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Dr. W. A. Osborne

## West Indies College Gets New President

A British Guianese, Dr. William A. Osborne has been appointed president of West Indies College, at Mandeville.

Dr. Osborne was an economic adviser to Dr. Eric Williams of Trinidad some time ago and has already taught at West Indies College. He succeeds Dr. Leif Tobiasen, who is now on the Faculty of Andrews University, Michigan.

Dr. Osborne holds the degree of B.Sc. (Hons.), M.A., and Ph.D. (Econ.). He was educated in the primary and secondary schools of B. G. before studying in the United States. The Ph.D. degree was received from Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts.

He was elected to membership in the Alpha Kappa Delta National Honour Society in 1952 for outstanding scholarship in the field of sociology. He has done post-doctoral studies at Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio; University of Wisconsin; and Oxford University.

Dr. Osborne's main interest is the study and analysis of the economics of underdeveloped countries. His doctoral thesis written in 1954, was entitled "Some Problems of Federation in the British Caribbean — Mainly Economic."

At one time or another, Dr. Osborne served on the staff of Caribbean Union College, Trinidad, teaching assistant at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, teaching fellow at Clark University.

Dr. Osborne is married to the former Pauline Dean, daughter of Mrs. Dean and the late Dr. Dean dentist of Montego Bay. They have two sons.

## Jamaica Enters A New Epoch

To the average individual, statistics can be dull and boring, but when we sit quietly and recall the guiding hand of God in our history, we are forced to exclaim like Baalam, "What hath God wrought".

We wish to share with our readers some vital statistics that were brought to the West Indies Union Executive Committee at our meetings of September 5 and 6.

In 1896 there were 110 Sabbath keepers in Jamaica with two ordained ministers, but these faithful believers kept the truth aflame by their lives and teaching. The gospel flame could not remain in any dark corner but continued to spread over the hills and dales of our island. It was not until 1944 when Jamaica was divided into two missions that the Seventh-day Adventist church had her first 10,000 members, after forty-eight years of earnest labour.

This year was the beginning of a new epoch in the Seventh-day Adventist work. When the island was divided into two Missions—East and West Jamaica Missions our leaders may be surprised to know that there were only seven ordained ministers in East Jamaica and four in West Jamaica. During that year the Lord, however abundantly blessed the work of our consecrated laymen and ministers and 1,186 souls were baptized. It was a miraculous change in the advancement of our work in Jamaica. It took us only nine years to add the second 10,000 to our church membership. We were able to report the third 10,000 gained in membership in only six years. Today we rejoice to report that in this Union that has been in operation for only seventeen years, there are 33,196 members, with seventy-two ordained ministers.

Jamaica is now ready to enter upon a new epoch. On September 5 and 6, there was an important Union Executive Committee Meeting, when Pastors W. E. Murray, A. H. Roth, and C. O. Franz; General Vice-President of the General Conference, Division President and Treasurer respectively, met with the committee to give counsel in the matter of dividing Jamaica into three conferences.

It is rather interesting to note that when Jamaica was first divided into two Missions, Pastor W. E. Murray was the president of the Antillian Union, where Jamaica was then connected.

To those who may feel that these three Conferences will be weak and unproductive, let me say that each Conference will have more members than the whole island of Jamaica had in 1943.

East Jamaica Conference under this new organization will be comprised of Kingston, St. Andrew, St. Thomas, Portland, and the following eight churches in St. Mary: Castleton, Camberwell, Devon, Long Road, Broad Gate, Enfield Annotto Bay, Robins Bay; with Turks and Caicos Islands in addition.

Under Divine leadership and consecrated personnel we are confident in feel-

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## Jamaica Enters New Epoch

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ing that we shall see the greatest strides in all phases of our work. The greatest days of the Advent work are not yet past, for a second Pentecost is to be experienced in these last days.

The new Conference organization that is proposed will be in the Central Section of Jamaica and will be comprised of the following parishes: St. Mary, St. Catherine, Clarendon, St. Ann and Manchester.

Who would dare predict the future of this new venture. It is possible that history might repeat itself. The hands of God are not shortened and so we can anticipate great things. In 1944 West Jamaica Conference started with only four ordained ministers, but today this Conference, perhaps has the largest number of ministers in any one Conference in the Inter-American Division—thirty, including the administrative staff. The re-organized West Jamaica Conference will take in the following parishes: Trelawny, St. Elizabeth, Westmoreland, Hanover, St. James.

Let us not despise the days of small things. Under the blessings of Heaven, the day may come when there will be four Conferences in the island of Jamaica. The greatest achievements in Lay preaching, Public Evangelism, Ingathering, Educational work, and Tithing came to Jamaica after the division in 1944 and it is possible that there can be another great change in our history to surpass all expectations.

The results of the recent Referendum has put Jamaica out of the West Indies Federation politically, but the Advent believers are all tied to a movement that shall go forward to victory! We, therefore, join our forces with the believers in the other islands and around the world in proclaiming the Message of a Risen Christ to every town and village. I am confident that every Advent believer will pray that God will abundantly bless as we enter this important new phase in our Advent development. The Servant of the Lord says, "When we give ourselves wholly to God; and in our work follow His directions, He makes Himself responsible for its accomplishment. He would not have us conjecture as to the success of our honest endeavours. Not once should we even think of failure. We are to co-operate with One who knows no failure." C.O.L., p. 303.

— M. G. Nembhard

A shadow in your life is needed at times to temper the glare of the sun.

Hoard's Dairyman

## The Light Shines On Abaco

The Bahamas Mission invited the writer with the assistance of Brother Leslie McMillan to conduct an evangelistic campaign.

This was a great challenge and an opportunity, because the Advent Message was never preached in Abaco heretofore. Those who have had some experience working in these areas will readily agree that six weeks is too short a period for pioneering work.

It is therefore, with a sense of deep gratitude and humility that I report to the many readers of the "Visitor" what I regard as phenomenal achievements as a result of the labours of Brother Leslie McMillan and the writer within this brief period.

After six weeks of preaching every night except on Saturday nights, four precious souls were baptized, a property was purchased, a church building is on the way to completion and another fine group of believers is being prepared for the rite of baptism by Brother McMillan and his wife.

Our meetings started on July 9, and continued until August 19. These meetings were conducted under very unfavourable circumstances and severe persecution. We had to remove our tent from one settlement to another within a week. This was due to the fact that the people in that particular area are staunch Methodists and their minister, an Englishman, succeeded in keeping his members away. We therefore moved to the neighbouring town where the Gospel Hall and Baptist people manifested a keener interest.

This transfer was not without incident. When the news of our intention to remove the tent to the new site reached the community leaders, they called an emergency meeting and passed an action to forbid us to bring the tent to their town. This disturbing news came to us at midnight prior to our making the change. To say the least, we became a bit worried to know what steps to take. We placed the matter in the hands of God in prayer and the following morning we decided to go forward with our plans in faith. While we were dismantling the tent, a group of angry men representing the Citizen's Association came to the spot and warned us not to remove the tent, because the Citizen's Association ruled that it was not wanted in Murphy Town. We told them that we would not allow anyone to deny us the right of preaching the Gospel in a British possession. They left in a rage to see the Justice of the Peace and the Commissioner. Despite these threats we erected our tent and began to proclaim the Gospel. The persecution and threats did not affect the attendance in the beginning, so the local preachers sent for their ministers from Nassau and from the U.S.A. to come and conduct meetings at the same time. All the denominations began holding meetings simultaneously. This reduced our attendance to a great extent. However, we continued with the faithful ones.

When the date of our baptism was announced, our opposers decided to sabotage it. A man came out to us with a cutlass, threatening to do us bodily harm, but we were protected by the police authorities. Despite the threats we carried through our first baptism in the history of Abaco on Sabbath, August 19, and we are confident that others will follow. One of the candidates is a certified male nurse and the others are matured, responsible housewives who pledge to share their faith and win others to the Advent Message.

Before leaving Abaco, one of the most hostile opposers attended one of our meetings and at the conclusion he was so impressed that he came to me and apologized for his behaviour and asked for prayer. Bible classes are at the moment being conducted in his home and we believe in due course he and his family will accept the Truth.

We rejoice that the light is shining on Abaco, another island of the Bahamas—thus fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah, "The Isles shall wait for Thy Law." I am grateful that the Lord used us to dispel the spiritual darkness in Abaco.

In conclusion I wish to pay tribute to our Colporteurs, Brethren Rennie and Rahming for preceding the Effort with the printed page.

To God be the glory, great things He hath done. Remember Abaco in your prayers.

—H. E. Nembhard

## Re-Organization Of Work In Jamaica

Three one-day business sessions for the re-organization of the island of Jamaica into three Conferences convened from October 23-26, 1961. The first was in Montego Bay church on Monday, October 23. This session was however preceded by a public religious service on Sunday evening with Pastor A. H. Roth as the guest speaker. The business session began with a devotional service when Pastor C. O. Franz presented a challenging message.

The main item of business was the election of officers and executive committee members. Pastor S. G. Lindo who has been Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the West Jamaica Conference for the last five years was elected President, and Brother Arlington Greene, Accountant of the East Jamaica Conference, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The newly re-organized West Jamaica Conference will be comprised of the parishes of St. Elizabeth, Westmoreland, Hanover, St. James and Trelawny.

On Tuesday evening, October 24, East Jamaica Conference Session was preceded by a public service with Pastor C. O. Franz as speaker. There was an extraordinarily good crowd present at the North Street Temple church. The following morning Pastor A. H. Roth presented the devotional message.

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# EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE JUNIOR CAMP ROBIN'S BAY.



## M. V. Camps In East Jamaica

This past summer vacation period, the Missionary Volunteer Department of East Jamaica continued its programme of Junior and Senior Missionary Volunteer Summer Camps at our cherished camp site on the north shore village of Robin's Bay.

Over our entire Conference, our Pathfinders and Missionary Volunteers anxiously awaited this period. But more than that, this past summer pastors and parents were equally eager.

At the outset there was much more preparation to be done to the camp site than there were funds to do; what happened? The pastors of East Jamaica went to Camp Don and prepared the grounds for our young people.

First to convene was our Senior MV Camp. This camp had seventy-one campers with twenty-six officers. Happy were our days together among the coconut palms, the sea, the playfields and the study periods.

On Monday morning, July 31, 1961, as the seniors left, in rolled our bouncing one hundred and seventeen juniors and Pathfinders—and what a group this was! The tempo of the preceeding week immediately jumped one hundred per cent—life and activity such as only juniors experience.

After a full week with a balance of spiritual, mental and physical training, our camping period for 1961 drew on to a close.

The youth leaders in East Jamaica realize that the Church of Tomorrow is found among the Children of Today. What the Church will be tomorrow depends upon what the church does today for the children.

Remember, dear readers, that boys and girls whose hearts are won for Jesus

Christ promise their entire lives to Christian service.

Let us join hands with our Pathfinders, Junior and Senior Missionary Volunteers singing —

Oh, we are the Pathfinders strong,  
The servants of God are we—  
Faithful as we march along,  
In truth and purity.  
A message to tell to the world,  
A truth that will set us free,  
King Jesus the Saviour's coming back  
for you and me.

## All St. Mary Baptism At Camp Don

Upwards of 1,500 people gathered at Camp Don, Robin's Bay, St. Mary on Sunday September 24, 1961 to witness the baptism of 87 precious souls.

For one quarter Pastors C. H. Parchment, J. N. Williams, S. Campbell, V. O. Brown, C. A. Newman and L. S. Carter with their districts had planned and worked toward this day. As now it has come, has been witnessed and is now history, on our lips are the words "To God be the Glory great things He hath done."

Bright and early Sunday morning, trucks, buses cars and bicycles came streaming from all directions filled with Seventh-day Adventists and their guests. After Assembly and song service led by Layman G. A. Planto of Islington, the sermon was presented by Pastor A. D. Laing.

Pastor L. A. Morrison then led the line of ministers and candidates to the

sea where the baptismal rites were performed. We who witnessed felt that God's Spirit was near to all of us and the inspiration of this hour we will long remember.

The congregation now moved from the sea to the big camp pavilion. Here Elder A. C. Stockhausen, our union president, presented the message — "God's Cosmonauts". Forty precious souls responded to a call for preparation to meet Jesus in the skies.

The day's programme was shared and guided by Pastor W. U. Campbell, our Conference president; and in his remarks he told us that East Jamaica was nearing its 1,000 mark for baptisms in 1961.

After a day of inspiration and fellowship we wended our way home all thinking how wonderful it was to be Seventh-day Adventists.

## Notice

We are making a file of stories of persons helped spiritually by contacts at Andrews Memorial Hospital. If you have been helped or if you know of someone who is now in the truth because of contact with the staff of Andrews Memorial Hospital, will you kindly write your story and send it in? Maybe someone has been helped by literature distributed from the waiting room at the hospital. Any stories you know or any persons helped, please write to: Mr. E. J. Heisler, 27 Hope Road, Kingston 10.

Thank you.



Pastor W. U. Campbell was re-elected president and Pastor L. A. Morrison Secretary-Treasurer. It was just approximately one year ago that these officers were elected by the Executive Committee of the East Jamaica Conference.

The newly re-organized East Jamaica Conference will be comprised of Kingston, St. Andrew, Portland, St. Thomas and eight churches in St. Mary and Turks and Caicos Islands.

Much interest was aroused in the organization of another Conference in the central section of the island, Pastor A. H. Roth gave the devotional message in the Spanish Town Temple on Thursday, October 26. There were representatives from every section of the Island.

Pastor H. S. Walters, former president of the Old West Jamaica Conference was elected president of the Central Jamaica Conference and Miss Edna W. Parchment Secretary-Treasurer. This Conference will embrace the parishes of Manchester, Clarendon, St. Catherine, St. Mary and St. Ann. It was voted to establish the headquarters in Spanish Town.

We solicit the prayers of God's believers as Jamaica enters a new epoch in her religious progress.

## West Indies College Adds Professors And Students

The 1961-'62 academic year began at West Indies College on September 18, 1961. It is a real pleasure to have our faculty and students back on the campus. There were many new students too and already the campus is alive with activity. At present our enrollment in the secondary school and college department is approximately four hundred and fifty.

In the last issue of the *Visitor* we informed you that it was planned that some new additions would be made to our Administrative and Teaching staff. These plans have now been realized with the arrival of Dr. W. A. Osborne, the president of the College. Dr. Osborne has, since the reopening of school, returned to the United States of America but will be back shortly with his family. Our next arrival is Professor Roy Vernon Lawrence who recently graduated from New York University, New York, U.S.A. He is head of the Department of Mathematics of West Indies College. The latest arrival is Dr. George E. Shankel, recently professor of History, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, U. S. A. Dr. Shankel was a former teacher of West Indies College. He will be joined later by his wife and their daughter, Virginia-Jene Rittenhouse.

It will also be of interest to friends of the College to know that West Indies College is doing all it can to strengthen its academic programme. With the beginning of this school year we are shaping the entire secondary programme of studies towards the Senior Cambridge School

Certificate and the General Certificate of Education examinations. The curriculum of studies has been broadened to include practical and industrial art subjects which we feel will meet the needs of a greater number of students. We hope that by 1964 all students who reach the last year of high school will have a reasonable chance of writing one of the above mentioned examinations.

We feel also that our people will be glad to hear of the results of the work being done in the field of Primary Education. For the past two years we have submitted candidates for the Third Year Teacher Training Examination as set by the Teacher Training Board of the Department of Education. These two groups have been very successful. In the first group eleven out of fourteen candidates passed the examination, while in the second group ten out of eleven candidates were successful.

We solicit your continued prayers and interest in West Indies College while she serves the young people who yearly seek an education in her halls of learning.

— Joe E. Fletcher

## News Notes

Dr. Harvey L. Rittenhouse returned to the staff of Andrews Memorial Hospital on July 21. It was almost five years since he left here in 1956. During the five years he has been absent from Jamaica, he started his surgical residency in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and completed it in New York City and in Boston, Massachusetts. In New York he was head of the health education programme for one year at the New York Centre, the Seventh-day Adventists evangelistic centre in Times Square. During 1959 he and Mrs. Rittenhouse toured Europe with the All-American Chorus, a group of American artists specially auditioned to make this good-will tour of the Continent, and included a visit to the World's Fair in Brussels. Mrs. Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse and her mother, Mrs. G. E. Shankel, will arrive in Jamaica about the end of September. Dr. Shankel came on September 18. We are all happy to see these good folk return to Andrews, but no one is happier than Dr. B. G. Arellano, who has been working alone since Dr. Mc Laren left in June.

The Nautilus Pathfinders had a camporee in Mahogany Vale on August 27. Twenty-eight Pathfinders proceeded to the river by truck and then set up camp. Two big pots of peas and dumplings were soon cooking over open fires and in a pit two dozen breadfruit roasted in another fire. Then down came the rain. The delicious dinner was eaten in the rain and spirits were kept high, but eventually the rain forced them all to return to their homes. They had planned to sleep out that night but the sleep-out was postponed until another weekend.

—E. J. Heisler

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## Kingston's First Vacation Bible School

Since moving to our home in the Shortwood project, we felt we should do something for our neighbours in this area. Vacation Bible School seemed to be the answer. Plans were laid and staff assigned to various duties. July 30th was the opening day. Furniture had been moved from the house and benches from the Sabbath School moved in. For lack of space only Primary and Kindergarten children had been invited from the homes in the area. All 40 homes had been personally visited and given an invitation to the school.

Twenty-two children were enrolled, nineteen of whom were non-adventists. Classes were held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday for two weeks. Mrs. Joyce Arellano was leader of the Kindergarten group with Mrs. E. Bethelmy and Donna Hewitt assisting her. Donna was also pianist. Mrs. E. Heisler was leader of the Primary group with Mrs. Etta Hewitt as teacher. Two neighbour girls volunteered to help and gave valuable assistance with many of the projects.

Bible lessons, stories, crafts and games consumed the three hours very quickly each day. The children did cork craft, shell craft and plaster casting.

On August 10 the parents were invited to the closing programme. The children all took part in a costumed Bible pageant, and in other poems and songs. George Davis provided a background of organ music at the beginning of the programme while the parents were inspecting the workbooks and crafts display. Bibles were given to each of the Primary children who had a good attendance record and "Bedtime Stories" to the Kindergarten children. Each of the adults present received a voice of prophecy enrollment card and a copy of "The Marked Bible". A filmstrip on "Where Will the Righteous Spend Eternity?" was shown by E. J. Heisler. This portrayal of the plan of salvation was climaxed by a beautiful solo, "When God speaks the High Mountains Tremble — and There is response in My Soul", sung by Dr. Harvey Rittenhouse.

The parents and children were all very enthusiastic over the project and we pray that some good seed sown may bear fruit to the glory of God in His kingdom.

The next day one little boy returned and asked Mrs. Heisler to autograph his Bible. Then he said that his Daddy would like to get a Bible like his and would be willing to buy it if he could get the same kind. These Bibles had been donated to be given out so could not be sold but it was suggested that he might like to give a donation to a church-building project in August Town. He sent a cheque for £3 3 0.

Vacation Bible Schools entail a lot of work but work is lessened with the good helps available through the Book & Bible House. The effort put forth will be more than repaid with souls in the Kingdom.

—E. J. Heisler

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## West Indies Union News Flashes

\* Pastor W. E. Murray, A. H. Roth and C. O. Franz; General Vice-President of the General Conference, President of the Inter-American Division and Treasurer, respectively, spent two profitable days giving counsel to the West Indies Union on the division of the Jamaica field into three Conferences.

\* On Thursday, September 21, Dr. W. A. Osborne, president of West Indies College left for the U.S.A. He will visit students who are at present attending Institutions in the States who may be good prospective teachers for West Indies College.

\* We have been informed that at least four of our ministers in the West Indies Union have now joined the Centurion Evangelistic Band. There are three from East Jamaica and one from West Jamaica.

\* On Sunday, September 24, the new Lucea Seventh-day Adventist Church was dedicated in the presence of a capacity crowd from various parts of the island. The church has also acquired a new Hammond-Electric Organ.

\* During the last two years two islands have been entered in the Bahamas Mission, Grand Bahamas and Abaco.

\* Sabbath, October 21, will be an important day to the believers in West End, Grand Bahama. Their new church building will be dedicated. Pastor Glen Maxson, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Inter-American Division, will deliver the Dedicatory sermon. He will also visit a number of other centres in the Bahamas

\* Brother Owen Williamson a recent graduate of West Indies College has joined the staff of the Bahamas Junior Academy. The report is that the enrollment of that institution has now reached 160.

\* On Sunday, October 8, Miss Alett McKenzie, graduate of the class of '61 left for Nassau, to engage in the Literature Ministry.

\* We have been informed that Pastor George I. Gantz of the Michigan Conference has accepted a call to serve as president of the Cayman Islands Mission. We hope that he and his family will soon arrive in that territory.

\* Most of the student colporteurs who have been out canvassing during the summer vacation have returned to the College and have reported good success.

\* Visiting the island of Jamaica during the last six weeks were Pastor E. J. Parchment and his family. He is the president of the British Guiana Mission. They left for Central America on Monday, Oct. 9.

\* Dr. G. E. Shankel who served West Indies College as Academic Dean, has returned to the island of Jamaica and has joined the teaching staff of the College. Dr. Shankel is an instructor in the history department.

\* West Indies College is happy to report the return of a former teacher, Professor LeRoy Lawrence, who obtained his Master of Arts degree in Mathematics. He will head this department.

## West Jamaica News

WESCON-YOUCA 1961 that convened August 8—15 at a beautiful location by the sea in White House, Westmoreland, is still fresh in the minds of the campers who attended. The eighty-six of us who attended this Youth Camp received great blessings spiritually, socially, educationally and physically.

Elder M. G. Nembhard, Secretary of the West Indies Union, our Camp Chaplain, never failed to inspire us with beautiful gems of thought at our Morning Watch session, Camp council, and at the close of each Camp fire programme. He was also our life guard; so he was bent on saving the youth spiritually as well as physically.

Elder Herman Mills, MV and Educational Secretary of the West Indies Union gave us valuable help and hints to make our camp an outstanding success. The campers, at inspection time, discovered that Elder Mills was very strict on points, so all the surroundings were extra spick and span whenever he was to inspect that particular side of the camp.

We must pay tribute to all of our superintendents, counsellors, programme directors, and our culinary staff under the supervision of Mrs. M. Douce for the invaluable service at camp.

Several letters have come into the office from various campers as an indication of the wonderful time they had at camp. The spot on which we camped is being negotiated as a permanent camp site, and so we ask an interest in the prayers of all our believers throughout the Union that we may be able to get this site for the physical, social, and spiritual benefits of our youth as we endeavour to make there one of the best camp sites in Jamaica.

—H. L. Douce

## Test Your "Word" Power

How many important facts about the Sacred Volume do you know? Check your knowledge by choosing the correct answer to each question below.

1. The word "Bible" comes from Byblos, an ancient paper-exporting city of (a) Egypt (b) Israel (c) Phoenicia.

2. The King James Version of the Bible was completed in the year (a) 1066 (b) 1611 (c) 1776.

3. The Bible Version in use by the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock was the (a) Geneva (b) Vulgate (c) Coverdale.

4. The Old Testament was originally written in (a) Greek (b) Hebrew (c) Latin.

5. About how many verses are there in the Bible? (a) 4,800 (b) 31,000 (c) 79,000

6. The Douay Bible is (a) Roman Catholic (b) Jewish (c) Protestant.

7. About how many different English-language versions of the Bible have been published? (a) 30 (b) 125 (c) 200.

8. The Bible has been translated into about how many languages? (a) 250 (b) 750 (c) 1,200.

9. About how many authors wrote the Bible (a) 15 (b) 40 (c) 66.

10. How many centuries elapsed between Malachi and Matthew? (a) 4 (b) 6 (c) 8.

11. Who wrote more books of the Bible than any other man? (a) Moses (b) Ezra (c) Paul.

12. The age of modern printing began when the Bible was first printed with movable type in (a) Germany (b) England (c) China.

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## Youth Day

December 10, 1961, is especially set apart as Youth Day in West Jamaica Conference. On that day we hope to baptize 500 young people under thirty years of age. Pray with us that this will be an outstanding day in Israel as these youth are buried with their Lord in baptism and rise to walk in newness of life.

"A man cannot lead if he is running behind."

— Combat Forces Journal



## Qualifications For Church Officers

"He who called the fishermen of Galilee is still calling men to His service. And He is just as willing to manifest His power through us as through the first disciples." **The Desire of Ages**, p. 297.

### A. Moral and Spiritual Fitness

1. Able men, God-fearing men, men of truth, hating covetousness (Ex. 18:21).
2. Men of honest report (Acts 6:3).
2. Of good reputation (1 Tim. 3:7).
4. Hold the office in high esteem (1 Tim. 3:7).
5. Preserve unity (Eph. 4:1-6; John 17:21, 22; Isa. 52:8).

"The unity of the church is the convincing evidence that God has sent Jesus into the world as its Redeemer. This is an argument which worldlings cannot controvert." **Testimonies**, Vol. 5, p. 620

### B. Spirit and Attitude of a Genuine Leader

1. "Neither as being lords over God's heritage" (1 Peter 5:3). "The truth planted in the heart will reveal the love of Jesus and its transforming power. Anything harsh, sour, critical, domineering, is not of Christ, but proceeds from Satan." — **Testimonies to Ministers**, p. 156
2. Humble, teachable spirit (1 Kings 3:7; Judges 6:15; Ex. 3:11; 4:10).
3. Spirit of gentleness and kindness (James 3:17).
4. Spirit of magnanimity and unselfishness (Gen. 13:8, 9).
5. Holding a high evaluation of others (Rom. 12:10; Phil. 2:3).
6. Willingness to accept counsel (Ex. 18:24; Prov. 11:14).
7. Peacemakers (Judges 1-3; Prov. 15:1).
8. Fidelity to principle (Dan. 6:5).
9. Faith and courage (Num. 13:30; Joshua 14:6-13).
10. Spirit of prayer (James 1:17; Neh. 2:4).
11. Individual planning and organizing (Neh. 2:12-18).
12. Unwavering devotion (Neh. 6:3; Jer. 48:10).

### Influence

"Be thou an example of the believers" (1 Tim. 4:12).  
 "Being ensamples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:3).  
 "It had been better for you never to have been born than that you should lead one soul astray. **Selected Messages**, Vol. 1, p. 159.

"Entire consecration of soul must be maintained as much by the teachers and superintendents of our Sabbath School as by our ministers in our pulpits, for all alike are engaged in the work of bringing souls to Christ." — **Counsels on Sabbath School Work**, p. 157.

"God takes men as they are, with the human elements in their character, and trains them for His service, if they will

be disciplined and learn of Him. They are not chosen because they are perfect, but notwithstanding their imperfections, that through the knowledge and practice of the truth, through the grace of Christ, they may become transformed into His image." — **The Desire of Ages**, p. 294.

**W. J. Keith, Pastor**  
**Takoma Park Church**  
 (Reprinted from GO, April, 1961)

## Joint Education Festival

December 26, will be a red-letter day for Christian Education in western Jamaica and you must be in Mandeville to make history. On this day the West Indies College and the West Jamaica Conference will unite in a mammoth fund-raising festival. The proceeds from this imaginative venture will be divided between the West Indies College and the Harrison Memorial High School.

Each church member in the West Jamaica Conference is being asked to contribute Ten Shillings (10/-) in cash toward this project, as well as a generous contribution of the "fruit of the soil" to make a grand Harvest Festival.

West Indies College is desperately in need of a new cafeteria and Harrison Memorial must have new buildings for its expanding enrolment.

The appeal is to you, you and YOU!! All afar or near, who hold the College dear give of your money, and of your goods, then come to Mandeville on December 26 to make history for Christian Education. Our goal is £8,000.

— **H. A. Mills**, Project Co-ordinator

## Successful Effort In Panama City

One hundred seven candidates were baptized as a result of the effort conducted by O. U. Holness and his associates in Panama City, Panama.

Early in 1961 the Central church was forced to vacate its church home, owing to a road project. This appeared to be a tragedy, for the Central church had long been regarded as Adventism's stronghold in Panama City. Several churches have grown from its branch Sabbath School and lay evangelism activities. Its location was prominent and well known. However the time came when both the church and the school had to move.

As soon as another location became available the building programme was inaugurated. Immediately a series of tent meetings was begun on the new site. Capacity crowds attended, even when the rainy season began, and the meetings had to be moved into the unfinished school auditorium.

The first baptism was conducted on June 4. Preceding the service a Bible school graduation exercise was held, when 105 diplomas were given to those who had completed one of the Bible courses. Seventy-one of those who received diplomas were baptized as about 2,000 friends and members witnessed this inspiring service. Bible studies continued

with other interested ones, and on August 12, 36 additional candidates were baptized.

**By L. L. Reile, President**  
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### Answers to "Test your 'Word' Power"

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| 1. (c) | 7. (c)  |
| 2. (b) | 8. (c)  |
| 3. (a) | 9. (b)  |
| 4. (b) | 10. (a) |
| 5. (b) | 11. (c) |
| 6. (a) | 12. (a) |

### SCORE

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| 10-12 | correct, excellent   |
| 8-9   | correct, good  |
| 6-7   | correct, fair  |
| 0-5   | correct, it's time to become better acquainted with the Good Book. |

## Obituary

**MRS. BURNELLA JACKSON**, who was born in 1867, accepted the Advent Message in 1908. She was baptized by Elder Becknor and remained a faithful member, first of the Little London Seventh-day Adventist Church, and then of the Camp Savannah Seventh-day Adventist church. She passed away on August 28, 1961, and is survived by her sons — William and Raymond, grand-children, and great grand-children. Funeral service was conducted by Brother Andrew Robinson.

**BROTHER BENJAMIN SMALLING**, 79 years old, of the Dignum Mount Seventh-day Adventist church, departed this life on the 22nd September, 1961. He was a very faithful brother in the church and is sadly missed by the members. He sleeps awaiting the call of the Life-giver.

— **CLARA SHAKESPEARE** —

"When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern."

— **Lift Him Up**, p. 214

"Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."

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