

OAKWOOD DORMITORY NAMED FOR BESSIE CARTER

A COMMITTEE of the Oakwood College Board has voted to designate its new women's residence hall the Bessie Carter Hall. The new dormitory, built to accommodate nearly 200 women and located just off the old campus circle opposite the Fine Arts Building, is valued in excess of a half million dollars. It is a contemporary structure, tastefully appointed and certainly a fitting memorial to Mrs. Carter who was, before World War II, in charge of the food service on the college campus.

The contributions of the late Mrs. Carter and her husband have included \$5,000 toward the furnishing of a student center on the campus and \$15,000 toward a special scholarship fund. In addition they paid the expenses of as many as six students who attended Oakwood each year for several years.

"The college has taken this opportunity," said Dr. Hale, "to express its

appreciation in a small way for the great contribution which the Carters have made through the years."

One of the ideas fostered by Mrs. Carter during her years at the college was that good breeding and good conduct carry with them a dignity that is respected by even the most fretful and peevish. She believed that manners are stronger than laws, that courtesy is in the end a more effective asset than a beautiful face. Bessie Carter took time to teach students the technique of good manners. She also emphasized that all should strive to become what they strive to appear.

The generosity of the Carters has sparked numerous other gifts from alumni and friends of Oakwood College. Someone has observed that if there is any truer measure of a person than by what he does, it must be by what he gives.

Dr. Hale Speaks at Andrews

"WHAT IT Means to Be a Negro While America Fiddles" was the topic of an address recently delivered at Andrews University by the president of Oakwood College, who recently launched the observation of National Negro History Week.

"The world is too large for us to avoid the perplexingly complicated issues of our times, and it is too small for us to dangerously ignore the truth," said Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr.

In addressing the Andrews University student assembly, he said although good Americans cannot sanction violence and unruliness in the streets, that "we should focus a bit more on the cause of such disturbances before proceeding to magnify the effect."

He further stressed that the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the Thirteenth and Fourteenth amendments to the Constitution give the Federal Government the necessary power to protect the rights of Negroes, but "over and over and over again the Negro was denied his full rights while America fiddled."

He said the answer to including the Negro's contribution in the history of America lies "in abolishing the old notion that the American culture is an Anglo-Saxon culture."

"We must embrace the new concept that we are building a unique American culture from many sources of which the Anglo-Saxon is only one. Our educational policy should not be stated as a policy of taking people of an 'inferior' cultural tradition into our 'superior' Anglo-Saxon culture, but rather as a policy of creating an American culture from various other cultures, here in a new environment," said Dr. Hale.



Carter Hall, new girls' dormitory at Oakwood College, designed to accommodate nearly 200, is located opposite the Fine Arts Building. It was named for Mrs. Bessie Carter, an influential businesswoman in Oberlin, Ohio, and a generous supporter of Oakwood College.

News Notes

► DOUGLASS TATE completed the requirements for the Ed.D. degree in counseling psychology at Oklahoma State University on January 6, 1967, after he passed the final oral examinations on his dissertation entitled "A Study of the Relationship of Socio-Economic Status and Intelligence and Achievement of Negro and White Groups."

► ALEXANDER, ROTHSCHILD, AND JOYCE, Atlanta architects who completed the Atlanta Braves baseball stadium, have been given the contract for the Food Service Center and plans for the Oakwood College Center. Paul Damazo, food service consultant at La Sierra College, is advising the architects on kitchen design and equipment.

► THE 70-voice Oakwood College Choir has produced a record of anthems, hymns, and ballads. The record was taken from the American Broadcasting Company's broadcast of Great Choirs of America Series produced for the United Negro College Fund. It is available at the college store, the Book and Bible Houses, and several Regional conferences.

► OAKWOOD COLLEGE will affiliate with the Huntsville Flying Service to begin a program in basic aeronautics, beginning September of 1967. The cost of this service will total approximately \$600.

► THE Oakwood College Choir toured California cities, March 17-25.

ALLEGHENY EAST

News Notes

► Monrosa Johnson, a sophomore at Pine Forge Academy, won first place in the oratorical contest sponsored by the Montgomery Lodge 1271, Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World. Miss Johnson, who spoke on "Lincoln, the Constitution," was presented with a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.

► The ministerial workers of the Allegheny East Conference are enjoying



Left to right: J. M. Thomas, pastor of the Ebenezer church, Samuel Thomas, and James Street, Sr., lay activities leader of the Ebenezer church. During the month of March at the Ebenezer church Samuel Thomas, lay activities secretary of South Atlantic, led out in a dynamic presentation of God's call to the laymen of today to finish the work. Other area churches joined in receiving the instruction.



W. A. Thompson giving a report of progress to Oakwood's faculty and students at the time of the Allegheny East Conference weekend at the college, February 24-26. Others present representing Allegheny East were Edward Dorsey, secretary-treasurer; C. L. Brooks, educational and Sabbath school secretary; D. L. Davis, MV and lay activities secretary; Melvin Hayden, pastor of Jersey City, N.J., district.

a new experience of keeping in contact with one another. W. A. Thompson, president of the conference, gave leadership in dividing the ministerial force into North and South Allegheny for the purpose of having more frequent, personal fellowship. The northern section of the conference comprises the territory north of Baltimore, Maryland, and is under the leadership of J. C. Smith, pastor of the North Philadelphia church. The southern section comprises the territory south of Baltimore, and is under the leadership of L. G. Cox, pastor of the Baltimore Berea church.

ALLEGHENY WEST

Danville, Virginia, Evangelistic Campaign

DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, is one of the recognized tobacco centers of the world. The traffic in the making and selling of this deadly weed is staggering, but in the summer of 1966 Danville was the scene of an entirely different campaign. Isaac Lester, along with a faithful, consecrated team of workers, conducted a successful war against the crime and vices of this city. Elder Lester had on his team his wife, Mrs. Eileen Lester, Bible instructor; Mrs. Anna M. Hill of Niles, Michigan, Bible instructor and pianist; Mrs. Pauline B. Howard, Bible instructor, sister of G. H. Rainey of the Atlantic Union Ministerial Association; William Dale and John Nelson, tentmasters. In addition to these faithful workers, the devoted members of the Danville church cooperated with the campaign in every way possible. One example is the way they provided hot meals for the tentmasters every day during the entire seven weeks, and the willing offer of automobiles for transporting interested people from various parts of the city to and from the meetings. All of this loving effort on the part of workers and members resulted in the baptism of twenty precious souls, with many more interested ones to follow. Surely the harvest is ready; let us go forth to reap ere the Master returns.

D. B. SIMONS
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News Notes

► W. M. Starks has been invited to the General Conference as Stewardship secretary. On Wednesday, April 19, the Allegheny West executive committee elected D. B. Simons president, beginning September of 1967.

► W. M. STARKS, then president of the Allegheny West Conference, was the speaker for the dedication of the newly purchased Hamilton, Ohio, church in special services held on Sabbath, February 25. Visiting members from Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio, churches joined in the service of rejoicing. Providentially, although there were higher bids, the pastor of the congregation vacating the edifice was so favorably impressed with our Adventist group that he refused the higher bids and accepted ours. Elder Starks said that Elder and Mrs. Freeman Davis were to be congratulated for the splendid way in which they led out in the work in Hamilton, Ohio. He also expressed thanks to God for the faithful believers in Hamilton.

► ON SATURDAY evening, February 25, W. M. Starks met with the Greater Area Evangelistic Council in Dayton, Ohio. This council convened to chart the course of a city-wide evangelistic crusade to coordinate participation of the area pastors and of the conferences sharing in the effort. D. G. Jacobsen of Andrews University Theological Seminary presided as chairman. C. L. Brooks of the Allegheny East Conference and T. Marshall Kelly of the Lake Region Conference have been invited to serve as singing evangelists. Elder Starks reported that "the good and harmonious spirit manifested at the council was a blessing to all."

► MRS. MAMIE H. WADKINS, lay activities director of the Ethnan Temple church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a team of workers launched a Study-Your-Bible Project in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Lessons were graded carefully each week by a special committee and promptly returned to students, who were given individual help with any difficult questions. Of the 49 students who completed the 24-lesson course, 33 were present to receive certificates at a recognition service held at the McKeesport YWCA. N. A. Bliss, pastor of the Ethnan Temple church, was in charge. A follow-up plan, the Family Bible Course, prepared by E. C. Ward, is taught every Friday night at the YWCA.



Recently leased Allegheny West Conference office building is situated at 1339 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. The building is a three-story brick structure with slate roof and ample room for all offices and storage. The office family moved to this location in February.



Church officers' meeting for the northern section of Allegheny West Conference met in the large sanctuary of the Cleveland Glenville church on February 12. E. E. Cleveland, of the General Conference Ministerial Association, delivered a clarion call to dedicated soul winning.

LAKE REGION

Detroit Area Dorcas Leaders Prepare and Distribute Food Baskets

The admonition "It is more blessed to give than to receive" inspired some 50 workers under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Brown, Detroit Area Health and Welfare Center director, and Mrs. Pauline Taylor and Mrs. Marjorie Andrews, Dorcas leaders, who gave of their time preparing 109 food baskets. These were given throughout the city of Detroit to those in need. More than 600 persons had a full meal from the efforts of these ladies. Canned goods and money were donated by the members and Dorcas

Societies of the Burns Avenue and City Temple Seventh-day Adventist churches to finance this large project.

Two members of the City Temple Dorcas Society, Mrs. Vernetia Abdullah and Mrs. Nettie Royster, made baskets from greeting cards, and 42 of these were filled with fruit and candy and were given to the sick and shut-ins by the society.

We are looking forward to this year when more of the area churches will join in the area-wide missionary work that the health and welfare center is doing to help those who are in dire need.

XAVIER BUTLER
Lay Activities Leader

Lake Region Conference Progress in 1966

THE year 1966 was another good year for the work of God in the territory of the Lake Region Conference.



City Temple and Burns Avenue Dorcas Society members of Detroit, Michigan, who gave of their time and energy preparing 109 food baskets that were given throughout the city to those in need.

During the year ten evangelistic efforts, large and small, were held, resulting in a total of 495 baptisms! The net increase in membership for the year was 275.

Financially the work was greatly blessed of God. The faithful membership of the Lake Region Conference turned into God's treasury a total of \$772,421.52 in tithe—an increase of \$110,919.83 over 1965. Missions offerings also showed a good gain over the previous year; total reported for the conference was \$173,651.19—an increase of \$14,513.16.

Two church buildings were purchased in the Lake Region Conference during 1966—one in East Chicago, Indiana, and the other in Peoria, Illinois. The construction of another church building in Calvin Center, Michigan, was also completed during the year. A beautiful 30- by 60-foot swimming pool was constructed on the campground in the section devoted to youth recreation, and double regulation tennis and basketball courts were also completed. A softball diamond was laid out in the same area.

We thank God for the progress made in 1966, and pledge our renewed dedication to a speedy finishing of God's work in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

M. C. VAN PUTTEN
Secretary-Treasurer



The Church Program in the Northeastern Conference Continues to Advance on All Fronts

THE secretary-treasurer, Stennett Brooks, reports that 665 persons were baptized during the year 1966. The conference membership has reached the 10,691 mark, with a net gain of 683.

The total tithe income for the past year was \$1,327,839.74, an increase of \$194,635 over 1965. The conference forwarded \$572,888.41 to the Atlantic Union and the General Conference for the following breakdown and distribution: Atlantic Union College Ex-



The Chicago area Dorcas Federation march in parade to their meeting in the Altgeld community. Special guests at the federation were the senior Dorcas workers who have given scores of years of service in the Health and Welfare work. Mrs. Hattie Scott is the area federation president.

pansion Fund, the American Bible Society, Atlantic Union Conference evangelism, Loma Linda University, National Servicemen's Program, doctors' recruitment program, Faith for Today, Voice of Prophecy, Oakwood College, public library books, small conferences, Sustentation Fund, and the Atlantic Union Conference.

The missions offerings totaled \$160,123.97. Owing to the fact that the 1966 Ingathering was raised and reported in 1965, the record shows a \$72,404.14 decrease of income for 1966.

The educational superintendent, Emerton C. Whidbee, reports 786 students enrolled in the eight elementary schools. The individual school enrollments are as follows:

Manhattan—New York City	260
Bethel—Brooklyn	160
Hanson Place—Brooklyn	90
Hanson Place, Preschool	16
Brooklyn Temple—Brooklyn	70
Linden Boulevard—St. Albans	118
Jefferson Avenue—Rochester	60
Mount Carmel—Syracuse	12
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Because of the increased enrollment, many part-time teachers and helpers have been added to assist teachers in the crowded classrooms.

The conference rejoices greatly in the membership gain of the Sabbath school department during 1966. At the end of the third quarter of 1966 our membership stood at 8,890 persons; for the similar period in 1965 it was 5,808. This was a gain of 3,082. Average attendance at our Sabbath schools was 6,454 in 1966 versus 4,360 for 1965, a gain of at least 2,185 more persons attending. This is as it should be.

In 1966 senior Sabbath school net membership increased by 1,593 per-

sons; in the youth department the net increase was 310.

The interest shown in Sabbath school workshops has improved a great deal. Discussions figured prominently, too, in the conference-wide church officers' convention held the first part of the year in Buffalo, Boston, and New York. The over-all Sabbath school gain registered thus far has been due to the wholehearted work of Sabbath school officers putting into action the plans discussed. Sabbath school workshops in 1966 were held in the following churches: Berea in Nyack, Jefferson Avenue in Rochester, Brooklyn Temple in Brooklyn, and Bethany in Westbury. At the Bethany church workshop nine of our churches located on Long Island participated. The meeting in Rochester and Westbury covered a period of three days. We were greatly indebted to H. W. Peterson, Sabbath school secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference, for his attendance and valuable help in many of these meetings. During the time of camp meeting the Sabbath school department was able to conduct a daily workshop for two hours. The attendance at the workshop each day was very encouraging. The workshop dealt largely with teaching methods.

1966 was a good year in Sabbath school investment, but final reports are incomplete.

G. R. Earle is giving strong leadership to the conference; he has attended union committees and several conference committee sessions since assuming leadership of the conference after the sudden death of R. T. Hudson in December, 1966.

We are grateful to God for His leading hand in this conference.

L. H. DAVIS
Public Relations Secretary

Obituaries

John G. Thomas

John G. Thomas was born in Cuthbert, Georgia, August 2, 1883, and died in Orlando, Florida, February 12, 1967. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas. In his early manhood he heard the message of the three angels preached under a tent in Miami, Florida, by J. S. Green. He immediately felt the burden to tell others the "good news" and became a lay preacher. In due time he was employed as a full-time worker and became an outstanding leader and evangelist among us. His work was largely in the Southern Union where thousands were baptized by him. He served as the Southern Union secretary and evangelist of the Regional department for a number of years. He pastored churches in several of the conferences. His life was an inspiration to all who knew him. He leaves to mourn his loss, his devoted wife, two daughters, one sister, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Caesar Sampson Myles

Caesar Sampson Myles was born to the parentage of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Myles in Moseley, Virginia. He died in Dallas, Texas, February 21, 1967. Elder Myles became a member of the Baptist Church in his youth. He lived in Moseley, Virginia, until he was 13 years old, and then moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to live with an uncle. Later he enrolled in the Virginia Union University School of Theology, Richmond, Virginia. Upon graduation he entered the ministry and pastored the Mount Edna Baptist church in Richmond, Virginia, for eight years. In 1933 he became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Later he met and married Miss Lillie White, and to this union one daughter, Barbara Jean, was born. He has served in the Northeastern, South Central, South Atlantic, Central States, and Southwest Region conferences. The testimony of all who knew Elder Myles was, "He lived his religion."

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News Notes

► DR. GEORGE N. BENSON has been re-elected president of the medical staff, and for the first time in Riverside's history, specialists have been appointed to lead major medical departments: Dr. Dorothy L. Brown in surgery, Dr. Ronald Weaver in internal medicine, and Dr. Elizabeth Backus in obstetrics.

► PAUL DAMAZO has redesigned and updated the culinary department to include an assembly line for patients' trays, hospital bakery, food carts with hot and cold compartments, a new larger dining area, new storage facilities with deepfreeze, and the latest innovations in food cookery, dishwashing, and management.

► EXPENDITURES of \$47,200 for capital improvements have been authorized in the hospital's 1967 budget. This outlay will be spent in refurbishing the culinary department, installation of a new emergency room on the basement floor, and purchase of an injector used in arteriograms.

► THE executive committee recently voted new salary levels for nurses. Registered nurses will be paid \$475 monthly beginning February 1, and licensed practical nurses, \$325.

► EMPLOYEES have raised funds with which to purchase a Bolex motion-picture camera. This will be used for production of a full-color hospital promotional film.

► RIVERSIDE is accredited by the U.S. Department of Health and Welfare as a medicare hospital.

► FOURTEEN students were accepted for admission in the February 6 class of the school of practical nursing.

► THE board has approved the formation of a Riverside "Committee of 100." This advisory committee will serve in special development projects designed to create in the field a new consciousness of Riverside as a medical center serving the Regional Depart-

ment, and to raise funds for projects that will continue Riverside's place in the vanguard of contemporary medical institutions. Dr. Garland Millet will serve as the interim chairman. If you are interested in this type of medical missionary service, write Dr. Millet or to the administrator of Riverside Hospital.

► God blessed in 1966. Riverside admitted 1,369 patients and for the first time exceeded one-half million dollars in business with \$513,835 reported through December 31.

N. G. SIMONS, *Administrator*
Riverside Hospital

Making Melody With Benevolence

YEARS ago the Lord's messenger wrote the following significant lines in *Testimonies*, volume 2, page 25:

"Every act of justice, mercy, and benevolence makes melody in heaven. The Father from His throne beholds those who do these acts of mercy, and numbers them with His most precious treasures."

We rejoice in the fact that prophetic foresight and divine instruction, many years ago, laid the foundations for the welfare organization of our church. This organization is ready to play its part in relieving suffering and hardship, which strike with rapidity in these last days of earth's history.

During the hurricanes and floods of 1966, a tremendous amount of relief and help was brought to those who were affected as a result of disaster. This help was provided because of the liberal financial support given by the members of our churches to the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering.

From those who received spiritual blessings, along with physical care, we heard reports of gratitude and thanksgiving. But we continue to urge that our liberality increase as we give to the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering on May 13, 1967.

May our hearts thrill to the melody of cooperative giving, thus relieving man's spiritual and physical needs.

F. L. BLAND



PACIFIC UNION

Community Health Week High Light in Pacific Union Conference

COMMUNITY HEALTH WEEK, an annual event, has come to have great significance here in the West. It was founded by Dr. Ruth J. Temple some years ago when she was serving in the health services for the city of Los Angeles. Dr. Temple is now serving as director of health services for Southern California Conference.

Community Health Week was celebrated this year from March 12 to 18, with the theme "Using Total Resources Toward Total Health." This theme states very clearly the goal and aim of the Community Health Week project.

The week was highlighted by an all-day special emphasis event that took place on Wednesday, March 8, 1967. The outstanding program and events on this day were the official introduction to Community Health Week for 1967. The all-day event was identified as the leadership conference and luncheon, launching 1967 Community Week Program and Operation Total Health. Dr. Ruth J. Temple was the general chairman.

The program featured prominent health and medical authorities as well as other community and religious leaders. To mention a few of them: during the morning session, J. Albert Torribio, chief of Central Preventive Services, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health; Dr. Walter H. Smartt, Los Angeles County Health Department; Dr. Ellsworth E. Wareham, Loma Linda School of Medicine; and Melvin Jacobsen who demonstrated with a life-sized manikin, called Smoking Sam, the dangers of cigarette smoking.

We give a standing ovation to Dr. Ruth J. Temple and those who worked with her to bring the health message to the forefront in such a graphic manner.

G. NATHANIEL BANKS
*Regional Department Secretary
Pacific Union*

Obituaries

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James Roy Davis, Sr.

James Roy Davis, Sr., the father of Leon H. Davis, MV secretary of the Northeastern Conference and Mrs. Lorraine Henri, wife of C. D. Henri, pastor in Atlanta, Georgia, passed away February 19. The news medium wrote of him that he "headed a family that is composed of highly stable and respected members." In addition to the widow, Mrs. Viola Davis, and the two children who are denominational employees mentioned above, he is survived by the following children: Mrs. Doris L. Joyner, Chicago; Mrs. Lovey R. Verdun of Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Grace M. Phipps, Bronx, New York; sons, James Roy Davis, Jr., New York; Frank R. Davis, Chicago; Silas E. Davis, East St. Louis; and Charles B. Davis, Harvey, Illinois.

Mercedes Aguirre Moran

Mercedes Aguirre Moran, daughter of the late Jose and Victoria Aguirre, was born February 8, 1904, in Havana, Cuba. On March 4, 1922, she was married to James L. Moran. To this union were born four children, all of whom survive. From 1932 to 1945 she was first lady of Oakwood College during her husband's tenure as president. Here she not only taught Spanish and typing but also served faithfully as Sabbath school secretary, teacher, superintendent, and MV leader. On Wednesday, February 15, 1967, she quietly fell asleep. Funeral services were held at Dupont Park Seventh-day Adventist church of Washington, D.C.



CENTRAL STATES

First Health and Welfare Center Opens in the Central States Conference

ON SUNDAY, February 19, 1967, the Central States Conference made history. They officially opened their first



Left to right: Mayor George Whitmer and D. J. Dixon, pastor of the Des Moines, Iowa, church, at the official opening of the first health and welfare center in the conference.

health and welfare center in the conference. It is in Des Moines, Iowa.

D. J. Dixon, pastor of the Des Moines church, led out in the proceedings. He introduced to those present George Whitmer, mayor of the city, and E. E. Hagen, health and welfare director for the Central Union Conference. The mayor congratulated the church on their efforts to alleviate suffering among the poor, and Elder Hagen emphasized the necessity of reaching out to help "your neighbor."

W. A. Darby, Jr., health and welfare director of the Central States Conference, made some brief remarks and offered the prayer of dedication. Elder Kinsey, of the Iowa Conference, and Elder J. Blahovich, of the sister church in Des Moines, also participated.

The program was conducted in the church, and the pastor and officers marched down to the center, where Mayor Whitmer cut the ribbon.

The Dorcas ladies were hostesses and conducted the visitors on a tour of the center. They also provided refreshments for all who attended. Many of the business people, upon learning of the church's intention to open the center, donated furniture, racks, and free cleaning for the clothing to be distributed.

We commend Sister Harper for her diligent effort to have things ready, the men for their fine cooperation, the entire church for being "THE FIRST" in the conference.

W. A. DARBY
*Health and Welfare Director
Central States Conference*



SOUTH CENTRAL

Workers' Meeting

THE South Central Conference held its annual workers' meeting, January 2-4, in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Riverside chapel.

The theme of the meeting was Evangelism '67. All phases of the program were geared with emphasis on evangelism. It was decided to increase the over-all membership 15 per cent during 1967.

Monday morning, January 2, R. H. Pierson, president of the General Conference, gave the devotional message, which was appreciated by all. The next period was devoted to a reflection of 1966 at which time the workers gave a short report of their work during the past year. The afternoon session was devoted to departmental presentations.

A fellowship banquet was held that same evening from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Elder Pierson was the featured speaker on that occasion. Plaques were presented to the Pastor-of-the-Year and to other pastors who had excelled in certain areas. The Pastor-of-the-Year was C. D. Joseph of the Jackson, Mississippi, district. Other pastors receiving awards were: I. J. Johnson for Christian education; M. M. Young for church beautification; W. J. Mitchell for public evangelism; M. E. Joiner, youth evangelism; N. A. Lindsay, medical evangelism; D. J. Williams for association and literature evangelism; C. R. Graham, finances for evangelism.



T. J. Jackson, left, associate publishing secretary, South Central Conference, with Mrs. Kathleen Berry and her recently baptized son, Montgomery, Alabama. The mother is a literature evangelist who sold her son a book. As a result he took his stand in the church and is now a full-time literature evangelist.



E. W. Moore, left, lay activities secretary, presents Ingathering plaque to Marvin Custard, of the Springfield, Tennessee, church.



Mrs. Elizabeth Brookins and family raised \$1,000 for Ingathering. They are recent converts of the Fort Worth, Texas, church.

gelism; H. M. Wright, Sabbath school evangelism.

Other guest speakers attending the meeting were E. E. Cleveland of the General Conference; H. H. Schmidt, Southern Union president, who presented the outlook for 1967; E. S. Reile, union MV secretary; O. L. Heinrich, union public relations director; A. C. McKee, union association secretary; M. G. Cato and R. L. Chamberlain, union associate publishing secretaries; and W. S. Banfield, president of the South Atlantic Conference.



SOUTHWEST REGION

News Notes

► Seven church buildings have been constructed in the past five years to shelter enlarging congregations and to replace inadequate facilities of bygone years; and two additional structures are under way in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and San Antonio, Texas. Negotiations are in process to relocate our church group in Dallas, Texas. The present location is in the path of proposed strips of interstate highway. The El Paso, Texas, congregation recently acquired an excellent piece of property to replace the one purchased by the State.

► The total figure of Ingathering reported is \$65,000. This marks the highest amount of Ingathering raised in the history of our conference. The latest tabulation of the Lay Activities De-

partment of the General Conference shows the Southwest Region Conference with the highest per capita of any Regional conference in North America. Our per capita stands at \$16.42. Heading the list of our lay forces are two outstanding laymen, Brother W. H. Rucker of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who led the way among the laity by gathering \$1,062. Brother Purnell Lewis of New Orleans, Louisiana, demonstrated again his devotion to the Ingathering program by raising \$1,016. The Brookins family, recent converts of our church in Fort Worth, Texas, reported \$1,000.

► The conference gives special recognition to those persons who have contributed more than \$25 toward the Ingathering program. Membership in the Century Club denotes that one has raised at least \$100 or more during the Ingathering crusade, and there are 125 laymen who have become members. We thank the Lord for dedicated missionary workers who, each year, exhibit the Christian virtues of self-denial and sacrifice to help support the mission work.



Recently acquired property to rehouse the believers in El Paso, Texas. The building is air-conditioned with all modern facilities—educational building, parsonage, health and welfare building, and a seating capacity in the main auditorium of 450. Calvin Robinson is pastor.

Rich Toward God

BY LOUIS B. REYNOLDS

JESUS used the expression, "rich toward God" in His parable of the wealthy farmer as recorded in the twelfth chapter of Luke. The story is familiar. The farmer was planning larger barns for his increasing crops. He felt secure and was looking forward to his own pleasure and ease, when suddenly he was stricken by death. The Master asked the question, Whose will be the things which he had stored up for himself? And then He added these words: "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Over and over again Jesus stressed the truth that God is the owner of all things and man holds his property as God's partner and trustee. Thirteen of the recorded parables of Jesus deal with stewardship. In the familiar story of the talents God as Owner gives to one servant five talents, to another two, to another one, each according to his ability. When the man with five talents earned five more, the Lord said to him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things." Jesus made it clear that one mark of being "rich toward God" is to be a faithful steward of our opportunities.

The Sabbath school Investment has been through the years a wonderful means of investing personal resources and talents to help speed the work of the gospel. Through this project more than 15 million dollars have come into the mission treasury since the plan was launched in 1925. For this year alone we have set a goal of two million dollars for Investment.

We mention here the City Tabernacle in New York as an outstanding example of Investment enthusiasm and leadership. Last year this congregation raised more than six thousand dollars for Investment. This was their highest figure to date, but every year the members rally to this important offering. They testify that they are rich toward God as a result of this direct participation and involvement in furnishing means for mission advance in many parts of the earth.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Centurions Retreat 1967

For the past few years the General Conference Ministerial Department has recognized ministers who were blessed to baptize 100 or more new members a year. In North America these men are called Century Men. In the West Indies Union Mission, ministers who baptize 100 or more are called Centurions.

In 1965 the Century Men of the South Atlantic Conference and the conference president were invited to



1966 Centurions of the West Indies Union Mission together with the Century Men of the South Atlantic Conference. To the left, holding the welcome sign, is M. G. Nemhard, secretary of the West Indies Union Mission, and to the right, holding the sign, is W. U. Campbell, president of the West Indies Union Mission.

Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, to join the Centurions in a special retreat of study and recreation. This was a high light of January, 1966.

There are approximately 50,000 members in the West Indies territory. In Jamaica alone, if every Seventh-day Adventist church were placed in a line, there would be a church every half mile or less.

The Centurions requested the South Atlantic Conference to conduct the retreat from January 26 to 29, 1967, in Atlanta, Georgia. The gathering was arranged in connection with South Atlantic's winter workers' meeting held in Atlanta. These men met in a session to study new methods to finish the work of God in all the world. E. E. Cleveland, an associate secretary



H. L. Cleveland, left, for years the pastor of the Atlanta Berean church and now pastor in Cleveland, Ohio, baptized 101 as he finished his work in the South Atlantic Conference in 1966. L. G. Rahming, center, pastor of the Greensboro, North Carolina, district, baptized 104; and F. W. Parker, pastor of the Savannah, Georgia, district, baptized 101. These men are not only pastors but evangelists. Each holds the plaque with his name engraved on it as a token of appreciation from the South Atlantic Conference for a good job well done.

in the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, gave excellent help to these valiant workers at the retreat. Sabbath, January 28, the Atlanta Berean church invited these ministers from the West Indies to take part in the church services. A minister taught each Sabbath school class.

In the afternoon a ministerial symposium was conducted. It was thrilling to hear these men tell of their exploits for God. Two of these workers baptized more than 200 new members in 1966. On Sunday, January 29, the retreat closed with a luncheon at the Howell House Cafeteria and a bus tour of important places in Atlanta. Good-bys were said as our brethren left by bus to Miami to connect for air flight to Jamaica, the Bahamas, and home.



Teaching staff of the Atlanta Berea Junior Academy. Standing, left to right: Conrad Gill, assistant principal, grades 9 and 10; Mrs. M. Smith, grade 2; Mrs. L. Henri, grade 1; Mrs. C. Gilbert, kindergarten; Mrs. O. Bridges, grade 3; Mrs. D. Jones, grade 4; Mrs. L. Coleman, grade 5; Mrs. D. Gully, grades 7-8; H. Barbour, principal. Seated, left to right: Mr. M. Mitchell, grade 6; Mrs. C. Tramel, music and Spanish; and Mrs. C. Jones, grade 1.