

The North American

Informant

VOLUME XVII

WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH-APRIL, 1963

NUMBER 87

1963—Year of Destiny for *Message Magazine*

PAID subscriptions to *Message Magazine* climbed to well over 30,000 in 1962. Colporteur three- and five-year subscriptions are increasing. Our hats are off again to the conference presidents, home missionary secretaries, district pastors, church officers, and members for their faithful efforts. Our *Message Magazine* campaign this year runs through the entire month of April. The Regional conferences have set a combined goal of some 100,000 paid subscribers. 1963 is the year of destiny when we should reach this objective.

These crisis days in which we are living present to God's remnant church its finest opportunity to declare, "We have this hope that burns within our hearts—hope in the coming of the Lord!"

Now in its twenty-ninth year of publication, *Message Magazine* has been tested and proved in the matter of soul winning and is most effective in fund raising. This dynamic missionary journal sparkles with spiritual radiance because it is "Christ centered for appeal, Christ filled for conversion, Christ revealing for salvation." In 1963 each issue of *Message Magazine* will come packed with top-quality, attention-gripping features. A brand-new series of preprint and reprint center-spread articles by leading writers and many other extra-value features will make *Message Magazine* your most powerful ally in the great work of sharing the blessed hope in 1963.

JAMES E. DYKES, Editor

It is always heartening at the publishing house level to receive reports from the field of souls won through the circulation of our missionary journals. Yesterday there came to my desk a fine report of soul-winning witnessing in behalf of *Message*.

Frequently we give a subscription here or there and wonder whether that subscription did any good? This story concerns a copy of the *Message Magazine* left in a YMCA building. William G. Mills tells the story.

A traveler from Jackson, Mississippi, picked up the *Message Magazine* and read it. Today five members of one family have been baptized and are members of Elder Mills's church. How did it begin? Through someone's bearing witness with the *Message Magazine*. One copy equaled five baptisms.

Surely, brethren and sisters, we want to support the *Message Magazine* in a most outstanding way. Not only should our Regional churches support it but our other churches, as well, ought to be furnishing subscriptions of the *Message Magazine* wherever it would be appropriate and in those many towns and cities and localities where we do not now have Seventh-day Adventist churches.

The special campaign price is only \$1.50 per year. Order through your church missionary secretary of your local Book and Bible House. Act today, for the *Message Magazine* does win souls.

R. J. CHRISTIAN
Circulation Manager
Southern Publishing Association

Elder Peters Visited

TEN young people from the City Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist church in New York City, of which Hermon R. Murphy is pastor, visited the home of George E. Peters to bring him good cheer.

The group came in two cars and said they were motivated to make the visit in recognition of the outstanding work accomplished by former Secretary Peters as director of the North American Regional Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. They told Elder Peters that the opportunities we are now enjoying have come as a result of his pioneering spirit and unswerving devotion to the advance of Adventism among the Regional constituents.

The group called Elder Peters the Veteran Champion and said their visit had not only the encouragement but blessing of the pastor of the church, Elder Murphy.

The leader of the MV Society, Norel James, introduced the group. They sang four beautiful songs from the *Singing Youth* songbook, after which two very touching prayers were prayed. Then a check of an undisclosed amount was placed in the faithful minister's hands.

In the group were Norel James, leader, Sylvia Murphy, Betty Small, Roberta Jennings, Ruth Beazer, Vincent Goffe, Milton Beazer, Herbert Jennings, Oscar Smith, and Moses Pinkney.

Elder Peters declared that the visit, although a complete surprise, did him more good than the repeated doses of medicine which in his present condition he is required to take.

Elder Peters prayed for the group and bade them good-by, asking God's blessings upon them as they traveled

the highways, assuring them that this was a concrete demonstration of vital Christian living.

A. V. PINKNEY
Public Relations Secretary
Allegheny Conference

ALLEGHENY

W. L. Cheatham, Pres.
W. A. Thompson, Sec.-Treas.
P.O. Box 21, Pine Forge, Pa.
FAculty 6-4610

Week of Prayer at Pine Forge Institute



J. Malcolm Phipps
Institute for the Week of Spiritual Emphasis.

The clergyman made a special appeal to the young people because of his personal youthful appearance. He is in his early thirties.

Charles L. Brooks, principal-manager of the school, expressed pleasure at having the evangelist on the campus for the week. "His approach was direct," he said, "and the students were drawn into a closer relationship with the Saviour. Many have joined the baptismal class while others consecrated themselves to the Master's love."

Elder Phipps has a fine religious background. His father, Elder Fred C. Phipps, was one of the outstanding ministers in the Adventist denomination.

Accompanying the evangelist to Pine Forge were his wife, the former Leola Lewis of Florida, and their two children, Malcolm, Jr., six, and Donna, four.

A. V. PINKNEY

Dr. Natelkka Burrell Speaks at Baltimore Church Rally

ROBERT L. WILLIS, pastor of the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist church, 1100 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland, praised the women of his

congregation for the outstanding support given to their rally on Sabbath, February 23, 1963. Dr. Natelkka Burrell of Washington, D.C., was the guest speaker. She is no stranger to Baltimore, having been the principal of their school, the Baltimore Academy, some years ago.

For 21 years she was head of the department of education and psychology at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, and has the pleasure of seeing many of her students doing successful work in the field of teaching, not only in North America but on several other continents.

The educator told her audience that the greatest threat to the church today is this lax and immoral age.

Music was furnished by the Nonpareil Chorus and the offering was \$1,000. Robert L. Willis explained the success of the program as a demonstration of coordinated cooperation, which makes the work of the minister enjoyable.

The congregation looks ahead to being able to purchase the building in which they are now worshipping. It is in the cultural part of the city, and the pastor reports that there is growing interest in Adventism in the neighborhood.

New Coatesville Church

THE local elder of the Coatesville, Pennsylvania, church, John Washington, said that a fifty-cent rally made

it possible to purchase the first building the members used as their church on First Avenue in South Coatesville.

For four years the small, but devoted, congregation of 15 held services in the building. Among their group was the principal of the Coatesville High School, Prof. T. J. Anderson.

The Philadelphia Electric Company wanted the building and in compensation for the inconvenience of having the members move to another location offered \$10,000 for the little church that had been acquired for \$3,500.

A search was made for a new location, and the members learned that the community center of the old Brandywine Homes was for sale. This property needed renovation, for it had been out of use for some time.

The Lord seemed to be leading the people to make the purchase, according to the statement of the pastor, Alonzo S. Wagner, and so the property was acquired.

"Renovation was attempted on a pay-as-you-go basis and the building was put in shape for occupation," commented Sargeant Gray, one of the members.

New opportunities for service now opened for the congregation and a Vacation Bible School was planned by Prof. T. J. Anderson with Mrs. Hurley Phillips and Mrs. Maude Tyrone, both church school teachers in Cincinnati, serving as instructors.

The entire indebtedness has been cleared, and new members have been added to the church, making a membership of about 40.

A. V. PINKNEY



Coatesville SDA church in Pennsylvania, which recently burned its mortgage and is free from debt. Alonzo S. Wagner is the pastor.

CENTRAL STATES

W. W. Fordham, Pres.
J. E. Merideth, Sec.-Treas.
2528 Benton Blvd.
Kansas City, Missouri

**President Makes
Quadrennial Report**

PRESIDENT WALTER W. FORDHAM'S report to the Central Union Quadrennial session reveals that—

Four churches were organized in Sikeston, Kirkwood, and Springfield, Missouri; and Junction City, Kansas.

Our congregations are now worshipping in new church buildings in Springfield, Sikeston, and Kinloch, Missouri; and Des Moines, Iowa. Three of these churches have been dedicated. Major renovations have been accomplished in Independence and Atchison, Kansas. Major improvements costing thousands of dollars have been achieved in St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri; Wichita, Kansas; and Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Central Union Conference has the distinction of having a church development director, namely, Paul C. Winley. In one year's time the church development service has encouraged a true sense of sacrificial giving in our field, resulting in commitments of over \$150,000 for new church buildings in Kansas City and Leavenworth, Kansas; and in St. Louis, Missouri, for a school building. Largely as a result of this program, the walls are going up on our \$150,000 new church edifice in Denver.

While speaking of buildings and improvements, we would like to mention the improvements on our campgrounds, which include new cabins, a two-story dormitory, new sanitary facilities, and a swimming pool. Our conference office building has been renovated, adding to its appearance and value.

The prospering hand of God has been with us; and this is indicated in the fact that our tithe income has shown a steady increase year by year, totaling \$655,231.91 for the four-year period. Likewise, our Sabbath school offerings have increased, giving a grand total of \$105,989.66 for the four-year period.

Comparing the record to the task assigned to our hands, we have nothing of which to boast; however, we are grateful to our heavenly Father for the



James E. Merideth, secretary-treasurer, and Walter W. Fordham, president, review quadrennial report.

tangible evidence of His divine leadership in our lives during this quadrennium.

WALTER W. FORDHAM

News Notes

★ C. Sampson Myles, pastor of the Beth Haven Seventh-day Adventist church in Denver, Colorado, accompanied Walter W. Fordham, president of the Central States Conference, as delegate to the recent National POAU Conference (Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of the Church and State). They were the only men present from the Regional Department.

★ On February 11 eight workers of our conference joined with the staff of the Missouri Conference in Jefferson City to speak before the Senate Criminal Jurisprudence Committee in favor of Senate Bill #71, which would repeal the Missouri Sunday blue law. Walter W. Fordham, president of the Central States Conference, and James E. Chase, president of the Missouri Conference, served as spokesmen for the group. This proved to be an outstanding experience in human relations.

★ The laymen of the Central States Conference have made an overwhelming response at the mammoth soul-winning rallies conducted during January and February. They have pledged to devote thousands of hours in personal missionary activities, which will help make the conference 1963 baptismal goal of 600 souls a reality. Samuel D. Meyers of the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist church, Chicago, Illinois; Charles D. Brooks of the Glenville Seventh-day Adventist church in Cleveland, Ohio; and Charles M. Wil-

lis of the Review and Herald Publishing Association were guests in our conference at these rallies.

★ For two consecutive years the Central States Conference under the leadership of our publishing and home missionary departments has led the Regional Department in the missionary subscriptions to the *Message* per capita-wise. We are hoping to have the full goal of two subscriptions a member for the conference in 1963.

★ James E. Merideth, treasurer of the conference, notes that a current report from C. Sampson Myles, pastor, and Robert Buller, general contractor, reveals that the construction of the \$150,000 edifice, which will house the sanctuary and educational facilities for our Denver members, is moving according to proposed plans. The old Denver church has been sold, and our members are now meeting in temporary quarters.

★ David B. Reid, pastor of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist church in St. Louis, Missouri, has announced plans for the purchasing of property and the construction of a modern elementary school in the St. Louis area, which would be ready for occupancy by September, 1963.

★ Jane Brooks of Omaha, Nebraska, recently joined Mrs. Maybelle Fordham and Lolita Maupin to complete our secretarial staff.

★ Evelyn Bass from Omaha, Nebraska, is an honor student at College View Academy. She is active in sports and school activities, has won a temperance oratorical contest, was elected queen of ticket selling, was an MV officer and Student Association secretary.

LAKE REGION

C. E. Bradford, Pres.
M. C. Van Putten, Sec.-Treas.
8517 S. State Street, Chicago, Illinois
Vincennes 6-2661

News Notes

★ Shiloh church has voted an extensive remodeling and rebuilding program. The first stage is the rebuilding of a fine church sanctuary, enlarging it from its present capacity of 450 to 1,200.

★ On the morning of January 14 fire broke out in the Shiloh church dining room. Extensive damage was done both in the gymnasium and the dining room. A defective space heater was thought to be the cause. Further damage was prevented by the sprinkler system.

★ Richard P. Robinson is the new manager of the Lake Region Book and Bible House.

★ The campaigns at City Temple and Burns Avenue churches, Detroit, Michigan, are paying off well. City Temple received \$2,500 during December and Burns Avenue received \$1,600. The far-visited pastors are to be commended for pacesetting in the vital matter of stewardship.

★ During the month of December members of the Lake Region family turned in to the Lord's treasury \$52,557 in tithe, the largest amount in our history. City Temple, Detroit, and Shiloh, Chicago, led the way with \$8,500 and \$12,100, respectively. Conference finance is still everybody's business. The success of our evangelistic program depends on the faithfulness of our laity in tithes and offerings.

NORTHEASTERN

R. T. Hudson, Pres.
F. L. Jones, Sec.-Treas.
560 W. 150th Street, New York, N.Y.
AUdubon 6-0233

Testimonial Luncheon Honoring Leon H. Davis

ON SUNDAY, February 10, 1963, a testimonial luncheon honoring Leon H. Davis was held in the Imperial ballroom of the Hotel Americana, newest hotel in New York City, at 7th Avenue and 52d Street.

This was one of the most successful testimonials held in recent years in the Northeastern Conference. More than 750 persons crowded into this large, beautiful ballroom to pay honor to Leon H. Davis, who for over eight years has served as educational and youth director of the conference, giving outstanding service.

It was fitting that this honor should be bestowed at this time, for as of January 1, 1963, as a result of a Northeastern Conference Committee action, the education and Missionary Volunteer

departments were divided. Leon H. Davis remains as youth director, with more time to meet the great needs of our youth in this large metropolis.

Frank L. Jones acted as master of ceremonies; the program chairman was Gilbert Foster of Westbury, Long Island. Associates were Valerie Bennett, Mrs. Sybil Gooden, Mrs. Ruby Foster, and Owen A. Troy, Jr.

The mayor of New York was scheduled to appear, but because of other commitments he could not be present. We were more than happy to have present Mrs. Josie Lee Kuhlman, director of community organizations of the New York City Youth Board. This board seeks to prevent and curtail juvenile delinquency in this great city.

W. Harold Kibble of the Mount of Olives church, Brooklyn, gave the greeting. Charles Toney and Sheila Hunter were youth representatives. Outstanding music was rendered by Maise Ephraim of the Bethel church; Jon Robertson and Marcus and Lolita Thompson of the Ephesus church. Louis B. Reynolds of the General Conference Sabbath School Department gave the invocation. L. E. Smart, youth director of the Atlantic Union Conference; Jacob Justiss, youth director of the Allegheny Conference; Owen A. Troy, Jr., of Bridgeport; George W. Timpson of New Haven; and A. Samuel Rashford, president of the Oakwood Alumni Association, gave interesting two-minute speeches of their acquaintance with the honoree.

Additional musical selections were given by the James sisters and Newton Osborne of Yale University. R. T. Hudson, president of Northeastern Conference, gave the principal address, a very inspirational message.

Beautiful and enduring gifts were presented to Leon H. Davis. A plaque was given by the Tri-borough Teachers' Association and was presented by Emerson Whidbee. Another beautiful plaque was given by the youth of the

conference and was presented by Valerie Bennett. Numerous other gifts were presented by the churches, including the Bethel church, the home church of the Davises. This presentation was made by Mrs. Gussie Wooten and Trevor Baker.

On this occasion emphasis was given to the work the youth of the conference can do to build Camp Victory Lake into one of the best youth activity centers in the area. We feel certain that \$3,000 or more will be gained from this activity for camp improvements for the summer of 1963.

We thank our youth and our churches for the wonderful response to this call, and are confident that this date will long be remembered. The program was closed with the benediction by William Alleyne, pastor of the New York Boulevard-Corona district.

Yale University Glee Club Sings

FOR the first time in the history of Yale University of New Haven, Connecticut, a singing group from the university agreed to render a benefit concert for a private organization.

On Sunday, February 3, 1963, this excellent musical group was presented in concert by the Mount Zion Seventh-day Adventist church at the Woolsey Hall on the campus of Yale University. This presentation was truly a work of faith, according to Bruce McInnes, director of the glee club. The group has never in the past given a benefit performance, but owing to the efforts of Mrs. Ida Brooks and George W. Timpson, pastor, a benefit program was arranged. The hall, which is the best in New Haven, was obtained through the glee club for the smallest fee possible. The glee club sold tickets for the occasion and helped extensively with the advertising.

We were fortunate to have beautiful, sunny, clear weather, and a large number of metropolitan New York members drove up for the occasion. We can safely say that more than 1,000 persons were in attendance. This was a marvelous show of support to the New Haven church, who will receive approximately \$2,000 clear of expenses as a result of the program.

On February 4, 1963, the New Haven church signed a contract to begin its new \$150,000 church.

The Apollo Glee Club was devel-



Leon H. Davis, center; his wife and son to his left, and those who made presentations.



Apollo Glee Club of Yale University.

oped almost 70 years ago as a training and preparatory organization for the Yale Glee Club. In time the Apollo Glee Club was giving concerts of its own and gradually developed into a full-fledged concert organization. During the turbulent war years and the middle forties the Apollo group was disbanded; but in 1947 the glee club was reorganized and throughout the years has become more outstanding. They are scheduled to tour Europe this summer.

The present leader of this talented group of artists, Bruce G. McInnes, is an outstanding musician and a graduate of Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Upon graduation he received a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Europe. He spent a year in Paris and gave several recitals, including one in Notre Dame Cathedral.

Mount Zion church has been greatly honored to have the services of such a dedicated group of artists, and we are very grateful to Mr. McInnes, each member of the glee club, and the officers of Yale University for this kind favor.

FRANK L. JONES, *Press Secretary*

Nebblett Family to British Guiana

ON DECEMBER 29, 1962, Elder and Mrs. Milton E. Nebblett and their four children left New York for British Guiana, South America, to begin a third term of mission service in the Caribbean. Milton E. Nebblett has

been called to serve as president of the British Guiana Mission.

Elder and Mrs. Nebblett (she is the former Ivy Tynes) attended Oakwood Academy and College. After graduating from Oakwood, Milton Nebblett attended the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., where he earned an M.A. degree.

In 1953 they accepted a call to pastoral work in Trinidad, West Indies, where they served for a year before being transferred to British Guiana. Here he served as Missionary Volunteer and educational secretary. After three years in British Guiana they returned to the States on furlough.

On their second term of service they were assigned to Barbados in the West Indies. During two years of pastoral-evangelistic work there they were instrumental in baptizing more than two hundred souls, raising up two new churches, and erecting two church buildings. In 1960 Milton Nebblett was called to serve as Missionary Volunteer and educational secretary of the Carib-



The Milton E. Nebblett family.

bean Union, which post he held until the end of his second term of service.

We wish the Nebbletts good health and much success as they undertake their new assignment in the mission field.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

G. J. Millet, Pres.
Adell Warren, Business Manager
Huntsville, Alabama
534-2487

Oakwood News Notes

★ DR. JULIUS KORGAN, former dean of West Indies College, joined the Oakwood College staff, February 1, 1963, as a professor of history. He also assists in the division of religion. His qualifications include overseas service in Africa and the West Indies, as well as Bachelor's, Master's, Bachelor of Divinity, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

★ A recent decision of the board of trustees turned on the green light for construction of a fine-arts building. This structure will replace the music hall, which has become a cherished landmark, but which now is condemned. This hall of memories has served the college well since its construction in the early part of the century.

★ A new curriculum materials center has been established in Moran Hall under the direction of Dr. G. R. Partridge, chairman of the education and psychology division. Also recently completed is an audio-visual materials room in Green Hall.

★ Great emphasis will be placed on the annual Oakwood offering this year. It is hoped that \$100,000 will be raised August 10, 1963, for unprecedented expansion of the college, which now has its greatest enrollment in the past eleven years.

★ The Atomic Energy Commission has awarded a grant of several thousands of dollars to the department of chemistry and physics of Oakwood College for the acquisition of equipment in nuclear technology. This equipment will be used in the nuclear training program soon to be offered by the college as an integral part of its chemistry and physics courses. The offering of this program will enable a number of

science majors to receive training in isotope technology as a part of their undergraduate science curriculum. A special radiochemical laboratory is being readied to augment the existing facilities available for this program.

★ The college choir, under the direction of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Pierre-Louis, will include the Pacific Coast in its itineraries this spring. Included in the tour are Dallas, Keene, Phoenix, Los Angeles, and the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as other cities. Recently the traveling choir rendered concerts in Mobile and Birmingham.

★ The college expresses sincere thanks to the alumni association for making possible the establishment of the alumni guest house on the campus. This will fill a great need. We endorse the present efforts of the national executive committee to complete the project.

★ One of the high lights of the year's program is the annual evangelistic workshop conducted by Earl E. Cleveland. This year, the workshop was held in early February.

★ Charles C. Cunningham conducted the Spring Week of Religious Emphasis in March.

★ Dr. E. A. Cooper, chairman of the division of natural sciences and mathematics, attended the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies and received training in radioisotope technology.

GARLAND MILLETT, *President*

Oakwood Buys a Bus!

RECENTLY Oakwood College purchased a 37-passenger bus for musical and educational tours. It is a streamlined highway Aerocoach powered by a giant C-175 Cummins Diesel motor. It has reclining seats and ample storage space. It is fully air-conditioned, and there is also a public-address system in the bus. The bus is painted blue with bright-yellow trim and has attractive aluminum sides.

A successful campaign for this bus was conducted during the fall and winter. More than \$4,000 has been raised thus far, including approximately \$1,500 during "B-day" in Huntsville, led by Hunter Crigler and Oster Paul, campaign committee chairmen. Enthusiasm ran high as a wheelbarrow of money poured in. Student organizations contributed hundreds of dollars

to swell the total. Our loyal faculty gave \$500 and then solicited even more money.

Our loyal alumni had a part as they sent in contributions and participated in the church drives for this purpose. Our constituent conferences and churches are also helping in response to letters sent to them by the Oakwood students. We anticipate a successful conclusion to the campaign soon.

All of us are happy to see the need for a means of transportation being filled. The administration takes this means of expressing gratitude to our many friends for their support.

GARLAND MILLETT, *President*

Board Grants President Millet Study Leave

AT THE Oakwood College Board Meeting, January 21, 1963, Garland J. Millet, president of Oakwood College, requested a summer's leave for study. After the board had given the request due consideration it was voted that he be given twelve months' leave with salary and the regular allowances, in order that he might have time to complete requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

It was also felt by the board that the college should not be left at this time in the hands of one who would be simply acting as president.

At the March 4 board meeting Addison V. Pinkney, educational secretary of the Allegheny Conference, was unanimously elected president of the college. His duties will begin July 1.

During the nine years President Millet has been in charge of the college, wonderful progress and high achievements have been made. Several new college buildings and teachers' and students' housing have been constructed, and other buildings are now in the planning stage. Under his guidance Oakwood College was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Several tuition and scholarship grants have been secured by him. He has pursued his work with earnestness and vigor.

His work at the college has been greatly appreciated by the board of trustees and the college constituency. We wish for him an abundance of success during his year of study. He has full charge of the college for the remainder of this college year.

FRANK L. PETERSON

Chairman of the College Board

SOUTH ATLANTIC

W. S. Banfield, Pres.
L. S. Follette, Sec.-Treas.
235 Chicamauga Avenue SW.
Atlanta, Georgia

South Atlantic Laymen Plan Rallies



Samuel Thomas

IN THE last two years, we have been giving strong promotion to lay soul-winning work. In the spring of 1961, we conducted four State-wide lay soul-winning rallies and followed through with a ten-day soul-winning workshop at camp meeting. In each year we reached between three and four thousand laymen in these workshops.

For 1963, we are conducting seven sectional lay soul-winning rallies that will take in the 30 districts and 92 churches of the South Atlantic Conference. We are hoping to reach at least five thousand laymen in these seven workshops. We are also making definite plans for conducting a strong soul-winning lay workshop at our coming camp meeting—June 6 through 15. It is our conviction that we are living in the time of the end. If the laymen are to take a part in the finishing of the work, they must be trained and encouraged now to accept their responsibility of going forth working in the interest of a finished work through winning souls for the kingdom of God.

SAMUEL THOMAS

SOUTH CENTRAL

C. E. Dudley, Pres.
L. E. Ford, Sec.-Treas.
715 Young's Lane, Nashville, Tennessee

Soul Winning in Dothan, Alabama

THE South Central Conference in its "Target '63" program is emphasizing baptisms in each district monthly. The Dothan church was the scene of a baptismal service on January 26, when

seven persons received the rite, administered by the pastor, Wallace J. Mitchell. Mrs. J. P. Walker, a colporteur, supplied the names of the interested ones and they were followed up by the pastor and his wife.

In recent years the Dothan church has grown to the point where the building is too small. W. J. MITCHELL

Robert L. Woodfork, A. R. Carethers, and S. C. Terry. A short address was given by Vincent L. Roberts, conference president. Mrs. V. L. Roberts, Dorcas Federation president, cut the ribbon.

The center is open five days a week and is helping many persons who are in need of food and clothing.

to Him, and to do their very best, according to their circumstances, to assist in His work."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 132.

Prison Inmates Baptized

ABOUT July of 1960 H. J. Carubba and C. R. May followed up some Voice of Prophecy interests in the State prison at Angola, Louisiana. Shortly after these contacts were made, plans were laid to organize a branch Sabbath school for these interested persons. The class started with only five persons. Later one of these was paroled, leaving only four. The studies were continued, and the attendance increased to approximately 15. The prison chaplain was very gracious in providing a place where the meeting could be held regularly for this group.

Sickness and a lack of conveyance to the meeting place caused a decline in the participation among some of the inmates about a year later. Early in 1962 the interest had so increased that another worker was needed. Womack Rucker of the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, church connected with the group. Ten of these inmates joined the baptismal class. On September 16, 1962, seven of these persons were baptized in a lake behind the prison walls. One of the seven has been pardoned since being baptized while in prison. He has returned to his home in Jamaica, West Indies, to proclaim this message to his people.

The remaining six who were baptized have organized themselves into a church group, and they are now working for other inmates in the prison. They have a branch Sabbath school of 15 in attendance.

SOUTHWEST REGION

V. L. Roberts, Pres.
P.O. Box 6289
Dallas, Tex.

George-Smith Wedding

ON DECEMBER 23, 1962, in Cleveland, Ohio, Helen L. George became the wife of John C. Smith in an atmosphere befitting the season.

Miss George is a graduate of Oakwood College and the University of Pittsburgh. She taught in the public school system in Cleveland, Ohio. Elder Smith is also a graduate of Oakwood College and at present is home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the Southwest Region Conference. Charles D. Brooks, pastor of the Glenville Seventh-day Adventist church in Cleveland, Ohio, performed the ceremony. The couple are now making their home in Dallas, Texas.

New Group in Taylor, Texas

IN 1956 the members of the First Seventh-day Adventist church of Elgin, Texas, became deeply concerned about carrying the message to the Negro population of that city. They decided that if a tent effort could be brought into Elgin, they would finance it. They notified the Southwest Region Conference of their desire to help with the work in Elgin, and in the summer of 1956 an evangelistic team was sent into Elgin, headed by L. B. Baker. With the blessings of the Lord, this effort resulted in the organizing of a church of 67 members.

This new church greatly strengthened the work in that city, and the two churches have worked together faithfully in spreading the gospel to surrounding areas. In the spring of 1962 these two churches requested of the Southwest Region Conference permission to finance a tent effort in Taylor, Texas. They purchased a bus to transport to and from the meeting those who wanted to attend but were unable to get transportation.

The Lord greatly blessed this endeavor, and in September, 1962, a church of 36 members was organized in Taylor. The tent effort was conducted by John C. Smith. Now the three churches are working together and making definite plans to carry the gospel into Giddings, Texas, a neighboring city, this summer. The bus that was purchased for the Taylor effort will be used in Giddings.

Foremost in this dark-area project is Ralph Jensen and Herbert Fenske. They seek out the territory to be worked and prepare the area for the reception of this truth by conducting the distribution of literature. It is the purpose of these churches to continue this operation until all of southeast Texas has been warned.

It is the firm belief of these consecrated members that "the Lord now calls upon Seventh-day Adventists in every locality to consecrate themselves

New Orleans Church Opens Health and Welfare Center

THE Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church, 2400 Delechaise Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, opened and dedicated a health and welfare center at 1034 North Claiborne Avenue.

A special dedicatory service was held in the church auditorium. J. Harvey Kerns, executive secretary of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans, was the principal speaker. He said, "The Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church has taken a giant step in the opening of this welfare center for the underprivileged."

After the service at the church a motorcade of 50 cars, led by two city motorcycle policemen as escorts, transported the audience across town to the center, where the ribbon-cutting ceremony was held.

Greetings were given by the pastor,

The North American Informant

Representing the colored work of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination

Editor - - - - - H. D. Singleton
Managing Editor - - - - - F. L. Bland
Editorial Secretary - - - - - Ruby L. Jones

Consulting Editors: Theodore Carcich, W. S. Banfield, R. T. Hudson, C. E. Bradford, J. E. Dykes, C. E. Dudley, W. W. Fordham, W. L. Cheatham, G. J. Miller, W. S. Lee, E. E. Cleveland, and V. L. Roberts.

Printed bimonthly for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Takoma Park, Washington 12, D.C., U.S.A. Fifty cents a year, 10 cents a copy; add 20 cents for yearly subscriptions to countries requiring extra postage.

Sharing the BLESSED hope THROUGH—

Blessed soul-saving truths appear in a great new series of "Hope for These Times" reprints and preprints, carefully prepared to assist you in your missionary endeavors.



Presenting Great Bible Truths

CHRIST-CENTERED FOR *Appeal*
CHRIST-FILLED FOR *Conversion*
CHRIST-REVEALING FOR *Eternal Life*

High in Value—Low in Cost

Be sure to include MISSIONARY SUBSCRIPTIONS for loved ones you want to see in the kingdom.

ORDER THROUGH YOUR CHURCH MISSIONARY SECRETARY OR YOUR BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE

SPECIAL
MISSIONARY RATE

\$1.50

Our Goal—Two per member or ten per family in 1963
SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE