

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE

BY A. V. PINKNEY

### Fine Arts Building

CONSTRUCTION is under way at Huntsville, Alabama's, Oakwood College for a new \$150,000 Fine Arts Building.

Addison V. Pinkney, president of Oakwood College, reports that the new building is scheduled for completion in late spring and occupancy in summer. First use of the new building will be made when classes reconvene in September, 1964.

The new block-and-brick structure is located east of the present oval-shaped campus between East Hall and the home of the president. It has two stories, measures 160 feet by 60 feet, and will conform architecturally to the other buildings on the campus.

President Pinkney reports that the building will contain more than 30 rooms, including voice studios, practice rooms for organs and pianos, several large classrooms, reading rooms, a band room, a music library, and an auditorium with a capacity for 250 persons.

The building was designed by Don Kirkman, architect. Contractor for the building is R. L. Kimble, and construction plans will be under the direction of Adell Warren, business manager of the college.

The construction program for the Fine Arts Building is in line with the over-all plan of expansion and improvement voted by the college board of trustees. At the present time the fine arts facilities of the school are situated in an older building on the campus.

Other improvements are scheduled for the Oakwood campus. Some plans of the board of trustees have already been implemented, including the paving of a new parking lot north of the administration building, the installation of a new lighting system on the campus, the reroofing of two campus buildings, and the installation of a new switchboard and reception center for the administration building.

### News Notes

► Oakwood College is now eligible for membership in the United Negro College Fund and other foundations.

► Oakwood College has added five Ph.D's to their staff, making a total of fourteen with the Doctor's degree on the faculty. The additions to the staff enriching the total scholastic potential of the college in the field of religion, mathematics, physics, biology, and education were made possible by the generous giving of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, of which R. R. Figuhr is the president.

► Oakwood College is one of eleven colleges and two universities in North America supported by Seventh-day Adventists, who believe that their schools play a major part in developing those who are fitted to take their place in the ever-expanding world work of Adventists in health, welfare and education.

► Oakwood College, owing to its location here on the edge of the city

line of Huntsville, Alabama, the rocket center and space capital of the world, is drawn into the privilege of filling new job opportunities with qualified students.

► The college curriculum is being restudied and new emphasis is being placed upon science and math to give added skills to students who need to find work while they learn. An accelerated course in key punch was offered at the beginning of the second semester.

► Milk production at Oakwood College has increased because of modernization and improved management. Milk production per cow has climbed from 4,500 pounds to 8,150 pounds in the past three years. Herd production is used mainly for the college cafeteria and the store, but the surplus is sold to Meadow Gold Dairies and is completely pasteurized, homogenized, and bottled for marketing. The first step toward increased production came in November, 1959, when the dairy joined the Madison County Dairy Herd Improvement Association and started testing of individual cows. The college also joined the Madison County Artificial Breeding Association, and this has improved the quality of calves produced and kept as replacements in the herd. Low producers in the herd have been culled since the testing program made evaluation possible. Manager Lawrence Jacobs, Jr., feels that the excellent record on production increase is owing to better management in the herd in

general, the testing program, artificial breeding, and better job of herd feeding.

## LAKE REGION

### Progress of Shiloh Church in 1963

IN A recent Sabbath morning sermon by our pastor, S. D. Meyers, pertinent facts were brought to view concerning the progress of the Shiloh church, of Chicago, both temporal and spiritual, for which we can be thankful to God.

We are happy to report that the faithful members paid more than \$102,000 tithes during the year, and reached an Ingathering goal of \$16,350, an all-time high in the history of the church. More than \$20,000 has been realized in the past nine months as a result of the every-member building canvass. Plans and specifications have been delivered by the architect, which call for an enlargement of our sanctuary from the present seating capacity of 450 to a more adequate seating of 1,200.

As a result of the tent effort held this past summer, 63 persons were baptized, and by the end of the year the number had been increased to a total of 101.

Our Shiloh Academy has made progressive strides under the capable leadership of Mrs. Christine Thompson and her staff of 12 teachers. There is an enrollment of 285 students.

As these accomplishments pass in review, we solicit your prayers as we pledge, under God, "to do more in '64."

FRANCES T. VAUGHN, *Press Secretary*  
*Shiloh SDA Church*

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## NORTHEASTERN

### Grand Opening of New Haven Church

SABBATH, December 7, was the grand opening day for the church at New Haven, Connecticut. The Mount Zion congregation entered its new structure with joy and happiness as approximately 400 friends from sister churches and the city gathered.

The building is a new concept in church construction for Northeastern Conference. There are no windows in the sides of the building, but across the top of the church large windows are set into the roof line. These windows give as much light as the conventional windows.

New Haven is undergoing a redevelopment program, and ultramodern buildings are being constructed in all parts of the city. This church will be much in line with the new architectural designs of the city. Scores have come by to inspect this interesting building.

We are indeed grateful to the Collins Architectural Firm, which directed the construction, and the Jaybee Construction Company, actual builders, who completed the building in approximately seven months. We are very grateful also for the work of the pastor, George Timpson, and his active building committee who stayed by the many difficulties and the trying work of finishing the building according to plan.

The Honorable John DeNicola, Selectman of Hamden, Connecticut, was very gracious in his remarks welcoming the church to the community of Hamden, a suburb of New Haven. Other guests were L. C. Siler, president of the Dixwell Ministerial Association, who brought greetings from the ministers of the city, and Marion Stokes, pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. church. Pastor Stokes has been a special friend of the Mount Zion church, and for the past five years has opened the doors of his church on a rental basis to our congregation until the new building was constructed. There is a very warm and friendly relationship between our church and the churches of the city.

R. T. Hudson, president of the Northeastern Conference, gave the morning message, entitled "Two Indisputable Signs." W. J. Hackett, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, gave the message at the four



New Haven church.

o'clock hour. We were happy also to have present K. W. Tilghman, treasurer of the Atlantic Union Conference, who made a very welcome presentation—\$500 from the union to help the church in its pew drive.

The loyal members of the Mount Zion church have given faithfully, and, many, sacrificially to the church building fund. Thus far, the construction cost totals \$108,000. Recently the church took a new stewardship canvass, which was completed in November, with \$45,000 pledged to pay off the mortgage in three years, to purchase new pews, and to finish the refinement of the church structure.

We wish for the Mount Zion church the blessings of God as it carries forward the gospel of Christ to the community.

### Investment Day at City Tabernacle Church

THE annual Sabbath Investment Day program held at the City Tabernacle in New York City last quarter has become an institution in the church, and through the years an unusual job in gathering funds for the world Sabbath school has been done.

Mrs. Anita Irons, widow of the late L. O. Irons, first treasurer of Northeastern Conference, is the Investment secretary. Approximately twelve years ago Mrs. Irons initiated this program and has given valuable leadership through the years. From a very small beginning the Investment program has rapidly picked up interest and supporters. It is estimated that during the past twelve years more than \$30,000 has been realized for the advancement of God's work. During the past four years the offering received has been more than \$3,500 each year. The offering last quarter totaled \$4,199.

F. L. Bland, associate secretary of

the General Conference Regional Department, was guest speaker. His sermon entitled "God and the Space Age" was well received, and the people of God were blessed spiritually as they gave liberally to the cause of God.

After the sermon an interesting program was presented. Participants were: H. R. Murphy, pastor; Mrs. Anita Irons, welcome address; H. W. Kibble, Northeastern Sabbath school secretary, Scripture reading; F. L. Jones, Northeastern treasurer, morning prayer; Lloyd Watson, of the Bethel church in Brooklyn, narrator; Mrs. Edna Williamson, decorations; Mrs. Nina Addison, Sabbath school superintendent; Mrs. Ruth Beazer, secretary; the Interborough Choir, with Miss Yolanda Clarke, directress; the Collegiate Choir of the Ephesus church, Homer Wade, conductor; Robert Bradford, tenor; Victor Kelly, director of one of the choral groups at the Hanson Place church in Brooklyn; and Dr. F. F. Fordham, of the Linden Boulevard church. The entire program was coordinated by Miss Yolanda Clarke, program chairman.

After the program the Investment financial report was given by the individual Sabbath school classes. One class reported \$616; another, \$452, and still another, \$435, with the other reports tapering off in the \$300 and \$200 bracket. It is amazing what God's people can do when properly motivated.

### Progress Report: Mount of Olives Church

God has blessed the Mount of Olives church in Brooklyn in a marked way under the leadership of W. Harold Kibble. In 1960 Pastor Kibble assumed the leadership of the Mount of Olives district, including the church in Staten Island. The congregation numbered 150 at that time and worshiped in rented quarters.

In March, 1961, a lovely church building was made available for purchase. The church's fund-raising program was accelerated immediately, and with conference help and a small mortgage, the purchase was completed on March 9, 1961.

Recently a complete redecorating program was begun. The interior was painted, and new pulpit furniture and rugs were purchased. A new pastor's study was built in the basement with beautiful hardwood panel



Mount of Olives church.

boards. The exterior has been redecorated. The yard is very attractive. The church has a neat sign, which keeps the community informed of church activities. Mount of Olives is one of the finest middle-size churches in the Northeastern Conference. The spirit of the membership is marvelous, and the pattern of growth has been wonderful. At the close of the third quarter of 1963 the membership was above the two-hundred mark.

For the past three years Mount of Olives has been the first church in Northeastern to reach its Ingathering goal on the very day the conference campaign opens. Mrs. Penn, an elderly member, has led the way to a quick victory by raising five Silver

Vanguard goals for the past two years.

The youth choir has been reorganized under the leadership of Clemmon Braithwaite, and is doing an excellent job. Mrs. Kibble, an accomplished musician, has been the organist of the church. Recently the Kibbles were transferred to the Bridgeport, Connecticut, district, where Owen A. Troy was pastor prior to going to the mission field.

### Gooden Family Sails for Africa

THE Samuel Gooden family sailed for East Nigeria on December 5, 1963. They left from Bush Terminal in Brooklyn, New York, on a ship of the Tema Barker Lines. Mr. Gooden has joined the staff of the Nigerian Training College at Ihie Rica, Nbawsi, as a science teacher.

Mr. Gooden has been a teacher for the Northeastern Conference in the New York City area for more than fifteen years. He has taught in the Manhattan Elementary School and has been a member of the Northeastern Academy staff as science teacher and assistant principal. More recently he served as principal of the Bethel Elementary School, Brooklyn, the position he left to take up duties in Africa.



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gooden and daughters, Sharon and Rose.

He has served as local elder for the Ephesus church, New York City, as church board member, and in many other capacities. For the past year and a half he has served as a member of the conference executive committee.

Wherever help is needed Mr. Gooden can be found willing and ready to assist. When the campground needed a store manager last summer he was willing to continue the good work of supplying our campers with wholesome food during the camp season.

Mrs. Gooden has been very active in church and community activities. There are two daughters in the family, Sharon and Rose.

We will certainly miss the Goodens, and we wish for them the blessings of God as they go to the ends of the earth to share their knowledge with those who are seeking enlightenment in times like these.

## SOUTHWEST REGION

### Educational Department News Notes

► Our over-all school system around the conference is moving along very smoothly at the present time. All of our schools are progressing more and more as the school year continues. The Southwest Region Academy here in Dallas, Texas, gave to the community a vivid demonstration of practical Christianity this past Thanksgiving by distributing a number of large food baskets to needy families. They are also actively engaged in Operation Fireside.

► Our Shreveport, Louisiana, school has been given a great deal of publicity by their participation in the homecoming parade of a neighboring school in Coushatta, Louisiana. They have also purchased a school bus.

► The new Orleans, Louisiana, school has set out to attain several extra educational items, which will mean a great deal in the training of the young people. They have purchased a number of television sets, and sewing is now offered to the young ladies.

► Our Baton Rouge, Louisiana, school is "bursting out at the seams." Plans are being made to enlarge their building to take care of the many students on the waiting list. I am con-



Southwest Region Academy students pictured with Thanksgiving food baskets for needy families.

fidant that the pastor, Van Rannels, will have this project moving along nicely within a very short time.

► Preliminary plans are under way to construct a new school building in Houston, Texas. A school is much needed in this city to help enlighten the image of our educational program in that area. We feel that the Lord is blessing our educational endeavors in this area. Your prayers and best wishes are solicited.

L. A. PASCHAL  
*Superintendent*

### New Church in Fort Worth, Texas

THIS past summer L. G. Newton conducted a tent effort in Fort Worth, Texas. The Lord greatly blessed his labors, and many souls were garnered in. With the increase in membership, the old church building was inadequate. Prayer and study were given to this problem, and the brethren were able to secure a lovely building. The building was valued at \$55,000, but the congregation was able to purchase it at a much lower price.



New church in Fort Worth, Texas.

The building has a seating capacity of four hundred, central heating, air conditioning; it is completely furnished with pews and carpeting. There is a two-story educational building, which can be easily converted into a church school building. The parking lot is ample, and the church is in a strategic location, easily accessible from any point in the city of Fort Worth.

The pastor and members of Fort Worth are proud of their new church home and are thankful to God for His leading and guiding in this undertaking.

### Voice of Prophecy Interest Results in Organization of Church

A VOICE OF PROPHECY interest for a person in Coushatta, Louisiana, was mailed to the Southwest Region Conference office in Dallas, Texas. This interest was sent to L. D. Henderson, the pastor nearest Coushatta. He made an appointment to meet with the interested person and to arrange for fur-

ther Bible studies, and found that the interest was greater than he had expected. There were many who were interested in the Adventist message, and plans were made to hold a tent effort to follow up this interest.

On July 21, 1963, a tent was pitched in Coushatta, not far from one of the leading churches of the town. Most of the members from this church attended the meetings. The minister, along with others, conspired to see that Elder Henderson's tent be moved out of the city of Coushatta. They were successful in forcing him to move. The sheriff of the county gave Elder Henderson permission to erect the tent just two blocks from the previous location, and he was able to move the tent to the new location without missing one night's service.

The Lord greatly blessed the efforts of Elder Henderson and his workers. On Sabbath, December 7, 1963, a church of thirty-seven persons was organized in this town. Four public school teachers were among the thirty-seven.

We have seen the promise of the Lord fulfilled, that His word would not return unto Him void.

**CENTRAL STATES**

**News Notes**

- Recent changes: J. R. Wagner, formerly of Mobile, Alabama, is now the pastor of the Denver, Colorado, church.
- On Sabbath, January 4, James D. Parker was introduced as the new pastor of Omaha, Nebraska. He received a warm reception and welcome by the members. This fills the vacancy that was created when J. L. Butler was called to the MV and educational department.
- P. C. Winley is the publishing secretary of the Central States Conference. He is filling the vacancy that was created when Odell Mackey was called to the South Central Conference.
- Kinloch church dedication. On Sabbath, December 14, the Kinloch, Missouri, church was dedicated. R. H. Nightingale, president of the Central Union Conference, brought the dedicatory message. R. A. Smith is the pastor.
- Evangelistic council. On January

19-21 the Missouri and Central States conferences joined in an evangelistic council, which was held at the Central Seventh-day Adventist church. E. E. Cleveland and J. E. Edwards from the General Conference were the featured speakers. This was the first time that a joint workers' meeting had been held, and we believe that the fellowship together was very profitable and beneficial. James Chase, formerly of the TV and Radio Department of the General Conference, is the president of the Missouri Conference.

► Report of baptisms. Central States workers' report of baptisms totals 302. Individual reports are:

H. C. Brewer	17
J. L. Butler	46
C. R. Craig	6
C. S. Myles	29
J. D. Parker	19
D. B. Reid	27
W. M. Rice	6
W. C. Scales	63
R. A. Smith	54
G. H. Taylor	30
P. C. Winley	5
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Total	302

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

**News Notes**

- South Central had its largest number of baptisms this year since 1954 and the membership is moving toward 5,000.
- At the recent workers' meeting the following awards were given for service in various areas: J. R. Wagner, evangelism—105 persons baptized; C. R. Graham, Christian education—opened a church school in Louisville, Kentucky; R. P. Peay, youth evangelism—led his youth in a strong evangelistic program in Chattanooga and Memphis, Tennessee; T. M. Rowe, Sabbath school evangelism—for having a branch Sabbath school in Murfreesboro, Tennessee; J. R. Wagner, medical evangelism—established a blood bank, a welfare center, conducted Red Cross classes, and held medical clinics in his church at Mobile, Alabama; H. L. Jones, literature evangelism—for having been instrumental in helping to recruit and hold the largest number of workers in this area; V. Lindsay, fund raising—for successfully promoting offerings in all areas, and the person named Pastor of

the Year for giving strong promotion to every phase of the conference program.

- During 1963 our literature evangelists delivered \$135,000 worth of truth-filled literature.
- J. E. Cox, pastor of the Meharry Boulevard church in Nashville, Tennessee, ran a successful evangelistic meeting, along with the laymen, in Franklin, Tennessee. Included in the baptismal service were Pastor J. H. Hardin, assistant grand chaplain of the Elks Grand Lodge and his wife. He was a minister in the Baptist church for 22 years.

► Two new churches have been organized as a result of the labors of S. H. Cox in Laurel, Mississippi, and W. J. Mitchell in Bertha, Alabama.

**ALLEGHENY**

**Institutes in Cleveland, Ohio and Washington, D.C.**

IN SPITE of threatening snowstorms and treacherous highways, well over 1,000 Allegheny church officers, representing 72 churches and companies, met in two meaningful, information-packed institutes recently concluded.

The first institute convened on Sunday, January 5, in the spacious Bethel church, of Cleveland, Ohio, where the pastor, Milton Thomas, served as general host. Approximately 350 church officers from 22 churches were in attendance there.

In his thought-filled devotional message, the conference president, W. L. Cheatham, stressed the continuing need in our churches for "unity and diligence" in the work of God. Quoting from *Testimonies*, volume 9, page 221, he read "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."

The conference administrative and departmental staff led out in the discussions and instruction. W. L. Cheatham met with the church elders and deacons. The conference treasurer, W. A. Thompson, chaired the meeting and led out in a general question-and-answer period conducted during the time when conference workers and local elders were engaged in the religious liberty meeting. He also cared for instruction of clerks and treasurers.

The second meeting, held in Washington, D.C., at the First church on January 12, had an attendance of 770 people by count. Approximately 50 churches were represented here, and the pastor, John H. Wagner, Jr., welcomed the delegates and extended the commodious facilities of his church.

Devotional speaker for the Washington, D.C., meeting was Arthur Kiesz, newly elected religious liberty and medical secretary of the Columbia Union Conference.

F. L. Bland, of the General Conference, was also present and addressed the delegates, relating the experiences of God's people as he visits the many churches in North America. It was apparent that God's prospering hand is upon His people and that the Lord's work continues to advance.

Separate departmental meetings were arranged for the delegated officers attending the institutes. Other high lights discussed, under the chairmanship of President Cheatham, included evangelism and baptisms, Ingathering, debt reduction, church insurance, and church school accounts.

Delegates were cheered to know that Allegheny Conference had closed the year with approximately 900 members added by baptism.

Pastors and church officers were commended for their leadership in the history-making accomplishment of completing their 1964 conference Ingathering goal of \$125,000 before the close of 1963.

Announcement was made concerning the recent transfer of the Book and Bible House. Edward Dorsey, manager, deserves commendation for the markedly improved facilities in the attractive new location. The Bible House is now known as the Allegheny Christian Book Store and is located at 5219 Market Street, Philadelphia 39, Pennsylvania.

The home missionary and Sabbath school secretary, D. B. Simons, led out in discussion and instruction for church missionary and Sabbath school officers and announced the coming laymen's congress to be held in Atlantic City in the fall of 1964. He distributed Bible evangelism posters and urged that they be placed in each church and that on Sabbath, February 1, every lay worker be encouraged to join in a giant concerted Bible evangelism crusade.

Jacob Justiss, conference youth leader, brought inspiration and instruc-

tion to Missionary Volunteer officers throughout the conference and set before his leaders the challenge of increased evangelism in the 1964 project, Target 3000.

C. L. Brooks not only chaired the meeting for Home and School leaders and school board chairmen but stirred the assemblies with his inimitable vocal renditions, "How Great Thou Art" and "It Is No Secret What God Can Do."

Personal testimonies and correspondence already indicate that our church officers have been greatly inspired and better informed to hasten the finishing of the work of God on earth.

D. B. SIMONS

*Press Secretary*

### Bi-Conference Youth Congress

THEY they were—approximately 5,000 Allegheny and Northeastern youth jammed into the Westchester County Center, White Plains, New York, on Sabbath, October 5, 1963. This first bi-conference youth congress, a long-growing idea in the mind of the Allegheny youth leader, had been planned at a meeting of the officers of the federated societies of the Allegheny Conference and representatives of the Northeastern federated societies under the leadership of Northeastern youth secretary Leon Davis.

Youth filled the Ephesus church on Friday night. The meetings were remarkable in that few children and fewer above-age members were present. N. G. Simons, director of Riverside Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, probed "What Is Truth?"

On Sabbath morning R. A. Anderson, secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, spoke in the old-time Advent way about "Tickets to Heaven." This was the motivating concept behind the congress—to have youth learn the truth and then give it to others.

Owen Troy, Jr., platform chairman, precisely moved the following choirs onto and off the huge stage: Buffalo choir, Fred Willis, director; Boston choir, Franklin James, director; City Tabernacle choir, Carl Benjamin, director; Linden Boulevard choir, Ruth Fordham, director; Pine Forge Institute choir, Harold Anthony, director; Brooklyn Temple chorus, and the Dupont Park choir, Alma Blackmon, director. Among the outstanding tal-

ent were the Chambermen Quartet—Dr. Joseph Rhyne, Robert Bradley Shelton Kilby, and Reginald Baker—who led in meditative hymns and set the tempo for harmonious renditions, and Joyce Bryant, the James Sisters, and Phyllis Bell, who dismissed the huge congregation by singing the theme song "In Times Like These."

The afternoon program was a tribute to Leon Davis' well-organized Pathfinder program. It was followed by an Investiture service. The star of the afternoon was Henry Holt, 19 years of age, who, rescued from a life of depravity, had brought in 15 adult members.

A choir festival closed the Sabbath activities.

Sunday morning at 10 A.M. approximately 500 Pathfinders and their leaders returned to Ephesus for instruction from the congress guests who were as follows: Clark Smith, General Conference MV associate secretary; L. E. Smart, Atlantic Union Conference MV secretary; E. M. Peterson, Columbia Union Conference MV secretary; R. T. Hudson, Northeastern Conference president; W. L. Cheatham, Allegheny Conference president; and Lee Paschal, Southwest Region Conference MV secretary.

JACOB JUSTISS, *MV Secretary*  
*Allegheny Conference*



Mr. and Mrs. William M. Holland of Washington, D.C., celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary early in September. She is a member of the Dupont Park church. Mr. and Mrs. Holland are greatly beloved and highly respected by the members of the church and by their many friends and relatives.

### Hall-Street Wedding

ON SUNDAY afternoon, September 1, Brenda Louise Hall, daughter of Mrs. Anne E. Hall, of Philadelphia, was married to James Howard Street, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Street of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

W. A. Thompson, secretary-treasurer of the Allegheny Conference, performed the ceremony in the Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist church, South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The bride was given in marriage by her godfather, William Molton. A reception followed at the Y.W.C.A.

The bride graduated from Pine Forge Institute in 1959 and from Columbia Union College in 1963. The bridegroom graduated from Conshohocken High School and is now attending Oakwood College, continuing his studies in business administration, which were interrupted by a two-year term of service in the Army. Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, will be the home of the Streets for the next two years.

SARAH MURRAY  
Press Secretary

Philadelphia Ebenezer Church

## News Notes

► Conference President W. L. Cheatnam, reports that W. C. Scales, Jr., of the Central States Conference, has accepted a call to connect with the Allegheny Conference as pastor-evangelist. He began his duties in the Erie, Pennsylvania, and Ashtabula, Ohio, churches on February 1.

► Pastors, church missionary officers, and loyal lay members of the Allegheny Conference performed a major feat in December by completing their 1964 Ingathering goal of \$125,000 (largest in conference history) before the close of 1963! C. C. Weis, in his report for the fifth official Ingathering week, wrote, "Congratulations go to Allegheny Conference in their outstanding achievement. Their conference is the first to reach its goal."

## A Tribute to Robert L. Handy

WE HAVE just lost one of the greatest assets a school can have. Buildings are important, we must have them. We must have helps of various and sundry types, but lump them all together and they, be they so many, can never make up the one and determinative factor that makes a school good or bad, loved or hated, worth while to attend or ineffective in its scope—a dedicated, effectual teacher.

Robert L. Handy was a great teacher in the deepest sense of the word, and in my opinion a man who, in the

short compass of 18 full years at the Pine Forge Institute, exploited to the full the components of a great life.

"What's in a name?" the great dramatist asked. Robert L. Handy was the epitome of his surname. It was his assignment to keep the physical plant of the Pine Forge Institute in running order; therefore, his tasks were varied and demanded a versatility of talents in many areas. And it was as if God thrust this man of deep and resourceful capability into the connectedness of events that originated and then sustained the long-dreamed-of but oft-frustrated "school in the north." The intensity of his interests bears cataloguing: first elder of the church, dean of men, airplane pilot, trumpet player, teacher of industrial arts, school engineer, choir-master, plumber, block layer, electrician, interior decorator, et cetera. Moreover, he exemplified the scripture "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might . . ."

What is the measure of a man? It is the worth and ability that he brings to the fore in times of crisis; it is his unrelenting desire to meet life with activity and not mere being; it is the series of experiences of a man—each one leaving its mark. This man left his mark, using his near-talismanic talents as a catalytic force in whose presence his boys were called upon to ply their powers in the highest and most remarkable performance of which their resources were capable. From around the world they rise and call him blessed.

We shall miss this pioneer faculty member; his booming baritone is now silent, but his tall memory shall forever frame the halls of the school he loved as surely as the hills that surround it.

JACOB JUSTISS  
MV Secretary

## SOUTH ATLANTIC

### Jamaica Is Spiritually Aglow as Never Before

ON TUESDAY, December 24, my wife and I left Atlanta via Delta Airlines for Kingston, Jamaica, where I was invited to conduct a soul-winning workshop at the Central Jamaica Conference camp meeting, which was held in Denbigh, December 26 through January 1. We were met at the air-

port by H. S. Walters, president of the Central Jamaica Conference, L. H. Fletcher, educational secretary for the East Jamaica Conference, and O. E. Gordon, department of religion, West Indies College.

The second annual camp meeting ever to be held in Jamaica was conducted under the dynamic leadership of H. S. Walters in Central Jamaica. The opening address was given by W. U. Campbell, president of the West Indies Union. For two hours daily, the lay soul-winning workshop was conducted. There were in excess of 2,000 attending.

During the seven-day camp meeting period, more than 200 souls came forward to take their stand for the truth for the first time, as a result of the every-member program. There were numerous speakers from the East Jamaica, West Jamaica, and Central Jamaica conferences, as well as from the West Indies Union.

The island is one of natural beauty. There are banana and coconut trees and citrus fruits of all descriptions; also avocado pears, cashew nuts, achene, bread fruit, et cetera. Jamaica is 148 miles long at the longest point and 52 miles wide at its widest point, with a population of about 1.5 million. On the island, there are more than 30,000 baptized Seventh-day Adventists, and more than 300 churches. As I witnessed in many areas of Jamaica, there is not a distance of more than two miles between the Adventist churches in the rural areas, and in the city of Kingston, there are eight churches. Were the churches in Jamaica stretched out across the island, there would be an Adventist church for every one-half mile. To illustrate the size of Jamaica, it could be placed in the State of Georgia three times. If we had the same ratio per capita as in Jamaica, we would now have 90,000 believers in the State of Georgia, where we now have approximately 7,000.

The West Indies Union comprises three conferences. Each conference has a membership of approximately 10,000 believers. The ministry and church officers and laymen of Jamaica are united together in one common cause; that is, a finished work through an every-member evangelistic program. It was heart-warming to witness the beautiful relationship between worker and layman. The lay preachers of Jamaica conduct at least



Auditorium of the new \$300,000 Berean church in Atlanta, Georgia.

one evangelistic effort per year. It was my privilege to meet with several of these dedicated workers who have organized at least one church every year.

W. U. Campbell carried us on an extensive visit over the island. Wherever we went, we found the believers of good courage and with a determined spirit to finish the work so that the end will soon come.

SAMUEL THOMAS, *Secretary*  
*Home Missionary Department*



R. L. Woodfork (left) is presenting to L. S. Follette and to W. S. Banfield (right) a check for \$4,500 to cover the 1964 Ingathering goal set for the Bethany SDA church, of Miami, Florida.

### South Atlantic Reached Its 1964 Ingathering Goal in Record Time

THE Lord again in mercy blessed the South Atlantic Conference enabling it to reach its 1964 Ingathering goal in record time.

On the General Conference Ingathering Bulletin No. 3, December 12, 1963, the South Atlantic Conference was rated as the second conference in North America to reach its assigned goal.

Our program was officially launched the first Sabbath of October, 1963. We reached our conference goal as originally set on December 7. Each church and district in the South Atlantic Conference has reached its assigned goal. The combined forces of our workers, church officers, and laymen raised a total of \$92,010.

Many of our districts did a most outstanding job in promoting a short, inspirational program. A number of our churches were in the midst of building programs and therefore had financial commitments to meet. Despite this, they surged ahead for a speedy Ingathering victory in their local churches.

We are grateful to each district leader, each church officer, layman, boy, and girl for the fidelity shown in

reaching the set goal and for making our 1964 Ingathering program historic.  
SAMUEL THOMAS

### Building Needs at Loma Linda

WHAT was formerly known as the College of Medical Evangelists has now become one of the affiliated schools of Loma Linda University.

As our medical work expanded it was found necessary to conduct its work on two campuses. The first two years of the student's work were done on the Loma Linda campus and the last two years of clinical work were conducted on the Los Angeles campus.

This was not out of harmony with the way many of the leading medical schools were carrying on their work—on two campuses. For many years the medical accrediting authorities warned all medical schools that all their work must be done on one campus. This meant that our medical school must confine its work to one of its two campuses, and this would also mean that a large sum of money must be provided to make the change if our medical school is to continue to exist.

The University board gave serious study as to which campus should be chosen to provide a permanent home for the medical school. Much study and thought were given to the inspired words that had been written concerning the work that is to be established at Loma Linda. God's servant had said: "Loma Linda is to be not only a sanitarium, but an educational center. A school is to be established here for the training of gospel medical missionary evangelists."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 173.

The board of managers decided that the Loma Linda campus would be the permanent home for the School of Medicine, even though a large amount of money would be needed with which to make the transfer.

I believe that every member of the Regional Conferences will be glad to contribute toward the building needs at Loma Linda. The medical schools serve the professional needs of all the young people of the church.

Sabbath, April 11, is the date set for this offering. Let everyone give something tangible toward erecting this much-needed building for our School of Medicine.

F. L. PETERSON