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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

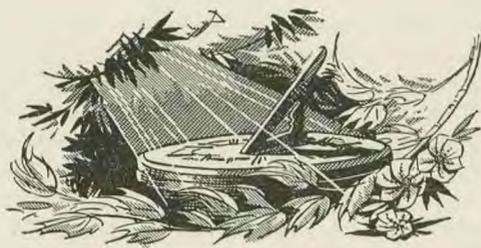
By the Editor

**K**NOWING that we have a special message for this final hour, we should begin the new year with hope, courage, faith, and devotion to the task. We should be concerned about the beginning of the race, but it is not enough to begin; we must continue. "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof." We need to start the new year with prayer and labor and consecration, and "hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." This new year should show distinct improvement over anything that we have ever accomplished in past years.

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

"The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 11.

"Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action. Let the members of the church have increased faith, gaining zeal from their unseen, heavenly allies."



"Inspired with the Spirit of Him who gave His life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they cannot do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that His omnipotence will supply their need."—*Ibid.*, vol. 7, p. 14.

May the new year bring larger achievement in our work in the Master's vineyard. May our spiritual life deepen, may our faith become stronger in God, and may there be seen among us a manifestation of that blessed "tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." Let us pray that 1952 shall be the year of all years in soul winning. Every goal should end in souls.

The loss of some of our workers by death and the serious accidents that have befallen others should serve as a reminder that we are living in a world of uncertainty. It is consoling, however, to know that Jesus is coming soon to put an end to all sickness, sorrow, and death.

To those who are bereaved permit me to assure you that in a little while loved ones who have been torn away by cruel death will be reunited. Let us live in such a holy atmosphere that we may be able to say from our hearts, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

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## ALLEGHENY

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### Workers' Meeting

THE days November 6 and 7 will ever linger in the memory of those present at the Allegheny Conference workers' meeting, held in the auditorium of the Pine Forge Academy. I can say as the song writer, "Brother, you ought to have been there; sister, you ought to have been there, when the love came trickling down"; and to be sure, the love of the workers and their loyalty to the conference and the institute were shown in a marked way as the meeting proceeded.

The Allegheny Conference used the facilities of the Pine Forge Academy at their recent meeting, which according to our president, Elder J. H. Wagner, was the best meeting in the history of our conference.

Elder G. E. Peters, of the General Conference, was presented to us by

Elder Wagner as the speaker of the devotional hour, and he spoke to the workers on the department of a minister and how we as workers with Christ are to conduct our lives, business affairs, social affairs, and our homes in order to maintain the respect and esteem of the members of the church and those with whom we come in contact. He told us that the ultimate goal of a Christian is to be like Christ and to win others to Him. Elder Peters renewed in our minds the power of prayer and how we as workers with Christ must pray continually if we would receive the power of the Holy Spirit to invigorate and enrich lives. He admonished us all as we face the close of the day to be able to say, "I sleep, but my heart wakes with Thee to pray."

### News Notes

ONE of the clubs of Pine Forge, of which Mrs. Margaret Johnson is the sponsor, presented a program, planned by Elder E. I. Watson,

which invigorated the audience workers and visitors with new inspiration to help Pine Forge Academy.

When the appeal for the new administration building was made, the workers, still hearing the echo of the playlet "Elder Snodgrass Comes Through," responded to a man. Yes, \$1,075 was placed in Elder Wagner's hands as he stood before the table appealing, and \$7,900 was received in pledges. The plans for the new building have already been drawn up by the conference architect, H. D. Dobbins, and each worker returned to his field determined to carry the same enthusiasm to his congregation. Seldom have we seen such determination backed up with dollars in this area. We believe that Pine Forge will become the school of the North.

### New Church Buildings

ELDER J. H. LAURENCE, pastor of the Cleveland church, has recently purchased a beautiful church home and parsonage in the Glenville section of the city of Cleveland. The structure contains ample rooms in which the Ramah Intermediate School is being held, an auditorium and gymnasium, and at least ten other side rooms. The parsonage has two complete apartments. The Cleveland congregation is conducting a radio program over station WSRB every Friday night. We wish for them every success.

AKRON will soon complete the plans for the purchase of their new church home in a fine section of that city. The building is very commodious and will give them ample space for expansion and growth. Pastor Edward Dorsey is stationed in Akron.

A NEW and beautiful church home has also been purchased in Richmond, Virginia. Elder L. R. Preston is personally associated with the erection of a new church in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

THE congregation in Baltimore, Maryland, has just moved into an elaborate church building. It is the



(Left to right) J. H. Laurence Presents Deed of New Church Property to J. H. Wagner (seated), as G. E. Peters and M. S. Banfield Look On



Group of New Believers From Roanoke Who Were Baptized in Washington, D.C.

### New Group in Roanoke, Virginia

As a result of the summer effort conducted by Elder R. T. Hudson and his associates, an entirely new congregation has been organized in Roanoke, Virginia. A portion of this harvest of souls was baptized at the First church in Washington, D.C., recently; and since then there are twenty-five others now ready, and eighteen are in the baptismal class.

Here are some of the interesting experiences of his members as told by Elder Hudson.

"My oldest candidate for baptism was Mr. Will Davis, who is seventy-nine years old. He has spent many years working in the mines of West Virginia. He is now an ordained deacon in the new church.

"Mr. Charles H. Hayes has been an ordained Baptist minister for a number of years. When he heard the preaching of the third angel's message he said, 'I believe this is about what I have been looking for.' He was working at a hospital. He gave up his job in order to keep the Sabbath. He is now the home missionary leader.

"The brother who is superintendent of the Sabbath school is George Henderson. Mr. Henderson is the author of two books that he has had copyrighted and published. He first

learned of the message through the Voice of Prophecy in 1943. After much fasting and praying he went to the officers of the railroad company where he worked to arrange to have the Sabbath off. To his great surprise, before he could approach his employer that day, his supervisor came to him with the question: 'George, what days do you want off?' Brother Henderson requested Saturday and Sunday. His request was granted.

"A similar experience happened to Brother George Boston, chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Workers. He had been with the company for thirty-four years and had seniority privileges. When the Sabbath truth came to him he went to his employers, and in order to make it possible for Brother Boston to have the day off, the company shifted the free days of all the other men in their employ so that he could have Sabbath off. Both Brother and Sister Boston are now baptized members of the church. He is church treasurer, and she is one of the deaconesses.

"For seven years Moses Nelms, his wife, and two daughters have been eating in harmony with God's plan of diet for the remnant church. They were devout Christians in the Baptist Church. Earnestly desiring to know more of God's will for them, they began from Genesis to read the Bible through chapter by chapter. Finally in their plan of study they came to the eleventh chapter of Leviticus. After learning that they were eating a number of things that God could not approve, they proceeded to sell their hogs, bringing their lives into harmony with God's great plan. This caused Brother Nelms to become the marked man in the community.

"Then about three years ago the news of Brother Nelms' strange conduct reached the ears of Brother Cash, who was already an Adventist. Knowing that his neighbor had made a start in the right direction for the kingdom, he went over to

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opinion of many that this edifice, which was formerly a Jewish synagogue, is one of the finest colored Seventh-day Adventist churches in the denomination. At the formal opening, Sabbath, November 17, the main auditorium, which seats over eleven hundred, and the balcony were filled to capacity. Elder G. E. Peters, secretary of the Colored Department and general field secretary of the General Conference, delivered the morning message. Among others present were Elder C. E. Moseley, newly appointed associate secretary in the Colored Department of the General Conference, who will be out of the country several months visiting camp meetings in Africa; Elder F. L. Bland, president of the Central States Mission; Elder L. H. Bland, president of the Northeastern Conference; and a number of notable personages and civic leaders of the city of Baltimore. Elder W. L. Cheatham is the pastor.

H. T. SAULTER, Book and Bible House manager of the Allegheny Conference, was ordained to the ministry on Sabbath, November 17, at the Baltimore church. Elder Saulter has accepted a call to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Central States Mission.

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### News From Northeastern

I AM very happy to pass on to the readers of the *INFORMANT* a brief résumé of the progress of the Northeastern Conference since its inception seven years ago, as a result of the manifold blessings of God. We are experiencing and have enjoyed steady progress in finances and a rapidly growing constituency throughout the field.

I am sure you are fully acquainted with the big things we have accomplished for the Lord in the past. Time and space would not permit me to set everything down in writing; hence, I would like to bring before you some of the most recent happenings and developments in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

For 1951 thus far we have been able to add three new church buildings to our conference. First, we have been able to purchase, free of debt, a lovely church building in Rochester, New York, and already our membership there has grown until now it will be necessary to enlarge the church building. Then we purchased a very fine stone building in Buffalo, New York, with a parsonage included. We have had to make some additions to this building in order that it would serve adequately our own needs, for it was built for a Methodist congregation. Because of this improvement, we have incurred some indebtedness there. In Buffalo we have also purchased a two-story building to be used as a church school with a large lot adjoining this property, which will serve as a playground for the church school. This has been a cash transaction.

Here is the most thrilling news of all! Recently we have negotiated and completed transactions in the purchase of a tract of land to be dedicated and used for our camp meetings and other outdoor activi-

ties. We understand that a camp meeting was never held in the New York metropolitan area; therefore, this will be a new venture, and our members are thrilled as they anticipate a camp meeting next year.

Highway 9-W is the most frequently used and most direct route for tourists traveling through the State of New York. For a most delightful ride one can take this highway and drive sixty-eight miles north of New York City into Milton, a small township of up-State New York. He will find himself right on the campsite surrounded by thirty acres of the most beautiful landscape, with the Hudson River rippling on one side and eight acres of apple and cherry orchards on the other side.

There are several buildings on the land—a large manor house with two dining rooms and a kitchen. It is screened in with copper wire and has adequate sanitary facilities to accommodate the people. We have another two-story building on the site that will be used as the administration building and also house our guest speakers. There are seven cabins and a large building that was originally a theater, which we propose to convert into a young people's auditorium. At the water's edge is a wharf where boats come in from the river. The railroad lies between the property and the river. A railroad station is only a quarter of a mile from the property. We have two bathing beaches on the grounds.

This picturesque piece of land was formerly owned by Father Divine, and was occupied by his people. We understand it was a gift from one of his wealthy members. We were fortunate enough to secure the entire site for less than twenty-five thousand dollars. We feel confident that God, who led His church in times past, has directed in every instance, and we solicit your prayers that God will continue to bless us more abundantly as we endeavor to work as never before in finishing His work in our hearts and in the Northeastern Conference.

L. H. BLAND, *President*.

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## Riverside Sanitarium & Hospital

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### Help for Riverside

DR. CARL A. DENT, '39, medical director of Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, has been working almost single-handed as staff of this institution, carrying a heavy load of work since Dr. Rayfield Lewis, '45, was called to the Army. He was glad when Dr. John R. Ford, '47, who was taking a residency in surgery at Tuskegee, Alabama, planned to join him. Then Dr. Ford received an Army assignment too, and for a while it seemed that Riverside would still be short staffed. However, Dr. Dent appealed to the chief of the Tennessee Military District, and the sanitarium family had special prayer in behalf of the need. When the word came that Dr. Ford had been permanently released from military duty, because of his value to his community, there was a good deal of rejoicing at Riverside Sanitarium, and probably no one was happier than Dr. Dent.—*CME Journal*, November, 1951.

### Staff Additions at the Riverside Sanitarium

DR. JOHN RICHARD FORD has been appointed as chief of surgical services at Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital. He is a graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists, and completed his internship at the Los Angeles County Hospital. At the Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D.C., where he was a resident surgeon, he worked with the late Dr. Charles R. Drew, of blood plasma fame.

Recently Dr. Ford attended the meeting of American College of Surgeons in San Francisco. He was accompanied by his wife and family.

The late Harry E. Ford, pioneer in X-ray at the Hinsdale Sanitarium, Hinsdale, Illinois, and the first

anager of Riverside, is the father of Dr. Richard Ford.

MR. AND MRS. LESTER CARTER, of St. Helena, California, were invited recently to connect with the Riverside staff. Mrs. Carter, who is a graduate of Meharry School of Nursing, Nashville, Tennessee, and Pacific Union College, California, was asked to fill the position of director of nursing service made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Ruth N. Stafford. Mr. Carter is an accountant in the business office.

MISS KAMALEE HIGGS is also a new addition to our nursing staff. She is a graduate of Glendale Sanitarium School of Nursing, and received a B.S. from the La Sierra College in the class of 1951. She was vice-president of the college Students' Association.

In April of 1949 she received the alumni scholarship from Glendale.

Miss Higgs worked at the Los Angeles County Hospital and at the Riverside County (California) Hospital prior to coming to Nashville.

MISS ALMA TIBBS, former Bible instructor and dean of women at Oakwood College, has accepted a position at Riverside.

HAVING taken a course in anesthesia at Madison Sanitarium, Miss Lucille Scruggs is taking advanced work at Homer G. Phillips Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri. Upon completion of the course Miss Scruggs will hold the honor of being the first registered colored Seventh-day Adventist anesthetist in the United States.

MISS ETHEL CHEATHAM is now serving on the nursing staff, and Miss Esther V. Smith is heading the credit department.

ON October 6 the Riverside family gathered to say farewell to Elder and Mrs. E. F. Carter, who have been called to labor in Brooklyn, New York. Several friends and former patients were present, as well as new members who have connected with the church during

Mr. Carter's chaplaincy and pastorate. We will greatly miss Elder and Mrs. Carter at the sanitarium.

## SOUTHWEST REGION

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### News From the 20th Century Bible School

THE 20th Century Bible School of the Southwest Region Conference is proclaiming the good news of salvation and the soon coming of Christ. Daily lessons go out to those who are searching for truth and are desirous of doing God's will. As these lessons return we eagerly scan the papers, which bear expressions from souls who are thirsting for the Word of God. Many tell of the spiritual help they are receiving and of how these lessons come to them as a direct answer to prayer. The good that is being done through this divinely appointed agency is better told by sharing with you the experience of a family enrolled in our school and who are now rejoicing in the third angel's message.

About six months ago this family enrolled. As they studied, their hearts responded to the truths that were revealed. Step by step they followed the light as it shone upon their pathway. When they reached the point of the Sabbath question, they realized that the teaching they had received in times past was not founded upon God's Word, and decided then and there to accept the Sabbath of the Bible.

Eager to keep God's holy day as He would have it kept, they asked for literature explaining further the importance of the Sabbath and how to keep it. We sent them all the available material we felt would give additional light on the subject. Fully convinced of this all-important truth, they began keeping the Sabbath at home. They felt, however, that there might be others keeping God's day, so they inquired concerning a church.

We felt that the time had come for these folks to be visited by one of our workers. Mrs. Birdie McCluster, our Bible instructor, was sent to see them. Her contacts revealed

that these souls were ready to unite with God's remnant church, for they had accepted all of the truths presented in the thirty lessons, and a good foundation had been laid. The three of them are now baptized members of the New Orleans church. Although babes in the message, they are endeavoring to win souls by enrolling their friends in the Bible correspondence school.

May we strive to enroll others in our correspondence schools.

MRS. W. W. FORDHAM.

### Evangelism

THOUGH the seven tents that were in full use in the Southwest this summer have been all taken down, reports are still coming in as to the marvelous way in which the Lord blessed those efforts. As a result of them, we are happy to have started two new companies: one in Monroe, Louisiana, and the other in Port Arthur, Texas, with over two hundred souls for Christ.

Workers who were actively engaged in tent efforts this summer are as follows: C. E. Howell, J. E. Cox, L. G. Cox, Van Runnels, F. W. Parker, W. W. Fordham, D. C. Batson, D. J. Dixon, W. C. Jones, John C. Smith, Carl M. Bailey, C. E. Bradford, S. D. Meyers, Mrs. M. M. Fitch, Mrs. Birdie McCluster, Mrs. W. W. Fordham, and C. R. Pritchett.

### E.M.C. Alumni Attention!

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We are endeavoring to build up our alumni mailing list. If you are not now receiving the "Bulletin" or have recently changed your address, please drop us a card with your new address. Whether you are a paid member or not, we want every alumnus to receive this important material.

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## SOUTH ATLANTIC

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### Progress in Evangelism

IN an earlier issue of the INFORMANT we reported some of the blessings of the Lord in the field of evangelism in the South Atlantic Conference; we now have a later report to make, which we think will be encouraging to all.

For the first nine months of 1951, ending September 30, 702 persons were baptized. From the report sent out by the General Conference on baptisms we gather that the South Atlantic Conference led all conferences in North America in baptisms.

Several successful efforts were held to make this possible. Elder E. C. Ward, our conference evangelist, assisted by Elder O. S. White, Mrs. Ola Mae Harris, Miss Dorothy Hadley, and Brother Ralph B. Hairston, conducted an effort in Macon, Georgia, which resulted in the baptism of one hundred persons to date, with several more in the baptismal class.

Pastor L. E. Daniels, assisted by Wycliffe Jang Dhari and Mrs. Lola Shelton, was blessed by God with seventy-six persons in the small town of Anderson, South Carolina. This is a city in which we did not have a single member. The members there now face the problem of a church building, and are presently negotiating for a beautiful corner lot in the best section of the city. Several more individuals are in the baptismal class at present.

Elder J. F. Street was successful in the city of Jacksonville, Florida, to the extent that forty-three were baptized; he was assisted by Mrs. A. Palmer and Brother L. J. Carroll. In New Bern, North Carolina, the intern, Brother D. J. Williams, held his first effort and baptized thirty-one persons.

Other successful efforts were conducted by Elder F. S. Hill in Fayetteville, North Carolina; Elder P. H. Morgan, in Sumter, South Carolina; Pastor M. T. Battle, in St. Peters-

burg, Florida; Brother E. J. Lewis, in Bartow, Florida; Pastor J. B. E. Williams, in Ocala, Florida; and Pastor I. J. Johnson, in Burlington, North Carolina.

### 1952 Ingathering

THE South Atlantic Conference has already entered into the 1952 Ingathering campaign, and by the middle of November more than \$10,000 had been raised. Last year \$51,000 in Ingathering was raised; it is our hope in the 1952 campaign to approach the \$60,000 mark.

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## PACIFIC UNION

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### New Church Organized in Sacramento, California

FIFTY-FOUR members made up the charter membership list of the newly formed Capital Seventh-day Adventist church. Sabbath, September 29, this new church was organized by Elder Byron R. Spears, who had been holding an effort in the city of Sacramento, California.

Elder Carl Becker, president of the Northern California Conference, spoke during the eleven o'clock service. He expressed the need for active churches, and admonished this new group to go forward with God.

In the organization service Elder Becker was assisted by F. T. Oakes, secretary-treasurer of the Northern California Conference, and O. A. Troy, departmental secretary of the Pacific Union Conference.

Elder Spears began a series of meetings in the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium this past March. Although living in Stockton, fifty miles away, and having his car wrecked during the time, his work was greatly blessed of the Lord.

Helping him in this series of meetings were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gully, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burnett. There is a baptismal class in progress, and several more are to be baptized before the end of the year. OWEN A. TROY, JR.

## New Group in Roanoke

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visit him and to bring to him the knowledge of the Sabbath truth. Hence, when I made contact with Brother Nelms this summer, I found that he and his family had been keeping the Sabbath for more than three years.

"The very first man to accept the message under the tent this summer was J. H. Jones. Brother and Sister Jones had been prominent members of one of the leading Baptist churches, where for more than twenty-five years Brother Jones served as deacon. He is a brakeman at one of the railroad yards in Roanoke, where he has worked thirty-four years. As yet, he has encountered no difficulty in getting the Sabbath off on his job.

"The first church report on the building fund was made on Sabbath, November 24, and thirty-one members came up and laid on the table the sum of \$1,200.20. Another building fund rally is due on the fifteenth of December, and the faithful members have promised to bring \$1,300 then."

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## Oakwood College

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## Oakwood College

### Notes From the President

FIFTY years ago Oakwood was established on the ruins of a slave plantation, and its first women students were housed in the Old Mansion of ante-bellum days. During these years numberless are the students and teachers who have made their home in this stately plantation house, and left their influence within the lurking shadows of its rooms.

On August 7, 1951, Old Mansion was moved from its setting and rolled to a less conspicuous place on the campus.

Today there is being erected on this strategic site, the heart of the college, a library.

As the rising tide of the youth of the church demand higher education, the college board of trustees have set themselves the task of supplying Oakwood College with the very best facilities.

Better housing for our teachers, more books for the library, high standards of professional efficiency, and a new science hall are the immediate plans toward which the board is working.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the alumni association for the teacher's cottage which you built on our campus during the past summer. Your love for, and interest in, Oakwood has been tangibly expressed in this most valuable gift to your college, and we who labor here are most grateful to you.

At the 1951 Autumn Council held in Cleveland, Ohio, Oakwood College was granted fifty thousand dollars toward the building of a new science hall. We know that this gift has gladdened the heart of every Oakwood enthusiast.

Though the future is very unpredictable, we are pleased that our enrollment is much larger this year

than it was last year, and a very excellent group of students are enrolled.

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### Lake Region News Notes

THE work is moving onward in the Lake Region Conference, and extensive plans are being laid for evangelistic work in 1952.

INDIVIDUAL churches made outstanding records for the last Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. The Hartford Avenue church in Detroit, Michigan, made a signal record of one thousand dollars. The Capitol Avenue church in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the East Side Detroit church reported over five hundred dollars each.

AMONG the baptisms conducted recently Elder J. W. Allison, Jr., pastor of the Hartford Avenue church, baptized twenty-one new converts, and Elder T. M. Rowe, of Chicago, Illinois, baptized twenty-six. These two fine ministers have the unstinted support of their efficient Bible instructors, Mrs. Bertha Bailey and Miss Dorothy Smith.

UNDER the progressive leadership of Elder T. M. Rowe, a new church location is proposed for the historic Shiloh church in Chicago in the near future. When secured, the church will serve as a more suitable location for the church and school in the far south side of Chicago.

ALYNE DUMAS LEE, national radio and concert artist, gave a recital in Indianapolis the latter part of October. The program was sponsored by the Home and School Association of the Capitol Avenue church, with the pastor, Elder R. F. Warnick, in charge. The schoolteachers and officers of the church also had a large part in the program, which was highly successful. Wonderful plans are in mind for the development of the church school there, and the funds received from the Alyne Dumas Lee concert are being held for this purpose.

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## SOUTH CENTRAL

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### Evangelism and New Church Buildings in South Central

Six evangelistic efforts were held in our field this past summer. These efforts were conducted by B. W. Abney, Jr., in McComb, Mississippi; J. A. James, in Kosciusko, Mississippi; N. A. Lindsay, in Attalla, Alabama; C. S. Myles, in Birmingham, Alabama; G. H. Rainey, in Hollandale, Mississippi; and E. E. Cleveland, in Mobile, Alabama.

Several of these brethren mentioned had no assistance other than that of their wives. The Lord has blessed their labors, giving them a total of 219 souls baptized. As for the effort conducted by Elder E. E. Cleveland, this is the first effort held by the union evangelist in our field, and it has been very encouraging to watch his success, which resulted in 118 baptisms so far. Although this effort is still in progress in Mobile, under the leadership of the pastor of the Mobile church, Elder A. D. Shorter, a new church building is being constructed there with a seating capacity of five hundred. The brick work has already been completed, and work has begun on the roof. It is hoped that this building will be completed or nearly completed before Elder Cleveland's tabernacle comes down. The faithful work that the members of the Mobile church are doing on the building is greatly appreciated.

Immediate provisions were made for the new believers in Hollandale when a church building was purchased and made available for use without delay. The building had to be moved to a more convenient location, and this was done under the direction of Brother Robert Seard, a layman of Greenville, Mississippi. Pastor G. H. Rainey is carrying forward a progressive program in the Greenville district.

As a result of a self-supporting evangelistic effort conducted in Florence, Alabama, by Jesse D. Irvin, a recent ministerial graduate of Oakwood College, and Mrs. Polly Huddleston, four persons were baptized on Sabbath, October 20.

There will be other baptisms in the near future as a result of the hall, cottage, and radio evangelistic services conducted by worthy laymen. H. R. MURPHY, *President*.

### Presidents Demonstrate Close Harmony

SINCE their beginning in 1944 the seven colored conferences of North America have shown their ability to work together and keep in close harmony with the working policy of the denomination and with each other. Those looking on observe that these leaders, although comparatively young in age, and scattered all over the United States, always keep in step with each other. The conferences are a success both financially and numerically. In every phase and department of their work, growth and development have been seen.

Close harmony was typically demonstrated by these conference leaders on the last Friday night of the recent Autumn Council, when they got together and chorded their voices to render several numbers. The audience sat in rapt attention as the director of Riverside Sanitarium, the editor of the *Message Magazine*, and the pastor of the largest colored S.D.A. church in the U.S. (which is in New York) got together on the high tenor notes, even singing an occasional falsetto when it was necessary. Then standing near each other to enable them to bring out the resounding second tenor parts were the pastor of the New Orleans church and the president of Oakwood College. Joining in with a thorough first bass were the president of Central States Mission, the union evangelist of the Southern Union, and the president of the Southwest Region Conference. Then came in the clear reliable voices of the second bass competently sung by the Allegheny Conference and

Lake Region Conference presidents. These men produced their consonant chords under the significant leadership of the newly elected associate secretary of the North American Colored Department of the General Conference.

"Have you ever heard anything like it?" commented one General Conference executive to another. "Well, it would only take those men to harmonize like that," said the other.

Folks, if you ever have the opportunity, never pass up hearing a male chorus consisting of Dr. Dent, Elders Reynolds, Lee, Peterson, Cox, Bland, Cleveland, Fordham, Wagner, and Kibble; and directed by Elder C. E. Moseley, Jr.

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### The Journey's End

ELDER MATTHEW C. STRACHAN was born in Washington, D.C., May 8, 1875, and died in Sanford, Florida, on August 22, 1951. He attended school in Washington, D.C., and later attended Battle Creek College after accepting the truth as taught by Seventh-day Adventists.

While in his early twenties he worked with the old Southern Missionary Society, teaching school and doing ministerial work in Mississippi and Alabama. He also worked in the States of Georgia, Florida, Maryland, and New York. For a number of years he was pastor of what is now the Ephesus church in New York, our largest colored congregation in North America. From New York he was called by the Southern Union and worked as union secretary for the colored work. In 1932 he returned to the State of Florida, where his ministry continued until he retired from active work about ten years ago.

His companion during most of the years of his ministry, Mrs. Maude Strachan, passed away in the year 1936. On February 5, 1949, he was united in wedlock to Mrs. D. L. Potts, of Sanford, Florida, whose loving care made his last days happy ones.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, one

brother, four stepchildren, and one foster daughter. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder H. D. Singleton; assisting in the services were Elders J. W. Jones and F. H. Stevens. *South Atlantic Conference*.

### Weddings

#### Southwest Region

WEDDING bells have been ringing quite pronounced in the Southwest Region Conference during the past few months.

On August 26, in Little Rock, Arkansas, Elder C. C. Cunningham took himself a wife in the person of Miss Teresa V. Wells. Miss Wells is a native of Little Rock and has been connected with our educational department, teaching in Little Rock and New Orleans, respectively, for several years.

ON Sunday, October 15, Pastor Van Runnels and Miss Frankie M. Perry repeated similar vows in Dallas, Texas, at the Oakland Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church. Miss Perry is the daughter of Brother and Sister W. C. Perry, of Bristow, Oklahoma, and the last of five sisters to marry ministers.

#### South Atlantic

MISS ESTELLA GULLY, who has been a Bible instructor in the conference for the past two years, was united in marriage to Mr. Alfonso Greene, of Charlotte, North Carolina, on October 14, in Cassopolis, Michigan. Elder H. D. Singleton officiated at the ceremony.

ON October 7, Miss Ruby Blue, of Wilson, North Carolina, became the bride of Pastor H. M. Barker, of the Orlando, Florida, district. They were united in holy wedlock by Elder N. G. Simons.

#### South Central

ELDER C. R. GRAHAM, pastor of the Nashville, Tennessee, church was married to Miss Martha M. Ligon, secretary to the president of South Central Conference, on Sunday, November 4, in the Nashville church. The ceremony was performed by Elder H. R. Murphy.

We wish for these newlyweds God's richest blessings as they work together in His cause.