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# Itinerating in Inter-America

I thought perhaps the readers of the Informant would enjoy reading a few paragraphs from a letter written by our traveling secretary.

#### "DEAR BROTHER MOSELEY:

"Here I am sitting on the front porch of the home of the president of Colegio Vocacional de America Central enjoying the beautiful sunshine and being grateful for my escape from your kind of weather at this time of year. It is a great privilege for me to attend the various conference sessions in the Inter-American field.

"I spoke at two Spanish churches while in Havana, and I was greatly

impressed with the large congregations and their church buildings.

"Thursday night I spoke to the teachers and students at the Antillian Junior College, and left Friday morning by bus for Camagüey. Friday night I preached at the English church from 6:30-7:30 and to the Spanish congregation from 8:00-9:00. Sabbath morning Pastor and Mrs. Hamilton and I rode with Pastor Castro and his family to Baraqua, where I preached at the eleven o'clock hour.

"After having dinner with one of the members of the church we drove to Céspedes, where I preached at three o'clock, then on to Florida for another service at five o'clock.

"Sunday morning I left Camagüey by plane for Havana, and at 3:30 P.M. I left Havana for Mexico City, to attend the conference session of the Mexican Union. This was a most interesting session. My ears are better trained to listen than my tongue is to speak, but I am developing fast. My advice to you is estudia Español.

"Thursday morning, November 24, Brethren Roth, Dunn, and I left Mexico City for San José, Costa Rica. The commencement exercises were on. I gave the consecration message on Friday night. There were eight finishing at the junior college level and twenty at the secondary.



The Inter-American Division Council Committee in Miami.

"The school has a very fine location, an aggressive president, and an efficient staff of teachers. Today many of the students are leaving for their homes. They come from practically all the republics of Central America.

"A colporteur institute began today, and the union session begins tomorrow.

"Yours sincerely, F. L. Peterson"

A deserving man is enjoying his diversified labors in the Inter-American Division field. Surely we rejoice with him and pray that he may accomplish under God the maximum good on this tour.

C. E. M.

### Joyce Bryant Leaves Show Business

If Joyce Bryant, the internationally famous night-club singer from San Francisco, had been carrying out the schedule arranged for her by her manager, Jerry Levy, Thanksgiving Day would have found her in Hull, Quebec, rehearsing for opening night of a cross-country tour. But the singer was in Washington, D.C., making arrangements to enter Oakwood College in January to prepare herself for a different type of service—the life of a missionary.

In the parsonage of the Ephesus church in Washington, D.C., Miss Bryant was faced by a group of columnists, photographers, and reporters, who were curious to learn the reason why she had suddenly decided to forsake a career that had earned for her in the last few years a gross salary ranging from \$85,000 to \$150,000. Her decision, she explained, was not sudden, but "a bargain" she had made with the Lord.

"Three years ago," Miss Bryant said, "while in California, I visited Elder Byron Spears, the evangelist, and told him that I wanted to leave show business, but at the time I had so many scheduled engagements that I felt that it was impossible for me to walk off without fulfilling them. I got on my knees one night and made a promise to the Lord to quit after a few more years."

But in spite of her promise the entertainer kept singing after the "bargain date." Suddenly, the promise came back into her mind and kept bothering her conscience "like an overdue note, or a bill that had to be paid." In November she notified her manager that she would no longer sing in the night clubs, and all of her engagements were canceled.

It was eight years ago that Miss Bryant, the third of Mr. and Mrs. Whitefield Bryant's eight children, strayed from the teachings of her home and church, and while in Los Angeles on a visit she entered a night club. A trio was playing, she remembered, and everybody was singing along with the music. "Gradually the other voices faded out, and I was the only one singing. A man came to our table," she said, "and insisted that I should come to the front and sing with the group. He would not accept No for an answer."

Shortly afterward, the singer was on her way to stardom and receiving much more than the twenty-five dollars that she was given for her first appearance. Her story, which was exaggerated by publicity men, became a legend, and was printed in magazines and newspapers all over the country.

She performed in London, Paris, Hollywood, large cities of South America, and other important centers. Her face became familiar to millions of Americans in the television audience. But financial success and worldly fame brought her no real peace of mind. Occasionally, mixed with her fan mail came letters from unknown Seventh-day Adventists who had been impressed to advise her concerning her spiritual condition. Now, Joyce says, she has weighed both sides and has made her decision.

But Miss Bryant has not given up singing. "I realize," she said, "that my voice is a God-given talent, and I shall continue to sing, but only classical and religious songs."

Skeptics have already denounced the former entertainer's decision as a stunt perpetrated by a shrewd publicity agent, and some columnists have predicted that the quiet scenes of Huntsville, Alabama, will be too dull for one who has been accustomed to the glitter and glare of show business's bright lights.

McCann L. Reid

#### Drive-in Effort

A new note is being sounded in evangelism. A drive-in theater was used recently by Elders Dorsey Furr, Earl Canson, and assistant Robert Ice in Perris Valley, California. People drove in as they would to see a movie, but instead they were attending evangelistic services. They filled the grounds nightly, and baptisms resulted!



Joyce Bryant greeted by C. E. Moseley and R. T. Hudson.



Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones

## Soul-winning Record

A record for souls brought into the church is held by Rosa Lee Jones, Bible instructor of the Northeastern Conference. Serving since the organization of the conference in 1945, Sister Jones, directed of Heaven, has guided 450 persons into church membership. During the first nine months of 1955 more than 50 have joined the church under her direction.

Aside from her soul-winning activities, Sister Jones finds time to appear in concert as a soprano soloist and to raise large sums of money for the churches in the New York City area. This gifted and busy woman is an inspiring example of what God can do through dedicated persons in His service. The Informant salutes this gifted artist and soul winner.

Other soul-winning records were made by Brethren Harold Cleveland and Calvin Rock, of South Atlantic Conference, and Leonard Newton and George Rainey, of South Central. These youthful graduates of Oakwood College since 1949, all under thirty years of age, baptized 371 persons in spring and summer campaigns during 1955.

Records show that Harold Cleveland had 145 baptisms in two efforts closely following each other in Florida. Leonard Newton baptized 106 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, bringing that church membership up to 115.

George Rainey added 60 to the membership at Jackson, Mississippi, and Calvin Rock added 60 to the church in Orlando, Florida. The last three named conducted single campaigns.

Eric Ward, Southern Union evangelist, who baptized 306 in Wilmington, North Carolina, last year, added 120 more by baptism to the same church this summer.

Evangelist Charles Bradford, of Central States Conference, baptized ninety-three persons in the church at St. Louis, Missouri, at the close of his nine weeks of campaigning this summer.

W. Albert Thompson, pastorevangelist of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, baptized sixty persons at the end of his summer's campaigning and will organize a new church in the North Philadelphia area of this famous city.

According to Mark 4:20 "much fruit" begins with thirty. And when we hear of men gathering in sixty souls or more in a single harvest season, surely "good seed" was planted in "good soil" and the tender plants were under the watchful care of "good husbandmen" till the harvest was gathered!

#### REVIVALS

Lillington, North Carolina.—Revival services in the Fayetteville, North Carolina, district, which were conducted in a Presbyterian church at Lillington, North Carolina, resulted in the conversion of eight persons, including three couples. Pastor Isaac Johnson presides over the district. The revival series was conducted from November 26 to December 3 by C. E. Moseley, Jr.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana.—A week of revival services in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, church during the week of December 10-17 netted eight decisions for church membership. The use of the prayer scroll in this as in other series was a factor in obtaining decisions and other miraculous victories reported.

Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Dudley, who recently began a pastorate in this city, were transferred from Montgomery, Alabama, where Pastor and Mrs. Edwin Humphrey are now directing the work.

The beautiful and well-planned church in Baton Rouge accommodated the large audiences that the revival attracted. C. E. Moseley, Jr., was speaker.

Elder Moseley addressed the believers at New Orleans, Louisiana, on Sunday night, December 18, and presented a travelogue with color slides on the progress of missions in East Africa on Monday evening. R. L. Woodfork, former dean of men and pastor of the college church at Oakwood is the new pastor at New Orleans.

# LAKE REGION

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# Report on Grand Ledge Lay Congress

Eighteen Lake Region Conference lay workers were commissioned as members of the 120 Club during the recent General Conference Laymen's Congress held at Grand Ledge, Michigan, August 30 to September 3; and thirty-two delegates pledged 8,060 hours to be devoted to missionary service during the coming year. We wish that every lay worker of the Lake Region Conference could have been there to join in the instruction and inspiration provided.

Let us take a brief retrospective glance at that important gathering. The General Conference Home Missionary secretary, Elder T. L. Oswald, and his competent associates in the department had provided a program thoroughly organized to bring maximum training and inspiration during the five days to a weekday gathering of four thousand people and a Sabbath-day attendance of an estimated eight thousand.

On the opening night of the congress, while Elder C. E. Guenther commented, ministers and a colorful array of laymen in occupational costumes followed the conference home missionary secretaries, who

carried respective conference banners. The president of each conference introduced as a trophy one delegate from his conference who had been won by lay work since the lay congress in 1953. The lights went out, and a spotlight illuminated the United States flag waving in the breeze. As Donovan Oswald sang "God Bless America," President Dwight Eisenhower was pictured in technicolor on the screen. Then his message to the congress was read. Elder T. L. Oswald's impressive keynote address based on the congress theme, "Send Out Thy Light," terminated the opening night.

Early morning devotionals were very helpful. Practical daily workshops included topics such as "Literature and Visitation," "Health and Welfare," and "Bible Evangelism." A decision class, as a problem clinic, was conducted by W. Schubert, formerly a very successful evangelist of South America, but now an associate secretary in the Ministerial Department of the General Conference.

At their option, delegates and visitors could choose to visit one of five daily special classes: audiovisuals, branch Sabbath schools, contemporary groups, leadership, and public evangelism.

The evening enactments were most inspirational. Wednesday night featured "The Good Samaritan Lives Again" — depicting actual Health and Welfare ministry during the recent disaster, accompanied by

slides and motion pictures from the screen. The Thursday night program, "They Shall Shine as Stars," portraved laymen's past, present, and future contributions to the Advent cause. The success of other laborers was a thrilling challenge to all laymen to do wider and more effective witnessing for God. Friday evening Elder E. E. Cleveland, associate secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference and an outstanding evangelist of North America, captured the attention of the assembly in his brief but moving message during the Sabbath meditation moments. Elder W. B. Ochs, vice-president of the General Conference, brought the important evening sermon, "Arise and Shine."

Sabbath morning Sabbath school services were directed by the superintendent, Elder H. W. Lowe, associate secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference. Elder W. R. Beach, secretary of the General Conference, stirred the huge assembly with the Spirit-directed message "The Way of His Witnesses," and in the youth pavilion Elder E. W. Dunbar, of the General Conference, addressed the youth on the topic "The Holy Heritage of Youth."

The Sabbath afternoon program, "Laymen on the March," brought interest-holding soul-winning enactments and reports of visitation experiences in the city of Lansing that afternoon. In the closing meeting, on Saturday night, large luminous

crosses decorated the platform during a memorial service devoted to ministers and laymen who have gone to rest since the 1953 General Conference Lay Congress. Faces of these familiar soul winners were flashed on the screen. After this service came an impressive procession consisting of an honor guard composed of conference presidents with banners, two ministers per conference, and two previously commissioned lay workers, followed by conference home missionary secretaries leading their respective groups of lay workers to be commissioned that night. After the commissioning service, a challenging message was delivered, and the entire audience joined in a commitment pledge of a certain number of hours a week in missionary service. Later, conference home missionary secretaries, who had converged at the rostrum with torches alight, reported on the delegates and service pledges, while on the screen the respective conference areas lighted up, and thus was constructed a map of the entire area covered by the conferences represented at the congress.

It was a rewarding five days of training, and with a sense of duty and some reluctance, friends said farewell and departed to carry the torch of spiritual conquest with greater vigor.

D. B. SIMONS Home Missionary Secretary

## The Work Progresses in Chicago

Another year has passed into eternity, but we are grateful to a loving Father for what He has helped us to accomplish for Him in this part of His vineyard. We, here in the Shiloh church, have been the recipients of many of His blessings during the year 1955.

In the hearts of many people today there is a lurking fear that the days of our civilization are numbered. Statesmen, scientists, financiers, and educators have in recent months expressed their conviction that we are headed for a world cataclysm that may end all life on this planet. One writer has assured us that Armageddon and doomsday



Some of the ministers and Lake Region Conference delegates attending the Grand Ledge Lay Congress.

are now suspended over the heads of our generation.

God has His watchmen on the walls of Zion, stationed at various points of duty around the world. In Chicago, with its three million people, He has several watchmen, one of whom is Eric S. Dillett. Throughout the year 1955 Elder Dillett has been sounding the alarm by the preaching of God's Holy Word that the great day of God draweth nigh, when all men shall stand before this Righteous Judge, and that there is one standard by which all shall be judged—the Ten Commandments.

As a result of the positive teaching and preaching of the fundamental truths of the Bible, Elder Dillett was privileged, under God, to add ninety-seven souls to the Shiloh church membership in 1955. Eighty-four of these were by baptism and thirteen were by letter.

In the month of August, after returning from camp meeting, an evangelistic tent meeting was conducted in the South Side of the city, at the conclusion of which fifty-eight precious souls identified themselves with the commandment-keeping people of God by baptism. Associated with Elder Dillett in this evangelistic campaign were J. Frank Lee, Russell Bates, Marshall Kelly, and the president of the Lake Region Conference, H. W. Kibble.

As a result of this effort Elder Dillett and his associates witnessed a total of 124 souls added to the three churches in this area, namely, West Side church, 14; Morgan Park, 13; and Shiloh, 97.

At sunset on Sabbath, December 31, the last day of 1955, the beginning of the New Year, Elder Dillett held a prayer and praise service to thank God publicly for the great things He had done.

With the words of the poet in our hearts "Another year is dawning, Dear Master, let it be—in working or in waiting, another year with Thee," we quietly left the church for our several homes, to begin another chapter in the records of Heaven's books for the new year of 1956. We solicit your prayers,

dear reader, that this may be the banner year in our experience.

DOROTHY C. SMITH Bible Instructor

# ALLEGHENY

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## Ephesus Breaks Ground for New Church Project

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After worshiping for more than thirty years in northwest Washington, D.C., the members of the Ephesus church are preparing to move to a new church, which will be built this year in the southeast section of the city. The church will be located on what is reported to be one of the highest sites in the nation's capital.

On Sunday afternoon, December 4, the pastor, Elder Jacob J. Justiss, Jr., and the members gathered in a small clearing in the wooded section of Fort Dupont Park to see the first spade of earth turned. When the project is completed, a modern church, a school, and a recreation center will be standing on the hill-side. The program will cost an estimated \$400,000.

The first person to use the goldencolored spade was Archie Lucas, church elder, the chairman of the building program. Church officials who participated in the ceremony with the pastor were Elder W. L. Cheatham, president of the Allegheny Conference, Elder D. A. Ochs, president of the Columbia Union, and Elders C. E. Moseley and E. E. Cleveland, of the General Conference.

The members plan to march into the new church during Christmas week of 1956.

McCann L. Reid

# Witnessing for the Truth

Eighty-two-year-old Brother Randall Evans of Wilson, North Carolina, bore a unique witness to truth when he was tried before Judge Dickerson and a packed court on charges of violating the sabbath. The following dialog heard in the court proceedings was reported by A. V. Pinkney in the Columbia Union Visitor.

"You are charged with hanging out a wash on Sunday," said the judge. "Are you guilty or not?"

"Yes," said Evans. "If I am guilty of doing any wrong in hanging the clothes out on Sunday, I did do that, sir."

"Why didn't you hang the clothes out on Saturday? As I recall, it was a beautiful day."

"That it was, your honor, but it was God's holy Sabbath day, and I don't do any work on His day."

"Can you prove that Saturday is God's holy day?" came the sharp retort from the judge, as the courtroom, filled to capacity, sat in silence.

"Yes," said Brother Evans, and taking his Bible, which he had carried to court with him, he began calling scriptures from the Old and New Testaments.

"Wait a minute," said the judge, "I want to read these to this court."

When Evans concluded, the judge declared, "I cannot do anything to this man. He is keeping the day God gave us to keep holy and I am dismissing this case."

Brother Evans has shared his faith wherever he has lived. He has raised up companies of believers at various places in the South to such an extent that he has been given a license to preach.

## A Dream Comes True

For many years Thomas J. Delaney of the Ephesus SDA church, Washington, D.C., dreamed of a rest home for our people. He has for a long time felt the need of a home for our members growing older and less active, who are unable adequately to care for themselves. Brother Delaney also felt the need of a quiet atmosphere where a pleasant and restful vacation could be spent away from the city. He traveled south, then west, but did not see just the location of which he dreamed. During a short vacation in New York in the late summer of

1953, Brother Delaney was directed to make a survey of a large estate in Greenfield Park, in the heart of the Catskill Mountains. The picturesque landscaping, the irregular hills with majestic trees, the two-acre natural lake, the four large houses, one twenty-two-room furnished dwelling with a well-equipped dining room seating sixty comfortably, proved to be just the answer to his dream. It was an ideal spot for a rest home, truly a little city of refuge, a shelter in the time of storm, a quiet place in which to be alone with God, and where the physical man can receive rest and recreation.

On October 2, 1953, this spot of 109 acres was purchased by Mr. Delaney. For two years he and his good wife have given untiring service to those who have availed themselves of the many opportunities offered here.

Every Seventh-day Adventist now has an opportunity to enjoy a pleasant vacation at a place where quiet rest, wholesome food, various recreational facilities such as boating, swimming, tennis, and hiking are available. Even shopping can be done in the little village of Ellenville, just seven miles from the home -Meadow Brook Rest Home. Brother Delaney cordially invites you to visit the Meadow Brook Rest Home soon. He would like to have you spend your next vacation there.



Miss Cynthia Knight



Miss Udell Lewis

### Graduate Nurses

Among the fourteen nursing students of the New England Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing who were graduated on Sunday evening, September 4, 1955, were Cynthia Knight and Udell Lewis. They are both prenursing students from Oakwood College who began their training at Melrose in 1952.

After receiving their registration from the State of Massachusetts, they plan to take postgraduate studies at Columbia University, in New York, and equip themselves further for training others in this wonderful profession.

At present Miss Knight is on the obstetrical staff at the New England Sanitarium, and Miss Lewis is on the surgical staff. They express appreciation to Mrs. Stafford, of Oakwood College, who helped and encouraged them in their prenursing days.

Hinsdale Graduates-Myra Bryce, Norma Barber, Juanita Watson, and Karen Townsend were among the nineteen nursing students graduating December 17 from Hinsdale Sanitarium. Miss Bryce was the class president. Congratulations to Miss Bryce for being so honored by her class.

## New Church Building

In addition to his fruitful repeat campaign of this summer. Evangelist Ward and his congregation have erected and occupied a new building in Wilmington, North Carolina, which has the largest seating capacity of any Regional church in the Southern Union.

This modern Colonial-type, redbrick structure has floor space for more than seven hundred seats in the auditorium, with additional seats in a balcony. The two-story wing extending to the left, houses, several classrooms for the school, a kitchen and dining area, and an assembly room for the school, which serves also as a recreation area for the church. The building is well planned and nicely appointed.

## Changes of Workers

During a recent shift of employees in the Southwest Region, J. E. Cox, Jr., who has served the conference as evangelist, filled the vacancy in the Dallas, Texas, church that resulted when W. J. Cleveland moved to San Antonio, J. R. Wagner, after serving in San Antonio for three years, accepted an invitation to pastor the Chattanooga church in the South Central Conference.

L. D. Henderson, who taught school in Houston for several years, is now interning in southwest Louisiana in the Lake Charles district.

Exchange of Workers-Elder H. D. Warner, publishing department secretary of the Allegheny Conference, and Elder C. M. Willis, publishing department secretary of the Northeastern Conference, have exchanged fields of labor.

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E. E. Cleveland with Pastor Kileliu, who interpreted the messages at the Kampala meeting.

## The Voice of Africa

E. E. CLEVELAND

The following stories, told in the words of the men who lived them, are typical of the fine African brethren who carry on the work in that part of the world.

#### Ezekiel Butasi

"Since connecting with the Adventists, I have worked largely as a teacher.

"At the Chehwa Mission School there were twenty-five girls and eighteen boys baptized. In my second year of teaching at another school we had forty-four baptisms within the year. Some of the young students who were baptized are now holding positions of responsibility.

"In 1946 I took a group of students to preach in the villages. While there I entered the home of Wetunde, an old witch doctor. I had taught his two sons in school and had given them several scriptures that condemned witchcraft. These they had dutifully taken home and read to their father. The afternoon of my visit I found him a very happy man. 'You may destroy my namina,' he said. The namina was the house in which he practiced his witchcraft. But he would not give me his instruments of witchcraft. These he brought to the mission himself and

surrendered them at the altar. This man was baptized in December, 1946, and continues to be a faithful church member to this day. In that year there were 101 additions to the faith.

"Thirty-five of my students were baptized in the year 1954.

"Pastor Peter Chetambe and I went to a place called Mosobek. This place is atop Mount Elgon. The truth had never been taught there before. The weather is so cold that no crops of any kind can possibly grow there. Elephants, lions, and the dread buffalo inhabit the forests that separate our homes from our destination. No one ventures into that jungle without a gun, spear, and knife. The pastor and I walked through, armed only with the "sword of the Spirit." No harm befell us. The people were surprised to see us advancing unarmed and unharmed toward their village, and many of them fled. We talked with them, however, and finally succeeded in getting them to listen to us. There are now ninety people in the baptismal class.

"Many of the heathen try to borrow Bibles to carry through the jungle for physical protection. We seek to convince them of the necessity of carrying the Bible in their hearts for best results.

"Brother Eli Korolia accepted the truth out there, and is one of the leaders of this group."

#### M. I. Kabala

"In 1931 a professor of Islam gave me a book that was published by the



Pastor M. I. Kabala

Adventists. I believed what I read and began to teach my friends what I had learned. In 1935 I visited the Kakoro Mission Station and asked the mission director, 'Who changed the Sabbath?' He answered me with Daniel 7:25. I then traveled eighty miles to attend a series of meetings, after which I was baptized. My wife, uncle, and sister followed me into the church.

"In 1937 I was situated at the Kakoro Mission Station as an evangelist. In a short evangelistic campaign at Ruhanga seventy-five were converted to the truth. There followed an effort at Katanoga. There the Lord blessed us with fifty converts. We also established Sabbath schools at Kikoni and Nyongozi, with a total of 140 people.

"In virgin territory, at Kyahafu, we opened up an evangelistic effort. Sixty persons were added to the truth

"In 1950, at Busoga and nearby, ninety souls were converted in one-month's campaigns.

"I am now located at Namulesa with responsibility for the work at Kyaggwe, Bugerere, and the Sese Islands. Please pray for us."

#### News Notes

Missionaries on Furlough.—Readers of the Informant will be pleased to know that Elder and Mrs. David Hughes and family are home on their first furlough from the Liberian Mission. The Hugheses serve in the Grand Bassa district of Liberia in West Africa. After the serious illness of Sister Hughes and the strenuous labors of the elder in the trying climate of the tropics, the family is enjoying a well-earned rest with relatives and friends in California.

Week of Prayer.—Week of Prayer services in the Glenville church of Cleveland, Ohio, attracted one of the largest nightly audiences in the history of the church. Attendance varied from three to five hundred for each service, and was climaxed on the last Sabbath by an overflow audience.

After prayer sessions and the reading, which various auxiliary leaders of the church fostered, C. E. Moseley, Jr., Regional associate, was presented in a series of spirited revival messages, which resulted in great strength and inspiration to the believers. Several delinquents were reunited to the church along with the new recruits that were added to the membership.

Benefit Concert. — The Music Guild of Seventh-day Adventists on the Pacific coast presented soprano Georgia Laster along with concert organist C. Warren Becker in the Glendale, California, church on November 12 in a benefit concert. Proceeds from the concert will go to Pacific Union College's new organ fund.

Vacation Bible Schools.—One hundred and ninety-seven children, including many non-Seventh-day Adventists, were enrolled in four Vacation Bible Schools in the Dowagiac (Michigan), Fort Wayne, South Bend, and Indianapolis (Indiana) churches of the Lake Region Conference last summer. This venture as a means of soul winning is taking hold among us.

Wedding.—President W. L. Cheatham, of the Allegheny Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, officiated at the wedding of his daughter, Merle, to Edward Ford, of Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, on October 23 in the chapel at Pine Forge Institute.

Mrs. Ford is a secretary in the conference office, and Mr. Ford does carpentry at the institute and for the conference.

Shared His Faith. — Youthful Lynn Jackson, of Oberlin, Ohio, shared his faith in discussions with Ricardo McKinley. Bible studies followed, which resulted in the baptism of Ricardo and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McKinley. Both Lynn and Ricardo are attending Pine Forge presently.

Wanted—more sturdy youths like Lynn Jackson.

New Missionaries.—Pastor and Mrs. Douglas Tate and baby Sederick sailed from New York for Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, on December 9, on the S. S. Granville. Brother Tate is a graduate of Oakwood College and recently graduated from the SDA Theological Seminary. He will doubtless serve in our Konola Training School, taking the position vacated by Pastor P. E. Giddings, who for health reasons was unable to return to his post as principal of the school.

The Tates will have the prayers, best wishes, and warm support of the church family as they begin their tour of duty in foreign service as missionaries.

Henri Elected Union Evangelist.— Elder Dunbar Henri, who has served for several years as the president of the Liberian Mission, in the West African Union Mission, has been elected union evangelist. This will mean that another of our workers will be called to succeed Brother Henri in the Liberian Mission. Will you go?

Gloria Mackson Receives Scholarship.—Miss Gloria Mackson, who is a secretary in the medical department of the Southern California Conference, received one of the six scholarships given by the Glendale College of Business.

Oakwood Receives New Trust Fund.—I am sure that every reader of the Informant wishes to say thanks to Dr. Herbert A. Turner,

of Chicago, for his liberal thoughts of Oakwood College. Through the doctor's influence a trust fund totaling \$100,000 has been established, from which Roosevelt College, University of Chicago, and Oakwood College will benefit. The money is to be used as a scholarship fund for the benefit of students, regardless of nationality. The amount directed to Oakwood College is \$33,000.

Dr. Turner attended Oakwood in 1898, and received his medical education at Ohio State University. After years of successful practice in Chicago he remembers Oakwood College so substantially. God bless Dr. and Mrs. Turner, and may many young people catch the vision and apply the touch of healing as successfully and nobly as he has done.

#### Oratorical Contest

Walter W. Fordham, Jr., 16, a junior at Pine Forge Institute, won top honors in the annual union-wide oratorical contest held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 9 and 10.

The youthful orator won with a temperance message over the winning contestants from the seven academies throughout the Columbia Union. He placed second in the same contest two years ago. Nice going for a future temperance leader.

# Our Sympathy

PROCTOR.—Friends of the Informant will be grieved to know that Elder L. R. Proctor, pastor of the Little Rock, Arkansas, church (Southwest Region Conference) passed away Sabbath morning, December 17.

As a layman, Elder Procter worked effectively, and his soulwinning successes and able leadership led him into the family of ministers in his conference. We extend our sympathy to his bereaved family and friends.

MOODY.—Cleopatra Herbert Moody, affectionately known by friends as Cleo, an Oakwood College graduate of 1954, was interred near her home in Greenville, Alabama, after her passing on November 15, 1955.

Her loss is mourned by her husband, Benjamin Moody; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Herbert, who are pillars in the church; and friends, to all of whom we extend warmest sympathy.

Cleo was reared in the faith and trained to teach.