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Religious Liberty Campaign And Offering

Soon another religious liberty campaign will be announced throughout the North American Division. This campaign will have, we are sure, the backing of all our conference officials, workers in the various fields, and officers of our churches. *Liberty* magazine is known throughout our division as the champion of the cause of liberty, that liberty proclaimed in our Constitution, that liberty that has been so vital in making America one of the leading nations of the world.

We have every reason to be thankful to God for the Constitution that has been given us, and especially do we prize the first amendment to the Constitution which reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

We are aware of some of the dangers which face us today, and we must ever be on guard and do our part faithfully to uphold those principles which mean so much to us in the proclamation of our message. We are facing so many more perils today than we have in the past, and we must know how to cope with them. If we stood ready to fight for our liberty at all times, then I believe we would appreciate more the liberty that has been granted us.

Some of the problems facing us are unemployment compensation, Green River laws, Sunday laws that keep coming up all the time, calendar revision, etc. The mes-

sages that are contained in *Liberty* magazine will help more than anything else in giving the readers a clear understanding of the problems and also what true liberty means to them. *Liberty* magazine should not only be in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist, but also in the offices of all those within our territory who are holding positions of responsibility. This magazine should be sent to doctors, attorneys, school officials, ministers, and state officials.

It is most interesting to read some of the comments sent into the Religious Liberty Department office by men of influence, expressing their appreciation for the splendid influence that the magazine has upon them. According to the prophecies, we know that we are living in a time when the enemy of soul liberty will do all that he can to destroy the fundamental principles underlying religious liberty.

Church Members Under Obligation to Consecrate Tithe

"Every church member should feel under obligation to consecrate his tithe to God. None are to follow the sight of their eyes, or the inclination of their selfish hearts, and thus rob God. They should not use their means to gratify vanity, or for any other selfish indulgence; for in so doing they entangle themselves in Satan's snares. God is the giver of tact, of ability to accumulate wealth, and therefore all is to be laid upon his altar. The requirement is, 'Honor the Lord with thy substance.' The tendency to covetousness must be constantly restrained, else it will eat into the hearts of men and women, and they will run greedily after gain."—*Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. V, p. 481.

By action of the General Conference Committee, Sabbath, January 24, has been set aside as Religious Liberty Offering Sabbath. We greatly appreciate the liberality of our people in supporting this offering in the past, and we know that the coming offering will be one of the greatest in the history of our denomination. We need not only the financial support of our believers, but we also solicit their earnest prayers that the cause of freedom may be protected.

**REMEMBER THE OFFERING
ON SABBATH, JANUARY 24!**

W. B. Ochs

It's Time to Enlist!

ARE you familiar with the following inspired statements?

"To save souls should be the life-work of every one who professes Christ."—*Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. IV, p. 53.

"We should all be workers together with God. No idlers are acknowledged as His servants."—*Christian Service*, p. 10.

"So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power."—*Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. IX, p. 47.

"To every one who becomes a partaker of His grace, the Lord appoints a work for others."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 148.

"Every follower of Jesus has a work to do as a missionary for Christ, in the family, in the neighborhood, in the town or city where he lives."—*Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. II, p. 632.

"God can and will use those who have not had a thorough education in the schools of men. A doubt of His power to do this, is manifest

unbelief; it is limiting the omnipotent power of the One with whom nothing is impossible."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 488.

"Every church should be a training-school for Christian workers. Its members should be taught how to give Bible readings, how to conduct and teach Sabbath-school classes, how best to help the poor and to care for the sick, how to work for the unconverted. There should be schools of health, cooking schools, and classes in various lines of Christian-help work."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 149.

"In every church the members should be so trained that they will devote time to the winning of souls to Christ. How can it be said of the church, 'Ye are the light of the world,' unless the members of the church are actually imparting light? Let those who have charge of the flock of Christ awake to their duty, and set many souls to work."—*Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. VI, p. 436.

Three things are clear from these statements: first, God has a work for EVERY church member to do; second, God will use even those with limited talents; third, the church has a responsibility to train its members and put them to work.

January 10 is Enlistment Day in the Columbia Union Conference. When a blank is placed in your hand, my dear brother or sister, will you fill it in carefully and, like Isaiah of old, say, "Here am I; send me"? Ministers and church officers, will you follow this up by providing adequate training for

all who enlist and by assigning each his post of duty?

The year 1953 should be the most outstanding year for soul winning that our churches have ever had. It will be just that if every Seventh-day Adventist assumes an active status in the army of Prince Immanuel.

Enlist on January 10!

KENNETH H. WOOD, JR.
Home Missionary Secretary,
Columbia Union Conference

Clothing Caravan

THE largest single clothing drive ever attempted in the Columbia Union Conference was recently concluded with outstanding success. Four conferences participated in the "Clothing for Korea" caravan which started in Washington and ended at the ARK warehouse in New York.

Three trucks made the trip, making stops in Baltimore, Wilmington, Philadelphia, and Trenton before reaching New York. Representatives from the Korean Embassy in Washington saw the caravan off, and the Korean consul met the group on their arrival in New York.

Unusual publicity was given to the venture through radio, television, and the press. We believe that as a result many friends have been made for Seventh-day Adventists. Our sincerest thanks go to the conference departmental secretaries, district ministers, and Dorcas welfare workers whose de-

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voted and tireless efforts combined to make this project a success.

More detailed reports by conferences will appear under their regular column headings.

KENNETH H. WOOD, JR.

Frightened or Prepared?

Not long ago a group of America's leading scientists, among them Urey and Compton, challenged a group of representative clergymen with the words:

"Gentlemen, we're frankly frightened. In finally achieving nuclear fission, we've either discovered something that will greatly bless our culture or thoroughly blast it. The threat is not in the explosive power of the atom; we can control that. What we cannot control is the explosive power of human nature. . . . The plain fact is that man's skills have outdistanced his morals; his engineering has leaped ahead of his wisdom. We can't stop or cancel scientific advance. But we can and must, if this world is to survive, help them to close the terrific gap between man's morals and his cleverness. In God's name—if you still believe in God—tell us what you can do to help. Otherwise we perish."—*The Chief Steward*, p. 1.

Nineteen centuries ago our Lord wept when He looked down over His beloved city. It knew not the time of its visitation, or the things which belonged to its peace. What must be in His heart today when He sees what is hanging over the defenseless cities of the world, and how persistently His own people remain in them when He sent again and again loving messages to have them remove themselves from the ruin that impends, and which He has clearly foretold.

The Civil Defense authorities of the nation, the states, and com-

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Loading one of the trucks at Philadelphia for the "Clothing for Korea" caravan.

Red Cross Instructor-Trainer Refresher Course

It has been found necessary to change the date of the meeting for giving the Red Cross Instructor-Trainer refresher course from January 4 to 7, where it was first fixed, to January 27 to 30.

Arrangements have now been completed with the Red Cross Eastern Area headquarters to give the refresher course for instructor-trainers, and for the creation of new instructor-trainers, immediately following the Temperance Secretaries' meeting, which closes on January 26.

This course will be given in Takoma Park in the General Conference building, beginning at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, January 27. There will be eight two-hour sessions, two on each day.

All those who have been doing instructor-trainer work should take

this refresher course in order to revalidate their certificates as instructor-trainers. Others are invited to come who have been doing Red Cross First-Aid teaching and are therefore eligible to take the instructor-trainer's course and advance into that category. *No one should come who has not completed the Standard, the Advanced, and the Instructor's Courses*, for they cannot be accommodated on this occasion.

Arrangements should be made to remain over Saturday night, January 31. On that night a great Civil Defense mass meeting for the whole community of Takoma Park and the surrounding area will be held in the Sligo Church, under the direction of the Civil Defense Administration of the District of Columbia. It will be a very valuable source of instruction in itself.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES

sents the faithful support of the New Jersey members under the blessing of God.

The New Jersey Conference committee and workers have unanimously voted to dedicate each third Sabbath during 1953 to the promotion and receiving of an offering in all our churches for the Conference Center. May God help us to be liberal as we continue to move forward unitedly.

W. B. HILL

President

Welfare Drive

"ADVENTISTS Ship Clothing to Korea." This heading, with a three-column by five-inch picture, followed by a three-column write-up, appeared on the second page of Trenton's leading newspaper, the *Evening Times*.

For days the Dorcas society of the Trenton Church worked feverishly, preparing and packing almost 3,000 articles of clothing for Korean relief. The climax came when an Adventist-sponsored caravan, which originated in Washington, D. C., picked up the many boxes and bundles. A newspaper photographer was on hand and took a picture of the very impressive scene.

A week earlier a "lead" article appeared on the third page of the same newspaper, informing the public of the Adventist Korean

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enth-day Adventists.

New Jersey Conference Center

LOCATED just four miles north of historic Princeton and in the immediate vicinity of the quaint little town of Kingston is the 168-acre tract of land known as the New Jersey Conference Center. It is to encompass more than a camp ground and a separate junior camp location. The large frontage and total acreage are readily adaptable for the location of a Conference office in a desirable rural setting, yet accessible from all parts of the Conference territory. This includes very desirable lots for the erection of homes for the office personnel in addition to the two families residing there.

The buildings now being erected are of a representative nature, the main ones easily adaptable to other purposes as the Lord may direct. There is a bountiful water supply for which we praise God.

Why do we call this place a center? The answer is found in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy in the book *Country Living*, page 31: "Repeatedly the Lord has instructed us that we are to work the cities from outpost centers. In the

cities we are to have houses of worship, as memorials for God, but institutions . . . are to be established outside the cities."

We have been told that "the cities are to be worked from outposts." Said the messenger of God: "Shall not the cities be warned? Yes; not by God's people living in them, but by visiting them, to warn them of what is coming upon the earth" (*Id.*, p. 30). This counsel need not be amplified in view of atomic and hydrogen bomb experiments and their implications.

A junior camp dining hall, two sanitary buildings, and a spacious Book and Bible House have been erected. What we believe will be an outstanding camp ground dining hall is now being erected. This building is 130 feet long and sixty feet wide. An auditorium seating 3,000 must soon be built. The plans call for an administration building and chapel room to be used temporarily as a Conference office and ultimately for school purposes.

The New Jersey constituency during 1952 has contributed through offerings approximately \$20,000. Available Conference funds have been added, and the faithful endeavors of Conference laymen and workers now reveal God's blessing upon the enterprise. Two appropriations have been received from sources outside the Conference, one amounting to \$2,000 and the other, \$500. The remainder of the sizable sum of money thus far expended repre-



Loading in Trenton.

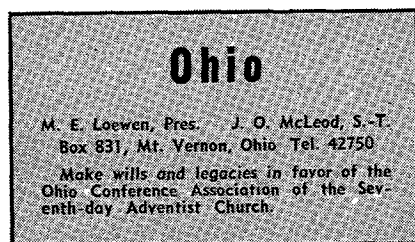


Hard-working Dorcas group in Trenton.

relief drive. Much favorable publicity resulted. Some people telephoned and asked us to call for clothing. Others came directly to the church and left their boxes and bundles. Even a large Presbyterian church, which had just concluded a similar drive, referred individuals to the Adventist church. We are sure that the cause of God has been greatly blessed as a result of this welfare program.

Accompanying this article is a picture of some of our members who did very faithful work. Mrs. Joseph Tolas, the Dorcas leader, led out in a strong way. Those who helped the program were Joseph Tolas, Sr., Mrs. B. Yeager, Mrs. T. Marlin, Mrs. S. Theobald, Mrs. A. Splitter, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Blinn, Mrs. C. Koppel, Mrs. C. Classon, Mrs. M. Archibald, Mrs. E. Cziezinger, William Nelson; John Mandl, publicity secretary; S. W. Burrows, New Jersey Conference Home Missionary Secretary; and Stephen Paully, pastor of the Trenton Church.

STEPHEN PAULLY



Results Count!

THE forty-three church school teachers of Ohio have in the twenty-three schools 707 boys and girls. Since the opening report more students have been enrolled, but this number is eighty-four more than last year at a comparable time.

The services of the Week of Prayer and Sacrifice have helped many of our youth to make eternal decisions, and baptismal classes have been formed in most of the schools, with a spring baptism in mind. Some youth have been awaiting the opportunity and are to be baptized immediately. Several from the Mount Vernon Church school were baptized Friday night, December 12.

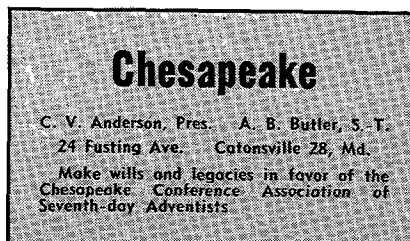
The church school teacher is an evangelist in the best sense of the word, and should be supported daily by our prayers in the program of training our children.

As we come to the year's end and are closing our accounts and paying our debts, how about examining the church school ac-

count? If it is in arrears, why not balance it? If you were not ready to contribute when the offering was taken December 13, could it be included when you turn in the next envelope that contains your tithe?

E. J. BARNES

Educational Secretary, Ohio Conference



Baltimore Evangelistic Center

BALTIMORE, Md., America's sixth city, is beginning to yield a harvest of advent believers, and its recently occupied evangelistic center is a credit to God's cause and the city.

Greater Baltimore numbers a million and a quarter people. One quarter of a million, or thereabouts, are colored. Our colored Adventists number about 800. Thank God for that.

We claim the rest of the population, 1,000,000, as our field of labor. From that we have harvested only about 650. We have been burdened for Baltimore. Elder D. A. Ochs, our Columbia Union Conference President, thank God, has shared that burden.

Elder Newmeyer is due great credit, through God's grace, for aggressive, consistent addition of membership during his term of service in Baltimore.

Elder R. H. Libby thought to start a bigger work, hence he pioneered on the east coast a weekly television program. This program broke down prejudice to a great extent. Then Elder M. K. Eckenroth of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary conducted a wonderful series of meetings in the Lyric Theater. We added more than 100 people to our various churches as a result.

This year Elder E. F. Koch, Columbia Union Conference Evangelist, is conducting another series of meetings, the results of which cannot yet be known. However, the firstfruits will be baptized January 3, 1953.

That brings back to mind the Evangelistic Center. For years the First Church of Baltimore had been worshiping on Rosedale Avenue. The building had been outgrown.

Not only the main auditorium, but the Sabbath school facilities for the children were very cramped. After much study, prayer, and planning the old church was sold. A new site was purchased. Building operations began. One cannot tell of the work of Elders Libby, Rees, and Dombrosky in particular, each one pastor during some phase of the proceedings, but can only thank God for the part each one played. Every minister in the Conference did some work on the church, particularly D. G. Fleagle, who proved himself a master builder. Hundreds of hours of donated labor were expended by faithful men and women of the church.

The concluding months of labor were led by the magic personality of Stanley Dombrosky.

The General Conference and Columbia Union Conference were magnanimous in their gifts toward the enterprise, not to mention the Chesapeake Conference.

The "high" day arrived November 29, 1952, when the 800 seats were occupied. It was a big day in Baltimore Adventist history. Elder C. B. Haynes spoke in the morning. Elder D. A. Ochs, President of the Columbia Union Conference, spoke in the afternoon. The Faith for Today speaker, Elder W. A. Fagal, and the quartet closed the afternoon program.

The General Conference and Columbia Union Conference expect this church to serve for evangelism in Baltimore in a real way. When this is read, Elder Koch and his associates will be conducting strong meetings in the church auditorium three nights a week.

Already a truck load of Korean relief clothing has gone out from this center. Next week a Baltimore area church officers' meeting will convene in this center. Next week a Conference-wide workers' meeting will be held in the annex, a part of the great Evangelistic Center.

Provision is made for health instruction and demonstration. A compact kitchen and dining room with all modern facilities were installed gratis by loving donors. Mothers with restless babies will find a room where they may worship without embarrassment.

Adequate Sabbath school rooms for every department have been thought of. A fine pastor's study, furnished by other lovers of nice things, has a separate, outside entrance. The beautiful baptistry

will be used for the first time on the first Sabbath of the new year.

The pews, the windows, the drapery, everything harmonizes very beautifully to make one feel like reverently singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

This spells a new day for Baltimore. The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are very glad.

C. V. ANDERSON

President, Chesapeake Conference

West Virginia

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"Trustees of and for the West Virginia
Conference of Seventh-day Adventists."

Report From Western Maryland

ALTHOUGH only one of every 400 Cumberlanders worships here, yet the little gray stucco church in which members assemble each Sabbath is this city's most important building. Here meet the people whom God holds responsible for bearing His last warning message to the metropolis of western Maryland. Here His Spirit calls, inspires, and instructs from week to week in a sense that He could do nowhere else. In a sense that can be said of no other building here, this is God's house.

Symbolic of the response of the worshipers is the graph posted on one of its walls. The rapidly mounting, bold, red line registers the number enrolled in the Bible correspondence course since August. The erratic green line indicates the number attending the pictured Bible studies given by the members each week. From these cultivated interests we hope to crowd the church when the winter's evangelistic services open January 18. An added attraction will be the set of children's films, shown by our own youth in a room below to the children of the interested parents who listen to present truth in the auditorium above. Yes, God has a place for all to work in His vineyard.

Twelve miles west and nearly a thousand feet higher a smaller but equally loyal band of forty-five Sabbath keepers meet. But on their wall hangs no such graph as is seen in their sister church. There is scarcely room for it amid all the lodge emblems and worldly para-

phernalia, for one thing; and for another, our Frostburg members are concerned most of all just now with the erection of a house of worship of their own and will be giving their best energies to that enterprise for next year. Then this city, too, must hear present truth. Every home here, too, must be presented with the earnest invitation to flee from the wrath to come and find safety in God.

We are sure that when the everlasting gospel has been preached in the rest of the world, western Maryland will have heard it, too. God speed the day!

O. B. GERHART

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Allegheny Conference Association of Sev-
enth-day Adventists.

Welfare Center Dedicated

THE Penn-Jersey Dorcas Federation dedicated its welfare center to the needs of humanity on Sunday. The building, a fine structure with a first floor and basement, located at Twentieth and Carpenter Streets in south Philadelphia, is the result of prayers, hard work, and the unswerving determination of Mrs. Carrie Davis, president of the federation; Mrs. Ethel Manuel, vice-president; Mrs. Dora Mitchell, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Antoinette Ballard, leader of the Ebenezer Dorcas Society; and Dr. Parthenia Williams.

Elder Kenneth Wood, Columbia Union Conference Home Missionary Secretary, addressed the fine audience which had gathered for the day's activities. Associated with the Union secretary was Elder W. R. Robinson, director of the Conference Dorcas work.



Elder Kenneth H. Wood addressing Dorcas group at opening of welfare center in Philadelphia.

The center will be engaged in health and welfare activities. Mrs. Ethel Hardie Dickerson, R.N., will conduct classes in home nursing, hydrotherapy, and child care. Mrs. Antoinette Ballard will instruct classes in nutrition and healthful cookery. Dr. J. G. Dasent, Jr., will give clinical care and consultations on healthful living. Elder J. G. Dasent, pastor of the Ebenezer Church in Philadelphia, said, "This is a spiritual lighthouse and meets a felt need."

A. V. PINKNEY

Press Secretary

Spot Reports From the Field

THE Newark, N. J., members have completed plans for their new, beautiful edifice, Elder Jethro Lester, the pastor, reports. Included in the plans are adequate quarters for the two-teacher school which Newark has operated for more than ten years.

Philadelphia's hot-lunch program at the school is in full swing. Members of the Home and School Association are giving of their time to provide this necessary adjunct to the educational program. Aside from the benefits to the boys and girls, \$74.68 has been reported as cleared.

Each senior Missionary Volunteer society in the Conference planning to send a delegate to the Pan-American Youth Congress must raise \$125 for the fund. A few societies have already begun on this project. The congress promises to be the most important yet held by our young people, according to the General Conference Young People's Department. Why not lay something aside with your church treasurer each week toward your goal?

The following announcement appears by courtesy of the *Review and Herald*, signed by W. H. Berg-herm:

"Parents of servicemen in Korea, as well as hundreds of Seventh-day Adventist men now assigned to Korea, will be glad to learn that Chaplain Joseph T. Powell has accepted an appointment to Korea. Because of the urgent need, Chaplain Powell volunteered for this overseas assignment. He requested the army to place him under appointment that he might be of service to his denomination. We greatly appreciate this fine spirit of cooperation and service on the part of Brother Powell. Let us

pray for the blessings of the Lord to rest on our chaplains as they serve the boys in uniform. Chaplain Powell sailed early in November."

Chaplain Powell formerly taught Bible at the Pine Forge Institute, Pine Forge, Pa. He is a native of Baltimore, Md., and a member of the Berea Temple Church.

Potomac

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Make wills and legacies in favor of the
Potomac Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

What Will Your Answer Be?

ARE you satisfied with your efforts and accomplishments as a soul-winning layman during 1952? This is a personal question which only you can answer. This hour is truly too dangerously near the time when we shall face our Maker and Redeemer to be empty-handed. There must be sheaves and fruit to lay at His feet and not a barren tree with only the leaves of a formal religion.

If any of us are not satisfied, are we at fault? Have we not prayed earnestly for the outpouring of the latter rain in our lives? But, oh, let us remember that we are told that the latter rain will never be poured out until we have taken full advantage of the former rain. "It is not because of any restriction on the part of God that the riches of His grace do not flow earthward to men" (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 419). "The Spirit awaits our demand and reception" (*Id.*, p. 121).

"There are some who, instead of wisely improving present opportunities, are idly waiting for some special season of spiritual refreshing by which their ability to en-

lighten others will be greatly increased. They neglect present duties and privileges, and allow their light to burn dim, while they look forward to a time when, without any effort on their part, they will be made the recipients of special blessing, by which they will be transformed and fitted for service" (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 54). That fitness will come only as we become men and women of decision and grasp the opportunities and privilege now before us.

Here is a great opportunity for YOU to come to the Columbia Union Institute in the Takoma Park Church January 4-10. This is the Lord's invitation to you through us. Some soul in darkness is waiting today for you to bring him a lantern. You have just the ray of light some groping, sinking brother needs to lead him home. Give our literature feet and become a great evangelist. Will you take it to him or are you too busy?

Eighteen months ago J. M. Anderson of Waynesboro, Va., gave up a successful business. Since then God has blessed him with \$9,640.92 worth of truth-filled literature delivered. This will mean many souls in the kingdom. If you would like an experience like this, contact your Publishing Secretary or associate district leader while there is still time to join this deeply consecrated group of bookmen for this great meeting. Here is your guarantee of success. "God will accept the wholehearted service, and will Himself make up the deficiencies" (*Ministry of Healing*, p. 150).

A. L. PAGE

Silver Spring MV Society Active in Temperance Work

THE Silver Spring MV Society has placed temperance poster sets in all the public high schools located in Montgomery County, Md. The total enrollment of the sixteen high schools is over 11,000.

The MV society plans to construct a billboard to display temperance messages on one of the busy highways in Montgomery County, Md. If anyone has property along a highway in the Montgomery County area who would be willing to donate, lease, or sell to the MV society, please write to Robert Bainum, 720 Erie Avenue, Takoma Park 12, D. C.

ROBERT BAINUM

MV leader, Silver Spring Church



Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson

East Pennsylvania

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East Pennsylvania Conference Association
of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc.

Expanded Medical Program in East Pennsylvania Conference

THE College of Medical Evangelists, as its name implies, was established by our denomination to serve as an evangelizing agency. This was done in conformity with the pattern Christ set through His effective ministry both to the bodies and the souls of humankind. The Master's final charge to the church included an effective ministry to the sick.

Our people will be pleased to learn that an expanded medical program for the East Pennsylvania Conference is in the process of becoming a reality. For some years now Dr. Robert L. Jones, 69 Church Street, Plymouth, Pa., has been our only representative of the medical college. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Church. His influence has been much appreciated. It is with great satisfaction that we announce the coming of other doctors to our field. To these doctors and their families we extend the warmest welcome and pledge our loyal support.

Dr. Leonard W. Ramey is now located at 1620 Hamilton Street, Allentown. He is not a stranger to our people in this conference. Many will remember him from his practice in Clark's Summit some years ago before he was called into the army. His return to the East Pennsylvania Conference will prove a great blessing. He has been asked to serve as the Conference Medical Secretary. Dr. Ramey's specialty is surgery.

Dr. G. E. Zerne will open his practice in West Chester. He has purchased a home and office in that city. The address is 311 Dean Street. At present Dr. Zerne is taking advanced work in Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia. He will specialize in ear, eye, nose, and throat. We understand that he will open his office about June 1, 1953.

Dr. Kenneth Swingle has just purchased an office and general practice in Slatington. At present Dr. Swingle is with the armed forces and is located in Mid West

City, Okla. His release from the armed forces becomes effective at the end of January and he will arrive to take up his practice early in February.

Dr. Thomas A. Davis has established a dental practice in Orelana, a suburb of Philadelphia. His office is located on the corner of Church and Paper Mill Roads. He opened his office several months ago and already the prospects for an extensive practice are bright. Dr. Davis was graduated from the dental college of the University of Pennsylvania.

We have learned indirectly of another doctor who is contemplating practice in our conference. When definite information is available further announcement will be made. A number of recent graduates of C. M. E. who are now in their internships will be coming to our field.

We thank God for this expanded medical work. We are confident that the work of these brethren will tell mightily for the work of God. Pictures of the doctors and their families with further information about their work will appear in the VISITOR in the weeks to come.

T. E. UNRUH

Spot Report

• BAPTISMS reported by district pastors for the months of October and November include the following: William Bornstein, five; C. L. Duffield, thirteen; E. D. Calkins, four; C. C. Ellis, three; Richard Fearing, one; W. C. Jensen, three; A. B. Pohlman, six; and F. W. Wernick, two.

Calling All Officers

of churches in the northwestern section of the Conference to the annual

Church Officers' Institute

on

Sunday, January 11, 1953

at

Williamsport Adventist Church
937 West Fourth Street

beginning at 9:30 A.M.

Every officer of the church for 1953 is invited to this special session just for you. There will be specialized instruction for your department.

Frightened or Prepared?

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munities are preparing for grave national and regional emergencies. They ask the cooperation of all citizens. They have been pleased with the cooperation of Seventh-day Adventists. We have done something. The time is here for us to do more.

Not only are we planning to enlarge our number of Red Cross instructor-trainers, but we want also in all our churches, societies, schools, and groups to enlarge greatly the number of our members trained in Red Cross first-aid work.

Will you volunteer now to take the Standard First-Aid Course? If you have had that, then volunteer to take the Advanced First-Aid Course. If you have certificates in both of these, plan to take the Instructor's First-Aid Course.

Thousands of our church members should prepare now to enroll in the Red Cross Home Nursing Course. We hope to begin this very shortly in our churches throughout the country.

Watch for announcements of these courses to be made shortly.

States and cities are getting ready for an enemy bomb attack. Some reason that this may never come. Quite true. We hope it never will. Even so, it is the part of wisdom to be prepared. Something is going to sweep away our great cities. That we know, for we have been warned as was Lot. Consequently, it is not wasted effort to be prepared, not alone for our own protection, but to help others.

If an enemy bombing attack does not come, natural disasters will. Floods, fires, storms, great accidents, hurricanes are with us always. Time spent on training in first aid is not wasted time. It may prove to be time that brings most valuable returns.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Jan. 2	Jan. 9
Baltimore, Md.	4:55	5:02
Cleveland, Ohio	5:11	5:18
Columbus, Ohio	5:16	5:23
Cumberland, Md.	5:04	5:11
Jersey City, N. J.	4:40	4:47
Parkersburg, W. Va.	5:15	5:22
Philadelphia, Pa.	4:48	4:55
Pittsburgh, Pa.	5:04	5:11
Reading, Pa.	4:46	4:52
Richmond, Va.	5:03	5:10
Seranton, Pa.	4:47	4:54
Toledo, Ohio	5:18	5:25
Trenton, N. J.	4:44	4:51
Washington, D. C.	4:57	5:04

So get ready for the first-aid training soon to be arranged and announced. List your name now with your pastor.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES

West Pennsylvania

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Christians lack "judgment"! We wound when we try to heal. We lack mercy towards a church officer who comes short in some particular. We have no faith that God could possibly use the talents of an erring brother. We would sooner see some department of the Lord's work come to a complete standstill than see him elected to any office.

God make us all more charitable! May He help us to exhibit judgment, mercy, and faith—those weightier matters of the law! The exercise of good judgment and mercy will make the work of nominating committees easier. Mercy and faith in God are necessary if we are to win our neighbors or carry the gospel to fields afar.

ERIC A. BEAVON

District pastor

OBITUARIES

RUSSELL, Henry C., was born in Georgetown, Ky., June 13, 1897, and died in the Cleveland, Ohio, Clinic November 12, 1952. Surviving are his wife, Olive Hunter Russell; and three daughters: Mrs. Olive May, Mrs. Betty Kinsman, and Mrs. June Spencer. He had been a faithful member of the Cincinnati Walnut Hills Church for the past nine years and had served as local elder for the past three years. Services were conducted by the writer.

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Washington and McKeesport News

WASHINGTON, Pa., Seventh-day Adventists are feeling happy over the arrival, on the day before Thanksgiving, of twenty-two pews, ten feet nine inches long and of Gothic design, constructed of seasoned rock elm and finished in light oak to match the oak pulpit. The pews are new, but the Lord made it possible for us to secure them at a much-reduced price, as they had been originally built for another church which had been swept away by flood before delivery could be made.

A year ago the Washington Church building fund (small enough to begin with!) was \$1,300 overdrawn. Gifts and solicitations have not only erased this deficit and paid for supplies as needed to keep the work going forward, but at Thanksgiving—after paying \$1,675 for the pews and \$180 for a matching pulpit of beautiful design—we still had \$68.36 in the building fund and \$52.69 in the church expense fund. In addition, the church treasurer, Mrs. William Prutzman, reports the following amounts on hand: towards a matching communion table, \$83; towards a pulpit light, \$8.25; and Dorcas Welfare Society funds, \$66.58.

We shall still be happy to receive contributions from former residents of Washington, or friends of the movement here, towards finishing and decorating the downstairs rooms and landscaping the drive and playground. A major task before us now is the completion of work on the spacious school-room as soon as possible. We sincerely thank all who have had a part in keeping the specter of debt away from God's house in "little Washington."

There is still much to be done. Rather than put inferior materials or workmanship into the building we have taken time to raise enough

funds to buy the best. We want to adhere to this policy and do all our work in such a manner that the Master Workman will not be ashamed of us. It is true that whatever is worth doing is worth doing well.

In McKeesport (population nearing 60,000; Adventist Church membership, thirty-two!) a building fund has been started, and by November 22 \$1,148.85 had been raised. A rummage sale recently brought in \$66.13. Another such sale is being planned, with church members and friends being asked to contribute. A drop in the income of our believers in Washington and McKeesport is reflected in the tithe, but McKeesport missions offerings are showing an increase over 1951.

We are encouraging members, with all their giving, not to miss the blessing promised to all who pay a faithful tithe. Surely the statements found in Genesis 28:20-21, Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, and Hebrews 7:8 are sufficient to settle the question of tithing forever for those who believe the Bible. Alexander Cruden tells us regarding the practice of ancient Israel: "There were *three* sorts of tithes to be paid from the people (besides those from the Levites to the priests), Numbers 18:26, 27, etc. (1) To the Levites for their maintenance, Numbers 18:21, 24. (2) For the Lord's feasts and sacrifices, to be eaten in the place which the Lord should choose to put his Name there; to wit, where the ark should be, the tabernacle, or temple. This tenth part was either sent to Jerusalem in kind, or, if it was too far, they sent the value in money, which was to be laid out for oxen, sheep, wine, or whatever they pleased, Deuteronomy 14:22, 23, 24, etc. (3) Besides these two, there was to be every third year a tithe for the poor, to be eaten at their own dwellings, Deuteronomy 14:28, 29. Some are of the opinion that this third tithe was not different from the second before taken notice of, except that in the third year it was not brought to the temple, but was used upon the spot by everyone in the city of his habitation" (*Cruden's Complete Concordance*, edition of 1810, published in London, England, by T. Davison, J. Gold, and G. Woodfall).

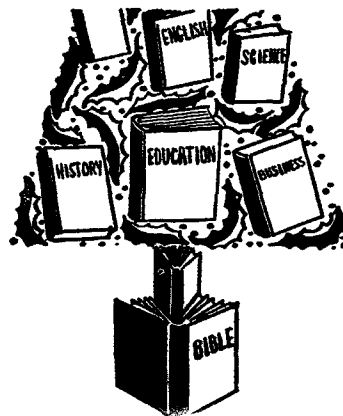
If church members not residing in the writer's district read the above statements, it will not do them harm! The plan of a second and third tithe is not an Adventist "invention" but a fact of history, fully recognized 142 years ago. Since the second tithe today is often used for miscellaneous offerings and contributions to the poor and needy, we have no way of telling how many today follow this divine plan. We should like to see more contributing one per cent of their income to the church building fund. This could come, of course, out of the second tithe, which was not strictly set aside by God for the preaching of the gospel and the work of the ministry.

In connection with Matthew 23:23 we are encouraging our members to keep in mind what Jesus calls "the weightier matters of the law." Referring to garden produce, our Lord and Saviour says: These things "ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." He emphasizes that we should not neglect "judgment, mercy, and faith." How many otherwise good, earnest

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