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The Bible Training Class of the Spruce Street church after receiving certificates of completion of the course. Front row, left to right: Elder J. H. Laurence, Mrs. Mary Belle Coleman, Elder Theodore Carcich, and Elder D. A. Neufeld.

## Training the Laymen

A Bible training class at the church was the result of inspiration received at the laymen's congress

Gladstone Park, Portland, Oregon. The class, under the leadership of the Bible instructor, Sister Mary Belle Coleman, met every Sunday afternoon for two hours and within a few weeks had learned to give Bible studies to fellow students.

June 3, 1956, marked the graduation of the class. The service was held in the beautiful auditorium of the church. The guest speaker, Elder Theodore Carcich, president of the Washington Conference, expressed his appreciation for the organizing of the first Bible training class in the conference. He informed the class that during these final hours of earth's history, each member is responsible for carrying this message

to relatives, neighbors, and friends.

Each class member was challenged by Elder Carcich to be responsible for one soul by the end of the year. Each student readily accepted the challenge and many have started winning souls in their own homes. Two families thus far have been baptized and one family has promised to keep the Sabbath. Brother Lott, top row, right, in the accompanying picture, was instrumental in winning



one of these families through Bible studies. He has taken a firm hold on the third angel's message after leaving the Baptist ministry and his job as an assistant Army chaplain.

Elder D. A. Neufeld, the conference home missionary and Sabbath school secretary awarded the certificates.

MARY B. COLEMAN  
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## Washington Conference

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### News Notes

★ Four years ago Elder J. H. Laurence, pastor-evangelist, came to Seattle, Washington. There were 32 members in the church.

He told the members that if they would be honest with God in paying their tithe, God would add to the church daily such as should be saved. The church membership has steadily grown and under God's continuous guiding we hope to reach the 200 mark by the end of the year. The tithe has increased from \$2,000 per year to over \$10,000 per year, and during 1955 the church is happy to report that over \$20,000 was paid to the Washington Conference in tithes and offerings.

★ At the close of the summer tent effort, thirty-four persons were baptized, and we believe there will be at least sixteen more baptized before the year ends.

Among those baptized recently was a 90-year-old minister of the gospel who had been preaching for 64 years. His only regret is that he did not accept the truth sooner. This elderly man walked six blocks to the tent to hear the message. His health has improved since his baptism. As he came forth from the baptismal pool, he began singing, "I'm Coming Home" and led the congregation in the song.

★ Trouble knocked at the door, but, hearing a laugh, hurried away.

★ Jumping at conclusions is not half as good exercise as digging for facts.

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## NORTHEASTERN

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### Oakwood College Day at Ephesus

On Sabbath, August 25, 1956, the New York chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association sponsored both the eleven o'clock and the YPMV hours. Elder Garland J. Millet, president of the college, spoke to the youth in the chapel during the morning service and made a brief but forceful appeal for everyone's support toward Christian education and especially at Oakwood. He stressed the urgent need for a strong alumni association in this field.

Elder R. T. Hudson's sermon on "The Value of Christian Education" highlighted the need for religious training, as well as for the three R's. He gave several examples from everyday life to illustrate the fact that although the modern colleges are well-equipped materially, Christian education can be gotten only from the schools of the prophets.

Young people from the metropolitan area met for the evening program that featured Pastor Samuel Stovall of the White Plains church. He gave a résumé of Oakwood's accomplishments for the past few years and made a strong appeal for students to take advantage of the many opportunities now offered at this great institution. A number of graduates and former students contributed their talents to make the program one that shall not soon be forgotten.

### News Notes

★ On Wednesday evening, August 29, thirteen souls were buried with their Lord in baptism at the Ephesus church. Four were baptized at Mt. Zion church, New Haven, Connecticut. Pastor Everett Alexander is in charge of this church.

★ We are happy to announce to the constituency that we have been

fortunate in obtaining the services of Elder H. R. Murphy as a worker in this conference.

Elder Murphy will be pastor of the Bronx church and brings to the field a wealth of experience in denominational work. He has served as conference president for ten years and prior to that had done very outstanding work in evangelism and church building.

Elder and Mrs. Murphy, along with their daughter, Sylvia, who is a senior at Union College, moved to this field in October.

★ During the first session of the 1956 junior camp, July 15 to July 28, there were 104 campers present; from July 29 to August 12 (second session), 88 campers—making a total of 192 persons for the four-week period at Victory Lake Camp, Hyde Park, New York.

Some of the high lights of our camp included the spiritual messages brought to us by Pastor S. A. Hutchins who was the chaplain, wholesome recreation, craft classes under the supervision of Mrs. Priscilla Ogburne and Mr. Adrian Simons, tournaments, cook-outs, nature studies, and other features that made our camp successful.

God crowned our efforts with a baptismal class of 26. The theme song, "Thank You, Lord, For Saving My Soul," was the inward sentiment of each camper and each staff member.

★ On Sabbath, October 6, approximately 3,000 persons met at Mother Zion AME church, 146 W. 137th Street, New York City, for the first laymen's congress in the history of Adventists in the metropolitan area. Representatives from the 22 churches in New York City, Rochester, Buffalo, Boston, and other surrounding cities attended.

The theme was "Arise and Evangelize." The principal speaker was Elder W. R. Robinson, newly appointed home missionary and Sabbath school secretary. He admonished this vast audience that God's call to every Seventh-day Adventist is to arise and be doing. The urgency of this call was based on Bible proph-



ecies that foretell Christ's second advent, and on the fact that it is our responsibility to point others to Christ and to prepare a people for great event.

During the afternoon session, a trophy hour was conducted, and approximately 160 members who had completed the Light Bearers Training course were commissioned. Elder L. E. Esteb led out in the commissioning service, and Elders F. L. Jones and W. R. Robinson, in the trophy hour.

To climax this soul-stirring meeting, a film entitled "The Living Link" was shown. Indeed, this congress was a high day in Zion, for approximately 2,000 persons pledged themselves to give time weekly working for the unsaved in their communities.

★ The Northeastern elementary schools opened Monday, September 10, at 9:00 A.M. This year the Berea, Boston, school has a new teacher—Miss Frankie Lawton from Philadelphia. Miss Lawton, who was highly recommended by the head of the Educational Department at Oakwood College, will teach grades 1-4.

The Manhattan Elementary School welcomed three new teachers: Mrs. Dorothy Jones, wife of our secretary-treasurer, F. L. Jones, will teach 3d grade; Theresa Gill will teach the 6th grade; and Edythe Sumpter, who graduated this year with highest honors from Oakwood, will be the 7th grade teacher. We are looking forward to a very good school year.

The Bethel Elementary School teachers are the same.

★ George Timpson, 7th and 8th grade teacher at the Bethel Elementary School, was married on Sunday, August 19, to Cynthia Knight, a graduate of New England Sanitarium.

Gloria Norman, principal of the Bethel Elementary School, became the wife of Ralph Garrett on Sunday, July 1.

★ Brother and Sister Samuel Barber, who have labored in connection

with the publishing department in Northeastern Conference for the past 9 years, left for their new field of labor in the Allegheny Conference late in August. Brother Barber has been called to the position of associate publishing secretary. He is in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Barbers raised up the Red Hook Mission in Brooklyn under the auspices of the Bethel church.

We shall greatly miss them and Mrs. C. Buckner, Sister Barber's mother, and wish for them God's rich blessings in their new field of labor.

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### SOUTHWEST REGION

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### Evangelism in the Southwest

Not long ago as I attended the evangelistic meeting conducted by L. B. Baker in the city of Elgin, Texas, I was reminded of the scripture which says: "Crowds of people with one accord gave attention to what they heard" (Acts 8:6, Weymouth).

Elgin has a population of a little over three thousand. Approximately fifteen hundred people came out and listened attentively to the commandment of God and the faith of Jesus.

The tent, which is located one mile outside of the city limits, was packed solidly. Hundreds of people sat outside the tent in which crowds of people stood eager to hear the Word of God.

More than two hundred cars were parked near the tent. What a sight! The people had come to worship. No police were on hand to maintain order—they were not needed.

During the preliminary exercises, Ralph Jensen and I drove past the four surrounding non-Adventist churches to study their attendance. Two of the churches were locked up. There were two cars in front of the third church, and seven cars in front of the fourth. The people and their preachers came out to the Adventist meeting.

Six meetings are conducted every week. One month of meetings have just ended and the audience continues to grow. Surely, the Spirit of God is being poured out in great measure. We look forward to a rich harvest in Elgin, and to the raising up of a new colored church, where formerly we had only one colored Seventh-day Adventist member.

Three non-Adventist preachers attended the meeting last Sunday night. All three took an active part in arranging the chairs—and stayed after the meeting to help collect the folding chairs which were used outside the tent.

One minister remarked that he had one hundred and fifty members in his church, and that he, together with his entire congregation, would like to come over and join the Adventists. Surely, great crowds "with one accord gave attention." This expression of faith reminds us of the statement in *The Great Controversy*, page 390: "The great body of Christ's true followers are still to be found in . . . [the other churches]."

Time is short. We are nearer the advent of Jesus than we realize. World conditions, especially in the Middle East, tell us that the end of all things is at hand. Last month several planes were shot down over the Israeli border. Egypt has decided to take over the Suez Canal and use the income for building the Asswan Dam. Britain has retaliated by freezing the sterling assets in England of all private Egyptians and of their government. Troops are already on their way to this critical area. "While the angels hold the four winds, we are to work with all our capabilities. We must bear our message without any delay."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 21.

"For when by God's wise ordinance the world by its wisdom had failed to gain the knowledge of God, God was pleased, by the foolishness of preaching, to save those who believe" (1 Cor. 1:21, Weymouth). (Italics supplied.)

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## Light Unquenchable

Two years ago, Donald Hayes, who was then a freshman in college, left school in order to make easy money fast. He learned, however, that in life the man who looks for "easy street" usually finds "hard luck." After a year of odd jobs, Donald joined the Air Force where he was exposed to basic training and later studied the mechanics of radar. He was later shipped to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to study atomic energy.

On January 22, 1955, Donald dropped in to see his girl friend, but did not find her at home. She had gone to church. Donald made proper inquiry and then drove to the Albuquerque Spanish Adventist church where Reuben Schneider was conducting a series of evangelistic meetings. The church was packed. The young lady sat way up in front. Donald decided to wait. He listened to the sermon. The seed fell on good ground. When the meeting was over, several people invited Donald to come back again. Donald said that he could not promise inasmuch as he had to be on duty. But he did come back. He came regularly. He did not come alone. He did not miss a meeting.

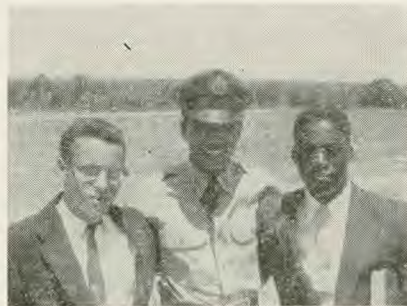
After two weeks of meetings, Elder Schneider spoke on the Sabbath question. Many questions ran through the mind of Donald, but as he listened to God's Word, the questions were all answered. The light of heaven expelled the darkness of complacency. Before the meeting ended that night, Donald sat at the end of the church bench agreeing with the testimony as it was presented. When the call was made that night for people to join God's commandment-keeping church, Donald walked forward.

Through the wise planning of the brethren in Albuquerque, and with the help of the General Conference brethren, Donald was transferred to the 6th Tactical Hospital, Walker Air Force Base, in Roswell, New Mexico. There he let the light shine. Other boys in uniform noticed that Donald did not smoke, drink, use

vile language, and that he always left the base on Friday afternoon and returned on Sunday.

One day Emanuel Jackson walked up to Donald and asked him where he spent his weekends. "Why don't you come along and see?" There were many questions that needed explaining before Emanuel would go and see. Donald took out his projector and flashed on a little screen just four studies of the 20th Century Bible Course. Emanuel received the light and immediately shared it with the men in his barracks.

Emanuel accompanied Donald to a prayer meeting service. The light expelled the darkness. The prayers



Left to right: A 2C Paul I. Williams, A 3C Donald Hayes, A 2C Emanuel Jackson.

and songs just warmed his heart. A new power filled his life, and he willingly gave up those habits which so easily beset young people today. During that testimony meeting, Emanuel took his stand to go all the way with Jesus. In May of this year, Emanuel was baptized.

Now Donald and Emanuel went back to the base eager to share their faith. The enemy did all to hinder the light from spreading; but thank God, Jesus is stronger than Satan or sin. A young Baptist listened to Emanuel's testimony, and then went out and gathered material which denounced Sister White. Then for several months, he argued his points.

But Donald and Emanuel did not fight. They had learned that you can win an argument and lose a convert. So they continued seeking an answer from God's Word. One day Emanuel gave two Bible studies to Paul Williams, the Baptist; one on lady prophets and the other on

false prophets. When Paul Williams read the passage of Scripture contained in Daniel 7:25, he said: "That settles it." The three boys continued studying God's Word, and now Paul Williams is a real Seventh-day Adventist.

Think of it. Emanuel Jackson had received only four Bible studies when he went out and started working for Paul Williams. Now this team of three is ablaze for Jesus.

Donald Hayes is planning to give his life in service as an evangelist; Emanuel Jackson is preparing to become a lab technician in one of our Adventist hospitals, and Paul Williams has set as his goal in life to be a medical missionary.

A. R. MAZAT, *Secretary*  
Home Missionary Department  
Southwestern Union Conference

## President Tubman Writes

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The Executive Mansion  
August 3, 1956

DEAR PASTOR HENRI:

Your note of August 2nd, 1956, in which you inform me of Mrs. Henri and your departure from Liberia for Lagos, Nigeria, has been received with much regrets.

Your labours in this part of the Lord's vineyard have been truly testimonial of a Good Shepherd, and as you embark upon your travel from this land for that of strange scenes and scenery in fulfilment of the Master's call, I wish to record for Mrs. Tubman, myself, the Government and people of Liberia our sincerest appreciation for the invaluable contribution you have made to the religious and educational life of Seventh Day Adventists, in particular, and to the Liberian people in general.

Moreover, I wish for you, Mrs. Henri and the kids, bon Voyage and Godspeed and a future of peace, prosperity and continued spiritual growth.

Sincerely,  
s/M.V.S. TUBMAN.

Elder Henri is now serving as conference evangelist for the West African Union Mission.



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## LAKE REGION

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### Christian Education in the Lake Region Area

The members of our churches are becoming quite concerned about the education of their children. As a result, we have our largest enrollment in the history of our schools. More than 450 boys and girls and youth are attending the schools sponsored by our churches in the Lake Region Conference.

Our school in Chicago has an enrollment of nearly 250 from kindergarten to the eleventh grade, and a faculty of nine full-time and two part-time teachers. Our schools in Inkster and Detroit, Michigan, are filled to capacity, as is our school in Indianapolis, Indiana. We must now expand our facilities to meet the demands of our expanding membership.

Our church school in Gary, Indiana, under the leadership of Elder D. C. Batson, has begun the construction of a new school and church building. According to present plans, the school will be moved into the new building about February 1, 1957. We are very much encouraged along the line of education for our children and young people. We hope that other churches will begin to build adequate school buildings where their children will be proud to attend.

A good Home and School Association is one of the best indications of a strong school. It is this organization that stands squarely behind the school in its quest for better facilities such as modern desks, lighting, and other classroom equipment.

To give you one or two examples — a functional Home and School society, I shall call your attention to the Shiloh Home and School Association under the leadership of Mrs. Loueva Longware. The past school year, this organization contributed 10 typewriters to the school to strengthen their commercial de-

partment. Their annual open house was held recently at which time more than \$1,000 was raised to assist in equipping the science department of the school.

Both the City Temple and the Sharon-Inkster Home and School Associations, under the leadership of Mrs. Edna Carter and Mrs. Glenna Cantrell sponsored hot lunch programs for the pupils. This is a very important function of the Home and School organization.

Home and School Associations hold regular monthly meetings with both parents and pupils attending. At these meetings many vital subjects are discussed, and parents and teachers get to know each other better. For further information regarding the Home and School Association, write the educational superintendent of your conference and check the *Adventist Home and School Bulletin*.

### Most Successful Camps Held

Denominational youth camps have become a definite part of the Lake Region Conference. This past summer three separate camps were held, including a camporee. For the first time, we divided our camping periods according to the ages of our campers. The first two weeks were dedicated to boys and girls eight to twelve years of age. The second period of two weeks was dedicated to boys and girls thirteen to sixteen years of age, and our senior camping period of one week for senior Missionary Volunteers. More than two hundred boys and girls and young people attended camps this past season. It was most pleasant and satisfying to see fifty-one of our campers indicate that they will become baptized members of the remnant church.

I wish to express my appreciation to the conference committee and our president, Elder H. W. Kibble, for permitting several teachers and two pastors to assist with our camping program. Special thanks to Elders R. C. Smith and C. F. Warren for the spiritual help that they gave; to Professor and Mrs. R. L. Reynolds of Oakwood College for their con-

tribution; and to Mrs. Antionette Ballard, Mrs. Lula Caldwell, Mrs. Ruth Blevins, and Mrs. Patience Howard for the excellent food served. We greatly appreciate the service of Dr. George Jordan, Mrs. J. E. Roache, and Mrs. Bernice Lilly of our medical staff, and also that of our faithful teachers and counselors who helped to guide the boys and girls.

The first weekend in October witnessed our largest Pathfinder camporee to date. On Friday evening more than two hundred Pathfinders and their friends descended on our camp at Cassopolis, Michigan, for the second annual camporee. It was a week-end of special blessings for our Pathfinders. Elders W. G. Mills, pastor of our Milwaukee church, and Miller Brockett of the Lake Union staff were our guest speakers. Sunday afternoon, three bus loads and many carloads of happy young people left the campground after a most stimulating and profitable experience.

J. E. ROACHE  
*Educational Superintendent  
and M.V. Secretary*

### News Notes

★ Because of the cool nights, Elder Cleveland closed his evangelistic effort under the tent at 69th and State Streets, Chicago, and has now moved into the large Parish Hall of the Shiloh church located on the corner of 70th and Michigan.

The baptisms from this effort now total 200 and there are more baptisms to follow.

★ Elder Xavier Butler, pastor of the Beacon Light S.D.A. church of Kansas City, Missouri, has accepted the call to the Lake Region Conference to serve as home missionary and Sabbath school secretary.

★ Elder R. P. Robinson, assistant publishing secretary of the Lake Region Conference, has moved from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Detroit, to take over the post held previously by Elder Dykes. Brother Willie Parker, a graduate of the Theological Seminary, has succeeded Elder Robinson in Indiana.

H. W. KIBBLE, *President*



## The 1956 Autumn Council

The most important annual meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the Autumn Council which met in Takoma Park at the headquarters of the world church.

This council was noted for the large number of overseas representatives in attendance. There was present one or more representatives from every overseas division.

The reports from the fields abroad were very encouraging. Elder R. S. Watts, the Southern African Division president, said:

"Actually there are two Africas today—the primitive and the modern. But primitive, ancient Africa is quickly receding. Soon it will be no more. Beautiful dairy farms, with pedigreed herds of Holstein and Jersey cows, are being carved out of the forested highlands; jungles are being cleared to make way for mining industries; the wide open veld is methodically being transformed into prosperous cities which provide a modern twentieth-century way of life for both European and African populations.

"The African of today is being aroused to a new sense of his problems, his many needs, and to an effort to better himself and his people. While there are great variations in people and circumstances and pace of development from one part of Africa to another, yet the broad picture that emerges is one of an insistent groping for a new kind of self-assertion in world affairs."

Elder W. D. Eva, the secretary of this division, said:

"Brethren, the cities of Africa are challenging the third angel's message. First we faced only Africa's paganism, its black magic. But now that paganism and the black magic have moved into the city and in its new life there with African nationalism a growing factor, some of us sense that a new and evil offensive is being launched by Satan in Africa—a two-pronged drive to capture all of Africa in the toils of evil. The appeals of sin are being made to fit every situation. It is the leaven of the gospel that must do its work, the

salt of upright Christian living must check the rot and corruption that abound. Elder E. E. Cleveland's excellent work in Uganda two years ago demonstrated that Africa's cities can be stirred and every class of their society reached by the message. We need a program of such evangelism, not an effort here and there and now and then."

You will be interested to know that a call has been sent to Elder William R. Robinson, home missionary secretary of the Northeastern Conference to connect with the Southern African Division for service in the East African Union Mission as the president of the Uganda Mission.

At this council \$22,823,758.19 were appropriated to the world field for carrying forward the work in 1957. Of this amount the Regional Department received \$343,356.09 of which Oakwood College will get approximately \$200,000.

May we do valiantly during the coming year to give of our means and to gather in funds that at the next Autumn Council there may be much more money in the treasury to appropriate to the world field.

F. L. PETERSON

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### ALLEGHENY

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## Atlantic City Members Buy Church Building

The church group in Atlantic City, under the leadership of Leon Trusty, a lay evangelist, has purchased a new church home on New York Avenue near Baltic.

The twenty members in the Atlantic City congregation have looked forward to possessing their own church building for a number of years.

The membership of twenty is pledged to an all-out Share-Your-Faith endeavor to double their number since the purchase of the church building.

Brother Trusty has just closed a

successful tent effort in Cape May. Eleven persons, three of whom were from Atlantic City, were baptized. Elder M. S. Banfield officiated.

Harry Comegy, for years the local elder in Atlantic City, is full of praise for what the Lord has done and he looks forward to a larger congregation.

## Early Reports From Evangelistic Efforts

Pastor James Thomas, Sandusky, Ohio, baptized twenty-five; Elder Charles Brooks, Danville, Virginia, has added twenty-nine by baptism; Elder L. R. Preston, Englewood, New Jersey, reports thirty baptized; Elder W. A. Thompson, Baltimore, Maryland, has baptized fifty-one. As we go to press Leon Trusty, lay pastor, Cape May, New Jersey, has eleven to be baptized; Elder J. H. Wagner, Jr., Newport News, Virginia, baptized fifteen; and Elder G. H. Rainey, conference evangelist, Richmond, Virginia, has baptized 119.

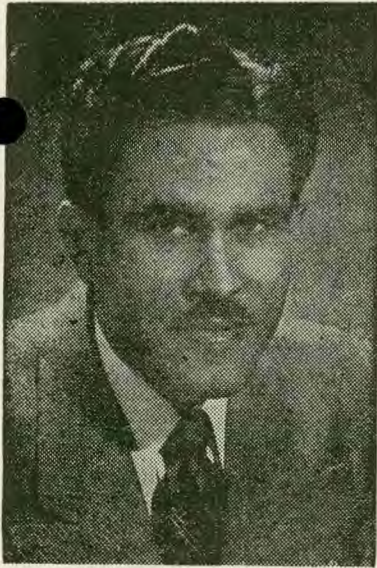
## New Home Missionary Secretary for Allegheny

Elder Donald B. Simons, evangelist, missionary, educator, and former Sabbath school and home missionary secretary of the Lake Region Conference has joined the Allegheny Conference personnel at Pine Forge, replacing Elder M. A. Burgess who has transferred to the Central States Conference with headquarters at Kansas City, Missouri.

Elder Simons brings a wealth of public service to the office of home missionary secretary, having done pastoral work in Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. While he was in charge of a pastorate in Memphis, Tennessee, he was called by the General Conference to work union mission evangelist in Briu West Africa. He conducted meetings in Freetown, Sierra Leone, and visited churches and gatherings promoting the cause of Christ. He returned to the United States in 1950, having spent three years in Africa.

After returning to the United





Elder D. B. Simons

States, Evangelist Simons filled speaking engagements in eighty churches across the nation in the interest of missions giving.

The Lake Region Conference called him to fill the office of home missionary secretary which position he held until October, 1956, when he joined the Allegheny Conference staff.

Elder Simons is a native of Zanesville, Ohio, and is married to Dorothy J. Rice of Chicago, a graduate nurse. The Simons have three girls: Carmelita Naomi, twelve; Geneva Estelle, eight; and Carol Ann, four.

A. V. PINKNEY  
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### Harrisburg Congregation Purchases Church

The members of the Harrisburg church have just purchased a new church home at the corner of 13th and Herr Streets. The dedication services will be held as soon as the church is redecorated and some minor repairs are made. The congregation was able to pay cash for the building.

Under the pastorate of J. E. Farrow and the guidance of the Lord, the members were led to buy this beautiful church, formerly owned by the Episcopalians, for \$9,900 cash.

### Philadelphia Vacation Bible School Enrolls 165

Philadelphia's Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Ebenezer School had 165 boys and girls in daily attendance. Members of the staff were Francis Lawton and Mrs. Stewart, who directed the kindergarten group; Mrs. Frances Hampton, Mrs. Eva Berks, Mrs. Sutton, and Mrs. Rebecca James, who were leaders of the primary groups; Mrs. E. Davis, in charge of the junior boys; and Mrs. Fordham, who took charge of the junior girls.

Basketry and other crafts and art were taught by Miss E. Giddings assisted by Mrs. Graham. Elder Fordham and Mrs. E. Davis also gave strong support to the vacation Bible school. Mrs. Rebecca James was the director.

### Evangelism in Richmond

The big tent on Greyland near Harrison has become a center of spiritual interest in Richmond, Virginia. Seldom have the people in any city shown such prolonged interest in Bible truths as nightly crowds indicate.

Elder G. H. Rainey, conference evangelist, and those assisting him—Elders F. D. Beatty and U. S. Willis, and Charles Miller, singing evangelist—have drawn hundreds to hear the messages on topics that concern present-day issues.

Two Bible instructors, Rauline Troxler and Janet Poole, complete the team which makes daily visits to the homes of those who have been attending the meetings.

Mrs. Ruby Collins is the pianist, and her husband, Fred Collins, opens the services each evening with selected recordings that are amplified and can be heard for a block around the tent. Brother Collins also serves as the tent master.

Every Sunday Evangelist Rainey is heard in a special message on radio station WANT at 4:00 P.M.

On Sabbath, September 1, the evangelist baptized sixty-five persons among whom were seven couples; and on Sabbath, September 15, twenty-five additional persons united

with the church through baptism. Another group was baptized on Sabbath, September 22, bringing the number baptized as a result of this effort past the one hundred mark.

Those associated with the evangelist say he is a man of prayer. He is on his knees continually. He is modest and gives God the praise for what has been done.

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Public Relations Secretary  
Allegheny Conference

### News Notes

★ At the last report, 104 pupils had enrolled at Pine Forge Institute from eighteen States, the District of Columbia, and three foreign countries.

New staff members are Elder James E. Dykes, dean of boys; Mrs. Ruth McGrew, dean of girls; and Harold Anthony, music teacher and registrar.

★ Temple Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist church presented its choir in concert.

Two murals were unveiled during the concert. These murals were gifts to the church in memory of Mrs. Godfrey, mother of the artist, D. Norman Tillman, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Mrs. Rachel Blakely, sister of the artist and former directress of Temple Emmanuel's choir.

Mr. Tillman formally presented the murals which were accepted by Donald Richards, second elder, in the absence of the pastor, Elder Aaron Brogden.

In presenting the paintings, the artist spoke of the high religious standards of the church, one of which was clearly shown in his work, the Ten Commandments in black on a gold background. The tree of life and the river of water of life, as spoken of in Revelation 22:1-2, was the theme for the artist's second work.

★ We destroyed an enemy the other day. Ordinarily one shouldn't gloat over such a thing, but we made this enemy our friend.

★ Every man should keep a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.



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## CENTRAL STATES

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### Pueblo Laymen on the March in Walsenburg

Leaving the laymen's congress in Kansas City, Missouri, in June of 1955 and having heard so much about the dark counties, little towns, et cetera, where people had never heard the message, Brother Miller and I, along with our wives, decided to drive to Walsenburg, a little town fifty miles away with a population of approximately 8,000. We had planned to enroll as many families as possible in the 20th Century Bible Course, then to come back every Sunday and check on them, giving them all the help that they needed with their Bible course.

The following Sunday we found that many had received their lessons but had put them away untouched. This presented a problem for the time being, but soon in one of the homes a group of small girls came from the movies. This seemed to be the answer to our problem. I asked the girls if they would like to see some Bible pictures on the screen. We asked the parents also. They thought that would be wonderful, but we still had a problem. Where

would we show Bible pictures on the screen? They suggested that we use their church, but which church? Baptist, Methodist, Sanctified? Finally it was suggested that we contact the deacons of the Baptist church, and that we did. We found them very congenial. They too thought that this was just the thing they needed in Walsenburg.

We consulted Pastor Eagans about our plans in Walsenburg. He thought it was wonderful and came right in to help carry the work forward. Plans had been made to commence our first 20th Century Bible Course study on the screen the following Friday night at 7:30 in the Baptist church. It was a small church, but there were about twenty-three persons in attendance that first night. After we gave the study on the screen we issued the lesson to correspond with it.

We showed the pictures eight consecutive nights and then we decided to find another building. We didn't have too much trouble finding one. It was an old furniture store. We rented it for \$25.00 per month and were given the privilege of repairing the roof in lieu of the \$50.00 for two months' rent. We were in this building for nearly three months, then it was sold. We then rented an old lodge hall for Friday night meetings. But before we occupied it the Lord blessed us again by enabling us

to secure the first building we had had in mind.

We are still in this building, which is shown in the accompanying picture, and we have a wonderful lay group that started with us at the Baptist church. Two were baptized some time ago, a mother and her son. Several weeks ago three more took their stand for the truth; one of these was a deacon of the Baptist church, one is a friend of his, and the other a sixteen-year-old girl. We have every reason to believe that there will be many more to take their stand for the truth.

We have been in Walsenburg for over a year and we haven't missed a night. Some of the believers have stated that it must be the work of the Lord for we have to travel forty-eight miles every Friday night, and each time the weather is good so that our service is not hindered.

We are also conducting a branch Sabbath school every Sabbath afternoon at two o'clock, followed by a fifteen- or twenty-minute sermonette by Pastor Eagans.

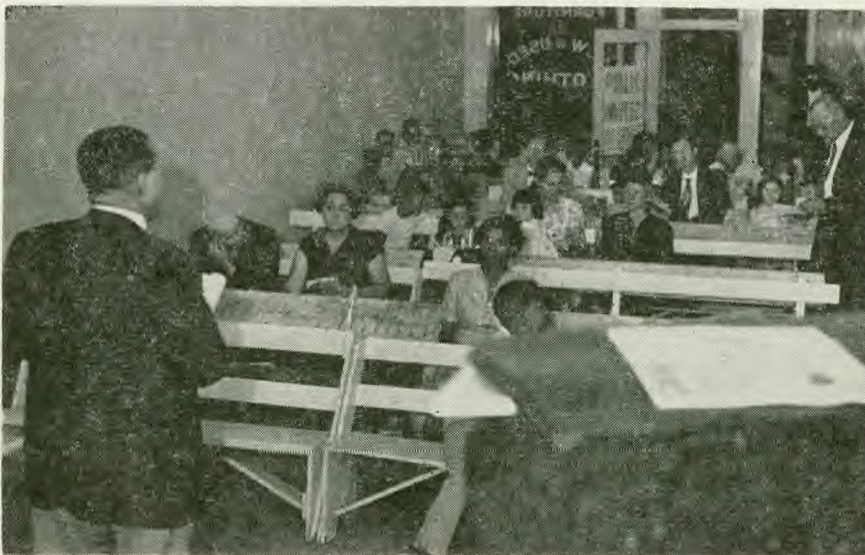
We are hoping soon to organize this little group into a church and make plans for the construction of a church building. We here at Walsenburg solicit your prayers that the Lord will richly multiply the fruits of our labors. ISAIAH J. LEWIS

### The C.B.A. Reports

"The Christian Benefit Association has paid out more than \$30,000 in cash benefits since its organization a little over a decade ago." Thus began the report of the Christian Benefit Association to the Regional workers assembled at Autumn Council of October past.

Established, not as an insurance company, but as a benevolent society under a State charter at Columbus, Ohio, the C.B.A. has assisted literally hundreds of Regional believers and their relatives throughout the United States of America with their financial burdens caused by deaths.

The chief spark and cofounder of the C.B.A., Mrs. J. Estelle Barnett, has provided the steerage by



A Central States laymen's meeting in Walsenburg, Colorado. Several have already taken their stand for the truth.



which the organization has made its present record and by which, with the interest and counsel of the leaders assembled, the C.B.A. launches a stronger future.

Mrs. Barnett cited the praises that friends and officers of the Ohio State Insurance Department have expressed for the fine work done by the association and drew expressions of appreciation from the Regional officers assembled.

After the report a question-and-answer session focused attention on some new features of the society's work and laid stress on a current membership drive.

Those hearing the report and sharing the questions and discussions that followed were F. L. Peterson, C. E. Moseley, Jr., W. L. Cheatham, W. W. Fordham, F. L. Bland, V. L. Roberts, H. D. Singleton, H. W. Kibble, W. S. Lee, and interested laymen.

Persons further interested may communicate with Mrs. J. Estelle Barnett, 1432 Hildreth Avenue, Columbus 3, Ohio.

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## PACIFIC UNION

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## Pacific Union Conference News Notes

★ The March of Prophecy evangelistic campaign began Sunday night, September 30, in the auditorium of the K Street church, San Bernardino. Meetings will be held twice a week—Sunday and Wednesday nights. A special feature of the campaign is the series of health lectures which began the third week. They are conducted by outstanding physicians of the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital. Good musical talent will also be a part of the services.

Those associated in the campaign are R. E. Berry, evangelist; N. Ottely, singing evangelist; Emma Burnett, Bible instructor; Lucille J. Berry, pianist; and Geraldine Berry, organist.

★ The Richmond evangelistic campaign began with a very encouraging audience on Sunday night, September 16, 1956. The auditorium in which the meetings are being held each Sunday and Wednesday night is one of the most beautiful auditoriums in the city.

Elder Byron R. Spears is the evangelist in charge. The workers in the Bay Area are associated with him.

★ We are thankful for the work that is done by Brother John Collins in San Jose, and also Sister Newson who has opened her home for the conducting of meetings. New believers are being added to the company, and we trust that there will soon be a very large congregation in the city of San Jose.

★ Elder R. W. Nelson and the Market Street church are negotiating for the purchase of the very spacious Plymouth Congregational church.

★ Congratulations to two of our girls who have successfully cleared the first great hurdle in their nursing careers. Althea Lee and Louise Birmingham were in the capping exercise at the Glendale church Thursday night, September 20, 1956.

★ Accepted in the August class of nursing at CME is Miss Martha Isaac. Miss Isaac studied pre-nursing at Pacific Union College.

★ Brother Carl Sims, member of the Beacon Light church of Phoenix, Arizona, was re-elected to the Arizona House of Representatives for the fourth successive term this month. The vote cast for him was so large that he was automatically elected at the primaries. He is regarded as a very able legislator and is vice-chairman of the Public Welfare and Assistance Committee and a member of the Highways and Bridges Committee, Veterans Affairs, and Ways and Means Committees.

★ A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Compton S.D.A. church when Miss Ardith Irene Burton was given in marriage by her father to Mr. Rothman Lane on Sunday, June 24, 1956. Elder Lindsey of Pasadena performed the ceremony.

## The Secretary's Itinerary

On Wednesday, October 17, at 3:30 A.M., Mrs. Peterson and I returned to our home in Washington, D.C., after having traveled over seven thousand miles. We had been away since the second of August and each weekend we worshiped with a different group, starting from Kentucky, through Alabama, and Kansas, to Oakland, California, and returning via Arizona and Texas.

God's protecting care was with us in all our journeyings and we are very grateful to Him.

The visit to Louisville, Kentucky, the South Central, and Central States camp meetings have been reported. My visit with the churches in the Pacific and Southwestern unions will be recorded here.

The first church visited in those areas was Wadsworth in Los Angeles. This was more like a homecoming, since I had pastored this church for five years. It was heart warming to meet with old friends and to become acquainted with the new ones. Elder J. W. Allison, Jr., is now the pastor of this wonderful congregation.

The first weekend of September found us worshiping with the Fresno West Side church. Elder W. E. Galbreth, the pastor, was away on his vacation, but his assistant, Pastor Glenn Howell, was there to receive us. The Fresno members have a very nice and commodious church building. We were happy to worship with them. Miss Helen Horton is the Bible instructor.

The next week we worshiped with the Market Street church members in Oakland. The youth of this congregation meet in a rented church building a block away because of the lack of space accommodation for them in their own church. I am sure that this sounds bad, but there is no room for the Market Street Seventh-day Adventist children in the church building. Elder Nelson and his congregation are grievously concerned. The conference officers are concerned and they are doing their utmost to correct this situation.

In the afternoon of that Sabbath,



I spoke in the beautiful Richmond Memorial Auditorium at a Bay Area church rally that was designed to capture the interest of the laymen in the area toward making the Bay Area evangelistic meetings, that were to begin the week following, a success. Evangelist B. R. Spears heads the evangelistic company and grips the hearts of the people in the preaching of the Word. The July-August INFORMANT carried on the front page a picture of this evangelistic company.

It was with the membership of the Thirty-first Street church in San Diego that we next worshipped. Elder A. E. Webb, the pastor, has a growing congregation and a church choir that is worthy of any minister's admiration. Dr. John Richard Ford is a local elder of this church and an asset to the cause. He has built up a fine practice in the city and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Pastor Clarence Williams is associated with Elder Webb in his pastoral duties.

The next assignment was at the Compton Avenue church where Elder H. W. Kibble, Jr., is now the pastor. This congregation also is fast outgrowing its church building, which tells how rapidly the work is advancing in the Southern California Conference. Elder W. C. Webb, the former pastor of this congregation, is now studying at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in Washington, D.C., preparatory to joining the working force in the Central California Conference.

Before we went to the Compton Avenue church for the eleven o'clock service, we attended Sabbath school at the Berean church. When I was a student at Pacific Union College, I worked during a summer with Elder L. C. Sheafe in a tent effort and the Berean congregation was the result. Later Elder Sheafe withdrew from the denomination and took this group with him. During my pastorate of Wadsworth, the Lord blessed in getting this church back into the organization of the Southern California Conference. This church is very dear to my heart and I rejoice in the wonderful ad-

vancement that it is making. Elder D. T. Black is their minister in charge.

On Sunday afternoon we visited the beautiful little church building at Perris, California, where Elder Earl Canson, the pastor, was having a church rally to raise funds for further improving the plant. The several non-Adventist churches of the city and their ministers cooperated in a wonderful way in helping to make this rally a success. Elder Canson not only designed, contracted, and superintended the construction of the building, but also built the beautiful pews and pulpit furniture. We were made happy as we met with this group of fellow believers.

Elder W. S. Lee, regional departmental secretary of the union, is responsible for making our stay and visits to the various churches in the Pacific Union pleasant and profitable. Elder O. A. Troy, associate secretary of the Pacific Union Sabbath school department, helped us in many ways.

We then turned our faces homeward via Arizona.

Sabbath, September 30, we were at the Beacon Light church in Phoenix with Elder and Mrs. C. E. Howell. In the afternoon we had a meeting with the young people. The work is onward in Phoenix.

Sunday night we met with the believers in Tucson. Pastor J. P. Middleton is leading out in the work there. It was a real pleasure to fellowship with our Tucson believers and Pastor and Mrs. Middleton.

Our next stop was at Houston, Texas, where Elder J. H. Williams is the pastor of the Berean church.

On Tuesday night, October 2, we continued the revival service which had been begun the previous Sabbath by the pastor.

At the close of the meetings on Sunday night we were grateful that we had had the opportunity of being with the church in the revival service, and thankful for those who had chosen to walk with God's commandment-keeping people.

Elder Williams has a weekly broadcast and is conducting a Bible

correspondence school. The interest is greater than he can follow up. In each of the five wards into which the city is divided, there is springing up a great interest in knowing "what is truth?"

The next week we were attending a workers' meeting in Dallas. All of the workers were present and V. L. Roberts, the conference president, had a well-organized agenda prepared. Evangelist E. E. Cleveland was present and gave instruction that is destined to make the future ministry of the workers richer and more fruitful.

The Sabbath services climaxed the grand opening of the Seventh-day Adventist Temple in Dallas. This church edifice was formerly the leading Jewish synagogue in the city. It is one of the finest church properties we have. Both the church school and the conference offices will be adequately housed in the many rooms connected with the building. There are two additional smaller auditoriums. The whole plant offers a great challenge to the church membership to unite their efforts with the work of the minister in evangelism in the city of Dallas.

About sixty of the new believers who had recently been baptized by Elder L. B. Baker at Elgin, Texas, attended the Sabbath services. This was both encouraging to these newly baptized souls and an inspiration to the Dallas membership. Elgin, with a population of three thousand, is about seventy-five miles from Dallas.

Due credit should be given to the Caucasian church members in Elgin who prayed and worked for the evangelistic effort to come to Elgin and also gave \$300 to help answer their prayers and make the effort possible. Three of this group accepted the message. One was among the number baptized and the other two were advised to join the church in the city to which they moved. Six of our Caucasian believers from Elgin worshipped in Dallas on that Sabbath.

Further, these brethren, having built for themselves a new church building, gave their old church building and had it moved to a lot



that had been purchased by this newly baptized group, in order that they may have a place to meet until they can build. To the time of our visit these new believers had paid tithes and raised over \$600. Gathering since the time of their baptism only a few weeks before. One of these new believers was a Methodist minister, and he and his wife are rejoicing in the truth.

Brother Bailey and Sister Walker, a lay Bible worker, were associated with Elder Baker in the tent effort in Elgin. I am asking the readers of the INFORMANT to pray for these dear brethren and sisters in Elgin.

After having been away for approximately eleven weeks in joyous service for God, we were nonetheless glad to get back home. We are most grateful to God for the privilege to serve in His cause, and to our many friends for all of their kindnesses.

Precious memories, how they linger.  
F. L. PETERSON

## Upper Columbia Conference

### The Work in Spokane

We were invited by C. Lester Bond, of the Upper Columbia Conference, to conduct an evangelistic effort for the colored people in Spokane. Owing to the fact that the city would not permit us to erect a tent, the meetings were held in the auditorium of the Grant school, the first meeting beginning Sunday, July 22. Since this was a little distance from our colored community, the attendance was not what it should have been, but the meetings were supported by the other churches in the area.

We broadcasted over Radio Station KNEW each Sunday evening at 7 o'clock and the letters received indicated that there were a large number of listeners to these weekly broadcasts.

During the month of September community Bible classes were conducted on Tuesday and Thursday nights. At our last meeting, which was held Sunday night, September 10, we had a larger attendance than at any previous meeting. After the

service more than thirty-five persons came to the prayer room, seven accepting Christ for the first time. Many of the others were deeply interested in the message, and we hope they will soon take a definite stand for the truth. There were about thirty-one definitely interested, and with a little follow-up work we feel that these will join our Spokane believers.

I had the privilege of addressing the Protestant people at services at the Fairchild Air Force Base, and also spoke at the Calvary Baptist church. Through these mediums some worth-while contacts were made.

Please pray earnestly for the work in Spokane.

T. M. FOUNTAIN

## The Voice of Africa

E. E. CLEVELAND

IN a land where thousands are converted to Christ each year, distinguished African pastors are pressing the battle into the enemy's stronghold. Pastors E. M. Nyamweya and H. K. Kengara are men of wide experience. Each account that follows, related in the evangelist's words, tells something of his experiences in soul winning.

E. M. Nyamweya

"After completing my training at Kamagambo Training School I began my work in the Nyanchwa Mission in the Kisii Highlands among my tribe. In 1941 we were sent into Mohammedan territory at the port of Mombasa to teach school. While there I also served as mission director.

"My next assignment was in central Kenya, seven miles from Nairobi, the center of Mau-Mau activity. We were sent next to Ukamba country in central Kenya and given the care of three churches and five companies with 168 members. During my stay there, 680 souls were brought into baptismal classes.

"In April, 1951, I held a short campaign at Wamunya, which resulted in the baptism of 53 souls. My ordination followed in June of 1951. I seek the prayers of all believ-

ers everywhere that my future work will tell for the kingdom of God."

Solomon Okoye

"My parents are faithful Seventh-day Adventists. They sent me to our church schools until I graduated from Kamagambo in 1938. I was made headmaster at one of our primary schools at Gendia where I served for three years.



Solomon Okoye

"I served for another two years at another primary school and then came to the big school at Gendia as headmaster for six years. During this time it was my privilege to lead many souls to Christ.

"In 1948 I took the evangelistic course at Bugema Missionary College and was then given a district of five churches. In sixteen months 120 souls were baptized. Before I left the district another 100 souls were baptized. In two short campaigns of four weeks each 66 more were added to the church.

"In 1951 I was appointed home missionary and Sabbath school secretary at the Gendia Mission, which position I now hold."

Eridadi Mwanje

"I was converted at the age of fourteen and educated in the schools of the Church Missionary Society (Anglican). In 1940 I was sent out



Eridadi Mwanje



as a teacher-evangelist for the Adventists.

"After spending ten years as a teacher I went to Bugema Missionary College for two years. Before joining the faculty of this fine school I held three short efforts, which resulted in the baptism of 59 souls.

"One man offered me a shop to start a business, but I have given my life to the cause of the Lord, for I realize that the highest paying position in the world is not equal to the smallest responsibility in the cause of God."

H. K. Kengara

"In the year 1935 I was called to work as a dresser at Kendu Hospital. While serving in this capacity I also worked for the conversion of the patients and was very happy that many accepted this message.

"In 1947 I was appointed MV and Sabbath school secretary at the Nyanchwa mission. In a short evangelistic meeting a new church of thirty members was established. Following this meeting the brethren called me to full-time evangelistic service. I was also given the care of two churches with a combined membership of 644 souls. Before leaving, there were three hundred additions to the cause."

### Two Weeks of Prayer

Prayer under any circumstance is a high and holy privilege. But to share the blessings of the Week of Prayer with three groups during the season just ended is both unusual and thrilling to say the least.

To accomplish this feat, the dates for the Dover-Millsboro, Delaware, district Week of Prayer services were moved up to November 3-10. From Sabbath, November 3, to Tuesday, November 6, the believers of the district were invited to attend the Dover church for the services, and the neat little church was filled to overflowing each night. To attend this meeting many of the people traveled from sixty to eighty miles round trip, after having worked at their jobs during the day.

The services were removed to Millsboro for the last half of the

week, and again many of the brethren of Dover were in attendance every night at Millsboro. It was heart warming to see the visitors from Dover and surrounding communities crowding into the little Millsboro church for prayer and study, and the Lord rewarded both churches with decisions for Christ.

During the week of November 17-24, Regional brethren from the district gathered at Charlotte, North Carolina, for the prayer revival

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### The Season's Greetings

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services. Despite rain and unusually cold weather, the believers crowded into the church in increasing numbers for every service. A dozen or more delinquents and new believers were claimed for Christ and a genuine spiritual refreshing came to the believers. The series closed with a moving consecration in which all shared. After the Sabbath the picture travelogue of our missions work in East Africa was given.

Pastor Nelson Bliss has charge of the Dover-Millsboro district in Delaware, and the Lord is blessing his ministry. Elder Lawrence Hastings was only recently chosen to preside over the Charlotte, North Carolina, district. C. E. MOSELEY, JR.

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### SOUTH ATLANTIC

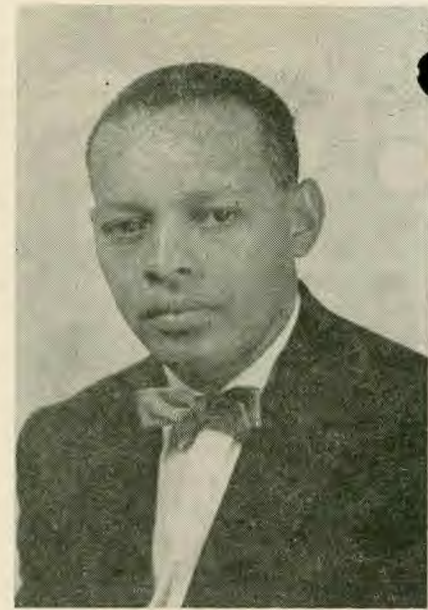
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### News Note

Although our tent was only three blocks from the place where an organized effort has been established by an apostate group to work against the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, the Spirit of God did His work, and we rejoice over the 133 souls already baptized.

There were many evidences of the Lord's presence with us. Miracles of healing were wrought, six Catholics were won, one ordained pastor was baptized, broken homes were re-



Harold L. Cleveland

united, and by many other signs we knew that the Lord was with us.

We were blessed to have a consecrated working force that included H. C. Brewer, associate evangelist; J. N. Harris, minister of music; I. A. Summers, Mary Tarpley, Helen Edwards, Bible instructors; and Mrs. Elizabeth Cleveland, pianist and Bible instructor.

The need for a church building is urgent. Our church school auditorium is overcrowded, and we are having to use the classrooms to accommodate our membership of 360. We are planning to begin construction on our new church home in the spring.

As we begin another year's labor for Him, we covet your prayers for God's continued guidance and blessings. HAROLD L. CLEVELAND

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