for Boston

"RELIGION and Public Affairs," an election-year theme, will keynote the twelfth National Conference on Church and State, to be held in Boston, Mass., February 8 and 9, 1960, it has been announced by Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of the sponsoring group.

Held annually by Protestants and Other Americans United, this year's Conference will study church-state problems revolving around aid to education, birth control, foreign aid,

donable property, church tax exemption, slum-clearance projects, and the effect of religion on politics. Other problems to be considered are religious persecution in other lands and the abuse of "tolerance," Mr. Archer said.

A new facet of the Conference will be triple-feature film clinics on both days. Special meetings will be conducted for clergymen. Citations will also be given for "distinguished service to religious liberty."

Daytime sessions of the Conference, first ever held in New England, will be at the Tremont Baptist Temple. Two evening rallies are slated for John Hancock Auditorium.

Copies of the program may be obtained from National POAU, 1633 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

North American Youth Congress Pool Fund

WE thought you would like to know how the North American Youth Congress Pool Fund is progressing in the Columbia Union Conference. Following is an initial report by conferences:

Allegheny: Congratulations! to the Allegheny Conference. They report six churches' having completed their goals. They are Dover, Del.; Millsboro, Del.; Titusville, Pa.; Oberlin, Ohio; Bridgeton, N. J.; Newport News, Va.; Asbury Park, N. J.; and Newtonsville, N. J. Elder Pinkney says: "We have every reason to believe we shall get our entire goal." With this kind of beginning, I'm sure they will.

Chesapeake: No reports yet on individual Chesapeake Conference churches, but we know that Elder Tyson has shown his Holy Land pictures about 30 times in the various churches, and the offerings have gone toward the pool fund.

East Pennsylvania: Elder Morgan writes: "We now have three churches that have reached their goal of one dollar per member for the Congress Transportation Pool. I have reports from several others that they are well on their way." He points out that several societies are planning social evenings and variety programs to raise their quota.

New Jersey: New Jersey, the host conference, has every church under the load and working toward its goal. No official reports have come in as yet, but, having visited a number of their churches, we know they are well on their way.

Ohio: Ohio's MV Leader, Elder
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CONFERENCE NEWS

West Pennsylvania

Two Hundred Added to Church in 1959

We are pleased to report good results from the public evangelistic meetings held in the West Pennsylvania Conference during 1959. Nearly 200 (190 to be exact) were added to our churches by baptism and profession of faith.

The Sabbath offerings for public evangelism during 1959 amounted to over \$7,000. This included the pledges made at camp-meeting time. God has abundantly blessed our conference! Our people have been so willing to contribute time and money to win souls for the Lord. Our ministers have labored long and hard to hold public meetings in 18 cities.

We now look forward to an even better year in soul winning during 1960. We know each member will continue to support every type of evangelistic work. Every minister carries the burden of soul winning on his heart and needs the cooperation of all church members in this work.

Public evangelism costs a great deal in these times. Soon we will ask your support in a systematic plan of giving for evangelism. We are anxious to increase our equipment for this purpose and to have available means needed to hold public meetings in every district. Under

the blessing of God and the united efforts of all of us, many souls will be added to the churches in 1960. Please pray and be willing to sacrifice in time and money for this most important cause.

F. W. WERNICK

President

studies in preparation for a strong evangelistic program for 1960 in all three churches and two missions.

Pray with us for a nice harvest of new souls for the new year.

N. K. SHEPHERD

Pastor, Altoona District

Report From Altoona District

As we close the "district year-book" for 1959, God has been gracious to us in many ways. We have conducted several series of evangelistic and revival meetings in the district. Our baptisms have not been as large as we wish, but we give God thanks for 11 additions for the year. Altoona and Everett conducted vacation Bible schools for the first time during the summer.

Last September Everett re-opened the church school doors which had been closed for the past seven years. Ten girls and boys are enrolled, and a good increase next year is expected.

Our district offerings and tithes show a good increase over last year. All church officers have been elected for 1960 and a good spirit prevails and much optimism for the new year. The Altoona, Everett, and Six-Mile Run Churches celebrated a great Ingathering victory on Sabbath, November 28, and climaxed this with a victory banquet in all three churches.

Our district goal of \$3,750 was reached with an overflow. We are now conducting "Training Light Bearers" classes and giving Bible

Wedding

ON Sunday, August 30, Eileen McCartney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McCartney of Coraopolis, Pa., and Ray West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert West of Gettysburg, Pa., were married in a beautiful but simple ceremony in the home church of the bride.

Attending the bride were Mrs. Dorothy Chesney, matron of honor; Nancy Harless; and Linda McCartney. Harold West served as best man and Elmer Testerman, Donovan Schutt, John Love and Zaher Farag were ushers. Robin Hershberger was the flower girl.

Elder Leslie Hardinge of Washington Missionary College officiated at the service. Special music was provided by Mammie Moore and Charles Pierce.

Both the marriage ceremony and the reception following took place in the Shadyside Church, Pittsburgh.

After their honeymoon, the couple returned to Takoma Park, Md., where both are continuing their studies, the bridegroom to finish his work at the Theological Seminary, and the bride to complete her course at Washington Missionary College.

May the Lord bless them as they unite their lives and their talents in the cause of Christ.

LESLIE HARDINGE

Columbia Union Conference Ingathering Report

Week Ending January 9, 1960

	Total Reported to Date	PER CAPITA STANDING					Per Capita to Date
		\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	
Allegheny	\$ 72,038.34	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ 8.95
Chesapeake	67,194.08	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	21.42
East Pa.	105,487.28	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	23.76
New Jersey	74,751.23	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	25.91
Ohio	168,894.44	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	21.94
Potomac	186,548.17	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	19.67
West Pa.	51,321.10	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	22.35
West Virginia	36,618.54	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	22.18
Union	\$762,853.18	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$19.24

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News From Temple Emmanuel S.D.A. Church

THE third Sabbath in December was indeed an eventful day at the Temple Emmanuel Church in Youngstown, Ohio, when an exchange of pulpits between Elder M. W. Sickler, Pastor of the first church, Marion Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church, and Elder A. N. Brogden, Pastor of the Temple Emmanuel Church.

Elder Sickler spoke on the subject, "The Greatest Gift Ever Made." He drew a beautiful verbal picture of the text, Acts 2:32, from which he spoke. This gift, he said, was God's gift to the world, when he gave his only begotten son to become a glorious sacrifice for sinful man. Then Jesus came to give His believers life and blessings abundantly and to teach all men the spirit of giving. Although December 25 has not been proven to be the correct date of the birth of Jesus, the great story of his birth tends to inspire many people to give at Christmas time. This is the spirit of unselfishness, the spirit of stewardship, a spirit of love. The congregation enjoyed the wholesome and instructive sermon delivered by Elder Sickler.

At the end of the Sabbath and the close of the MV service came the momentous announcement that Temple Emmanuel had reached its 1960 Ingathering conference goal. This we considered a wonderful blessing, since many people here have been unemployed because of the long steel strike. However, regardless of this economic reverse, our missionary leader, Edgar Williamson, planned this Ingathering drive about 30 days ago and named his two band captains, Jasper Gilmore and Lee Darnell, who very masterfully inspired their bands to go out each night caroling and ingathering until the goal was reached before Christmas. Never before has this task been performed by the Temple Emmanuel Church in such a short time.

We thank God that the people "had a mind to work." This was demonstrated best by Carrie Eutsey who is now 81 years old. Seven days after the announcement of the Ingathering drive she turned in over \$42. She said that she had long before started to work on her goal and was almost ready at the word to begin. She is among the pioneers of the Temple Emmanuel Church and remembers

the store-front days as well as the house-to-house prayer meetings. She also remembers the admonition that informs us that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but to endure to the end brings the reward.

E. HENDERSON McCOTTRY
Press Secretary, Temple
Emmanuel Church
Youngstown, Ohio

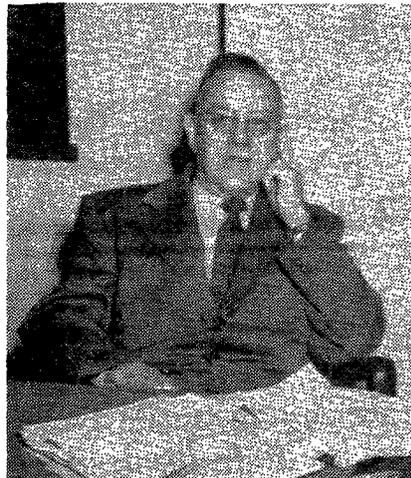
East Pennsylvania

Harrisburg Church Member Appointed to Important State Post

IRA MILLS, a member of the Harrisburg S.D.A. church, has been appointed Pennsylvania's Commissioner of Hospitals. In this Civil Service position Ira Mills is responsible for the direct administration of ten state-owned general hospitals. He is also charged with the responsibility of supervising an additional 332 general and special hospitals throughout the Commonwealth.

As Commissioner of Hospitals, Mr. Mills administers Pennsylvania's multi-million-dollar, Federally aided hospital construction program. This involves the allocation of Hill-Burton funds to specific hospital projects, so vast in the State's hospital construction program, that Pennsylvania receives the second highest grant of Federal aid in the nation.

Ira Mills is a career state employee with 26 years of service. Previous to his present appointment he was the Director of the Bureau of Homes and Hospitals. He is a member of 15 boards and commissions. He is also an Honorary Member of one national



Ira Mills, a member of the Harrisburg congregation, who was recently appointed Pennsylvania's Commissioner of Hospitals.

and three state-wide professional societies. His deep interest in the church is evidenced by the fact that he has been elected head elder of the Harrisburg congregation, and serves as a member of the East Pennsylvania Conference Committee, the Blue Mountain Academy Board, and the Washington Missionary College Board. His counsel is highly esteemed.

Ira Mills is married to the former Anna Schneider. They have three children—Polly, a nurse, is with the State Department of Public Welfare and lives at home; Brooker, married, is a third-year student in the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery; and Barbara, married to William Jensen, lives in California. The Mills have five grandchildren.

The influence of Mr. Mills is profound throughout the State of Pennsylvania. He is highly respected for his religious convictions. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are very active in missionary work.

Royersford Church Public Relations

It was revealed on a recent "Public Relations Sabbath" in the Royersford Church that the four papers that cover their church news, namely, the Phoenixville *Daily Republican*, the Royersford representative of the Pottstown *Mercury*, Royersford's *Twin Boro Weekly Advertiser*, and Spring City's *Inter-Borough Press*, gave approximately 400 column inches of space in a year's time.

At the rate of two dollars a column inch the monetary value of the same could come to about \$800.

These four papers represent an approximate circulation of over 36,000 copies throughout Chester and Montgomery Counties.

The editors of the four papers were presented with the book entitled *Love Unlimited*.

CHARLES L. SCHNEIDER
Press Secretary, Royersford Church

News Notes

• ELDER T. H. Weis, Home Missionary Secretary of the East Pennsylvania Conference, reports the Conference within \$8,000 of its 1960 Ingathering goal. To date \$102,000 has been raised by the 60 churches in the East Pennsylvania Conference.

• Elder H. M. S. Richards, Voice of Prophecy speaker, from Los Angeles, Calif., will be the guest speaker

East Pennsylvania-New Jersey 1960 Literature Convention

January 19-23

READING, PA., KENHORST S.D.A. CHURCH, Corner of Kenhorst and Liggett

An invitation to all part- and full-time literature evangelists and persons interested in Christian salesmanship. Contact John Bernet, 720 Museum Road, Reading, and Olen Gilliam, 1574 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton, N. J.

Personnel: R. G. Campbell, D. A. Bailey, I. H. Ihrig, J. D. Snider.



Arthur Kiesz



John Bernet



M. K. Eckenroth



Olen Gilliam

at a Friday-night vesper meeting at Blue Mountain Academy, January 22. Elder Richards is touring the Columbia Union Conference in the interest of the Adventist radio work and we welcome him especially to the Blue Mountain Academy and to the East Pennsylvania Conference in behalf of radio evangelism.

• John Roth, cashier of the East Pennsylvania Conference, has been inducted into the United States Army. John will leave the employment of the East Pennsylvania Conference January 8 and will spend a month visiting his parents in the Inter-American Division.

• Jane Steward, secretary to the President of the East Pennsylvania Conference, was married to a resident of Elverson, Pa., Clyde Buchanan, on January 3. Miss Steward will resign her responsibilities in the office to become a full-time housewife.

• More than 175 workers and friends of Elder and Mrs. T. E. Unruh gathered at a farewell banquet and program on the campus of Blue Mountain Academy, Sunday, January 10. Elder Unruh was honored for his 12 years of devoted service to the East Pennsylvania Conference and he received a plaque of appreciation and gift from the Conference staff. We wish the Unruhs success and the Lord's continued favor as they take up their new post of duty in the Indiana Conference.

Wedding

MANY friends and relatives gathered in a little church at Pocono Pines, Pa., to witness the marriage of Marilyn Miller and Paul Ristenbatt on Sunday, October 4. Elder Stephen Paully was the officiating minister.

A brother and sister-in-law of the bride, Tom and Vera Miller, were the only attendants. Marvin and Martha Miller, nephew and niece of the bride, were the Bible bearer and flower girl. Wallace Stephens and Clifford Okuno served as ushers. Carolyn McWilliams, a cousin of the bride, furnished the wedding songs.

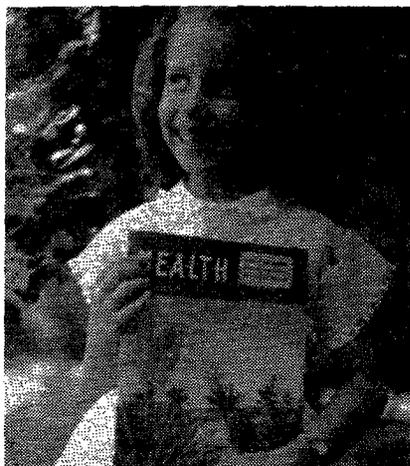
The bridal party with friends and relatives enjoyed a reception in the church school room, adjoining the church. Following the reception, the couple left for a honeymoon in the New England States.

Mr. and Mrs. Ristenbatt will make their home in Hatboro, Pa., where the bride was a former church school teacher, and the groom an school worker in the Hatboro Church.

Mrs. STEPHEN PAULLY



Seven-Year-Old Girl Sells "Life And Health," Gets Watch



Elizabeth Ellen Adams, seven-year-old literature evangelist.

ELIZABETH ELLEN ADAMS is a happy Christian girl. She is only seven years of age. Elizabeth desired a real watch and was willing to work for it, and upon learning of the plan for selling only \$40 worth of *Life and Health* she was eager to start.

In just a matter of a few days she had sold two subscriptions and enough single copies to qualify for what she had been wanting. Notice the happy expression of this fine little girl. You can see the *Life and Health* journal, as well as the 17-jewel watch Elizabeth is displaying.

Mrs. Russell Adams, the mother, works at the Book and Bible House, while her husband is taking some postgraduate work at the Theological Seminary.

Hundreds of boys and girls of the Potomac Conference can do as Elizabeth has done, by going from door to door, selling *Life and Health* right in your own community.

For further information, contact your Publishing Secretary.

I. W. Young

Publishing Secretary

Layman's Training Institute Held at Sligo Church

A THREE-WEEK Laymen's Training Institute was concluded at the Sligo Church on October 10. Elder Adlai Esteb, Associate Secretary of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, conducted the course.

It was part of a plan to carry on a strong missionary program in our largest church. Much interest was aroused during the presentation of the various lessons which were couched in the setting of the book, *Lift Him Up*. The average attendance was 250 and 57 received certificates, having concluded all the lessons and requirements.

The class met on Sabbath afternoons and on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Those attending were most appreciative of the fine instruction received.

Elder John Osborn, Pastor of the Sligo Church, and Elder William Loveless, Associate Pastor, are continuing the project on Wednesday evenings after the prayer meeting. Approximately 40 are participating in what is now the active phase of the plan. Division into bands for specialized instruction in giving Bible studies, distributing literature, engaging in social services, etc., is a prelude to a real soul-winning venture with more widespread implementation than heretofore.

WILLIAM E. CARPENTER

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR



Those who received certificates at the close of a laymen's training institute at the Sligo Church on October 10. Elder Adlai Esteb (far right), Associate Home Missionary Secretary of the General Conference, conducted the series. Associated with him was Elder E. W. Pedersen (next to Elder Esteb) of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference. Elder John Osborn, Pastor of the Sligo Church, and Elder W. M. Buckman, Home Missionary Secretary of the Potomac Conference, also were present for the concluding exercises (far left).

Hampton Roads Ground-Breaking Ceremonies Held

MEMBERS of the Hampton Roads Seventh-day Adventist Church recently conducted ground-breaking ceremonies for a new educational building at the church site in Hampton. Those participating in the service were Elder H. J. Capman, President of the Potomac Conference; Elder R. G. Burchfield, Treasurer; Elder H. M. Lindsay, Pastor of the Hampton Roads Church, and Jack Beachum, building contractor.

The new educational building will cost approximately \$75,000. The three-story building will be constructed of concrete and steel with brick facing. It will form a "T" at the rear of the present church structure. The first floor will include a small auditorium and classroom. The second floor will include two class-

rooms and the pastor's study. The third floor will contain two classrooms and a library.

Construction already has begun, and the completion time is set for 120 days. The officers of the church and members are looking forward to the 1960-61 school session.

Plans also are underway for the erection of a new parsonage in conjunction with the construction of the educational building. The location of the church, the school, and the parsonage is a beautiful two-acre plot of land on Route 60 within sight of the world's largest natural harbor, Hampton Roads.

Members of the building committee are E. R. Bowler, R. S. Chandler, L. M. Knickerbocker, and H. M. Lindsay, Pastor. D. C. Babcock is chairman of the committee on finance.

H. M. LINDSAY

Potomac Teachers Take Institute Trip

THE teachers of the Potomac Conference, about 70 strong, can testify to the reality of the old Chinese proverb which states that a picture is worth a thousand words. Tongue could not have told half of the glories of God to be seen, or the historical and literary places of interest to be indelibly imprinted upon their hearts and minds as they traveled about New England. Elder E. J. Barnes, Educational Superintendent of the Potomac Conference, was in charge of the trip.

Leaving from Takoma Park on the morning of October 12, the two busses traveled to Boston, a city teeming with historical places and objects to enrich the teaching of those who stand before your sons and daughters. None were without the most valuable camera given to man which both takes and stores the picture for future reference—the human eye.

Visited were the Old North Church, U. S. Frigate *Constitution*, Bunker Hill Monument on Breed's Hill, the Lexington Green, and a replica of the old Concord Bridge.

The countryside of Concord was also the home and the inspiration of many great authors. There were the Wayside, dear to the hearts of Hawthorne and Louisa Mae Alcott; Thoreau's Walden Pond; the Emerson house; and other spots of literary interest.

As nature in this beautiful area revealed itself, the thoughts of those traveling were turned time and time again to their wonderful, loving Creator whose glory shone through the scenes they beheld.

Too soon the day for returning, October 15, arrived and 70 grateful



Shown breaking ground for the new educational building for the Hampton Roads Church are Elder H. M. Lindsay, Pastor, and Elder H. J. Capman, President of the Potomac Conference. Others in the picture (left to right) are Jack Beachum, contractor; R. S. Chandler; L. M. Knickerbocker; D. C. Babcock; F. R. Stevens; Elder R. G. Burchfield; and H. K. Harris.



Teachers of the Potomac Conference and two busses in which they took an educational trip into historical New England recently. Elder E. J. Barnes, Educational Superintendent (far right) supervised the trip.

and better-prepared teachers headed for home to share the thrill and inspiration of their trip.

WILLIAM SETH
Teacher, Richmond Church School

Ohio

Youth Ingathering

THE following letter came to us through the pages of the Lakewood Junior Academy Junior Review. We thought it was well worth passing along so all our VISITOR readers might enjoy it.

"Dear Junior Review Reader:

"I am writing this letter to tell you of the part the teenagers have taken in Ingathering this year. We are thankful to Mr. Ronay and Mr. Barb for their plan which was so helpful to us.

"This is the plan we followed. After school those who wanted to go Ingathering remained in study hall supervised by Mr. Pinterich from 3:30 to 4:30. Then at 4:30 we ate our supper. These delicious meals were prepared by Mrs. E. Sheneman, Mrs. A. Hoffer, Mrs. L. Barb, Mrs. C. Pinterich, Mrs. A. Ronay, and Mrs. C. Wilson. After supper the girls cleaned up the dishes and by that time it was 5:30 and we were on our way to the territory. We returned to the church around 7:30 and had organized recreation conducted by Al and Nancy Branum.

"This plan has worked wonderfully and as of now I am happy to report that we have gone over our goal of \$1,075.00.

"Thanks and commendation go to each lady who gave of her time and energy to fill us with appetizing and wholesome suppers. Our special thanks to our youth leaders for devising and initiating this program to give us an opportunity to show what we could do for the Lord. Yes, thanks to every one who helped make our part of the Ingathering drive a success, but special thanks

to the Lord for His rich blessing on our efforts, for without His guidance and help we could not have succeeded. Yours truly, Karin Dick."

Correction

IN the January 1, issue of the VISITOR it was announced that Faith for Today had been dropped by the Zanesville television station. The announcement should have read WSTV TV, Steubenville, has dropped Faith for Today. THE ZANESVILLE STATION WHIZ-TV IS STILL CARRYING THE PROGRAM, BUT AT A NEW TIME. THE PROGRAM IS NOW SEEN AT 12:00 NOON ON CHANNEL 18.

Birth Announcements

• MICHAEL CARL PINTERICH was born Tuesday, December 22, and is now getting acquainted with his parents, Carl and Shirley Pinterich. Young Michael is happy to make his home in Lakewood where his father teaches in the Lakewood Seventh-day Adventist Junior Academy.

• Cheryl Lynn Harris arrived in Ohio at the Sandusky Good Samaritan Hospital, Wednesday, December 23. She will be at home with her parents, Elder and Mrs. Vernon Harris, before this notice reaches the press.

Legal Notices

POTOMAC CONFERENCE OF S.D.A.

The Nineteenth Biennial Session of the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 10:00 A.M., February 28, 1960, in the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6951 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and committees, to receive reports of the organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof.

General Conference and Columbia Union Conference representatives and all Conference workers holding ministerial credentials and ministerial licenses shall be delegates-at-large.

H. J. Capman, President
R. G. Burchfield, Secretary

POTOMAC CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF S.D.A.

Notice is hereby given that the Nineteenth Biennial Session of the Potomac Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6951 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Md., at 3:00 P.M., February 28, 1960. This meeting is for the purpose of electing trustees and the transaction of other business that may come before the Corporation at that time.

The delegates to the Nineteenth Biennial Session of the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates of this Corporation.

H. J. Capman, President
R. G. Burchfield, Secretary

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF S.D.A.

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-second Biennial Session of the District of Columbia Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6951 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Md., at 3:00 P.M., February 28, 1960. The purpose of this meeting is for the election of trustees and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Corporation at that time.

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H. J. Capman, President
R. G. Burchfield, Secretary

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE AGENCY OF S.D.A.

The Twentieth Biennial Session of the Virginia Conference Agency of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc., will be held in the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6951 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Md., at 3:00 P.M., February 28, 1960. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect trustees and to transact such other business as may come before the Agency.

The delegates to the Nineteenth Biennial Session of the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates to this Agency.

H. J. Capman, President
R. G. Burchfield, Secretary

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CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE

Invited to

Baltimore First Church
SABBATH, FEBRUARY 13



W. A. Scharffenberg

11:00 A.M.
Elder W. A. Scharffenberg
2:30-5:00 P.M.
Temperance Officers' Workshop
7:00 P.M.
Special Temperance Film—
"The Troubled Ones"

Dorcas Welfare Society Helps Stranded Family

A MAN and wife with three children were stranded in Parkersburg without food, funds, or gasoline and lived in their car for two days and nights. The police, after becoming acquainted with the unfortunate circumstance, contacted the Parkersburg Church Pastor, Elder M. E. Foll, and the Dorcas Society leader, Mrs. F. J. Kinsey, wife of the Conference Home Missionary Secretary.

The Dorcas Society and the church came to the rescue with suitable clothing and \$100 for the family, sending them on their way where they are now located and employed.

Spot News

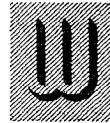
• At a recent Ministers' Fellowship in Parkersburg, Ingathering victory was celebrated. Elder E. B. Hare of the General Conference and Elder H. K. Halladay of the Columbia Union were present. Among other important items presented for discussion by the Conference President, A. J. Patzer, Sabbath school evangelism was featured.

Our genuine and sincere appreciation to our ministerial team, teaching staff, literature evangelists, medical personnel, church officers, and every member young and old for achieving the highest Ingathering objective in record time. A special "thanks" to our youth for their eager assistance. Let us now press ever onward and upward for greater results in the work of God during 1960.

A. J. Patzer, President
F. J. Kinsey, H. M. Secretary

Attention, West Virginia Adventists

Our glorious liberty and religious freedom needs the support of every member in our conference. Prophecies are fulfilling. A storm is gathering. Give gladly and liberally when the offering is taken on religious liberty Sabbath in your church to continue to defend church-state separation and preserve our priceless religious freedom.
A. J. Patzer



Washington
Missionary College

C. B. Hirsch, Pres. L. G. Small, Bus. Mgr.

Campus News

✓ JEAN TASSELL, Rochester, N. Y., a senior, and Roger Hammill, Takoma Park senior, have been nominated for consideration as prospective recipients of Woodrow Wilson scholarships for advanced studies. Miss Tassell will do graduate study in the field of biology while Mr. Hammill will concentrate on political science. Appointments for the scholarships will be announced early in 1960.

✓ Dr. Winton H. Beaven, Academic Dean, served as general convention chairman of the annual Speech Association of America convention, held December 28-30, in Washington. The meetings were attended by some 1,500 members and guests of the professional speech and speech-related organizations. Dr. Charles Weniger, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary Dean, and Stephen Hiten and Loren Dickinson, both of the Speech Department of W.M.C., served on other convention committees.

✓ The Third Annual Civil War Conference last month in Gettysburg, Pa., was attended by Dr. B. B. Beach, acting Chairman of the History Department, and Robert Albright of Philadelphia and Robert Keiser of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

✓ The 50-voice Capital Chorus of Washington was featured in the annual Students' Association Christmas Party, December 12. Larry Rochester, Students' Association social secretary, from Oak Harbor, Ohio, coordinated the party, assisted by officers of campus clubs. Some 500 students and faculty members attended the event.

✓ A 17-day vacation from academic studies ended Sunday for 800 students currently attending W.M.C. The first semester ends January 29, while second-semester instruction begins four days later, February 2.



Mrs. F. J. Kinsey (left) and Mrs. Lloyd Ferrell holding the children of stranded family who were provided with clothing.

Clarksburg Members Unite in Missionary Project



These are the members of the Clarksburg Church in West Virginia who are engaged in a missionary project known as "Operation Motel" as a result of an experience that L. A. Bierlien, Conference Publishing Department Secretary, related. One hundred and twenty-seven copies of the book, "Love Unlimited," are being placed in nearby motels.

New Jersey's Big Mid-Winter Youth Conference

Theme . . .



H. M. S. Richards



T. E. Lucas



E. M. Peterson



D. K. Smith

Friday and Sabbath
January 22 and 23

Friday night—Trenton Church.
Sabbath, all day—War Memorial Auditorium, Trenton, N. J.
Sabbath school begins at 9:30 A.M.

— Features —

- Elder H. M. S. Richards, "Voice of Prophecy" Speaker
 - Elder T. E. Lucas, World Youth Leader
 - Lawrence Maxwell, Fritz Guy in Special Features
 - Youth Participation
 - Missions Pageant
 - Special Music to Remember
 - Saturday Night—Takoma Academy Band Concert
 - Sunny Liu, From New York City
 - Mammie Gail Moore, Dan and Marilyn Cotton
 - W.M.C. Music Department

War Memorial Auditorium

Civic Center Near the Capitol, Trenton, N. J.



A Message From Your President . . .

We are happy for this opportunity that will bring our youth and their parents together for this week end of inspiration. We trust that the Spirit of God will bless everyone as we spend these hours together.

M. K. Eckenroth

Plenty of Free Parking Space

A Week End of
Fellowship and Inspiration

Youth Congress . . .

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Wittenberg, reports over \$500 taken in from a series of "Emveesings" and a camp-meeting offering. He states further: "Ohio will do its full part and on time."

Potomac: In Potomac the Pennsylvania Avenue Church was the first church to send in its entire quota. Others are Rileyville, Vienna, Comus, and Arlington. The Sligo Church, with the largest goal of \$1,525 to reach, has promised to have it all in on time.

West Pennsylvania: Elder Ingersoll reports that he has given personal attention to several churches in helping to raise the pool fund. Some West Pennsylvania Conference churches are presenting special programs to raise their quota.

West Virginia: In a letter Elder Lantry points out that a number of their societies are selling Holy Land dates and candy to help raise their quotas.

We should like to express our appreciation to the MV leaders of 1959 who initiated the plans for the raising of the pool funds for your church; also to the new 1960 leaders we wish the very best as you carry on the program and make it a success.

Remember, the Columbia Union Conference is host to the youth of North America for this Congress. Let us hold up our end of the load. Let us pray for success in our efforts and for a wonderful congress.

E. M. PETERSON

Director of Youth Activities,
Columbia Union Conference

Don't Keep Silent

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of young and old in our "land of the free and home of the brave."

Any thoughtful person, they observed, can see that the power which dominates the education of the young can dominate the future. Let us wonder, is America's future to be one of freedom of thought, or is it to be a future of enslaved thought, dictated by Rome, or perhaps even some ecumenical church system? In an attitude of desperation, this president summarized the situation by saying to me; "Mr. Wilson, if you have any conviction on this matter, don't keep silent. Say it now. Soon it will be too late!"

I do not hesitate in affirming that one of the most effective ways to defend the principles of religious liberty is through our excellent journal, *Liberty* magazine. As I reflected

on the alarming statement of this intellectual leader, I realized it was but the echo of repeated entreaties and warnings contained in the Spirit of Prophecy. Sad, is it not, that leading men in the world should remind us of those things we have been told through inspiration, but to which we have paid so little heed?

Fellow believers, we have a divine and positive message to proclaim. More and more people are looking to us to give the trumpet a clear and certain sound. If we don't, what will be our answer in the judgment? May I share with you my own deep conviction? We have in *Liberty* magazine a "voice" that should gain admittance to, and be heard in, the homes and offices of civic leaders, legislators, judges, lawyers, educators, military and police authorities, physicians, dentists, businessmen, professional people, and thinking citizens in all circles on a national, state, and local scope. The week beginning January 16 has been dedicated to religious liberty, and is to be climaxed with the special offering on January 23 for *Liberty* magazine. Our goal is one *Liberty* subscription per church member. Much depends on your enthusiasm and perseverance. God's formula for success is human effort combined with divine power. Let us not fail to exert human effort!

Be sure you "leave nothing undone," and be satisfied that you have "made every exertion" in this *Liberty* campaign. Finally, pray earnestly that God's spirit will interpret the message to those who read.

OBITUARIES

TODD, Mrs. Julia Butler, was born in Scottsville, Va., May 2, 1881, and died October 12, 1959, in Richmond, Va. She accepted our message in 1902, and became a charter member of the Lynchburg, Va., Church. A sister of the late Elder W. A. Butler of the General Conference, she was an earnest Christian. Surviving are three children, Mrs. Margaret Shoosmith, Harold Todd, and Jesse Todd; and three sisters, Margie L. Staples, Jessie Butler, and Annie L. Womack. The writer officiated.

O. L. Stimpson

BARRICK, Timothy James, was born in Shermansdale, July 3, 1858, and died at the Polyclinic Hospital in Harrisburg, October 23, 1959. Services were conducted at the Shulenberg Funeral Home in Carlisle. He is survived by his parents, Glenn and Ruth Barrick; three brothers; and a sister.

MILLER, Mrs. George E., nee Bechtel, was born in Elizabethtown, April 6, 1890, and died at Harrisburg, Pa., November 2, 1959. She and her husband were baptized into the Adventist faith at Harrisburg in 1922, where they continued to worship until a church was organized in Elizabethtown. She took an active part in the many missionary activities of the church. Funeral services were conducted in the Buffington Funeral Home, Elizabethtown. Surviving are her husband; a sister, Lillie May Breneman; and a brother, Gordon Bechtel. She awaits the resurrection.

GANONG, Esther Nancy Roberts, was born in Knoxville, Tenn., February 17, 1889, and died November 19, 1959, at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, Takoma Park, Md. She was one of four children born to Joseph and Estelle Roberts. In 1914 she was married to Benjamin Z. Shropshire. To this union were

born two children, Kathryn and Joseph. Her son, Joseph, died at the age of 21. Her husband also is deceased. In 1951 she was married to Yates Ganong who died in 1953. In 1956 she was baptized in Memphis, Tenn. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Shivers; a granddaughter, Randa Rovella; two sisters, Mrs. R. E. Davis and Mrs. Balrd Reed; and many friends. Interment was in Memphis, Tenn. The service was conducted by the writer.

Gerald Hardy

JACKSON, Mrs. George P., nee Ethel Day, was born December 7, 1879, in Mount Washington, Md., and died in Washington, D. C., November 23, 1959. In 1926 she was married to George P. Jackson, an employee of the Treasury Department, who died in 1929. After 30 years of faithful public service in the Internal Revenue Service, she retired in 1942. She was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, April 19, 1952. The writer was assisted in the burial service by Curtis Quackenbush.

Donald F. Haynes

KNIGHT, Mrs. Goldie E. Hixon, was born in Columbus, Ohio, June 29, 1894, to Graville and Almeda Hixon, and died December 4, 1959, at Takoma Park, Md. In her early teens she, her sister (now Mrs. Doris Brown), and her mother joined the Adventist Church. Following the death of her father, the family moved to Mount Vernon and there she attended Mount Vernon Academy. Upon the completion of her education, she taught church school, first in Ohio and later in Takoma Park, Md. In 1921 she entered the employ of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, where she served as receptionist and as a proofreader. On April 15, 1926, she was married to Freeman E. Knight. To them was born one son, Julian, who died in infancy. Later Carolyn June joined the family by adoption. Surviving are her daughter, Carolyn; her husband; and her sister, Mrs. Donald Brown. Funeral services were conducted in Takoma Park by the writer, Pastor of the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, assisted by D. F. Neufeld.

John Osborn

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SUNSET CALENDAR

| | Jan. 22 | Jan. 29 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Baltimore, Md. | 5:14 | 5:23 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio | 5:47 | 5:55 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 5:31 | 5:39 |
| Columbus, Ohio | 5:39 | 5:47 |
| Jersey City, N. J. | 5:01 | 5:09 |
| Norfolk, Va. | 5:19 | 5:27 |
| Parkersburg, W. Va. | 5:34 | 5:42 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. | 5:08 | 5:16 |
| Pittsburgh, Pa. | 5:26 | 5:34 |
| Reading, Pa. | 5:10 | 5:19 |
| Richmond, Va. | 5:23 | 5:31 |
| Scranton, Pa. | 5:07 | 5:15 |
| Toledo, Ohio | 5:37 | 5:46 |
| Trenton, N. J. | 5:06 | 5:15 |
| Washington, D. C. | 5:17 | 5:25 |



The March of

EVANGELISM

in the Columbia Union Conference

Two-Day Program

Buena Vista, Va., Church Dedicated

THE new Buena Vista Church was dedicated free of debt on Sabbath, November 21, after much sacrificial labor by the pastor, Elder John H. Toppenberg, and the congregation. Elder L. E. Lenheim, Columbia Union Conference President, delivered the dedicatory sermon.

"With the fulfillment of the vision of this beautiful church there also comes a four-fold vision to God's people in Buena Vista: the vision of God, of self, of God's grace and of the world task," said Elder Lenheim, using Isaiah 6:1-9 for his text.

Elder H. J. Capman, President of the Potomac Conference, offered the dedicatory prayer.

The Mayor of Buena Vista, the Honorable W. T. Robey, Jr., also addressed the congregation. He highly commended them and the Pastor for their great contribution to the city of Buena Vista.

Pastor E. W. Dean, Vice-President of the Buena Vista Ministerial Association, offered prayer.

A church history was presented by former pastors, Elders M. J. Shanko, R. F. Wood, G. N. Roberts, and John H. Toppenberg. Elder S. M. Young, also a former pastor, was not in attendance.

Arriving in their own bus the Shenandoah Valley Academy Choir, under the direction of John Read, paid tribute to the occasion with musical selections.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Potomac Conference, Elder R. G. Burchfield, appealed for a thank offering, which, when received, more than covered the balance of indebtedness on the church.

On Sabbath afternoon open house was held for all visitors. The new church is flanked on one end by the matching and newly appointed former church building and on the other

By W. E. Carpenter

Public Relations Secretary
Potomac Conference

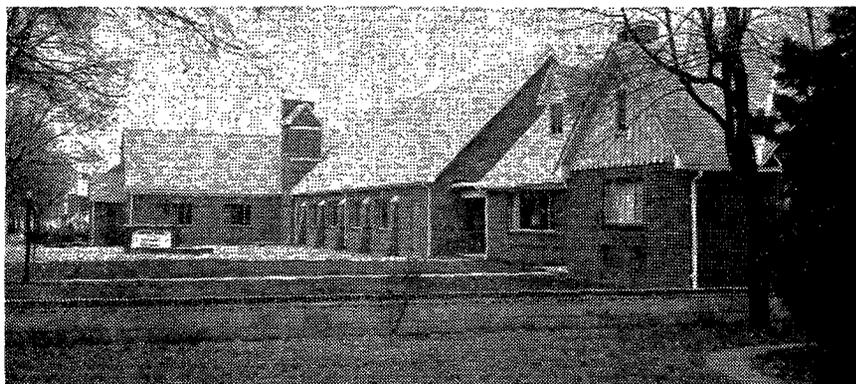
by the blending construction of the new parsonage.

On Sabbath evening vespers were held. Elder William E. Carpenter, Sabbath School and Public Relations Secretary of the Conference, presented the message as the first day of active service passed into history with the setting sun.

Kodachrome color slides depicting the progress of the building over a period of two years were shown by Elder Toppenberg. Nearly all of the work on the church was done by the local congregation and the pastor from the cutting and loading of timber out in the mountains to the putting on of the shingles. It has been an inspirational representation of God's faithful people working out their own prayers to His glory and the salvation of men.



AT DEDICATION. Participants in the dedication of the Buena Vista, Va., Church are shown above. Left to right: front row, Elder L. E. Lenheim, Elder J. H. Toppenberg, Elder H. J. Capman, Elder R. G. Burchfield, and Elder R. F. Woods; back row, Elder M. J. Shanko, W. T. Robey, Jr., E. W. Dean, John Mace, and G. N. Roberts.



The new Buena Vista, Va., Seventh-day Adventist Church and parsonage, dedicated free of debt, Sabbath, November 21, 1959.

Photos by Carpenter