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H. D. Singleton.

Greetings!

I WISH to take this opportunity to greet all the readers of the NORTH AMERICAN INFORMANT scattered among the churches. I feel unworthy to assume the responsibility of this new task as secretary of the North American Regional Department, carried on so nobly during the last eight years by Elder F. L. Peterson, now world vice-president.

I am acquainted with the churches and believers in the Northeastern Conference, where I served as president for the last eight years. I am also acquainted with much of our work in the Southern Union, having served there for many years prior to going to the Northeastern Conference. I hope in time to visit

the other conferences and many churches, thus meeting many of you personally.

It is our aim to make, under God, the next four years a period of bold, aggressive promotion of the finishing of God's work in this part of the vineyard. I request your prayers for God's cause and its leaders during the serious times ahead.

H. D. SINGLETON

Regional Advisory Committee Meets

ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1962, the Regional Advisory Committee met at Oakwood College. This was the first meeting of this committee since the recent General Conference ses-

sion in San Francisco. A wonderfully fine spirit prevailed throughout the meeting. Freedom of discussion prevailed as the brethren gave careful study to each item on the agenda.

The central theme of the committee, around which a great amount of all discussion revolved, was the aims of the Department:

- a. Ways and means to promote the finishing in all phases the work God has given to His church to do.
- b. Evangelism—double the membership by next General Conference session.
- c. Work closely with the Human Relations Committee and the field in an effort to make a smooth implementation of the actions of the Human Relations Committee.



Members of Regional Advisory Committee who met at Oakwood College, September 19, 1962.

After a full discussion of these items, the unanimous vote of the committee was to encourage every layman to join with the conference workers in the enthusiastic and ardent determination for the fulfillment of these purposes.

F. L. BLAND

Doubling Our Membership by 1966 Proposed

THE challenge of greater evangelism with the aim of doubling the membership of the Regional churches by next General Conference was made at the meeting of the North American Regional Department Advisory Committee meeting held at Oakwood College, September 19. The conference leaders present accepted the challenge and laid many forward-looking plans. Specific resolutions were made relative to large lay evangelism, and continuing the radio and temperance work. At a later time these resolutions will be sent to the field. The initial stages of plans for a \$100,000 Oakwood offering in August, 1963, were also laid. The purpose is for new buildings, now urgently needed.

Excellent reports were made by the leaders from the various fields. In spite of this being the General Conference year, thus affecting evangelism, more than 3,000 had been baptized by the end of August, and 13 new churches had been organized. Reports were made of many new church homes obtained.

With 1963 before us and world tensions mounting, let us pray for God's blessing to us in the year before us.

H. D. SINGLETON

THE historic forty-ninth session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists held at San Francisco, California, July 26-August 4, voted several changes in the leadership of the church.

Noteworthy for the readers of the



F. L. Bland.

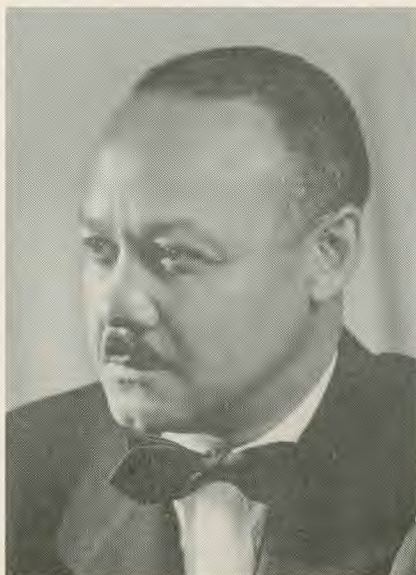


L. B. Reynolds.

NORTH AMERICAN INFORMANT is the election of the former editor of the INFORMANT and secretary of the North American Regional Department, Elder F. L. Peterson, to the vice-presidency of the General Conference; Elder L. B. Reynolds to the Sabbath School Department as associate secretary, and Elders H. D. Singleton, of the Northeastern Con-

ference, and F. L. Bland, of the South Central Conference, as secretary and associate secretary, respectively, of the North American Regional Department.

Elder C. E. Moseley was re-elected as field secretary of the General Conference, and Elder E. E. Cleveland as associate secretary of the Ministerial Department.



C. E. Moseley, Jr.



E. E. Cleveland.



F. L. Peterson.

Life's Surprises

By F. L. PETERSON

MY LIFE has been filled with many surprises, but all along the way God has been very good and especially kind, for which I am humbly grateful.

After having served as pastor of the Berea church in Boston for about six months, I had no thought that the Southern New England Conference Committee would grant me the privilege of attending the General Conference session in 1930. How happily surprised I was when I received the notice that I had been selected as a delegate.

It was at this gathering that I was again surprised when elected to succeed Elder G. E. Peters as secretary of the Negro Department of the General Conference. Elder Peters had been chosen to go to New York City to build up our work there.

For eleven years I remained in the position as secretary of the department and saw many developmental changes effected.

From 1941 to 1945 my home was Los Angeles and my work was that of pastor of Wadsworth church. One day after a long-distance telephone conversation with the president of General Conference and the

chairman of Oakwood College Board I was left not only surprised but greatly confused. They had asked me to become the president of Oakwood College. They said that the board members were there and at that very moment were praying for me. Well, I am always grateful for prayer, but I was not asking for that kind!

After preaching in San Francisco on Sabbath morning, I spent the greater part of the afternoon in meditation and prayer. I had not given the brethren my answer. In this time of need of divine help the thought came to me that one can be successful if he does what God wants him to do and he can be an absolute failure if he does that which he wants to do.

My talks with the Lord and my family helped me to decide to leave sunny California and to go to Oakwood College. Today I am grateful that I did.

In 1954 I retired from Oakwood College with the hope that I might be called to the pastorate of some little church in California. Imagine my surprise when the brethren insisted that I head the Regional Department in the General Conference again.

When I left the Regional Department of the General Conference in 1941 Elder Peters succeeded me, and during this time he brought into being the INFORMANT. When I came back to the Department at this time I became editor of this publication, and for eight years it has been a real pleasure to pass on to the field news items through the columns of the INFORMANT.

The INFORMANT has had four editors: G. E. Peters, its founder; C. E. Moseley, Jr.; the writer; and now we shall look to H. D. Singleton, the head of the Regional Department, to keep us informed by means of the INFORMANT as to the work that is being accomplished. F. L. Bland is the associate secretary of the department and will have much to do with this publication.

My last great surprise is that I am no longer the editor of the

INFORMANT, and you know the reason for this. After serving as head of the Department for nineteen years, I am grateful to God for the accomplishments and I most heartily welcome Elders Singleton and Bland as those to whom we shall look for future leadership.

Three New Conference Presidents Elected During 1962

MANY church members, having heard of the changes in presidents in many of the conferences, would like to know more about these newly elected leaders. Hence we are publishing photos and brief statements concerning them:

R. T. Hudson—New Northeastern Conference President

We are happy to introduce Elder R. T. Hudson as Northeastern's new conference president. For the last seven years Elder Hudson has been pastor of the Ephesus church in New York City.

The conference committee met on Thursday, August 30, to choose



R. T. Hudson.

a new president. Present were: Theodore Carcich, General Conference vice-president for North America; W. P. Bradley, associate secretary, Secretarial Department, General Conference; W. J. Hackett, Atlantic Union president; C. H. Kelly, treasurer, Atlantic Union, and F. R. Aldridge, auditor, Atlantic Union.

Elder Hudson was the choice of the committee, and we are certain that our workers and laymen across the conference will join hands to support the program as fostered by our new president.

We look forward to the great days that are still ahead for the Northeastern Conference as we seek to fulfill our God-given task of reaching the millions for Christ in the northeastern end of America.

Elder Hudson brings twenty-seven years of experience to the office. He began his ministry under Elder G. E. Peters in the Chicago area after finishing Oakwood College. He has worked in the Iowa, Kansas, and Allegheny conferences. He served as pastor of the First church in Washington, D.C., as pastor of the Pittsburgh church, and pastor of the large church in Cleveland, Ohio, and also as a conference evangelist.

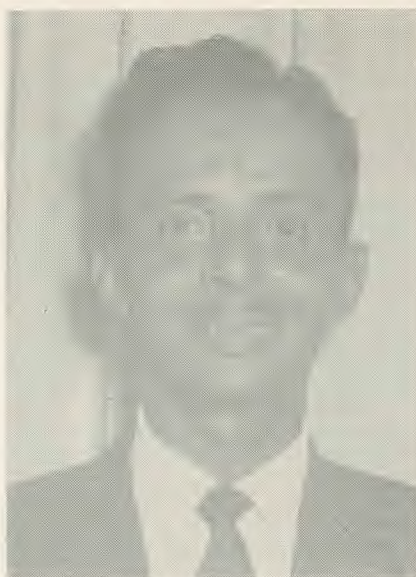
Elder Hudson came to Northeastern Conference in 1956 to take up the responsibilities as pastor of the Ephesus church. Since that time he has experienced a successful ministry as pastor of this large church and has averaged well over 100 baptisms every year.

Elder Hudson is married to the former Dorothy Warren, of Columbus, Ohio, sister of Elder Clinton F. Warren, pastor in Detroit, and A. Warren, business manager of Oakwood College. This union has been blessed with three children, and the family live in St. Albans, New York.

We wish Elder Hudson and family Godspeed in this new post of duty, and we pray for his success in the Northeastern Conference.

F. L. JONES

*Public Relations Secretary
Northeastern Conference*



W. S. Banfield.

W. S. Banfield—New South Atlantic Conference President

After the death of Elder J. H. Wagner the South Atlantic Conference committee met to elect a new president. The committee unanimously chose Elder Warren S. Banfield, pastor of the Tampa, Florida, church, as president. Elder Banfield, the son of Elder M. S. Banfield, former treasurer of the Allegheny Conference, was born in Charleston, West Virginia.

He writes concerning himself:

"I graduated from Pacific Union College in June, 1946. In July of that same year, I was called to assist Elder E. E. Cleveland in an effort in Greensboro, North Carolina. In the fall of 1946, I began working in my first district—Raleigh and Fayetteville, North Carolina. Since then, I have pastored the following districts in the South Atlantic Conference: Greensboro, North Carolina; Atlanta, Georgia (temporarily); Miami, Florida; Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Tampa, Florida. In 1949, I took a leave of absence to attend our Seminary in Washington, D.C.

"I have conducted five tent efforts, completed and dedicated the church

in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and started the church school Fayetteville, North Carolina. With the aid and the services of our evangelist, Elder E. C. Ward, approximately 380 members were baptized in the church during our stay in Tampa."

Elder Banfield is married to the former Geraldine Poole, and they have two children, a boy and a girl.

We wish for Elder Banfield heavenly wisdom and much success as he leads out in his new responsibility.

H. D. SINGLETON

C. E. Dudley—New South Central Conference President

The South Central Conference unanimously chose Elder Charles E. Dudley, of Southwest Region Conference, as president after Elder F. L. Bland was elected associate secretary of the North American Regional Department. Elder Dudley is a native of Indiana and graduated from Oakwood College in 1947. He is married to the former Etta Mae Maycock, and is the father of three children, a girl and two boys.

He writes concerning himself:

"My work began in the South Central Conference in 1947. My districts were as follows: Knoxville, Jackson, and Memphis, Tennessee; also Clarksdale, Mississippi. In 1954 I worked with Elder E. E. Cleveland in an effort in Montgomery, Alabama, where 450 souls were baptized, and remained there as pastor following the effort.

"In 1955 the call was extended to me to join the Southwest Region Conference. I pastored the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, church and paid off the school building indebtedness, and while pastor of the Alexandria, Louisiana, church the debt was paid off there. My next move was to Dallas, Texas, as pastor of City Temple where the mortgage was paid off, and a 12-grade academy was opened and operated. Prior



C. E. Dudley.

president of the Allegheny Conference where he served until he was called in December, 1953, to be president of the South Atlantic Conference.

While in Allegheny, among many projects, he led out in the establishment of the Pine Forge Institute. His vision caused him to boldly lead the conference into the purchase and development of the fine plant for the education of youth that now exists at Pine Forge.

In the South Atlantic Conference he was greatly loved, and inspired the field to advances in evangelism and church building activities.

Elder Wagner was born 59 years ago in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He was married to Jessie R. Fordham of Charlestown, South Carolina, in 1925. To this union five children were born. Today they are all grown, married, and active in the Lord's service.

He passed to his rest on August 11, 1962. Interment was in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Nathaniel Edward Ashby, son of the late Blanche Ashby Lacy and

Wilbert W. Ashby, was born in Washington, D.C., March 15, 1907. He attended Howard University where he received his A.B. and M.A. degrees. His postgraduate work was done at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary, the University of Mexico, New York University, and Hunter College, New York.

On September 3, 1935, he married Lillian Rebecca Burgess, who is a sister of Elder M. A. Burgess of Central States Conference. Nathaniel Ashby was a dedicated teacher and devoted many years of faithful service to the Advent message in the field of religious education.

He was principal and teacher of summer school at Oakwood, 1935-1945; principal of Washington Union Academy, 1946-1947; teacher and principal of Northeastern Academy, 1951-1960. In 1960 he returned to Oakwood as teacher of languages and history and remained there until his death.

He was loved by faculty and students wherever he worked, and has been a powerful influence on the lives of boys and girls he taught.

Death came quietly while he slept, Saturday night, July 14, 1962.

H. D. SINGLETON

coming to South Central Conference as president, I was employed in the Southwest Region Conference treasury department for two months."

We certainly wish for Elder Dudley the richest blessings of God in his new role as leader in the great field he has been called to.

H. D. SINGLETON

Journey's End

THIS is the first issue of the NORTH AMERICAN INFORMANT to be published since the passing of Elder J. H. Wagner, the beloved president of the South Atlantic Conference, and Elder Nathaniel E. Ashby. The passing of these men was a great loss to the church, as well as a great shock to everyone.

Upon completion of his school-work at Oakwood, Elder Wagner began his ministerial work in Paducah, Kentucky, and after that served as pastor of many churches, among them Nashville, Memphis, Pittsburgh, Newark, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. In 1944 he was elected



J. H. Wagner.



N. E. Ashby.

Mrs. Jessie Wagner, widow of the late Elder J. H. Wagner, former president of the South Atlantic Conference, and family take this opportunity to thank the hundreds of friends and Christian associates for their telephone calls, letters, telegrams, personal visits, floral expressions, cards, and prayers in the sudden loss of their beloved husband and father.



Left to right: C. L. Brooks, principal, W. L. Cheatham, president of the conference and chairman of the school board, receiving the key to the bus from William Gross, of the Gross Equipment Company, as W. A. Thompson, conference treasurer, looks on.

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Allegheny Advances

THIS biennial gives promise of being the best in the history of our conference.

Although many of our men attended the General Conference session in San Francisco, the conference was still able to conduct nine efforts. Baptisms to the month of September total 658.

The new girls' dormitory at Pine Forge is nearing completion, and those who have seen it, and are qualified to pass judgment, say it is one of the best on any campus. The building will house 108 girls and contains a full apartment for the dean.

A new 41-passenger, rear-drive bus, with reclining seats, luggage undercarrier, and full-length overhead baggage rack has been purchased. Elder C. L. Brooks, the principal and manager of the school, says that this will solve the school's transportation problem.

Pine Forge Institute has a banner enrollment this year—more than 140 pupils from 13 States, Bermuda, and Africa.

Throughout the conference our men are showing a desire to pull their churches out of debt. Six churches have been dedicated to the Lord free of debt: Bridgeton and Whitesboro, New Jersey; Youngstown, Toledo, Springfield, and Canton, Ohio. The Atlantic City, New Jersey, church is ready for dedication as soon as a date can be set.

New churches that have been purchased are: Ephesus in Columbus, Ohio; Shiloh in Cincinnati,

Ohio; and First in Englewood, N Jersey. These fine churches are in newly entered neighborhoods.

Buildings that have been renovated, and in some instances almost completely rebuilt, are Dover, Delaware; and Trenton, New Jersey.

In Lynchburg, Virginia, a miracle has been performed. Here two years ago we did not have a single member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Today, there is a fine new congregation worshipping in a rented church—but do not stop there—the ground has been broken for a new building, the footings are in, and block work is in progress.

Yes, it looks like our best two-year period.

W. L. CHEATHAM
President

Church Dedicated in Canton, Ohio

ELDER W. L. CHEATHAM, president of the Allegheny Conference, spoke at the dedicatory service of the renovated New Hope Seventh-day Adventist church in Canton, Ohio, on a Sabbath afternoon recently.

G. W. Washum, the local elder, has pushed the payment of the mortgage and effected a large saving for the congregation by paying off the debt before the life of the mortgage expired.

The church, situated at 714 Tenth



Girls' dormitory, Pine Forge Institute.

set, has ample room for expansion.

In his message Elder Cheatham praised the manner in which Brother Washum has promoted the local work. The president said, "Canton owes much to the leadership of your local elder, supported as he has been by his devoted wife. They have kept the advancement of the church always before them, and the conference deeply appreciates what has been done."

Mrs. Inez Washum, the treasurer of the church for many years, is not only efficient but she is talented in being able to gather funds for the church personally. "While in Canton," Elder Cheatham remarked, "Mrs. Washum showed me a check for twenty dollars, a letter with two and another with five dollars, all from friends of the church who are eager to help the congregation beautify the outside of the building."

"The relationship of Christ and His church is as close as husband and wife," the speaker said. "Any place that becomes the meeting place of God and His people is the gateway to heaven. The church is built upon Christ, the solid Rock, and although it may be assailed, Christ has promised it would triumph."

Elder Cheatham also spoke in the morning service at which time he developed the topic of "Obedience."

The Canton church is in the Akron-Cleveland district, under the pastorship of L. R. Palmer.

A. V. PINKNEY
Public Relations Secretary
Allegheny Conference

Pine Forge Graduates Receive Medical Scholarships

AN ANNOUNCEMENT made by Elder C. L. Brooks, principal of Pine Forge Institute, states that Joseph S. Freier, Jr., and Everad H. Williams, former graduates of Pine Forge, are

now attending Loma Linda University on scholarships from the National Medical Fellowship, Inc., of Chicago, a nonprofit organization providing assistance to Negroes for education and training in medicine. This organization has made ten four-year medical scholarships available to qualified persons, beginning the fall of 1963, it was announced through the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

To qualify for a National Medical-Sloan Foundation Scholarship, a student must have demonstrated outstanding achievement in college, and have been accepted for admission by a medical school and be a United States citizen.

The medical scholarship program is designed to help relieve the critical shortage of Negro physicians and surgeons. It is financed by a substantial grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to the National Medical Fellowship, Inc. The latter organization, which devotes itself to assisting Negroes with their medical careers, administers the scholarship program, accepts registration, distributes application blanks, and selects candidates.

Under this program 31 Negro students are at present studying medicine in 18 medical schools on scholarships ranging from \$400 to \$2,000 a year. Ten scholarship winners entered medical school this fall.

A. V. PINKNEY

Columbus, Ohio

ON SEPTEMBER 4 the Ephesus school of Columbus, Ohio, opened with thirty-three pupils registered and ready for another school year. Jenefer Calder teaches grades 5-8 and Clara Powell grades 1-4. These two teachers were with us last year, and we are very pleased to have them again this year.

During the summer Mrs. Catherine Reeves, who heads the Home and School PTA, has been working diligently toward purchasing needed facilities for the school. A beautiful

television set, with a special channel for planned educational programs broadcast from the Ohio State University, was purchased, making possible foreign languages and much that is new in the educational field that furthers better methods of teaching and learning.

Also, the schoolrooms were newly decorated, new modern desks were purchased, and also new drapes, carrying out the restful color scheme of soft green and a little darker contrasting green.

There is indeed an atmosphere of learning brought about by careful and intelligent planning of all facilities and surroundings. Ephesus is off to a wonderful start, owing to the tireless efforts of Sister Reeves. Plans are being made for yet further improvements to make our school the best. Our pastor, Elder Aaron Brogden, and all the membership stand solidly by, helping in all efforts and endeavors.

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The newly purchased Seventh-day Adventist church at the corner of Wolcott and East Fifth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, was the setting recently of the climax of a Men and Women's Day program. Adults and children alike had worked intensely to make it a success. Mrs. Annie Sutton was chairman, and Mrs. Alma Jones, cochairman.

Mrs. Ruth B. Hale, wife of Dr. Frank W. Hale, head of the English Department at Central States College, was the able speaker. Mrs.

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Hale, a magna cum laude graduate of Alabama A & M College at Huntsville, Alabama, and mother of three lovely children, electrified the audience with her timely topic "And Who Knoweth Whether Thou Art Come to the Kingdom for Such a Time as This?" taken from the life and experience of the Biblical Queen Esther.

The evening program speaker was Hilreth LaNigg of Panama. She is a recent graduate of the Columbus School of Nursing and niece of Dr. Smith E. Incas with whom she makes her home. Her chosen subject was "Hold High the Lighted Lamp." After special music by Mrs. Gloria Porter the amount of funds raised by the men was announced by Mrs. Hale, which was \$1,743.42, and then the amount by the women, which was \$2,124.22. Following the jubilant rejoicing for their success, a beautiful blue traveling bag was presented to Mrs. Sutton, the chairman, by Mrs. Jones, the cochairman, lauding her for her diligence, fortitude, and stick-to-itiveness.

A week before the culmination of this project the church launched into their annual Ingathering goal of \$5,000 for missions at home and abroad, which they expect to climax in three weeks. They are going forth confidently and prayerfully, knowing all things are possible through Him who has given the world all its wealth.

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Educational Secretary Takes Advanced Studies at the University of Southern California

DURING the month of August, Elder Lorenzo Paytee studied at the

University of Southern California. His goal was completing his work on his Master's degree in the field of secondary education.

Central States Welcomes New Church School Teachers

Mrs. ANESTINE DRAGGON, veteran teacher of our school system, has accepted our invitation to become the principal of the Beacon Light secondary school. She has served in many of the schools in the South Atlantic Conference. She succeeds Charles Bridges, who recently resigned as principal of the school. Mrs. Draggon comes to us from Huntsville, Alabama.

Mrs. Priscilla K. Jackson also has had several years of teaching experience. She comes to us from Covington, Louisiana. She is filling the vacancy of Mrs. Grace Jackson, one of the teachers of Beacon Light school. Mrs. Jackson resigned to join her husband at Oakwood College where he will complete his education.

Mr. Robert Booker, recent graduate of Union College, is beginning his teaching career in St. Louis Berean elementary school.

We wish for these teachers success in their responsibilities as they join the ranks of the workers in the Central States Conference.

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Lake Region Strides Forward

FACED with the reality of an exploding population enlarging its cities and the continuing and increasing need for pursuing the primary objective of the church and having soul winning as its most important business, the Lake Region

Conference Committee adopted & proposed a five-point plan of coordinated evangelism early in this year of 1962, called Lake Region Evangelism '62. The plan was presented to the conference workers and laymen as a challenge to increase and extend their labors for souls in 1962.

The operation of Lake Region Evangelism '62 plan provided for three giant lay rallies to be held in strategic areas of the conference, so selected as being able to reach the whole field; the organization of Soul-winning Fellowship clubs in each church; the setting up of a conference-wide reporting system for promotion and publicity of the activities of the clubs; the scheduling of short reaping meetings or decision campaigns to gather in interested people; and a year-end victory celebration at which time the Lake Region Conference Layman of the Year would be presented.

At this present date in our operation of Lake Region Evangelism '62 we are happy to share the following progress report:

Three lay rallies have been held in Indianapolis, Indiana, Detroit Michigan, and Chicago, Illinois, with great success; Soul-winning Fellowship clubs are now organized in many of our churches with definite results in baptisms already realized; a most effective camp meeting presentation by Elder Samuel Thomas, home missionary secretary of the South Atlantic Conference, of a lay evangelism workshop program; seven tent efforts; and a recorded total of 389 baptisms to date.

We are endeavoring to give proper emphasis to every phase of the work, with special attention given to the training of our children and the youth, the building of suitable edifices to house our people, and the promotion of the important fund-raising campaigns to support our world missions activities.

In Indianapolis, Indiana, the faithful members, under the leadership of their pastor, erected a school building that is modern in ev



Laymen practicing Bible studies to each other at lay evangelism workshop, Lake Region camp meeting.



New London church, Michigan.

respect at a cost of \$67,000. Our newest and most modern church has just been completed at Milan, Michigan. A new church has been opened in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Our church at Idlewild, Michigan, was dedicated free of debt on October 27, and our members of the Saginaw, Michigan, church hope to occupy their new building in December.

Other churches might be named who are engaged in building new or renovating already existing buildings for school purposes, such as Burns Avenue and City Temple churches of Detroit, Michigan, and the Sharon church of Inkster, Michigan. We have at the present time nine church schools with an enrollment of more than 600 students and staffed by thirty-four teachers. There are other projected churches and schools in our field about which we will report to you at a later date.

The following men engaged in active evangelism this summer, keeping the fires of soul winning burning while most of us were attending the General Conference session: R. W. Bates and R. L. Jones, Pontiac, Michigan; J. F. Guy, Ecorse, Michigan; L. O. Anderson and D. G. Rand, Grand Rapids, Michigan; G. N. Wells, East St. Louis, Illinois; E. W. Moore, Robbins, Illinois; C. A. Myers, Chicago Heights, Illinois; and M. L. Eagans, Evansville, Indiana.

Of course the full story of Lake

Region Evangelism '62 cannot as yet be written. All of us are looking forward to the great victory celebration to be held in Chicago, Illinois, January 6, 1963. At that time we hope to report 500 or more baptisms, \$70,000 raised for Ingathering (the largest raised to date in the history of the conference), \$500,000 tithe (also a record). We would solicit the prayers of our brothers and sisters around the vineyard as we strive to reach our goals and thus be able to report, "Mission Accomplished!"

C. E. BRADFORD
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Progress in Northeastern —1962

IT HAS been a marvel to watch the increase in tithe year after year in Northeastern. Our tithe in 1961 through August was \$474,041.66. For the same period in 1962 the tithe was \$538,415.93. This is a gain over 1961 of \$64,374.27. This gives us a per capita of a bit over \$78.84. At the present rate of tithe receipts, with one month remaining in 1962, it seems certain that we

will go over the \$800,000 mark for 1962. To God be the praise for the faithfulness of the laymen of Northeastern.

The Ingathering for the 1962 season was the best in the history of our conference. We were able to finish the goal entirely by the end of 1961, for this was the year that we changed over fully to the fall campaign. Receipts for 1962 were \$71,755.52. This was a gain of \$11,446.28.

The large number of Northeastern workers attending the recent General Conference session made it possible for only one tent effort to be conducted this summer. Everett Alexander conducted this meeting in Amityville, New York, where approximately 20 persons were baptized.

At the close of August we had baptized 260 persons. Our membership stands at 7,500 through August, exactly a 5,000 increase since the conference was organized in 1945. Thanks be to God for His great blessings to Northeastern.

We are looking forward to outstanding Sunday night revivals and Sabbath evangelistic services during the remainder of the year. We have set a goal of 400 baptisms, and we are certain that we will pass the 500-mark with all of our laymen and ministers cooperating to make this possible.

A new church has been purchased for the Corona congregation—a very nice building with a seating capacity

of four hundred. The opening service was held Sabbath, September 15.

We are negotiating to purchase a new church building for the New York Boulevard church.

On Sunday, September 16, the New Haven, Connecticut, church had a ground breaking for a new church structure. They are engaged in a very ambitious church building program of \$134,000.

Linden Boulevard is making plans for enlarging its building. It is doubling its present capacity and adding classrooms for the school.

The summer has been a very successful one among the juniors and young people. L. H. Davis, the Missionary Volunteer secretary, conducted a six-week JMV camp at the conference campground. This year we had a record attendance of 230.

This was the first year that an extensive outpost camp program, under the direction of Mrs. Eva Strother, was carried on. We are grateful for what is being done for our young people at the camp.

There were two weekend youth camps held. Well over one hundred attended each session. At these meetings our youth were able to receive outstanding counsel from leaders from the General Conference, union, and our sister conferences. Our youth face many problems, and these meetings have been highly acceptable and very helpful to them.

This summer we finished a new tennis court on the campground, a new dam was built at the lake front, additional cabins have been built for the conference workers, and the

entire campground has been made more beautiful.

Northeastern is on the go, trying to keep pace with the title that has been assigned to her—"the fastest growing conference in the East."

F. L. JONES

The Norman Sidney Dash Memorial Library of Ephesus Church New York City

By S. F. RHODMOND

IDEAS usually grow out of the need of something. In any large church it is easy for new converts to become lost in the crowd unless some special effort is put forth to know them personally and to see that they become a part of the church program.

The late Norman Sidney Dash saw this need in 1955, and called into conference Margaret and Lelia Hinton, Isola Adams, Frances Bennett, and Elizabeth Gwynn. Out of this conference grew an organization known as the Friendly Gleaners whose sole purpose is to follow up newly baptized believers in the church. The organization has thrived.

In 1959, the founder of the Friendly Gleaners became seriously ill, and its members, feeling that he might not recover, wished to do something to perpetuate the good work he had begun, that it might forever live in the memory of him.

The establishment of a library was the idea of Mrs. Corinne E. Scott, who became a member of the Friendly Gleaners in 1957, and is now president. Her plan was presented to the group and highly approved by Brother Dash. At that time he pledged a gift of his own books for the library. Thus the first gift of books came from the founder of the Friendly Gleaners, Norman Sidney Dash.

The library is in the parsonage building, which places it in close access to the church members, and presents an excellent place to spend

the remaining hours of the Sabbath after the morning service.

On Sunday afternoon the young people come to the library for silent reading and for perusal of our reference books.

We have in mind other library activities, which we have not put into effect for lack of funds and equipment. One special activity is a Story Hour on Sabbath afternoon for our small children from four to seven, and one for those eight to ten years of age. This we will begin as soon as we can secure a round table and sufficient number of small chairs.

On the whole, we believe the library is serving a very useful purpose, and as long as time remains it will commemorate the life of a most illustrious Christian gentleman, Norman Sidney Dash.

PACIFIC UNION

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News From the Regional Department of the Pacific Union

★ The latter part of October, W. S. Lee joined the Oakwood faculty in leading out in the Spiritual Emphasis Week at the college.

★ On November 4 Elder Phillip Knox and Elder Lee conducted evangelistic meetings in the 54th Street integrated church in Los Angeles.

★ In southern California, Elder James Melancon is now conducting a tent meeting in conjunction with a new group of about forty, who were baptized as a result of lay-effort evangelism and branch Sabbath school work.

★ Pastor Walton Whaley, during his first-year internship, has conducted a youth crusade in a tent in Central Los Angeles, and is doing an excellent job.

★ On September 15, the Universal church, formerly the Wadsworth



One area of the Norman Sidney Dash library of Ephesus church, New York City.

rch, was dedicated in Los Angeles. The pastor is Elder J. W. Allison, Jr.

★ Sunday, October 7, Elders Spears and White began a tent meeting on the fairgrounds in Stockton, California. This is a meeting involving all the churches in the Stockton area. This will be the third time Elder Spears has conducted an evangelistic meeting in this city.

★ Elder Major White just recently conducted an evangelistic campaign in the Stockton church. More than 20 persons were baptized, and others are in the baptismal class.

★ Evangelist Spears has baptized more than one hundred souls in the two Arizona campaigns in Phoenix and Tucson.

★ Elder William Galbreth is using the Air Auditorium in Fresno. He has a good interest and is using the Bible marking plan successfully.

★ Elder Warren Neal has begun a series of meetings in the Riverside church in the Southeastern California Conference.

★ Brother Harvey Williams, a layman, conducted a lay effort in Oakland, California, assisted by Brother Cavaignac Augustin, the superintendent of the Elmhurst Sabbath school, and by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hightower, Mrs. Ida Moore, Mr. J. R. Lusk, and other members from the various Oakland area churches. The pastors gave their support, and a number were baptized as a result of the meeting.

★ Mrs. Florence Barnes of the 31st Street church in San Diego is now teaching at the Paradise Valley Academy.

churches and companies. We have just completed or are currently building 21 churches. These churches are: Atlanta, Georgia; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Greensboro, North Carolina; Athens, Georgia; New Bern, North Carolina; Florence, South Carolina; Charlotte, North Carolina; Miami, Florida; Brunswick, Georgia; Myrtle Grove, North Carolina; Orlando, Florida; Wilson, North Carolina; Columbia, South Carolina; Hollywood, Florida; Clinton, North Carolina; Wilmington, North Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; Dania, Florida; Delray Beach, Florida; Tallahassee, Florida; Summerville, South Carolina.

A new church school building is nearing completion in Jacksonville, Florida.

Our baptisms for the first three quarters approximate 700, with Elder Ward baptizing 300 in Miami and Elder Phipps 100 in St. Petersburg. To God be the glory!

L. S. FOLLETTE

Recent Items of Interest Educational Department

OUR total enrollment this past year reached a new high of approximately 1,450 students. We have seen a growing interest in our church school program among the laity of the conference, and it was primarily this laymen's concern that was responsible for the establishment of a new school last year at St. Augustine.

A school that has not operated for three years is reopening this year. When it closed, the members stated that they wanted to get better facilities before opening again. They did not succeed in reaching this goal, but have decided it is better to save the children while they work for better facilities. This is at Fayetteville.

The school in Jacksonville, Florida, is opening in a brand-new school building this year. The board of education in Duval County wanted the land their school was on for an educational development project

and bought their facilities. They have been able to purchase land and build a much larger, nicer plant.

We are slowly but surely building up the certification standards of our teaching personnel. We hope to accelerate this program in the near future. We are happy to have seven men in our educational program now. Six of them are principals.

The Southern, Columbia, Lake, and Atlantic unions are engaged in building a course of study that will be adaptable to each of the unions. The workshop group includes about five from each union. We are glad that a representative teacher from South Atlantic is one of the group and has already been commended for her contributions to the project.

Our greatest source of satisfaction is the efforts of our teachers to lead boys and girls to Christ. Our baptisms from the church schools of the conference constitute a significant portion of the baptisms for the conference. In two schools every child who had not already been baptized (or was too young) made a decision to join the Adventist Church by baptism. The influence for good of our Berean Academy in Atlanta is noteworthy. Several families that have become Adventists in the past few years attribute their interest in Adventism to the contacts through the school. In several instances the youth themselves have stepped out alone and are still faithful to the truth.

MV Department

First conference-wide MV Leadership Course was held this year in two sections: March 3 and 4 in Jacksonville, Florida, and March 10 and 11 in Charlotte, North Carolina. More than 200 were in attendance and more than 70 Leadership certificates for the ten-hour course were issued.

Greater youth interest has been aroused in our temperance program by having church, district, and federation run-offs before the annual temperance oratorical contest at camp meeting.

More societies are reporting to the conference now than ever before.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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South Atlantic Reports Its Advancement

WE CAN report a sizable gain in funds of more than \$20,000 for our work this year. We now have 101

Still there is much room for improvement.

The federation organizations are proving to be a real help to youth. Opportunities for fellowship, leadership training, spiritual growth, recreation, and Share Your Faith projects are afforded.

The Pathfinder program is taking hold. We have twelve clubs where before we had only 5. Winston-Salem Club sponsored a local JMV camp for their youth. Several clubs have prepared children for Investitures. Sixteen were invested in Atlanta this summer.

Several youth have taken an active part in soul winning. Some have been tent masters, song leaders, and even associate evangelists for some of the conference efforts this summer. Many youth are holding Bible studies. Three youth in Atlanta are now in baptismal class because Missionary Volunteers held Bible studies this summer. Six were baptized at JMV camp.

C. C. CUNNINGHAM
*Educational and
Missionary Volunteer Secretary*

The Home Missionary and Sabbath School Work

THE home missionary department of the South Atlantic Conference has held four State-wide rallies throughout the conference this year. They were held in Greensboro, North Carolina; Columbia, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; and Orlando, Florida. An estimated 3,000 laymen attended these meetings.

We were also invited to present the BEME (Blueprint Every Member for Evangelism) program to workers' meetings in the Central States, South Central, and Southwest Region conferences, and also at the General Conference pre-session in San Francisco.

Camp meeting workshops were held in the South Central, South Atlantic, and Lake Region conferences.

A glowing report of 357 persons won in the past 12 months through the lay program of the conference was made by the South Atlantic Conference workers.

The Dorcas Welfare Societies built a \$3,000 center on the campground at Hawthorne, Florida.

We have 80 branch Sabbath and Sunday schools, and operated 29 Vacation Bible Schools with 2,272 in attendance.

SAMUEL THOMAS
*Home Missionary and
Sabbath School Secretary*

Publishing Department Report of Book Sales for the First Eight Months

The total sales have been \$84,124.70, of which \$22,928.40 was made by students, under the dedicated supervision of H. M. Mouzon and E. D. Brantley. Many of these students are now at Oakwood College. They are as follows:

J. Best
Robert Conner
Henry Felder
Elsie Gaskins
Ollie Jefferson
Charles O. Litson
Lloyd Major
R. Lois Moss
Carl Rogers
Lawrence Shepherd
King Solomon Smallwood
Norman Snipes
Ward Sumpter

S. McCLAMB
Publishing Secretary

SOUTH CENTRAL

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Lay Evangelism in Madison, Alabama

THE Oakwood College Madison Bible Study Group, composed of 26

Oakwood students, under the sponsorship of Prof. M. A. Warren, Elger E. E. Rogers, and Harold Lee, have been actively engaged in lay evangelism in Madison, Alabama. Twelve have made decisions for Christ and are now receiving baptismal instructions.

Each Sabbath studies were given in 35 homes during the past year. Much in the way of welfare work has been done. Two beds and a living room suite were placed in one home badly in need of furniture. Clothing was also given for the family. The entire community of Madison has been visited, and food, clothing, and articles of furniture have been distributed in a number of homes. Approximately 2,000 pieces of clothing, consisting of shoes, coats, dresses, and trousers, were donated to needy families.

A branch Sabbath school of 50 members has been organized. Each Sabbath a student team of teachers gives instruction concerning the truth for these times. Three classes make up the Sabbath school—primary, intermediate, and adult.

Visitors from the branch Sabbath school, 28 persons in number, attended the Oakwood College church and enjoyed a tour of the college. A full day was dedicated to the Madison visitors by the evangelistic team, who also served them meals.

Meetings have been conducted in a community church in Madison in which the attendance neared 300. Week after week the people came. Hymns were sung, literature was passed out, the gospel was preached, and a large quantity of clothing was distributed. Special attractions at the meeting were first, second, and third prizes, consisting of quantities of food.

Also associated with the Bible study group was Tecora Bowman, registered nurse and health instructor. Miss Bowman visited weekly the sick and relieved the pains of many. The people received every service rendered and rejoiced heartily at the fullness of God's Word.

The Oakwood student evangelistic team has made plans for ere...



Officers and teachers of the Oakwood branch Sabbath school, left to right, Daphne King, Patricia Aqwi, Elsie Gaskins, Melvin Hayden, Sandra Hayden, Robbye Nelson, and Claretha Sanders.

a church for the people of Madison. God's message must go. His truth must triumph; yes, even in the hearts of these precious underprivileged persons. It is the sincere desire of all the team that God will open up ways and means that His work of salvation may be fully accomplished in Madison.

HAROLD LEE

SOUTHWEST REGION

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Brief News

★ A church of more than 30 members has just been organized at Taylor, Texas. Plans are being laid for a new church building by the end of the year.

★ L. B. Baker, of El Paso, Texas, is the new pastor-evangelist of the Dallas church, taking the place vacated by C. E. Dudley, who has called to serve as president

of the South Central Conference. ★ In Coushatta, Louisiana, 197 members of a church of another denomination have been studying the Sabbath and related truths from *Bible Readings for the Home*. A retired schoolteacher has been conducting the studies. She had heard Elder T. J. Mostert of the Shreveport, Louisiana, church make a statement over the radio regarding the Sabbath. She immediately got in touch with him, asking for more information. V. L. Roberts, president of the Southwest Region Conference, visited this group and reports that many of them doubtless will unite with us and form a new Seventh-day Adventist church in that city.

Missionaries to Ethiopia

CAROL A. JONES, a 23-year-old registered nurse of Baltimore, Maryland, left by plane Monday, September 3, for the Gimbie Mission Hospital in Ethiopia, operated by the Seventh-day Adventists.

She is a graduate nurse of the Brooklyn Hospital School of Nursing. Miss Jones for several years has been the evening nurse in charge of the operating room at the Brooklyn Hospital, New York.

Nurse Jones enplaned at the Friendship Airport in Baltimore, taking the National Airlines to New York from which Trans World Airlines took her to Athens, Greece. Then from Athens via Ethiopian Airlines to Addis Ababa.

The Gimbie Mission Hospital is about 300 miles west of Addis Ababa. Miss Jones knows only one person on the staff there, Joyce Bourne, from Barbados, West Indies.

Miss Jones said, "I leave Baltimore with the feeling I am going to Ethiopia to help those in need of the medical care I have been trained to give. It is not a sacrifice; it is a pleasure."

A. V. PINKNEY

Loretta Daniels is a graduate nurse of the Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital, Glendale, California; and has also received a certificate from the Barnes Hospital, School of Anesthesia, St. Louis, Missouri.

She departed from New York on October 23, 1962, for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to work as an anesthetist in our hospital there.



Carol A. Jones.

Stephens-Jones and Jones-Mattox Wedding

THE Flint, Michigan, North Street Seventh-day Adventist church was the scene of a lovely double wedding on Sunday afternoon, August 19, in which Mary Stephens and Sylvester Jones, as well as Esther Jones and Edward Mattox, were united in holy wedlock. The marriage ceremony was performed by Elder Leland B. Mitchell, of the Liberian Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, assisted by Elder Russell Bates, of the Flint church. Following the ceremony a reception was given in the recreation room of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Jones are making their home in Detroit, Michigan, where Mrs. Jones is one of our faithful church school teachers, and Mr. Jones is employed as a civil engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mattox are residing in Cleveland, Ohio, where both are employed as church school teachers in the Glendale Seventh-day Adventist Academy.

—*Lake Union Herald*

C. M. Willis Joins Review and Herald Staff

C. M. Willis, former publishing secretary of the Allegheny Conference, has accepted a call from the Review and Herald to join our staff for promotional work. The call has been voted by the General Conference Committee, and he is now on the job and will be filling appointments in the field. There is much promotion work that can be done in behalf of our church paper and other periodicals. His years of successful service qualify Elder Willis to do a great work. We welcome him to our publishing house.

C. E. PALMER, *General Manager Review and Herald Publishing Association*

Faith for Today Offering February 9, 1963

ON SABBATH, February 9, 1963, the annual offering for Faith for

Today will be received. At this time we will be given the opportunity to help in a financial way with the excellent work that Faith for Today is doing in preaching the gospel and winning souls for the kingdom of God.

Faith for Today is one of the many methods used by the church to fulfill the command of God—"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

We pray for the salvation of mankind and for the kingdom of God to come. Shall we not also give of our means on Sabbath, February 9, to aid them in this soul-saving work, putting our means thus into God's treasury and helping us to keep our gaze fixed on the glorious eternal city.

E. E. Cleveland in India

I AM greeting you from tropical Bombay, situated on the Indian Ocean. There are fifty Indian pastors and Bible workers in attendance for institute sessions. Our classes last four and a half hours per day, five days a week. They are endorsed for credit by Andrews University and Spicer College. We have a course in Bible Doctrines, Ministerial Ethics, and Public Evangelism. I conduct the devotional and Evangelism classes, and we secured the services of Mr. Cherian of Spicer College for the other two classes. I am preaching seven nights a week. The public campaign is, as you know, limited by the terms of my visa. Nevertheless, attendance has been good and we anticipate a good harvest.

Upon leaving here, I will visit Delhi, Agra, and Calcutta on the way to Rangoon, Burma, for a one-week institute, and will arrive home just before Christmas.

My camera is being aimed in every direction and my pictures are the best of all my travels. Due to Chinese attacks to the North, India has awakened. It has been my privilege to record that awakening.

These pictures are available to you in your fields upon my return.

E. E. CLEVELAND

A Letter From Africa to Elder Moseley

"DEAR FRIEND,

"We are very much glad to write you this letter. We are a small Christian group in town and the people don't understand about God, and we are the boys who are changing them to become Christians.

"Please, we are begging you to send us six Holy Bibles to give to them to read, so that they can understand what we are teaching them.

"We are Edward K. Ashong, Teteh Eshun, Moreau Achin, Philip Akyen, Gabriel Mensah, and Kenneth Lee, all in the same address.

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"ASHONG."

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All gifts will be gratefully acknowledged. Please send stamps or equivalent for mailing and postage. Thank you!

Elder C. D. Henri Writes From Africa

DEAR ELDER SINGLETON,

I have just returned from an itinerary in the Ivory Coast and Liberia. In Liberia we were requested by the union to assist Brother Daniels, the president of the Liberian Mission, in Ingathering solicitation. We spent about eight days in this work and received over \$3,000. In West Africa this exceeds any amount ever solicited in so short a time and by any two people. Among those who gave

William V. S. Tubman, President Liberia. He not only made a personal contribution of \$500 but invited us to have dinner with him and his wife in their home and bring as many guests as we desired.

It was the privilege of Pastor and Mrs. Daniels; Lois Raymond, dietitian and home economics teacher of Konola Academy; Pastor J. B. Fridley, the union educational secretary and acting principal of the Konola Academy, and me to have social contact with Liberia's great leader and his wife. They seem to like Seventh-day Adventist missionaries very much, and we count them among our dearest friends. . . .

Also among those who gave to Ingathering were the vice-president of Liberia, the Honorable William Tolbort, the Honorable Richard Henries, speaker of the house of representatives; the Honorable McKinley DeShield, postmaster general; the Honorable Charles Sherman, the secretary of the treasury, and other high Government officials. I am sure you will rejoice with us in this unusual achievement.

Liberia is no more a segregated mission field. The new secretary-treasurer of the mission is British. The principal of the Konola Academy is Danish, and the science teacher is from Canada. Pastor Daniels is still the president of the mission and is doing an excellent job.

We are all well here and trust you will continue to pray that God will bless our efforts. With sincerest Christian greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. D. HENRI

Returning to Africa After Their First Furlough

ELDER AND MRS. LELAND B. MITCHELL, who were in the United States on their first furlough from mission work in Grand Bassa, Liberia, left New York on the *African Pilot*, a steamship of the Farrell Line, October 16, for a return to their mission post. They were present for General Conference and afterward

they visited churches throughout the nation.

Elder Mitchell, who is a native of Newark, New Jersey, and Mrs. Mitchell, who is a native of Otisville, Michigan, began their overseas service in 1959. Liberia, where they serve, is between Sierra Leone on the northwest and the Republic of the Ivory Coast on the southeast. It has a coast line of some 350 miles, and the total area of the country is about 40,000 square miles. The population is something over 2.5 million. Grand Bassa, like Monrovia, has direct access to the ocean, and both cities hold a certain degree of strategical importance.

On their trip to the United States,

the Mitchells were accompanied by Ruby L. Jones, office secretary in the Regional Department and sister of Mrs. Mitchell, who visited them in Liberia and who with them toured Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Switzerland, and England. On their return, the missionaries took numerous articles of clothing, Bibles, and hymnals for African members who had requested them. They also took generous supplies of canned health foods along with sheets, mattresses, and clothing for their personal needs. A sewing machine, a gift of a Detroit member, for the school in Grand Bassa, was another item they took that is greatly needed in the school's instructional program.



Elder and Mrs. L. B. Mitchell.

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