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MV Week of Prayer

A Message From the General Conference President

THE 1953 Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer brings to the church an unusual opportunity to win its unconverted youth and to deepen the experience of those who have already made decisions for Christ. We have come to an hour when we must avail ourselves of every means to save and to hold our youth, else the young people in increasing numbers will turn to the world and away from the church.

Perhaps there is no more productive period for the conversion of our youth to Christ than the MV Week of Prayer. It is my understanding that the number of young people converted during the 1952 Week of Prayer was the largest in the history of this great evangelistic project. Statistics that have been placed before me by the Missionary Volunteer Department reveal that in 1952 there were 4,000 young people brought to Christ during MV Week. Think of the potential power wrapped up in this youthful army. What an asset to the church to have added to its membership the vigor and the vitality and the energy of these young people!

The importance of Missionary Volunteer Day, Sabbath, March 14, can scarcely be overestimated. It should be a time when the burden of saving our youth is placed upon every member of the church, old and young alike. It should be a time for strong spiritual appeals and renewed consecration. The

experiences of this day should lead the whole church into deeper consecration and into more earnest efforts for the saving of our young people.

I wish to appeal most earnestly to our world-wide ministry in behalf of our youth. Every effort should be put forth by our pastors everywhere to see that the church has the advantage which youth has to offer in the finishing of the work. Pastors, church officers, and parents should unite in prayer bands. There is power in united prayer. "Prayer is heaven's ordained means of success in the conflict with sin and the development of Christian

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A Message From the Union Conference President

IN a short time opportunity will be given to all our children and youth in our churches and Missionary Volunteer societies to fellowship together in another annual MV Week of Prayer, March 14-21.

Will this occasion mean anything to you and to your young people in your church? Do the fathers and mothers, church members, and conference workers all have any responsibility for the salvation of their youth? Will the lambs of the flock in your church have an opportunity to make decisions for Christ during this week? Will your church leadership coordinate its efforts to make this week a soul-winning and soul-holding occasion?

There never was a time when a greater effort was needed to save our young people to the advent cause. They are surrounded on every hand by unprecedented worldly allurements. The world is begging for their allegiance.

We spend much money each year proclaiming the advent message to men and women everywhere. Are not our children just as precious, if not more so, in the sight of the Lord? Should they not be helped in making decisions for God and this truth? Shall we not help them to become fully established in the advent message?

Conference workers, church leaders, and senior members, let us put forth every effort to make this spring Week of Prayer count in the experience of all our pre-

"Life" and "Look" Magazines Publish Articles On Adventists

The General Conference Press Relations Bureau sends word that "Look" magazine is now advertising a 2,650-word article entitled "What Is a Seventh-day Adventist?" to appear in its March 10 issue, on sale February 24.

This was prepared by Arthur S. Maxwell, Editor of the "Signs of the Times." "Answers more than a score of questions about the Seventh-day Adventists and their beliefs on Christ, life after death, divorce, 'blue laws,' smoking, drinking, and many other topics."

Also "Life" magazine, February 16, carried a story of the gift to the Adventist Church by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harris, with six pictures taken at the Harris Pine Mills plant, Pendleton, Ore. This climaxes to date very complete national and international press, radio, and television coverage which the Press Relations Bureau began working on a month ago.

cious young people in every church throughout the Columbia Union Conference.

D. A. OCHS

Sabbath School Workers' Reading Course

CORRECTION

We have just discovered that the copy of the Sabbath School Workers' Reading Course book, "Psychology for Christian Teachers," from which the questions were written that appear in the "Worker" is a different edition from the book that has gone into the field.

This means a considerable difference in page numbering. However, the assignments in the "Worker" cover two chapters each month, and so those reading the book should have no difficulty in finding the answers to the questions even though the page numbering is not the same. For instance, the assignments for February cover chapters three and four; the assignments for March, chapters five and six; and so on.

General Conference Sabbath School Department

MV Legion of Honor

ADVENTIST youth have formed a Legion of Honor. Opening a new front against the evils of this generation, Missionary Volunteers have united in a solemn pledge to honor Christ in daily living.

"Since I have joined the MV Legion of Honor," says one, "I have studied more carefully what it means to honor Christ. Many things have become clearer to me. It has changed my way of life." Another wrote, "I signed the MV Legion of Honor pledge at a youth rally, and now when confronted with temptations I disregard self and ask the question, 'Will this honor Christ?'"

This all started in a small room in Washington where leaders charged with responsibilities to youth were gathered. The rising tide of wickedness in the land was noted: in particular, worthless reading, frothy music, contaminating radio and television presentations, and degrading movies. "Oh, how I wish," said one, "that we could do something that would open the eyes of our young people to these dangers and erect a barrier for their protection!"

Elder Dunbar expressed the opinion that if a small number, at

first, would take a forthright, courageous position, the influence would extend and leaven the whole army of youth. A code of honor . . . legions of youth . . . Legion of Honor! The name was born and everyone endorsed it.

Someone turned to *Messages to Young People*, page 270, and read a stirring statement. All agreed that this should form the background for the pledge, and while this was being set up Elder John Hancock was sketching a shield and combination of colors to distinguish the movement. Thus, within a short time several individuals moved by the same spirit brought into being a plan that is destined to influence for eternity thousands of youth.

Here is the wording of the covenant:

"I volunteer now to join the MV LEGION OF HONOR and by the grace and power of God I will:

"HONOR CHRIST in that which I choose to BEHOLD.

"HONOR CHRIST in that to which I choose to LISTEN.

"HONOR CHRIST in the choice of places to which I GO.

"HONOR CHRIST in the choice of ASSOCIATES.

"HONOR CHRIST in that which I choose to SPEAK.

"HONOR CHRIST in the care I give my BODY TEMPLE."

On the floor at the Autumn Council it was received with enthusiasm and a standing vote. Now, during 1953, this is the major project of the Young People's Department. Sixty thousand Adventist youth honoring Christ in North America will have a profound effect within the church and upon the communities in which they are located.

L. A. SKINNER

Growing Influence of Church Publicity

WE like to share inspiring experiences and words of cheer coming from workers with the press. It is very apparent that the influence of local newspaper church publicity is extending far more rapidly than many of us realize.

"We are few in numbers, but the public is well aware of our presence in the community, and prejudice is almost nil," writes a rural church press secretary in Tennessee, who last year had 140 column-inches of Adventist sto-

ries in one county weekly newspaper. "This publicity proved to be a salient factor in securing the Ingathering goal in three days," she says.

"More and more people notice what Adventists are doing, and we hear about it from all sides," the Syracuse, N. Y., Church press secretary reports. With a spirit of thanksgiving to God for the six years' progress she has seen since she first approached newspaper editors, she tells of growth and change of attitude. A leading church editor had encouraged her by saying that other churches would receive more publicity if they would take the interest that the Adventist church press secretary does in furnishing news.

Meeting an Adventist friend on the street in Spartanburg, S. C., a non-Adventist businessman said he had read in the newspaper about the Adventist church Week of Prayer and the sacrifice offering. He showed surprise in learning that Adventists not only pay tithe, but give liberally for extension of mission work in all the world. He at once reached into his pocket and gave his church friend a ten-dollar bill to help in this.

The opening of a welfare center in Sarasota, Fla., was given excellent local newspaper publicity in a story and pictures, and near the time when a good Ingathering announcement story was published. The church press secretary writes that one solicitor has reported that one Ingathering donor raised her yearly offering from one dollar to five dollars; another, from five dol-

"Prove the Lord"

"The Lord has made us His stewards. He has placed His means in our hands for faithful distribution. He asks us to render to Him His own. He has reserved the tithe as His sacred portion, to be used in sending the gospel to all parts of the world. My brethren and sisters, confess and forsake your selfishness, and bring to the Lord your gifts and offerings. Bring Him also the tithe that you have withheld. Come confessing your neglect. Prove the Lord, as He has invited you to do. 'I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.' Malachi 3:11."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, pp. 51, 52.

lars to ten dollars; and another, from ten dollars to twenty dollars. They said they had seen the stories and pictures, and had received a letter the press secretary sent out. "I am sure publicity pays," she adds.

Attracted by the activities of the Seventh-day Adventist church of ninety members in Utica, N. Y., the church editor of the *Utica Observer-Dispatch* took occasion to interview the pastor and get facts for a story. This came out in a magnificent full-page feature in the issue of November 23, and tells about the Bible teachings, such as the second coming of Christ and the seventh-day Sabbath, held by the church, and much concerning its world program, as well as the work at home. Eleven very fine pictures, each with a caption filled with human interest, appear. In a second letter from the pastor regarding the influence of this article, he says:

"Since this feature article appeared we have received excellent publicity from this paper. Almost immediately they gave us a picture of Thanksgiving baskets, and have since given us splendid weekly church write-ups.

"This publicity has helped in many ways. A druggist in the city the next day sent a donation for our work. We have had many calls by people who have clothing and other things to donate for our welfare center. We found the reaction of the people very friendly during our Christmas caroling for Ingathering, and many people mentioned the feature article about our church."

Utica is a city of more than 100,000 people, and the *Observer-Dispatch* goes into approximately 50,000 homes.

J. R. FERREN



Russell Booth pictured with the literature involved in his history-making sale.

year plan a few times, he came to a house where the husband and wife were at home together. They expressed a keen interest in both *Life and Health* and the religious books that combined to make up the unit of sale. The alert colporteur pointed out the benefits and advantages of a twenty-five-year health service and suggested that they might like it in combination with the books, *Desire of Ages* and *Bible Readings for the Home*. The couple readily agreed to this and placed their order with a substantial deposit. Thus Russell Booth became the first colporteur in the history of our work to secure a twenty-five-year subscription.

In the early days of our publishing work subscriptions to our important journals were usually sold for periods ranging from a few weeks to a few months. Sister White termed this practice a "mistake" and urged our workers to obtain subscriptions for a much longer period. In recent years many scores of thousands of orders for *Life and Health* have been secured on either a three-year or a five-year basis. Thus the way was prepared for the reception of the other truths of the message which has resulted in a large harvest of souls.

The messenger of the Lord has said: "Church members, awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work." "The circulation of the health journals will be a powerful agency in preparing the people to accept those special truths that are to fit them for the soon coming of the Son of man" (*Southern Watchman*, November

20, 1902; *Counsels on Health*, p. 147).

ERIC RISTAU
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Publishing Association

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character" (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 564). Let there be a revival of the family altar in the home. Many a youth in after years has been held steady through temptation and discouragement because of his memories of experiences at the family altar of prayer.

May God make the 1953 MV Week of Prayer a time of great blessing and victory not only to our young people but also to the whole church.

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enth-day Adventist Church.

Changes in Location of Workers

DURING recent months it has been necessary to make a few changes in the location of workers.

Miss Alfrida P. Larson has joined the group of workers in Cleveland, and Miss Grace Johnson has moved to Dayton to serve as a Bible instructor there. Brother Arthur Leach and his family have also moved to Dayton and are now located, ready to join with Elder J. R. Johnson in evangelism in Dayton.

Miss Laura Jane Cummings has moved to Columbus and is working with Elder Minesinger and Brother Zager.

Colporteur Makes History

RUSSELL BOOTH, colporteur evangelist of the Michigan Conference, recently became the first colporteur in history to obtain a subscription to *Life and Health* for a twenty-five-year period. Elder R. G. Campbell, Secretary of the Lake Union Conference Publishing Department, had suggested to the colporteurs that they try to secure lifetime subscriptions. Russell accepted this as a challenge and began to present a twenty-five-year service.

After showing the twenty-five-

New Time for

"Melody-Message"

Sunday at 2:30-3:00 o'Clock

Radio Station WCHO (1250 Kilocycles)
Washington C. H., Ohio

"Telling Truth Tunefully!"

C. A. Paden, Director

Elder Wylie Fowler has been appointed as the leader of the Galion-Bucyrus-Marion-Upper Sandusky district. He will move his family there soon.

Some changes in district lines have also taken place. The Millersburg Church has been joined to the Mount Vernon district, and Elder Floyd Smith has been transferred to Mount Vernon as assistant pastor with Elder Neal Becker of the Mount Vernon district.

The Steubenville Church will be a part of the Canton district under the leadership of Elder N. A. Lessner.

The churches in East Liverpool and Salem have been joined to Elder Farley's district, and Brother Erald Wheeler has been appointed assistant minister to Elder Farley and is located in East Liverpool.

Brother Theodore Green and his wife have moved to Cleveland and are carrying forward responsibilities in that district.

We have welcomed Miss Dorothy Iliff to the secretarial staff in the Conference office where she is serving as secretary to Elder E. J. Barnes and Elder Warren Wittenberg.

Let us remember the workers in all parts of the field as they carry the heavy responsibilities of leadership in advancing the work of God throughout this field.

M. E. LOEWEN

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 of Seventh-day Adventists.

MV Rally in Pittsburgh

ELDER N. W. Dunn, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, was with us for our MV youth rally held in Pittsburgh January 31. The message he brought to our young people will be long remembered.

The afternoon activity was largely dedicated to the work of temperance. Three of our students now attending Mount Vernon Academy took part in this service. Many of those present signed the pledge. The girls' trio, Carolyn and Helen Green and Eileen McCarty; Gary Holdsworth with his electric guitar; a duet by Martha

and Betty Mae Grassel; and a solo by Charlene Paden provided the musical entertainment for this inspiring meeting. At the close of the afternoon service we listened to the report of how Desmond Doss received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all as we joined together for the singspiration, bird and star study, and several educational films.

L. L. PHILPOTT

Missionary Volunteer Department Secretary

Baptism in Johnstown District

On the last Sabbath of the year members of the Johnstown district met to garner in the last of the harvest of souls for the year 1952. It was a joy to see four more individuals follow our Lord Jesus into the watery grave, to rise to walk in newness of life in the footsteps of Jesus.

Brother and Sister Merle Blough of Stoyestown had studies with Brother Stanley Rose, and later attended studies with Brother Ackerman. They joined the Somerset Church. Brother Thomas Jones returned to the Lord, joining with the believers in Indiana. One of our young people, Brother Kenneth Snedden, joined the Johnstown Church.

We pray for these new brethren and the sister, as they join the family of God on earth, that they will press on to the greater joy, when the family of God, both in earth and heaven, will be joined.

R. M. SPENCER

Press Workshop

ELDER J. R. Ferren conducted a very profitable workshop for the press secretaries of the Conference, in connection with the Conference-wide officers' meeting at Punxsutawney, February 1.

Although only three hours of classwork were possible, this time was given over to direct instruction which we feel sure will result in advance in this important work. Time was also given Elder Ferren to present this important work to the whole group at the conclusion of the session.

The inspiring film, "Religion Goes to Press," was the last item presented at the officers' council.

We know those who came had

to leave personal tasks, but we are sure they all agree that the time was well spent.

Potomac

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 Potomac Conference Corporation of Sev-
 enth-day Adventists.

Youth Rally

THREE hundred and fifty wide-awake and enthusiastic youth and friends of the Petersburg, Blackstone, and Hopewell districts met in the Jackson School auditorium for the Sabbath-afternoon youth rally. Highlighting the afternoon program were the Camp Pickett Choraliers, the Shenandoah Valley Academy Male Quartet, and the inspiring thoughts which Elder T. E. Lucas presented. The climax of the program was the introduction of the new MV Legion of Honor. Three hundred and fifty young people stood in renewed consecration to the Master and pledged to honor Christ by every act of their life.

The rally began Friday night in the Petersburg Church. Charles Templin related his miraculous deliverance and healing from an airplane crash, and also spoke on shells, rocks, and minerals.

The Sabbath meals were provided through the kind hospitality of the ladies from the nearby churches.

The closing service was held in the school auditorium Saturday evening. Pictures of the Lake Sherando Summer Camp were shown and special music was presented by the Choraliers and the male quartet. A travelogue was shown, depicting a trip from Chicago to San Francisco by rail. This film showed us many of the places of interest we shall all want to see when we make our westward trip to the Pan-American Youth Congress next June 16.

At the Sabbath-afternoon meeting there were ten different MV societies represented. We sincerely hope that those who represented these ten societies will return home and carry to their fellow youth the inspiration gained at the Petersburg youth rally.

C. H. SEITZ

*Missionary Volunteer Secretary,
 Potomac Conference*

Progress in Portsmouth

Our readers will be interested in the following report of progress recently sent to us by Elder Glenn Sharman, pastor of the church at Portsmouth, Va.:

"One year ago our present church building was only a dream and now it is a happy reality. Of the total investment of \$56,000, only an amount of \$6,000 is still to be paid. Every branch of the church work has shown progress, for which we thank God.

"The Sabbath school has had its best year with the largest per capita giving ever realized. The church has raised its Minuteman goal in the Ingathering program. The Dorcas society has completed one of its most successful years. The tithe for the year has shown a substantial increase. Our church school is the largest it has ever been and is running very smoothly.

"For these tangible evidences of the Spirit of God in the hearts of our dear members here we are truly thankful. But these things, important as they are, represent items of only secondary importance. Our church here feels a greater responsibility than ever before for the salvation of souls.

"This past year has been so taken up with building committees, fund-raising programs, etc., that our prime reason for being here has been, at least to a large extent, neglected. In view of this, we are grateful for the fifteen precious souls who have been baptized during the four months we have been in our new church home. We believe, however, that this number is only the firstfruits of what will result from the consecrated work of our church as we enter the new year.

"As a result of the series of evangelistic meetings, directly and indirectly, we now have a visiting list of over 150 to whom we are giving and will continue to give regular Bible studies in their homes. To partially care for this large interest we are planning to organize four branch Sabbath schools this year to which many of these people will be able to go. A number of these interested ones have already requested baptism, but we are attempting to make certain that they are all ready for the privileges of church membership before they take that important step.

"We believe that with the continued blessing of God, we shall

be able to double our present membership of seventy-five within the next year. The members here are rallying in a wonderful way to the plans for soul-winning work which are being recommended by the church board."

We solicit the prayers of our constituency for Brethren Sharman and Christian and the members of the Portsmouth Church as they faithfully carry aloft the torch of truth in that section of the Tidewater area.

M. KATHRYN KAVANAUGH

Response to Korean Clothing Drive Overwhelms Silver Spring Church

LEADERS of the Silver Spring Church saw a means of making personal contact with non-Adventists of the community when the American Relief for Korea Society made its appeal through Adventist churches. The opportunity was seized when mimeographed facsimile copies of a telegram announcing the need for clean winter and summer clothing suitable for immediate wear were distributed. Instructions were given to display an accompanying tag on the evening of December 1, and contributors were further advised to turn on their porch lights in order that the clothing would be picked up.

Accordingly, a good representation of the church membership, with their automobiles, collected the clothing, and the church was used as a receiving depot. Results were overwhelming. The garments for the most part were in excellent condition. Many donors had gone to the trouble of polishing the shoes and placing fresh socks in each pair. One family contributed as many as eight men's suits.

During the service the following Sabbath our church members' hearts were warmed to see the pews stacked with garments and shoes (all sizes down to the little tots) neatly sorted by the Dorcas society.

The next evening a truck was loaded and sent on its way to New York City where the bundles were placed aboard ship. The sailing date of December 10 meant that a shipload of mercy was on its way to Seoul and Pusan where hospitals and orphanages have been set up by the Korean and American Governments to care for refugees.

Appreciation for the good done

for humanity was expressed in the form of news releases sent to the Washington newspapers and radio stations. Impressive coverage was manifest in broadcasts made by WGAY in Silver Spring, Md., and WRC, Washington. Watch for a picture story of this project in later Adventist publications.

WENDELL E. FOGG

Press and Radio Secretary

News Notes

Transfer of Workers. Brother and Sister J. W. McGraw, who until recently were associated with Elder W. P. Lockwood in Harrisonburg, Va., are now located in Marion, Va. Brother McGraw is in charge of the Marion and Konnarock Churches, and reports that he is busily engaged in his new duties in that section of the field.

Brother and Sister E. E. Christian, who assisted Brother S. M. Young in Covington, Va., for several months, are now associated with the work in Portsmouth, Va., where Elder Glenn Sharman is carrying forward an aggressive program in that important center.

Brother H. M. Lindsay, one of our new interns, was recently appointed pastor of the Danville, Va., Church. He is also assisting in a series of evangelistic meetings being conducted in the Radford, Va., Church by Elder E. L. Hanson.

Elder O. L. Jacques and his family of Strasburg, Va., will soon move to Wytheville, Va., where Elder Jacques will serve as pastor of the church there as well as the one in Galax.

May God richly bless these faithful workers and their families in their new fields of endeavor.

Radio Broadcast. The Capital Memorial Church is sponsoring a weekly radio broadcast entitled "Mission to the World" over Station WMAL, Washington, at 9:30 every Sunday evening, under the leadership of the pastor, Elder W. John Cannon.

This broadcast is being conducted in connection with Elder Cannon's series of evangelistic meetings now being held in the church auditorium. We pray for a rich fruitage of souls as a result of these soul-winning enterprises.

Welcome. Congratulations are due Elder and Mrs. W. H. Coffman of Richmond, Va., upon the arrival of another little daughter to bless their home!

M. KATHRYN KAVANAUGH

Allegheny

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enth-day Adventists.

Pan-American Youth Congress

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER societies of the Allegheny Conference are raising funds for the transportation of their delegates to the Pan-American Youth Congress June 16-20 at San Francisco, Calif. The fee of \$125 per delegate is our Conference allotment to the "pool."

Every senior society is privileged to have a personal representative at the Congress to bring back a first-hand report of the marvelous ways in which God is using young people in evangelism. The great surge of enthusiasm for souls which was felt after the 1947 youth congress will be duplicated and surpassed, according to Elder J. H. Wagner who is in close touch with the attainments of every department of the Conference.

A. V. PINKNEY

*Press Secretary, Allegheny
Conference*

Office Secretary Granted Leave of Absence

Miss Gustavia Raymond, secretary to the Conference President, takes a leave of absence to visit relatives and extend her education.

Miss Raymond said, "I have enjoyed my work; the association has been most agreeable; and, best of all, it is the Lord's work."

The secretary recalled that since connecting with the Conference almost four years ago she has received calls from other fields, all of which she has respectfully declined.

When asked what were the duties of her work she smiled and said, "I have filled a diversity of offices aside from my main duty as secretary to Elder Wagner. For instance, I was secretary to the



Gustavia Raymond, secretary to the President of the Allegheny Conference.

Home Missionary Department, secretary to the Missionary Volunteer and Educational Departments, and recently I have been assisting in the Treasurer's office."

Miss Raymond remarked that she had requested a leave of absence to visit members of her family in Detroit, Mich., and in Pasadena, Calif. "I have always wanted to extend my education, and while in the West I plan to matriculate at U. C. L. A. to do graduate work. However, I shall be watching the reports of the Allegheny Conference whose growth in

membership has increased tremendously during my period of service. I feel satisfied that the Lord is leading and directing this conference which is outstanding in our group."

A. V. PINKNEY

Spot Reports From the Field

• THE Floral Club, an auxiliary of the Elmwood Church congregation of Philadelphia, recently presented the church an envelope containing seventy-five dollars to be applied to the building fund. Mrs. Naomi McNair is the president of the club.

• The Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist Church gave the pastor and his wife, Elder and Mrs. J. Gershom Dasent, a reception and purse recently. The affair was held in the assembly room of the church.



Pastor Aaron Brogden of the Wilmington-Coatesville district.

• Pastor Aaron Brogden of the Wilmington-Coatesville district has launched a building fund campaign which, according to the local elder, Brother John Washington, "is moving along, gathering as it goes."

• March 14-21 will be the MV Week of Prayer. Let us begin praying now that this week may be our best in reconsecration, fuller surrender, and souls won for God. Put in practice the Camden MV slogan, "A Soul for Me in '53."

• Elder William L. Cheatham and the entire congregation of Berea Temple extend a cordial invitation to each of you to attend the Tri-Federation Youth Congress to be held in Baltimore on Sabbath, March 7. Those wishing to remain in the city overnight may make



Floral Club, Elmwood Seventh-day Adventist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Left to right: (front row) Ruth Chism, vice-president; Ida Pernsley, treasurer; Julia Folsom, secretary; (back row) Agnes Downing, chaplain; Robert Baynard, local elder; and Naomi McNair, president.

reservations by writing to Elder W. L. Cheatham, 1905 Wheeler Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

"Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of Spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome."
—*The Great Controversy*, p. 588.

West Virginia

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Make wills and legacies in favor of
"Trustees of and for the West Virginia
Conference of Seventh-day Adventists."

District Meeting in Newly Purchased Wheeling Church

SABBATH, January 17, was a "high day" for the Wheeling Church and district. An all-day meeting was held and all the churches were well represented.

The meeting was held in the newly purchased church building. The building is located in Edgewood Park, a very fine section of Wheeling, and is a credit to our work and message. The seating capacity is about 300, and there are ample facilities for all the Sabbath school divisions. There is also a large basement which can be used for social gatherings. On the same lot there is a small building which has been used for a Scout headquarters, and this will make an ideal building for the church school.

The church members rededicated themselves anew to the tremendous task before them to evangelize the city. The district is launching the Ingathering program immediately. In April they will launch a concerted program to get the city ready for a spearhead effort in the early part of May. The meetings will then be continued through the summer.

Elder Mowry and the members of the church are united on this plan, and we know the Lord will bless them. There is no good reason why we could not have 300 members in the city of Wheeling. We believe the Lord had His hand in the securing of this fine church building, and now He bids us to "bear much fruit."

A. F. RUF

President

Wheeling Seventh-day Adventist Church, recently purchased, located in Edgewood Park, a fine section of the city.

East Pennsylvania

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Make wills and legacies in favor of the
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of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc.

Union-wide Oratorical Contest In Reading February 28

THE East Pennsylvania Conference will be host this week end to representatives of all the academies of the Columbia Union Conference in the first annual Union-wide oratorical contest on Saturday night, February 28, at 6:30 o'clock.

All meetings in the Friday-night and all-day-Saturday program will be held in the main auditorium of the Reading elementary school, Kenhorst Boulevard and Liggett Avenue. All members within driving distance are urged to attend.

On Friday night the first of three special programs will be held, climaxed by the contest Saturday night. The entire program will be

under the direction of Elder Arthur Patzer, Columbia Union Conference Temperance Secretary. The Pine Forge Institute choir will sing on Friday evening. Special musical numbers will be given by the visiting delegations. On Saturday night a Reading, Pa., band will play.

On Sabbath morning Dr. Winton Beavon, newly elected Associate Secretary of the American Temperance Society, will be the speaker at worship services of the two Reading churches. In the afternoon at 2:45 o'clock a special "Academies in Review" program will be given. The evening program will begin at 6:30 o'clock with a band concert, followed by the oratorical contest. The program will be over at 9:15 o'clock, so that all within easy driving distance will be able to travel back to their homes that night.

In Reading also to participate in the week-end program will be Francis Soper, editor of *Listen* magazine. He will speak during the Sabbath-afternoon program.

This is a week-end program you will not want to miss. It is filled with interesting things for young



and old. Remember the times—Friday, 7:45 P.M.; Sabbath afternoon, 2:45; and Saturday night, 6:30; at the Reading elementary school auditorium, Kenhorst Boulevard and Liggett Avenue.

Plan NOW to attend.

DON ROTH

Temperance Secretary

Faith for Today Offering February 28

MEMBERS in the East Pennsylvania Conference are urged to remember the special Faith for Today television offering on Sabbath, February 28. Envelopes for this offering have been sent to all the churches, and the Conference officials are confident that every member will give this offering his wholehearted cooperation.

We are getting some excellent responses from the names referred to us by Faith for Today. The East Pennsylvania Conference is fortunate in that the program blankets so much of our territory. Our people will be happy to join in the support of this important evangelistic activity.

Last year the entire offering for this country amounted to \$82,716.02, C. L. Torrey, General Conference Treasurer, reports. Let the East Pennsylvania Conference help swell this total in 1953.

Evangelistic News Notes

Good news comes from Elder J. A. Wasenmiller after the opening of the German evangelistic campaign in Philadelphia. The meetings are held at 5324 Rising Sun Avenue. At the opening meeting the hall was packed with interested listeners. Some fear was entertained as the time approached for the second meeting of the series, since the Philadelphia transit strike was in progress. However, the same audience returned. The meetings are held Sunday afternoon at 3:30. We look for big results from this effort.

Elder L. Rafferty and William Pohle are conducting an effort in the city of Bloomsburg. The effort opened January 11 and gives promise of real success.

Elder F. W. Wernick opened Sunday-night services in the Temple on January 18. Elder Hilliard is planning similar meetings for the West Church to begin soon.

The interest continues in the Westmar Theatre effort in Norristown conducted by Elder C. L. Duffield and Donald Riesen. Elder Duffield is also conducting Saturday-evening meetings in the Wayside Chapel near Royersford.

Richard Fearing has opened a "Mark Your Bible" series of services in the Fleetwood Church on Sunday nights. He is also continuing with the Saturday-night meetings in the city of Hamburg. We look for good results.

Other meetings are in progress. These will be reported at a later date.

Spot Reports

• ANOTHER \$1,000 was raised by the Chester Church for their building fund in the thirty days preceding Christmas. Along with gathering funds for the new church, they are enthusiastically giving Bible studies and seeking new interests through house-to-house contacts.

• The most important event in the lives of seven young Scranton Church boys took place late in December. Through the combined efforts of parents, the church school teacher, Joseph Kulski, and the pastor, seven boys, six of whom are church school students, were baptized into the remnant church. It was an impressive sight, B. K. Mills, pastor, reports, to see the boys, all about the same size, sitting on the front pew of the church, take their vows and then go down into the baptismal pool. With their youth, zeal, and undaunted courage, the pastor reports, they spur the church forward in their objective of finishing the work of God.

• At the close of the Sunday-night evangelistic service recently at the Waynesboro Church two more persons were baptized by John G. Mitchell. The Sunday services which began September 14 will continue through the winter. Music for the meetings, which has been a valuable addition to the evangelistic program, has been under the direction of Mrs. G. Franklin of Washington, D. C.

• A Union-wide temperance oratorical contest will be conducted in Reading, Pa., on Saturday night, February 28. Members in churches throughout the southern part of the Conference have been invited to attend the afternoon and evening programs on that day.

• Recent visitors to the Conference as guest speakers have included C. P. Sorensen, Philadelphia Temple; James Meade, Norristown; and A. H. Rulkoetter, Philadelphia Temple.

• Very profitable church officers' institutes have been held in Williamsport, Scranton, Waynesboro, and Reading.

• Welcome additions to the list of East Pennsylvania Conference self-supporting lay missionaries are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witt of Morris, Pa. Brother Witt, who has worked as a colporteur in Canada for the past four years, will establish a rest home near Morris. He is serving as the district Missionary Volunteer leader for this year.

• A total of eight persons joined the Williamsport Church by baptism and on profession of faith during the month of December, 1952, Albert Pohlman, pastor, reports. This includes the one that has already been reported in a recent issue of the VISITOR.

• The Philadelphia Academy team presented programs recently at the Lancaster and Lebanon Churches, Harold L. Calkins, pastor, reports. A Friday-night program at Lancaster and Sabbath school programs at both churches were included in the list of weekend activities.

• We are sorry to report that Elder C. C. Ellis has been ill lately and spent two weeks in a Pottsville hospital. He is now well on the way to recovery.

• The annual temperance oratorical contest was held Saturday night, February 7, at Philadelphia Academy. A special guest was Elder W. A. Scharffenberg of the General Conference. The contest was the climax of their special temperance week.

• A special meeting for church officers of the Temple Church will be held March 7 with several Conference officials scheduled to be present.

• Recent guest speakers in the Conference included Elder C. B. Haynes, Philadelphia; Elder H. K. Christman, Reading, Lebanon, Lancaster, and Harrisburg; Faith for Today group, North Philadelphia; and Elder W. A. Scharffenberg, Philadelphia.

• The Choralists of Washington Missionary College presented a sacred concert Friday night, February 13, at a meeting of the Norristown Missionary Volunteer Society.

- A Home and School Association was organized last Saturday night in York, Pa., by L. R. Calender, Conference Educational Secretary.

- The first Pathfinder Club meeting for the Reading Missionary Volunteers met Sunday, February 22, at the Kenhorst Boulevard school auditorium. Elder Patzer, Columbia Union Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary, was present.

- A recent itinerary of A. W. Kaytor, Conference Home Missionary Secretary, included New Bloomfield, Port Royal, Williamsport, Reading, Danville, and Norristown. He spoke at these places for the *Signs of the Times* campaign.

- A new company was organized recently at Hershey, Pa., by T. E. Unruh, President of the Conference, and A. W. Ortnier, district pastor. The new group is the result of evangelistic meetings held there in the fall of 1952.

- The annual audit and commission meeting for the East Pennsylvania Conference was held Sunday and Monday, February 22 and 23.

New Jersey

W. B. Hill, Pres. W. M. Nosworthy, S.-T.
 1574 Brunswick Ave. Trenton 8, N. J.

Make wills and legacies in favor of the
 New Jersey Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

United in Effort

COORDINATION of effort in every department in God's cause is of vital importance for the finishing of His work in these last days. This coordination of effort was seen as Elder Spencer W. Burrows, Secretary of the Home Missionary Department, and Brother M. V. Doran, Publishing Secretary of the Conference, held an inspirational rally at the Plainfield Church with members of other churches present.

On Sabbath morning Elder W. B. Hill preached a Spirit-filled sermon on the necessity of a complete surrender of our lives to God for service. He pointed out the significance of working today because we are not sure how long our liberties will last. He stressed the importance of all members' working unitedly together in their var-

ious capacities for the finishing of the work.

On Sabbath afternoon all returned to the church for a lively round-table discussion on the importance of coordinating the colporteur ministry with the entire church program. It was most thrilling to listen to the presentations given by two of our strong laymen, Brethren Nicholas Lessner and William Joost, and by two of our faithful colporteur evangelists, Sister Marion Browne and Brother Gordon Barnes.

It was concluded that our church officers and colporteur evangelists can work closer in a more definite soul-winning program, that a faithful follow-up program of the colporteur's ministry by efficient missionary-minded members of the churches can be carried on for effective soul winning, and that the colporteur evangelist can be of real assistance to all evangelistic effort by the church in encouraging interested people to attend meetings; and where it is possible he can take some of his customers to services. Brother Barnes related his experiences in bringing individuals to Sabbath services and to prayer meetings. As the result of this faithful work God has rewarded him with souls.

For the night meeting there was a very good soul-winning symposium, at which time some of our laymen and colporteur evangelists told thrilling experiences concerning how the Lord had blessed them in their evangelism for God. Space will not permit the telling of a portion of each experience, but the speakers were as follows: Brother Hirsch, Sister DeLeo, Brother and Sister Roland Durham, Sister Browne, and Brother Gordon Barnes. We appreciate very much the spirit that these faithful workers for God injected into the hearts of all those present.

To conclude the program for the day, Elder Burrows showed the Sabbath School Centennial film, entitled "What God Hath Wrought," which depicts the growth of our Sabbath school work and the momentous role it plays in the work of soul winning.

All went home feeling that we are one people with one purpose; that regardless of our position in the church, we are to press together as one man for the finishing of the work.

MELVIN V. DORAN
Publishing Department Secretary

New Jersey Conference Workers' Institute

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). "If divine power does not combine with human effort, I would not give a straw for all the greatest man can do" (E. G. White, *Review and Herald*, February 18, 1890).

This text used by Elder D. A. Ochs, Columbia Union Conference President, at the opening devotional service and this statement appearing in the agenda struck the keynote of the workers' meeting at the Trenton Church February 4-5.

The feature of the session was a soul-winning institute conducted by the Union Conference leaders. The Spirit of God was felt in a marked way as Conference President W. B. Hill applied the speakers' messages as they unburdened their hearts, instructing in the use of their various departments for the final harvest. Elder D. A. Ochs likened these departments to the balanced feathers of an arrow; stressing that the Spirit must propel that arrow, the third angel's message, to its target—souls.

Elder E. F. Koch inspiring presented methods of public evangelism, including the part of laymen, use of visual aids, the Bible course, and appeals for decisions. Miss Mary Walsh opened minds to the great possibilities of the public Bible class, telling where and how to conduct such classes in cooperation with church members.

Elder J. F. Kent brought compelling statements from the Lord's messenger concerning the dependence of the completion of our task on the work of the literature ministry. The finishing of our work by laymen was the burden of Elder K. H. Wood's message; while Elder O. S. Hershberger encouraged all concerning God's providence in the relationship of our faithful members to national service and labor unions.

A different phase of responsibility was treated when Brother C. H. Kelly, Elder S. W. Burrows, and Elder Stephen Paully gave enlightening suggestions concerning church and workers' budgets in view of the sacredness of our entrusted funds.

The lively discussion and exchange of ideas gave each presentation the utmost practical value. The workers' wives appreciated

the sharing by Mrs. W. B. Hill of the results of her questionnaire on the duties and problems of a pastor's helpmate. And everyone was thankful for the superb meals provided by these ladies during the two-day session.

The most indelible impression taken home from these meetings was that the Holy Spirit was working there—not only at Elder Koch's inspiring prayer and testimony meeting Wednesday evening, but He pervaded the singing and every presentation, even the sometimes formal promotion, in a subduing manner. For this the workers praise God, as they return to their fields, not merely for the advancement, but for the finishing, of the gospel.

EUGENE DURAND

Weddings

DOROTHY Jean Morelock and Robert Everett were married in a simple ceremony in the Plainfield Church on August 15, 1952. They

were formerly students of Plainfield Academy. A reception was held at the home of the groom. We wish this young couple God's blessing as they continue life together.

The New Brunswick Church was the scene of a wedding on May 25, 1952, when Rose Catanese and Robert K. Toms were married. Organ music was supplied by Mrs. Edna Covell. The attendants were Ruth Hirsch, Mary Sama, Antoinette Catanese, Peter Kovalski, Dominick Trevite, and Manuel Pitrone. Vickie Pitrone was the little flower girl.

After the wedding a reception was held in the Roger Smith Hotel.

The young couple is residing at Washington Missionary College where Mr. Toms is taking the theological course in preparation for the Lord's work. May God bless them as they work together for Him.

B. J. MONDICS

Pastor, Plainfield district

the judges were handed to Elder Zytoskee and Professor Mosher who then informed the expectant audience that Bernadette Baxter had received the highest score and was the first-prize winner. It was an electrifying moment. An enthusiastic crowd of people gave attestation of their approval by instantaneous applause. It was a grand evening. It was good to have been there. And so closed another evening and also another week-end youth rally at Mount Aetna Academy.

It was a week-end youth rally long to be remembered. Many young people from four districts in the Chesapeake and West Virginia Conferences received new SYF ideas and enjoyed the Christian fellowship. Many thrilling things had been presented at this inter-conference youth rally, which began Friday night, February 6, under the combined leadership of Elder T. V. Zytoskee of the Chesapeake Conference and Elder W. M. Buckman, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the West Virginia Conference.

Chesapeake

C. V. Anderson, Pres. A. B. Butler, S. T.
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Seventh-day Adventists

Bernadette Baxter First-Prize Winner at Mt. Aetna Academy

AFTER the Sabbath, on the evening of February 7, excitement was in the air at Mt. Aetna Academy auditorium. Beginning at 6:30 P.M., the Washington Missionary College band, under the direction of Minor Plumb, began to play pleasing martial tunes with skill and ability, which started the evening program just right.

After one hour of this delightful music, Elder T. V. Zytoskee, Missionary Volunteer and Temperance Secretary of the Chesapeake Conference, introduced Prof. C. B. Mosher, principal of Mt. Aetna Academy. Bernadette Baxter, Robert Cowdrick, Esther Poole, and Marie Butler, Academy students who had entered the oratorical contest, were then presented by the principal. The spellbound capacity audience listened to these thrilling orations. Professor Mosher and his faculty are to be commended for their good work

in helping these young people render these outstanding orations.

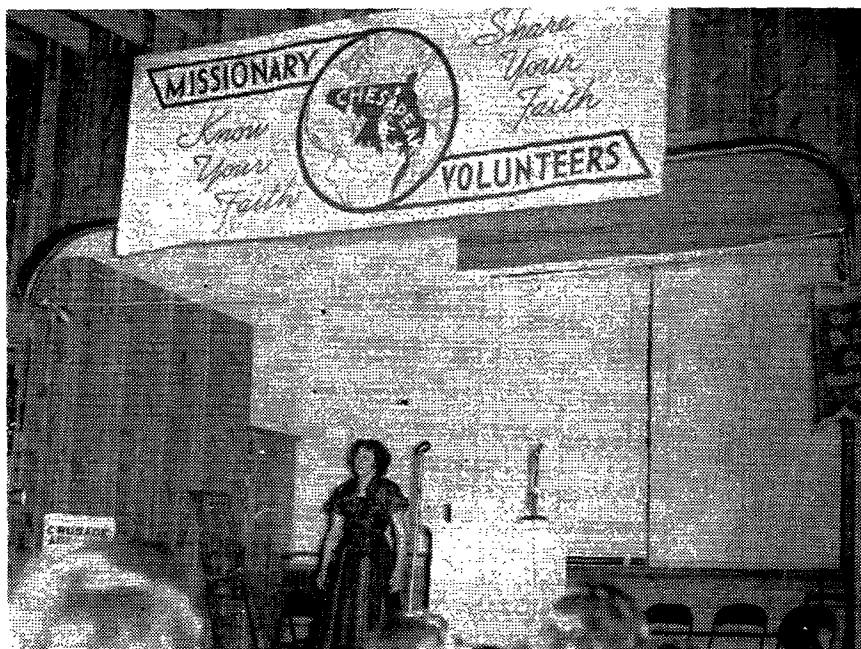
More was yet to come as the program continued. "Quick as a Flash," with Elder A. J. Patzer, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, as master of ceremonies for this part of the program, was next. And then everyone present enjoyed the moving picture film, entitled "Love Thy Neighbor."

After the film, the decisions of

Change of Pastors

ELDER and Mrs. Donald Mackintosh have accepted an invitation to head one of the churches in Minneapolis, Minn. Elder Mackintosh has taken up his duties already and Mrs. Mackintosh will follow as soon as a few business details are taken care of.

We want to express our sincere



Bernadette Baxter delivering her prize-winning temperance oration.

appreciation for the services of this worthy couple. We are thankful to have made their acquaintance and to have had their association for the time they have spent here in the Chesapeake Conference. We pray that the Lord may richly bless them in their new field of labor.

Brother A. C. Rawson is assisting Elder E. F. Koch in the church effort in Baltimore and will be here in that capacity until that series of meetings is finished.

Elder T. N. Neergaard is assuming the responsibility of pastorevangelist in the Wilmington and Providence areas. Elder Neergaard has already arrived and has taken over his responsibilities and his wife and three children will be here shortly. We pray for him God's richest blessing and success in his duties in the Chesapeake Conference. The Neergaard family comes to us from Minneapolis, Minn., having spent some six or seven years in the Minnesota Conference.

C. V. ANDERSON

Pan-American Youth Congress

"It was the best meeting I ever attended," said Mrs. Stimpson, wife of Elder O. L. Stimpson. "We have never had a meeting its equal," said Brother Allan. "It was a great challenge to me, and straightened me out in my thinking," said another youth. So from the lips of many came glowing accounts of the North American Youth Congress in 1947. Its circle of influence for good ever widens and will not cease until Jesus comes.

Six years have elapsed. Boys and girls who were mere children of eleven and twelve are young men and women of seventeen and eighteen. Our youth now appearing on the eastern horizon of service cry out for a similar inspiration and challenge. They stand ready to join hands and march forward in a great youth movement that, with God's blessing, can finish the work as they consecrate and dedicate their lives in another Spirit-filled congress.

In realization of this fact, under the leadership of God, plans were formulated which have now materialized in the announcement of not only a great North American congress, but a Western Hemisphere or Pan-American Youth Congress, in San Francisco, June

16-20. God is calling for representatives of our youth to go as delegates to this congress and return with sparks to ignite an unquenchable fire of enthusiastic power to finish the work in the Chesapeake Conference.

The Chesapeake Conference is authorizing twenty-four delegates whose travel expense will be paid. Others may and are urged to attend at their own expense. We have a responsibility to raise the funds necessary for our delegates. Your pastor and MV leader have the facts. Let us all give to this important missionary project. Thus will our own youth catch the vision and share their faith as never before and thereby hasten the day when the looked-for heavenly congress will convene with our Youth Leader of eternity and Master Guide, Jesus Christ.

T. V. ZYTKOSKEE

Missionary Volunteer Secretary

MV Legion of Honor

In a solemn and sacred meeting the students of Professor Irad Levering's room at Edgcombe Junior Academy, one by one signed in a holy vow to their Maker and before their friends the MV Legion of Honor covenant card. These were the firstfruits of the Chesapeake youth.

Professor Levering and the Conference youth leader also had the happy privilege of joining with them in this pledge before God.

May we ever seek God's help to keep us true to every one of these principles till He comes.

T. V. ZYTKOSKEE

OBITUARIES

FULLMER, William John, was born September 24, 1925. He was reared in a Christian home, completed his education in a Christian school, and demonstrated by his quiet, kindly, unassuming life that the Lord he loved was very real to him. With never a word of complaint, he endured the cross that was his from early childhood until he was called to his rest. He was a faithful member of the West Philadelphia Church and young and old alike will long cherish the memory of his inspirational life. He awaits the coming of His Lord in Arlington Cemetery. He leaves his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Graves; and two sisters, Doris Hixon and Beatrice Kersting. Floyd Hilliard

PALFREY, Mrs. Elizabeth Jane, was born in Plymouth, England, September 18, 1862, and died December 19, 1952, in Norfolk, Va. She became a member of the Norfolk, Va., Seventh-day Adventist Church at the age of eighty-six and remained a faithful member until the time of her death. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Harold C. Reading; a brother, George Pengelly; four grandsons; and four great-grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted by two of Mrs. Palfrey's grandchildren—the writer and E. J. Reading. Interment was in Roslyn, Pa. She passed to her rest with the blessed hope of the resurrection in her heart.

H. C. Reading

SUNSET CALENDAR

Feb. 27 March 6

Baltimore, Md.	5:56	6:04
Cleveland, Ohio	6:16	6:24
Columbus, Ohio	6:21	6:29
Cumberland, Md.	6:05	6:13
Jersey City, N. J.	5:45	5:53
Parkersburg, W. Va.	6:16	6:24
Philadelphia, Pa.	5:52	5:59
Pittsburgh, Pa.	6:09	6:17
Reading, Pa.	5:49	5:57
Richmond, Va.	6:02	6:09
Scranton, Pa.	5:52	6:00
Toledo, Ohio	6:23	6:31
Trenton, N. J.	5:47	5:56
Washington, D. C.	5:58	6:06

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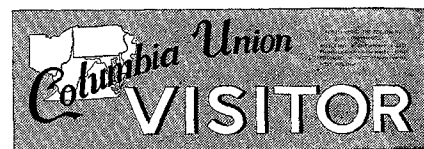
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Faith for Today Milestones

RECENTLY Faith for Today passed two important milestones in one day. The first was the largest day's mail ever to come into the office in the history of our television work. More than 1,000 letters in a single day! It seems but a few short months ago that we were hoping that the time might soon come when we would receive 1,000 letters in a week, but in so short a time God has caused the work to expand so that now we have actually received 1,000 letters in a day.

Our second milestone was the first extension of the telecast outside the borders of continental America. Word was received that very same day that KGBM-TV, the new TV station in Honolulu, Hawaii, had accepted Faith for Today and would be televising our program regularly during 1953 and

onward. As new television stations open in countries outside the United States it will undoubtedly be possible for us to make use of television on even more than a nation-wide scale. We thank God for these evidences of progress.

As we look back upon the two and one-half years of telecasting the advent message through Faith for Today, we see the hand of God resting upon the humble efforts of His people in a most spectacular manner. Another opportunity will be given our people on February 28 to give in order that the work of spreading the message by television may be expanded to more areas. With the addition of many new television stations during 1953, Seventh-day Adventists should be prepared to expand the program to reach the thousands of new viewers who will be available to us. All offerings, according to denominational policy, should be made through your own local organization.

May God bless His people with liberal hearts and show each one what he should do so that the message may be hastened and Jesus may soon come again.

WILLIAM A. FAGAL

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privilege and solemn responsibility we as Seventh-day Adventists have! "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God" (2 Corinthians 4:6). First God must, as this text tells us, shine "in our hearts" before we can "give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God."

God's faithful people are accepting this challenge to give the gospel light to those in confusion and despair. Many times over they have proved that they carry a prayer in their hearts for the radio ministry of the Voice of Prophecy, a medium which is destined to pierce through the darkness to every corner of the world. When this task is accomplished, our blessed Saviour, the Light of the world, can come in the clouds of heaven as He has promised.

I know that many of you who are reading these lines are getting homesick for heaven. Aren't you thankful that we can all have a part in spreading this marvelous light and thus hasten Christ's coming?

DEL DELKER

Radio Program Topic

March 1, "Armageddon and Earth's Last Harvest."

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