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New Scholarship Fund Drive by WMC Alumni

THE Alumni Association of the Washington Missionary College has launched a new scholarship drive. The first contribution—\$1,000—to the new fund was from a former president of the College, H. A. Morrison.

Other large amounts have already come in which now makes it possible for Alumni officers to invest the funds in preparation for the 1959 scholarships by the Association.

The new and present plan for the scholarship fund, as voted by the Association, is to invest the capital contributed by alumni and give scholarships from the interest.

The initial goal for this summer is \$10,000, but it is expected that the total will go beyond this amount.

The fund-raising drive got off to a good start early this summer with the first contribution from the retired manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Dr. Morrison. He was president of Washington Missionary College from 1922 to 1927 and 1935 to 1936. Mrs. Morrison spent many years on the faculty of the college.

Heading the new Alumni Scholarship committee is Mrs. Zella Holbert, '51. Mrs. Areta Leffler Perkins, '54, is secretary. Other members include the president of the Alumni Association, Jesse Gibson, '36; Walter T. Crandall, '36, past president and editor of the *Youth's Instructor*; D. A. Roth, '50, vice president of the association; Dr. John Bata, '38; Jewell Peeke, '50; Albert Cross, '47; Dr. Read N. Calvert, '24; Eunice J. Rozema, the executive secretary of the association; Dr. Herman Slate, '32; President of the College William H. Shephard, '29; C. H. Kelly, and Robert Bainum, '50.

Members of the Scholarship Committee were elected by the Alumni's Executive Committee meeting on

By Jesse Gibson

President, Alumni Association, Washington Missionary College



Signed, Sealed and . . .

May 13. A Committee on Investment and Awards was also elected. This consisted of the following: President of the Association Jesse Gibson,

Treasurer Alice Mae Slick, '53; Mrs. Zella Holbert; the treasurer of the Columbia Union Conference, C. H. Kelly; Jewell Peeke; L. C. Small, business manager of the College; and President W. H. Shephard.

The Scholarship Committee has set as its goal for 1958-59 a sum of not less than \$10,000. With this amount properly invested, it will be possible to give several \$100 scholarships each year to worthy students. At the present time there is \$1121.49 in the Alumni Scholarship Fund, exclusive of contributions made since the newly organized committee first met. Committee members have already been busy, and will continue its activities in this field. Those who wish to make a real contribution to the future education of Adventist youth by contributing to the first capital figure set, may send their checks to Miss Alice Mae Slick, Alumni Treasurer, care of Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park 12, Md.

Delivered!



IN THE INTEREST OF YOUTH. Elder Jesse O. Gibson, right, President of the Alumni Association of Washington Missionary College, receives \$1,000 from Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Morrison. This is the first contribution to a new scholarship fund.

Union Leads the World in Ingathering

AGAIN the Columbia Union Conference leads the world. No other Union Conference has raised as much Ingathering for 1958 as has the Conferences of the Columbia Union. The total raised to date as shown on the



Union treasurer's books is \$768,367.95. This is \$1,175.12 of having as much as was reported at the close of 1957. Knowing that there are funds which have not been turned in as yet we are assured that the

Columbia Union will pass the three-quarters of a million mark this year.

Sabbath, July 19, at the New Jersey camp meeting Ingathering rally it was reported that again that conference leads the world with more than \$27 per capita. They have done this so long it has become a habit. The report shows Allegheny Conference making the largest gain this year. Potomac Conference reports the largest amount. At the end of June the West Pennsylvania Conference reported the largest per capita and was the first conference to reach the Minuteman goal this year. The Chesapeake and East Pennsylvania Conferences show cash gains even though they show a very small per capita loss. Ohio, New Jersey, and West Virginia Conference will show a better picture by the close of the year.

Congratulations to all for doing so well. Here is the report:

Conference	Membership	Received to date	Per Capita
Allegheny	6740	\$112,009.61	\$16.62
Chesapeake	2793	63,337.29	22.70
East Pa.	4184	103,120.45	24.65
New Jersey	2664	63,300.22	23.76
Ohio	7159	168,234.50	23.50
Potomac	8829	176,638.95	20.01
West Pa.	2001	49,740.31	24.91
West Va.	1504	31,936.62	21.23
	35874	\$768,367.95	\$21.42

Union-wide Spelling Contest Winners

Near the close of the school year the church schools in the Columbia Union Conference had their second annual Union-wide spelling contest. The children showed great interest and put forth special effort to improve in their spelling. According to our plan, we will print the names of those children in each school who made 100% in the contest. We wish there were room to mention all those who made marked improvement and those who missed only a word or two but this is impossible.

By H. K. Halladay

Home Missionary Secretary, Columbia Union Conference

Each week the names of the pupils in one or two conference will be given. First, we will give the name of the school, then the name of the teacher. The number in parenthesis after a student's name indicates his grade placement in school.

ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

Baltimore—Mary J. Thompson—Shirley Sloan (4), Edith Sloan (5), Carol Reid (6), Catherine Black (6), Danny Crumpton (6), Cheryl Thompson (8).
Camden, N. J.—Vera Brazton—Benjamin Walker (4).
Cincinnati, Ohio—Marian Gresham—Wilma Mitchell (6), Rodney Brady (7), Sharon Dobbins (8), Elizabeth Forney (8).
Cleveland, Ohio—William Morgan—Valeria Humphrey (8).
Columbus, Ohio—Gustava Manning—Inez Mitchell (4), John F. Thomas (4).
Dayton, Ohio—D. A. Pitt—Julie Tivy (8).
Millsboro, Del.—Mrs. F. Bliss—Lydia Norwood (5), Wille Johnson (6), Helen Way (7).
Newark, N. J.—B. Linkhorn—Susan Waynick (4).
Norfolk, Va.—Ellen G. Frazier—Patricia Peele (4), Janice Frazier (5), Laura Powell (5).
Pine Forge, Pa.—Mrs. Lillian A. Pinkney—Wendell Cheatham (4), James Dykes (4), Anna Timpson—Geneva Simons (5), Carmelita Simons (8).
Pittsburgh, Pa.—Mrs. Sarah Lester—Alton Allesberry (4), Tawanda Fletcher (4), Dennis Mosby (4).
Richmond, Va.—Frances Lawton—Rita Johnson (5), Dianne Minor (5), Rose Mary Bell (6), Audrey Carson (6), Phyllis Bell (8).

CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE

Barclay—Florence Laubach—William Saddler (4), Linda Biggers (6), Diane Wilson (6), C. F. Laubach—Carolyn Rahlman (7).
Blythedale—Lorraine Garland—Gale Keppel (4), William Higgins (4), Walter Garland—Donald Jackson (5), David Wilson (8).
Brooklyn—Mrs. E. M. Dick—Jean Flower (4), Sharon Flower (6), Bonnie Hull (6), Sandra Hurr (6), Douglas Metcalf (6), John Mauck (8).
Frederick—Ethel Brown—Glenna Jean Jones (6), Verne Kemerer (6).
Glen Burnie—Mrs. Thelma Skeggs—Nancy Shipley (4).
Baltimore—Elsie K. Tyson—Carolyn Pagal (4), Darla Heisey (4), Carol Johnson (4), Betty J. Kasecamp (4), Wesley Leatherwood (4), Laura B. Robinson (4), Sue Lynn Stockton (4), Robert W. Skeggs—Linda Wagner (6), Kathleen Brooks (6), William White (6), S. Lochstamphor—James Daugherty (7), Barbara Boyd (7), Jack Schubert (7), Joyce Wynn (7), Lynn Becker (8), Carolyn-Lee Boyd (8), Ruth Higgins (8), Bonnie Jacobson (8).
Glen Burnie—William Leppo, Jr.—Sally Ashbaugh (6), Tana Bridges (6), Walter Johnson (6).
Mount Aetna—Velma Shafer—Stanley Hamrick (5), Karen Myers (5), William Joost—Carola Kay Blue (7), Susan Butler (7), Linda Hartle (8), Judy Sturtz (8).
Rock Hall—Marie Butler—Nancy Coleman (8).
Spencerville—M. Van Meerbeke—Glen Bennett (4), Carlton Hottenstein (4), Billy Rudisalle (4), Larry Schneider (4), Rebecca Singer (4), Jerry Stimpson (4), Charles Strother (4), Verda Lee Fletcher—Jane Cunningham (6), Kit A. Riegel (6), H. W. Christiansen—Allen Beardisley (7), Charlotte Williams (8).

Pastors, evangelists, departmental personnel, institutional administrators, public relations directors, press secretaries, and students who believe a thorough study of public relations theory and methods could be applied to advantage in their work should make application immediately for this stimulating and profitable course.

For detailed information, write: The Director, Public Relations Seminar, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Washington 12, D. C.

L. B. Halliwell Itinerary in Columbia Union Churches



Elder and Mrs. Leo B. Halliwell and a model of the boat, "Luzeiro."

We are very pleased to announce the following itinerary for Elder and Mrs. Leo B. Halliwell for churches in the Columbia Union Conference the later part of July and the first part of August:

Thursday, July 31, 8:00 P.M.

Fredericksburg, Va., Church

Friday, August 1, 8:00 P.M.

Takoma Park Church MV Society
Sabbath, August 2, 11:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Hagerstown, Md., Church

Sunday, August 3, 8:00 P.M.

Waynesboro, Pa., Church

We would like to stress the meeting on Friday night, August 1, at the Takoma Park Church. The MV Society of the Sligo Church is joining the MV Society of the Takoma Park Church for this special MV meeting. Elder Halliwell will show his color motion pictures of life on the Amazon River. He also will have thrilling stories to tell at all of the meetings scheduled above.

Capacity crowds have attended all of the meetings Elder Halliwell has conducted since the close of the General Conference session in the West Pennsylvania, East Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Potomac Conferences. This is one program you will not want to miss!

D. A. Roth

Public Relations Secretary,
Columbia Union Conference

Public Relations Seminar Scheduled August 20 to 31

The second annual Public Relations Seminar is scheduled for August 20 to 31 at Potomac University in Washington, D. C.

An event of major importance in denominational public relations, the seminar will be sponsored jointly by the Bureau of Public Relations and the Department of Education. The curriculum is supervised and graduate credit offered by Potomac University. The regular, moderate tuition rates apply.

CONFERENCE NEWS

Allegheny

Report of Youth Activities

YOUNG people of the Allegheny Conference are responding to the specialized training now necessary to equip those interested in leadership of the youth today.

During the year 99 persons have received certificates for the Leadership Course, which means they are now ready to assume full duties in the exacting work of leading young people.

A number of large "investitures" have been held in the conference. Among them was the class of Friends at Montclair, N. J., conducted by Mrs. Gladys Freeman and Mrs. Elizabeth Battle.

Mrs. Ellen Frazier and Mrs. Lottie Holt, teachers at the Norfolk school, had a fine group of Sunbeams, Builders, and Friends ready and eager for their "investiture."

Ervin Glenn and Mrs. A. B. Humphrey of the Ebenezer Church in Philadelphia had a class of 44 invested as Friends just before General Conference. This group has already begun preparation for the Companion requirements and they have pledged themselves not to withdraw until they have all completed the entire course for the Master Guide division.

Speaking of the group, Elder W. M. Fordham, Pastor of the church, said, "I am proud of the work being done among the young people of the church. They have able leadership. We look to them as the present and future leaders among their group at Ebenezer."

During the Week of Prayer the young people reported 47 persons which they had been directly or indirectly responsible for accepting the Message.

Our young people have taken a leading part in many churches during the Ingathering. In some instances they have sparked the drive which is over \$105,000.

We are happy for the evangelism carried on by young people and especially for the work done by Derek Akridge and Charles Williams in En-

Investiture Service at Montclair, N. J.



Photo by Pinkney

INVESTITURE. Group of Friends at Montclair. Extreme left, Mrs. Gladys Freeman, instructor. Extreme right, Mrs. Elizabeth Battle, instructor.

glewood. At General Conference the Young Peoples' Department of the General Conference featured the experiences of Derek on color slides. Elder L. R. Preston, Pastor, stood behind the boys and they are carrying the light of truth in their community.

A. V. PINKNEY

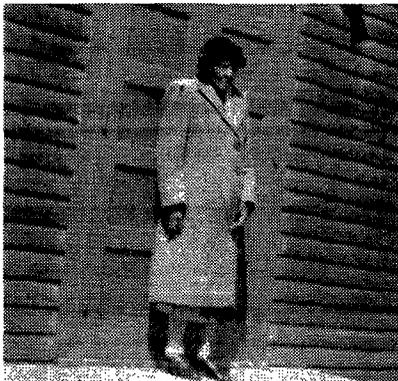
Public Relations Secretary

Mrs. Jackson, 80, Has Memory Verse Record

CALVARY Seventh-day Adventist Church in Gordonsville, Va., is proud to announce that Mary B. Jackson, 80, has completed the eleventh straight year of reciting the senior memory verses without a mistake.

ALICE B. JACKSON

Press Secretary



Mrs. Mary B. Jackson, member of Gordonsville Church, Gordonsville, Va.

East Pennsylvania

Christianity in Action Demonstrated by the Stroudsburg Dorcas Society

As the holidays drew near and everyone was in the spirit of giving, the Stroudsburg Church of East Pennsylvania did not forget the needy of their community. The City of Stroudsburg appreciates our efforts in taking over a portion of the needy calls.

The baskets that were shared at Thanksgiving and Christmas time numbered around thirty, and in addition to this, every year we give Christmas boxes to the patients at the County Home. We get new shoe boxes and cover them with fancy Christmas paper and fill them with all kinds of goodies. We then tie them up with fancy ribbon and give each person their own box. This year the number was 53 boxes. The patients at the County Home look forward to this every year. We also sing Christmas carols for them and during the year we visit them once every

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month and sing songs and have a little program to cheer them up.

Not only were baskets of food distributed during the holiday season, but many toys and about 200 articles of clothing were included in the Christmas gifts, plus a number of church papers we put in each basket of food.

We have a lovely new Dorcas kitchen built with the money the Dorcas ladies raised, also a well organized "Dorcas Store" in our kitchen. Our shelves are kept filled with all kinds of canned fruit and vegetables; so when we get a needy call for food we have it ready. During the past year 212 baskets of food were given away.

Our Welfare Center tries to fill all orders that we get, including food, furniture and clothing. One family was supplied with a new rug which they needed badly. Another family couldn't pay their electric light bill so we paid it for them and supplied them with food.

MRS. ESTHER DRAKE
Dorcas Leader, Stroudsburg Church

A Report From the Wilkes-Barre District

THE work in the Wilkes-Barre district is going forward under the blessing of God and the power of His Holy Spirit.

During the last few months two spearhead evangelistic revivals have been held, one in Wilkes-Barre and the other in the Stairville Church which brought blessing and inspiration to the members.

Another evangelistic series of meetings is planned for Wilkes-Barre to be held in the Irem Temple beginning September 8 and continuing until September 28. Still another evangelistic meeting is planned for Hazleton, Pa., in the near future.

A successful church school year has ended and the members of the districts including Scranton, Tunkhannock, and Wilkes-Barre are looking forward and giving study to the need of a modern consolidated church school to serve the tri-district area.

During the past year the Stairville Church has been reactivated and a new heating plant installed. The Wilkes-Barre Church has also made extensive improvements.

An active Pathfinder program is being carried forward and the youth are being trained in craft and nature study and a number of recreational activities have been held.

Under the faithful labors of Jessie Weiss Curtis, Bible Instructor, a number of new members have been

added to the Wilkes-Barre Church. Among these a pharmacist of the U.S. Veterans Hospital, his wife, and family have taken their stand for the truth and are using their talents to advance the interests of the church. Several fine families have also joined the Drums Church and are faithfully witnessing for Christ and the message.

B. P. GERNET

From the Battle Front

HENRY CLAY TRUMBUL said, "The best way to save the world in time is to save the individuals one at a time."

How we wish that every layman had a burden on his or her heart to win at least one soul each year. Won't you join East Pennsylvania's laymen who are active on the battle front, going from house to house laboring for souls?

We are told, "House to house labor is the most essential work that can be done. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can be home missionaries in their families and neighborhoods." *Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. 9, p. 30.

During the past year of 1957, the laymen have given 6,529 Bible studies and made 53,937 missionary contacts, besides distributing 277,016 pieces of literature. The Dorcas societies rendered an estimated cash welfare service of \$166,000.

The following testimonials by two of our faithful laymen help us appreciate what the laymen are doing in helping to finish the work of God on earth.

"It was a little over a year ago when a lady, Mrs. Idele Voegthe, was sitting in front of me in church. She had a bad coughing spell, so I passed a small box of throat lozenges to her to relieve her. She was very grateful. I asked if she was member of our

church to which she replied in the negative.

"Mrs. Voegthe had been coming to our church for about a year but for some reason no one had known of her attendance. In the course of our conversation she told me of her problems and habits she was struggling with which she felt must be overcome before becoming a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Mrs. Voegthe confessed with tears that she longed for victory.

"Mrs. Voegthe and I became friends and together we would participate in various missionary activities. She loved ingathering, sold books and helped in Dorcas welfare work. During all this time she felt like a big red apple with a bad core.

"Camp meeting time came which both of us attended. Daily in the prayer circle the elders prayed with and for her. Her victory was assured when she surrendered her heart to Christ and was baptized in the fall of 1957 by Elder Stephen Paulty, Pastor of the Philadelphia Boulevard Church. She is now a happy member of the church. We all are thankful for our new missionary sister."

MRS. CATHERINE GARREN



Witnessing Through Fairs

COMMUNITY fairs can be of great benefit to the cause of truth and the community as the Junior and Senior Dorcas societies of the Essex Church discovered recently. Pictured are three members of their Junior society; Beulah Houck, Dorcas leader; and their booth at the shopping center at Eastpoint, a suburb of Baltimore.

Potomac University Graduates Conference President

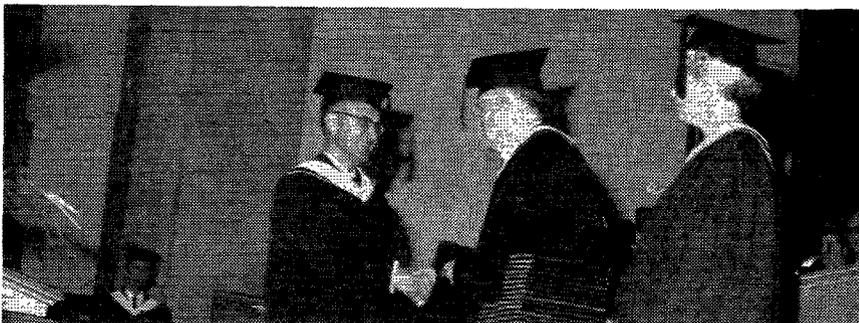


Photo by Ford

RECEIVES DIPLOMA. Elder M. E. Loewen, President of the Chesapeake Conference, was in the first graduating class of the Potomac University. He is shown at the left in the picture above receiving his diploma from Elder E. D. Dick who was then President of the University. Elder Loewen received his Master of Arts degree with a major in Systematic Theology.

Essex Church Sponsors Fair Display at Eastpoint

The fair was promoted to benefit the Seach Light School for Mentally Retarded Children. Fifty per cent of all proceeds realized by any booth was to be donated to the school. Our booth with its sign, "Dorcas Health and Welfare Society of the Essex Seventh-day Adventist Church" readily identified us and opened opportunities for the giving of our literature as well as offering for sale bread, cakes, cookies, pies, rolls, other baked goods, aprons, hand-crocheted and hand-embroidered articles, children's dresses, salt and pepper sets, greetings cards, and many other miscellaneous articles.

Our Junior girls and some adult members helped to make our booth a success. Altogether we turned in \$50 for the project and enjoyed a good time doing it. Most important—with each purchase there was included some free literature and a prayer that many honest souls might be reached.

MRS. BEULAH HOUCK
Essex Dorcas Leader



FOR CHARITY. Mrs. Beulah Houck, right, Dorcas leader of the Essex Church, is shown with three juniors girls at their fair display at Eastpoint, a suburb of Baltimore.

Potomac

The Influence of Associates

It is inevitable that youth have association with other youth. "Show me your company, and I'll show you your character" has been aptly spoken. As a stream always partakes of the properties of the soil through which it runs, so the character and habits of youth become tinged with the kind of company they keep.

Character and attitudes of young people are influenced by the kind of associates and teachers they have. This is clearly stated by the messenger of the Lord in these words:

God's word places stress upon the influence of association, even on men and women. How much greater is its power on the developing mind and character of children and youth! The company they keep, the principles they adopt, the habits they form, will decide the question of their usefulness here, and of their future destiny.

It is a terrible fact, and one that should make the hearts of parents tremble, that in so many schools and colleges to which youth are sent for mental discipline and culture, influences prevail which misshape the character, divert the mind from life's true aims, and debase the morals.—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 220.

What are some of the attitudes that industry has observed among present-day high school graduates? Industry was asked: "What is the general attitude of the high school graduates seeking employment at your firm?"

"They lack a goal in life and want

something for nothing . . . high pay and no work," said one employer.

"They are immature and lack a sense of responsibility to the job," explained another.

"Graduates have some feeling that the world owes them a living," said a third.

Other employers said graduates wanted "fast and easy money" and were very anxious to obtain potential high earnings.

Comments offered on the basic learning, by employers were:

"My observations in the past have been that young stenographers cannot spell, punctuate, or paragraph a business letter.

"I personally believe that the parochial and private schools excel in the above subjects."

The lack of sterling character principles and proper attitudes of today's high school graduates gives added importance to the following statements found in the Spirit of prophecy writings:

"Through contact with the irreligious, the pleasure-loving, and the corrupt, many youth lose the simplicity and purity, the faith in God, and the spirit of self-sacrifice that Christian fathers and mothers have cherished and guarded by careful instruction and earnest prayers."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 220.

As your leader I can see powerful and detrimental influences at work among our own youth as a result of wrong associates. To every parent in the Potomac Conference I now appeal to sacrifice for your own boys and girls by placing them under the influence of Christian Seventh-day Adventist teachers, and among fellow student associates in our own Seventh-day Adventist schools. Fathers and mothers, I appeal to you to place your children in the elementary church school, in the Christian high school at Shenandoah Valley Academy, the conference boarding school,

or in Takoma Academy, the day academy operated by the conference.

It is God's desire that the youth of every Adventist home shall have these Christian influences to guide them in their character development during their high school years.

H. J. CAPMAN

President

Spot Reports

- THE present Bible Correspondence School will be transferred to the Faith for Today School, effective August 1, 1958. Elder William Fagal has assured us that Faith for Today's School is happy to take over all present and future enrollees from the Potomac area.

- Elder E. H. Shull moves to the "It Is Written" office in Washington August 1 to join Elder W. O. Reynolds in "Take His Word" and "It Is Written" interests.

- The Potomac Conference Committee has approved the offer of television station WMAL in Washington to televise "It Is Written" films for 39 weeks beginning in September. Pastors and laymen in the Washington area will cooperate in a visitation program to be followed by reaping meetings to be conducted by Elder George Vandeman in the spring of 1959.

- The Potomac Conference has agreed to sponsor three evangelistic three-week campaigns (one this autumn and two early in 1959) by Elder Fordyce Detamore and his group.

- The Richmond area is ripening for a harvest of souls as a result of "It Is Written" program there and there will be many persons baptized as a result of the reaping meetings to be held in Richmond. The exact date and place of this meeting is yet to be determined.

- The date for the Autumn Workers' Meeting in the Potomac Con-

ference is October 6-8 in the Takoma Park Church. This will be a very important council with Elders M. V. Campbell, E. J. Edwards, and J. A. Buckwalter of the General Conference invited as counsellors. All conference workers are requested to attend this council.

• The record of baptisms in the Potomac is very good for the first six months of this year. Here is the record for each month:

Month	Baptisms
January	13
February	9
March	16
April	16
May	172
June	103
Total Baptisms	329

• The Blue Ridge Youth Camp at Montebello, Va., continues until August 10. Many fine improvements have been made including a white sand beach at the lake, a new boat, an automatic dishwasher, a new cement dam in the brook, etc. The young people are having a wonderful time.

H. J. CAPMAN

President



New School Built at Beltsville, Md.

ANOTHER new church school will be added to the system in the Columbia Union Conference this fall at Beltsville, Md. This beautiful building located on seven acres of level land will have three classrooms, office, library, clinic, facilities for hot lunches, and a large gymnasium that will be suitable for skating, basketball, and even general meetings. It will be one of the finest church school buildings in the east.

Six grades of work will be offered this year with seven, and possibly eight, next year. A system of buses is planned to take care of Decatur Heights, Hyattsville, and the Beltsville areas.

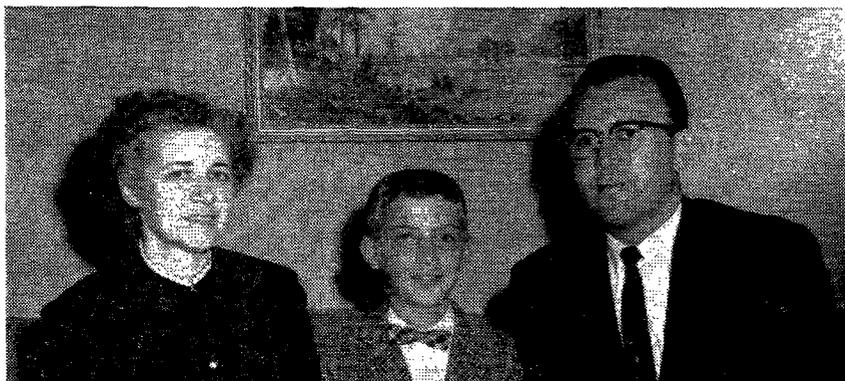
Music, Home Economics, and Woodworking are being planned. There will be adequate area for expansion in the future and excellent playground facilities can be provided.

The Beltsville School will be on Ammondale Rd. just off Gunpowder Rd. near its juncture with Powdermill Rd.

The Beltsville Church has been organized for some time but they decided that it was more important to build a church school than to build a church, so this fine building will be used for the church for a time also.

E. J. BARNES

Meet the West Virginia Conference President and Family



NEW PARKERSBURG RESIDENTS. Elder and Mrs. A. J. Patzer and son, Jere. The Patzers will move to West Virginia in early August.

Wedding

ON the evening of June 12 Kenneth Hopp and Joyce Wilson were united in marriage in the Takoma Park Church in Takoma Park, Md. The bride's parents and a large number of friends were present.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hopp are on the General Conference staff. Mr. Hopp is a legal adviser in the Treasury Department. Mrs. Hopp is Assistant Secretary in the Medical Department.

We pray God's rich blessing upon this well-trained young couple who have dedicated their talents to His service.

T. R. FLAIZ, M.D.



Message From New President For West Virginia

GREETINGS to Our Ministers and Members in West Virginia:

At the recent constituency meeting you, the members and ministers, extended an invitation for us to join the West Virginia Conference staff and we have accepted. It is with humbleness of heart and a sense of inadequacy that Mrs. Patzer, our son, Jere, and I come to join you in doing the duties for God in the "Mountain State."

The challenge of the task is tremendous and, humanly speaking, almost overwhelming, but within the framework of God's plan and thinking we know that success and victory is assured. "The most complete system that men have ever devised, apart from the power and wisdom of God, will prove a failure, while the

most unpromising methods will succeed when divinely appointed, and entered upon with humility and faith." We are especially pleased to know that you, our leaders and laymen in West Virginia, are anxious to march along together with one great, consuming desire—to finish the work.

Since July 13 it has been my privilege to meet with our members at the Hinton and Parkersburg regional meetings, to join the campers at our summer camp, and to spend some time at the conference office. Your warm and friendly hand-claps and kind words are greatly appreciated.

I am especially happy to report that as I have visited personally with some of the ministers I find them eager and ready for summer and early fall evangelism. May God bless mightily and crown their efforts with many precious souls.

We plan to move to our headquarters in Parkersburg during the early part of August to join the staff and to serve you. All phases of God's work shall receive the best of our judgment, time, and energy. You may feel free to write or approach me at any time to discuss matters concerning the onward progress of God's program.

As we join the team we come humbly, requesting your prayers, your support and your complete submissiveness to God's plan. Our earnest prayer is that God's power will be manifested mightily upon the efforts of His people now, in order to realize effective accomplishments through weak instrumentalities, and to hasten that grand and glorious day when Jesus will make His appearance.

Until that day, let us go forward with courage and be not forgetful of our complete dependence upon God. Remember—God is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Ephesians 3:20.

A. J. PATZER

President

Baptism Picture Bright

COMPLETE reports for the first six months of 1958 bring an unusually bright picture in the number of baptisms. The total stands at 151. This figure is nearly three times the number for the first six months of 1957. In all of 1957 twelve less people were baptized than in the first half of 1958.

Surely this indicates the blessing of God on the faithful efforts of ministers and members throughout West Pennsylvania. We wish to thank all who have had a part in making possible this excellent record.

We are most optimistic over the outlook for the coming months. Reports have already come in of substantial numbers baptized in July. The Detamore team has a good interest in Erie. Washington is preparing for the August Detamore meetings. We solicit your interest and prayers that "The Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

The report for the first six months of 1958 follows:

G. C. Creighton	7	G. Gainer	17
Huntingdon	2	Coudersport	11
Lewistown	3	Port Allegany	3
Lock Haven	2	Shinglehouse	3
J. Dobias	1	A. E. Neil	14
McKeesport	1	Corry	5
J. Reynolds	4	Lowville	3
Apollo	1	Warren	6
Greensburg	1	W. B. Quigley	19
Shannock Valley	2	Pittsburgh Shadyside	19
H. R. Veach	44	R. M. Spencer	15
Altoona	19	Erie	15
Everett	20	S. J. Steiner	12
Six Mile Run	5	Cloe	2
V. Zuchowski	18	Putneyville	10
Washington	18		

ANDREW J. ROBBINS

Happy Boys and Girls in Erie



Photo by Reed

ERIE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Erie and Lowville churches worked together in mid-June to operate an excellent Vacation Bible School project. Mrs. Elaine Ferry was in charge with an able group of assistants from both churches. The conference assigned F. W. Stephens to help in the mornings.

Report From Detamore Meetings at Erie, Pa.

At press time word was received from Erie, Pa. that a total of 75 decisions were made during the evangelistic meetings conducted by Elder F. W. Detamore and his group.

Elder A. J. Robbins, President of the West Pennsylvania Conference, also reports to the VISITOR office that 21 persons were baptized on Sabbath, July 19. More baptisms will follow in the next few weeks.

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OBITUARIES

GIFFORD, Ella Bertha, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., November 27, 1877, and died March 11, 1958. In 1948 she became a member of the Temple Seventh-day

Adventist Church, where she was a very active worker. Five nieces and many friends survive. She awaits the resurrection. Stephen Paully

LAWRENCE, Mary E., was born in Paterson, N. J., August 9, 1896, and fell asleep in Jesus at her home in Washington, D. C., June 23, 1958. She was united in marriage to Walter S. Lawrence January 25, 1919. To this union three children were born: Frederick, who with his wife and three sons lives in Silver Spring, Md.; William, of Lincoln, Neb.; and Ruth, of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Lawrence came into the message at an early age and has been a lifelong member of the Paterson, N. J. Church. Her husband, Walter S. Lawrence, passed away September 25, 1943. A year later Sister Lawrence moved to Washington, D. C. In 1948 Sister Lawrence became a trusted and honored worker in the Review and Herald Publishing Association and has been in their employ since that time. She leaves to mourn her passing three children, Fred L., William W., and Ruth H. Lawrence. Three grandchildren, Gary W., Alan F., and Glen D. Lawrence. One brother, Fred L. Hickling of Miami, Florida. She was faithful as a wife, as a mother, as a friend, and as a Christian. She sleeps in Jesus and awaits the call of the Life-giver at the first resurrection. Services were conducted in Washington, D. C. and Paterson, N. J. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder R. J. Christian in Washington and Elder Boston Raith in Paterson. Interment was at Laurel Grove Cemetery, Paterson, N. J. R. J. Christian

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Aug. 1	Aug. 8
Baltimore, Md.	7:19	7:11
Cincinnati, Ohio	7:50	7:42
Cleveland, Ohio	7:44	7:36
Columbus, Ohio	7:46	7:38
Jersey City, N. J.	7:11	7:03
Norfolk, Va.	7:12	7:05
Parkersburg, W. Va.	7:39	7:31
Philadelphia, Pa.	7:15	7:07
Pittsburgh, Pa.	7:35	7:27
Reading, Pa.	7:19	7:11
Richmond, Va.	7:18	7:11
Scranton, Pa.	7:20	7:12
Toledo, Ohio	7:52	7:43
Trenton, N. J.	7:13	7:05
Washington, D. C.	7:20	7:12

NOTE: Time given is Eastern Standard Time.

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Homecoming Guest

Lakewood Church Homecoming Attracts Large Crowd

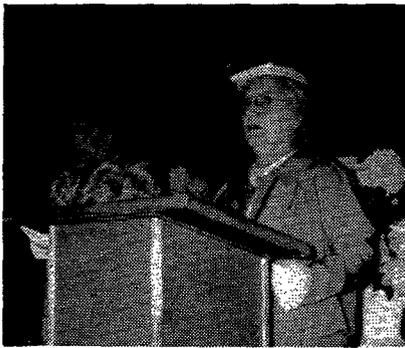
A HOMECOMING service in the Lakewood Church Sabbath, June 14, drew a capacity crowd of more than 300 former members and visitors.

Guest speaker for the eleven o'clock service was Elder Kenneth Wood, Associate Editor of the "Review and Herald" and former pastor (1945) of the Lakewood Church. The church has grown from 160 members in 1945 to 212.



SPEAKER. Elder K. H. Wood addressing the congregation during the eleven o'clock hour of the recent Lakewood Church "Homecoming" service.

Sabbath School Officers



LEADERS. Mrs. Anna Finke, left and Mrs. Edna Schenck, right, were the first Sabbath school officers of the Lakewood Sabbath school in 1934. The school opened with 94 members.

The Sabbath school service was conducted by Mrs. Edna Schenck, Superintendent, and Mrs. Anna Finke, Secretary. These two ladies were superintendent and secretary at the church's first Sabbath school which met in 1934 and was composed of 94 members. They gave \$14.78 in their first offering.

On the homecoming Sabbath the membership was doubled and the offering was more than tripled.

The mission story was given by a former Lakewood Sabbath school member, Elder Robert Darnell, recently returned missionary from Lebanon.

The church had been completely remodeled for the special event, even to new pews and carpeting.

The local pastor, Elder Thomas Ashlock, was assisted by a special committee of laymen in preparing for the feature event.

Ohio Churches Receive Organs

CLAUDE FOSTER of Cleveland, Ohio, a retired businessman, claims that all he has was given him by God, and he is trying to return his entrusted riches to the church. He is currently giving 700 electric organs to small rural church groups that are unable to afford such an investment.

Thus far four Seventh-day Adventist churches have received organs from Philanthropist Foster. The churches are Blooming Grove, Dresden, Hamlet, and Cleveland German.

The accompanying photo shows Mr. Foster giving Elder Ralph Hill of Cincinnati the papers for a new organ for the Hamlet Church.

Foster says that he has heard more good sermons in small churches than in the large, and that is one of his reasons for helping the small churches.

Donates Organ



GIFT. Claude Foster (left), Cleveland philanthropist, hands Elder Ralph Hill, Pastor of Cincinnati and Hamlet district, the papers for a new organ for the Hamlet Church. Foster is giving 700 organs to small churches that are not able to afford such an investment on their own.

Personal Profiles

Elder Donald A. Riesen

ELDER Donald A. Riesen is a native son of Ohio. Born a little over thirty-one years ago, he spent his early years in Worthington, Ohio, where he attended both church school and high school.



Donald A. Riesen

Later he attended Washington Missionary College, but his studies there were broken up by a "hitch" in the Army. It was while in the Army that a conviction that had been with him since childhood became the guiding desire of his life; that conviction was that he should be in the ministry. Prior to this time he had been majoring in music. Upon his return to college he found that he could no longer subdue the conviction that he should become a minister, so he switched from a Music Major to Theology. "I have never regretted the years I spent in the music curriculum for they have been a real asset in the ministry. I love evangelism but without music evangelism would not be complete."

On June 4, 1951, he married Mary Virginia Click, also a native of Ohio and an accomplished soloist. The Riesen's have two children, David, 4, and Sharon Kae, 1½.

Asked about his hobbies, he stated, "I like to work with wood, building, and refinishing, especially Early American. Of course music is my greatest pastime and has been since my earliest memory."

Elder Riesen is pastor of the Bellefontaine-Jackson Center-Piqua district.

Ohio State-wide Meeting Scheduled for August 23

THIS is the first announcement concerning a state-wide meeting in the Ohio Conference at Mount Vernon on Sabbath, August 23.

Detailed announcement concerning the speakers and the program of the day will be made in forthcoming issues of the VISITOR.

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