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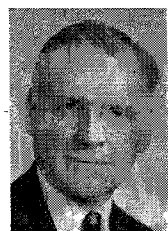
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A Message From the Union Conference President

MY DEAR FELLOW BELIEVERS:

This is the time of the year when my mind naturally turns to you, our many believers throughout the Columbia Union Conference.



Here we stand on the threshold of another new year—a time during which our minds in retrospect scan our past year's deeds and accomplishments. What has been our record? This indeed is a time when we stand trembling before the veiled and unforeseen future. We ask, What will be our record in the books of heaven during the coming year? How imperative that we all, now, re-evaluate our faithfulness to God and His cause. To be faithful means to be trustworthy, honest, dependable, upright, true, worthy of confidence. Make no mistake, God's faithfulness toward us can never be questioned. "Let these blessed promises, set in the framework of faith, be placed in memory's halls. Not one of them will fail. All that God hath spoken, he will do. 'He is faithful that promised'" (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. V, p. 630).

How about your relationship to your church, God's church? Have you been a tangible asset or a definite liability? Have you faithfully made a contribution toward the upbuilding of the church or have you been inclined to tear down? Is your church a better church for

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President, Columbia Union Conference

having you as a member? May God help us all to be more faithful, more loyal, more devoted to His remnant church of which we are a tangible part.

Furthermore, are we as faithful as we should be in bringing to God an honest tithe? Why not now resolve to square ourselves with God in this regard? Why not now purpose not only to give a faithful

account of our past in this question of tithing, but to be faithful in the future in all our tithe obligations?

God is definitely blessing us with so many temporal things. But, I ask, Are we willing to show our faithfulness toward Him by our willingness to support His worldwide cause? "I was shown that the recording angel makes a faithful record of every offering dedicated to God, and put into the treasury, and also of the final result of the means thus bestowed. The eye of

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Ambassadors of God

By T. E. UNRUH

President, East Pennsylvania Conference

"THERE are many, who, because of prejudice, will never know the truth unless it is brought to their homes. The canvasser may find these souls and minister to them. There is a work in house-to-house labor which he can accomplish more successfully than others."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VI, p. 314.

Not only because of prejudice but also because of the intensity of modern living will multitudes of honest-hearted people never know the truth unless it is presented to them IN THEIR HOMES. The living messenger with the living message must go to where the people are. Today's distractions are legion. The best intentions in human

hearts are often smothered by the "abundance of the things which man possesseth." Multitudes will never think of the future unless there is an interruption in their present. The knock on the door, a friendly and honest-looking stranger, the request to step in, the earnest spiritual appeal, the voice of prayer—these are the things the Spirit of God uses to impress the hearts of men and women.

Yes, the messengers must go to the people as ambassadors of God. Such service is abundantly fruitful. It is blessed of God, for canvassing is a method of God's own appointment.

The millions in the Columbia Union Conference must be reached. The return of the Master can only follow a finished work. There are hundreds in our churches who are endowed by God with gifts that

SPECIAL COLPORTEUR RECRUITING MONTH IS CLOSING. RUSH THE NAME OF YOUR RECRUIT TO YOUR CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS. WE HOPE TO SEE YOUR NAME AND THE NAME OF YOUR RECRUIT IN THE JANUARY "VOICE OF ACTION."

would eminently qualify them for the colporteur ministry. To these the appeal of a whitening harvest comes at this time. The deepening darkness calls for the shining of the light—the light of God's truth. Hundreds of messengers are needed where now there is but one. The rewards are great. Will you respond?

S. V. A. Week of Prayer

THE week of November 1 to 7 was a memorable week at Shenandoah Valley Academy. It was a week of fellowship, a week of singing, a week of studying, and a week of praying—yes, and a week of victories.

At the invitation of Prof. W. T. Weaver, principal, Elder C. H. Seitz, MV Secretary of the Potomac Conference, joined the writer for this week of spiritual emphasis and devotion. It was not an ordinary week. It was different in many ways.

During this week the many questions which were submitted through the question box were answered by personal interview, direct from the pulpit, or by a youth panel.

Recognition was given to various functions of the school. A panel of youth discussed the MV Legion of Honor. An open forum was conducted which lasted a number of hours.

After a presentation on good reading, the youth at S. V. A. gathered together at the appointed time for the bonfire to burn up reading material which should not be found at a Christian school.

After recalling to mind again the price that Jesus paid on Calvary—how much He suffered for each one individually—when the appeal was made for complete surrender, consecration, and dedication the youth responded beautifully. As a result of this week, a baptismal class of twelve was organized. Elder R. E. Francis, Bible teacher, is now conducting this class.

On Saturday night the entire student body engaged in an MV social conducted by the Week-of-Prayer speakers.

We wish to salute Professor Weaver for his fine cooperation, and for his excellent leadership with the faculty and students in a good school year! We wish to sa-

Tithes and Offerings Not Property of Any Man

"You who have been withholding your means from the cause of God, read the book of Malachi, and see what is spoken there in regard to tithes and offerings. Cannot you see that it is not best under any circumstances to withhold your tithes and offerings because you are not in harmony with everything your brethren do? The tithes and offerings are not the property of any man, but are to be used in doing a certain work for God. Unworthy ministers may receive some of the means thus raised, but dare any one, because of this, withhold from the treasury, and brave the curse of God? I dare not. I pay my tithes gladly and freely, saying, as did David, 'Of thine own have we given thee.' A selfish withholding from God will tend to poverty in our own souls. Act your part, my brethren and sisters. God loves you, and he stands at the helm. If the Conference business is not managed according to the order of the Lord, that is the sin of the erring ones. The Lord will not hold you responsible for it, if you do what you can to correct the evil. But do not commit sin yourselves by withholding from God his own property. 'Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently,' or deceitfully." — "Special Testimonies," Series A, No. 1, p. 27.

lute the students for their friendliness, their response, and their determination to put "Christ Above All."

A. J. PATZER

MV Secretary, Columbia Union Conference

A Message . . .

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God takes cognizance of every farthing devoted to his cause, and of the willingness or reluctance of the giver" (Id., Vol. II, pp. 518, 519).

As members of the household of faith we are to be true and faithful in our daily witnessing. Many of our laity are now engaged in faithful soul-winning endeavors. Scores of them are using the projector in giving Bible studies. Others are scattering the printed page. What are you doing? Will you join the faithful army of gospel light-bearers going from home to home throughout the entire Union Conference and making this last warning message known to your neighbors and friends?

What about your faithfulness in the many little things in your daily contacts with your fellow men? We

are told that "a large proportion of the Christian world divorce religion from their business. Thousands of little tricks and petty dishonesties are practiced in dealing with their fellow-men, which reveal the true state of the heart, showing its corruption" (Id., Vol. IV, p. 337). Again we read, "Deceit, falsehood, and unfaithfulness may be glossed over and hidden from the eyes of man, but not from the eyes of God" (Id., Vol. IV, p. 310).

Brother, sister, why not now resolve to lay hold upon God's never-failing promises by placing all your past year's failures and mistakes at the foot of Calvary's cross and by claiming His forgiving grace and redeeming merits? What else can you do? Why not now resolve to keep your life, your all, upon the altar of God by daily surrender throughout the entire year that lies before us? Remember that life is uncertain, time is short, probation's hour is rapidly passing.

Be assured, my fellow believers, that we shall continue to pray that God may abundantly bless you during the year that lies ahead. We also covet your earnest prayers in behalf of the many faithful workers throughout the Columbia Union Conference.

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Is Your Child in a Christian School?

THE month of December has been set aside as a month of celebration in behalf of the elementary education jubilee in our denomination. The best way that we can celebrate effectively is by seeing that, as parents, each one of our boys and girls is attending a Christian school.

Some of you parents are still waiting for the time to come when you will start yours. Why not determine now that you will not let another year go by without seeing that your child is in one of our denominational schools?

If your church does not have a

church school at the present time, talk to your elder and pastor about the possibility of starting one. The only time that we can be satisfied with our educational program is the time when all the boys and girls of Seventh-day Adventists are in our own denominational schools. This will help save the boys and girls and also train them for future service in God's cause.

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Report From Salisbury District

"COUNT your blessings, name them one by one . . . and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done." The above words are a portion of the inspirational song by E. O. Excell. We in the Salisbury district have taken the advice and surely we have been surprised to find "what the Lord hath done."

Of course, the most important and most interesting part of any report to any Seventh-day Adventist is the number of additions to God's remnant people. In doing this we find that through the efforts of the church and the pastor fourteen members have been added to the Salisbury district in the year 1953. For this we thank the Lord.

But there are two sides to every report, and on the other side of the ledger we find that the district has lost four members, one by letter, one by death, and two by apostasy. It does make our hearts sad to think of apostasies, but we can praise the Lord for preserving and protecting His people in that there has been but one taken by death. This especially was brought to our attention last Sabbath when we learned that one of our deacons, L. H. Pollitt, celebrated his 4,160th Sabbath. He has become the only octogenarian in the district. He has missed not more than two or three Sabbath services in the past year.

Also we find the Lord leading in the progress of His work in that there has been a branch Sabbath school started in Cape Charles, Va., with an enrollment of eleven.

Brother Ullom, the colporteur in that area, is doing a good work in "fathering" this group. We all know that every branch Sabbath school is a potential church.

It is good to think of the good work accomplished by Charles E. Hayes, Salisbury Sabbath school superintendent during the year 1953. According to records, the average Sabbath school attendance during the year has grown from twenty-six in 1952 to thirty-eight or forty in 1953. The largest gain in any one Sabbath school class was in the "Little Ones" class which grew from one member to eight members. A senior youth class also was organized. This class is growing and progressing under the teaching and guidance of Naomi Townsend. Then, too, William Harris, the junior class teacher, is sponsoring, with the youth and juniors, the project of selling *Life and Health*. In the past three weeks they have sold between 300 and 400 magazines. The object is to purchase a 16mm sound projector for the MV society.

We find also that the Lord blessed in a material way as well in that the tithe and offerings in the district are on the increase. The Lord made it possible that the interior of the Salisbury Church be redecorated. Sister Paul Powell was instrumental in the redecoration of the recreation room and two other rooms in the basement of the church.

Another forward step in the Salisbury Church was the organization of the MV society by Sister Harris, who again this coming year will give capable and interesting leadership. Prospects for 1954 look very encouraging for the MV society.

In the Pocomoke City Church, under the leadership of Reginald W. Matthews, we can thank the Lord that He has provided the way by which the exterior of this church has been painted and work is being done to relieve the dampness that formerly existed in the basement of the church. Surely the Lord has blessed in that all of this in the Salisbury and Pocomoke City Churches has been accomplished without incurring any debt and without help from the Conference.

As you read these lines we ask you to think with us of that wonderful song, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," and to continue to remember the Salisbury district in your prayers.

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Seven Hundred Attend New Jersey Youth Congress

ON the week end of November 27 and 28 Elder T. E. Lucas of the General Conference MV Department and Elder Arthur Patzer of the Columbia Union Conference MV Department assisted Elder Tyson of New Jersey in conducting a state-wide youth congress for the New Jersey Conference.

Other guests who took part in the program were President William Shephard of Washington Missionary College and six college students. The students were Connie Guy and Jessie Faye Parker, singers; Nancy Lou Cross, accompanist; Derwin Landis, violinist; and Clifford Robbins, speaker. Many of the College and academy students were present since they were home for the Thanksgiving week end.

On Friday night Elder Patzer and six young men spoke on "Outpost Evangelism." The MV audience responded in a dedication to share their faith by finding a place somewhere to bear witness.

Mrs. Eleanor Quigley served as Sabbath school superintendent. The entire Trenton Church was filled with the Sabbath school attendance. By the time for the beginning of the worship service it was clear that we would have to use both auditoriums. Elder Lucas spoke on "Kingly Living for the King." The large audience of 700 signed the Legion of Honor dedication. It was an inspiring meeting.

The afternoon program was filled with good music and items of interest for Missionary Volunteers. The Paterson and Pioneer Pathfinder Clubs were present in uniform with their directors and counselors. The house was still full when President Shephard conducted the sundown vespers.

Nearly 400 were present for the Thanksgiving social at the Conference Center for the marches, games, and the film, "The Pan-American Youth Congress."

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R. E. Spangle Accepts Call to Nebraska; V. A. Fenn New Secretary-Treasurer

It will be of general interest to our people throughout the Conference to learn that a change has occurred in the Secretary-Treasurership of the Conference. For six years Brother R. E. Spangle discharged the duty of that office most efficiently. His deep concern for God's work, his understanding of Conference finance, his interest in every branch of work, his tireless efforts—all these combined to make him a real strength to the work in this field. He merited the existing confidence of the working staff, the local church treasurers and clerks, as well as the confidence of all our people.

Mrs. Spangle, on a part-time basis, served as secretary to our Publishing Secretary. Her efficient handling of the secretarial work of that department was much appreciated.

Several weeks ago the General Conference passed on a call to us from the Nebraska Conference for Brother Spangle to become the Secretary-Treasurer of that field. Prayerful consideration led the Spangles to respond to the call. Their service in the East Pennsylvania Conference terminated December 15. They are now located in their new field of labor. We shall always be grateful for the contributions they have made to the success of the work in our conference and we shall miss both Brother and Sister Spangle and their daughter very much. We wish for them God's continued blessing and success.

To fill the vacancy in our office the Conference committee has called Brother V. A. Fenn, at present the accountant and business manager of the Takoma Academy in Washington, D. C. The selection was made after a careful consideration of our needs and following counsel with the Union Conference officers. We are assured that Brother Fenn will take over the heavy duties of Conference Treasurer by divine appointment. We are happy to announce that Broth-

er Fenn has accepted our call and that Brother and Sister Fenn will soon be moving to Reading. Their two sons will continue their training at Washington Missionary College and Takoma Academy where they are now enrolled.

Brother Fenn is well qualified for the work to which he has been called. He has had a rich background of practical experience. Prior to his graduation from the theological and business departments of Washington Missionary College, Brother Fenn served as chief engineer of the Southern Publishing Association for seven years. Mrs. Fenn is an experienced accountant and has served in that capacity in several departments of the General Conference.

The Fenns come to the East Pennsylvania Conference in response to what they believe to be the call of God. Their hearts are burdened for the finishing of God's work. We extend to the family a cordial welcome and pledge to them the full and constant support of our believers and the working staff.

T. E. UNRUH

Philadelphia Academy

A LETTER FROM ANN

DEAR MOM:

Every day here at the Academy is better than the day before. Please forgive me for always talking about morning devotions, but there is such a feeling of unity in the atmosphere of our family worship. Every morning the very first thing we sing and praise God. We learn various choruses and devote ourselves completely to the "Power Hour." No one really cares if devotions are longer. The more time we spend, the more power for the day.

Over the week end one receives an abundance of spiritual help. On a recent Friday night Professor Akers spoke on the nearness of the end of time. The students were glad they could be in a Christian haven of rest, and on a number of faces you could see that their hour of decision had come.

As the Sabbath draws to a close

the chapel lights are dimmed and with background music the speaker takes our earthly thoughts away. We meditate silently for a while and thank God for being so near us through the week. Thus another precious week of academy life draws to a close.

Our girls work in homes to earn their way through school. Some of the girls work their entire way plus twenty dollars. And during this time they have an opportunity to share their faith. Most of the homes are non-Adventist and a well-placed word here or an insignificant deed there may cause someone to come closer to God. Several times in "Power Hour" this year students have told experiences of how they shared their faith.

Many of our boys are working their entire way through school, too. They earn from sixty-five to one hundred dollars a month on their bill. In a number of cases they earn all expenses and have about ten dollars a week for themselves. I don't think there are many academies where boys and girls can work their way through, like they can here. Isn't it wonderful? Our boys are also ready and willing to say a word for the Lord as they work at their jobs.

We are organizing our temperance teams now. I shall tell you more about it in my next letter. Alcohol is a terrible chain which may be broken with God's help.

Mom, I am just beginning to realize what a wonderful opportunity it is to be a part of this great faith. If it wasn't for you and dad I wouldn't be here. Most parents don't see what a necessity it is for Adventist youth to be in our Christian academies.

You and Dad are making a great sacrifice, and from the bottom of my heart I thank you. God bless you, Mom.

Lovingly,
Your daughter,
ANN



Spot Reports

• ELDER D. A. Ochs, Union Conference President, recently addressed the students at Philadelphia Academy at their Friday vespers and on Sabbath morning at the Philadelphia Temple Church.

• The cornerstone of the new Chester, Pa., Church building was laid on Sunday night, December 20, in a special ceremony directed

Special Soul-Winning Rally

Where? Stroudsburg and Easton district.

When? January 8 and 9.

Who? Special guest speakers.

Why? For soul-winning instruction.

by Elder Floyd Hilliard, pastor. Elder T. E. Unruh was the guest speaker.

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Potomac

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Richmond Laymen's Rally

ANOTHER thrilling week end is now recorded in the modern book of Acts. On November 20 and 21 our God-fearing laymen from the Richmond regional area came together at the Richmond Number One Church to share their soul-winning experiences with their fellow Adventists. They received renewed inspiration and accepted the challenge to GO and TELL and ADVANCE THE LINE by still greater achievements through our growing laymen's army in every church.

Elder Kenneth H. Wood, Jr., opened our rally Friday night with a soul-stirring message urging everyone to clear the King's highway of every impediment and hindrance to make way for the full working of the Holy Spirit that our lives may be bright and shining lights to those in darkness.

Following a most interesting Sabbath-school program that featured our laymen in training under the direction of Elder H. W. Bass, Elder Adlai Esteb of the General Conference inspired and challenged every believer present to *arise* and *shine* and quickly finish the work. The response was unanimous and Operation Doorbell found seventy gospel teams of our laymen field adventuring for Christ. Many interesting and thrilling experiences were related afterward as Elder Esteb interviewed them.

Tools for the task, featuring our tracts, books and literature, projectors, recorders, and filmstrips, were most ably presented by Elder Wood as indispensable aids in making the soul-winning work of any layman more effective in producing results.

The youth of our church schools, Shenandoah Valley Academy, and Washington Missionary College were featured by Elder H. W. Bass as our "laymen in training." J. W. Peeke and students gave a good account of the lay activities car-

ried on at Washington Missionary College. Prof. W. T. Weaver with his student group gave evidence that education at Shenandoah Valley Academy is not all to be found in books or in the classroom but, to a greater degree, in giving the students experience in witnessing and engaging in home-missionary activities.

Our new mission film, "Under the Southern Cross," got our evening program off to a good start. It gave a marvelous report of the advance of the work in the South Sea islands and presented the overwhelming needs and handicaps under which the work is now carried on. Our laymen are playing an important part in the advance of the gospel overseas and, thank God, here at home they are on the march for God! Yes, even in the Richmond area. This was evidenced by the thrilling soul-winning interviews of our laymen who are conducting branch Sabbath schools in cooperation with their pastors, using the Zima S. A. V. E. units which are winning souls for the kingdom.

Twenty of our laymen were commissioned as members of the modern "120," and everyone responded to the call to service as they took part in the Torch of Truth ceremony which is indeed symbolic of our great advent laymen's army under the full power of the Holy Spirit going forth to lighten the world with the glory of God.

Special thanks and appreciation are here expressed to the ladies of the Richmond Church for the delicious food served to the visiting guests during the rally, and to all our pastors who supported and cooperated in the over-all program of the laymen's rally.

May God hasten the day when ALL our laymen of the Potomac Conference will *arise* and *shine*, uniting their efforts with those of the ministry to finish the work quickly.

W. M. BUCKMAN

Home Missionary Secretary

Baptisms

THE letters from our pastors contain some very encouraging reports.

Brother McGraw reports that Elder Jacques baptized four candidates for him on the last Sabbath of November, and six others are practically ready for baptism. These are the result of the effort he has been conducting in Damascus,

Md., which is just coming to a close.

On Sabbath, December 19, Elder Mansell baptized ten in the Tokoma Park Church.

Elder Grotheer reports that there are seven who have already taken their stand as a result of his meetings in Waynesboro, and he is expecting as many more soon.

Elder Mitchell says there are fourteen ready for baptism in Stanley as a result of the effort there, and he is expecting that many more.

The Lord is blessing our ministers all over the Conference. Let us remember them in our prayers.

MARGARET FULLER

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enth-day Adventist Church.

Annual Colporteur Institute

THE time for the Ohio annual colporteur institute this year is January 17 to 23, 1954, to be held in the new Dayton Church. At the time of this annual meeting all the full- and part-time colporteurs in the entire state will be together for a week to study anew the principles that make for success in the literature ministry and to exchange new ideas in selling successfully.

The time has come for a concerted effort to finish the work, and the literature ministry is to have a very important part in finishing it.

"Many are making a great mistake in not putting their talents to use in seeking to save the souls of their fellow men. Hundreds of men should be engaged in carrying the light all through our cities, villages, and towns. The public mind must be agitated. God says, Let light be sent out into all parts of the field. He designs that men shall be channels of light, bearing it to those who are in darkness."—Mrs. E. G. White, *Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 79.

"If there is a work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the scriptures."—*Id.*, p. 80.

A large number of our members are in the church today because a colporteur called at the door and invited them to search the Scriptures with the aid of our literature.

They saw that the literature that was being presented by those ambassadors of Christ could be of help to them, and they purchased it. Then in the quiet of their homes they earnestly searched the Scriptures with the aid of these silent preachers.

There is a great need for more workers today, for the time is short. "We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The Lord will not excuse those who know the truth if they do not in word and deed obey His commands. If we make no effort to win souls to Christ, we shall be held responsible for the work we might have done, but did not do because of our spiritual indolence. . . . If we obey His voice, He will work with us, and our efforts will be crowned with success" (*Id.*, p. 25).

Our colporteurs will deliver over \$100,000 worth of our literature by the end of December for this year. With over 8,000,000 population in Ohio, we should deliver much more than \$100,000 worth of publications. We need many more workers. Won't you join our colporteur evangelists and help the work to be finished soon? Write to the undersigned for information in regard to attending our annual colporteur institute in January.

J. A. JARRY

Publishing Secretary, Ohio Conference



Journey Jottings

Wilmington—Work on the basement of the church is nearing completion and soon the church members hope to have a nice place for Sabbath school, Dorcas society, and proposed Pathfinder Club activities.

New Carlisle—This loyal group of Adventists in their neat little country church are planning well for their youth and working hard at caroling for missions.

Springfield—We recently spent a very pleasantly busy Sabbath afternoon and evening helping hold services in two different cell blocks of the county jail, participating in an MV meeting, assisting in caroling, and having good fellowship at a social gathering. Springfield MV's are happily active in sharing their faith, and are hoping to organize a Pathfinder Club soon.

Ravenna—Three splendid junior girls were invested recently after a very fine program in which they demonstrated some of their MV

Friend class requirements. They were sponsored by Miss Helen Yingling who started them working last summer.

Willoughby—Another excellent investiture and a program were presented by the Willoughby youth sponsored by Steven Chilson. Eleven were invested in several different classes. The program centered around a rustic moonlight camping scene in which were demonstrated many MV class activities which help youth to enjoy God's great out of doors.

Warren—As in most of our other recent visits, we showed the PAYC film and it was greatly appreciated. It was a pleasure to visit the new church school at Warren and to find Miss Doris Thirlwell pointing her boys and girls to Jesus and the privilege of faith sharing, as well as guiding them through their regular studies.

Youngstown—It was very gratifying to see how nicely and beautifully the basement Sabbath-school rooms have recently been rearranged and decorated for the boys and girls. We also enjoyed a special birthday program in the adult division. Youngstown is buzzing with missionary activity such as mailing bands, a Bible correspondence school, enrollment projects, health classes, Christmas caroling, and assisting Elder Farley in a unique type of evangelistic Bible class. Plans are being formulated to reactivate the MV so-

ciety into a strong organization with a Pathfinder Club.

Mt. Vernon—A newly organized Master Guide Club at M. V. A. gives promise of being the center of much enjoyment and profit to Academy students and to grade-school pupils whom they will assist in MV class work.

Church School Temperance Memberships—Most of our church schools are reporting excellent progress in enrolling every student as a junior A. T. S. member. The teachers are to be commended highly.

Fowler—This usually busy MV society is unusually busy now with Christmas caroling in addition to its other activities. The members seemed to enjoy especially the recent showing of the PAYC film.

WARREN N. WITTENBERG
MV and Temperance Secretary, Ohio Conference



New Arrivals

ON November 4 Joyce Lynn arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schwochow. Brother Schwochow is teaching in the school at Clarksfield.

Alane Joyce is the new member of the Erald Wheeler family now located at East Liverpool. She came November 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Day of Mount Vernon Academy welcomed Julia Ann to their midst on December 3.

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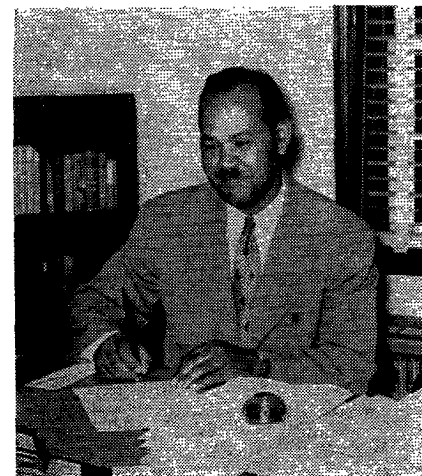
Committeeman Uses Audio-Visual Aid

"I THOUGHT I was too busy," said Carlos Street, lay member of the Allegheny Conference and committeeman in his Hundred* in Millsboro, Del. "At camp meeting I purchased an S. A. V. E. machine and began giving studies. Now regularly, three evenings every week, studies are being given."

Interest in the Bible as presented in the prepared films arouses

*The political territory in Delaware is divided into districts which run from one to ten. Ten such districts represent what is called the Hundred, and he is committeeman in the eighth district of the Indian River Hundred.

new and abiding enthusiasm to learn more. "People stop me on the streets and on the roads to inquire about the studies which have been presented in churches and in schools." Again and again the audience has been brought to tears. "In all my life I have never seen anything like it.



Carlos Street

"It is true, I could plead being preoccupied, for aside from running a farm I raise chickens and turkeys, operate a trucking business between Delaware, New York, Virginia, and Maryland, transport workers on three help routes, and keep several school buses serving school children. Instead of saying 'I,' it would be better to say 'we,' for I am assisted by my good wife, Myrtle, who stands by me."

May we add that there is no greater joy on earth than working with the Saviour in bringing the truth of God's Word to those who know it not.

A. V. PINKNEY

Press Secretary, Allegheny Conference

News From Glenville Church Cleveland, Ohio

SABBATH, October 24, was Junior Church Day at the Glenville Church, Cleveland, Ohio. The morning service was under the leadership of Felix Battle, junior church elder. The service was begun with the singing of "The Lord in Zion Reigneth," and prayer was offered by Douglas Williams, assistant church elder. "The Lord Is My Light" was rendered by Mrs. Alice Jones, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Bettie Jackson. The junior choir sang beautifully "The Spirit of God" under the direction of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Robinson Louis, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Bettie Jackson.

Elder Edward Dorsey, pastor of the Akron Church and graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich., was introduced by D. Williams. Elder Dorsey conducted a very successful and inspiring tent effort this summer in Canton, Ohio. Many souls were won and baptized. Elder Dorsey's subject for the morning was "The Right Concept of God's Glory in This Deceptive Generation." Most of his sermon was directed to the youth of today, since they are to be the future leaders of tomorrow. He stated that it is the duty of the youth to have the true concept of God. A knowledge of the true character of God is most important. We are to give glory to God, and this we cannot do unless we have the right concept of God.

The youth are to reveal the true concept of God by precept and example and to warn the world of Jesus' soon coming. The sermon was climaxed by a solo, "My Task," by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Dorsey.

Elder Donald Williams preached his farewell sermon Sunday night, October 25, 1953, as he is going into the armed service soon. His text was taken from 1 Timothy 16 and Job 33:10. He has been associated with the Glenville Church for ten months.

The church will certainly miss Elder Williams as he goes into the armed forces. Our prayers will go with him, and, if God is willing, may he soon return to us.

EVA FAY GARLAND

Church reporter

OBITUARIES

WILLIAMS, Eloise Florence, was born March 23, 1881, and died September 17, 1953. She was born in California, the daughter of May Elizabeth and Edward Stanley Williams. At an early age she was placed in a convent from which place she soon made her escape, and found a home with a colporteur family by the name of Owens near Battle Creek, Mich. Here she learned the truth which was to mold her life and work. She made teaching her chosen profession. For two years she taught home schools in Wisconsin, then she attended Emmanuel Missionary College and while there she was baptized in 1905 by Dr. Sutherland. For ten years she continued to teach at various schools in Wisconsin, Tennessee, and Florida. In 1916 she was called to the educational, young people's and Sabbath school work in the Virginia Conference. From 1921 to 1928 she labored in this same capacity in the Chesapeake Conference. In 1928 her love of teaching led her to give two years of her life to the cause of missions in Trinidad, British West Indies, but because of her mother's failing health she returned to the homeland in 1930 and again served as an elementary church school teacher until 1935, when she was asked to serve as Educational Secretary in the West Pennsylvania Conference. In 1938 she responded to the invitation of the New Jersey Conference and served as Educational Secretary until failing health caused her to retire in 1945. For the past four years she had been a patient at the Washington Sanitarium where she fell asleep to await the call of the Master. Her influence has been felt through the years in an ever-widening circle, for many now laboring in the cause of God owe their early inspiration to this devoted teacher. Surely her works do follow her.

BURKHOLDER, Mrs. Addie Urania Fisher, was born near St. Louisville, Licking Co., Ohio, September 26, 1865, and died June 12, 1953. She was the daughter of Rudolph and Rachel Fisher. She was married to Henry H. Burkholder January 1, 1882. Six children were born to them. Three of the children died in infancy and Mrs. Bertha Holtom died at the age of forty-one. The other two children are Harold Burkholder and Mrs. Evelyn R. Heagren. She leaves to mourn also a brother, Dr. V. L. Fisher, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was baptized by O. F. Guilford at the age of fifteen. Funeral services were conducted in the chapel of Mt. Vernon Academy by Elder N. S. Ashton and Elder N. W. Becker.

Neal Becker

ILES, Gilbert Jacob, son of Elder and Mrs. Jeremiah Iles, was born in Morrow County, Ohio, July 15, 1880, and died September 28, 1953. He was educated at Mount Vernon Academy and spent his early manhood assisting his father as organist in evangelistic efforts. In 1903 he was married to Berdella Chatfield and both were among our early church school teachers. A few weeks before his passing he and his wife observed their golden wedding anniversary. He leaves to mourn, besides his wife, five children: Mrs. Waaneita Kneiler, Mrs. Theda Kuester, Mrs. Genevieve McCormick, and Charles and Leslie Iles; five grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Ida Acton; a brother, Edward L. Iles; and other relatives and friends. Words of comfort were spoken by Dr. Emil Leffler and the committal service was conducted by two sons-in-law, Elder S. M. McCormick and Elder W. E. Kuester.

LEVENGOD, Isaac, 75, died on October 7, 1953, at his home in Hummelstown, Pa. He was a faithful member of the Harrisburg Seventh-day Adventist Church. He fell asleep in the blessed hope. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Grace Thomas Levenogod; two daughters, Mrs. Henry Perez and Sara J. Levenogod; a son, Robert T. Levenogod; a sister, Mrs. Betty Moyer; and a brother, John G. Levenogod. He was laid to rest in the Hummelstown Cemetery where he awaits the resurrection.

A. W. Ortner

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SUNSET CALENDAR

	Jan. 1	Jan. 8
Baltimore, Md.	4:54	5:01
Cleveland, Ohio	5:10	5:17
Columbus, Ohio	5:15	5:22
Cumberland, Md.	5:05	5:12
Jersey City, N. J.	4:47	4:54
Parkersburg, W. Va.	5:14	5:21
Philadelphia, Pa.	4:47	4:54
Pittsburgh, Pa.	5:03	5:10
Reading, Pa.	4:45	4:52
Richmond, Va.	5:02	5:09
Seranton, Pa.	4:46	4:53
Toledo, Ohio	5:17	5:24
Trenton, N. J.	4:43	4:50
Washington, D. C.	4:56	5:03



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Self-Supporting Work in Charleston

LYDIA DAVIS of Charleston, W. Va., is building her own clinic and convalescent center on Big Tyler Mountain right outside of Charleston. It will be a modernly equipped clinic featuring physical therapy and hydrotherapy.

This project is the aftermath of caring for patients in her own home for a number of years. Sister Davis believes that prayer can accomplish results where medical treatment sometimes fails. She herself knows what it is to experience divine healing.

It will be a neat, well-equipped, modern clinic. It will have three shifts of nurses and a house doctor. Sister Davis plans to make this clinic a self-supporting institution. The law permits her to care for only four patients in her present home. The clinic will have larger and better facilities.

The accompanying picture was taken when the cornerstone was laid. The building is under roof at

the present time. It will be completed within a few months.

Through her example and teachings Sister Davis has been able to lead four people to accept the truth in the past year. Two of these people are patients in her present rest home.

Sister Davis feels the need of many such centers in West Virginia. This center is being erected through faith, the double tithe, and prayer.

STUART R. JAYNE

Pastor

Wedding

CATHERINE ROSALEE COLE and Lester Erwin Clough were united in marriage October 3, at 7:30 P.M., in the beautifully decorated Seventh-day Adventist church in Clarksburg, W. Va.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Cole of Clarksburg, W. Va., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clough of Wytheville, Va.

Special music was provided by Alice Bumgarner with Mrs. Lena Wetmore at the piano. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Lorraine Matheny. The best man was Edward Matheny, brother-in-law of the bride. Judy Hoffman was flower girl and Donny Matheny was Bible boy.

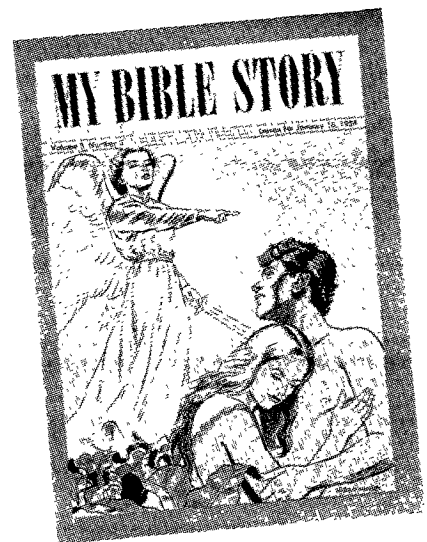
A reception was held for the bridal couple immediately following the wedding ceremony.

Mrs. Clough is a recent graduate of the Washington Sanitarium School of Nursing and plans to join her husband at Camp Pickett, Va., where he is stationed at the present time while serving his country in the armed forces.

We wish the Lord's blessing on this newly established home.

J. E. HOFFMAN

Officiating minister



"My Bible Story" to Have New Style and Format

SABBATH-SCHOOL leaders and parents of cradle-roll children will be happy to learn of the changes that have been made in *My Bible Story*. The new style and format begins with the first issue of 1954.

During the past nine years *My Bible Story* has been filling its place in presenting the Sabbath-school lessons for the cradle-roll children. However, for some time there has been a demand for a larger and more helpful paper for the tiny tots in our Sabbath schools.

Answering these requests, the Pacific Press has worked with the General Conference Sabbath School Department in developing the new plan. Though the paper still remains a four-page weekly, we are happy to announce that it now will have the same page size as *Our Little Friend*. New two-color illustrations for the front page are being drawn by Harold Munson.

Another outstanding change is the addition of a character-building story feature on page four of each issue. This, along with an enlarged Sabbath-school lesson story and its pictorial presentation, should make *My Bible Story* a greater help to our small boys and girls.

We believe you will also be glad to know that this is being done without an increase in subscription rate. The Pacific Press is happy to have a part in preparing new and better things to help in the soul-winning work of our Sabbath schools and churches.

EUGENE SAMPLE

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Laying the cornerstone of the new clinic being built by Lydia Davis, near Charleston, W. Va.