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Elder Arthur Kiesz Elected

New President in East Pennsylvania

A NEW president has been elected for the East Pennsylvania Conference. He is Elder Arthur Kiesz, a veteran pastor, evangelist, and administrator who has had 26 years of experience in church work.

Elder Kiesz made his first official trip to the field last week and it is expected that he will take up his new work early in January.

The new President takes the place of Elder T. Edgar Unruh, President for the past 12 years. Elder Unruh has been elected the new president of the Indiana Conference in the Lake Union Conference, a territory in which he served previously before coming to the East Pennsylvania Conference. We wish him the abundant blessing of the Lord as he takes up his work in his new field of labor.

Selection of a new President was made by the Executive Committee of the East Pennsylvania Conference on Monday, November 30.

A native of Eureka, S. D., Elder Kiesz attended elementary schools in his home state. He is a graduate of Plainview Academy, Plainview, S. D., and Broadview College, Chicago, Ill. He has also taken advanced work at Potomac University.

He began his work for the denomination in 1933 at Oakland, Calif., where he assisted in evangelistic work for the Northern California Conference. He then entered full-time evangelistic work for three and one-half years in Montana and later in the state of Washington.

In 1938 he went to New York City where he became pastor of the Brooklyn German Church, a post he held for three years. He then transferred to Shattuck, Okla., where he served another two and one-half

By L. E. Lenheim

President, Columbia Union Conference



Elder Arthur Kiesz

years before moving on to Fort Worth, Texas, where he was a pastor for four and a half years.

His next assignment was at Indianapolis, Ind., where he served as pastor of a large church for three and one-half years before going on to Milwaukee, Wis., in 1951.

In 1954 he was asked to return to Indianapolis and become President of the Indiana Conference, a post he held at the time of his election to the presidency of the East Pennsylvania Conference.

He was ordained to the gospel ministry in Montana in 1936. Elder and Mrs. Kiesz have three children, Redoy, 24; Leslie, 23; and Larry, 14. Mrs. Kiesz is the former Martha Dollinger.

In his new post Elder Kiesz will

become chairman of the Board of Trustees of Blue Mountain Academy; chairman of the Executive Committee of the East Pennsylvania Conference; member of the Board of Trustees of Washington Missionary College; and a member of the Executive Committee of the Columbia Union Conference. A hearty welcome to the Kiesz family.

Ingathering Progress Report; Ohio District Plans Program

I AM sure that the churches in the Columbia Union Conference will be very much interested in reading about the work that is being done in our Ingathering program by the Akron and Barberton Churches in the Ohio Conference.

Both of them planned a program and it worked. They planned a supper to which all the church members were invited and also the leaders of our Ingathering program. At this supper the Ingathering campaign was launched and they had a check sheet with a list of days on which the individuals could check the days or the nights that they would be willing to spend at Ingathering time. These in turn were given to the leaders and they called each day to see if that individual would meet his appointment as promised.

Both of these churches have fared well as the result of this work and we believe it is an incentive to other churches in the Columbia Union Conference to do likewise. This program was called the "surprise party." I believe that programs like this do help.

H. K. HALLADAY

Winner in Union-wide A.T.S. Oratorical Contest

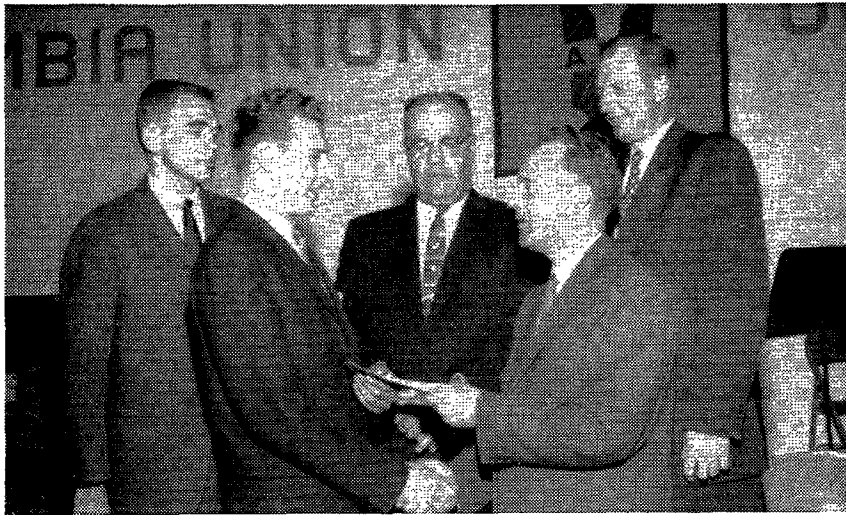


Photo by Morgan

TAKOMA ACADEMY TAKES PLAQUE. Ronald Vandeman (left) is congratulated by Elder E. M. Peterson after taking top honors at the close of the eighth annual Temperance Oratorical Contest held in the gymnasium of Washington Missionary College on December 5. The winner represented Takoma Academy and brought to the school its second consecutive plaque. Others in the photo are (left to right): Richard Fenn, A.T.S. sponsor for the Academy; Dr. J. P. Lawrence, Principal; and Elder E. F. Sherrill, Temperance and MV Secretary of the Potomac Conference. A complete story with pictures will be printed in the "Visitor" next week.

Go East!

Go East, young man, young woman; go East in the summer of 1960. Retrace the trail of a thousand campfires of those who followed Horace Greeley's famous advice, "Go West." Come to the North American Youth Congress in Atlantic City, June 21-25.



Go East! Go prepared to fellowship with thousands of other Adventist youth at this great "Festival of the Holy Scriptures."

Everything has been chosen with one great purpose in mind: a deeper consecration for Adventist youth today. The speakers, whose love for God you will feel, were chosen for this purpose. The theme was chosen for this purpose. Every topic to be presented was chosen for this purpose. Go to the North American Youth Congress.

One hundred years ago the people of the advent hope chose as their name, "Seventh-day Adventist." Who were these people? Where did they live? After the youth congress go on one of the guided tours through the country of our forbears and see for yourself. These were young men and women who knew their Bibles and had the courage to believe God and to act on His Word. Spend a few days in their country getting acquainted with their story. Then live today as they lived in their

day with a firm determination for principle. Go to the North American Youth Congress.

There will be many official delegates going from each conference. These will participate in a transportation pool to assure representation from every corner of the North American field. But even if you are not an official delegate you will want to go to the youth congress. You will not want to miss it if there is any way possible for you to attend. Get

the details now from your conference MV Secretary and go to the North American Youth Congress.

CLARK SMITH

Associate Secretary, General
Conference MV Department

Tax Exemption Provides Great Opportunity for Philanthropy

WHEN the president of Abilities, Inc., Henry Viscardi, Jr., started to thank the donor of a \$100,000 lot, the latter, according to the *Reader's Digest*, November issue, pages 191 and 192, replied, "Don't thank me, thank the men who wrote the tax laws."

Abilities, Inc., and its affiliate, the Human Resources Corporation, are non-profit organizations, dedicated to solving the problem of the employment of thousands of seriously physically handicapped persons. The donor was therefore entitled to write off 30 per cent of his taxable income under the well-considered regulations of our government, possibly the larger portion of his gift.

Nor is that all. The capital gains tax which the donor would have paid did not apply when the land was given to this benevolent organization. And the deduction of the 30 per cent from the taxable income materially lowered the tax rate on the entire taxable income.

Many people do not realize that there is a wise purpose on the part of our government in providing

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Columbia Union Conference Ingathering Report

Week Ending December 5, 1959

	Total Reported to Date	PER CAPITA STANDING					Per Capita to Date
		\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	
Allegheny	\$ 19,952.42	████					2.48
Chesapeake	17,423.77	██████					5.55
East Pa.	44,689.42	██████████	██████				10.07
New Jersey	24,902.64	██████████	██████				8.63
Ohio	38,815.95	██████████	██████				5.04
Potomac	67,238.94	██████████	██████				7.09
West Pa.	19,337.16	██████	██████				8.42
West Virginia	13,087.63	██████	██████				7.93
Union	\$245,447.93	██████████	██████				6.19

Encouraging Ingathering Picture

Last week's total was nearly three times what it was a year ago for the same date. Individuals, churches, and districts are exceeding the Silver Vanguard award of \$25 per capita.

East Pennsylvania plunges ahead at the start with the highest per-capita total. Elder A. F. Ruf of the East Pennsylvania Conference deserves the applause of the Columbia Union Conference. His district exceeded the Silver Vanguard objective in the first week. More than a dozen churches have reached this objective, too.

Keep an eye on the graph each week and you will be up to date on the Columbia Union Conference Ingathering program.—H. K. HALLADAY.

CONFERENCE NEWS

Chesapeake

Chesapeake Teachers' Convention

For exactly 100 hours between October 11 and 15, the Chesapeake Conference teachers, with their superintendent, enjoyed a most interesting and helpful "institute on wheels." Instead of having a series of meetings and discussions on the aims and methods of teaching, this year we visited many outstanding landmarks in both Adventist and early American history.

There were a number of us who for many years had taught denominational history "from afar," not having had the privilege of knowing the early workers nor of visiting the scenes of their exploits, so this convention was to be a "purple patch" in our experience.

The journey of well over 1,200 miles in the Washington Missionary College bus gave us an opportunity of becoming well acquainted with each other; and a happier, more devoted group of teachers it would be difficult to find.

After spending our first night in Albany, N. Y., we traveled on toward Low Hampton to visit the scene of William Miller's earlier life and to ponder once more the devotion and ardent study of that man of God. As we visited his farm and the church which he built, and also the grove where he wrestled with God over his call to preach, many manifested a desire to be more faithful in service and to labor more diligently for those in our care.

Without doubt, however, the high light of our tour was the visit to Washington, N. H., where we were, unfortunately, able to spend only a short time in the church where the minister and congregation accepted the Sabbath truth in 1844. As we knelt in prayer in the gathering darkness it seemed that there was a great cloud of witnesses about us. The graves of the brothers Farnsworth and of others were reminders of the simple, urgent, and effective



Chesapeake Conference teachers visit William Miller Chapel, Low Hampton, N. Y.

testimony borne by a small group to the important truths of their day.

A little chat with Waldo Farnsworth and we were on our way again, singing those same songs of assurance that kept alive the advent hope 115 years ago. For an hour or more one after another of our company would lead us as old familiar tunes came to mind.

An overnight rest in Portland, Maine, and we were off to visit many places of note in and around the city—Ellen Harmon's school, her home on Clark street, the house where she had her first vision, the scene of William Miller's first series

of lectures, and the beautiful Deering's Oaks Park where Mrs. White spent many pleasant hours.

In Gorham, Maine, we stood beside the home where Ellen and her twin were born one November day in 1827. What a glorious view across the valley to the hills beyond, which were painted in all the tints of autumnal beauty!

A visit to Plymouth and later to Boston added many sparkling sidelights to previously dull lectures and tedious themes. These scenes were later to be added to as our group spent two or three hours in the re-assembled village of Sturbridge, Mass., a village efficiently and accurately depicting life in New England in the period 1800-1840.

In between these visits came a never-to-be-forgotten half-day with Elder Clifton Taylor at South Lancaster, where decades of Adventist history came vividly to life as he told us of his experiences with many of our leaders of bygone days.

With never a dull moment in our days of travel, the Chesapeake Conference teachers are deeply grateful to our Conference Committee for making the tour possible, and we believe that the results in more effective and worthwhile teaching will soon be manifest.

CYRIL F. W. FUTCHER

Teacher, Spencerville Junior Academy

Five Laymen Bring Four Persons Into Church



Pictured are four people who were recently baptized in the Frederick, Md., Church as a direct result of the good work of the five laymen standing directly behind them. A series of events in the lives of each led to good-neighbor relations, then to Bible studies, then to baptism. Left to right: front row, Mrs. Clarence Wiles, Clarence Wiles, Diane Kettels, Sammy Summers; back row, Charles Redmond, Irving Redmond, Mrs. Irving Redmond, Larry Redmond, Byron Crum, and H. J. Harris, Pastor.

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Elder C. J. Coon Appointed Financial Counselor for Potomac Conference

THE Potomac Conference committee has unanimously voted to appoint Elder Clinton J. Coon to be the Financial Counselor for the Potomac Conference. Elder Coon, widely known and beloved former President



Clinton J. Coon

of the Potomac Conference, now resides at 8308 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park 12, Md. Having served formerly as pastor of the Richmond, Takoma Park, and Sligo Churches, and as President of the West Virginia and Potomac Conferences, Elder Coon has a very wide acquaintance with Seventh-day Adventist families in our field. He thus has the confidence of the constituency.

At the recent Presidents' Council in Miami, Fla., every conference was urged to employ a financial counselor who could give guidance in making wills, arranging for trust agreements, annuities, gifts, and legacies for the finishing of the work of God, thus hastening the second coming of our Lord.

Many of our believers have funds which could be used in God's work and they will have opportunity to counsel with Elder Coon concerning the placement of their funds, property, and gifts in the Lord's treasury. Elder Coon will be visiting the churches, meeting Sabbath appointments. This will give opportunity for individual members to make appointments with him to visit them in their homes to give counsel concerning financial matters. He is known as a man with good business judgment and he will give sound financial counsel to any of our members who wish to remember the cause of God with their means through wills, annuities, trust agreements, and gifts.

The Potomac Conference is a large section of the Lord's vineyard in which we are responsible for finishing the Lord's work. There are many towns and cities where we have no work established. There are between 40 and 50 counties where we have no church organization as a monu-

Coming . . .

A Greater-Washington-Area Youth Rally

- Special Features
- Outstanding Guest Speaker
- Red-letter Day in January

Watch the "Visitor" next week for complete details of this coming youth rally in the Potomac Conference.

ment to the Seventh-day Adventist truth. It is our God-given task to complete the gospel of the kingdom here in this conference.

We congratulate Elder Coon on his appointment as Financial Counselor to our church members and wish him the blessing of God and continued success as he seeks to secure funds to build up the cause that we all love and to soon complete the work of God.

H. J. CAPMAN

President

Spot News

• ELDER C. L. White and Pastor Jack Hughes report an excellent interest in the series of meetings being held in Warrenton. Elder H. J. Capman, President, will assist in the meetings in the future on Sunday and Tuesday nights and on Sabbath afternoons. The evangelistic program is being conducted in the People's National Bank Auditorium on Main Street. A branch Sabbath school is being conducted on Sabbaths at 2:30 and a church service, at 3:30. Any of our members within driving distance are invited to attend.

• Elder William E. Carpenter, Sabbath School and Public Relations Secretary, conducted the Week of Prayer for the Staunton and Waynesboro church schools.

• The Potomac Conference is presently the eighth largest conference in membership among the conferences in North America. The number of members stands at 9,482. There are 61 conferences including Bermuda. The seven larger conferences are, consecutively, Southern California, Northern California, South-eastern California, Michigan, Oregon, Central California, and Upper Columbia.

• The following experience was reported by one of our literature evangelists, Jeannette Collett. The scene is Dunn Loring, Va.; the setting is a mother and a nine-year-old boy with the literature evangelist and the book, *Bible Readings for*

the Home. The boy is showing unusual interest in the book. "The matter of which day to keep holy is one of the greatest questions in the religious world," he gravely comments while looking at the book with interest and wisdom beyond his years. As the book was purchased he said, "This is my treasure." Remarkable? Yes. May it bring forth much fruit!

WILLIAM E. CARPENTER

Public Relations Secretary



Literature Evangelist Reports

ABOUT a year ago my wife and I decided to leave California for Ohio. Upon writing to the Ohio Conference, I received a prompt reply to my request to canvass in the vicinity of Wadsworth. I can truthfully



Hiram Eley

say that the Lord has richly blessed us in many ways since our arrival here.

More than 400 people have enrolled in the Bible course. I have also delivered more than 140 copies of *Triumph of God's Love*. With the Lord's help I have placed a number of other gospel-filled books and periodicals in homes and public and parochial schools. Thus the seed has been sown. Blessed by the Holy Spirit, it will produce a harvest of souls for the heavenly garner. It is my prayerful desire to see a church established here in Wadsworth.

Sometime ago I called at a home where the sign by the door read, "No Solicitors." I rang the bell and a lady answered the door. She was kind and let me in. When I presented the book, *Triumph of God's Love*, she said this was the kind of book she wanted and purchased it. I enrolled her in the Bible course and had prayer with her. Recently I called on her and discovered that she had completed the Bible course and had read the book. She indicated a desire to unite with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her husband also is reading the book and is favorably impressed. He is planning to study further with his wife and one of our Bible instructors.

Other experiences could be related of people who sincerely appreciate Adventist literature. God is impressing honest hearts to purchase this literature and to accept the truth. We know that God, in His good way,

Mount Vernon Church Choir to Present Program

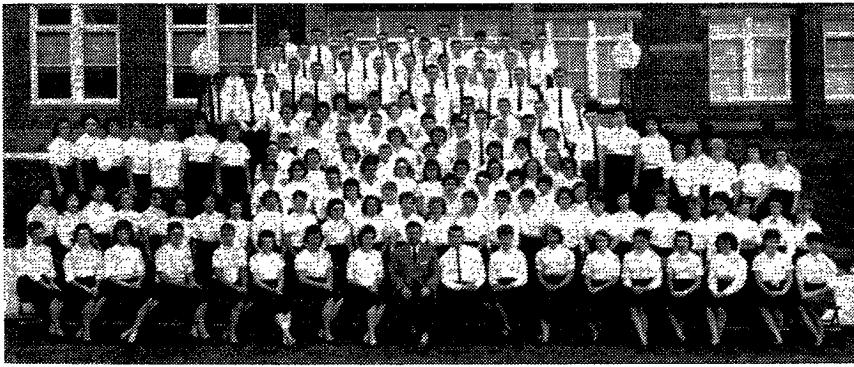


Photo by Lipps Studio

Pictured is the Mount Vernon 156-member mass choir. This group, under the direction of Roger McNeily, will present a program of scripture and song at the Mount Vernon Church on December 18. The final number will be the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah." In addition to the choral number, Mr. McNeily will sing "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" and "Oh Holy Night." The public is cordially invited to attend. Elaine Higdon, Mount Vernon Academy Press Secretary.

has called out a people from the nations to carry the gospel message of a soon-coming Saviour to the world in a few short years. Many methods are being used to accomplish this purpose, but one of the most rapid is the literature ministry. "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 61).

Many people I find are looking for something spiritually tangible. They are searching for light and truth. I have discovered that the greatest joy is in service for others. The literature ministry affords just such joy. Even though a great work has been done, there is much more to do to finish the work of God in the earth to prepare the honest in heart for Christ's return.

"The harvest is great and the laborers are few." The pen of inspiration tells us that where there is one literature evangelist there should be 100. The challenge of the hour is great. Only by much prayer, industry, and persistence can the literature evangelist hope to be successful. One's success is in proportion to consecration and enthusiasm.

May the Lord send forth laborers into His vineyard to help prepare a people for His return which is so soon to break upon the world.

HIRAM ELEY

Ohio Literature Evangelist



The annual institute for Ohio will convene January 12-16, 1960. The Lord is calling you to service. Fill in your name and address now on the blank below and mail to the Ohio Conference, Box 831, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Name

Address

Notice

Information as to the status or whereabouts of Rosalie Knox and Mrs. Margaret Terrell is desired. If you have such information, will you please communicate with the Ohio Conference of S.D.A., Box 831, Mount Vernon, Ohio.



Peace of Mind . . .

PEACE of mind is a priceless gift, but one which every person may have if he deserves it. It is freely offered by God to those who obey Him. Laboring beneath a burden of guilt is destructive of mental, spiritual, and physical resources. When sin has been removed by the grace of God and we are free in mind and spirit, gloominess gives way to joy and discouragement is replaced by happiness.

The Lord pleads with every soul to give up his sins and receive the blessings of faithful obedience. To Israel of old He said: "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts." (Malachi 3:7). This appeal was made when Israel had selfishly withheld the tithes and offerings. They were robbing God and the windows of heaven were shut up, and the Lord's blessings no longer could fall upon them. The Lord said, "But who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth" (Malachi 3:2)? Not only were the Israelites forfeiting the Lord's blessings by their robbery of the tithe, but they were unready to appear in the judgment and would be consumed.

These words of Malachi apply with greater force to the church today. The judgment is even now being conducted in heaven. There is no peace of mind to the person who is

Ohio Conference Church Officers' Conventions

TOLEDO—2902 AUBURN AVENUE
January 2, 1960, 2:30-5:30 P.M.

Bowling Green	Locust Point
Bryan	Napoleon
Clyde	St. Mary's
Defiance	Sandusky
Elgin	Swanton
Findlay	Tiffin
Fremont	Toledo Number One
Hicksville	Toledo East
Liberty Center	Van Wert
Lima	

AKRON, 272 WEST MARKET STREET
January 9, 1960, 2:30-5:30 P.M.

Akron	Lakewood
Akron Yugoslavian	Madison
Ashtabula	Medina
Barberton	Millersburg
Canton	New Philadelphia
Clarksfield	Ravenna
Cleveland First	Rome
Cleveland German	Salem
Cleveland Hungarian	Stuebenville
Cleveland Yugoslavian	Warren
East Liverpool	Willoughby
Elyria	Wooster
Fowler	Youngstown
La Grange	

COLUMBUS—26 N. 21ST STREET
January 16, 1960, 2:30-5:30 P.M.

Athens	Lancaster
Bartlett	Mansfield
Bloomington	Marion
Bucyrus	Mount Vernon
Columbus	Newark
Coshocton	Pomeroy
Crestline	Reynoldsburg
Delaware	Turney Center
Dresden	Upper Sandusky
Gallon	Worthington
Glouster	Zanesville
Grove City	

DAYTON—1701 FAR HILLS AVENUE
January 23, 1960, 2:30-5:30 P.M.

Bellefontaine	Jackson Center
Chillicothe	Manchester
Cincinnati	Middletown
Dayton	New Carlisle
Hamilton	Piqua
Hamlet	Portsmouth
Hillsboro	Springfield
Ironton	Washington Court House
Jackson	Wilmington

Plan NOW to attend the meeting nearest you! Important items relative to the work in Ohio for 1960 will be discussed.

unready to stand before God. If we withhold the tithe, sin lieth at the door and the heart becomes laden with guilt causing peace to flee from us.

The Lord desires to pour out a blessing upon each one of His children. The cause of God is bound about and restricted for want of means. If each church member renders to God a faithful tithe and a liberal offering, heaven's windows will open upon us and the work of God will move forward speedily.

Let us close 1959 with a faithful record before God, with every sin confessed, made right, and forgiven by Jesus our Saviour.

F. W. WERNICK

President

Voice of Prophecy on St. Mary's Station

WE have recently received word that the Voice of Prophecy has purchased time on a station at St. Mary's, Pa. Its call letters are WKBI and the program will be aired at 10:30 A.M. on Sundays. While this station does not have a large wattage, yet it does have a good listening area and we hope that any of our people who are in the St. Mary's area would do all they can to notify friends and neighbors of the Voice of Prophecy now being heard on that station.

Remember, the time is 10:30 A.M. on Sundays and they should tune to 1400 on the dial.

F. W. WERNICK

Radio-TV Secretary

Wedding

LOIS LOUVERNA COOLEY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Cooley of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Donald Edgar Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Barrett of Winchester, Va., were united in marriage June 21 at 2:30 P.M. in the Pittsburgh Shadyside Church with Elder F. W. Wernick officiating.

Betty Rae Cooley, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Patricia Barrett, Betty June Miller, and Sally Ann Fornal were her attendants. Richard Mayer of Philadelphia, Pa., was best man. The ushers were Jesse Glenn Cooley and Clyde E. Cooley, brothers of the bride; Robert B. White, and Donald Woolever. Judy White, niece of the bride, was the flower girl and Glenn Woolever was the Bible bearer.

Wedding music was provided by

Elder and Mrs. Harold Veach, aunt and uncle of the bride, and included "The Song of Ruth," "O Perfect Love," and "The Wedding Prayer."

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the downstairs area of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett are attending Washington Missionary College preparing to fill a place in the Lord's work. We pray for the Lord's blessings upon this Christian home.

East Pennsylvania

Spot News

• ELDER and Mrs. T. E. Unruh recently attended the Presidents' Council held at the St. Lawrence Hotel in Miami, Fla.

• Elder T. H. Weis, Home Missionary Secretary, reports that the Ingathering campaign for 1960 is well under way with numerous churches reporting "over the top" early in the season. It is expected that the campaign will close at the beginning of the new year.

• Elder J. V. Scully, Director of Youth Activities in the American Temperance Society, and Pastor D. D. Baldwin, Superintendent of Education in the East Pennsylvania Conference, visited Blue Mountain Academy over the week end of November 14 to assist in the selection of the representative to the Union

Conference Temperance Oratorical Program, December 5. From eight contestants, Bob Yingst, a senior at the Academy, was chosen as the one who gave the outstanding oration, and will be sent to Washington to enter the Union Conference contest.

Investment Is Putting Money In Bank of Heaven

To put money in the bank of heaven is to realize greater returns than from any investment in real estate.

This spring Ray Griesemer, the Sabbath School Investment Secretary of the Reading Kenhorst Church, decided that a tree would ideally symbolize investment growth. He placed 100 one-dollar bills on the tree and challenged the Sabbath school members to take the money and invest it for God. Sixty people took advantage of this opportunity.

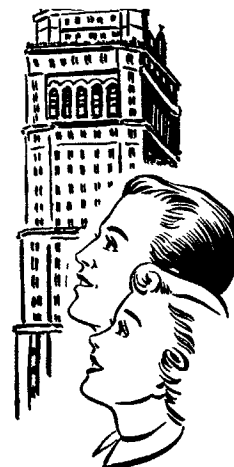
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Conner each took a one-dollar bill. Mr. Conner makes fine chocolate candies. He bought the ingredients with the dollar he took and made and sold candies. Mrs. Conner invested her dollar in tomato plants and sold tomatoes. From this small investment they realized \$50 for the cause of God.

Mr. and Mrs. Conner are comparatively new Seventh-day Adventists. We are happy and thrilled with such splendid devotion to God's cause.

David Martin also took a dollar

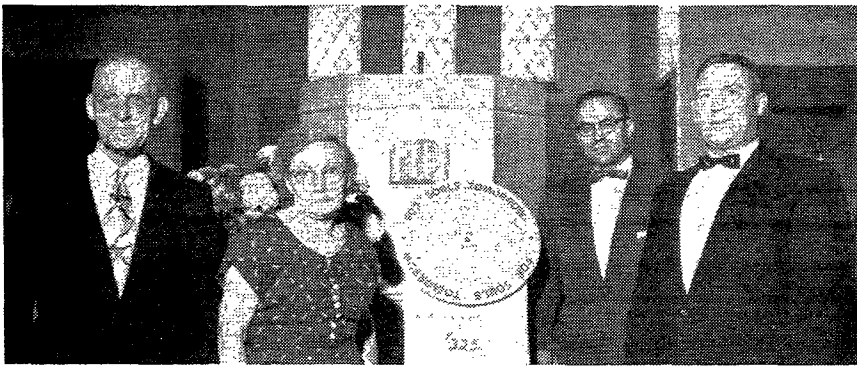
Will They Reach the "Summit of Intellectual Greatness?"*

Some Worthy Blue Mountain Academy Students Will Not Unless Additional Student Aid Funds Are Provided



On December 19 make a gift that will keep on giving. About \$1500 of the regular third-Sabbath Blue Mountain Academy offering will be needed to meet matching fund commitments with the Columbia Union Conference. All funds received in addition to this amount will be placed in a Student Aid Fund. The December offering has amounted to about \$4,000 in the past. We need \$5,000 in the Student Aid Fund. Give liberally on December 19!

* "Fundamentals of Education," page 82.



Left to right: Robert F. Conner and Mrs. Robert F. Conner; Ray Griesemer, Investment Secretary, Reading-Kenhorst Church; and Elder T. H. Weis, Sabbath School Secretary, East Pennsylvania Conference.

bill from the Investment tree and invested in garden seeds. To date he has turned in \$13.

If every member in the Sabbath school would invest for God in one way or another, God would honor that faith and multiply it. Thousands, yes, millions, of dollars could flow into the treasury to speed the message to every corner of the world field.

Fellow Sabbath school member, will you not dedicate your talent and skill this coming spring and make 1960 the biggest Investment year in the history of the advent movement?

T. H. WEIS

Sabbath School Secretary, East Pennsylvania Conference

East Pennsylvania Welcomes Physicians

Dr. and Mrs. Irving H. Jones of the College of Medical Evangelists have accepted an invitation from the East Pennsylvania Conference and the Reading Hospital to settle at Reading, Pa., to establish practice.

Both Doctor and Mrs. Jones are graduates of C.M.E. where Doctor Jones recently completed his residency in pathology research at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles,



Dr. and Mrs. Irving Jones and Elizabeth. The Joneses recently established practice in Reading, Pa.

Calif. Mrs. Jones has her M.D. degree in Pediatrics.

Doctor Jones has accepted a position with the Reading General Hospital dealing primarily with internal medicine.

In coming to Pennsylvania Doctor Jones is returning to his home state and settles not far from his home city of Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Jones is a native of Napa, Calif.

The Jones' major interest lies in assisting the Conference in the development of a medical institution at Reading. The need for this kind of institution is pointed out by the full capacity of the city hospitals in apparently caring for numerous patients who actually are not bed patients. Hospitals are forced to keep them owing to the inadequacy of facilities to care for ambulatory persons.

We welcome the Joneses to Pennsylvania and trust that the Lord will bless them in their labors to establish a medical center.

J. N. MORGAN

Public Relations Secretary

West Virginia

God's Promise Fulfilled to Faithful Tithe Payer

SOME years ago while I was serving as Publishing Secretary of the West Virginia Conference, one of our literature evangelists was having a hard financial struggle owing to extended sickness in the home which had resulted in surgery for his wife. One day after I had assisted this man in the making of a delivery, he sat down and counted out the money to pay for the books we had delivered and just a dollar or so to apply on each of his most pressing obligations and there was left just a very few dollars for the family to live on until another delivery, but there was

nothing with which to pay his tithe.

He looked at me and said, "Brother McHenry, under such circumstances as these, what do you think I ought to do about my tithe?"

After having been made acquainted with the many debts confronting this man and realizing his responsibility in providing for his family, I will confess that it was not easy for me to answer this question.

However, after considering together some of the promises of the Bible to those who are faithful in such matters and realizing that if he ever needed the special blessing of the Lord he needed it then, I said, "Brother, I believe that you ought to count out and pay your full tithe, trusting in a kind heavenly Father to impart wisdom that you might know how to use the balance." I based my answer or counsel upon such statements as the following from the Spirit of Prophecy: "The man who has been unfortunate and finds himself in debt, should not take the Lord's portion to cancel his debts to his fellow men. . . . He should consider that in these transactions he is being tested and that in reserving the Lord's portion for his own use he is robbing the Giver. . . . Unfaithfulness to God is written against his name in the books of heaven. . . . The man who will rob God is cultivating traits of character that will cut him off from admittance into the family of God above" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 391).

This he did without any question. It greatly impressed my own heart and it must have impressed many others. I mentioned this experience to some and in one way or another it seemed to get around almost everywhere.

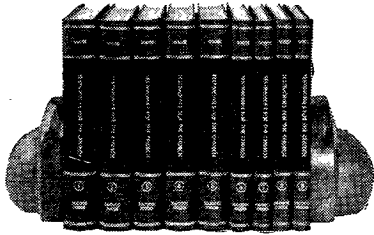
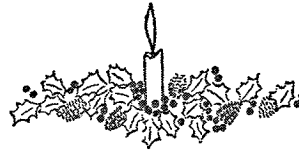
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In a very short time it was my privilege to take these contributions, amounting to several hundred dollars, to this home. It was enough to pay all their obligations and a little more. Never shall I forget the effect this had on this family, and especially on Mrs. Will who at that time was not an Adventist. They wept for joy, not unmindful of the fact that the windows of heaven had truly opened.

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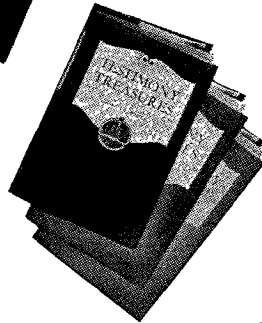
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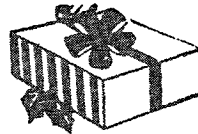
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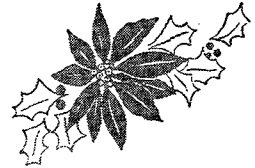
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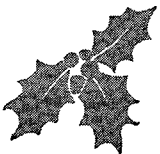
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Member, Parkersburg Church

News Notes

• E. M. HAGELE, Conference Treasurer, has been auditing church treasurers' books during the past few days. He has audited all the church books this year except those in the Bluefield-Princeton district, and plans to complete the entire audit before the new year.

• Elder J. H. Lantry has been visiting the schools recently again and meeting with church boards.

• L. A. Bierlien, Conference Publishing Secretary, is very busy helping the literature evangelists during the remaining days of 1959 to set a new record.

• Elder F. J. Kinsey is going from district to district, giving assistance to the churches in the Ingathering.

• Are you a reader and subscriber of the *Review* and *Herald* and the *Youth's Instructor*?

• December is "square-up" month with God. *Have you paid a faithful tithe this year?*

• Elder A. J. Patzer, the Conference President, baptized nine persons recently for R. H. Shepard, Lewisburg district pastor, at an all-day district meeting.

• Ingathering is on! Let us achieve victory for the West Virginia Conference by January 2. We can do it if everyone will do his part.

Allegheny

Youth Federation Meets in Nation's Capital

THE First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Washington, D. C., had the privilege of serving as host to the Eastern States Youth Federation recently. More than 2,000 persons filled the church on Sabbath, October 31. There were so many in attendance that extra chairs had to be placed in the aisles, and still all were not seated.

Word came to this reporter from several sources that this was one of the best youth federation meetings, if not the best, held by the eastern states. The theme, "Youth of the

Washington Choirs to Present Program

Fourteen members of the Dupont Park Ephesus Church Choir will join with choirs of Howard University, Catholic University, and American University in presenting "The Infancy of Christ" by Berlioz, under the direction of the eminent director, Robert Shaw, with the National Symphony Orchestra in Constitution Hall, Washington, D. C., December 22 and 23.

The Dupont Park Oratorio Society, under the direction of Aima Blackman, will present the "Messiah" on December 19, at 6:00 P.M., in the Dupont Park Ephesus Church, 3985 Massachusetts Avenue, S.E., Washington, D. C.

World, Now and Forever," carried through the entire day's program. James Gilmore started the day off as acting superintendent of the Sabbath school. The missions plea was given by a student from Ethiopia studying at Washington Missionary College. Special music was rendered by Cecelia Butler.

Pastor Charles Lee Brooks of Philadelphia, Pa., delivered a heart-stirring message to the congregation during the 11:00 service. Three choirs and Pastor Brooks presented the music. The choirs participating were the Baltimore Youth Choir, the Philadelphia Youth Choir, and the Washington First Church Choir.

The MV hour, "Youth on Parade," was the most spectacular and colorful part of the entire day's program. Youth from approximately 27 countries marched in the processional in their native attire; representatives from various professions, in their professional attire; youth representing each church in the Eastern States Federation and the Pathfinders, in full uniforms bearing flags representing the participating countries, all took part in the grand processional.

Choirs from the Eastern States area joined in the traditional "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and O'Hara's "One World." Several other musical selections also were presented. The MV program concluded with a candle-lighting service as Pearl Williams and William McMillen sang "This Little Light of Mine." Lorraine Beasley gave a tribute to those of the various professions and the students from the various nations brought greetings in their native tongues. Paul Bridgeford served as narrator.

The Federation meeting closed that night with a talent program and refreshments. Mrs. Hester Cantrell,

MV leader, wishes to express her thanks to all those who helped make the Federation meeting a success.

Elder Paul Cantrell was the host pastor. Benjamin Norwood is President of the Federation and Elder A. V. Pinkney is Conference MV Secretary.

DAVID WRICE, JR.

Press Secretary, First Church
Washington, D. C.

District Leadership Changes Announced

ELDER W. L. Cheatham, President of the Allegheny Conference, reports that the Executive Committee has approved the following transfers of workers: Elder W. M. Starks of Cleveland, Ohio, to the new Fort Dupont Park (Ephesus) Church, Washington, D. C.; Elder C. D. Brooks of Columbus, Ohio, to the Cleveland Church; and Elder W. M. Fordham of Philadelphia, Pa., to Baltimore, Md.

Elder W. A. Thompson, who was pastor of the Baltimore Church, became the Treasurer elect of the Conference. The President indicated that other changes will be announced, as the Columbus vacancy will be filled as well as the Philadelphia post. Other transfers, he said, would be contingent upon changes over which the local conference has no authority.

A. V. PINKNEY

Public Relations Secretary

Literature Evangelists Near Delivery Goal

THE literature evangelists of the Allegheny Conference report making rapid strides toward their delivery goal of \$300,000, Elder C. M. Willis, Publishing Secretary, declared recently.

To date Allegheny's "shock troops" have delivered more than \$275,000 worth of gospel literature, and were instrumental in bringing in 128 persons into the church.

Elder Willis says, "This is definitely our best year," and he gives credit to God for His continued guidance, protection, and the measure of success enjoyed by each literature evangelist.

"We wish to make special mention of the three loyal Assistant Secretaries," he added, "George Anderson, T. S. Barber, and Mabel Barber." These untiring workers, he pointed out, "have developed their forces into strong districts and are constantly on the alert for new recruits. We

are pleased to report at this time that our leading colporteur to date is C. D. Morris of the Allegheny Conference. Mr. Morris has delivered more than \$23,000 worth of our literature and is confident of reaching his goal of \$25,000 before the end of this year.

All attention is being focused on our local publishing convention to be held in Baltimore, Md., at the Berea Temple Church, corner of Roberts Street and Madison Avenue, December 29, 1959, to January 2, 1960. All readers are invited to have a part in this great publishing program. Come—the welcome mat is spread.

A. V. PINKNEY

Public Relations Secretary

New Jersey

"When the Angels Had Gone . . ."

THE story of the birth of Jesus is always a thrilling experience to recount. At this time of the year its message assumes greater emphasis than at any other season. This season always brings with it the greatest opportunities to witness for our Lord during days when the impulses of philanthropy, love and sentiment surge to the front in the human heart.

The Bible says: ". . . as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." Here the shepherds seized upon the opportunity to tell the people on the first night of the carols what ". . . the Lord hath made known unto us" (Luke 2:15).

The Scriptures continue by saying, "And they came with haste" (verse 6). Here is a mission of urgency! The angels had gone away and left them the task and privilege of speaking out for Jesus! Have you ever wondered how the shepherds felt when the angels had gone away? Here we can catch a glimpse of their response. There was no indifference or casualness about their work. Not at all! "They came with haste."

Brethren and sisters of New Jersey, we, the "shepherds" of 1959, have a wondrous story to tell. A tremendous mission to fulfill. Let us tell the message of the carol with

"haste." What will the world know of Seventh-day Adventists when at last the season of the carol is past? "When the angels [have] gone away" and the world settles down to the prospect of another long year of valleys and darkness, sorrows and disappointments, what will they remember of us when we could have stopped by their door with the carol message—"the song of joy."

Thank God and rejoice for another opportunity to tell the people in our conference of the joys in Christ and what His church has done since the last time when the carols were sung. Let us rise up, then, dear fellow-believers, and with "haste" let us sing our carols, bring in our gifts to Christ, and, "when the angels [have] gone away," let us reflect on those wonderful hours when with the carol songs we labored that our Saviour may come again soon! In-gathering time and carols blend in another angelic chorus in 1959.

M. K. ECKENROTH

Sacred Recital

MEMBERS of the Trenton Church and guests were treated to a sacred concert by Marylenn G. Moore with Joan Potter accompanying at the piano.

Miss Moore paid tribute to her instructors; E. U. Testerman of Washington Missionary College, Mrs. William Brodie of Kittanning, and Mrs. LoRean Hodapp of Westminster Choir College in Princeton. Marylenn is in her senior year, having completed seven years of voice training.

As a member of the Trenton Church, Miss Moore has given unselfishly of her services to enrich the periods of worship.

J. A. TOOP

Public Relations Secretary

Book and Bible House Open on December 20

THE Book and Bible House will be open on Sunday, December 20, from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

This is being done as a convenience to our membership throughout the New Jersey Conference. Holiday

book bargains will be offered by the management.

State-wide Youth Rally For New Jersey in January

THIS is the first alert concerning a state-wide youth rally which will be held for the New Jersey Conference late in January.

Elder Darrell K. Smith, MV Secretary of the Conference, reports that an outstanding program is being planned in the two-day series of special and unusual meetings.

Watch the columns of the VISITOR next week for more complete details of this program.



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Campus News

W.M.C. was host to the Union Conference Temperance Oratorical Contest on December 5. The winner, Ronald Vandeman, representing Takoma Academy, will represent the Columbia Union Conference in national competition. Elder E. M. Peterson coordinated the temperance week-end activities.

Hidden Treasure

With many a backward glance and stealthy step the man entered a secluded spot far from prying eyes and curious. Quickly he dug in the soft earth . . . and there he hid his talent.

He might have invested it in a hundred ways! He might have bought grain and sowed it for a great harvest. He might have bought a sheep, for wool is valuable. He might have tried a little "horse trading" in the market—some people are good at this.

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But he buried it!

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For further information, please contact Dr. Charles B. Hirsch, President, Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park 12, Md.

Tax Exemption . . .

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these exemptions. The history of the unparalleled progress of our nation reveals that contributions of vast sums of money and resources by men and women of means, and by corporations, have made possible our marvelous system of hospitals, educational institutions, research foundations, public libraries, church edifices, and homes for the aging, both as to construction and as to endowments for maintenance.

Are Seventh-day Adventists permitting the children of the world to show greater wisdom than the children of light in this matter?

We are prepared to provide further information to any who may be interested.

W. C. MOFFETT

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OBITUARIES

MOORE, Ida Jane, was born in lower Kent County, June 29, 1889, and lived in that area all of her life. On October 23, 1907, she was married to John W. Moore in Wesley Chapel at Rock Hill. For many years Mrs. Moore was a member of the Methodist Church and about 15 years ago became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A memorial service was held in the Chestertown Seventh-day Adventist Church. Words of comfort and assurance were spoken by the writer. Assistance was given in the service by Glen Shafer, associate pastor, and Elder Russell Quackenbush of Washington, D. C. Surviving are her husband and six children: Claude, Howard, Mrs. Eva Bailey, Mrs. Ethel Barnes, Mrs. Helen Skeggs, and Mrs. Betty White. Delmar T. Burke

HELT, John Franklin, was born in 1884 and died August 5, 1959. He was baptized two years ago into the Portsmouth Seventh-day Adventist Church. L. F. Kagels

LINK, William Edward, for years a deacon in the Winchester, Va., Seventh-day Adventist Church, was born August 27, 1892, and died September 8, 1959, at the Newton D. Baker Veterans' Hospital, near Martinsburg, W. Va. He accepted the Adventist faith while residing at Strasburg, Va., and served in the Adventist church there. Funeral services were conducted in Winchester, his recent home, by his pastor, Elder David C. Fockler. Survivors are his wife, the former Myrtle Peer; a daughter, Mrs. Estella Fraley; a son, Edward R. Link; three sisters; three brothers; and four grandchildren. Norman E. Cooper

WRITESEL, Mrs. Charlotte, who was a member of the Columbus, Ohio, Church, died August 3, 1959. The writer officiated at the services. L. F. Kagels

WHITE, Myrtle Alice Buxton, was born at Red Oak, Iowa, on June 21, 1875, into a Seventh-day Adventist home, and died October 2, 1959, at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital. She was married in 1895 to Frank L. White and lived for many years in the states of Kansas and Oklahoma. Two daughters were born to them: Verna Marie, who is now Mrs. Estes; and Ruby, who is now Mrs. E. D. Shirck. During the 25 years which have passed since her husband's death, she has resided with her daughters. In early days she served as a teacher in Oklahoma. Surviving, besides her two daughters, are a granddaughter, Mrs. Everett Scaggs; two great-granddaughters, Lynda and Carol Scaggs; and many friends. She awaits the resurrection. Services were conducted by Elders R. Quackenbush and Vernon Rees.

GREEN, Mrs. Anna, died in the Woodstock, Va., Hospital, October 4, 1959, at the age of 80. Mrs. Green was a member of the Alexandria Seventh-day Adventist Church for many years before moving to Strasburg 12 years ago. She was a faithful member. The funeral was held in the Strasburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, October 7, 1959. Elder Carey and Pastor Cross were

in charge of the funeral services. She was laid to rest in the Bethel Cemetery in Alexandria, Va., to await the resurrection. Douglas William Cross

JOOST, Katherine, was born February 2, 1897, and died October 10, 1959. After helping to organize the Westwood Church, becoming a charter member, she served as church treasurer for many years. Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Lillian DeBree, Mrs. Dorothy deCharleroy, and Mrs. Elizabeth Neidemier; and one son, William Joost, Principal of Mt. Aetna Academy. She also leaves two brothers, two sisters, and nine grandchildren. Services were conducted by the writer. E. F. Herzel

MILLER, Roy, died September 22, 1959, in Carlisle, Pa. Surviving are his wife; two brothers, Raymond and Ira; and one nephew. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. H. E. Robinson

DEARDORFF, Harriet Grace, nee Miller, was born June 23, 1879, in Dover, Pa., to Jesse and Mary Ann Miller, and died October 11, 1959. The major portion of her life was spent in the vicinity of York, Pa. For many years she had been a faithful member of the York Seventh-day Adventist Church. Surviving are her husband, Jacob, to whom she was married about two years ago. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Decker and Decker Funeral Home in York and interment was in the Greenmount Cemetery in the same city. C. M. Pike

KEIL, Dr. George W., former head physician at the Ohio Penitentiary, died September 21. The 72-year-old physician served at the penitentiary from 1926 to 1941. He was a fervent and faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for many years. L. F. Kagels

MECKLING, Emma K., was born June 25, 1874, in Oberkirneck, Wuttenberg, Germany, and died October 12, 1959, in her home on Percy Street, Philadelphia. She came to Philadelphia at a very young age and on December 14, 1897, she was united in marriage to Frank Meckling. The Mecklings were baptized in 1919 by Elder Wierts and were accepted into the membership of the Philadelphia Poplar Street German Church. Her husband, Frank, died in December, 1956. They were the oldest members of the Philadelphia German Church. She leaves two sons: Frederick and Dr. Frank E., Professor of History, Walla Walla College; and many friends and relatives. Interment was in Philadelphia Hillside Cemetery and services were conducted by the writer. James F. Hamrick

ELLIS, Mrs. Blanche E., was born at Richmond, Va., April 20, 1882, and died at the Lutheran Hospital in Baltimore, October 12, 1959. On January 5, 1905, she was married to George W. Ellis, and shortly afterward united with the Richmond Seventh-day Adventist Church. For many years till the time of her death she was a faithful member of the Baltimore First Church. Surviving are her husband, George W. Ellis; her daughters, Mrs. Thelma Zimmerman, Mrs. Blanche R. Miller, and Mrs. Roberta Gebhardt; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Words of comfort and hope were spoken by Elder W. J. Keith and the writer. W. C. Moffett

SWANSON, Elder E. H., was born in Sweden, March 7, 1889, and died in Yucaipa, Calif., October 13, 1959. At the age of 20 Elder Swanson accepted the Adventist faith and prepared for denominational service. He had labored in Washington, Idaho, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillie Swanson; two sons; and two daughters. H. D. Jeffries

FOX, Dora Rose, was born October 7, 1886, at Summit Hill, Ohio, and died August 11, 1959. She was married to William J. Fox, Sr., in 1905. For 25 years she was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. L. F. Kagels

WILLIAMS, Mrs. Mildred Fannie, was born October 7, 1899, and died in the town of her birth, Berea, Ohio, October 14, 1959. She was married to Lovell L. Dean of La Grange, Ohio, on September 12, 1924, at

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Dec. 18	Dec. 25
Baltimore, Md.	4:45	4:48
Cincinnati, Ohio	5:13	5:21
Cleveland, Ohio	4:59	5:03
Columbus, Ohio	5:09	5:12
Jersey City, N. J.	4:30	4:34
Norfolk, Va.	4:50	4:53
Parkersburg, W. Va.	5:05	5:08
Philadelphia, Pa.	4:38	4:41
Pittsburgh, Pa.	4:55	4:59
Reading, Pa.	4:40	4:44
Richmond, Va.	4:54	4:58
Scranton, Pa.	4:35	4:39
Toledo, Ohio	5:05	5:09
Trenton, N. J.	4:35	4:39
Washington, D. C.	4:48	4:51

which time she accepted the Adventist faith. She was a faithful member of the Lakewood, Ohio, Seventh-day Adventist Church until her death. She was interred in La Grange, Ohio, on October 16, 1959. Floyd Smith

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Middletown, Ohio, Church Dedicated

THE new Middletown, Ohio, Church was formally dedicated on Sabbath, November 14, with a two-day program climaxed by the burning of the bank note and the actual words of dedication on the part of the church membership.

The 200-seat church was crowded to capacity for the afternoon dedication rites. The program got under way on Friday night with a consecration address by a former pastor of the church, Elder Samuel Yakush, Pastor of the Worthington, Ohio, Church.

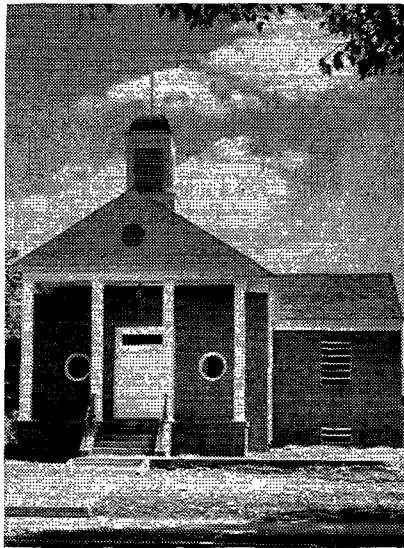
Mrs. Mildred Hall, Superintendent of the Sabbath school, directed a special Sabbath school on Sabbath morning. The speaker at the morning worship of service was Elder D. W. Hunter, President of the Ohio Conference.

The major address of the day was the sermon of dedication given by Elder L. E. Lenheim, President of the Columbia Union Conference. Greetings were extended to the congregation on behalf of the city of Middletown by William Donham, Vice-Chairman of the City Commission. The prayer was offered by Elder Hunter and the dedication act was directed by the pastor, Elder B. F. Mowry.

Others who took part in the services of the day included Elder J. O. McLeod, Secretary-Treasurer of the

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Middletown, Ohio, Church.

Ohio Conference; Elder M. H. Reeder, Public Relations Secretary of the Ohio Conference; Elder R. A. Bata, former pastor, now of Nashville, Tenn.; Arthur Thomann, local elder; Elder John Davidson, former pastor, now of Washington, D. C.; Russell Weatherwax, President, Oglesby-Branitz Bank of Middletown; Brainard Sooy and Walter Sooy, former leaders in the church.

The Middletown Church was formally organized in the spring of 1943 as a result of evangelistic meetings conducted by Elder S. K. Lehnhoff, then pastor of the Hamilton, Ohio, Church. In 1947 a lot was purchased at 611 South Lain Street and construction of the church began in 1953. Opening services were held in September, 1954.

Pastors of the church since organization included Elder S. K. Lehnhoff, 1942-1946; Elder O. A. Canada, 1946-1949; Elder R. A. Bata, 1949-1951; Elder S. A. Yakush, 1951-1955; and Elder John Davidson, 1955-1957. The present pastor, Elder Benjamin Mowry, has served since 1957.

The church is located on a main street in a fine section of Middletown. Highways sign at the edge of the city locate the church for the traveling public. A regular church news magazine is published by the pastor in the interest of recording main activities of the congregation. The church has an active youth society and missionary work is of primary interest.

The new building stands as a monument to the efforts on the part of the congregation the past several years. It has taken a great deal of money, time, effort, and dedication in order to have had a service of dedication when the building was offered to God free of debt.



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DEDICATION RITES. Left: Elder J. O. McLeod burns a bank note symbolizing the completion of the financial program for the new Middletown, Ohio, Church. At the right is a scene during the morning service of the dedication day at Middletown. Photos were taken by W. E. Sooy, one of the principal supporters of the building program when he was a member of that church.