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Thousands Accept the Message in East Africa

BY ELDER CALVIN E. MOSELEY, JR.

THE East African Union comprises the mission fields of Kenya, Tanganyika, and Uganda. These colonial countries lying in the equatorial highlands of East Africa are at once beautiful, comparatively healthful, and prosperous. They have a combined population of more than 6,000,000 well-fed and impressionable Africans.

One of the largest concentrations of Seventh-day Adventist believers to be found in the world reside in the beautiful rolling hills of inland Kenya. It is reported that more than seventy thousand baptized and unbaptized believers live within a radius of about one hundred miles.

This is also one of the areas where formerly as many as twenty thousand or more believers assembled in a single camp meeting. Today those large and unwieldy gatherings have given way to a larger number of small camps, conducted simultaneously, so that a more effective work may be done for the believers.

On a recent visit to this interesting field the writer visited eight camp meetings in Tanganyika and Kenya. Those visits resulted in more than 1,200 new accessions to the faith. Attendance varied from about 1,000 on weekdays to above 6,000 on weekends. Calls to Christ resulted in from 50 to 119 new recruits for midweek services, and up to 335 surrenders to the Lord on Sabbaths. One witch doctor answered the call, and a bridal party of six, including the bride, joined

the church as they paused to visit a Sabbath service on their way home from the wedding.

An additional 375 new believers answered calls in church services conducted apart from the camp meetings. Total responses to calls exceeded 1,500 for the seven-week period. Yet this is not the total picture, because as many as four camps were conducted simultaneously, and every speaker made the customary weekend call with extraordinary success. The grand total for the eight camps was well over 2,500 new believers. How like Pentecost those meetings were! Then what untold fruitage must the expected Pentecost produce?

To the believers in these parts, camp meeting is the one great festive event of the year. Preparations for attendance often border on the elaborate if the family plans to encamp for the full period. Those preparations include providing for temporary housing, stores of foods, and facilities for cooking and sleeping. These facilities must all be brought to camp, and when families are large even stock for butchering are brought.

The camps themselves are often quite attractive. Where the terrain allows, the dwellings are arranged in neatly spaced rows, each hut being nearly equal distance apart. These square or round grass and reed dwellings with their thatch-pinnacled roofs, small window openings, swinging reed doors, and par-

titions to separate the men from the women of the family, may house up to twenty persons and the provisions. Some of the huts are quite ornate, with the owners' name or some appropriate motto formed in colored reed work and fixed on an outer wall, or perhaps a trellis laced with vines and wild flowers against a front wall. Occasionally young palm trees appear along the lanes, with palm branches and other decorations.

Meetings were conducted under the groves of eucalyptus or wild fig trees. The attentive campers supplied their own seats—a chair, maybe a three-legged stool, a small bench, a grass mat, a stone, or the ground. Usually the campers were seated on the slope of a hill and looked down upon the speakers' booth. The booth for the speaker and another for the assisting elders and guest were made of woven grass or reed mats suspended from poles to provide protection from the sun and to house the speakers' earthen platform and an improvised pulpit. These were usually placed some distance from the housing units, for protection against possible disturbances from the village.

A feature of interest to foreign visitors was the famous African drums. At camp meetings these were used to announce meetings and convey messages. This native signal corps could be heard morning and night pounding out messages, which echoed and re-echoed across the

hills to distant villages. Then at day-break long lines of believers were seen winding their tireless way over the hills and through the valleys, singing the songs of Zion as they streamed into camp by the thousands. To see such a sight and to gather up the inspiration of the spirited singing are an unforgettable experience.

Liberia—

Mission Students Sing in Liberian Capital

STUDENTS from the Konola Training Center in Liberia have been asked to give a concert in the executive pavilion in Monrovia and have been promised over a thousand dollars for the performance.

In November, Prof. and Mrs. Philip Giddings and Mrs. Ruth Simons carried two truckloads of students into the city in order to publicize the work being done at the mission. The venture was called the Singing Crusade, and the citizens were impressed by the performance.

Some Monroviens, according to the local paper, commented that while other schools in the country were famous for football, the Konola Training Center might "very easily lead the whole country in singing." However, regret was expressed that the students only received sixty-four dollars for the trip.

The public asked Elder C. Dunbar Henri and other mission leaders to have the group sing again and in a more promising area. The concert will aid the missionaries in spreading the gospel in that section of West Africa.

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Teachers' Institute Held in Cleveland

ELEMENTARY and secondary teachers from four conferences met in a quaternary conference teachers' institute held in Cleveland from



Teachers and educational workers from four conferences who met for a three-day institute are photographed in front of the Cleveland church.

October 6 to 9. The teachers were from the Central States, Lake Region, Allegheny, and Northeastern conferences.

A new course of study was discussed and distributed at the meetings. Educational leaders who led out in the discussions were Elders R. A. Nesmith, W. A. Nelson, G. R. Fattic, E. A. Robertson, and Miss Ethel Johnson.

Group meetings were a part of the institute, and the teachers talked over various problems that face the teachers in today's Christian schools. A closer relationship, it was decided, must be maintained between the teachers, students, and parents.

A welcome to Cleveland was extended to the visitors by Elder R. T. Hudson, pastor of the Glenville church, Elder J. H. Wagner, and a representative from the mayor's office. The group was housed in the Hotel Hollenden.

The next quaternary institute will be held in 1955 in the Lake Region Conference.

Nonprofit Insurance

BY VALARIE O. JUSTISS

BELIEVING firmly in the Bible command, the strong "ought to bear

the infirmities of the weak," Mrs. J. Estelle Barnett, long-time Adventist and member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, Columbus, Ohio, organized The Christian Fraternal Benefit Association in 1947. Although most insurance companies are established on large capital outlays, Sister Barnett founded this one on no actuarial principles that business men would recognize; this company was founded on faith, common sense, and sympathetic understanding—and the needed capital came!

The CFB, as it is called, began in response to a felt need to help families defray costs for emergencies created by death. "Often this need," Mrs. Barnett said, "is most acutely felt by the middle-aged and the aged, whose meager income makes the carrying of large insur-

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ances impossible and whose advanced age ordinarily renders them poor insurance risks." These obstacles have been hurtled by this Christian organization, which insures everyone in good health up to 65 years on a nonprofit basis. The nominal fee is \$5.50—and benefits are graduated as follows:

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Upon the death of each insured, every member pays \$1.00. In no case do the yearly fees exceed \$13.50.

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The organization numbers among its endorsers and members, officers and laymen in all our departmental conferences. And for their legal protection this company is chartered like any other business under the laws of the State of Ohio, and its records are carefully audited yearly.

Mrs. J. Estelle Barnett, its founder and president, is a graduate of Oakwood College, and a former church school teacher. She has seen service as executive secretary of the Cincinnati YWCA, social worker for the welfare department of that city, sponsor for parolees and probationer of the juvenile court, and organizer and fund raiser for the Zanesville, Ohio, community house and Seventh-day Adventist church building organizations.

Long-time friends like to recall the time when she accepted the challenge of well-meaning civic leaders in Zanesville, Ohio, to secure enough money to build a community center for colored. When

she persistently pressed community chest leaders for the much-needed recreation center to combat delinquency, she was told that city officials and civic leaders would help her if she and her group could raise ten thousand dollars in an indefinite and unlimited time. To their surprise Mrs. Barnett raised the required sum in ten days. The community center was built as a lasting monument to her zeal, courage, indefatigability, and her belief in young people. Mrs. Barnett insisted upon and achieved permanent support for the center through Community Chest affiliation.

This insurance plan, founded under Christian auspices and upon the great Christian principle of love, deserves and is receiving thoughtful consideration and acclaim wherever it is known. Requests for literature should be made to the home office: 1432 Hildreth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

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New Faces on the Faculty
By C. E. GALLEY

SEVERAL new teachers have joined Oakwood's faculty and staff of workers for the current school year. Among the group are two teachers who were absent during the previous school year.

Mrs. Lula B. Cox, of Washington, D.C., is serving as instructor in elementary education during the absence of Miss N. E. Burrell. Miss Burrell is studying for a doctoral degree at Columbia University. Mrs. Cox received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Howard University and New York University respectively. She is a retired instructor in education at Miner's Teachers College in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Cox is the mother of Dr. J. M. Cox, former medical director of Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital.

Oakwood College Academy is happy for the services of Miss Mae E. Laurence, former principal of

Glenville Academy, Cleveland, Ohio. She is a graduate of Oakwood Junior College and received her B.A. degree from Emmanuel Missionary College. While in Cleveland she received her M.A. degree and did graduate work at Western Reserve University. Miss Laurence is serving as the academy English instructor and is sponsor of several academy student organizations.

While Prof. F. W. Hale is completing some of his doctoral requirements at Ohio State University, Miss Jannith Lewis is serving as college English and speech instructor. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas.

Mrs. Allie Terrell Valentine is serving as instructor in typewriting. She graduated from Oakwood College in 1949, and has done secretarial work for the U.S. Air Force and the South Central Conference. She also assisted Evangelist E. E. Cleveland in Mobile, Alabama, as a Bible instructor.

Prof. Rothacker C. Smith completed the requirements for his master's degree while on leave of absence last term. He received the Master of Science degree in agriculture at Michigan State University, summer session, 1953.

Another teacher who has returned is Miss Dolores A. Henderson, of the secretarial science department. She did graduate work last year at Louisiana State University, in Baton Rouge, and also taught at her alma mater, Southern University.

Mrs. V. G. Lindsay has been added to Oakwood's industrial staff

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as assistant director of foods and nutrition. She was serving in a similar capacity at Riverside Sanitarium when she accepted the call to Oakwood.

Also on the faculty this year is Mrs. Doris E. Jones, R.N. Mrs. Jones was formerly the director of the School of Practical Nursing at Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital. She received a B.S. degree in Nursing Education at Emmanuel Missionary College. In addition to teaching, she is assisting as school nurse.

Students Give Gospel on Radio

"LIVING WORDS" ripple over ether waves on radio station WFUN in Huntsville every Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Oakwood students, charged with inspiration to give the gospel to the world in this generation, present stirring messages and songs to empty hearts which need the Word of Life.

This broadcast is a sequel to The Hour of Destiny program originated during 1951-52 by Pastors Jesse Wagner and Milton Young. Hermon Vanderberg is the speaker for the Living Words broadcast. Other participants include Mervyn Warren, narrator, and Edythe Young, narrator for the children's story. The men's quartet consists of Benjamin Reaves, William Scales, Clinton Anderson, and James Edgecomb. Ann Lindsay and Jacqueline and Vivian Steele make up the girls' trio. The music is under the direction of Prof. Hugh W. Creary. Elder Clarence T. Richards is the faculty sponsor.

The objective of the broadcast is to acquaint Huntsville's 50,000 citizens with the Bible—the Living Word. The program is sponsored by the members of the First S.D.A. church of Huntsville, Alabama, and the Oakwood College faculty.

News Notes

• OAKWOOD'S Ingathering Field Day was held December 1, and at the end of the day the victory song was sung. The conference Ingathering goal amounted to \$3,904 and

the General Conference Minute Man goal was \$5,023.96. The Minute Man goal was exceeded by more than \$60. One student raised more than \$400, and fourteen others raised from \$100 to \$300 each. The Ingathering campaign, required only three weekends and a day. Last year twice as much time was required to raise the same amount.

• Six representatives of Oakwood College attended the Student Association Workshop held at Washington Missionary College from October 29 to November 1. The delegates included Miss Merle Cheathan, Malcolm Dean, Earl Moore, Billy Jackson, James McLean, and Miss Dolores A. Henderson, faculty sponsor.

• Elder J. G. Thomas, of the Central States Conference, conducted the Fall Week of Prayer from November 14-21. In compassionate, sincere, and commanding tones, the dynamic voice of Elder Thomas presented the way of salvation and redemption as outlined in God's Word.

During the week the prayer and praise periods were divided into four services. At the early morning service one of the ministerial students brought an inspiring message. The special Week of Prayer reading was conducted by a faculty member during the noon chapel hour, after which prayer bands met in various classrooms. In midafternoon a special consultation period was conducted by Elder Thomas. A sermon was given each evening.

• Eight ministerial students, mostly seniors, are conducting a Crusade for Christ campaign in the Binford Court recreation center in Huntsville. The meetings began on November 8, and will run each Sunday evening for about 25 weeks. The students are conducting this effort to obtain practical experience in their ministerial training.

• The college choir, under the direction of Prof. Samuel C. Jackson, rendered special music at A. and M. College and Council Training School on November 20. The choir gave Handel's *Messiah* in Oakwood's auditorium on December 20.

Students sang the special solo parts, which previously had been given by outside artists.

• The annual subscription campaign for the *Spreading Oak* began on December 8, and will end on January 17. The competition is divided among three geographical areas. Miss Mae Laurence is faculty sponsor for students from the Northeastern and Allegheny conferences, and Elder E. E. Rogers leads the students from the South Central and South Atlantic conferences. A new teacher, Miss Janith Lewis, is the sponsor for students from Central States, Lake Region, Pacific Union, Southwest Region conferences, and the foreign countries.

A new layout has been designed for the *Spreading Oak*, and its size has been increased 53 per cent.

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Adventist Singer Stars in Town Hall

WHEN Miss Alyne Dumas Lee, the wife of John Frank Lee of the Lake Region Publishing Department, made her debut in Town Hall in 1952, one critic said that her soprano voice "was clear and full and vibrant. It reached up high like a bird and sang down low like the hush of night breeze in summer."

Miss Lee returned to Town Hall in November, 1953, and according to the *New York Times*, her recital showed a vast improvement in the artistic use of her voice. Her debut, the reviewer said, "had not given any adequate idea of the capacity of her voice."

So wherever Miss Lee sings, the critics have to resort to poetic language in an effort to give their readers some idea of her performance.

"She sings a phrase," said the *New York Herald Tribune* in November, "with the ordered abandon and sweep of a bird soaring through

space. One can almost see the line, so perfect is the curve of its graceful and powerful projection. . . . She stands with immobility, while phrase, tone and diction flow from her throat in a masterly art and order."

Miss Lee's praises have not been limited to New York. When she sang at Fisk University, the Nashville *Banner* said that "almost any superlative might be put to use in describing the voice and artistry" of the soprano. The *Tennessean* said that her voice "was one of few such vocal organs" in the world today.

In 1954 the singer plans to go to Europe for study and to sing songs of faith to people of other nations. But in whatever tongue Miss Lee sings, she will give praises to God, who has given her such a voice.



Nursing Graduate Joins New England Staff

Miss Joyce Saulter, the daughter of Elder and Mrs. H. T. Saulter, of Kansas City, Missouri, has joined the staff of New England Sanitarium and Hospital at Stoneham, Massachusetts.

Miss Saulter, a graduate of the Pine Forge Academy at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, was one of the first nursing students from Oakwood College to attend the nursing

school at the New England Sanitarium.

Miss Claudine Gordon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gordon, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, was the other student. Miss Saulter and Miss Gordon were graduated last August.

Miss Gordon is a staff nurse at the Boston Lying-in Hospital in Boston.

Elder L. H. Bland Laid to Rest

FUNERAL services for Elder Louis H. Bland, Sr., president of the Northeastern Conference, were held in the Ephesus church in New York City on October 13. Elder Bland passed away at Riverside Sanitarium in Nashville early Sabbath morning, October 10, at the age of 60.

Two-minute reflections were given at the services by Elder W. H. Branson, General Conference president, and other denominational associates of Elder Bland. The funeral sermon was preached by Elder L. E. Lenheim, president of the Atlantic Union Conference.

Elder Bland had been in poor health for some time. His death ended a thirty-six-year career in the gospel ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He was born on June 28, 1893, at Newellton, Louisiana, the eldest of twelve children. One brother, Elder Frank L. Bland, is now president of the Central States Conference. Elder Bland accepted the third angel's message in 1915 under the leadership of the late Elder Sydney Scott, and immediately became active in church work.

Two years later Elder Bland entered the ministry as pastor of the church at Brownsville, Tennessee. During the years that followed, he was pastor of the churches in Jackson and Nashville, Tennessee; Paducah, Kentucky; New Orleans, Louisiana; Detroit, Michigan; and Baltimore, Maryland. In 1944 he was elected president of the newly organized Northeastern Conference. He served in that office until his death.

Elder Bland is survived by his widow, Mrs. Juanita Neal Bland, whom he married in 1912; two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Smallwood and Mrs. Doris Arthur; and four sons, Louis Harold, Jr., Charles N., William M., and Milton W. Bland.

He was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, a few feet from the resting place of Elder L. O. Irons, the late treasurer of the Northeastern Conference. Both now await the call of the first trumpet.

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News Items

- A CONFERENCE-WIDE laymen's congress was held in Kansas City, Missouri, early in the month of November, 1953. More than five hundred laymen participated in the torchlight ceremony conducted by Elder M. V. Campbell, Central Union Conference president, and Elder F. L. Bland. Elder C. E. Bradford was general chairman of the congress. Visiting ministers were Elders H. D. Singleton and N. G. Simons, of South Atlantic Conference; H. R. Murphy and P. C. Winley, of South Central Conference, and returning for the congress was Elder J. G. Thomas, of Atlanta, Georgia.

- During 1953 the district of Pastor Charles R. Craig, of St. Joseph, reached its goal of a doubled membership since the last General Conference. The Wichita, Kansas, church under the leadership of Pastor Vertis M. Barnes, Jr., has doubled its membership in the last four years.

- Early in the fall a new church home was purchased for the small group of believers in Sioux City, Iowa. Elders F. L. Bland and H. T. Saulter, representing the conference, joined with officers and the Sioux City church in the settlement meeting, at which time the full price of the church building was paid.

SOUTHWEST REGION

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Southwest Region Conference Workers' Meeting

By H. W. FORDHAM

AT a recent workers' meeting held at the Oakland Avenue church, in Dallas, Texas, we were electrified by the reports from our workers of the amount of Ingathering reported in cash, which totaled \$12,600. This equals the total amount raised by the conference in 1948. Our official campaign was not launched until this workers' meeting. Two of the workers brought their checks of victory—Elder L. B. Baker, \$3,000 for Baton Rouge, and Pastor Jesse R. Wagner, \$553.82 for Lake Charles. We praise God for this wonderful achievement and for the loyal corps of workers and faithful believers we have here in the Southwest Region Conference.

The following baptisms were reported to date: L. B. Baker, 64; D. C. Batson, 8; W. J. Cleveland, 27; J. E. Cox, 60; D. J. Dixon, 4; T. M. Fountain, 4; A. B. Humphrey, 25; F. W. Parker, 9; J. H. Williams, 9; H. Pettway, 2; L. R. Proctor, 2; H. J. Fordham, Sr., 3; Carl Bailey, 15.

We were delighted to have with us F. L. Peterson, of Oakwood College; L. B. Reynolds, *Message Magazine*; D. A. Delafield, *Review and Herald*; F. W. Detamore, a returned evangelist from the Far East; and J. R. Spangler, a Texas evangelist. These brethren, along with our union staff, headed by Elder L. C. Evans, gave excellent counsel and help.

New Churches

RECENTLY the opening exercises were held in a beautiful new church building in Alexandria, Louisiana.

In the next few weeks the believers in Kenner, Louisiana, will worship in their new building, and construction will soon begin on a

new church building in Little Rock, Arkansas.

As the result of an evangelistic effort conducted by a layman, Brother Al Prudhume, during the summer at Langston, Oklahoma, several persons accepted the message. One of these was Mrs. E. M. Washington, of the department of home economics at Langston University.

A lot has been purchased in Langston and plans are now under way for the construction of a church there in the near future.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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Where There's a Will God Makes a Way

ELDER JOSEPH P. WINSTON had just finished his first Sabbath sermon in a Southern city to which he had been appointed pastor. Most of the members had filed by him, when a young man, whom we shall call James, came to him and asked for special prayer.

After the congregation had been dismissed, Elder Winston had prayer for James, a young man about twenty-four years of age. He thought nothing of it when James returned two or three times after that and asked for special prayer, but he was puzzled when he realized a few weeks later that James pleadingly asked for special prayer after every service.

Elder Winston decided to have an interview with the young man. One day he called James aside and asked him to tell him something of his life.

His father, James said, had died when he was quite young, and as he was the eldest of a large family of children, he had had to help with the family income. Consequently, he had not attended school and was now unable to read or write. But since he had joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he was filled with a desire to do some work for God in spite of his limitations.

"But why is it necessary for you to have special prayer so often?" Elder Winston asked. "Is there some sin in your life that you are trying to overcome?"

"Elder," he replied, "you see, since I can neither read nor write, I need special prayer in giving Bible studies. I give two each week, and this would be impossible without special prayers."

"But how is this possible," he was asked, "when you are wholly unable to read?"

"Well," James explained, "I take the lessons to some members of the church and have them read them to me. Then I take the lessons to some outside friends and have them read aloud. After this is repeated a few times, I have memorized the entire lesson. At the same time my friends receive a Bible study.

"Someone," he said, "taught me how to turn to the books of the Bible. So when I give studies I have everything ready. If someone reads the wrong text, I am able to correct him. When someone fails to find the right scripture, I turn to that section of my Bible and pass it to him."

Elder Winston was invited to attend the next Bible class, which was held in a private home. He was amazed when he saw twenty people assembled for James's Bible study. The young man taught with such confidence and assurance that it was impossible for his hearers to detect his illiteracy. He gave studies to two different groups each week.

As a result of special prayer and hard work, it was Elder Winston's privilege to baptize some of the people who learned the third angel's message from James. Some have in turn gone out and brought others to Christ.

James is still actively engaged in carrying the message of the second coming of Christ. If other members were as active as he, the Lord might have returned by now.

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★ THERE never will be any tomorrow for the man who wastes today.



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Johnson, Jr.

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● BROTHER FRANK L. JONES, circulation manager of the *Message Magazine*, recently toured the Pacific Union acquainting the members with the special subscription campaign now being conducted by that publication.

The *Message Magazine* was acclaimed by *Look* magazine's special award of merit as the foremost religious journal in appearance, content, and makeup. It is considered one of the leading religious magazines in North America.

The special subscription price offered this season is one dollar for a year's subscription. Brother Jones' campaign has been successful in all of the churches in this area.

● ELDER BYRON SPEARS and his co-workers are conducting Sabbath services in the Tabernacle of Bible Truth in Vallejo, California. He is assisted by Pastor Owen A. Troy and Brother and Sister W. J. Gulley.

At present there are thirty baptized members and six persons in

the baptismal class in Vallejo. One convert was formerly an ordained minister in the Church of God.

The church has a male chorus of sixteen men, who sing for the series of evangelistic meetings held in the city. The chorus has assisted in radio broadcasts in San Francisco.

● PASTOR CLAYTON PRITCHETT, a graduate of Oakwood College, 1949, is now the assistant pastor of the Santa Monica, California, church.

Pastor Pritchett, who formerly taught church school in the Southwest Region Conference, has been active lately in raising funds for church equipment. He has raised enough money to furnish the Monrovia church with pews, and is now raising money to complete church furnishings at Santa Monica before its dedication.

● A YOUNG MAN in Los Angeles has abandoned the spotlights of the entertainment world and is now walking in this marvelous light. He is Joseph Lutcher, a former saxophone entertainer, and brother of the popular singer Nellie Lutcher.

Brother Lutcher is now a member of the Wadsworth church. He was baptized by Elder Adolphus E. Webb.

Wedding Bells

Miss Evelyn Louise Mays, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Mays, of San Diego, California, became the bride of Mr. Leonard W. Johnson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Johnson, Sr., of Elkhart, Indiana, on Sabbath, December 26. The ceremony was performed in the Ephesus church in Washington, D.C., by Elder George E. Peters, following the morning service.

The bride was escorted by Dr. J. Mark Cox. She wore an ice-blue dress and carried a bouquet of white carnations with an orchid center. Mrs. Dorothy Whitehead Evans was her only attendant.

Mrs. Johnson attended Oakwood College, where she studied business administration. She is at present secretary to Elder C. E. Moseley, of the General Conference, and editorial secretary of *THE INFORMANT*.

Mr. Vernard Johnson was his brother's best man. The bridegroom is a graduate of Howard University and is at present a sophomore in its School of Medicine.

Since joining the church, Brother Lutcher has given out hundreds of pieces of literature and has succeeded in interesting a number of his friends in the message through a projector and filmstrips.

His former publicity agent plans to write a story of his conversion for the newspapers.

● PASTOR JAMES MIDDLETON is now pastoring the Sharon church in Tucson, Arizona. The church had been without a resident pastor for several years, and he has brought encouragement to the members.

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Discovery

BY LALIA MITCHELL THORNTON

Let me early walk on a dew-drenched sod
When I am stricken, in need of God;
Let me know the song that the breezes
bring

And hear the strain that the angels sing.
Let me leave my hatred and fear and woe
Out where the cedar and hemlock grow.
For there are mysteries, vast, unknown,
That every mortal must meet alone.

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