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Student Enrollment in Union Shows 665 Gain

STUDENT enrollment at all levels shows a gain of 665 over 1957 and a total of 6,920 from the official opening reports, according to Elder A. A. Robertson, Secretary of the Department of Education.

This is the highest enrollment in the history of the Union Conference. The largest gain is in the elementary level with 410 more students this year than last year, Elder Robertson said.

Confidence and trust in the church's educational program is indicated by this record-breaking enrollment, he explained. It also reflects the current upswing in the construction of new facilities for elementary and secondary-school students.

The complete story is told in the following statistics:

Elementary School				
Conference	1958-59 Enrollment	Gain	Loss	
Allegheny	762	72		
Chesapeake	639	5		
East Pa.	466	20		
New Jersey	397	136		
Ohio	855	66		
Potomac	1,407	90		
West Pa.	131 (Est.)	15 (Est.)		
West Virginia	168	19		
Totals	4,825	423		
Academies				
Blue Mountain	210	15		
Garden State	67	13		
Greater Baltimore	56	14		
Mount Aetna	40	4		
Mount Vernon	270	21		
Pine Forge	133		12	
Shenandoah Valley	295	111		
Takoma	226		10	
Totals	1,297	156		
College				
Washington Missionary	798	86		
Total Enrollment for Union		6,920		
Total Gain for Union		665		

Several things should be noted. The New Jersey Conference shows the largest increase in elementary enrollment. This is due to the very heavy promotional program and planning for schools by Elder D. K. Smith, Educational Superintendent, and the Conference administration.

By D. A. Roth

Public Relations Secretary, Columbia Union Conference

One of many plans adopted in New Jersey is a fleet of busses used to pick up students on regular routes. Note what this has done to the elementary enrollment!

On the secondary level new buildings at Shenandoah Valley Academy have given them the best increase of any of the academies. The new

girls' dormitory and the new dining hall is giving new life to our school in Virginia.

Washington Missionary College has a very nice increase of 86 for this year, with nearly 800 students enrolled.

This comprises a very bright picture for our Union Conference educational program. We look for the best year in Christian education during the 1958-59 school year.

Elder Charles Longacre Dies; Religious Liberty Champion

ELDER Charles S. Longacre, long-time resident of Takoma Park, Md., and former minister in several local conferences of the Columbia Union

Conference, died Thursday, October 23, at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, following an operation for the removal of a tumor.

Funeral services were held for the beloved minister on Monday, October 27, at the Takoma Park Church. Elder R. R. Figuhr, President of the General Conference, preached the sermon and Elders C. J. Coon, L. R. Mansell, J. A. Buckwalter, and V. D. Rees assisted in the service.

Elder Longacre was best known in the Columbia Union Conference and probably has visited all the major churches in all the local conferences. He was a native of Valley Forge, Pa., and began his ministerial work in the West Pennsylvania Conference.

He was an author, lecturer, educator, minister, and church administrator. For a number of years prior to his death he was pastor emeritus of the Takoma Park Church where he had served as pastor for several years. He was well known and highly respected in the city of Takoma Park.



Elder C. S. Longacre

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It Pays to Advertise

A most informative note appeared under this caption on page two of the first issue of *Listen* for 1958. We quote: "The liquor industry in 1956 spent \$65,837,000 for advertising in newspapers; \$35,462,937 in magazines; \$54,220,860 on radio and TV; \$32,109,430 on outdoor advertisements; and \$207,500,000 for 'point of purchase ads.'"

What an amazing advertising investment dedicated to the work of destroying American civilization! A total expenditure of almost \$400,000,000 utilizing every available promotional channel at its command to enhance the traffic in the souls of men. From every section of the nation the devastating aftermath of the liquor traffic presents a revolting picture of ruined lives, blighted homes, and horrible crimes of every type and description.

Seventh-day Adventists present the most prospective high light to the sorry, dismal picture of alcoholism that hangs like a death pall over the horizon of our national life. Our distinctive philosophy of total abstinence places us in a vantage position among the many groups of temperance reform. We accept the challenge gladly, not as propagandists and political agitators, but as moralists and educators.

Our distinctive position in this field has been admirably demonstrated in the periodical release over a period of 10 years of *Listen*—the finest, most colorful temperance journal in America. We recall the comments of one of America's most popular temperance advocates in another organization shortly after the release of the first issue suggesting that "with the presentation of this

journal Seventh-day Adventists have moved so far beyond our achievement that we will never catch up with them."

But here is where every church member fits into this challenging picture. *Listen* should go to every minister in every community; also to every public official in every village, town, city, county, and state. It should be provided for every home where boys and girls are growing into young manhood and womanhood. This is a gigantic task, but one that can easily be compassed with united effort.

WE SUGGEST: 1. *Invest* five dollars to send *Listen* for one year to five names and addresses of relatives and friends who you know are in need of its thrilling message.

2. *Participate* with your church and conference in an endeavor to reach thousands in the listings suggested in the preceding paragraph.

3. *Pray* for a mighty surge of the tide of education and reform that will arrest the menacing threat of alcoholism to the remotest borders of the nation.

Only one dollar per name while time remains with "Listen."

Adventist "Hams" Organize

MEMBERS of the amateur radio fraternity, popularly known as "hams," are a unique group brought together by participation in a hobby that demands mechanical knowledge, technical skill, and an interest in progress. They come from all walks of life; and almost without exception they have one attribute in common, a willingness to share their knowledge and to help the other fellow.

It is traditional that in times of disaster, when communications are disrupted just when they are most needed, the "hams" come to the rescue. At no expense to the public for either equipment or time they have served on countless occasions to bring relief and comfort to those in distress, their only pay a "thank you," and even this is not always given in the press of emergency.

Many of us have hoped for years to see the day when Seventh-day Adventist amateurs could have the opportunity to become mutually acquainted, and to organize for service as well as pleasure. Some years ago the *Youth's Instructor* took the first step in this direction, when they began the annual publication of a list of Seventh-day Adventist amateurs.

Now the Voice of Prophecy Amateur Radio Club has taken the initiative and, supported by other groups, has begun the publication of a small quarterly paper, which is dedicated to furthering the message over the air, tactfully, as opportunities are presented. To date there is a mailing list of over 550 names of licensed amateurs who receive this publication.

A pamphlet of interest to people of a scientific turn of mind has been prepared by Elder R. F. Cottrell, entitled "Dazzling Frontiers of Science." This is available on request, and on the back cover thereof is a place for enrollment in a Bible course sponsored by the Voice of Prophecy broadcast or by the Faith for Today TV telecast. Many have responded by enrolling in one or another course. At least one already has been baptized and is now a church deacon and a Sabbath school teacher.

WARN, standing for World Amateur Radio News, carries many items of interest from other lands. The forthcoming issue will present a letter from Floyd McCoy, who operates a radio station on Pitcairn Island, and whose picture appeared in the December, 1957, issue of the *National Geographic Magazine*. Technical articles are also included. For more information you are invited to write WARN, c/o the Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles 53, Calif.

J. H. SHULTZ, K6EKU



Fulton Missionary College In Need of Books

Fulton Missionary College, on the Island of Fiji, is in need of books. The following is an excerpt from a letter received from B. H. R. Townend, librarian of the school:

We have in our College here, 250 students in classes right from elementary through academy level to ministerial and teacher-training courses, so our need of books covers a wide range. We are particularly needing more children's and youth's story books (if published by our own publishing houses), Spirit of prophecy books, church and denominational history books, books on Mission experiences, Bible study and prophecy; also books on astronomy, and other sciences in connection with the Bible. In fact, any denominationally published books in reasonable condition are acceptable. For easier customs import facilities it proves better if the parcels of books are mailed addressed to "The Librarian, Fulton Missionary College, Private Bag, SUVA, Fiji, Pacific Ocean," and marked "Gift books only, No Commercial Value."

CONFERENCE NEWS

New Jersey

Picture Series to Begin on Elementary Schools

BEGINNING this week and continuing for a number of weeks, the VISITOR editorial office is working with the New Jersey Conference Department of Education in running a series of pictures of all the elementary schools in the "Garden State."

On this page you will find the faces of happy boys and girls who are attending one of our Christian schools. There are 10 such schools in New Jersey. Look for one every week.

Pride of New Jersey—Elementary-School Students

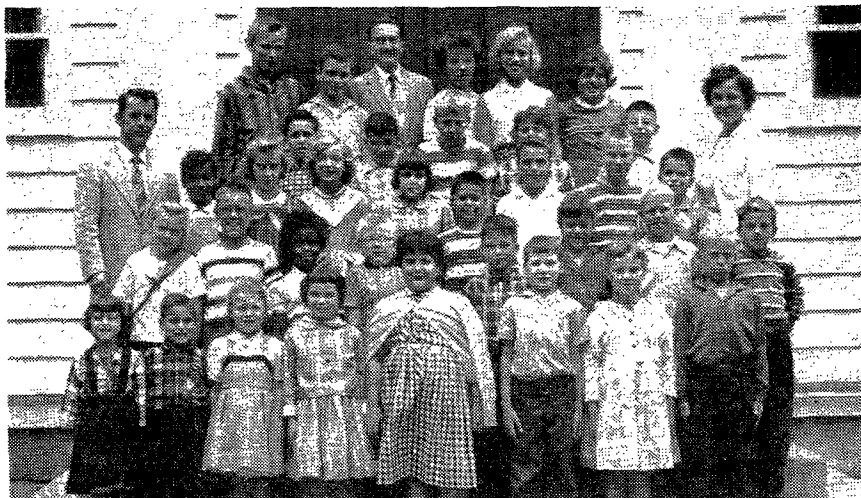


Photo by Toop

HACKENSACK CHILDREN. Here are the boys and girls who are attending the Hackensack, N. J., Church school. Standing at the right is Mrs. Nancy Gruesbeck, lower-grades teacher, and at the left is William Appleyard, upper-grades teacher. In the center (back row) is Elder D. K. Smith, Educational Secretary of the New Jersey Conference. This picture is indicative of the elementary-school progress in the New Jersey Conference.

Ingathering Victory

VICTORY banners were awarded to the churches in New Jersey, at camp meeting, for their outstanding achievements in the Ingathering. Pastors, church officers, and laymen rejoiced together in God's goodness that so signally blessed their efforts in the 1958 campaign. Again the New Jersey Conference leads the world with \$26.20 per capita.

While none would want to allow competition to be the motivation

back of our Ingathering, yet we are thankful to God for the good amount we have been able to gather. It all helps to fulfill God's plan.

The time has come for us to get our materials, equipment, and organization ready to do more ingathering than ever this autumn. Many conferences are raising their 1959 Ingathering during November and December of 1958. The General Con-

ference reports are due in November this year. They have also taken action that *all* conferences should raise the 1960 goal during the last months of 1959. Consequently, we should be adjusting ourselves to these ideas as soon as possible.

The fact remains that a number of



Photo by Roth

Pastors, church officers, and laymen praise God for "Ingathering Victory" at New Jersey camp meeting. Elders M. K. Eckenroth (center), with H. K. Halladay (on his left) and J. A. Toop (on his right) expressed appreciation to the faithful believers who keep New Jersey in first place.

Dorcas Welfare Federation Meetings

NORTH JERSEY

Newark Church

Sabbath, November 15, 3:00-9:00 P.M.

SOUTH JERSEY

Camden Church

Sunday, November 16, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER

Elder C. E. Cuenther
Associate Secretary, Home Missionary Department, General Conference

EVENTS

- Election of officers.
- Reports.
- Demonstrations.
- Movie.
- Discussion period.
- Plans.
- Our new duties.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

our churches in New Jersey find it easier to raise their Ingathering funds during the tourist season. This means that they have the funds in hand to report "victory" on January one. If there is an "easier way," why do it the hard way?

Experience has taught us that we receive more and larger gifts during Christmas week than during the first week of December. Therefore, we would do well to organize an "all out" type of Ingathering in our churches, making the crusade as short as possible, yet long enough to reach our objective. We want to use the best methods and the best time. We all want victory! We all want Jesus to come soon, and we all know we have a work to do. Let us "do it cheerfully as unto the Lord."

J. A. Toop



State-Wide Youth Rally Held In Mount Vernon

SABBATH, October 4, was a special day for Ohio youth. A one-day meeting was held in the Conference camp meeting pavilion. The day was packed full of interest and action.

Services began at 9:15 in the morning with a lively song service directed by Evangelist Ernest Roy of Cleveland. Sabbath school was directed by students and faculty of Mount Vernon Academy.

On the day's program were Elder F. A. Mote, a General Field Secretary of the General Conference, and Elder Edmund Peterson, recently



Photo by Reeder

Elder Edmund M. Peterson, recently elected secretary of the Columbia Union Conference MV Department, as he addressed an audience of 2500 or more at the October 4 Youth Rally.



Photo by Reeder

Elder F. A. Mote, General Field Secretary of the General Conference, addressing the Ohio State Youth Rally during the 11:00 o'clock service, Sabbath, October 4.

elected MV Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference.

A crowd estimated at 2,500 gathered early under beautiful autumn skies for the day's services and they stayed by until the final evening service when Elder F. A. Mote gave an interesting mission report of work in the South Sea Islands through color motion pictures.

C. J. A. "Campout"

TAKE 10 teen-age biology students, three teachers, the great out-of-doors, and a week end of camping, and mix them well. The result?—fun and a lot of learning! At least the students and teachers of Cleveland Junior Academy will tell you that that is the result.

The biology class of the school took part in a three-day week end biology campout, September 26-28, at the Pymatuning State Park of Ohio. The field school was directed by Clarence Dunbebin, principal of C. J. A., with Georgene Minesinger, lower-grades teacher at the school, and Stephen Chilson, lay naturalist in the Willoughby Church, sharing teaching assignments.

More than 100 nature objects and areas of study were found by the campers as they correlated their field study with at least 12 different subjects.

During an evaluation period following the campout the youthful biologists discovered that they had had learning experiences in such subjects as: Bible, art, English, biology, geology, mathematics, general business, home economics, and others.

The campers were housed in tents which they put up and maintained during the week end. Their food and meals were planned and cooked by themselves under the direction of the instructors. The meals were cooked over campfires and a camp stove.

High lights of the three days include: visits to a beaver dam and the Pennsylvania Waterfowl Museum; bird study; fossil collecting; art, using charcoal from campfires to sketch nature scenes; dissection of a mouse; microscope study; and other areas.

To provide a lasting reminder of the "learning while having fun" experience the students prepared illustrated reports summarizing the activities in which they participated.

The project was also recorded on a 10-minute color movie which is being completed by the biology class and its instructor.

The enthusiasm generated by the campout has become contagious and additional field trips are planned throughout the year to make the study of biology tempting and enjoyable.

CLARENCE DUNBEBIN

Temperance Membership Enrollment Campaign Launched At M.V.A.

"Put the Heat on the Liquor Traffic" was the slogan at Mount Vernon Academy, September 16, as Elder J. V. Scully, Associate Secretary of the International Temperance Society, Elder G. C. Dart, head of the Academy Bible department, and student officers of the school temperance society joined to launch the annual temperance society membership drive.

Student officers of the 1958-59 Academy temperance society are: Robert Conner of Wilmington, Ohio, president; Jo Ann Chilson, Mount Vernon, Ohio, secretary-treasurer; and Nancy Jackson, Hurn, Ohio, public relations secretary.

Elder Scully's definition of temperance was: "Leaving off those things which are harmful and destructive to the body and partaking of those things which build us up."

There was a spontaneous response from the student body to the appeal to become members of the temperance society and to sign the temperance pledge.

JO ANN CHILSON

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Personal Profiles

Richard P. Faber

RICHARD P. FABER, 27, recently appointed pastor of the Lima-Van Wert-Elgin-St. Marys district, is a native of Ohio. Faber attended both Mount Vernon Academy and Washington Missionary College and has been a worker in the Ohio Conference for the past three years.



He married Ida Besenyei of New Jersey in 1955. They have a daughter, Patricia Roxanne, aged two years. Another addition to

the family is expected momentarily.

He states that a sermon by Elder George Vandeman at the Philadelphia Youth's Congress and two Christian teachers that took a personal interest in him are the reasons for his being in the work today.

His hobbies include boating and any active sport.



Allegheny

Pine Forge Girls' Dormitory

How would you enjoy living and sleeping in a room with six to eight other people for nine months each year? Some of our Pine Forge Institute girls experience these conditions. We know that this is not good and that God is not pleased. We are therefore determined to change this situation and these conditions just as soon as you will help us. Your help and sacrifice is needed immediately. Every member



and every church is asked to reach the goal assigned.

Some will give more than others; however, we plead that no one will be satisfied until he or she has contributed at least 10 dollars. This will be to build a new girls' dormitory with 50 or more rooms. As soon as you and your church send in your goal, we are to get other money from the Columbia Union Conference; and your conference will also add its liberal part so we can get started with the building. Your pastor or elder

will give all necessary information.

We have a wonderful group of fine girls; and they are not only worthy of our consideration and help, but are pleading with us to provide a place where they can be comfortably and safely housed.

The victory date for this dormitory campaign is to be a great occasion. Your pastor and church will plan for victory with the full-goal report. We are praying for you and assure you that each of us will be working and sacrificing with you for a girls' dormitory, for it is greatly and urgently needed.

May the Lord bless you and roll this burden upon your heart, as we work and pray together.

WILLIAM L. CHEATHAM
Chairman of the Board, Pine Forge Institute
Pine Forge, Pa.

Literature Evangelist Spreads Message Despite Handicap

DELMAR DAVIS, handicapped but happy, attends the church regularly and responds in his own way to the message he loves.

He is a literature evangelist and scatters seeds of truth daily in Cleveland, Ohio.

His attendant, Walter Small, also associated with the literature ministry, has a story all his own. Stricken with a heart ailment, he was advised to quit his job because he had only a few months at best to live. He was not discouraged, but pledged to give himself fully to the Master if He would spare his life. It was at that time that he came in contact with Mr. Davis who wanted someone to wheel him around. An agreement

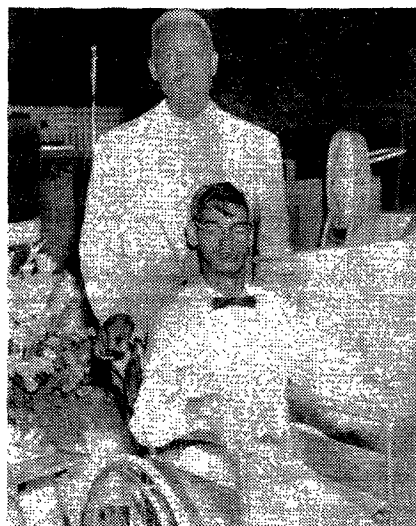


Photo by Pinkney
Delmar Davis (in wheel chair) with Walter S. Small, both of Cleveland, Ohio, attending the Allegheny camp meeting.

Notice

The Western States Federation of Youth Societies will meet in Camden, N. J., on Sabbath, November 8, 1958.

Guest Speaker—Elder Leon Cox of Newark, N. J.

Pastor Leon Trusty, President, Eastern States Youth Federation
Elder Milton Thomas, Host Pastor

was reached and the two became associated.

Delmar believes that Jesus is soon to come and he wants a place with Him in His kingdom.

A. V. PINKNEY
Public Relations Secretary,
Allegheny Conference



Ministers Meet to Plan Ingathering

THE district leaders of the West Pennsylvania Conference are planning to conduct a strong Ingathering program beginning November 15, with a view to finishing it by the year's end.

It was further voted at the October 6 workers' council to adopt a straight \$25 individual goal, as the Minuteman goal is within a few cents of that amount.

The objective of finishing the campaign by December 31 is not beyond reason, even though we are not starting as early as some conferences. Last year the major portion of our Minuteman goal was raised at that time, even though we did not begin until December 1. Our business solicitation can be done in November and right after Christmas.

It has been found that most businesses go along with us when we tell them we are changing over to the fall, as this is preferable to our contributors. The majority of our donations are small, and a "double-up" this one time has no great significance. Those friends who express preferences to wait can tell us accordingly and we call back again at the time they indicate.

It is a wonderful assurance to know that our district leaders, church officers, and members are solidly behind this great project which has come to mean so much to the onward advance of God's work both at home and abroad.

F. W. WERNICK

Number of Literature Evangelists in West Pennsylvania Increases

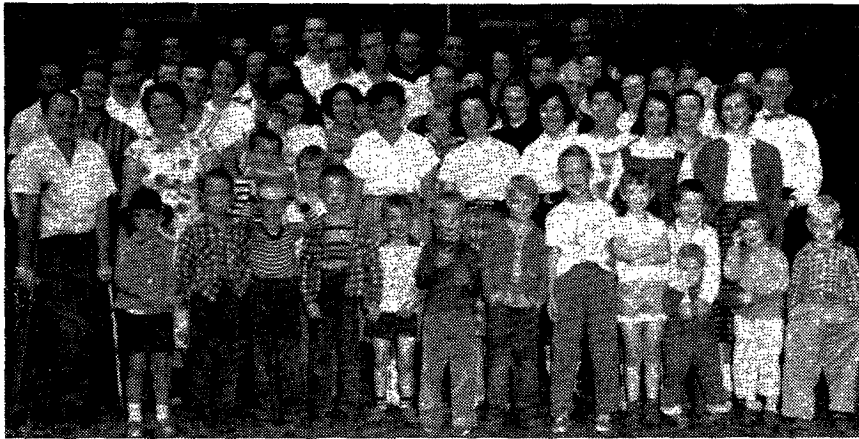


Photo by Reed

Literature evangelists and students of the West Pennsylvania Conference at the Laurel Lake summer rally. Two years ago only four of the people pictured were in the literature work. On the front row are some prospects for the future.—R. C. Thomas, Publishing Secretary

Chesapeake

Workers' Meeting Held At Dundalk

THURSDAY, October 9, was the date of the Chesapeake Conference workers' meeting held at the Dundalk Church.

Elder T. L. Oswald of the General Conference, Elder H. K. Halladay of the Columbia Union Conference, and Jeanne Revert, Editor of the French magazine, *Le Messenger*, Brookfield, Ill., were featured speakers at this meeting.

Elder Oswald presented *These Times* magazine as the missionary journal for our soul-winning endeavors. Thrilling experiences were related of conversions as the result of the use of *These Times* among friends and relatives.

Miss Revert very enthusiastically presented the possibilities of using foreign-language publications for missionary work for the foreign-speaking population in our communities. A great burden for these "strangers in our midst" should be shared by every member.

Plans for future work throughout the Conference were discussed. We have been greatly blessed in the work thus far and expect to see greater things in the future.

The ladies of the Dundalk Church provided the noon meal for the workers. The warm, generous hospitality of Dundalk was greatly appreciated and will not soon be forgotten.

A. M. KAROLYI
Home Missionary Secretary

Evangelism in Pocomoke City

FROM July 27 to August 17 a revival was conducted in this Eastern Shore town under the direction of Elder Robert Kirk, district pastor, and Chauncey Laubach, principal of the W. C. Moffett School. The meetings were held opposite City Hall in a renovated building formerly occupied by Pocomoke's only newspaper, the *Worcester Democrat*. The renovating was done by loyal church members and the evangelistic team.



A portion of those attending the closing night meeting of the Pocomoke City effort. Standing in the rear (left to right): W. Merritt, usher; R. L. Kirk, speaker; C. Laubach, music director.



Pocomoke City evangelistic team. Left to right: front row, C. Laubach, music director, R. L. Kirk, speaker; back row, quartet—Ralph Krum, David Lee, Bill Harris, Howard Ross.

The music was led by Mr. Laubach who was also the business manager for the meetings. Johnny Holland and Mrs. R. Kirk were the pianists.

Special music was furnished by the "Royal Ambassadors" quartet of the Salisbury Church. The members of the quartet are Howard Ross, Bill Harris, Ralph Krum, and David Lee. They were accompanied by Marilyn Lee at the piano. Mrs. Kirk played the marimba and there were vocal numbers by other church members and visitors.

Several motion pictures, including "Martin Luther" and "One in 20,000," were shown on Saturday nights.

Much of the success of the meetings was due to the work of faithful lay members. R. Matthews, elder of the Pocomoke Church, and Willard Merritt, the usher, helped by bringing someone almost every night. Flowers were supplied by members of the local church. Another faithful member was Ella Short, who distributed hundreds of pieces of literature.

During the entire series of nightly meetings the attendance remained constant. At the conclusion of the series, Elder Kirk made an appeal and a number indicated their determination to prepare for baptism. A baptismal class is now being formed by the pastor.

C. LAUBACH

Music Director

"At the Close of Every Year. . ."

THIS is part of a sentence found in the Spirit of prophecy that should evoke very particular concern. It contains important lessons for God's people in the last months of every year.

The full sentence reads, "At the close of every year all were required to make a solemn oath whether or not they had done according to the commandment of God" (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IV, p. 77).

Upon reading this statement the writer's attention was drawn to the context to discover the full sense of the lesson pointed out. It was referring to Israel's financial accountability to God, and several points seemed to stand out rather clearly. Possibly we may profit from them.

1. Freewill offerings made in faith and love bring earthly returns as well as heavenly.

2. Many were generous in their poverty who became penurious as God increased their means.

3. Many have little because they

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exercise little faith in their giving to God. Faith should increase as our means increase.

4. God required the firstfruits of cattle, crops, and possessions, in order to impress His people that everything they possessed belonged to Him. What do we know of *firstfruits*? Some even feel a tenth is too much for God.

5. The benevolence of the Jews "has not been equaled by Christians of any later date." This provokes thought, doesn't it? The writer thought that Adventists were the best givers of all time!

6. As freed slaves, with few earthly goods, "they gave willingly, not of a certain amount of their increase, but a large portion of their possessions." This was without urging. How pleasing to God!

7. "God marks and remembers every act of liberality on the part of His saints.

"There are high and holy objects that require means; and money thus invested will yield to the giver more elevated and permanent enjoyment than if it were expended in personal gratification, or selfishly hoarded for greed of gain."

"When God calls for our treasure, whatever the amount may be, the willing response makes the gift a consecrated offering to Him and lays up for the giver a treasure in Heaven. . . ."—*Id.*, Vol. IV, p. 79.

At the close of every year—yes, as 1958 draws toward its close, what a challenge to each of us to reflect back and see what good things the Lord has done for us. Then it will please God if we show our gratitude by dedicating a certain amount of our increase and our possessions, to apply to a specific project—child education, new school, church building, boarding academy, retirement home, temperance, religious liberty, foreign advance, to mention but a few—as "a consecrated offering to Him." Thus, in addition to your regular tenth, you honor God in your giving.

You will be glad you did!

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Student Group at New School in Chesapeake Conference

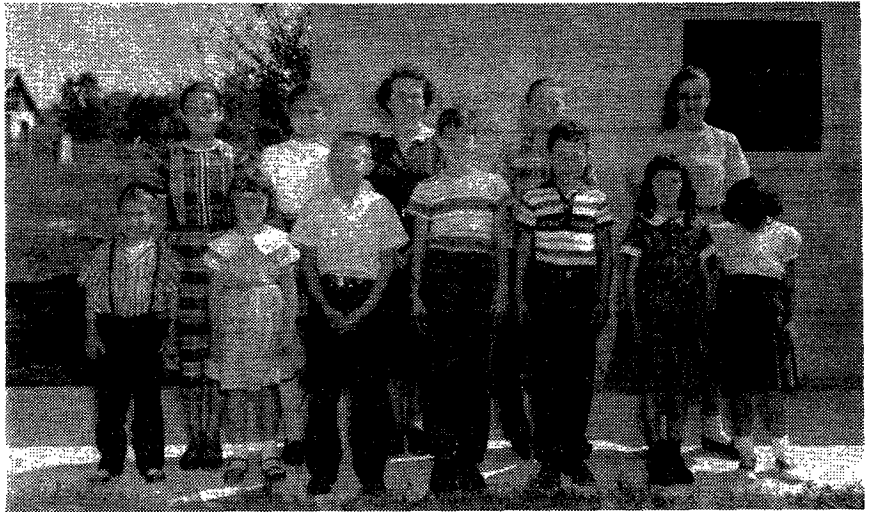


Photo by Tyson

Mrs. Louie Swenson, teacher at Waldorf, Md., with 11 of her 17 students.

Servicemen's Retreat Held

ON Sabbath, September 6, 1958, nearly 100 servicemen and wives, children, and friends gathered at the Glen Artney section of the Patapsco State Park near Baltimore, Md., for a delightful retreat.

The activities of the day were organized by Elder G. E. Taylor, then of the Columbia Union Conference, Elder E. J. Redding, and Mrs. Arthur White. It was the first occasion upon which Elder J. R. Nelson spoke to a servicemen's audience since he has been placed in charge of the War Service Commission of the General Conference.

The meetings were held outdoors under the great shade trees. It was a pleasure to have the Sabbath school lesson taught by Elder Lawrence Skinner. Also present to assist on the program were Elder Clark Smith, Assistant War Service Commission Secretary; Don Yost; Elder Arthur White; Elder Kenneth Wood; Elder Theodore Lucas; and others.

The servicemen present represented several military establishments, including Walter Reed Hospital and Fort Dietrich near Frederick, Md. Those present indicated that they

would like to see such a gathering held annually.

ROBERT A. TYSON

War Service Secretary,
Chesapeake Conference

New School in Waldorf

ON Sunday night, July 13, members and friends of the Waldorf Seventh-day Adventist Church met to discuss the growing problem of how to provide Christian education for their children.

Since their organization as a church in 1956, there has been steady growth to a membership of 49 with 30 children present for Sabbath school. It was the desire of the parents to begin a church school, yet, humanly speaking, it seemed impossible. During the summer months the children's division had so expanded that it became necessary to meet in tents for Sabbath school. All present realized that different facilities must soon be provided for these Sabbath services. The church was buying the land and a small building where they had met for the past two years.



Group of servicemen and their families and guests who attended the servicemen's retreat near Baltimore, Md., September 6.

Nevertheless, confident that God would open a way, the group dismissed that evening determined to work, plan, and pray. One week before school was to open their faith was rewarded. The local Methodist church offered its buildings for the Adventist Sabbath services. This made the Adventist building available for a temporary school room. Mrs. John Swenson, an experienced elementary teacher and a graduate nurse, agreed to teach the new school.

Enthusiasm was great in the final days as members gathered to prepare the former chapel for the opening day of school. The sound of hammers and of electric sanders could be heard late into the hours of the night as final preparations were made.

Today 17 boys and girls are attending this modern school of the prophets. Another school has been added to the chain of some 13 elementary schools throughout the Chesapeake Conference.

Five acres of rolling grassland are being purchased where the permanent Waldorf school will be built for the fall term of 1959. The day of miracles is not past. God still hears and answers prayer.

GALE L. GABBERT
Pastor, Patuxent-Waldorf District

Potomac

Sligo Pathfinders in Fall "Campout" at Mt. Aetna

SLIGO Church Pathfinders, under the leadership of Elder Lawrence Maxwell, started the new season with a fall "campout" at Mt. Aetna on the week end of October 10-12. Sixty children loaded themselves and gear

into cars at Takoma Academy for the long-anticipated trip on Friday afternoon and before sunset they were settled with their counselors in the rustic cabins.

The MV program on Friday night included Bible charades and a talk on Africa, with colored slides, by a missionary. On Sabbath, following the Sabbath school and sermon especially for youth was delivered by Elder E. R. Walde of the General Conference Radio-TV Department. There were two Sabbath-afternoon hikes, one for the "rugged type," who took off across country, blazing their own trail; and the other, following the regular trail to Black Rock; an evening of games around the fireplace after supper on Saturday night; Olympic sports contests; and a ball game outdoors on Sunday morning. All this, besides the hearty meals, the invigorating crisp mountain air, and the autumn beauty of clear, blue, sunlit skies and gold and crimson foliage, made it a never-to-be-forgotten week end.

As the Pathfinders climbed reluctantly into their cars for the trip back to Washington, they were glad that this was the beginning of an active Pathfinder season, and not the end of the pleasant associations that Pathfinder activities bring each year.

RUTH STANDRIDGE

Progress Reported at Roanoke

THE work here in Roanoke is moving along, with some progress being noted. Last Sunday night we had one of the largest attendances in recent years at our first Home and School Association meeting of the year.

The Sabbath school experienced quite an "overhauling" last Sabbath. For some time the nursery, kindergarten, and cradle roll had been

meeting together in one department. These different age groups were divided into separate departments. A supervised cradle roll also will be maintained during church service.

The adult division has been meeting as one large class in the sanctuary each Sabbath. We have changed back to small classes and most everyone likes it much better this way.

The Dorcas Health and Welfare Society is moving into their new home this month next door to the church. They plan to carry on a stronger work in behalf of the poor and needy.

The church has been painted outside and downstairs. The Newcastle Church has been painted inside with volunteer labor.

The adult choir is being organized next week. The junior choir will be organized soon. The Shepherd's Council is being formed to carry the message by lay teams into all sections of our district.

Our church school has one of the largest enrollments in recent years—some 38 students from grades one through eight. Several improvements have been made around the school; a new flag pole installed; new school sign made; school bus lettered; school patrol organized in our school by the city police; and the City Visiting Nurse Service extended to our school. This is a great blessing to our children as well as the parents.

Our challenge is the erection of a much-needed educational building, building up the membership in Newcastle so that a new church could be organized in the nice church building the Conference has in that county seat. If some self-supporting family or a sustentation family could come and live in that community it would be a great blessing.

Roanoke with its 175,000 people presents a daily challenge. We take courage from the thought that says: "Not by power nor by might but by My Spirit, saith the Lord."

O. A. CANADA

They Did It With "Life And Health"

WE should like for you to know how two fine young men spent the past summer. You will notice the pictures of Donny Wood and Jimmy Capman, aged 14, from Takoma Park, Md. The parents of both these young men work at the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

Jimmy and Donny, like many other Christian young people, desired to attend the Shenandoah Valley



Sligo Pathfinders are off for a new season. This group of girls in a race, a part of the Olympic sports contests at the Mt. Aetna fall "campout," may typify the spirit of Pathfinders at the beginning of a new school year.



Jimmy Capman



Donny Wood

Academy this year and wished to earn a scholarship, thus also helping to scatter the printed page that their own parents were helping to produce.

They both met the 350-hour requirement and were successful in earning their scholarships. Now they are away in school and working hard to prepare for a place in God's vineyard of service.

I am sure our own Conference President, Elder H. J. Capman, and Mrs. Capman can rightfully be grateful for their grandson, Jimmy, for I am sure Elder Capman recalls the five summers he spent in working as a student literature evangelist, helping to defray his school expenses.

Now how did Donny Wood and Jimmy Capman succeed in earning a scholarship with only a 35-cent unit of sale? First of all, they had an objective. They had a daily and weekly goal and were willing to work hard to reach it. Like other young people, when the going was hard or the sun was bearing down, they met the temptation to take it easy, but, thanks to the Lord and their training, they did not yield to the temptation.

Their work day consisted of the afternoon and evening until 9:30 P.M. Many of their customers shared the privilege of seeing the school these young men are attending, as they carried the catalogue, and many times it would help to make the sale. Truly, Jimmy and Donny, while at school this winter can have a great deal of satisfaction of knowing they helped to shed abroad an influence that can be instrumental in winning souls for heaven.

There are hundreds of young people here in the Potomac Conference and Columbia Union Conference who can enjoy a similar experience. If we can be of any assistance or offer any suggestions, do let us hear from you.

I. W. YOUNG

Vacation Bible School at South Richmond

VACATION Bible school was not a new adventure for the South Rich-

mond Seventh-day Adventist Church this year. The experience gained from last year's schools and the Vacation Bible school workshop conducted several weeks earlier by Elder Harris of the General Conference combined to make our school a most thrilling experience.

Plans were well laid months ahead. The teachers were selected and supplies were ordered so that everything was in readiness when the opening date arrived.

The Sabbath afternoon preceding the opening of the school the whole area within a half-mile of the church as well as several sections were covered with attractive handbills. Monday morning at 9:00 found the first day of registration an active one with well over 100 children enrolled. As the school progressed the total enrollment increased. There was a slight decrease the second week because of the opening of several camps in the area. More than 70 per cent of the children attending were from non-Adventist homes.

The willing hands and loving hearts of more than 35 leaders, teachers, and associates were active in the program. We have an excellent committee responsible for the follow-up work.

The South Richmond Church considers the vacation Bible school one of the most important missionary activities of the church. The entire membership takes an active interest in the school. It is our earnest desire that we shall see many souls in the kingdom as a result of the vacation Bible school held this summer.

ANNA MAE MARACLE

Vacation Bible School Director



Tragedy Strikes at Blue Mountain Academy

TRAGEDY struck at Blue Mountain Academy shortly after noon on Friday, October 24. A devastating fire completely destroyed the main dairy barn and claimed the loss of one life. The cause of the fire was an explosion in the farm machine repair shop attached to the barn. In a matter of seconds the shop was a blazing inferno and the fire swept beyond control.

The Hamburg fire company fought valiantly but in vain to save the structure. All that members of the school family could do was in vain. A falling stone wall resulted in the death of Terry Stairs, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Carl Stairs of Myersdale, Pa. The deep and sincere sympathy of the entire constituency is extended to the bereaved family.

Our loss is great. Greatest, of course, is the loss of life. Material structures can be repaired and restored—not so where human life is involved. Loved ones and friends will find it difficult to explain or understand. It will be best for us all just to trust the heart of Him whose love is unfailing and to claim from Him the fulfillment of His promise: "For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Materially, we lost our largest and best-equipped barn, most of our precious hay crop, tools, etc. Fortunately, the cattle and calves in the barn were saved. Insurance covered the building and contents. The cost of replacing the barn will exceed greatly the insurance received. The barn which was destroyed was the center of the dairy industry. Its capacity had just been increased so that the entire milk herd could be accommodated in the one place, thereby necessitating the employment of only one herdsman. Restoring this structure appears a necessity. An emergency board meeting was called for October 30 to make decisions regarding the future.

The members of the East Pennsylvania Conference are invited to share generously in meeting the cost of rebuilding. Special emergency contributions are earnestly solicited. These may be sent to the Conference office especially marked. Churches will receive full credit.

More complete details of the tragic experience will be available later. We invite the prayers of all that recovery from this experience may be speedy and that the lessons the experience holds for all of us may be fully learned.

T. E. UNRUH

Evangelism at Wilkes-Barre

Evangelism again was the keynote of northern Pennsylvania from September 7 to 27. The beautiful Irem Temple at Wilkes-Barre was the scene of nightly services conducted by Elder B. P. Gernet.

Coming in from nearby districts to bolster the program was Elder G. W. Renton, who served as treasurer and music director; Elder J. A. Kroncke, who aided as campaign manager and public relations director; Mrs. Jessie Curtis, who functioned throughout the series as Bi-

ble instructor and is now busily following through with many new interests. Elder Ben Glanzer of Lancaster appeared as guest singer for two of the early sessions. Mrs. Gernet served nightly at the bookstand. Ushering, organists, and the care of black-light equipment were arranged by the local church.

The services continued at the Irem Temple for two weeks and then shifted to the Wilkes-Barre Church for the final week, ending September 27 with a full church and the finest attendance of the campaign.

A list of more than 50 non-Adventist names is now being followed up with organized visits by the local workers. Several individuals, already have taken a stand for the church. It is prayerfully felt that the Wilkes-Barre Church will receive both spiritual blessing and increased membership as a final result of the crusade.

J. A. KRONCKE

Spot News

- **ELDER** Ralph Watts, General Field Secretary of the General Conference, recently visited the Williamsport and Blue Mountain Academy Churches in the interest of missions.

- The majority of the East Pennsylvania Conference ministers are entering into a fall program of evangelism. Many church revivals and efforts are being held in the months of October and November.

- In a recent survey of the Conference it was noted that the Faith for Today telecast and the Voice of Prophecy radio program blanket practically the entire East Pennsylvania Conference.

- Young men who are eligible to be drafted should contact the War Service Department of the East Pennsylvania Conference for assistance in obtaining their proper classification and church supplies while serving their term. The address is: 720 Museum Road, Reading, Pa.

- Pastors B. P. Gernet, J. A. Kroncke, and G. W. Renton have formed a district evangelistic team in the city of Wilkes-Barre. They report a good interest in the message. Meetings have been held in the Irem Temple and in the Wilkes-Barre Seventh-day Adventist Church.

- Elder T. E. Unruh, our Conference President, conducted the Week of Prayer at Emmanuel Missionary College, October 5-11.

- Many East Pennsylvania Conference churches are making necessary repairs and improvements to church property before the long and

hard winter months begin. The Conference is anxious that every Seventh-day Adventist congregation should be represented by a well-kept neat and orderly church building.

- The pastors of the East Pennsylvania Conference are rallying to a ministerial visitation program. Hundreds of copies of *Questions on Doctrines*, a book to help others understand the true position of Seventh-day Adventists, are being personally distributed by Adventist ministers to ministers of other faiths.

West Virginia

Four-Year Educational Expansion Program Approved For West Virginia

A FOUR-YEAR educational expansion plan for the West Virginia Conference was approved recently at the annual workers' meeting at Parkersburg.

Consideration to the crying educational needs in the "Mountain State" was one of the key items under discussion at the council attended by ministers, teachers, doctors, nurses, and literature evangelists. Recent surveys taken throughout the Conference indicate that a concrete program of educational expansion is a vital need in this conference.

The program included many items:

- Encouraging members to put forth every effort to place children in our own church schools.

- Study by church and school

This is a work of great importance in laying a groundwork or maintaining good will and correct understanding in the community.

- The new public relations book, *File on Adventist Information*, is receiving wide acceptance. A copy has been placed in the hands of influential people connected with all major newspapers and television stations covering the East Pennsylvania Conference. Local churches are providing the book to other local community personnel.

boards to improve facilities of existing schools.

- Establishment of new schools in every place where there are at least six children.

- Aggressive and far-reaching plans to establish new schools in certain key places in the Conference, and also plans for 10-grade schools in certain areas where schools now exist.

- The establishment of a two-percent Conference Educational Expansion Fund to be administered by the Conference Educational Committee.

- Attendance at denominational secondary schools and colleges to be encouraged, with special emphasis on the teaching profession.

- Planning for sound financial budgets for every school, enabling churches to meet all obligations in time.

- Continued cooperation with the Conference Department of Education and the school boards in encouraging the Christian education of our youth.

With this new program now underway it is felt that a new day is



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TEACHERS MEET. Teachers and school leaders who participated in the educational section of the annual West Virginia workers' meeting at Parkersburg. Left to right: front row—Elder E. A. Robertson, Ethel Johnson, and Elder D. M. Ingersoll; second row—W. H. Baker, Beckley; Mrs. Marie Bee, Parkersburg; Mrs. Irma Mowry, Huntington; Mrs. Nora Robbins, Wheeling; Mrs. Marcelene Sapp, Buckhannon; Mrs. Clo Robertson, Charleston; Mrs. J. F. Harold, Charleston; and J. F. Harold, Charleston. Third row—Mark Dickinson, Parkersburg; A. V. Sparks, Parkersburg. Not in picture: Mrs. Pearl Scott, Beckley, and Mrs. Garnet Megale, Wheeling.

ahead for the educational work of this conference. One of the most important projects we can undertake is the Christian education of our boys and girls and our young people.

Details of these new plans for educational expansion will be announced and explained by the Conference officers and the district leaders. We earnestly ask the prayers of all our people for this special project.

Stockholders' Report

WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE

Promotional Faculty Trips to Academies Scheduled

SIXTEEN departments and their staffs have inaugurated a student-centered promotional program for Columbia Union Conference academy youth, President William H. Shephard has announced.

In the year-long program each academy of the Union Conference will be visited by one department each month where a chapel appearance will be made. Individual interviews will follow in the second semester for prospective College enrollees.

Through these endeavors it is hoped that youth of the W.M.C. area will become better acquainted with fields of vocation and continue planning a life of service.

The following departments will visit academies in November:

November 10, Theology Department, Baltimore Academy.
November 10, Speech Department, Mount Vernon Academy.
November 12, Nursing Department, Mt. Aetna Academy.
November 17, Chemistry Department, Takoma Academy.
November 19, Students' Association, Blue Mountain Academy.
November 20, Mod. Languages Department, Shenandoah Valley Academy.
November 26, Music Department, Garden State Academy.

SUNSET CALENDAR

Nov. 7 Nov. 14

Baltimore, Md.	4:58	4:52
Cincinnati, Ohio	5:31	5:25
Cleveland, Ohio	5:15	5:09
Columbus, Ohio	5:23	5:17
Jersey City, N. J.	4:46	4:40
Norfolk, Va.	5:02	4:46
Parkersburg, W. Va.	5:19	5:13
Philadelphia, Pa.	4:52	4:46
Pittsburgh, Pa.	5:10	5:04
Reading, Pa.	4:54	4:48
Richmond, Va.	5:06	5:00
Seranton, Pa.	4:51	4:45
Toledo, Ohio	5:22	5:15
Trenton, N. J.	4:50	4:44
Washington, D. C.	5:01	4:55

Elder C. S. Longacre Dies . . .

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For 30 years he served as Secretary of the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference. He was also very active in temperance work for the denomination.

The author of many books on religious freedom, he wrote "Freedom, Civil and Religious," "Church and Politics," "Religious Liberty and Civil Government," and "Roger Williams—His Life and Work."

Elder Longacre was a three-time winner of the Freedom Foundation Award for his papers on religious freedom. He also was cited recently by Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State for "distinguished service in the cause of religious liberty."

He organized new churches during his pastoral years in Greensburg, Uniontown, Erie, and Connellsville, Pa. For several years he served as pastor of the large Pittsburgh, Pa., Church. He also held many evangelistic meetings in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and other states.

For a number of years he served as a faculty member and later as President of Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass. He also served on the faculty of Washington Missionary College.

Temperance was a favorite topic for him. He was a leader in this within and outside the denomination. At one time he presided at the National Temperance convention in Atlantic City, N. J. He was active in many "dry" campaigns and gave hundreds of temperance lectures.

His death came during the annual Fall Council of the General Conference. Many of the delegates attended the funeral services which came near the close of the council.

He leaves to mourn his widow, Florence; a daughter, Mrs. H. B. Hannum, of Arlington, Calif., and two grandchildren. In addition he has hundreds, yes, thousands, of friends around the world. His name will ever be revered and respected. He will always be known as the "Champion of Religious Liberty" and a friend to all.

D. A. ROTH

OBITUARIES

ADAMS, Levi, was born June 2, 1876, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Swartz, August 29, 1958. He was one of the charter members of the Carlisle, Pa., Church, having been baptized into the third angel's message in 1910. Surviving are his wife, Daisy; and two daughters, Mrs. Charles Swartz and Mrs. Luther Leshner. Pastors G. W. Morgan and H. E. Robinson officiated at the funeral services.

H. E. Robinson

Correction

In the October 23 issue an article appeared on page 2, entitled "New Church Furniture Firm Starts in West Pennsylvania." In the last paragraph of this article a wrong address appears. The post office should be Wattsburg, Pa., rather than Lowville, Pa.

The article concerned an appeal for workmen for a new furniture factory starting in this northwestern Pennsylvania town. It is located at Lowville but there is no post office in this place, but all mail does come to Wattsburg, Pa. We are sorry for this error.

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Evangelism Strengthens West Virginia Church

WHEREVER active evangelism is staged and souls are won to Christ the church receives new strength and power.

New members are brought into the fold. Older members receive new life when they see new people coming to church. There is a new spirit in the congregation. Yes, active evangelism pays in many ways.

I received on my desk recently a very fine report of evangelism which one pastor in the West Virginia Conference was able to do in the way of helping the church. The following is from Elder William Woodruff, pastor of the Beckley Church:

"God has given the challenge to each Seventh-day Adventist church to spread the gospel message and warn people everywhere to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

"The Beckley, W. Va., pastor and church members have taken the gospel commission to heart and are doing all they can to further the work of God.

"Last spring Richard Shepard and the writer joined together in holding a three-month series of meetings in the Beckley Memorial Building. In spite of bad weather, God blessed these meetings. Seventeen persons have been baptized thus far.

"In August the writer joined with Wesley Baker in a three-week intensive campaign in Crab Orchard which is in the outskirts of Beckley. They are now 'binding off' the interest of this short series and prospects indicate good results.

"Does evangelism pay? Ask the members of the Beckley Church. In the past year church attendance has doubled. They now have an active membership of 86 and are looking forward to reaching the 100 mark before long. The church building, with a seating capacity of a little over 100, is 'bursting at the seams.' The church school, which last year had

By L. E. Lenheim

President, Columbia Union Conference

nine students, has 30 students this year.

"Let us share with you some of the plans of this active church for the fall months. Two laymen have gone into part-time literature evangelistic work. In the first two weeks they alone have enrolled more than 75 people in the Bible course in addition to placing Adventist literature in homes.

"A newly organized Pathfinder Club is providing activity for the young people. The club was organized September 7, with a Sunday-morning 'cook-out.' Twenty Pathfinder-age young people have joined the club, and plans are to invite other young people in the neighborhood of the church to join, with hopes of bringing the message to them.

"Plans are being laid for one or possibly two branch Sabbath schools, sponsored by the Beckley Sabbath school. Follow-up work and Bible are on the agenda of many.

"God's work is going forward and

will soon be finished. Pray for the Beckley, W. Va., Church as the members continue to let their light shine and tell others about the soon coming of the Lord."



Evangelism Advances

- CAPACITY crowds continue to attend the Detamore evangelistic meetings in the Sligo Church, Takoma Park, Md.

- A Union-wide Evangelistic Council will be held in the spring of 1959. Watch this page for a special announcement within the next three weeks.

- Elder M. K. Eckenroth, President of the New Jersey Conference, reports excellent interest at his evangelistic meetings at Morristown, N. J. A full report will appear in two weeks.

- Follow-up work continues in the Allegheny Conference as the result of a series of tent meetings conducted by pastors this past summer. Allegheny now has passed its goal of 1,000 baptisms for this year.



Photo by Kinsey

NEW MEMBERS. Some of the new members of the Beckley Church and their families. Included in this picture are Mr. and Mrs. Terry Priddy, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ratcliff, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ratcliff who with their 17 children (not all in picture) are now faithful workers in the church. Three other adults who were baptized are not in this picture. Elder and Mrs. W. L. Woodruff are standing at the right in the back row.