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Left to right: Elder W. A. Scharffenberg; Elder F. L. Peterson; George Rukidi III, the King of Toro; and Elder M. E. Loewen.

KING OF TORO VISITS GENERAL CONFERENCE

On November 12, King George Rukidi III, Omukama of Toro, a British protectorate of Uganda, visited Washington, D.C. Elder M. E. Loewen, secretary of the Department of Public Affairs of the General Conference, and I were appointed to meet him in his hotel and bring him to the General Conference headquarters in Takoma Park.

The King spent several hours with us. The Washington Post and Evening Star sent out their reporters to interview him. In answer to the question, "Why did you come to visit the Adventists?" it was heartwarming to hear him say, "The Adventists are doing a good work for my people. They have established schools to educate our children, and also have a wonderful medical work going on among us. I have received medical treatment in their hospital. I have given them land to help them with their work."

The King was shown the large presses in the Review and Herald building. He also visited the Washington Sanitarium and Washington Missionary College.

We took him to dinner. Elder Weeks of the Public Affairs Department had come in by plane from California and he joined our party.

The King was accompanied by County Chief, A. K. B. Kasuzi, and his private secretary, Sylvester M. Kagenda.

The King was on a personal visit to America. He said that he had heard so much about the United States that "I came to see it for myself."

He is a very easy monarch to meet, and is a fine-looking gentleman. With his six-foot-two physique, he looks every bit a king.

On behalf of the General Conference the King was presented with a Parker pen-and-pencil set and the latest book, Your Bible and You, that has come from the presses of the Review and Herald. The Chief and his secretary were each given a Parker pencil.

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in America saluted the Omukama of Toro.

By F. L. PETERSON

The Message Magazine

How wonderfully reassuring is the fact that *The Message Magazine* is back in circulation. This has come about purely because of your material interest in this religious journal.

You simply could not see yourself without this providentially fashioned key to help you in your round of missionary work. Truly, God is good to us, and we have the good old *Message Magazine* to help us spread the gospel. The big question now is, What are you doing to keep it in circulation? Have you subscribed for your copy? What about those friends of yours? For only \$1.50 you may send a friend a year's subscription. Let The Message Magazine help you with your Christmas gifts. Let us keep The Message Magazine alive.

F. L. PETERSON

DEAR BROTHER PETERSON:

This letter is a brief progress report to you concerning the reactivation of The Message Magazine. As a church leader, you are a key person out of more than 40,000 members of the nearly 400 churches in our North American Regional Department upon whom we are counting to "brighten the corner where you are" by boosting The Message Magazine. Nineteen million colored Americans need The Message. It is most encouraging to know that our people, from the conference presidents right down through the ranks, have pledged their prayers and tangible support, to the end that our own Message Magazine shall never again go into eclipse.

As the newly appointed editor of *The Message Magazine*, let me say that only in the strength of the Lord and the pledge of your full cooperation would I dare assume so great a responsibility.

My predecessor, a dedicated and consecrated man, Elder Louis B. Reynolds, in the editor's office has served the cause of The Message Magazine with highest distinction for the past fifteen years. Therefore, Elder Reynolds deserves much honor and tribute for making The Message a mighty power for God. I am happy to tell you that my family and I have been received quite warmly by the entire community of Nashville. Here at the Southern Publishing Association, we have been shown great hospitality by the manager, the treasurer, and their wives, and the relationships here are generally quite cordial.

The editorial office of the magazine has been relocated, but it is still attractive and adequate. The library and photographic facilities of *The Message Magazine* have been pooled with the total resources of the publishing house, but we have access to all resources and materials.

Quite frankly, as I see it, it is up to you and me, in the strength of Jehovah, to make The Message live. A subscription list of a hundred thousand paid subscriptions will speak more eloquently than all the words we can utter. The plan is to secure an average of one subscription for each of our 40,000 members in North America, which will be matched by 40,000 subscriptions from our colporteurs, and augmented with the sale of an additional 20,000 in bulk.

The office of every doctor, every dentist, in fact, every office building, every beauty parlor, barber shop, railroad and bus depot, every library and recreation center, and reading racks in all such public places, must be supplied with *The Message*. This work will be accomplished, God declares, "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

May God abundantly bless you as you put on a real crusade for *The Message*.

Most cordially your brother, JAMES E. DYKES, Editor

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O. A. Troy Elected Associate Secretary of the Sabbath School Department

Dr. Owen A. Troy, pastor of the new Dupont Park Ephesus church in Washington, D.C., has been chosen as an associate secretary of the Sabbath School Department for the World Conference of Seventhday Adventists.

The educator is not a novice, but has a wealth of training and experience in youth and adult education.

His undergraduate work was taken



Dr. O. A. Troy

at Pacific Union College in California. At the University of Chicago he received his Master's degree. At the University of Southern California he earned the degree, Doctor of Theology, the first of his race to be so distinguished.

For the past year he has been the pastor of the new Dupont Park Ephesus church. Other pastorates were held in Chicago, in San Francisco, Oakland, and Pasadena, California, where he conducted the "Sweet Chariot Hour" radio program. In addition to serving as business manager of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, he has served as visiting professor at his alma mater, Pacific Union College, and in Hawaii. He also has experienced a term in office as secretary of the Regional Department of the Pacific Union Conference comprising the States of Arizona, Nevada, Utah, California, and Hawaii. He also served as an associate secretary of the Sabbath school department of the Pacific Union Conference.

Dr. Troy will have his office at Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., the headquarters of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Adventists conduct religious educational work through their Sab-

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bath schools, as well as in community schools throughout the world, in 218 languages. In 1958, the denomination operated 21,204 schools and enrolled 1,505,411 pupils. Contributions from these schools for the support and extension of mission work alone amounted to \$7,030,350.30 for 1958.

Specifically, his work will relate to the broad field of adult and youth Sabbath school work and the planning and conducting of teachertraining courses. His responsibilities will also embrace the preparation and editing of lesson materials to be used in adult and youth Sabbath school classes throughout the world.

A. V. PINKNEY

Treasurer of Allegheny Conference

Elder William Albert Thompson, pastor of Berea Temple church in Baltimore, has been elected treasurer of the Allegheny Conference of Seventh-day Adventists with offices at Pine Forge, Pennsylvania.

Immediately upon his graduation from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, Elder Thompson began his ministry under Evangelist Harvey Kibble in Newark, New Jersey, and has held pastorates in Huntington, West Virginia, the South Jersey district with Camden as his base, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Baltimore.

Evangelist Thompson is a member of the Century Club, an aggregation of ministers who are pledged to baptize at least 100 souls each year in their evangelistic efforts. This year Elder Thompson has baptized 110 souls, and there are others to follow soon.

The congregation in the Baltimore church is the largest in the conference, and is said to be about 1,000 members.

Within the past few years Elder Thompson has organized several churches and companies, including the North Philadelphia church, which now has its own beautiful church home on Park Avenue. C. Lee Brooks is the pastor. The Annapolis church is growing, and Alfred Jones is the pastor. Very recently an East Baltimore company was formed.

A. V. PINKNEY



Elder W. A. Thompson

Germantown Church Given Electric Organ

Brother Harold Wright, local elder of Berea chapel, Germantown, Pennsylvania, received a beautiful Thomas electric organ for the church by responding to a news item which appeared in the *Review* and Herald in the column, "On the Religious Front," announcing a gift of 500 organs to poor congregations in rural sections of Ohio.

Acting prayerfully on the meager information at hand, but knowing full well what an organ would mean to the church, the letter was written and addressed to Mr. Claude Foster, of Cleveland, Ohio. Angels guided the message, and in due time it came to the hands of Mr. Foster.

A long wait with no word stretched out for almost a year then it happened! A truck backed up to the front of the church, and Berea chapel received a beautiful electric organ, which has completely changed the atmosphere of the worship services.

In June the organ was formally dedicated, as it was given absolutely free with no strings attached. The special guest for the dedication was Mahalia Jackson, whose voice, set apart for God, rang out, blending harmoniously with the organ accompaniment. Mr. Leroy Logan and Mrs. Mae Justiss, wife of the pastor, Elder Jacob Justiss, played the instrument during the service.

Friends have said the organ could not have been given to a more musical congregation than that of Berea, the home church of the Wright singers.

The congregation thanks the conference for its promptness in furnishing needed information to the great philanthropist, Mr. Claude Foster.

On the organ is a small brass plate with the engraving, "God-given through Claude Foster."

> A. V. PINKNEY Public Relations Secretary Allegheny Conference

Inspiration is like the measles. Either you have it or you don't. But if you have it you are always contagious.—Dr. Daniel Wal-ther.

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Ephesus Mission

Last October, the Northeastern Conference recognized the Ephesus Mission of Brooklyn, New York. The mission is a daughter of the Ephesus church, New York, and is slated for church organization in December.

The mission was formed for soul winning. There are scores of students here from the Inter-American Division, many of whom worshiped from place to place and seemed restless and unsettled. Quick action by B. A. Straker and Roy Hoyte

rallied the students, and today many of them are regular worshipers at the mission. A number of the students are conference workers on study leave. From time to time some of them return to their home fields for service. Others are in permanent employment as local civil servants here. Many are technicians, nurses, teachers, et cetera. Former Caribbean Union workers Alfred Boyce and Pearl Shorey are doing a splendid job at the Council of Churches headquarters in New York. Three of our former worshipers at the mission received invitations, as well as government scholarships, to Oxford University, London, England. They are Dr. William Osborne of Oakwood College, Professor Charles Simmons of the Caribbean Training College, Trinidad, West Indies, and Dr. Earl Gooding, also of Trinidad. Dr. Gooding is under appointment to the Educational Department of the West Indies Federation with headquarters in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Mrs. Myrtle Ebanks is a teacher in our Manhattan elementary school and is doing splendid work.

Two short evangelistic efforts were conducted this year by Brethren Pierre, Straker, and Hoyte. Our first baptism is scheduled for the latter part of this month. Eight of our believers are conducting one branch Sabbath school and three Sunday schools with a total attendance of about 130 children and youth. Others plan to dot Brooklyn with more such schools.

Thousands of pieces of literature are going out, and our Dorcas Society is growing nicely. Our Dorcas leaders are Mrs. Joyce Nurse and Eileen Stewart, workers of vision.

The Sabbath school, under the guiding hands of Samson Archer and Jean Henry and their associates, is progressing. Hugh King and Mrs. Inez Archer head the home missionary activities, and Mrs. Virginia Wilson and Mrs. Valarie Paul are our Missionary Volunteer leaders. Our head deacon and deaconess are Mr. and Mrs. G. de Young. Between 120 and 140 worship on Sabbaths. Often we are filled to overflowing. On our hearts are plans for purchasing our own church building. Come and visit us sometime. The doors of the church are always open to men of good will, and also to those who need Jesus and everlasting life.

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Evangelism in South Atlantic By J. H. WAGNER

The year 1958 brought to the South Atlantic Conference a tremendous blessing through evangelism. More than 1,100 persons were baptized. For financial reasons we were unable to repeat the same program for the year 1959; however, many of our workers were so eager to do something in evangelism that they held self-supported efforts throughout the field. As a result, reports of many baptisms are coming in from these workers.

Elders Ward and Banfield conducted a conference-supported meeting in Tampa, Florida. More than 50 have been baptized thus far. Elder Harold Cleveland conducted a conference-supported meeting in Savannah. More than 50 have been baptized in this meeting; and, incidentally, in the past three years Elder Cleveland has baptized more than 500 new believers in Savannah —making it our largest church in membership. A new church building for this area will be completed soon.

Evangelist Fred Parker held a very successful meeting in Augusta, Georgia. Elder R. B. Hairston held another successful meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina. Elder C. B. Rock is holding a meeting in Homestead, Florida. Pastor Joseph Hinson held a very successful meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. Along with these evangelistic meetings, revival services have been held in the churches by other workers, and reports of baptisms are good. We trust that when the year closes we will not be too far behind the number baptized in 1958.

PACIFIC UNION

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Special MV Program

The Stockton church was host to many California Missionary Voluner Societies on Sabbath, October . During the MV hour, the Fresno, Bakersfield, San Francisco, Sacramento, and Stockton MV's presented colorful and well-performed skits with spiritual applications, based on Bible texts, and interspersed with solos and quartet numbers. Fresno and Bakersfield were very highly commended for their performance.

A social followed, with presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gully, Bible instructors, from friends and from the Vallejo and Stockton churches. May God richly bless their labor as they begin to endear young people to their hearts, and precious souls to God, in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Gloria Neal

Yosemite Nature Camp

More than two hundred senior vouth from the Regional churches

the Pacific Union were encamped at beautiful camp Wawona in the heart of Yosemite National Park this September 3-5. The purpose of this assembly, which was the fourth within a decade, was fourfold: first, to acquaint these senior young people with their Regional fellows within the union; second, to share mutually in discussions and solutions of problems common to Regional young people of marriageable age; third, to inquire into and evaluate job and service opportunities both within and outside the church; and fourth, for mutual encouragement, fellowship, and inspiration.

In addition to the general discussion in which ministers, camp counselors, nurses, and the camp physician made lasting contributions, high lights of this assembly included the early morning prayer bands, evening devotions about the huge camp fire, the singing, the story hour, the hikes, the swims, the games, and the unforgettable Sabbath services in a natural sanctuary under the skies.

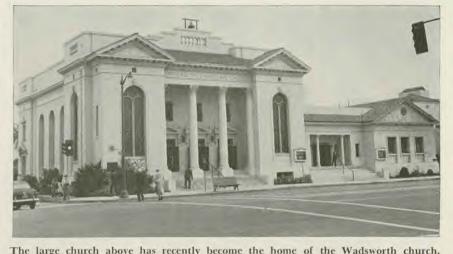
The journey to the "big trees" in the high mountains of this part of central California is becoming a tradition during encampments. Dozens of giant sequoias, pines, redwoods, and firs, some of which must have begun growing shortly after the Flood, were objects of great attention. A motor-car trail has been cut through the trunk of one of those giant trees, through which all vehicular traffic must pass. Even so, this giant of many centuries is still growing. The wildlife that was occasionally seen in the park often appeared in families.

The youth entered into every activity of camp life with as much relish and spirit as they devoured the succulent dishes from Mrs. Mitchell's kitchen. The foods were as wholesome and hardy as were those ruddy youth.

Camp directors were Elders William Galbreth of Fresno, R. Nelson of Pasadena, and H. L. Lindsay of Oakland. Counselors and advisers included Elders A. E. Webb of San Diego, Harvey and Herman Kibble of Los Angeles and Compton, James Middleton of Tucson, Arizona, William Penick of Sacramento, G. N. Banks of Stockton, Earl Canson of Bakersfield, M. C. White of Richmond, David Hughes, missionary on furlough, and Pastor Ted Jones, along with several Bible instructors and nurses. Dr. John Richard Ford of San Diego was camp physician, assisted by Dr. Samuel DeShay, and C. E. Moseley, Jr., from the General Conference was guest camp pastor. Elder W. S. Lee, Regional secretary for the Pacific Union, also gave valuable assistance during the encampment.

C. E. MOSELEY, JR.

The heart of God yearns over His earthly children with a love stronger than death. In giving up His Son, He has poured out to us all heaven in one gift.— *Steps to Christ*, p. 21.



On Sabbath, September 12, the Wadsworth congregation held their first services in

the building and at the meeting that day renamed their church the University

Seventh-day Adventist church. Speaker at the worship hour was Elder Alvin G. Munson, secretary-treasurer of the Southern California Conference, who reviewed the

church's history and honored charter members of the Furlong Street church in his

sermon. Nearly 1,000 persons attended the services. J. W. Allison, Jr., is pastor of the

780-member church which is now located at the corner of Budlong and Santa Barbara avenues.



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An Expression of Gratitude

By PASTOR C. B. MENSAH President, Ghana Mission

On behalf of the Ghana Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, I take this opportunity, Elder E. E. Cleveland, to thank you most heartily for your self-denial, hard work, and sacrifice in conducting this memorable campaign in Accra, the seat of the Government of Ghana.

With your undaunted spirit, which knows no defeat, you have led the church here through the ower of the Holy Spirit, to this lorious victory in this gospel-hardened town. We have learned the lesson, and properly so, that there is nothing too hard for the Lord to achieve through His consecrated servants.

The memory of your work will forever remain not only in the minds of the believers but throughout this town; for the main talk of the townspeople during these past weeks is "Pastor Cleveland and his lectures."

The name of the church of God here in Accra has been elevated, honored, and set up in her proper place as the light of the world. You have done your duty faithfully; you have won the confidence of the masses. You have not only spoken to the heart but you have also brought the Lord to the people. The simpleton did not stumble, neither did the learned find fault.

You have faithfully sown the seed, and the 100 souls who have indiited their desire to follow the Lord through baptism and church membership are the first fruits of your earnest labors. Only eternity will reveal the full worth of your efforts, when your converts will stand before the throne of God, clad in white, and will say, "It is because you led us to Christ that we are here today."

I want to assure you, Pastor Cleveland, that we have deeply appreciated your services, and though we do not have a reward to give you now, what earthly reward will surpass the many stars in your crown? "Let the work of his hands praise him." We pray that the heavenly Father may give you health and strength and greater power and greater measure of His Spirit to achieve greater work for Him,

May He grant you traveling mercies as you return home. We will pray for you. Remember us too in your prayers. We hope to see you again. Please, come again.

HELLO FOLKS,

It is all over but the shouting, and I am certainly doing that today. This week I have worked harder than any other time since I've been here at Ikizu. It reminded me of home and how I worked from early morning until late at night and went to school also. It was wonderful to just sit down this morning and do nothing.

It all started on Sunday, October 4, with the senior dinner, the first to be held at Ikizu. We had American food, so it all had to be bought, and prepared and cooked, including three cakes. The girls helped me prepare the food in the domestic science kitchen. We were still working when the lights blinked, but the principal let them stay on for a while longer. The next day we came back to finish the cooking and decorate the dining room. We used reeds from the dam; painted some of them and hung them on a wire. They made the most unusual partition, with a false crepe-paper ceiling.

Each table had a white tablecloth. It was a real pleasure, for many of the students had never eaten on a white tablecloth. The Stn 9's served, and with their white uniforms on they looked lovely and served quite well. The principal brought his recorder, and we had soft dinner music during the meal. With all the large potted plants the place really looked inviting.

During the week, a trip had to be made to Musoma to do more shopping for shoes, shirts, and ties, all for the seniors. This, of course, took a whole day. Three dresses then had to be made in one week, including the belts, which I had asked the tailor to make, but on Friday one hour before sundown he sent them to me saying that he didn't have time to make the belts, so I sat right down and made them.

Among the preparations that became my responsibility were the following: the church had to be decorated, the students had to practice their marching, the program had to be rehearsed for Thursday night, the music to be selected for the singing, the printed program made out and sent to the press, signs to be made, my regular classes to be taught, and final examinations to be made and given. I had company at my house on Sabbath, twelve people, and I have no regular help. At one time I was sure I would never make it through the week. On top of all the responsibilities I had a severe cold.

The principal and his family will be leaving Ikizu soon, so we gave him a farewell party in the dining room on Thursday evening before the class-night program; all of that had to be planned and decorations provided. The students are not like those at home, where one says Do this or that, and it is done the way you say. Here where the students eat only with a spoon, it is hard to set a proper table. We are working on this. One must stand by to see that everything is done right.

I cooked the food at my house for the staff members, and the dining room cooked for the students. We had a wonderful program. I have much to be thankful for, and the Lord really did bless the program. Everything went along so very smoothly. One could see how thankful I was when all the Stn 9's and the graduates left for home. I really did SHOUT. Now I can get some curtains made, and clean my house.

In November we will leave here, Mrs. Beavon and myself, to go to Kenya. She will stop there, and I will go on to Uganda for a short visit and on to Teachers' Institute. Do pray for us here, that the Lord will be with us and this next year will be a good one. We are getting a new principal and one new overseas teacher. Give my regards to all who may ask about me.

> Yours in Christian service, GLORIA MACKSON

DEAR ELDER PETERSON,

This letter comes to you from Karura Seventh-day Adventist church in Nairobi. We remember the time you visited our Karura church and all of us enjoyed being with you in a way that we cannot express. We wish you could visit us once again.

We are writing this letter especially to thank you for your benevolence toward us, and for the trouble you took upon yourself, although living many thousands of miles away from us, to see that we have a church organ here at Karura. We wish to say to you, Thank you ever so much for the gift of this kind, to be used in this church to glorify the Most High.

We wish to pass to you and Mrs. Peterson our best wishes in the service of our Lord, and pray that He may grant to us the joy of meeting once again with you, either here on earth, or on the other shore. May the Lord bless you richly. Kindly pass our best regards to Mrs. Peterson.

We are your brothers and sisters in the Karura Seventh-day Adventist church,

> Signed ZIPRORAH THOMAS Church Clerk

This letter of appreciation goes to all who helped to make possible this gift to the Karura church.

Freshman to Ph.D. Canvassing Did It!

The question that faced me a few years ago while at the Caribbean Training College in Trinidad was this: How could I obtain an education when I had no financial support? I had heard about the literature ministry and about the many students who successfully canvassed their way through school. After attending a few of the colporteur rallies that year, I finally decided to join the other students that summer and give it a try.

Another young man and I were

sent far out into the country district of Trinidad to work. I can well remember the difficulties we encountered. At the close of the summer I took stock of my accomplishments. I had not only made a scholarship but I discovered how wonderful and gratifying it is to talk to people in their homes, to tell them the story of Jesus, and to pray with them.

Later I came to the United States and enrolled at Atlantic Union College at South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Although I came with only \$300 in my pocket, and had no one to assist me financially, I was not afraid or distressed, for I knew that the God who had helped me previously would certainly help me again. That year I made contact with Brother L. M. Mohns and the following summer came up to Canada to join the literature evangelists in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. Along with another student, I worked in the beautiful Swan River valley of Manitoba. Canvassing among the farms and small villages was most interesting. The people were very friendly.

That summer proved successful, and as a result I was able to complete my senior year. The following summer I returned to Manitoba and worked around Bradwardine. Although the first two weeks were very discouraging, I kept pushing on. On one particular morning I prayed most earnestly for success. That day I took in more than \$200 worth of orders. The Lord was wonderful to me that summer. One week my orders totaled more than \$850.

My success that summer enabled me to complete another school year and obtain my M.A. degree.

The 1958 summer found me in Canada once again, with territory north and east of Winnipeg. I spent some time that summer on Hecla Island in Lake Winnipeg. Most of the people there are fishermen of Icelandic origin. The people were most friendly and ready to make an investment for their children. Many nights I slept in my car. Sometimes I would park my car in a grove of pine trees and sometimes on the shores of this beautiful lake.

I have found the experiences I had during the canvassing work to be most interesting. As a result of canvassing, I have gained not only spiritually and financially but educationally. I have been able to travel and see South America, Alaska (which I visited at the end of my canvassing work in 1957), the beautiful Canadian Rockies, and many other interesting places. I have witnessed every aspect of Canadian life from fishing to gold mining.

Now at the University of Connecticut, I am completing a Doctor's degree, but I eagerly anticipate the coming summer, for I shall be bac in the literature evangelism work once more.

Is there anyone who cannot afford to go to school because of financial drawbacks? No, not as long as there is a field of souls waiting for our books.

> EARL GOODING Student Colporteur of Southern Manitoba



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