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THE MESSAGE MAGAZINE WINS SOULS— ENTIRE FAMILIES AND CHURCHES

J. E. DYKES, *Editor*

1964 is the thirtieth anniversary year of the publication of *Message Magazine*, our full-message missionary journal! As we look back over the soul-winning record of *Message Magazine* during the past thirty years, we are forced to exclaim "What has God wrought!"

Of course, the public relations function of the *Message* in the vital area of creating good will for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination throughout the world is recognized and unquestioned.

However, it is in the field of soul winning that the true worth of the *Message* comes to light. We have on record actual case histories of hundreds of persons who trace their first knowledge of the "Present Truth" to the reading of the *Message Magazine*. Moreover, entire families, and even whole churches are now walking in the light of truth because somebody cared enough to share their faith by means of the *Message Magazine*.

For example, we recently received from C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference, the following letter:

"Dear Elder Dykes:

"Enclosed are the pictures that you requested concerning the soul-winning experience that came about as a result of the *Message Magazine*.

"Several years ago Mrs. Williams went to the city of Atmore, Alabama, and passed out tracts. A few years later she returned and sold *Message* mag-

azines. From the *Message Magazine* a lady cut out the offer for a free Bible course and took the course. Later she invited her friends to come into her home, and asked Mrs. Williams to have the minister from Mobile—H. L. Jones—to come and give Bible studies. Elder Jones, with his good laymen, went to Atmore and conducted cottage meetings and a little later held a series of evangelistic meetings in a store front. This proved to be very fruitful, for 32 persons were buried in baptism as a result. This group set out to erect a church to the glory of God. On Sabbath, November 2, 1963, this church was dedicated free of debt. We say 'to God be the glory, great things He has done.' The *Message Magazine* does pay as a soul-winning agency."

Yes, the *Message Magazine* wins souls. The pictures on page 3 depicting Mrs. Alyce Williams and the church building at Atmore, Alabama, are proof positive of *Message Magazine's* soul-winning potential. We may cite similar cases in the Southwest Region Conference and in other places. In fact, about 5 out of every 1,000 members in the entire constituency of the North American Regional department owe their first contact with Seventh-day Adventism to *Message Magazine*. At least 4 of our ordained ministers, 2 registered nurses, a physician, a librarian, several teachers, conference secretaries, Bible instructors, and literature evangelists were all won through the *Message Magazine*. Years ago Ellen G. White

declared: "Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word."—*Review and Herald*, June 10, 1880.

The pastor is the key person in the vital work of establishing believers in the faith. It is the pastor's privilege to acquaint every convert with the wonderful books and periodicals of the remnant church — the *Review and Herald*, *Liberty*, *Life and Health*, and by all means the *Message Magazine*.

Since the *Message Magazine* is our own very special and unique family journal, each pastor should use it to the fullest extent possible in every soul-winning or fund-raising endeavor.

In spite of unseemly obstacles and many circulation ups and downs, the *Message Magazine* has survived through three exciting and challenging decades. The year 1963 was in many respects our best for *Message Magazine*. Our literature evangelists kept the bulk sales and colporteur subscriptions up to a high level. The missionary subscription picture was less encouraging, but there is abroad a new spirit of commitment on the part of the leadership in the various conferences. We believe the hour has struck when 300,000 or half a million copies of our special 30th anniversary number of the *Message Magazine* should be distributed as a token of a new thrust forward. The public has given the *Message* its vote of confidence by purchasing it

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NORTHEASTERN



O. A. Troy, Jr., and Family.

O. A. Troy, Jr., Family Departs for Africa

O. A. TROY, JR., and family sailed from New York City on Thursday, January 23, on the S.S. *United States*. They were en route to Sierra Leone, West Africa, where he has already assumed the work of secretary-treasurer of the mission there.

More than 50 persons were on hand to wish the Troys Godspeed as they left Northeastern Conference. Approximately 30 of that number were members of the Bridgeport church where O. A. Troy was pastor. The members chartered a bus for the occasion.

Just before sailing time the group assembled in one of the beautiful libraries on board and presentations were made to the Troys from the church, the conference, and friends.

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O. A. Troy came to the Northeastern Conference in 1957 from the Northern California Conference, where he had labored in the city of Vallejo for a number of years. He served as Northeastern Conference Book and Bible House manager for several years and was later transferred to Bridgeport, Connecticut, as district pastor.

Mrs. Anne Troy is a native of Bermuda, and at one time was a secretary in the Northeastern Conference. The Troys have one little girl, Carmelita.

O. A. Troy, Jr., is a graduate of Pacific Union College, class of 1949. He is the son of the late O. A. Troy, Sr., and Mrs. Ruby Troy of Washington, D.C.

The Northeastern Conference will greatly miss the Troys for they have contributed much to the advancement of the work here. We wish them every blessing as they go to lend a helping hand to the mission field.

History of the Emmanuel Temple Chorale

MUSIC is the language of heaven, and seeing the need for enriching the spiritual life of our church, the Emmanuel Temple Chorale of the Emmanuel Temple church in Buffalo, New York, came into being in the year 1958.

The primary purpose for organizing the group was for the winning of souls and the building up of God's kingdom. People who will not listen to the preaching of a sermon, many times, will listen to music such as the Chorale presents.

This choir started when Russell T. Wilson was the pastor. The director is Fred D. Willis, Sr.

During the past six years the Chorale has been featured in Cleveland, Ohio; western New York; Albany, St. Albans and White Plains, New York; Northeastern camp meetings; and Canada.

Currently the Chorale was selected by one of the leading television channels in Buffalo to present for thirteen weeks a series of programs entitled "Portraits of My People." This telecast comes on Sunday morning at 9:30. It has been so well received that something startling has happened. A Catholic priest became so enamored with our music that he personally came to our church and sat through the rehearsal of the choir. He then requested that the Chorale come to his church and present a concert. We accepted his invitation, and on April 12th the Chorale was featured in a concert at a large Catholic church. Yes, a Seventh-day Adventist church choir in a Catholic church. This is a new day!

The choir lends itself harmoniously to such soul-stirring musical messages as contained in the words from the pen of Sabine Baring-Gould who wrote:

"Onward, then ye people! Join our
happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the
triumph song;
Glory, praise, and honor Unto Christ
the King,
This through countless ages Men and
angels sing."

D. B. REID, *Pastor*
Emmanuel Temple
Buffalo, New York



Emmanuel Temple Chorale. D. B. Reid, pastor (left), and Fred D. Willis, Sr., director (right).

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in ever-increasing quantities. Because of its many intrinsic values, the *Message* has justified and vindicated its reason for being. It is up to each one of us to use this soul-winning, fund-raising instrumentality which God has placed in our hands.



Mrs. Alyce Williams, South Central Conference.



Atmore, Alabama, SDA church.

OAKWOOD

Classroom on Wheels

"CLASSROOM on wheels" is the phrase used to describe the new social science course to be offered at Oakwood College during the summer of 1964.

Beginning August 9 to 29 a historical tour over the Civil War battle-grounds, seeing history as it was lived, will be sponsored by the college. One may earn two or three hours college credit in a most enjoyable way.

The following is just a partial list of places which will cease being obscure geographical locations and become living places: Lookout Mountain, Appomattox Courthouse, Colonial Williamsburg, Bull Run, Washington, D.C., Gettysburg, Valley Forge, the New York World's Fair—where history

is in the making—Plymouth Rock, Bunker Hill, Niagara Falls, and Battle Creek. Lectures will explain the events that happened in these places which probably would have remained unknown except for the historical event at that location.

The course has only one prerequisite—a love for adventure and travel. It is open to students who are seeking college credit, as well as people who just want to travel but who are not interested in credits. For those who wish college credit, they may earn two semester hours by attending all lectures and places visited. Those who wish three hours will be required to write a paper summarizing the trip and its importance to them. This tour will be especially beneficial to church school teachers who have not had sufficient time for social science subjects. They will be able to bring new life into their teaching because they will be able to describe what they themselves have seen. Most accrediting bodies approve guided tours such as this for professional improvement expected of teachers.

The cost of the tour is most appealing. For the most enjoyable college credit ever received the cost is \$172 for the two-hour course or \$185 for the three-hour course. This includes transportation, food, lodging, numerous tickets, and association with congenial people.

The tour will be limited to 30 participants on first come, first served basis. You can make sure of a place by sending a deposit of \$25 by check, payable to Oakwood College. All communication should be sent to Dr. Julius Korgan, Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama. If you wish further information, this will gladly be furnished upon request. Just do not wait too long. This course has no second section for latecomers.

A. V. PINKNEY, *President*

News Notes

► Clarence Nembhard has joined the staff and the teaching load has been reduced in biology.

► Mrs. Helen Sugland of Washington, D.C., has arrived and is teaching in the college and at the laboratory school.

► Recent visitors to the college were C. E. Moseley, who conducted a series of meetings in the downtown Huntsville church, and Austin Fletcher of

Perth, West Australia, an evangelist, now touring the world. President Pinkney encouraged Evangelist Fletcher's brother, W. W. Fletcher, who was then in public relations work in Australia, to start a camp meeting souvenir edition like the one the Allegheny Conference has been doing each year with the *Pottstown Mercury*.

► C. E. Wittschiebe, from Andrews University, was guest speaker Friday evening and Sabbath for the Christian Home Week.

► C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference, visited the campus with N. A. Lindsay, the newly appointed pastor of the Huntsville district. N. A. Lindsay replaced V. Lindsay, his uncle, who accepted a call to Kansas City, Kansas, with the Central States Conference.

► The switchboard at the college has been installed. The question is asked, How did the school do without it so long?

► E. T. Mimms, pastor of the Birmingham, Alabama, church, was the Week of Prayer speaker. The college family expressed itself as being benefited spiritually.

► R. E. Tottress, dean of academy boys, is heard weekly on radio station WEUP, Huntsville, Alabama, in "Your Bible Speaks."

► The faculty and staff of Oakwood College gave a dinner reception for President and Mrs. A. V. Pinkney on February 23, 1964, at the Holiday Inn on Memorial Parkway. The inn, a continental chain, was integrated last year. Members of the faculty invited to the dinner were Eva B. Dykes, head of the department of humanities; Irene Merideth of the mathematics department; Mervyn A. Warren, department of theology; and Adell Warren, business manager. The idea for the dinner reception originated with Jannith Lewis, college librarian.

The Christian Benefit Association

IN JULY, 1962, the C.B.A. was underwritten by one of America's largest financial organizations. This underwriting assures full and immediate payment of claims.

As a result of being underwritten the association is now able to offer both low-cost individual and family coverage with \$1,000 coverage per member and a double payment in case of accidental death.

If you are in need of a low-cost burial coverage and have not investigated the benefits of the Christian Benefit Association lately, you should write for further information to the following:

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ALLEGHENY



W. C. Scales

W. C. Scales, New Worker at Allegheny

WE WELCOME Elder and Mrs. W. C. Scales, Jr., and their infant son, Larry Wayne, to the Allegheny Conference. They came to us from the Kansas City, Kansas, church of the Central States Conference. They had worked in that city about two years and had previously pastored in Des Moines, Iowa. W. C. Scales has experienced very good success in his evangelistic efforts in the Central States Conference, where he labored for about six years.

This young worker grew up in the Allegheny Conference territory. Cleveland, Ohio, is his home city, and his parents still reside there. Elder Scales and his family are located in Erie, Pennsylvania, where he plans to begin

his evangelistic program. The Ashtabula, Ohio, church will also receive his pastoral care.

We wish for these workers an enjoyable and very successful ministry in the Allegheny Conference.

CENTRAL STATES

Ingathering Victory Celebration

ON SUNDAY evening, January 19, 1964, the workers of the Central States Conference gathered in the Muehleback Towers of the Muehleback Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, for their Ingathering victory banquet. We were grateful for the presence of our guests: J. E. Edwards from the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, E. E. Cleveland of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference, and our union conference officers R. H. Nightingale, B. L. Schlottbauer, R. E. Spangle, E. E. Hagen, and Dean Caviness of Union College.

A lovely table had been spread, and the beautiful setting, the waiters and stewards made it an affair long to be remembered. Special music was rendered by M. Valentine, Mrs. R. E. Barron, Mrs. R. Robinson, and W. C. Scales.

Introductions and welcome were given by the president of the conference, W. W. Fordham, and high lights of achievements of the fiscal year were given by J. E. Merideth, our treasurer. The Ingathering reports were given, and more than \$37,000 was reported. Pledges were taken to finish out the balance. The outstanding Ingatherer among our young people was Phillip Smith, who raised more than \$250 in the Ingathering campaign.



Left to right: W. W. Fordham, president of Central States Conference; Phillip Smith; and J. E. Edwards of the General Conference Home Missionary Department. Phillip Smith raised more than \$250 in the past Ingathering campaign.

J. E. Edwards gave reports of mission lands that thrilled our hearts. R. H. Nightingale and E. E. Hagen complimented and congratulated us on our accomplishments, and E. E. Cleveland added his words of encouragement. To close we sang the beautiful hymn "To God Be the Glory," and the room was filled with praise for God.

M. A. BURGESS, Secretary
Home Missionary Department

News Notes

► In bestowing his prophetic blessing upon his sons, the patriarch Jacob likened Judah to a lion's whelp growing up to full strength and maturity. One familiar with the history of Central States Conference might use a similar comparison to picture its growth from a small mission to a vibrantly healthy, thriving conference. As we review 1963 we are happy that God has given us a good year. Good, solid growth can be seen in all areas of ministry and administration.

► R. A. Smith has consummated plans for the purchase of a representative structure in Kirkwood, Missouri, into which he will soon lead his congregation.



Workers and guests in attendance at the Central States Conference Ingathering victory celebration.

► The St. Louis church has purchased large lots, and plans for a new elementary school have been drawn.

► Wichita, Kansas, believers have completed payment on twelve lots in a most desirable section of the city. Their old church building has been sold, and plans for the new structure have been approved by the local conference committee. W. A. Darby, Jr., hopes to lead the church in ground breaking in the spring.

► D. J. Dixon, formerly of Tyler, Texas, is now the pastor in Des Moines, Iowa.

► On Sabbath, February 22, V. G. Lindsay was introduced as the new pastor in Kansas City, Kansas.

► Our chief projected goal for 1964 is the baptism of 1,000 souls. While efforts will be conducted throughout the year, our chief interest will be directed toward reaching the great masses of St. Louis for Christ. E. E. Cleveland and an enthusiastic corps of workers will conduct a gigantic tent meeting this summer. The hand of the Lord can already be seen as we make preliminary preparations. It will be our joy to see the conference, like the young lion, continue proportionate growth.

► Sunday, March 7, was the date for the 7th biennial session of the Central States Conference. Delegates from all over the conference were present. Excellent reports of the progress of the conference during the past two years were given by the president, W. W. Fordham, secretary-treasurer, J. E. Merideth, and all the departmental secretaries. The complete staff of officers and departmental leaders were returned to their responsibilities for another two years.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Progress in the Huntsville, Alabama, District

THE Lord smiled upon the Huntsville, Alabama, district throughout the year of 1963 in a very special way. This district consists of the following church groups: Oakwood College church, and First Seventh-day Adventist church, Huntsville, Alabama; Alpha Seventh-day Adventist church, Decatur, Alabama; Mt. Zion Seventh-day Adventist

church, Florence, Alabama; and companies in Madison, Alabama, and Fayetteville, Tennessee.

The Lord blessed in the amount of tithe received during 1963, which totaled slightly more than \$50,000. This figure represented an increase of nearly \$10,000 over the previous year.

The Ingathering Silver Vanguard goal of \$7,300 for the district was raised in the shortest period of time in its history (about three weeks).

Two spacious and beautiful church lots were purchased. One of these lots is a two-acre plot prominently located on Ardmore Highway in Huntsville, Alabama. The other is a large corner lot adjoining the playground of the city high school in Fayetteville, Tennessee.

The beautiful Florence Mt. Zion church was redecorated and dedicated free of debt to the cause of God during the month of November.

The greatest blessing of all was the baptizing of 92 precious souls.

These accomplishments were made possible because of the sacrifices and the faithful missionary spirit manifested by the members in the various churches.

The pastor, V. Lindsay, was elected "minister of the year" in the South Central Conference for the year 1963 by its officials. Elder and Mrs. V. Lindsay recently accepted a call to labor in the Central States Conference. He is serving as pastor of the Bethel Kansas City church.

News Notes

► Changes in South Central Conference—A. D. Shorter has accepted the invitation to become the pastor of the Montgomery, Alabama, church; N. A. Lindsay was requested to serve as pastor of the Huntsville district; E. W. Moore, formerly of the Lake Region Conference, has been invited to serve as home missionary and Sabbath school secretary for the conference; E. L. Howard has been asked to serve in the Dothan, Alabama, district; W. J. Mitchell is pastor of the Knoxville, Tennessee, district and M. M. Young is pastor of the Chattanooga, Tennessee, district.

► Four successful youth rallies were conducted in the South Central Conference during the month of February—one in each State. At these rallies one Bible-quiz team was chosen for the State championship title. Champions from each State met at the youth congress, April 11-13, in Nashville, Tennessee.

► We are appreciative for our doctors—C. A. Dent, G. L. Dixon, W. E. Coopwood, and G. N. Benson—who are visiting our churches throughout the conference and giving medical assistance to the membership.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

South Atlantic Bids Farewell to the I. J. Johnsons

I. J. JOHNSON, pastor of the Tampa, Florida, district, accepted a call to the South Central Conference. He will serve as pastor of the Mobile, Alabama, district.

We regret losing him from our staff of workers. I. J. Johnson has been a steady soul winner. During his ministry here he built the churches in Sarasota and Plant City, Florida; Durham and Wilson, North Carolina; and completed the church in Orlando, Florida.

During his short stay in Tampa 75 souls were added to the church by baptism and by letter, and a new Dorcas Welfare Center was built.

We wish for the Johnsons God's blessings upon their work in Mobile.

W. S. BANFIELD, *President*
South Atlantic Conference

The Florence, S.C., District Advances

JOSEPH L. FOLLETTE, pastor of the Florence, South Carolina, district, graduated from Oakwood College in 1954.

Evangelism is the first order with Pastor Follette. From two tent efforts held in Florence, South Carolina, a total of 66 souls were baptized. In addition to this, 39 souls have been baptized as a result of laymen-missionary activities in the district. In the past three years he has baptized 105 souls.

The Florence-Darlington school was transferred from Darlington to Florence in 1962 and has grown from an enrollment of 16 to an enrollment of 31 students. The school has 100 per cent parent-church patronage. The members have successfully completed the educational wing of the new building and have now transferred the school to their new headquarters.

Pastor Follette has been instrumental in sending about twenty students to Oakwood Academy and College since he graduated.

The church choir in Florence has



New educational wing of Florence, South Carolina, church.

made two 30 minute appearances on television station WBTW, channel 13, on a Sunday evening program called The Choir Loft. The senior choir was also invited to participate in a city-wide memorial for our assassinated president, John F. Kennedy. They sang by special request "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." During the summer of 1963 Pastor Follette was privileged to emcee a television program featuring Negro church choirs. The program was labeled "Faith in Music" and ran for fifteen weeks, being held each Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M. The station claimed a listening audience of more than 50,000 people.

There has been much progress in building throughout the district. In Darlington, South Carolina, the church has been redecorated and new pews and carpets added. In Hemingway, South Carolina, the church has been redecorated and they have laid plans for the building of a new church. In Laurinburg, North Carolina, the members have raised \$1,500 with future plans for remodeling or building. In Marion, South Carolina, the church members have renovated the church inside with more work still being done.

The tithe and missions offerings in this district have shown a great gain over the past three years. Florence has raised \$5,292.88 while the district has raised \$10,500. This represents a gain of \$2,000 in the three-year period. In 1963 and 1964 the Florence district received the trophy for being the first district in South Carolina to reach its Ingathering goal.

Unusual Accomplishments Cited at South Atlantic 1964 Workers' Meeting

SOUTH ATLANTIC'S nineteenth annual workers' meeting was held in the conference office in Atlanta, Georgia, January 13 through 16, 1964. Our guest list was a very impressive one.

Present were:

E. E. Cleveland, associate secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference; P. E. Quimby of Oakwood College; James E. Dykes, editor of the *Message Magazine*; D. R. Rees, president of the Southern Union; S. S. Will, the Southern Union Sabbath school and home missionary secretary; and M. B. Elliston, the religious liberty leader of the Southern Union.

The devotional speakers for the week were J. H. Laurence; C. E. Dudley, president of South Central Conference; and W. S. Banfield.

One of the most inspiring and enthusiastic moments was the district leaders' reports for 1963 and projects for 1964.

Part of these reports revealed that we had a record number of 1,206 baptisms for the past year. The Atlanta, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and Miami-Bethany congregations began services in their new churches. The Kinston, North Carolina, church was dedicated free of debt, and Florence, South Carolina, members completed and are now using the educational wing of their new church. The Charlotte, North Carolina, church is nearing completion and is in use. Our tithe gain was \$20,494.95. Our hearts were overjoyed for this wonderful progress that our dedicated workers achieved. Even more encouraging were the 2,232 baptisms the district leaders set for themselves as a goal for 1964.

Our annual Ingathering victory and achievement banquet was a very enjoyable occasion. It was held in the Monte Carlo Room of Stouffer's Restaurant. Samuel Thomas served as toastmaster. The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. H. V. Richardson, president of the new Interdenominational Theological Center. In his boyhood days he attended our church school in Jacksonville, Florida, and has great respect for the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its program. He presented us with the need for more advanced education for the ministry in general. He pointed out the great and needed contribution that Seventh-day Adventists are making to the religious world in moral and ethical living, of character development and faithfulness in living up to the teachings of our church, and our support of missions. He felt that the world needs more of what we have to offer and challenged us to greater soul-winning gains in the years ahead. Dr. Richardson received warm applause at the close of his address.

The climax of our banquet was the presentation of the Ingathering bonuses and achievement awards. Every district leader qualified and received his Ingathering bonus. Several trophies were presented for outstanding service during 1964. They were:

Evangelism—J. M. Phipps and H. L. Cleveland received plaques for baptizing 258 and 111 souls, respectively, during the past year.

The following received cups: Evangelism—L. G. Rahming for the largest number of baptisms without a conference-financed effort; F. W. Parker, most creative evangelistic project that resulted in a new church congregation; Mrs. Phyllis Meador, largest number of souls won from Bible instructor's efforts. Ingathering awards to first district leader in each State to reach his goal—E. Sumpter for Florida, R. B. Hairston for North Carolina, J. L. Follette for South Carolina, and D. E.



Dr. Harry V. Richardson, president of Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia, guest speaker for South Atlantic Ingathering victory and achievement banquet.



R. L. Woodfork, C. R. Craig, J. L. Follette, and I. J. Johnson, members of quartet at South Atlantic Ingathering banquet.



W. S. Banfield, conference president, presents plaque to J. M. Phipps (right), conference evangelist, for baptizing 258 souls during 1963.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph English, please contact the INFORMANT. Their last known location was Colorado.

Davis for Georgia. Church building—H. L. Cleveland for most outstanding design, J. L. Williams for the most outstanding remodeling job, B. Cummings for the best buy, and L. G. Rahming for liquidating new church debt. Education—H. L. Cleveland for best-operated school, J. L. Follette for school making most progress, Matthew Green for largest Oakwood College offering raised. Tithe—R. B. Hairston for largest tithe gain, Key West, Florida, church for largest per capita tithe. Publishing—H. M. Mouzon for largest deliveries, W. A. Darby (now transferred to Central States Conference) for largest number of *Message Magazine* subscriptions.

It may be that we did not accomplish all that we could have, but we could not help singing as we returned home "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

W. S. BANFIELD, *President South Atlantic Conference*



The new \$100,000 Berean church of Charlotte, North Carolina, where Lawrence R. Hastings is pastor. The church seats more than 500 persons. The opening services were held February 22.



W. S. Banfield, president of South Atlantic Conference, cutting ribbon at opening service of the Berean church, Charlotte, North Carolina. The face of the pastor, Lawrence R. Hastings, can be seen partially over the shoulder of W. S. Banfield.



The new elementary school at Jacksonville, Florida. The school was built while H. M. Barker was the pastor. J. G. Thomas (left) is the present pastor, and Ivan A. Christian (fourth from left) is the principal.



Harold D. Singleton speaking at the opening of the new Berean church at Charlotte, North Carolina.

PACIFIC UNION

Pittsburg Opening Draws Huge Crowd

The formal opening of the Pittsburg church was held on the weekend of January 24 and 25. Approximately 600 friends came from all over northern California and as far south as Riverside in southeastern California to pack the 240-seat-capacity, newly decorated church.

On Friday night B. R. Spears brought the consecration message. Sabbath morning Carl Becker, conference president, delivered the sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. W. S. Lee, Pacific Union Conference Regional secretary, spoke that Sabbath afternoon at the four o'clock service.

After the Sabbath morning service some 350 guests were fed by the church members in their homes and at one of the school cafeterias in the city.

Two city officials attended the services. They were City Manager E. C. Marriner, and Chief of Police Sal P. Jimme. Ministers attending were: E. A. Schmidt, conference secretary-treasurer; Moses Mayne, W. E. Penick, G. N.

Banks, H. A. Lindsey, Earl Canson, M. C. White, and Charles Seitz. Several ministers of the city also attended. Lawrence Whiteside, a layman, the one who pioneered the work in Pittsburg about 14 years ago, was also present along with others who assisted him. They rejoiced to see the members own a church home.

EDWARD A. WHITE



Pittsburg, California, church.



Ground-breaking ceremonies for the Riverside, California, Emmanuel SDA church, February 19, 1964. Important civic leaders were present. Those with shovels are (left to right): J. W. Osborne, president of the Southeastern California Conference; W. S. Lee, Regional secretary of Pacific Union Conference; mayor of the city of Riverside, California; and Warren Neal, pastor of the church.

Divine Realities at San Diego

In San Diego, California, a tent had not been erected in more than a quarter of a century. The law gave a permit to hold a meeting for only fifteen days. Providential intervention was more than recognized when one hundred and twenty days requested by E. C. Ward, pastor of the San Diego Seventh-day Adventist church, were granted with an additional forty days, unrequested, allotted.

The hand of God could clearly be seen directing this act of human drama, and He refused to call "curtain time" until His Word had been exalted. In preparation for the tent meeting under E. C. Ward, the 257 members of the Thirty-First Street Seventh-day Adventist church worked religiously with the home missionary leader in the passing out of 10,000 tracts, every Sabbath for a total of eight weeks.

Prayer bands were organized and members prayed almost around the clock for God to intervene in the work in San Diego. The spiritual revival in the church was so contagious that the whole city was eventually affected by its presence.

On Sunday, July 14, 1963, the Big Gospel Tent opened. It was a night that etched its memories forever upon the hearts and minds of personnel and members alike. More than 1,800 people were present and many automobiles circled the block looking for parking and vacant seats, which were filled at least forty-five minutes before the program started. The attendance at the crusade was highly geared for the entire meeting.

God has answered the prayers of His working, waiting church and we are still baptizing! Thus far 212 have been baptized into the way of our Lord, with an active interest remaining.

This was a fully integrated meeting, as all the Seventh-day Adventist ministers of the San Diego area took part in the program. The ministers who took part were Conrad Finney, singing evangelist; Don Gray, Southeastern California Conference evangelist; J. Todorovich of La Mesa; Chaplains Robbins and Livesay of Paradise Valley Hospital; Melvin Lukens, Broadway church; Don Spaulding, Chula Vista church; and J. Gordon Paxton, Pt. Loma church. The Big Gospel Tent personnel were: E. C. Ward, evangelist;

D. L. Taylor, associate evangelist and secretary-treasurer. From Andrews University were Calvin Robinson; R. J. McKinney; and R. D. Taylor, who is being sponsored by the South-eastern California Conference. Other workers were W. Ralph Davis, Mrs. Ola Mae Harris, W. P. Person, Mrs. Jackie Croummel, M. Wright, Mrs. Betty Brooks, Mrs. Elizabeth Bland, L. Strawn, M. McRae, Mrs. Ramona Lee, Robert Lee, and Mrs. Jerri Parker.

In charge of music at the crusade was Mrs. P. D. Simmons, who organized an 80-voice mass choir. Pianists were Mrs. Maxine Taylor, Mrs. E. C. Ward, Maurice Woods, and Mrs. Ramona Lee. Mrs. Juanita Dentham was the organist.

We were happy to have the services of W. S. Lee, Pacific Union Regional secretary; also Lucius Daniels, returned missionary on furlough from West Africa, who rendered his time and talent to the program before returning to his field of service. The medical evangelistic portion of our agenda was taken care of by our doctors, who were: Herbert A. Holness, John R. Ford, Jimmy R. Valentine, and visiting lecturers.

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Berean Church Opens in Southern California

Official opening ceremonies were held January 3 and 4 for the new Berean church in southern California.

More than 1,350 members and visitors packed the church on Sabbath afternoon for the climax of the weekend services. Speaker for this program was W. J. Blacker, Pacific Union Conference secretary-treasurer. W. S. Lee, Regional secretary for the Pacific Union Conference, spoke Friday night, and Cree Sandefur, Southern California Conference president, spoke Sabbath morning.

When groundbreaking ceremonies were held May 1, 1960, the congregation numbered 148. The task of building seemed large to the small group, but under the direction of their pastor, Dennis Black, who also served as the contractor, the members sacrificed and built, doing most of the work themselves. As they worked the membership grew. Today it stands at 550.

The building and lots have an estimated value of \$500,000. The cash raised by the members and contributions from the conference came to \$325,000. Many sacrificed to build the new house of worship. Some who needed new cars deferred the purchase, putting the funds into the building program. Others who had saved money for burial expenses decided it was more important to have a church for the living. Some sold their homes and purchased less expensive dwellings that they might have more to give to the construction costs.

The members are laying plans to liquidate the small indebtedness and to begin the second phase of their building program, which will be a youth center. *Review and Herald*



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