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Coming This Fall

Columbia Union Laymen's Congress To Stress Soul-Winning Work

By **F. W. Wernick**
President, Ohio Conference

In the plan of God for taking the gospel message to all the world every Christian is to be an ambassador of heaven. This includes those who devote their entire lives to gospel work as ministers, literature evangelists, teachers, and institutional workers, and every church member as well. These must all unite their efforts in soul-winning work to fulfill Christ's commission.



For organizational purposes and to give leadership in soul-winning endeavors, the ministry is ordained by the church. This, however, does not give them the exclusive privilege to teach the Bible and labor for the souls of men. This sacred task is the work of every Christian, layman, and minister alike. Their efforts can be fruitful and effective as they bind themselves together in a united effort.

This is the objective of the Laymen's Congress to be held in Atlantic City, September 30 to October 3, 1964. We shall follow Jesus' counsel and "come apart and rest awhile" to study the methods of our Lord for the salvation of men. This congress can, under the blessing of God, begin a mighty movement to finish the work in Ohio and the Columbia Union Conference. We sincerely hope this objective will become a reality.

It is our hope that every church will send its full complement of delegates and will take the necessary offerings to assist them in attending this meeting. The church members and ministers of the Ohio

Conference are in earnest in their desire to follow God's plan for uniting the efforts of laymen and ministers in the blessed task given us by Jesus Himself.

"Greater Works Than These . . ."

In a few months a great Laymen's Congress will be held in Atlantic City. What an opportunity for the lay workers of the Columbia Union Conference to help themselves in advancing the cause of God!

Christ when on earth once declared, "Greater works than these shall he do" (John 14:12). Although He was the divine Son of God and always did just the right thing in performing the work His Father had

given Him to do, yet looking down the corridors of time He saw greater opportunities and greater challenges confronting His last-day disciples. These opportunities and challenges are intensifying all around us with each passing day, and the successful use we make of them will constitute those "greater works than these" of which Jesus spoke.

We are living in a day when old ways of doing things—ways that worked even a few years ago—no longer bring the results we must experience today. In this age of planned trips to the moon, we must develop space-age techniques in soul-winning that will ensure a trip beyond the stars for those multitudes who are "looking wistfully toward heaven."

The Atlantic City Laymen's Congress, September 30 to October 3, will afford the opportunity for training in soul-winning, the encouragement of fellowship, and the inspiration from reports of successes already attained. Many will go as delegates from their churches, others will go to share in the blessings such a meeting holds, but most of us will need to remain by our duties at home. Yet we may all catch a vision of God's plan for finishing His work in our hearts and in the Columbia Union Conference as we hear the good reports from this session.

Let us not forget: "But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, . . ." (Luke 10:42). If we, the Marys and Johns, will sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him, the Holy Spirit will fit us for doing "greater works than these."

NORMAN L. HARRIS

Ohio Conference
Layman

Offering for Medical School, April 11

Don't forget your liberal offering for Loma Linda University this coming Sabbath. See last week's VISITOR for complete information on the denomination's west-coast medical school needs.



Opportunity Is Knocking . . . Answer the Door!

THERE is a difference between a fiddler and a violinist. There is a difference between a yodeling cowboy and a Metropolitan Opera star. And the difference is not necessarily the talent—there can be equal shares



of that—the difference is the education of the talent. The sweet-voiced cowboy may bungle his prairie ditty and few there are to be concerned, but no place can be found for the bun-

gling opera star.

God wants no bunglers in His work! Untrained talent may bungle, and usually does, but the trained gospel worker functions with an efficiency, a tact, a resourcefulness, a finesse and a "know-how" that his training provides.

A great lay congress will convene from September 30 to October 3. Hundreds of delegates from all over the Columbia Union Conference will converge on Atlantic City's Convention Hall, bringing with them their talents to be trained. Teachers, instructors, and workshops will be provided to afford them the training they have come to find.

From that place will return men and women to their church homes and local communities ready to handle the gospel commission with an efficiency and dignity it deserves, and ready to share with their waiting brethren and sisters the inspiration and "know-how" this great conclave will have given them.

The minister, the church officer, and the layman are a divinely appointed trio for the finishing of the gospel in this wayward generation. We need not quote here the well-used statement that says so, but we do need to say that that combination will never achieve its prophetic destiny until each member of the trio is talent-trained for the task—a task obtaining in a day when increased knowledge, mass education, and competitive factors present a challenge that the unlearned and the bunglers cannot successfully meet.

This great lay congress is designed to help equip our loyal laymen to serve in the most momentous hour to which men have ever been called. If your church calls you, grasp the unprecedented opportunity that is yours to be had!

S. W. BURROWS

Home Missionary and Sabbath
School Secretary, Ohio Conference

Columbia Union Literature Evangelism

February Deliveries

Allegheny	\$ 17,163.88
Chesapeake	8,349.00
New Jersey	6,161.20
Ohio	34,106.81
Pennsylvania	14,321.83
Potomac	18,314.78
West Virginia	4,569.24
Union	\$102,986.74

Missionary Report

Literature distributed	6,520
Bible school enrollments	2,236
New persons attend church	120
Former S.D.A.'s contacted	72
Prayers offered	2,928
Bible studies given	231
Baptisms	2

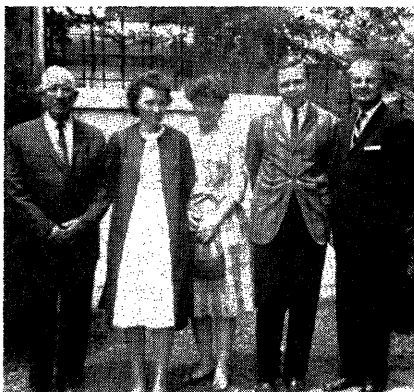
February Honor Roll

Allegheny	
Albert Berrien	\$ 957.30
David Hubbard	953.45
Chesapeake	
Ralph Krum	2,159.95
Jack Henderson	1,453.00
New Jersey	
G. W. Barnes	1,230.30
Donald Sharpe	1,191.85
Ohio	
Everett Boggess	2,115.50
James Fenner	2,001.15
Pennsylvania	
R. E. Doering, Jr.	1,782.70
Arthur Brandt	1,187.35
Potomac	
Howard McGuire	1,874.50
Charles Reep	1,345.40
West Virginia	
Glenn Cox	1,842.00
Harley Kittle	1,362.85

"These Times" Wins Souls

A SHORT time ago Elder D. W. Hunter, then President of the Ohio Conference and now President of the Pennsylvania Conference, sent in a very fine picture with a little story of a baptism, a baptism that *These Times* helped to bring about.

The mother in this picture had been baptized into the Adventist church when a teen-ager, but had drifted away. Someone thoughtfully



sent her *These Times*. When Marshall Wright was to hold an effort, he wrote and asked for the addresses of those living in his community who received *These Times*. Mrs. Welch's name was in that group. We sent her an announcement of the meetings to be held. She attended. Now she and her son and daughter are baptized, and Mr. Welch, we hope, will soon take his stand with his family.

Literature distribution pays. Send your subscription to *These Times* now. IF NOT YOU—WHO? IF NOT NOW—WHEN?

R. J. CHRISTIAN

Circulation Manager

Tragedy Strikes

I THINK that all of our people have heard of the devastating fire that swept through and destroyed the Edward Risley Hall on the campus of Loma Linda University. Fortunately, no one was injured nor did the fire damage other buildings nearby.

This building has been one of the key units on the Loma Linda campus where some of the required subjects in medicine are taught. Much of the costly research and laboratory equipment in this building was destroyed.

It is most unfortunate that this tragedy should strike at the time when the Medical College is being consolidated on the Loma Linda campus at considerable expense.

Now this building must be replaced as soon as possible. The medical college cannot operate without this needed space. Just what it will cost to construct another building is yet to be determined, but we do know it will be costly in view of the type of structure required and the space needed.

So we are coming to our people, appealing to them for help. We are confident that in this time of emergency our members will be happy to come to the aid of our medical college and replace the building which so suddenly and without warning has been destroyed.

The annual offering for the medical college is to be taken in all of our churches on Sabbath, April 11. This will provide opportunity for each of us to make liberal contributions for the replacing of this key building which has been destroyed by fire.

May God impress your hearts to be especially generous in this emergency need.

C. L. TORREY

Treasurer, General Conference

Meet the Officers Of BMA Literature Club

Yes, we would like you to take a good look at the newly appointed Student Literature Evangelist Club officers at Blue Mountain Academy in the Pennsylvania Conference.

Each year a very lively and enthusiastic group of young people go out from this school to enter the canvassing field and to earn a scholarship to help in defraying their school expenses. The summer of 1964 will be no exception. These officers, with their well-laid plans, inspire and challenge many young people to share their faith by selling the finest literature in all the world. One of our academy students last summer was blessed of the Lord in delivering \$7,000 worth of books and journals.

Academy and college students are encouraged to visit their respective Scholarship Club meetings and begin to lay plans not only to enter the scholarship program this summer but to join the great army of young people around the world that will be selling Christian literature in dozens of dialects.

I. W. YOUNG
Associate Publishing Secretary,
Columbia Union Conference

College President Recommends "Reading"

FINE reading is the acme of intellectual refreshment. It enables one to create, at least temporarily, an entirely new environment. This may entail a vicarious trip to a little-known corner of the globe, an inspirational session with some of the "great books," or a mutually exhilarating experience grappling with a major problem of the day by matching wits with a stimulating author.



The reader may seek God through the "green pastures" of the Psalms. This can be enjoyment in the best sense. He may sit with the poets of nature by the quiet stream of contemplation.

One who reads may through the power of the printed page envision scenes limited only by his own imagination. He may figuratively lift himself above the routine and the irritating planes of mundane thought. Thus the slate is wiped clean for another attack on the puzzles which daily confront one.



OFFICERS. Left to right: top row, Rollin Shorter, vice-president; Bruce Wickwire, president; Ray Wilson, pastor; bottom row, Nancy Rotter, secretary; Nancy Smith, treasurer; and Emma Miller, public relations secretary.

In this way, reading is a rewarding interlude sandwiched between tension, hurry, and struggle—a superb source of relaxation and pleasure.

CHARLES B. HIRSCH, PH.D.
President, Columbia Union College



Student Notes Values of Literature Evangelism

A ONE-TIME literature evangelist once stated that he wished he could have the peace he experienced while canvassing. I did not understand the full meaning of this statement until some years later when I had canvassed.



The compensation one receives from doing this work does not compare with that of any other work. This is true in my own experience. The money income is already have forgotten, even though it has helped greatly in satisfying my financial obligations. However, I suppose and hope that I shall never

forget the experience of this God-given work.

Someone once sarcastically stated that literature evangelism is achieved by high-pressure salesmanship just like many other types of selling. This individual understated the facts. Literature evangelism is actually *more* highly pressurized than any other type of selling when one realizes the power of the Holy Spirit pleading with the heart of the customer. Why don't you respond to that pleading power today and become a literature evangelist?

MARVIN GRIFFIN
Student, Columbia Union College

"Faith for Today" Baptisms More Than Double in 1964

FAITH for Today baptisms for the first two months of 1964 are more than twice the figures for the same period of 1963. The figure for January and February of this year is 345 compared with 167 for 1963 as reported by the Interest Department. Of these, 75 baptisms were in the Columbia Union Conference.

During 1963 the Columbia Union Conference territory had the most enrollments and baptisms in the North American Division, with 11,028 enrollments and 443 baptisms. Seventy per cent of Faith for Today's graduates in this union conference requested a visit from a Seventh-day Adventist representative and local ministers were able to fulfill 60 per cent of these requests.

The total number of graduates of the Faith for Today Bible courses since the telecast began now amounts to over 82,000. More than 8,000 have written to our office telling us that the influence of this Adventist television program is responsible for their membership in the remnant church today.

We are sure there are hundreds of others whose baptisms have not been reported to us and there are even more who now know the Adventist message and, we believe, will join the church as earth's closing scenes begin to unfold.

E. N. WENDTH

Coming

Union College Alumni Homecoming
April 30-May 2
for All
Graduates, Former Students,
Staff Members, and Friends
Plan Now to Attend
Honor Classes: 1914 and 1939

CUC Alumni Homecoming

THE annual homecoming of the Alumni Association of Columbia Union College will be held on the weekend of April 24-26 in Takoma Park, Md. See next week's VISITOR for complete information on the weekend program. Plan now to attend.

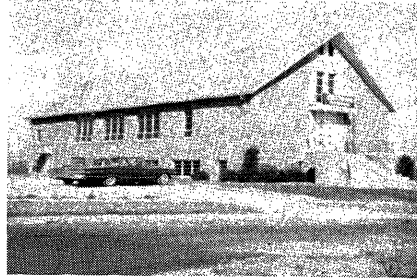
CONFERENCE NEWS

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Dayton Members Worship In New Building

It was a glorious occasion for the members of Dayton's Ethnan Temple Church as they walked into their new church and witnessed the baptism of 63 persons, the result of an effort conducted by Elder D. L. Davis.

For many years the congregation worshiped in an unrepresentative church and longed for better things. During his recent pastorate there, Elder U. S. Willis and the congregation worked diligently, looking for a new church home. Shortly before he was moved to Richmond, Va., a newly constructed church in a good neighborhood was viewed and he began negotiating for it. When Elder Daniel Davis took up his duties there, the representatives of the Church of God informed the Adventists that "the church is not for sale and really never has been." God wrought in a marvelous manner,



This newly acquired brick church building, with commodious appointments, modern equipment, and facilities, is the new "home" of the Dayton, Ohio, congregation. Elder D. L. Davis is the pastor.

however, and Elder Davis continued negotiations which climaxed when, in less than three months, a contract was signed and the Adventists moved from the big tent into the new church. The entry into the new structure actually occurred before a down payment had been deposited.

This church was constructed in 1957. It comes fully equipped with pews, seating 600 persons, a balcony, choir loft, mother's room, elevated baptistry, two offices fully equipped with office furniture, a Hammond organ, two pianos, a complete public address system, 12 equipped class-



Elder D. L. Davis, pastor, is seen in front of the newly acquired Dayton Church.

rooms, a large downstairs assembly room, a fully equipped kitchen (including a new doughnut maker), three restrooms, two independently operating furnaces, storage space, 200 tubular steel folding chairs, and two acres of land on which the church is located in the Residence Park section of the city.

The total cost to the congregation is \$101,000. Rising to meet the challenge, the pastor and congregation are determined to dedicate the church free of debt in record time.

SS Superintendent Conducts Services at Sanatorium



"To win, to train, to hold" is the general theme borrowed from the Columbia Union Conference meeting in Atlantic City and used by Edgar Williamson as a clarion call to all laymen to win souls. Mr. Williamson, Sabbath School Superintendent of the Youngstown, Ohio, Church, conducts chapel services at the Mahoning County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Pictured are the patients waiting eagerly for their Tuesday-evening class to start. Shown with Mr. Williamson (center, rear) is the Temple Emmanuel Church missionary leader, Mrs. Rebecca Brimmer. Mrs. Brimmer's quiet, spiritual appeal has been a proven inspiration to the church. Through the organization of prayer bands the entire church membership has shown an increased fellowship with Christ. Elder J. E. Farrow is the pastor of the church.—Mary E. Hawks, Press Secretary, Youngstown, Ohio, Temple Emmanuel Church.

Report of Progress From Pittsburgh Ethnan Temple

THE members of Ethnan Temple Church of Pittsburgh have reason to be grateful for the many stages of progress that have characterized their faithful efforts under the leadership of Elder Nelson A. Bliss.

In September, 1963, their new elementary school building, a two-story brick structure with a spacious playground area, was dedicated for occupancy. There are three large classrooms, an auditorium, a cafeteria, an infirmary, a nursery room for pre-school-age children, two offices, adequate lavatory facilities, and storeroom space. Teachers are Linval Williamson, principal, grades 7 and 8; Gustava Manning, grades 4-6;

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and Mrs. Frances Bliss, grades 1, 2, and 3.

The church music department includes seven organized groups. Directors who compose the music committee are: James A. Wadkins, chairman, the Senior Choir and Concert Choir; Mrs. Eva Dozier, the Gospel Chorus; Mrs. Lillie M. Nelson, the Youth Choir; Mrs. Louise E. Davis, the Children's Choir; Mrs. Frances Bliss, the Ladies' Chorus; and Mrs. Frances Burns, the Male Chorus.

On December 15 the groups formed a massed choir of 65 voices and presented Peterson's Christmas cantata, "Night of Miracles." The program was a grand success.

One of the most eventful social occasions of the year 1963 was the annual yuletide party held December 28. Highlighting the evening of entertainment was a surprise testimonial honoring Elder Bliss. Among the out-of-town guests present were Elder Warren Banfield, President of the South Atlantic Conference, and his family. Also present was Ruth Mosby, Dean of Women at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Ala.

Setting the pace for the New Year's program of activities was the annual Women's Day, held on Sabbath, January 18. The women of Ethnan Temple were in charge of all of the services throughout the day. The theme was "God's Challenge to the Women of Modern Israel." Mrs. Mamie H. Wadkins, the MV leader, delivered the 11:00 o'clock message. The special offering amounted to approximately \$300.

Members of the Women's Day program committee were Mrs. Louise E. Davis, chairman; Mrs. Mamie Wadkins, Mrs. Norwida Marshall,



The 1963 fall Investment project, sponsored by the Junior Division of the Ethnan Temple Sabbath School, featured the ship, *Old Ironsides*, "plated" with \$40 in shiny silver dimes. The total amount raised by both senior and junior divisions of the Sabbath School for the year 1963 was \$800. Wallace Wilson was the Investment secretary, Mrs. Rosabelle Skinner, general superintendent, and Mrs. Mae Berry, superintendent of the Junior Division.

Mrs. Dorothy May, and Mrs. Frances Bliss.

The 1964 officers of the church have pledged to make this a banner year in advancing the kingdom of God in the steel city. We solicit the interest and prayers of all our fellow believers.

MRS. LOUISE DAVIS
Press Secretary, Pittsburgh
Ethnan Temple Church

Chesapeake

"Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone"

ON February 8, 1964, offering plates and a beautiful offering cup for the children's Sabbath School Department were presented to the Laurel, Md., Church in memory of Mrs. Annie Shupp.

Mrs. Shupp, lovingly remembered as "Aunt Annie" by the Sabbath School members, passed to her rest October 27, 1962, but her influence lives on in her home Sabbath School. Many remember her usual remark when questioned if she had studied

her lesson every day: "Oh yes, that is my first meal of the day and without it the other three would mean little." This was the language of her life.

How wonderful it would be if all refreshed themselves in the morning with the Word of God before filling their physical bodies with food.

HILDA MERSON
Press Secretary, Laurel Church

Dorcas Federation Meetings Scheduled

Be sure to attend the federation meeting in your particular area! We are pleased to announce the following federation meetings in the Chesapeake Conference.

April 9—Eastern Shore Federation, Forest Grove Church, 10:00 A.M. Guest speaker will be Elder Cyril Miller, Conference President.

April 19—Central Federation, Baltimore First Church, 10:00 A.M. Guest speaker will be Elder A. A. Esteb, Ph.D., General Conference.

Be sure to plan to attend these meetings.

MRS. SYBIL SCOTT
State Federation President

HUGE MUSIC CAMP

AUGUST 9-22, 1964

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- Choral Groups
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- Concert

August 12-22

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for time and channel

**"A Handshake All
Around, Please"**

THE heading of this article has a real meaning. While Mrs. Gackenhaimer and I were visiting the Baltimore First Church on Sabbath, February 29, we were very much impressed with a friendly custom that the Sabbath School has. The superintendent, Glen Guenterberg, called on all of the members present to turn around and shake hands with the one nearest. The magic of this little act of kindness and courtesy immediately warmed the entire adult division and one could feel the friendliness pervading the school.

This fits in so well with what the Apostle says in Phillips Translation, "a handshake all around, please." Surely he knew the value of that warm handclasp and the smile that usually goes with it.

I was impressed with the punctuality of the school and the interest in the program and the lesson study. I briefly visited the other divisions and found that they were in good hands, with qualified and sincere Christian leaders.

The day was the occasion of the visit of Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Esteb of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference. His message during the divine service was greatly appreciated and set the stage for the distribution of some 10,000 tracts, entitled "This May Startle You." The response of over two-

**Investment Projects at
Hagerstown**



Above is a picture of the Investment projects of the Primary Division of the Hagerstown Sabbath School. The Primary Division consists of approximately 20 children, under the leadership of Virginia Tritch. The division realized a goal of over \$100 in covering a mother tigress and cubs with dimes. William Fales heads the Investment department in the Hagerstown Church.

thirds of the members present in volunteering to do this work made the task of distributing easy indeed. The well-prepared plan of attack by Elder Ray Spencer and his dedicated missionary leader, Mr. Shearer, and his committee, made light work of this challenging enterprise.

Pennsylvania

**Welfare Center Opened
At Lebanon**

A WELFARE center recently was opened in the Lebanon, Pa., Church. The welfare director, Mrs. Reba Scott, conducted a well-planned program.

Visiting guests were Dr. Loehle, City Health Director, and Jack Warrllow, Red Cross Director of the local chapter.

Because the mayor was unable to be present on the night of the opening of the center, he came in two days previously. Words of commendation were given by these men for the Adventist welfare facilities.

Other guests present were Mrs. Daniel Klopp, a music instructor of Lebanon, who sang, and Elder C. C. Weis of the Columbia Union Conference.

A welfare center need not be large in order to serve. The Lebanon Church already has demonstrated this fact in the following report by Mrs. Reba Scott:

"A family of 10 children came to the center recently with their clothing practically in rags. They wore shoes with holes—some had no soles on them—they wore no socks, and were bareheaded. Some had no coats and some had only cotton shirts with holes in them—on a cold



Mrs. Reba Scott, welfare center director, and Mrs. Henry Little, an active member of the Dorcas welfare center, showing some of the supplies.

day. The father of this family has cataracts on his eyes and the mother wears a brace for her back. We immediately began to supply their needs.

"They were so happy to receive the clothing that they lingered even when it was time to go home. We presented each one with a supply of literature such as *Little Friend*, *Primary Treasure*, *Junior Guide*, *These Times*, and *Your Friends, the Adventists*.

"Two other families with six children each came in while the first family was there. This made 22 children at one time. At first we hardly knew where to begin. Our lobby was crowded and we had only three workers, but we managed nicely."

The next day someone called Mrs. Scott on the telephone and asked whether the center could use some dishes. At first she did not know if they could make use of them, but graciously accepted. About 10 minutes later a woman called to tell her about a family whose trailer had burned and they needed dishes and blankets. This lady's husband is in Germany and she has four children.

Mrs. Scott states: "I am so grateful for the many times the Lord has helped us in providing all our needs. This strengthens one's faith. I enjoy this work very much and hope I can always do something to help others."

This is practical Christianity indeed. It is hoped that others will catch a vision of opportunities that lie at their doorstep.

T. H. WEIS

Home Missionary Secretary,
Pennsylvania Conference



Left to right: Elder C. C. Weis, Home Missionary Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference; Dr. Loehle, City Health Director of Lebanon; Jack Warrllow, Director of the local American Red Cross; Mrs. Reba Scott, welfare center director; T. H. Weis, Home Missionary Secretary of the Pennsylvania Conference; and Mrs. Joseph Manbeck, assistant welfare center director.

**Patriotism Exemplified
In School Programs**

ONE definition of patriotism is "devotion to the welfare of one's country." What could be more patriotic than such a program presented by Christian teachers and students?

The Lake Erie Junior Academy

Cooking School

WHAT? A model cooking and nutrition school.

WHEN? April 13-16, 7:00-9:00 P.M.

WHERE? Reading, Pa., Junior Academy, Reading, Pa.

WHO? Mrs. Dorothea Van Gundy Jones of Arlington, Calif., International Nutrition Research Foundation.

WHO CAN COME? Everyone interested in

- Good health
- Good nutrition
- Good food

Mrs. Lemar Heydt, Mrs. Harvey Lehman, and Mrs. Clinton Weis will serve as coordinators of the school. You are invited to attend.

faculty, William Bulford, Mrs. Nancy Johnson, and Mrs. Thelma Johnson, with the student body, presented such a program to celebrate the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln.

Grades 1-4 presented a play, "The Little Soldier." Grades 5-8 provided a skit regarding the proper care and handling of the flag and then an enactment comparing the assassination of Kennedy and Lincoln. The youth in grades nine and 10 portrayed the historical high lights undergirding our civil and religious freedoms.

Surely we are all thankful for the work of Christian teachers and Christian schools. Let us be patriotic and loyal to our country and to our own fine young people that they may have a Christian education.

MRS. BETTY BISH

Press Secretary, Erie Church

Facts Need to Be Faced In Will Making

WITH all the promotion and counsel given to our people, there are still many who have not been exercised enough to make out their wills

and take care of their estate. Are you one of these?

There are several common excuses we get for this neglect. One is that they have so few possessions that there is no need of making out a will. They forget that it was the person with only one talent that lost out. You may have more than you realize, but why not conserve what you have? Another group comes up with the excuse that they don't know how to get started. The whole thing looms up like a mountain to them. They become discouraged and put it off. For this reason the Conference has certain men to help you to give counsel and guidance. All you have to do is to call or write to the Conference office for such help.

It is the duty of every Christian to prove faithful in his stewardship. To make proper disposition of the means the Lord has given us is part of that faithfulness. We are told in some areas that of all the estates administered, 50 per cent have no wills. Can we realize what that means?

In such cases the wife and children can be robbed of their rightful share. It also means that the cause of God will suffer. This should not be the case with Seventh-day Adventists.

Naturally, we should give to the cause of God all we can while we are alive. "Dying charity is a poor substitute for living benevolence." However, what we need for operating capital, be it for the home or business, that part of our estate should be properly taken care of by a will.

The following counsel from the messenger of the Lord is timely: "Many are not exercised upon the subject of making their wills while they are in apparent health. But this precaution should be taken by our brethren. . . . They should arrange their property in such a manner that they may leave it at any time" (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 4, p. 482). If you need counsel along these lines, your conference can supply it by asking. Do not hesitate.

A. F. RUF

West Virginia

Youth Rally Held At Fairmont

A MOST inspiring and profitable youth rally, under the direction of Elder H. W. Bass, was held in Fairmont, W. Va., Sabbath, March 14. The rally opened with an overflow attendance, in spite of the prevailing bad weather.

Elder J. R. Nelson of the General Conference MV Department appealed to the young people to accept the challenge of the hour in complete dedication to God and His service. Other guest speakers were E. M. Peterson of the Columbia Union Conference and his brother, Garland Peterson, of Mount Vernon Academy.

Outstanding music, featuring members of the Mount Vernon Academy band and soloists from various MV societies of the Conference highlighted the services of the rally. Elder A. J. Patzer, President of the West Virginia Conference, gave expert leadership in the music program.

At the afternoon meeting considerable time was spent in discussing Target 3,000, a special North American youth evangelistic endeavor to win 3,000 persons to Christ in 1964. All youth leaders pledged their strong support in backing the program, and some promised to hold Voice of Youth evangelistic meetings in various areas of the Conference.

At the end of the Sabbath, as the rally came to a close, the young people felt greatly inspired to do a greater and nobler work for God.

A. M. KAROLYI

Pennsylvania Conference Music Festival

Blue Mountain Academy
Sunday, May 10

Rehearsal 9:30 A.M.

Program 4:00 P.M.

All students in Pennsylvania, grades one through 10, who play a band or orchestra instrument, or like to sing, are invited to participate. Non-church-school students are also welcome.

Application blanks are available from your local pastor or church-school teacher.



Overflow crowd attends youth rally in Fairmont, W. Va.



Youth leaders from some of the churches of the West Virginia Conference tell of their plans to sponsor the program, "Target 3,000." Elder H. W. Bass, MV Secretary of the West Virginia Conference, and Elder J. R. Nelson of the General Conference MV Department, stand at the extreme right.



Cheryl and Susan Whited of the Parkersburg Young People's Society render a duet during the afternoon meeting at the Fairmont rally.

Potomac

SVA Group Goes to South America

A GROUP of students and adults left Shenandoah Valley Academy in one of the S.V.A. busses, Saturday night, December 14, on a trip to South America. The trip included 12 days



Charlene Sublett and Nancy Schroeder enjoy a special vegetable plate prepared for the group on the flight.

in Colombia and one day in Panama, plus several days of travel and sight-seeing from New Market, Va., to Miami, Fla. Seven days were spent at the Colombia-Venezuela Institute and a weekend at Colegio El Campo, a self-supporting school in the Colombian plains, operated by graduates of S.V.A.

The first stop on the way was at Southern Missionary College, near Chattanooga, Tenn. Here they also visited historic Lookout Mountain and rode the Incline Railway. At Atlanta, Ga., they saw the Cyclorama which depicts very realistically in wax and painting the Battle of



Checking luggage at the Avianca Airlines counter in Miami. Left to right: Judy Johnson, Thelma Barry, Mrs. Beulah Markham, Delores Killon, Kathy Brooks, Blainette Ullom, and Douglas Dickson.

Atlanta during the Civil War. Then they visited Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, and saw the Confederate Memorial carved in the side of the huge mountain of stone.

Then came Florida and Silver Springs, with the glass-bottom boat ride, jungle cruise, and the Ross Allen Institute; and then a visit to Forest Lake Academy.

After arriving at the Miami International Airport, everyone really began to get excited as he checked his luggage and made preparations

for the flight. Soon they were airborne and, after six hours in the air, landed at Medellin, Colombia. Here is located the Colombia-Venezuela Institute, known there as Icolven. Here they were met by R. A. Riffel, President of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, and Gilberto Bustamante, President of Icolven. The next seven days, including Christmas Day, were spent at Icolven. Many friendships were formed among the students of the two schools during this time, and it was a tearful occasion when they left.



Part of the group boarding at Barranquilla, Colombia. Left to right: Claudia Farnham, Carlotta Smith, Bonnie Smith, Kathy Brooks, Douglas Dickson, Blainette Ullom, and Richard Byrd.

During the week at Medellin the group had about three hours of class work a day for four of the days. History was taught by Prof. David Gonzalez and Spanish, by Mrs. Ruth Riffel. Both classes were taught in Spanish and translated, and were very interesting and profitable for members of the class. Afternoons, Sunday, and Christmas Day were spent in sightseeing, shopping, and going on a picnic in the mountains.

After a flight to Bogota, the capital of Colombia, and a breath-taking taxi ride of 75 miles to Villaviciendo, another part of the trip began. Here a chartered bus met the group and took them 55 miles over an unpaved road. At the end of the road two boats, one a dugout, met them and took them 35 miles down the Meta River, headwaters of the Orinoco River, to a self-supporting mission



Elder Gilberto Bustamante, Director of the Colombia-Venezuela Institute in Medellin, Colombia, shows his pet monkey to W. J. Strickland, Richard Byrd, Judy Johnson, and Claudia Farnham.



Mrs. Ruth Riffel (right), wife of the President of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, teaches a Spanish class. Assisting her is the Director of Icolven, Gilberto Bustamante.

school operated by two graduates of S.V.A. Bob and Minon Hamm started Colegio El Campo about three years ago and it has grown from some 10 students to over 40.

During the weekend stay at Colegio El Campo the students got a glimpse of mission life in reality. They slept under mosquito nets in dormitories with mud wall, dirt floors, and thatched roofs. But, in spite of the lack of conveniences, everything was very clean and the students disliked having to leave.

On the flight back a 30-hour stop in Panama had been planned and during this time a visit to one of the locks and to one of the deep cuts in the canal were points of interest that they saw.

As a result of the trip, several expressed a desire to return in mission service; everyone had a more clearly defined idea of the work in foreign countries and the results; and each saw the necessity of being better neighbors, for each now has friends in the south. The S.V.A. students took up a collection among themselves to help some of the more unfortunate students at one of the schools, and also gave considerable help to several families who were

S.V.A. Alumni Homecoming Weekend May 1 and 2 Come, Meet Your Friends

out of work because of the influence of the Catholic priests.

Those making the trip were the following: Thelma Barry, Woodbury, N. J.; Kathy Brooks, Baltimore, Md.; Richard Byrd, Buena Vista, Va.; Douglas Dickson, Silver Spring, Md.; Claudia Farnham, Haddonfield, N. J.; Judy Johnson, Madison, Tenn.; Dolores Killen, Wytheville, Va.; Byron Kinsley, Richmond, Va.; Gil Lewis, Annandale, Va.; Jay Nixon, Alloway, N. J.; Nancy Schroeder, Takoma Park, Md.; Floyd Shelton, Fredericksburg, Va.; Bonnie Smith, Silver Spring, Md.; Carlotta Smith, Thurmont, Md.; Linda Spencer, Baltimore, Md.; Charlene Sublett, Lynchburg, Va.; Glainette Ullom, Spencerville, Md.; Mrs. Anna Jackson, Baltimore, Md.; Karen Jackson, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Beulah Markham, Wytheville, Va.; Lloyd Grove, Shenandoah Valley Academy; W. J. Strickland, Shenandoah Valley Academy.

W. J. STRICKLAND



Gains Reported at Biennial Session

THE membership in Ohio showed a gain of 11 per cent during the past two years, 600 delegates attending the 24th Biennial Session in Mount Vernon were told Sunday, March 15.

The President, Elder F. W. Wernick, paused in his report to add two new churches—Norwalk and Kettering—to the sisterhood. Both had been organized since May, 1962.

Tithe from the almost 8,000 members was reported at \$2,340,721.97—an increase of approximately \$73,000 over 1960 and 1961.

While the Church Development Service, only two years old, has solicited pledges totaling \$684,573 for local church needs, \$347,423.12 is promised for expanding Mount Vernon Academy. From this million-dollar sum almost \$57,000 already is in hand for the three-year campus improvement adventure.

Youth activities are progressing. A craft building and the medical

building were added at the Mohaven camp site in 1963.

Official business was divided among the Conference, the Association, and the school, while committees worked toward reporting on the laws, the constitution and licenses, and credentials.

Before taking the mid-day recess for lunch, delegates were told that sales in the Publishing Department had risen \$303,663.38 during



Pastors held district caucuses to select one member from each of their churches to sit on the big committee as the election process got underway.



Made up of 93 members, the big committee is seen in the act of selecting 13 men and two women to serve on the nominating committee.



District pastors, Ronald Atkinson (left) and Elder M. W. Deming, check the President's report to confirm that their two new churches—Norwalk and Kettering, respectively, would be voted into the sisterhood of churches by the delegates at Ohio's 24th Biennial Session.



To climax the day, Elder Wernick had his team of departmental secretaries give unified support to the Conference objective of winning 1,104 new converts (an average of 46 a month) between now and the next biennium.

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this biennium over the years 1960-1961.

The medical work is going in the right direction. C. W. Trott, M.D., and Harry H. Slough, D.D.S., said that 14 new doctors—physicians and dentists—have set up practice in Ohio since the last session.

Some 675 persons have taken part in 10 tobacco-withdrawal clinics conducted in the Conference since March of last year, Elder F. W. Hudgins, Five-Day Plan coordinator, reported.

The Ohio Conference has an investment of \$1,229,425 in the 22 educational facilities throughout the Conference. Only four are still one-teacher schools. While Ohio's minimum requirement for elementary certification is 56 college hours, the 52 Adventist teachers average 102 college credits.

Elder Neal C. Wilson, Union Conference President, was chairman of the nominating committee. He was supported by Elder E. W. Dunbar of the General Conference.

Decisions involving Conference business between now and the next session will be in the hands of an 11-member committee composed of the following: F. W. Wernick, President; R. L. Walden, Treasurer (replacing J. B. Bogle who is transferring to the Loma Linda Food Company in California); J. L. Hagle, Worthington; Dr. Frank Shaw, Youngstown; Dr. Harry H. Slough, Geneva; M. W. Deming, Dayton; E. R. Cowling, Mount Vernon; J. R. Shull, Mount Vernon; E. A. Trumper, Athens; Frank Vessels, Cincinnati; Fred Stauffer, Springfield.

All department heads were reinstated.

Twelve-Year-Old Earns Jasper Wayne Award

ROXIE ANN BREESE is only 12 years old, but she is a symbol of energy and enthusiasm to the Warren, Ohio, Church and to the church school which she attends.

When her own Ingathering band could not go out, she would telephone other band leaders and persist until she found a band she could join.

She solicits anyone, anywhere—family, friends or strangers—and on her school field day she received a \$20 offering. By the time the campaign had ended she was a Jasper Wayne award winner.

Her ambition is to be a mathematics teacher, and she is getting some good practice counting the In-

gathering funds her zealous efforts produce. But God has greatly blessed her, and she will tell you so.

MRS. JOHN CALLAHAN
Division Leader, Warren Church

OBITUARIES

MARTIN, George Vernon, was born January 20, 1896, in Nacogdoches, Texas, and died November 29, 1963, at his home in Gentry, Arkansas, where he had resided since 1939. In his early teens he joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church of which he remained a faithful member. He received his secondary education at Southwestern Junior College (now Southwestern Union College), Union College, and Washington Missionary College (now Columbia Union College), where he was graduated with the class of 1927. He served two years in the United States Army from September, 1917, until August, 1919. He entered the field of teaching in 1927 and taught in Adventist academies for 10 years, and for 12 years he taught science and mathematics in the Gentry High School. He also served as a member of the Ozark Academy Board for many years. While attending college at Washington, D. C., he met Signe E. Oster to whom he was married in 1928 at Water-ville, Iowa. He is survived by his wife; four sisters: Mrs. Lela Petey, Mrs. Maude Price, and Effye and Laura Martin; three brothers: Charles, Lawrence, and Berton. Funeral services were held at the Gentry Church with Elder J. S. Jameson of Hot Springs officiating, assisted by Elder R. G. Wertz, Elder J. J. Swinyar, and Elder M. L. Wilson. Interment was in Memorial Gardens near Rogers, Ark., where he awaits the resurrection.

R. G. Wertz

MICHAEL, Phyllis Clare Campbell, was born June 10, 1900, in Simla, India, and died December 26, 1963, in Orlando, Fla., the only child of Harry Albert Colin Campbell and Lillie Ruth Emmer Campbell. While still in her teens, she joined her parents in the acceptance of the faith of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a result of the ministry of Dr. H. C. Menkel and Pastor Heber H. Votaw, in Simla. After her marriage to Thomas J. Michael, she served by her husband's side in the service of the church in India, Burma, and in the United States. For several years she was employed by the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital in Takoma Park, Md. In 1962 she moved to Orlando, Fla. She was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery, in Orlando, Fla. Surviving are her two sons, Pastor Darren L. Michael; and Radner C. Michael; five grandchildren; and two cousins, Pastor Ashley G. Emmer, and Mrs. E. B. Doro Hughes.

BADGER, Charles Edward, was born March 12, 1883, in Potter County, Pa., and died in St. Petersburg, Fla., January 11, 1964. He was formerly of Erie, Pa., and held membership in the church there until the time of his death. Survivors are his wife, Ida Louise Fry Badger; a son, Kenneth W. Badger; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He awaits the resurrection in Girard Cemetery, near Erie.

George Gainer

EVANS, Mrs. Matilda Cable, was born October 21, 1886, in Independence, Ohio, and died January 31, 1964. She was married to David Evans in 1916, and shortly afterward they became dedicated members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She is survived by two sisters and her husband. The service was conducted by Elder R. F. Farley and the writer.

A. E. Brendel, Jr.

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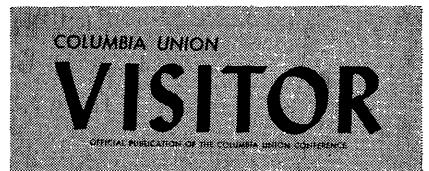
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Cincinnati, Ohio	7:10	7:17
Cleveland, Ohio	7:01	7:09
Columbus, Ohio	7:05	7:12
Jersey City, N. J.	6:30	6:37
Norfolk, Va.	6:35	6:41
Parkersburg, W. Va.	6:59	7:05
Philadelphia, Pa.	6:34	6:41
Pittsburgh, Pa.	6:53	7:01
Reading, Pa.	6:37	6:44
Richmond, Va.	6:40	6:46
Scranton, Pa.	6:37	6:45
Toledo, Ohio	7:10	7:18
Trenton, N. J.	6:32	6:40
Washington, D. C.	6:40	6:47



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Rockaway and Franklin Celebrate Ingathering Victory

THIS year was a time of contrasts in the Ingathering work. The Rockaway Church had the quickest and easiest campaign in its history, while the Franklin Church had a difficult time. Both churches had more than their goal in hand, however, by Christmas, and both churches celebrated victory with a church social.

The Rockaway Church, under the blessing of God, went over its goal in a little less than two weeks of actual work. We had good cooperation and participation this year. Some of our ladies did exceptionally well in soliciting in the shopping centers in the evening. The three top solicitors all did this type of work primarily. Nora Truscott brought in over two Jasper Wayne goals in this way. Close behind her were Josephine Kritsky and the pastor's wife, who brought in over \$53 one night, soliciting near one of the stores. Joseph Dixon and Bertha Gesell solicited a Jasper Wayne goal or more from their business contacts. Harold Blaser made business contacts and also went from door to door almost every evening. Nellie Hill and Hubert Blaser also deserve special mention for their faithful work. Many others worked hard and faithfully, bringing in amounts ranging from a few dollars to nearly \$100. We wish



Faithful members of the Rockaway Church who raised a Jasper Wayne total or over. Left to right: Mrs. J. Kritsky, Joe Dixon, Mrs. Nora Truscott, and Harold Blazer.

we had space to mention all their names.

The Franklin Church, on the other hand, owing to sickness, had a difficult time this year. Some who have been a real help in previous years were ill during this campaign. In a small church this can often seriously hurt effectiveness. With a little boost from Rockaway and the faithful work of a few, the church did go over its goal. Special commendation goes to Clem O'Neill and Henry Lehto who, with the pastor, worked very hard to go over the goal. Both of these individuals brought in well over a Jasper Wayne goal. Lewis Tallman gave much-needed assistance in driving and operating the carollette. We are hoping for better conditions next time so we can do even more for God.

LEE ROY TRIPP

Pastor

Eldridge Accepts Post

LARRY Eldridge has responded to the call to be Pastor of the New Brunswick and Perth Amboy Eng-



Pastor and Mrs. Larry Eldridge and their two children, Gregg and Carie.

lish Churches, as well as the new company recently formed at Hightstown. His parents have been missionaries in Japan for a long time, but he has been receiving his advanced education in the United States.

We are happy that the Eldridge family accepted this call and they already have taken up their work here. Mrs. Eldridge has a keen interest in child evangelism and we feel confident that God will richly bless them in their service for Him.

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Scholarship 300 Club Seeks 300 Student Colporteurs

C.U.C.'s Scholarship 300 Club, an organization for those interested in colporteur work, began its second-semester program with a joint worship in Morrison Hall.

The club's main goal is to interest 300 students to work in the Columbia Union Conference this summer as literature evangelists. Scheduled events include two more joint worships, an MV program in April, the film "Island Oddities," and an outing sponsored by the Columbia Union Conference which will be open to those who attend five out of the 10 scheduled meetings.

At joint worship Tom Knoll, the president, introduced the club's officers: Harry Banks, vice-president; Marolyn Gill, secretary; Rudy Dean, treasurer; Mike Miller, pastor; and Gabe Romero, publicity secretary.

Attention, High-School Students

College Visitation Days at Columbia Union College are coming soon! See your local pastor or educational superintendent for details.

For those in the Ohio, Virginia, and Maryland area, College Days will be April 19-21.

For those in the Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and New Jersey area, College Days will be April 26-28.

Those desiring further information, please write to College Relations, Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Md.