

Robinson Family in Kampala

By F. L. PETERSON

In February, Elder W. R. Robinson and his family sailed for the mission fields in East Africa where he is filling the position of president of the Uganda Mission.

A young but veteran worker in the Columbia Union Conference, Elder Robinson has served faithfully and well. He has been a departmental man, evangelist, and pastor of the largest churches in the Allegheny Conference. From this field he was called to the Home Missionary Department of the Northeastern Conference with offices in New York City. It was from the Northeastern Conference that Elder Robinson received and accepted the call to Uganda.

The Robinsons have four children—three boys and a girl. The two older boys, Sonny and David, were both attending Pine Forge Institute.

Mrs. Robinson, the former Hortense Robinson, was a church school teacher in Baltimore at the time she was married. Both husband and wife have been teachers and carry to their new field of labor both experience and technical "know-how" fortified with Christian zeal.

The family stopped over in London, England, leaving the Cunard Line there, and embarked directly for Africa. Because of the Suez Canal difficulties, the Robinsons sailed around the Cape of Good Hope and came up the east coast of the continent.



PHOTO BY PINKNEY

The Robinson family on the deck of the *Ivernia*, a Cunard liner that carried all passengers to Halifax, where they boarded the *Queen Elizabeth*, which could not dock in New York because of the tugboat strike. They were en route to London, England.

I would like to share with the readers of the *INFORMANT* a portion of a letter I received from Elder Robinson:

"April 7, 1957

"DEAR ELDER PETERSON:

"We arrived safely and soundly

in Kampala Friday, April 5, after traveling 12,900 miles in seven weeks. We have been received warmly and royally. We preached Sabbath to a packed church in Kampala. The Prince of Buganda, members of congress, physicians, lawyers were in attendance. Newspapers in Kampala and Nairobi, Kenya, carried the story. The radio announced it in the newscast.

"This is a wonderful country with many wonderful people. The truth is held in high esteem. Hundreds still speak favorably of Elder Cleveland and his work. We have had a busy schedule. We had committee meetings Monday and Tuesday. Four meetings are scheduled for Wednesday. Union committee in Nairobi will be held within two weeks. Sixteen camp meetings are scheduled in our mission field, and I will attend twelve of them. The other four have already convened. A large effort is planned for Kabale in the Ankole district. I will spend two weeks there.

"The people are of good courage. Continue to pray for us.

"Arrangements are being made for me to see the king of the country in the near future. I would like to present him with a copy of that wonderful book, *The Hope of the Race*. . . .

"All join me in sending kindest personal greetings.

"Very sincerely yours,
"W. R. ROBINSON."

New Missionary Appointees

By C. E. MOSELEY, JR.

As every worker knows, sixteen camp meetings with their attendant workers' meetings and other sessions should be enough to keep the William R. Robinsons from becoming lonely for the immediate future of their stay in Uganda. To add to Elder Robinson's "at-homeness" and the pleasure of their services in that great mission field, he will be happy to know that two more Regional mission appointees may soon join him in the field.

Miss Gloria Mackson and Nurse Gretel Graham have been extended

invitations to join the expanding service personnel in that very fruitful mission area. Miss Mackson is requested to work with the women's and girls' activities at our Katikamu station, and Nurse Graham is appointed to serve in our Ankole Mission Hospital, both of which are located in Uganda, East Africa.

Both these youthful recruits have high ratings of efficiency in their respective fields of training and it is to be expected that they should add materially to the effectiveness of our mission program in their different localities. We pray that both of them will successfully pass all of the physical and other preparatory hurdles.

Of special interest is the fact that Dr. John Richard Ford and family have been appointed to the medical staff of the famous mission hospital at Rangoon, Burma. Dr. Ford, a former surgeon at our own Riverside Sanitarium, Nashville, Tennessee, and recently awarded the highest distinction in surgery offered by colleges of the United States, will do surgery at the Rangoon institution.

The doctor and his family are giving up a large and rewarding private practice at San Diego, California, to answer this call to mission service. The Burmese should be duly grateful for the skilled services of this conscientious Christian physician and surgeon.

We regret that ill health compelled the Douglas Tate family to discontinue their labors in Liberia. Recently, both Brother and Sister Tate were hospitalized upon their return to the States, but we announce with pleasure that both are regaining good health with speed.

To replace this family, the Johnny Johnsons of Chicago have been invited to teach at the Konola School in Liberia. Also, the L. E. Daniels family of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, are requested to replace the Richard Simonses who are transferring to East Nigeria to a secretary-treasurer's post in the East Nigerian Mission. Elder Daniels will serve as secretary-treasurer of the Liberian Mission and will lead indigenous workers in on-the-job evangelistic training.

The Simonses are currently enjoying a well-earned furlough here in the States.

Our interest and prayers will surely follow the fortunes of these missionaries.

Oakwood College Musical Organizations Spearhead Foundation Fund Drive

The Aeolians Choral Ensemble and Oakwood College Male Chorus recently returned from a seven-day tour of the East after presenting concerts in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New York City to raise funds for the College Foundation Fund.

The musical groups mentioned above were ably supported by Joyce Bryant, soprano, and Arnold Dean, a young concert organist from the Bahamas.

More than 2,000 persons listened attentively as these Oakwood musicians inspired a capacity crowd at Sligo church in Washington, D.C., on Friday evening, April 19. A sheer display of dedication and purpose was apparent as each participant gave freshness and fullness to the program, a sermon in song.

The spontaneous reaction of the audience at the First church in the nation's capital was an enthusiastic appraisal of the experience which was enjoyed by all who attended the morning service on Sabbath, April 20.

On Saturday night, April 20, Oakwood's musical organizations appeared before another enthusiastic, capacity audience at Ebenezer S.D.A. church in Philadelphia. It was on this particular occasion that astounding versatility was displayed by the college performers as they presented a program which fascinated and captivated the audience.

When the young musicians arrived in New York early Sunday morning, April 21, they ardently adjusted to a rigorous schedule of four appearances on that day. First, they appeared on the television program "Gospel Train," directed by Joe Bostic, which originated from Newark, New Jersey. Immediately



PHOTO BY A. R. SIMONS

The Aeolians Choral Ensemble.

upon their return to metropolitan New York the group warmed the hearts of the congregation at the large Salem Methodist church during the morning service. Finally, the group displayed unusual talent in presenting twin concerts in the Lawson Auditorium in the afternoon and evening.

Miss Bryant demonstrated her extraordinary singing gift at each performance. She displayed charm of personality, which has made her a favorite with audiences throughout the country. One critic said, "For natural loveliness of tone, her voice is in the peerless class."

Mr. Dean established himself as an organist of marked dexterity and passion. He has graceful and fluid styling combined with excellent pedal work and interpretation.

Marcellus Breach was masterfully proficient as he accompanied both musical organizations. Mrs. Everyl Chandler Gibson of New York City accompanied Miss Bryant in her Philadelphia and New York appearances with precision and sensitivity.

Philippa Duke Schuyler, who has been a piano prodigy since she was three years of age, was a special guest on the Sunday evening program in New York at the Lawson Auditorium. This young artist is a pianist of exceptional talent and in-

telligence. She played a Chopin scherzo as if she were the composer. Certainly we were blessed to have an instrumentalist of the highest order to assist us in our fund-raising endeavor.

The Aeolians were under the direction of Mrs. Pierre Louis, instructor in voice. The Male Chorus was under the direction of Dr. F. W. Hale, professor of Speech and Public Relations Director, both of Oakwood College.

The crowning act of the group's experiences on their tour was their appearance on CBS-TV's "Strike It Rich" program on Tuesday morning, April 23. On the afternoon of the same day the musicians recorded five package programs for the NBC studios. It is quite likely that these programs will later be used on the national network feature, "Today."

All funds received from trip performances will be added to the Oakwood College Foundation Fund. This money will very materially assist the college in its effort toward accreditation.

We are asking each person who reads this article to send \$1.00 to aid in this advancement program. Address all contributions to: Oakwood College Foundation Fund, Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama.

Dr. F. W. Hale

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African Physician Visits Washington

Dr. S. B. M. Kisekka, of Kampala, Uganda, East Africa, came to America to study American medical methods. For approximately nine months he will be at the Riverside Sanitarium in Nashville, Tennessee.

He stopped in Washington, D.C., to visit with Elder and Mrs. E. E. Cleveland. Elder Cleveland, associate secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, met Dr. Kisekka while on a mission tour in Uganda.

A lecture on the progress of the work in Africa was given by him at the First Seventh-day Adventist church, Eighth and Shepherd Streets, Washington, D.C., on March 27.

Dr. Kisekka is one of three owners of the only African-owned hospital in East Africa and is the Sabbath school superintendent of the church in Kampala.

DAVID WRICE, JR.
Press Secretary

Literature Evangelists Achieve Record Deliveries

Closing the year 1956, Elder C. M. Willis, publishing secretary of the Allegheny Conference, declared: "The literature evangelists of the Allegheny Conference delivered more than \$220,000 worth of the denomination's books—each containing the words of life—to people still in darkness." This, he pointed out, has been our best year and President Cheatham added, "It is a 'first' for the conference."

The assistant publishing secretaries and the management of the Book and Bible House all share equally in the good report. The assistants are J. R. Britt, V. Gibbons, T. S. Barber, and G. W. Anderson. These loyal men have kept at the

work, in the heat and in the cold, always inspiring, encouraging, and showing how to do the job. Their cooperation and support have been indispensable.

For 1957 the publishing department team has set as its goal \$250,000 in deliveries. "We believe we can reach the quarter-million-dollar mark through consecration and application," the publishing secretary says.

A. V. PINKNEY

A Veteran Retires

After putting in forty years of faithful service as a literature evangelist and an associate publishing department secretary, J. R. Britt retires.

In the summer of 1916, he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church and began the literature work immediately following his baptism.

Brother Britt realized the importance of being prepared to do a more efficient work for God and spent two years at Oakwood College. From 1919 to 1930 he and his wife labored as successful literature evangelists in the Georgia-Cumberland and Ohio conferences.

In April of 1930, he was called to serve as associate publishing secretary of the Potomac Conference. He moved his family to Washington, D.C., where he and Mrs. Britt worked hard for three and a half years to build up the publishing work. He next labored in the Greater New York Conference for eight years. New York City proved to be a real training center for the publishing work. Brother Britt was able, under God, to train many workers, several of whom have become outstanding leaders in the literature ministry and in the work of the church. Among them are: Elder R. P. Robinson, assistant publishing secretary, Lake Region Conference; Elder C. Sampson Myles, who recently became the pastor of the Berean SDA church, St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. Mary Morrison Dennis, magazine leader, Northeastern Conference, and Elders Oscar Dunn



J. R. Britt

and L. R. Preston, Allegheny Conference.

Elders George E. Peters and Thomas M. Rowe deserve much credit for the success of the publishing work in New York City.

On September 1, 1941, Brother Britt began his work with the New Jersey Conference as associate with Elder C. A. Dornburg, and he established residence at Newark, New Jersey, until February of 1946 when he, with his family, moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

When the Allegheny Conference was organized in 1945, Elder H. D. Warner was elected publishing department secretary, and Brother Britt was chosen as his associate for the eastern division of the conference, where he remained until his retirement.

In 1956, Elder C. M. Willis took over the leadership in the Allegheny Conference, and under his administration Brother Britt finished his work in high gear. With his faithful grenadiers an all-time high of \$75,000 in deliveries of truth-filled literature was accomplished in 1956, and many precious souls were won to Christ. "To God be the glory, great things He has done," he says.

Mrs. Britt, who was a very faithful and encouraging wife, fell asleep November 28, 1956, to await the call of the Life-giver.

News Note

★ The Newark, New Jersey, school has purchased and installed new desks at a cost of more than one thousand dollars. "The new furnishings have given a different atmosphere to the entire school," said Alyce Lewis, principal. Pointing to her assistant, Beatrice Linkhorn, she continued, "We got out and worked with our Home and School Association leader, Mrs. Lettie Calfe, and the fine patrons of our school to make this possible. Our pastor, although pushing the completion of the upstairs auditorium, gave us his blessing and his support."

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Laymen on the March in Pueblo, Colorado

The Pueblo church is carrying on an aggressive laymen's program as the main feature of its church activities. Brother Isaiah Lewis, the church local elder, motivates the whole program. He works for his daily living at the Sheffield Steel Mills, but he takes time out to win souls for Christ.

At the present time Brother Lewis is holding an effort at Walsenburg, which is fifty miles away from his home. He leaves Pueblo every Friday afternoon about three o'clock, drives this distance and calls on the folks to invite them to the service at eight o'clock. After spending about three hours visiting in the homes, he returns to his home and then with his group from the church in Pueblo, goes back the fifty miles to Walsenburg for the service.

I said to him recently, "Brother Lewis, don't you think this is too much for you to do?" "Oh," he said, "I am glad to work for Jesus, knowing He has done so much for me."

Four persons have already been baptized in 1957 and there is a large class of interested ones who are contemplating taking this step. We sa-

lute Layman Lewis and his group of workers from the Pueblo church who are carrying on such an aggressive program in lay evangelism.

D. B. REID
District Leader

New Church in Omaha

Work has progressed on the construction of the church building in Omaha, Nebraska, to the point where services are now being held in the new building.

Sabbath, April 20, was the opening day and the spring workers' meeting was held in Omaha at that time. Along with the union conference officials, we were pleased to have Elder F. L. Peterson of the General Conference with us. He was the principal speaker for the opening day services. City, State, and other civic leaders joined in offering praise to the local conference and congregation for such a beautiful church home.

The new church building is situated in a fine section of the city of Omaha and at the intersection of two principal boulevards. It is of brick construction and has two large classrooms, rest rooms, a very large social room, and a kitchen on the ground floor. The main floor houses

the auditorium, choir room, pastor's study, and mothers' room.

It is expected that very soon the exterior and landscaping will be completed.

H. T. SAULTER
Secretary-Treasurer

News Notes

★ Each of our Kansas City pastors conducted baptismal services on Sabbath, March 16, Elder M. A. Burgess of the Kansas City, Missouri, church baptized five persons for membership in his church and two persons for Pastor Craig of the Leavenworth church.

Elder S. D. Meyers baptized ten persons for membership into the Kansas City, Kansas, church. On Sunday, March 24, Elder Meyers baptized two persons for Pastor Leland Mitchell of the Wichita, Kansas, church.

The Secretary's Itinerary

BY F. L. PETERSON

After the South Atlantic Conference workers' meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, Mrs. Peterson and I met with the church at Orlando, Florida. Elder and Mrs. Calvin B. Rock and

little Cheryl are located there. Mrs. Rock is our daughter, Clara.

On May 4, a new church building was opened to the congregation for worship. It is very commodious and well constructed. This new building will be a great asset to the work in Orlando.

A union school is being conducted for the children of the four churches in Elder Rock's district, which includes Orlando, Winter Park, Sanford, and Apopka. Brother Alfred Williams, Mrs. Doris Hardeman, and Mrs. Manns are the teachers. Each month \$600 is raised by the Orlando church to care for its share of the needs of their local work.

Mrs. Julia Sellars Howard, a former Oakwood student, lives in Winter Park with her family. Brother Howard is a graduate of Virginia State College with a B.S. degree in Mechanic Arts. He operates his own garage, and is superintendent of the Orlando Sabbath school. Ramos Little, also a former Oakwood College student, is one of the local elders, and Lura Byrd Simmons has charge of the junior choir. Brother R. H. Johnson is also a local elder and the press secretary for the church. He is a very influential businessman and keeps the Orlando church activities in the daily newspaper. Meetings were also held in the Winter Park, Sanford, and Apopka churches.

The next stop was in Tampa, Florida. In 1921, I was singing evangelist with Elder G. E. Peters in a summer evangelistic meeting in Tampa. At the close of the effort there were 144 in the first baptism. I was very pleased to meet with the brothers and sisters and to greet some who were won to the cause of truth in the 1921 effort.

W. S. Banfield is the minister and is doing an excellent work. Miss Catherine Murray and Mrs. David Stewart are the church school teachers.

My next appointment was with the St. Petersburg church. Elder Matthew Green is the pastor. I was pleased to hold a service with this very active church group. The interior of the church building has



Interior of newly constructed church in Omaha, Nebraska.

been redecorated and new pews, pulpit furniture, and carpet have been purchased.

Mrs. Ruby Lowry, the church school teacher, was away attending the funeral of a relative and Elder Green, who began his work as a church school teacher, had charge of the school during Mrs. Lowry's absence. He is doing a very aggressive church work.

At Miami, C. Sampson Myles is the pastor. A new roof has been put on their church building and the interior has been redecorated. The school building advertises well the work of Christian education. Three teachers are employed—Miss Musette Reeves, Mrs. A. Steward, and Miss Hercules Loude.

Since my visit to Miami, Elder Myles has been called to the pastorate of the St. Louis, Missouri, church succeeding Elder Charles Bradford who accepted a call to the Northeastern Conference as a departmental and evangelistic worker.

It was my privilege also to visit at Homestead, Florida. They are planning for a new church home.

Key West was our next stop. The membership there was very glad for the service held, and I was pleased to meet with them.

On Sabbath, February 16, the Fort Lauderdale church welcomed us to their Sabbath school and the eleven o'clock service. This is a very aggressive and enthusiastic church group.

In Jacksonville, we met with Elder Franklin Hill and his congregation. The work is going forward in this large city and Elder Hill is giving strong leadership to the work. A good church school is maintained with Misses Constance Strong and Eleanor Collins and Mrs. Jackson as teachers.

From Jacksonville, we visited the church in Savannah, Georgia, where Elder Harold Cleveland is leading out. He is the youngest brother of Evangelist Earl Cleveland, and is doing an outstanding piece of work as a pastor-evangelist. Under his leadership the membership has outgrown its present place of meeting and a new church building is being

planned. Mrs. Cleveland is the principal of the church school, which is housed in a modern school building. Miss Erycina Rahming is assisting her. Mrs. Murphy has charge of the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Peterson and I will always remember our visit to Savannah and the kindness of our many friends everywhere. We do thank you.

Elder and Mrs. J. W. Jones welcomed us to the church in Columbus, Georgia. It was on a Wednesday night, but the young people's choir was out in full force and gave wonderful musical support to the service. Miss Edna Collins has charge of the church school.

From Columbus, we went to Birmingham, Alabama. Elder D. L. Crowder and his congregation are very actively publicizing the truth in this city. The pastor is very highly regarded by the citizens of the city and many opportunities are afforded him for making the advent message known to other congregations.

Mrs. Crowder is the principal of the church school. Miss Doris Mickle and Mrs. Avie Joseph are the other teachers. A school cafeteria is available to the pupils, and a hot lunch is served daily, with one of the members of the church in charge.

Our next stop was on the campus of Oakwood College, where I attended a college board meeting. The college is making excellent progress under the dynamic leadership of President Millet, Adel Warren—the business manager—and the teaching and industrial staffs. The complexion of the college is constantly being changed to a more healthy glow with the progress that is being made.

Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, and the call for a meeting of the sanitarium board brought us to Nashville. A wonderful work for the cause of Christ is being done by the physicians, nurses, and helpers in this institution.

To Springfield, Ohio, we went to join the church membership in their take-off on the Ingathering Special. The round-trip fare was \$23.11 per person and the destination was around the world. There was much

enthusiasm, and practically the whole church membership took the trip. Some of the older members had their fares paid by others. \$1,880.26 was the amount reached, which was well over their \$1,666.60 Ingathering goal. The project was under the leadership of Brother Frank Hale, Sr., the home missionary leader of the church. The interesting thing about the service was that the church raised its Ingathering goal before the campaign was launched by the conference.

On that Sabbath afternoon, a union meeting of all the churches in the district, and the white membership of the city, was held in the First Baptist church. Pastor Cleveland Tivy of the district was present throughout the day and a blessed experience of Christian fellowship was experienced.

Sunday night, we met with Elder Milton Thomas and the Columbus, Ohio, church. This was the second meeting during the MV Spring Week of Prayer. This we counted a great and unexpected privilege because Columbus was not in our original itinerary.

We left Ohio to attend the Lake Region Conference session in Chicago. The nominating committee was unanimous in returning to office the entire conference administration, and the delegates overwhelmingly gave their approval.

We returned to Washington by Oberlin, Ohio, where we closed the services of the Spring Week of Prayer. During the week the Missionary Volunteers of the white membership in Elyria met with the Oberlin church and the two MV leaders, Brother Burrell Scott and Brother Kenneth Lacey of Elyria worked together to make the religious week a blessing to all. The spirit of Christ was richly manifested throughout the services. A joint social, with both groups participating, was held in the parish house of the Episcopal church and a wonderful spirit of Christian fellowship was a fitting climax to an MV religious emphasis week that had been well spent.

We are very grateful to the South

Atlantic Conference for the invitation to visit these churches and to all the pastors and members for their kind and warm hospitality. We are also thankful for having been invited to serve in the Lake Region and Allegheny conferences before we returned to Washington.

On the weekend of April 6, I was privileged to join with the young people of the City Temple in Detroit in a youth rally. God blessed with a well-filled church of worshipers despite the inclement weather, and the presence of the Lord was in evidence.

On Sabbath afternoon, I spoke to the young people of the Burns Avenue church in East Detroit. Mrs. Maxine Brantley is their leader. Elder W. D. Forde is the pastor of this congregation. Their fine church building will be dedicated on Sabbath, May 25. Later in the afternoon, I spoke to the members of the City Temple church. Elder T. M. Rowe is the pastor of this fine congregation, which worships in a beautiful, commodious, and well-appointed church building.

Friday night, April 12, I spoke at the vesper hour at Atlantic Union College and again at the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath morning. Here I met several former students of Oakwood and also some I had met on my visit to Jamaica, Trinidad, and British Guiana. President and Mrs. L. M. Stump spoke very pleasantly of these young people.

Conrad Gill participated in the Temperance Oratorical Contest on Saturday night, April 13. He won second place.

In Omaha, Nebraska, there has just been built one of the nicest church buildings we have. It has ample space for the Sabbath school departments and a lower auditorium for other church and social activities. I was happy to enter this beautiful sanctuary with the congregation and church friends for their first worship service Friday night, April 19. Elder Carcich, the union president, gave the opening message, and it will long be remembered by all who heard it. J. Herfin Taylor is the minister in charge.

A new brick church building is under construction at St. Joseph, Missouri, where Charles R. Craig is the pastor.

President F. L. Bland states that the conference has contributed very liberally of its funds toward the purchase or erection of representative buildings to house the congregations of the Central States Conference.

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Week of Prayer at Shiloh

A week of religious emphasis came to a close Sabbath afternoon, March 23, with more than 450 teenagers and youth rededicating their lives to God for active service in the finishing of His work. The meetings were conducted by the General Conference evangelist, Elder E. E. Cleveland, and his wife.

Hundreds of former Adventists, many of whom are to be reclaimed, returned to the house of God to hear God's Word. Meetings were held nightly and two meetings were conducted each Sabbath. Not only were the young people helped, but many of the older members were re-activated to greater service in the cause of God.

Sunday morning, March 24, at eight o'clock, a youth evangelism workshop was conducted by Elder Cleveland. More than sixty youth and others came early in the morning for this workshop. Nearly every attendant pledged to get started in some phase of evangelism.

We are looking forward to several evangelistic campaigns by youth for youth in the near future. Elder Cleveland was well supported by Pastors Benjamin Reaves and Russell Bates. Earl Calloway was in charge of the music. Frank Davis, Federation president, and Jezreel Jones, Shiloh MV leader, and other youth leaders throughout the Chicago area gave their full support to this never-to-be-forgotten Week of Prayer.

Conference-wide Youth Congress Coming!

The year 1957 marks the Golden Anniversary of the Missionary Volunteer movement. To provide an opportunity for the full participation of our youth, a conference-wide congress is planned for the Lake Region Conference. This congress will be held in Detroit, Michigan, August 30 to September 2, the long Labor Day weekend.

In connection with the youth congress, a music festival, presenting the musical talent from all sections of the conference, will take place. This is a youth congress that no one can afford to miss! Two of the expected speakers will be Elders L. A. Skinner and F. L. Peterson, of the General Conference.

A great blessing is in store for the youth of the Lake Region Conference. Plan now to join the youth in Detroit at their 50th Anniversary Youth Congress!

Evangelistic Effort in Milwaukee

The Sharon SDA church in Milwaukee is working and praying to fill the three hundred capacity church building recently purchased, which is located at 19th and Hadley streets.

In less than one year five thousand dollars was raised by faithful members and friends. While in the midst of the financial campaign, a church evangelistic effort was launched. Mrs. Ethel Pemberton was invited to assist as Bible instructor. The missionary leader, Mrs. Melnod Grant, organized the laymen and they crowded the old church building.

Elder C. E. Moseley, Jr., associate secretary of the General Conference Regional Department, concluded the meetings the last eight nights with profound, spirit-filled sermons. His final message on Sabbath morning resulted in ten precious souls giving themselves to Jesus, and many others stood for prayer. Eleven have been buried with their Lord in baptism.

Pray for us here in Milwaukee.
W. G. MILLS, Pastor

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Ghana Independence Celebrated at Ephesus Church in New York

A special service celebrating the newly won independence of Ghana (African Gold Coast) was held at Ephesus SDA church, New York City, March 3, 1957. Honored guest speakers were Robert Mensah, liaison officer and press attaché designate to the Ghana Embassy; and Bansu Anane, vice president of the Ghana Students Association.

Music was furnished by three massed choirs, which sang the "Hallelujah Chorus." "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" was appropriately sung by the congregation to open the service. An added feature was a lecture on the history of the Negro spirituals by Merritt Hedgeman, concert artist, who sang "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" and "Every Time I Feel the Spirit."

"This is the most impressive religious service I have ever attended," Mr. Mensah said, "and I have been a student in this country five years. I am happy to see so much interest here in the independence of Ghana. We in Ghana are proud of American colored people, regard you as our kith and kin. Any time you care to visit us, you will have the red carpet rolled out for you as was done for Louis Armstrong, the trumpet player, when he visited West Africa."

It was explained that "Ghana" was the name of an ancient independent nation that flourished in West Africa for nine centuries. The red, gold, and green flag of Ghana, with its single black star, was also exhibited and explained. "Providence has overruled for Ghana," Mr. Mensah concluded, "and now we shall demonstrate African capacity for self-government to the world!"

Mr. Anane traced the history of his people's long struggle for free-

dom, led in recent years by Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and his Convention People's Party with their emphasis on non-violence and passive resistance. "Due to God," he agreed, "our aspirations have been realized. We face hard work, and need the help of our American brethren."

H. D. Singleton, president of the Northeastern Conference and Rev. V. Simpson Turner, of the New York Bible Society were also present and spoke. The capacity audience of two thousand people, including hundreds of visitors, heard Pastor R. T. Hudson conclude the service with a sermon entitled "Simon of Cyrene."

WESLEY CURTWRIGHT
Press Secretary

United Nations Diplomats Visit Ephesus in New York

The Ephesus church, with seventeen hundred members, is now one of the ten largest Adventist churches in the world. Attendance at the Sunday night services has been remarkably high in recent years. Pastor R. T. Hudson has been able to secure as guest speakers some of the most distinguished United Nations diplomats from Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

On January 20, Dr. Charles T. O. King, head of the Liberia, West Africa, delegation to the United Nations, addressed an audience of fifteen hundred on the general subject of Liberia and its relation to the United States. Dr. King was introduced to the audience by James Lawson, president of the United African Nationalist Movement, who was himself introduced by Rev. V. Simpson Turner of the New York Bible Society. Also on the speakers' platform were Abdul B. Naeem, editor-publisher of *The African-Asian World*, and H. D. Singleton, president of the Northeastern Conference.

After Dr. King's address, the large audience listened to Elder W. W. Fordham deliver a sermon entitled "A Rendezvous With Destiny." Elder Fordham compared Queen Esther's time to our time, and her

call to service and self-sacrifice to our call to deliver the third angel's message to a doomed world.

Succeeding Sunday nights saw similar services featuring guest speakers from Egypt and Thailand. These services reached a climax on February 10 when a near-capacity audience of seventeen hundred came out to hear V. K. Krishna Menon, India's famous roving diplomat and ambassador to the UN. Mr. Menon, who recently set a record by speaking eight hours at the UN, was introduced by Rev. Turner as a bachelor who does not smoke, drink, or eat meat. Mr. Menon spoke for thirty minutes on the role of the UN in its efforts to conquer fear and ill-will and to prevent war. Later, he answered questions from the audience.

"The outstanding issue before the world today is the prevention of war," Mr. Menon observed. "There is no guarantee that another war will leave much behind, and no one can escape responsibility for doing his part to preserve peace."

When questioned why he does not smoke, drink, or eat meat, Mr. Menon asked: "Can you give me any reason why I should?" When asked to comment on the role of Christian missions in India, he cryptically observed: "There were Christians in India before America was discovered. They are an important minority and have complete freedom of action. Most Indians are opposed to proselytization, believing that example is stronger than precept. All the churches in India are now tending to become national."

For the last two Sunday nights in February, Pastor Hudson announced guest speakers from Iran and Saudi Arabia, and a motion picture about Liberia. After February the Sunday night meetings received a new orientation.

Spot News

★ "36,500,000 drivers will hit the roads of North America this summer." Why not have your church sponsor a roadside sign welcoming them to worship with you?



A most profitable conference workers' institute was conducted in the Reading church. The principal speaker was Elder E. E. Cleveland of the General Conference Ministerial Department. His challenging studies were faith inspiring. God's methods of winning souls was his theme. Other guest speakers who participated in the three-day institute included Elder D. A. Ochs, Elder H. K. Halladay, and C. H. Kelly.

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Around the Field Reports

We are thrilled to receive a report from Brother Wallace Mitchell stating that nine precious souls were buried in baptism as a result of his one-week revival at Greenville, Mississippi. Sister Mitchell has worked very faithfully with her husband in the daily visitation program.

Immediately after the meeting closed in Greenville, a new series was launched in Leland, and several have taken their stand for the truth. Elder Mitchell has a well-organized evangelistic program and his two local elders, Brethren Seard and Whitehead, are ably assisting in helping to build up the work in that part of the vineyard.

From Montgomery, word has come to us that Elder Edwin J. Humphrey baptized twenty precious souls on Sabbath, April 13.

A letter from Elder Jesse R. Wagner states that as a result of his meetings in Huntsville, Alabama, four have taken their stand. Two of these are students of A & M College.

A report from Elder Jones of the Mobile district states that ten souls have been baptized as a result of meetings in that area.

The Informant Responsible for Another Adoption

BY CARL VENSTROM

As a result of an article in the July-August, 1956 edition of THE INFORMANT, a curly-haired, brown-eyed, three-year-old Korean boy traveled approximately 8,868 air miles to become the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Valentine of 1658 36th Street, Sarasota, Florida. Mr. Alexander is the band director of the Booker High School. This couple has been married seven years and felt that they wanted a child, and preferably one of preschool age.

The Valentines read an article in THE NORTH AMERICAN INFORMANT telling of the orphans in Korea and asking those who were able to adopt and give these children a home. Information on adopting a child and whom to contact in Korea was also given in THE INFORMANT.

According to the information given, the couple wrote Grace L. Rue at the Seventh-day Adventist Mission in Seoul. Within three weeks they received blanks, which they filled out and returned, and within three months they had a son.

The boy arrived in Washington, D.C., via Northwest Airlines from Korea, and Mrs. Valentine met him there. The youngster has now spent more than a month as a resident of Sarasota, and during this time he has been learning a new language, new customs, and is becoming accustomed to being called by the American name, "George." The look in his eyes shows that he is happy and glad to have a family and a home of his own.

"A child needs love regardless who were the parents, and it is love we want to give George," said Mrs. Valentine in explaining the adoption that involved obtaining a passport for the boy from the State Department and payment of his flight passage from Korea to Seattle, Seattle to Washington, D.C., and from Washington, D.C., to Sarasota, Florida.

An interesting feature of the "proxy adoption" was that the couple had to name the child before seeing him since his name had to be on the visa that entitled him to enter the United States. They knew nothing about the boy's previous history except that he had been at the Seoul mission since he was seven months old. So the name "George Cedric Valentine," was sent to the authorities for the unseen son.

George, who gained two and one-half pounds last month, doesn't yet speak English, but the couple say he understands them. "Quite often,"

says Mrs. Valentine, "the boy talks to us in Korean, which we do not understand. But we get along since the three of us seem to understand each other."

The only Oriental characteristic that the couple has noticed in George is that he bows when he is given something. "It took awhile for George to get used to a bed," Mrs. Valentine said, "and he would quit crying as soon as I put him on the floor with a pillow. But during the last couple of weeks he has become accustomed to sleeping on a bed."

George has made friends so far with only one little girl, but Mrs. Valentine believes his language difficulty is the reason he has not made more friends. The only adult, besides the Valentines, with whom he has been friendly is Mrs. J. C. Surrency of the Newton Day Nursery in Sarasota where he is a daily visitor.

When the child is a little older and can understand English better, the couple plan to tell him where he came from and why he traveled across an ocean and a large country to become their son. "We shall tell him," said Mrs. Valentine, "that we loved him before we saw him and that we love him as if he were our own child."

Since the Valentines have had George, they have given the mission address in Seoul to four different couples who are interested in adopting children. Necessary requirements of those adopting these children is that they have the ability to support the child and can obtain the necessary character references. There are ten thousand Korean children who need homes.



Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Valentine and George.



Southern Union officers and conference presidents, left to right, first row: A. P. McDow, secretary-treasurer; Don R. Rees, president; K. C. Beem, auditor; second row: A. C. Fearing, Georgia-Cumberland; G. R. Nash, Carolina; L. J. Leiske, Alabama-Mississippi; J. H. Wagner, South Atlantic; third row: H. H. Schmidt, Florida; E. L. Marley, Kentucky-Tennessee; W. W. Fordham, South Central. These officers met in the union office at Decatur, Georgia, to study the progress that has been made in the past and to lay definite plans for advancement in the future.

A Good Sabbath School Workshop

As a result of the smooth, coordinating fellowship that exists between the South Atlantic office staff and the loyal working team of district leaders, our recent conference-wide Sabbath school workshop conducted in Atlanta, April 5 to 7, proved to be a culminating spiritual convocation for the Sabbath school officers of the conference.

Of the twenty-five districts comprising the conference, twenty-three were well represented. Quite a number of the district leaders laid aside their local programs and joined the motorcade of laymen who braved the stormy weather of Thursday night, April 4, to arrive in time to register for the opening meeting. There were more than 250 delegates in attendance—each of the four States—North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida—were well represented.

During the workshop, instruction was given by three representatives of the General Conference Sabbath School Department: Elders H. W.

Lowe, W. J. Harris, and Miss Louise Meyer. Elder Lowe, editor of the senior *Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly* and an associate secretary of the department, stressed the spiritual needs of our Sabbath school program and gave instruction to the superintendents, secretaries, and senior teachers.

Elder Harris, an associate secretary, taught the use of arts, crafts, and the flannelgraph board. His skill in these kept all eager with attention.

Miss Meyer, who is a specialist in the fine arts of the children's division, left her audience hungering for more each time she took her seat. She pointed out the great need of our Sabbath school officers placing more emphasis on our children's divisions—giving them the best teachers and musical instruments, and taking more pride in the neatness and beauty of their classrooms.

Elder S. S. Will, Sabbath school and home missionary secretary of the Southern Union, served as chairman of the entire program. Elder J. H. Wagner, conference president, gave the devotional message on Sun-

day morning and closed his message with a solo, "I'll Go."

All who attended expressed their appreciation for the workshop. We know we shall see greater gains in our Sabbath schools throughout the conference as a result of the workshop.

SAMUEL THOMAS
*Sabbath School and Home
Missionary Secretary*

Savannah Breaks Ground for New Church

On Sunday, March 31, the Savannah church broke ground for a new building under the enthusiastic leadership of its pastor, H. L. Cleveland. The members finally realized the fulfillment of their dream the day the way was prepared for the construction of a much-needed edifice.

The site of the prospective building is on the corner of 41st and West Broad Streets. West Broad Street is one of the city's most prominent boulevards. This site was purchased about ten years ago through the wisdom and foresight of the late Sister Rhina Miller during the pastorship of J. W. Jones. To purchase this

beautiful location, it was necessary for the members to sell their old church building and worship in their church school, which was built during the administration of D. E. Davis.

Guests of honor at the ground-breaking ceremony were J. H. Wagner, president of South Atlantic Conference; N. G. Simons, secretary-treasurer; Samuel Thomas, public relations secretary; the Honorable W. Lee Mingledorff, mayor of Savannah; F. H. Bynes, director of Bynes-Royall Funeral Home; S. A. Jones, director of Jones Funeral Home; and a prominent lawyer of the city. The keynote address was given by Elder Wagner. Expressions of praise and encouragement were given by the mayor and other platform guests.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Beach High School Band, local church choirs, and some musicians of the city. Five hundred or more witnessed the ceremony. After the ground breaking, refreshments were served in the school dining room for out-of-town guests.

In order for this dream to be realized, it was necessary for the church to have \$15,000 on hand. At

the time H. L. Cleveland was called to serve as pastor of the Savannah district nine months ago, the church had about \$6,000 in the treasury for a new church building. Since his arrival, the pastor has conducted an evangelistic effort and baptized 130 precious souls. Under his leadership, the church raised \$3,760 for Ingathering and approximately \$9,000 for the church building program.

Elder Cleveland's motto is "Let us together build a sanctuary for our God." He received a contribution of \$500 from one businessman, \$200 from another, and hundreds of small amounts from others.

More than \$1,400 was raised at the ground-breaking ceremony. F. H. Bynes gave \$100 from his funeral home, S. A. Jones gave \$25 from the Jones Funeral Home, other members of the church gave \$100 or more each, and some others lesser amounts. Everyone did his part, holding nothing in reserve.

It was because of the wholehearted cooperation and personal sacrifice of each member of the church that this service could be held.

SAMUEL THOMAS
Public Relations Secretary



J. H. Wagner breaks the ground for new Savannah church as F. H. Bynes, N. G. Simons, Mayor W. Lee Mingledorff, H. L. Cleveland, members, and visitors look on.

More Than One Thousand Dollars in Five Weeks

It all happened after Mrs. Mildred Parker, the church school teacher in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, asked the church board to give her permission to organize the church to work for the completion of the new school building.

She organized the members into ten companies of ten each, and each member was to raise \$10.

To climax this drive, on the evening of March 3, a \$1,000 Lemon Sip was given at the school, followed by a short program at the church.

After each company leader reported, the total amount placed on the table was \$1,050. To God be the glory.

Pray for the completion of the new school building in Fort Lauderdale.

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News From San Diego 31st Street Church

The membership of the 31st Street church rejoiced with us as we began 1957 with a baptismal service. Six adults were united with the church in baptism by the pastor, A. E. Webb, on Sabbath, January 12. Among the candidates we were very happy to see a husband and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson, go forward together in baptism. Mrs. Anderson is a teacher and at present is preparing a dissertation for the completion of her doctorate in educational psychology. There are also twenty youth and adults in baptismal classes, preparing for baptism in the near future.

There has been an increasing demand for additional space and facilities for the accommodation of our Pathfinder boys and girls and for Sabbath school activities. Because of this need and because of the interest of the leaders and the membership in the saving of our boys and girls, action was taken. A building committee was appointed by the church board to formulate plans for the erection of a building on the lot adjoining the church.

At a business meeting on January 26, Dr. J. R. Ford, the building committee chairman, brought a report and plans, which were heartily endorsed by the membership. This marked the official launching of the program to erect a recreational building by the church within the next year.

We request that your prayers will ascend to the throne of grace with ours as we seek to advance and fulfill the will of Christ in service for Him.

CLARENCE J. WILLIAMS
Associate Pastor

★ ACTION without thought is like shooting without aim.

Fresno Evangelistic Effort

March 17 was the opening night of the evangelistic meetings conducted by Elder B. R. Spears and sponsored by the Fresno Evangelistic Company. These meetings are being held at the Edison Social Club on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings.

Elder Spears, who has recently completed two successful series of meetings in Oakland and Richmond, is making his first appearance in an evangelistic series in the Central California Conference. His outstanding presentation of Bible lectures has won hundreds of people to Christ. He is rated by the San Francisco *Examiner* as "California's outstanding evangelist."

Associated with him is Elder William E. Galbreth, pastor of the Westside church in Fresno.

"Our first baptism was held Sabbath, April 27. Eighteen souls left the 'old man' in the watery grave. The baptismal class is growing constantly, and we expect God to do great things for us," writes Ted Jones, ministerial intern of the Central California Conference and trumpeting musical evangelist with Elder Spears's meetings.

Mrs. Geraldine Farmar, an outstanding soprano soloist, was guest soloist on the opening night.

Philadelphian Church Pastor Speaks for M.I. Alliance

W. C. Webb, pastor of the Philadelphian church in San Francisco, had the privilege of preaching a sermon each day of what the world of Protestantism chooses to call "Holy Week."

The Ministerial Interdenominational Alliance of the city invited him to speak for their services. This is the first year that a local minister has been asked to conduct these services. These meetings were held each day at 12 noon in the A.M.E. Zion church. Those attending these noonday meetings represented all the larger colored churches of the city. A good representation of the Protestant ministers also attended

each meeting. The day following this service, the Philadelphian church experienced the largest Sabbath attendance in its history. Hundreds of new friends have been made for the church as a result of the messages presented.

As the result of the "Good Friday" services the editor-owner of the San Francisco *Independent* newspaper, Mr. L. B. Whitney, interviewed W. C. Webb. Mr. Whitney listened with great interest as the work of Seventh-day Adventists was recounted to him.

News Notes

★ Elder Bernard Cayton has now taken over the church work in Phoenix, Arizona, and Elder Clarence Howell has gone to pastor the church in Fontana.

★ Elder R. W. Nelson of the Market Street church in Oakland will exchange parishes with Elder H. E. Lindsey of Pasadena.

★ Pastor James Middleton and his congregation are worshiping in their new church building at Tucson, Arizona. A spearhead series of meetings were held in the new church this spring, and he was assisted by Elder B. Cayton of Phoenix.

★ The Berean and Delaware Avenue church choirs, under the direction of Leroy Hurte, will have charge of the music at the Southern California camp meeting on the evening of June 14, and on the evening of June 20 the Wadsworth choir, directed by J. F. Dent, will furnish music.

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