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Pine Forge Institute's New Building

PRAYER, thrift, careful planning with the vision and the support of president W. L. Cheatham; the treasurer, Elder M. S. Banfield; and the entire executive committee, aided and abetted by union president Elder D. A. Ochs, with Brother C. H. Kelly, union treasurer, and his full committee have made the administration building at Pine Forge possible.

The structure crowns the highest peak on the entire 675-acre site fronting on the macadam highway to Amityville and Pottstown.

Built with special-fired multiple-color brick, and with aluminum trim, the building extends 210 by 110 feet, with two wings containing fourteen rooms. The wings are so arranged as to give natural light to every room.

Elder E. I. Watson, principal-manager of the Institute, has liter-

ally interwoven his personal supervision into the erection, which is considered a singular achievement by Elder H. D. Dobbins, the builder.

The principal's office, faculty room, library, two science rooms with laboratories, health room, classrooms, and basement shop give strong evidence of Allegheny's alignment to the program of improved Christian education. Exhibit recesses appoint the main corridor and entrance foyer. Pupils' lockers are conveniently walled near each classroom. The halls and lavatories all have ceramic tile fifty-four inches high in soft pastel shades. The fluorescent lighting is of the latest improved type, affording illumination without eyestrain. An electrical signal system with intercommunication with the office is another convenience.

Much time and planning was given to the selection of the furnishings.

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New Faculty Members on the Oakwood Staff

ELDER PHILIP GIDDINGS, returned missionary from Liberia, West Africa, has been added to the education staff of the college. Having been in school work in Liberia and in America, and having recently studied in the graduate school at Pacific Union College, Professor Giddings brings to his work a wealth of experience. He and his family have already arrived.

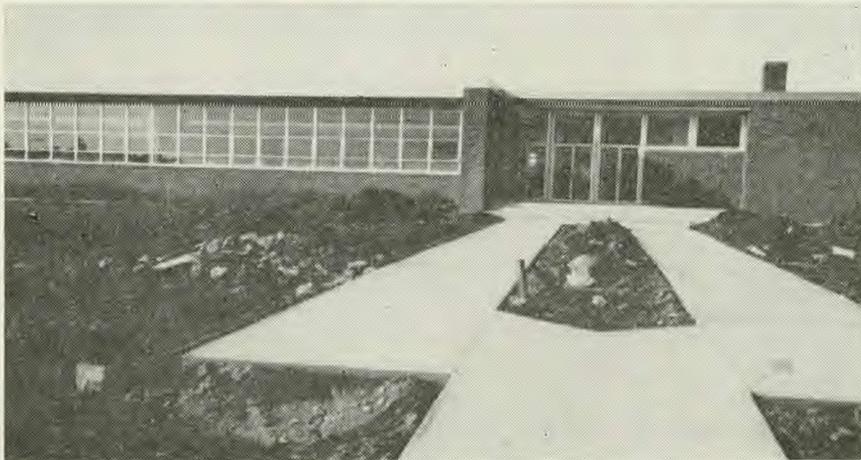
In a few days Professor Gaines Partridge, former principal at Los Angeles Academy and former teacher at Oakwood College, will take up his duties as an instructor in secondary education and as assistant dean of men. One of the apartments in the men's new dormitory is being prepared for Professor and Mrs. Partridge.

Mrs. Lucille Anderson Herron, outstanding music teacher, has been called to head the music department at Oakwood College. She is a member of the American Guild of Organists. This will be welcome news to a number of our music majors at Oakwood College.

The \$280,000 men's dormitory is receiving the finishing touches. Some men are already occupying rooms in the building.

Oakwood College and Oakwood College Academy are both enjoying a sizeable increase in enrollment. During 1955-1956, our 60th anniversary year, there will be approximately 50 per cent more students on our campus than during the previous year.

Jannith Lewis, who has been



Administration building at Pine Forge Institute.

studying off campus for the past year, has returned to take up her duties as head librarian of the college.

We congratulate Dr. Frank Hale and Dr. Otis B. Edwards, who received their Ph.D. degrees this summer at Ohio State and Nebraska universities, respectively. Dr. Hale teaches speech and directs our public relations bureau. Dr. Edwards is the beloved dean of the college.

Congratulations also to three of our teachers who received Master's degrees this summer, Jannith Lewis, Murray Harvey, and Lillian H. Emanuel. Nineteen of our staff pursued higher education courses during the past year.

Oakwood College will entertain the Conference of Alabama Colleges on the campus October 18, 1955.

Our sincere thanks from Oakwood College is sent to our many patrons and friends who supported us in the recent national offering taken on August 27. If any of our brethren missed this offering, they may feel free to send it in.

It is not too early to announce the 60th Anniversary Convocation to be held on May 16-20 at Oakwood College. This promises to be the largest meeting ever held on our campus. We cordially invite you to attend this great gathering of youth, alumni, and friends of Oakwood College.

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News Notes

It is rather difficult for me to describe adequately the feeling that permeates our students and faculty members. We are enjoying our new building immensely. I did not realize before just how much a modern school building could do to change the very spirit and attitude of our students and teachers. In our new plant we have seven spacious, well-appointed classrooms, including two

well-equipped science laboratories. Our physics and chemistry laboratory has the latest steel equipment, including a teacher's demonstration desk. Our biology laboratory also has the most modern appointments. Our library was professionally laid out by the Remington Rand Company. We have spent in the last four years \$5,000 for books. This places our library listing far above the minimum State requirements for certification. We have increased our commercial equipment so as to include electric typewriters, spirit duplicator, electric adding machine.

We have a very special office suite, faculty office, conference room, and health room. We have individual steel lockers recessed in the halls. At the time of this writing the bulldozers are landscaping the entire acreage surrounding the building. Our building is valued at \$260,000 plus \$30,000 for equipment.

Our enrollment gives every indication of going over the one hundred mark again this year. For the first time we are placing three boys in a room.

Four of our teachers were in school this summer doing graduate study. Dean L. R. Watson in the field of English at Brooklyn College, Margaret Duncan in Library Science at Pennsylvania State Teachers College, C. H. Jones received his Master's degree in Music at New York University, and E. I. Watson started working on a Ph.D. at Harvard. We added a new teacher in our science department—S. Darby, who was employed as a chemist in an industrial firm in Cuba, New York. LaVera Higgs is serving as the accountant. Pastor Edward Dorsey is instructor in Bible and pastor of the Institute church.

E. I. WATSON
Principal-Manager

Education in for Overhaul

PROGRESSIVE education's end product is spreading alarm and misgivings. Criticism is mounting as juvenile delinquency continues to increase. Intellectuals who have held their peace in the defense of one

another are now boldly breaking ranks and declaring the present system is too loose, lacking disciplinary restraint, is conducive to disrespect, disregard for the law, and is responsible for many of the difficulties now experienced in public schools.

When we turn from the pattern given by God, there is nothing but disaster before us. Long before progressive education was introduced formally, Mrs. E. G. White warned in *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, page 123: "Mothers should guard against training their children to be dependent and self-absorbed. Never give them cause to think that they are the center, and that everything must revolve around them." This is the crux of "progressive education"—the child is the center; everything must cater to the child's interests. Even Adventist parents are being taken in by "progressive" ideologists. They, too, are afraid to correct and to use coercive measures when they are needed. They fear to thwart the child's ego, to retard his ambitions. The child born in sin and shapened in iniquity needs correction administered in love. Such correction will be productive of good; withhold it, and you spoil the child.

The child must be taught respect for his elders, obedience to his parents. His energies must be channeled into ways of usefulness; he must not be allowed to spend his hours in undirected leisure. Definite chores should be planned for the girls and boys. Let them feel the weight of responsibility early in life and not grow up in idleness.

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The way is clear, but we have not followed it. "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." There is no substitute for Christian education. Are all the children in?

A. V. PINKNEY

Educational Superintendent

Pine Forge Institute's New Building

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The building has a southwest exposure and is fired by a hot jet boiler.

Cement walkways surround the building, with a wide cement pavement extending from the highway to the main entrance. Landscaping is now in full progress, which will afford a spacious green lawn with hardy shrubbery.

Principal Watson said, "Pine Forge Institute expects to apply for full accreditation from the Secondary Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

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Pathfinder Work Shows Steady Growth

THE Pathfinders of the Lake Region Conference are on the march. At our recent camp meeting more than 150 Pathfinders, all dressed in their uniforms, paraded about the grounds in formations for about an hour. Pathfinder clubs from the following churches were represented: City Temple and Burns Avenue of Detroit; Ecorse, Milan, Inkster, Ypsilanti, and Belleville Heights, Michigan; Shilo, West Side, Hyde Park of Chicago; and Robbins, Illinois. The Mizpah Club of Gary, Indiana, and Calvin Center made up the complete group participating in the Pathfinder fair.

An exhibit of the useful articles that the Pathfinders made was held in the youth tent. Many parents and W-wishers visited the exhibits and

were gratified to see the worth-while articles made by the boys and girls. Within the last six months ten Pathfinder clubs have been organized in the Lake Region Conference. Strong leadership has been provided for these clubs and the Lord is richly blessing the youth and leaders.

It is the hope that within the next year every church with Junior youth will sponsor a Pathfinder club. I verily believe that Pathfinder clubs, well-organized and conducted, will be the means of holding our Junior youth in the church and provide them with wholesome activities.

J. E. ROACHE, *Youth Leader*

Fourteen Master Guides Invested at Camp Meeting

AN impressive Investiture service was conducted at the Lake Region Conference camp meeting on Sabbath, June 25, at which time fourteen Master Guides were invested. The Investiture service was conducted by Elder J. E. Roache, youth leader of the conference. Elder W. A. Nelson, educational secretary of the Lake Union Conference, presented the challenge to the Master Guides, and gave the charge.

Twelve of the fourteen Master Guides invested were from the Sharon church of Inkster, Michigan, which testifies to the strong leadership of Pastor C. F. Warren; Carlyle Miller, church school principal; Mrs. Inez Shelton, MV leader; and Mrs. Lella Holly, Pathfinder leader. The other two Master Guides were Ruby Mormon and Mrs. Thelma Harris

of Chicago, Illinois. It is hoped that by another year the number of Master Guides to be invested will be increased considerably.

Thanks Counselors!

THE first junior youth camp at the Lake Region Conference camp ground at Cassopolis, Michigan, was considered a grand success by many who commented. The success of this year's camping program, to a large degree, was due to the fine group of consecrated directors and counselors who sacrificed their time to help put over a strong program for our junior youth and our patrons who sent their children.

To Elder R. C. Smith, our boys' director; Lester Williams, his associate; Mrs. Ida Johnson, girls' director; Mrs. L. M. Strange, associate girls' director; Mrs. Loueva Longware, craft director; Josephine Dunn, director of nature activities; our camp pastors, Elder A. L. Kirk and W. G. Mills; our swimming directors, Cecil Johnson and William Byrd; our health director, Mrs. Edna Roache; Ruby Mormon, camp secretary; R. I. S. Thompson, director of field activities; and Mrs. R. C. Smith, our dining room hostess, a special word of thanks is given.

The culinary department, under the direction of Mrs. Sadie Murrell, assisted ably by Mrs. Ruth Blevins, Mrs. Rilla Pettiford, and Howard McHenry, comes in for its share of praise for the success of the camp. Excellent food was enjoyed by campers and counselors for the two weeks.



Master Guides who were invested at the Lake Region camp meeting.

Other counselors who played an important part in the success of the camping program are: Mrs. Bernice Lilly, Mrs. Willie Barner, Mrs. Lois Williams, Mrs. Susie Thomas, Mrs. Violet Rhinehardt; Effie Wofford, Donna Manier, and Beatrice Clendinen; Robert Watts, Winton Forde, Wayne McGaddy, George Baker, Richard Guilford, and Carl Crank.

It was these officers and counselors who labored diligently to make our junior youth camp a success. My sincere thanks to each of you for your cooperation.

J. E. ROACHE
Camp Director

Wedding Bells

ON Sunday afternoon, August 28, 1955, Ramona Jean Bryant and Milton G. Young were united in the bond of holy matrimony at Capitol Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church. The wedding vows were read by Elder J. W. Allison, Jr. of Los Angeles, California.

The bride received her R.N. from Hinsdale Sanitarium in 1953, and a B.S. in Nursing Education from Emmanuel Missionary College the summer of 1955. The groom received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Oakwood College in 1953.

Pastor and Mrs. Young will make their home at Texarkana, Texas, where he is the minister of our church.

RUTH E. GRAY
Press Secretary

In the News

EIGHT of the twelve uniformed Pathfinder clubs now operating in Lake Region Conference have come into being within the past sixty days, according to J. E. Roache, M.V. secretary.

Chicago's Shiloh Pathfinders took second awards both for their drill team and for their exhibits at the recent Pathfinder fair held by the Illinois Conference. Several first awards went to individual Pathfinders from Shiloh.

A Pathfinder fair was held at the Lake Region camp meeting, June 17-25, in which clubs drilled, presented exhibits, and went through

their paces with appropriate fanfare.

Reports reveal that more than one hundred baptisms resulted from the spring Week of Prayer of 1955, which was the largest in the history of Lake Region for a single season.

Regional Camp Meetings

IT WAS my privilege to visit six of our Regional Conference camp meetings, and I must say that a wonderful spiritual feast was enjoyed at each of these holy convocations.

The first camp meeting visited was in the Southwest Region territory. The meeting was held on the campus of Jarvis Christian College at Hawkins, Texas. I was present during the first weekend.

The attendance was good even though the conference did not have a meeting the year before. Several of the teachers and summer-school students, as well as friends from the little community of the college, attended many of the meetings and were heard expressing their appreciation for the same.

H. R. Murphy, the conference president, and his staff of workers had made ample provision for the comfort of the campers, and each meeting was carefully planned and directed.

Excellent help was provided for the edification of the members in attendance from the union, General, and local conference leaders.

From Texas I went to Hawthorne, Florida, to be with our people on the closing weekend of the South Atlantic camp meeting. The attendance was larger than ever, both as to members camping on the grounds and the weekend attendance. The South Atlantic Conference has always been noted for the large attendance at camp meetings.

The marked presence of the Holy Spirit in the Sabbath service made this an occasion long to be remembered.

Much good help was provided by the union and General conferences, and J. H. Wagner and N. G. Simons, president and secretary-treasurer of the conference, together with their

staff of workers were much in evidence as they sought to plan for the spiritual and material help that would be beneficial to the laity.

During the time of the camp meeting a few of the workers were engaged in city evangelistic efforts, and those in attendance were anxious to join them in the work of evangelism when they returned to their respective fields of labor.

The Lake Region Conference camp meeting at Cassopolis, Michigan, was next visited. The Lord greatly blessed our ministry. God's people enjoyed the spiritual blessings that were theirs to experience.

The camp was well organized and splendid cooperation was to be seen as both conference officers and workers labored untiringly to make each meeting a success.

Ample union and General Conference help was provided. The work of the conference is prospering under the capable leadership of H. W. Kibble, president, and F. N. Crowe, secretary-treasurer.

The last weekend of the Allegheny Conference was a time of great rejoicing by the people of God. The Holy Spirit's presence was much in evidence as we entered into a service of consecration to make sure our hold upon God and the reception of His seal.

W. L. Cheatham and W. S. Banfield, president and secretary-treasurer of the conference, had planned very efficiently for the conduct of the camp meeting services, and they were very ably supported by the conference workers.

The public relations secretary did a magnificent job in reporting the meetings to the public through the *Pottstown Mercury*. The newspaper editor was very generous in granting space in the daily issues and in the notably large souvenir edition, well illustrated with pictures and sermon material. Elder Pinkney is to be congratulated for this very fine piece of work.

The Northeastern Conference held its first ten-day convocation at the newly purchased campsite at Victory Lake, near Hyde Park, New York. They have a very desir'.

location, and there could be heard from many sources expressions such as this, "I really do like this place."

Much work remains yet to be done to provide sufficient housing for the comfort of the people. This shows that the Northeastern Conference constituency is conscious of the need of the blessings that are to be enjoyed during the camp meeting season.

H. D. Singleton and V. L. Roberts, conference president and secretary-treasurer, were kept busy arranging for the comfort of the campers. I was told that three hours after the announcement was made to the field that the campsite had been purchased and that camp meeting would be held this year, all the available cottages and tents for accommodating the campers were sold out.

The Lord greatly blessed in the meetings. Many souls answered the call and came forward to give their hearts to God, and hundreds stood in re consecration to the service of God.

Union and General Conference help was made available for the success of the camp meeting.

Sabbath afternoon, July 30, N. E. Ashby, principal of Northeastern Academy and pastor of the Bronx church, was ordained to the gospel ministry.

The South Central camp meeting was held from August 4 to 13 on the beautiful campus of Oakwood College.

Even though W. W. Fordham, president of the conference, was engaged in an evangelistic effort in Nashville, Tennessee, he and L. E. Ford, secretary-treasurer of the conference, had made ample preparation for the meetings, and he was seen on the grounds and in action as much as it was possible for him to be present.

Several other conference workers were engaged in tent efforts and could not be present much of the time.

This was the largest attended camp meeting ever held in the South Central Conference and it was said that it was the best.

Much valuable help was provided by the union and General conferences, and the local workers brought much spiritual refreshing to the hearts of the people.

On Sabbath afternoon, August 6, Elder Fordham welcomed four young men into the ranks of the gospel ministry. They were Leonard G. Newton, M. G. Cato, Jerome A. James and Frank L. Jones, circulation manager of the *Message* magazine.

At each of these camp meetings our people were very liberal in their offerings to missions.

The young people and children were well cared for. In two conferences I noted that the youth came in such large numbers that the tents provided for their accommodation were inadequate. This, to my mind, bespeaks wonderful growth and progress among the youth of the church, and shows that they, too, are desirous of obtaining the blessings to be found at the camp meeting.

How happy we should be as a people for these holy convocations and spiritual feasts, and we should begin now to make preparations to be in attendance for the full ten days when the privilege is ours next year.

Brother J. Frank Lee, publishing secretary of the Lake Region Conference, was ordained on the first Sabbath of the Lake Region camp meeting.

F. L. P.

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Adventists Hear World and Local Leaders in Ten-Day Camp Meeting

"SANCTIFY yourselves: for to morrow the Lord will do wonders among you," was quoted from Joshua as the opening statement by Elder F. L. Bland, president of the Central States Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist campers near Muncie, Kansas. Mr. Bland's opening address on Thursday night was heard by 500 church followers from Colorado,

Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Friday's program began with the regularly scheduled early morning devotion, which was conducted by Mrs. E. I. Cunningham of Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama. At the eleven o'clock hour Elder G. C. Cross of Lincoln, Nebraska, brought the message on the conditions prevailing currently in the world, and their relationship to the work of God.

"God is depending on the church to finish the gospel commission. 'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,'" he said.

The campers were thrilled at the 2:45 hour as Pastor M. L. Eagans, of Pueblo, Colorado, proclaimed that signs of the times point to a soon returning Saviour, in power and great glory—this is the Advent hope.

S. L. Clark addressed the workers of our conference on the importance of the church paper, *The Review and Herald*, its far reaching influence on the believers.

The first full day of encampment was closed Friday evening by a soul-stirring message from C. D. Henri, president of the Liberian Mission in Africa. The listeners' hearts were inspired as they listened to the address on the glowing exploits for God in the dark continent of Africa.

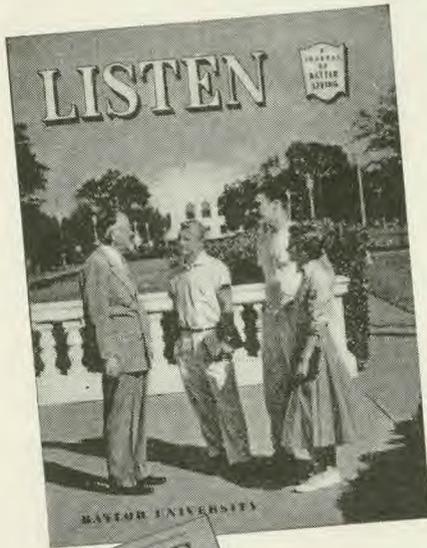
Saturday morning (Sabbath) Miss Anna Knight, veteran worker and former missionary to India, brought the second devotional message to start the campers out with God. "We must be willing to obey God in all things if we expect to receive His blessings," she said.

At the eleven o'clock hour (regular worship hour for Seventh-day Adventists) Pastor Henri challenged the 900 worshipers to choose God and His way and follow Him all the way. "The Lord has a definite work and place for every believer—we should seek to find and fill our places," said Henri.

Monday, August 22, was the climax of the camp meeting. R. L. Bradford encouraged each worshiper to follow God's plan for his life.

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"Helping Hand of the Gospel"



In every part of the world the "blessed work" of temperance is preparing the way for the full reception of the gospel.

In places where we cannot enter directly it is melting away opposition and opening the way for our evangelists and Bible workers to carry their work.

Outstanding leaders in government, science, the professions, education and the churches are looking to us to take the lead.

These worldwide opportunities compel us to widen our horizons and plan for ever greater achievements for God.

"NOW IS OUR TIME, NOW IS OUR OPPORTUNITY, TO DO A BLESSED WORK."

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

These are some of the new progressive projects in the planning stage that will receive a real impetus by your liberal support World Temperance Day.

1. Developing of an effective junior temperance program to reach down into the elementary grades for our boys and girls. This will help instill early in life the ideals to fortify our youth against temptation.

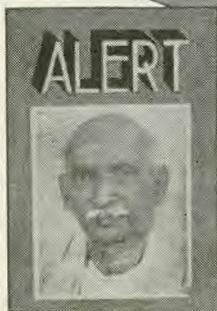
2. Support of an enlarged sponsorship circulation of *Listen* to the leadership class of our communities, and the launching of new national editions of *Alert* in overseas countries. One enthusiastic reader: "Stopping to look at *Listen* was the first step in my becoming an Adventist."

3. A new film in the field of alcohol, persuasive, direct, scientific, that will make the powerful impact on youth and thinking people today that the tobacco film, *One in 20,000*, is making. "This film

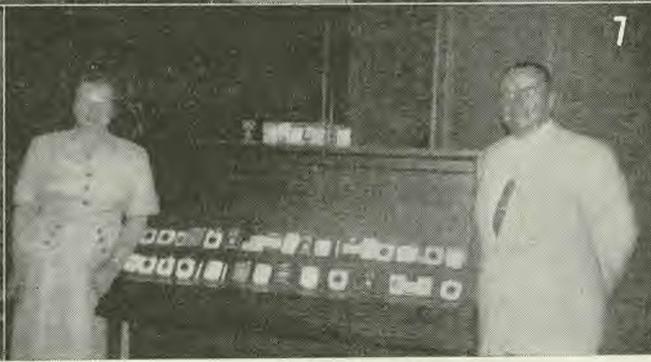
can teach more in thirty-five minutes than we can do in six months."

4. Enlargement of the Institute program around the world and the establishment of Institutes in new areas. Six annual sessions have made Loma Linda a rallying center for a nationwide temperance abstinance movement. This year saw the first session of the all-Europe Institute in Geneva. Next year the India Institute begins.

5. Expanding opportunities find opening in many countries. High government officials appreciate the work and look to us to lead in a program that will benefit their people. In some countries temperance is the only entrance wedge for the gospel.



WORLD



1. Crowded Institute room at Loma Linda. 2. India officials sign registration papers for International Commission. 3. Governor Gökay of Istanbul addresses Geneva Institute. 4. São Paulo governor helps lay plans for temperance work in Brazil. 5. Tobacco film discussed by Glendale, California, officials. 6. Junior Temperance Club, Bloemfontein, South Africa. 7. Each packet of cigarettes represents a person won from the tobacco habit by the showing of *One in 20,000* by Brother and Sister Hutchins, Massachusetts laymen.

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October 29

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—*Temperance*, p. 257.

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Laymen's Soul-winning Workshop Held in San Antonio, Texas

ON the evening of July 27, 1955, a group of enthusiastic laymen met with Pastor J. R. Wagner and the home missionary secretary of the Southwest Region Conference, L. B. Baker, for the purpose of organizing the laymen's soul-winning workshop.

Thursday night, July 28, the church was led into an all-night prayer meeting, seeking forgiveness for sins and guidance from Heaven. The laymen were organized into units, such as telephone operators, auto transportation service, flower committee, visiting teams, prayer bands, ushering staff, and music committee. Each church member was assigned to one of these units of service.

Sabbath afternoon, July 30, the visiting teams were in the field, ringing doorbells and inviting the people to attend the Sunday evening service. The effective work of the telephone operators and the visiting teams was noticed as the large crowd came to the church Sunday, July 31, to share in the blessings of the first service to be held in the interest of the public.

The meetings were conducted nightly for two weeks, with an appreciative audience attending each service. The daily program was conducted on the following schedule: 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Pastor J. R. Wagner, Mrs. P. A. Montimore, and Elder Baker visited the homes of the backsliders, Voice of Prophecy interests, students of the local Bible classes, and relatives of Adventists who were not members of the church, for the purpose of giving Bible studies. From 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., a laymen's soul-winning workshop class was conducted at the church, instructing the laymen how to conduct Bible classes in the homes as well as in hall meetings,

and how to use the visual-aid projector. We also dealt with preparing a given territory for holding Bible studies and conducting hall meetings, securing interest, and many kindred subjects relative to soul winning. The preaching service was from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. A class was conducted from 9:30 to 10:15 P.M. for those who had expressed a desire to obey the Lord fully.

At the close of the eighteen-day period the Lord blessed the meetings with thirty-one decisions for Christ. Twenty-two souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. From the Spirit of prophecy come these words of admonition: "Every church should be a training-school for Christian workers. . . . Let teachers lead the way in working among the people, and others, uniting with them, will learn from their example. One example is worth more than many precepts."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 149.

What has been done through the laymen's soul-winning workshop in San Antonio, Texas, can be duplicated in most of our churches. May the Lord help us to arise and finish the work which He has given to us to do.

L. B. BAKER

Southwest Region Conference Makes an All-time Record in Gifts to Missions

THE psalmist David wrote well when he penned the words, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power" (Ps. 110:3).

During the first twenty-six weeks of this year, the members of the Southwest Region Conference have reported for missions \$62,259.04. Of this amount \$17,070.12 was reported through the forty-four Sabbath schools of the conference. The home missionary department reported \$45,188.92 as a result of the 1955 Ingathering activities. This represents faithfulness on the part of workers and laymen. Truly this is the day of God's power—the day when the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, in every village, town,

hamlet, and even the countryside.

The remnant church program of today requires good gospel financing, for this is an age of inflation, when the dollar has depreciated in value until it is hardly worth 60 per cent of its original value. Will God's program stop because of this economic inflation? The answer to this question is NO. For the prophet says that in the day of God's power His people shall be willing. Yes, willing to sacrifice of their meager means in order that the work of God might be finished.

The Southwest Region constituency has increased its offerings to missions for the first six months \$14,946.58 above the amount that was received during the same period of last year. This conference leads all the conferences in North America in mission giving through Sabbath school offerings as compared with tithing income on a per capita basis.

We wish to thank each worker and member for a job well done. Remember, investing in souls means holding an account with heaven's bank.

L. B. BAKER

Home Missionary Secretary

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YOUTH choirs from over the conference were presented in the Annual Music Festival in the City Tabernacle church of New York City the afternoon of May 28. The festival is sponsored by the Missionary Volunteer department of the conference.

Investment Day features, and guest speaker Jacob Justiss, pastor of the Ephesus church of Washington, D.C., provided a "high day" for the capacity audience which attended the Linden Boulevard church at St. Albans, Long Island, Sabbath, May 14.

Baptisms were reported at both the Berea and Nyack churches recently.

NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL DEPARTMENT 1954 STATISTICAL REPORT

Union	Churches & Companies	Members	Baptisms	Tithe	Sabbath School	Ingathering	Total Mission Offerings	Weekly Per Capita	Total Local Ch. Expense
ATLANTIC UNION									
Northeastern	22	4,049	197	\$352,299.04	\$60,971.86	\$43,766.08	\$106,695.30	.5067	\$137,189.91
CENTRAL UNION									
Central States	18	1,700	141	106,732.51	19,922.75	14,000.00	34,154.69	.3863	43,147.17
COLUMBIA UNION									
Allegheny	59	6,047	496	441,055.05	83,176.77	87,154.22	175,641.78	.5585	40,000.00
LAKE UNION									
Lake Region	34	3,884	305	261,493.54	58,785.28	33,102.30	93,095.38	.4609	34,000.00
NORTHERN UNION									
Minnesota (Minneapolis)	1	68	4	6,172.80	1,595.40	908.41	2,534.71	.7168	998.50
NORTH PACIFIC UNION									
Oregon (Portland)	1	117	1	3,636.50	621.42	510.14	1,160.00	.1906	1,214.96
Washington (Seattle)	1	122	34	9,085.50	1,311.62	701.02	2,202.16	.3471	5,032.67
Total	2	239	35	12,722.00	1,933.04	1,211.16	3,362.16	.2705	6,247.63
PACIFIC UNION									
Arizona	2	116	11	9,766.95	2,387.98	2,329.73	4,811.98	.7989	.....
Central California	6	576	24	28,666.37	9,152.61	3,658.52	13,214.73	.4411	4,984.00
Nevada-Utah	1	31	4	2,478.24	725.68	794.53	1,561.72	.9688	1,866.70
Northern California	5	816	112	64,156.02	3,683.86	4,534.78	19,261.17	.4539	25,605.67
Southeastern California	6	633	45	55,515.96	16,520.67	4,048.59	21,649.80	.6577	32,859.17
Southern California	8	2,124	138	152,327.52	25,189.24	11,236.82	38,369.84	.3474	.....
Total	28	4,296	334	312,911.06	57,660.04	26,602.97	98,869.24	.4426	65,315.54
SOUTHERN UNION									
South Atlantic	92	6,076	907	273,929.69	61,863.95	83,769.36	146,738.23	.4644	.....
South Central	54	4,387	848	163,186.00	34,529.36	35,680.27	37,252.59	.1632	.....
Total	146	10,463	1,755	437,115.69	96,393.31	119,449.63	183,990.82	.3382	.....
SOUTHWEST UNION									
Southwest Region	48	2,274	181	119,983.50	29,816.82	30,702.40	61,317.49	.5185	12,494.71
GRAND TOTAL	358	33,020	3,448	\$2,050,485.19	\$410,255.27	\$356,897.17	\$759,661.57	.4424	\$300,560.46

Note: Membership reported to December 31, 1954

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	1951	1952	1953	1954	Increase of 1954 Over 1953
Tithe	\$1,693,496.31	\$1,869,011.89	\$2,027,592.49	\$2,050,485.19	\$ 22,892.70
Sabbath School	375,586.39	404,738.40	414,047.60	410,255.27	3,792.33*
Ingathering	258,773.77	288,751.15	294,485.23	356,897.17	62,411.94
Total Mission Offerings	648,254.36	687,138.89	709,397.91	759,661.57	50,263.66
Total Local Church Expense	392,357.60	407,997.70	427,104.73	300,560.46	126,544.27*
Churches and Companies	338	342	358	358	0
Membership	28,171	29,591	31,078	33,020	1,942
Baptisms	2,885	2,619	2,972	3,448	476
Ordained Ministers	110	118	124	124	0
Licensed Ministers	70	90	73	70	3*
Interns .....	.....	.....	18	14	4*
Bible Instructors	28	30	26	21	5*
Teachers: Church School	129	144	141	145	4
Colporteurs	223	225	212	211	1*
Approximate Value of Church Buildings & Other Conference Properties:			\$4,580,194.67	\$4,996,854.64	

* Decrease

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Ten-Day Camp Meeting

(Continued from page 5)

"Many times we try to improve upon God's purposes and plans for us and make a terrible mistake," said R. L. Bradford as he related many profitable experiences concerning God's leadership.

The Welfare and Missionary activities of the church are the vital sparks that keep the church alive, said D. E. Reiner, Central Union Conference official.

Pastor Xavier Butler of Denver, Colorado, told the campers in a message on Monday afternoon that "in spite of Jesus' tremendous responsibilities and the various obstacles He met, He never failed."

Monday evening over 600 persons heard H. T. Saulter, secretary-treasurer of the conference give the history of Camp Shady Hill.

Jere D. Smith, president of the Central Union Conference of Lincoln, Nebraska, delivered the dedicatory message. Elder F. L. Bland, president of the Central States Conference, led in the Act of Dedication.

W. R. Beach, secretary of the General Conference world field, Washington, D.C., prayed the dedicatory prayer. The hearts of the believers were thrilled as they witnessed the dedication which set aside the entire camp site to the cause and service of God.

The above article was one of several that appeared in the Southwest's leading weekly newspaper, *The Call*. Much space was devoted by the editor to reporting the various features of the camp meeting. A large number of interesting pictures of the new camp site were displayed throughout the thirty-two pages of the journal. F. L. P.

The Voice of Africa

E. E. CLEVELAND

DURING the four months spent in Africa it was my privilege to conduct an evangelistic institute that was attended by twenty ministers. I found their stories interesting and challenging. Their division is indeed



E. E. Cleveland and the workers attending an evangelistic institute in Kampala.

the fastest-growing division in the world. This record speaks well for the man behind the scenes—the African evangelist, whose devotion to his task and accomplishments approach the legendary. This special report introduces the stories of S. D. Otieno and S. Kigozi, told in their own words:

S. D. Otieno

"I was born in the year 1915 of heathen parents. In the year 1943, just before his death, my father expressed his faith in this message. To me this was especially rewarding as I had labored with him for years since becoming an Adventist minister. These were his last words: 'My son is away working for God. Don't bury me as a heathen, but as a Christian. At my funeral do not follow the customs of my tribe. This also goes for my wife and the children when they die.'

"In 1932 I was made a teacher at the Utimbaru mission primary school. From 1938-1947 I was an instructor at the Ikizu Training School. It was my good fortune to be among those sent to Bugema Missionary College for special evangelistic training, following which I was called to Ikizu as an evangelist and district leader. Several short evangelistic campaigns were held, during which time 220 souls were baptized. There are at present in my district 328 souls awaiting baptism. In my district there are 3 organized

churches, 17 Sabbath schools, 7 branch Sabbath schools, with a total of 1,300 Sabbath school members.

"On the 15th of June, 1952, our church building collapsed. Constructed of mud and poles, 65 feet long, 25 feet wide, we had felt reasonably safe for years to come, worshiping here. But, as at Jericho, the walls came tumbling down. For six months thereafter our services were held under a large tree. It was during the rainy season, so you can imagine some of our difficulties.

"Knowing that something had to be done quickly, I called a committee meeting and outlined my plans for a new building of brick construction. No one supported my contention that we could put up that building. 'We are too poor,' they agreed among themselves. Knowing that I stood alone in my conviction that we could build that building, but not alone in my desire for it, I made the following proposals, which were accepted. (1) To make this matter the theme of our prayers. (2) Everyone would agree to work on the building free of charge. (3) That each member would contribute money, cows, goats, sheep, corn, hens, and whatever else possible. (4) I would teach them to make the brick.

"In October, 1952, we started this building. At the end of December, 1952, we finished and occupied the structure at a cost of only \$1,478."

S. Kigozi

"I was called to preach in the year 1936. I started meetings in my home. Increased attendance, however, forced us out of doors where we held meetings under a large tree. There is today a large organized church at Namulesa as a result of this work.

"My parents were not pleased that I had been preaching for the Adventists. They ordered me to move my family off their property and declared me no longer related to them.

"I was chosen to attend Bugema Missionary College for a six-month evangelistic course. Upon my return to my wife and family, my house was burned to the ground. But this did not discourage me in the work of the Lord.

"One day my chief came to me and told me that I would have to join the army. This was in the time of Hitler and Il Duce. My reply was, 'I am doing a big work for God and I cannot go!' He let me alone.

"After spending fourteen years in the ministry I can testify to the grace of God. My family now treats me with kindness. I am confident they will one day join me in this message."

Gold Coast Pastors' Wives Have Institute

THE first institute for the ministers' wives in the Gold Coast was held recently at the Bekwai Training College under the direction of Miss Ruth Faye Smith, instructor in the secondary department and leader of the Dorcas Society. Closely associated with Miss Smith was Miss Mary Amponsah, a former student of the college who helped with the meetings and the translation, as most of the women did not speak English.

The purpose of the meeting was to inspire the women to become better ministers' wives in their homes and villages. Proverbs 31:11 to 31 was the text used throughout the institute. Several of the faculty members and their wives contributed to the program, which lasted nine days. Some of the topics

discussed were: "Your responsibility as a minister's wife," "How to make a home for your family," "How to care for your baby," and "Woman's place in the church."

A two-day session was held to study foods, stressing how to provide a well-balanced diet for the family. The women were eager to learn how to prepare their local foods attractively, and they also wanted to try a few American dishes. The highlight of the foods session was a demonstration on various ways to make desserts. The women not only watched while the food was being prepared but were given an opportunity to sample each dessert and the other dishes that were prepared.

As the Dorcas Society is a major auxiliary in the church, instruction was given on how to become good Dorcas leaders and members. To demonstrate the Dorcas spirit the women visited many needy persons and the local hospital, where they sang and prayed. They were instructed in how to select materials wisely and were given a chance to purchase materials at the market, to make clothes for their children. The classes for sewing were held each afternoon for the nine days. Dresses were made for the little girls and sun suits were made for the little boys. The women seemed to be quite happy over their accomplishment at the end of the nine days.

In many of the places where the women live there are no Dorcas Societies; however, these women have determined to go back to their villages and take up the work.

This was the first meeting of its kind in the history of the Gold Coast Mission, and we hope and pray that it will be the beginning of a series of such institutes to help in the training of ministers' wives. Missions do pay; your dimes and dollars have helped to make this institute possible; for this we say, "Thank you."

RUTH FAYE SMITH

Abbey Improves

READERS OF THE INFORMANT will be pleased to know that Brother N. K. Abbey, the African student who very recently was compelled to discontinue his education at Oakwood College and return to his homeland, is apparently holding his own against the odds.

He writes that in spite of predictions by doctors, the Lord has smiled upon him and extended his life. Though not entirely well, he is up and attempting to work again. Please continue to pray for his complete recovery.

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R. L. Woodford is now pastor of the New Orleans church. R. T. Hudson is pastor of Ephesus in New York City.



Miss Ruth Faye Smith demonstrating how to prepare a well-balanced diet.

News of Interest

** *THE Daily Mail*, a weekly newspaper published in Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, has carried stories and pictures of the "Opening of S.D.A. Mission School Building at Yele" in three consecutive editions of the publication.

This is the area where former missionary Donald F. Simons and family served so well. Readers of *THE INFORMANT* will be happy to know the work of the Lord is receiving wide publicity and is advancing in this area.

** Fellowship meeting at the Philadelphia Ebenezer church is an annual affair which brings together in one place not only ministers from the district but also interdenominational singing groups in an interracial singspiration and fellowship program. The fellowship program is the idea of Elder W. Albert Thompson, and has done much to bring a better relation of friendship and fellowship between the Ebenezer church and the various other denominations throughout Philadelphia.

** Under the able leadership of Elder H. D. Warner, literature evangelists of the Allegheny Conference amassed the enviable sum of \$197,389.21 in deliveries for the year 1954. This record of achieving for God is deserving of the highest praises. *THE INFORMANT* welcomes all such reports.

Allegheny Evangelism

THE Allegheny Conference was planning to conduct eleven evangelistic meetings this year; however, the commissioners in Camden, New Jersey, voted against the granting of permission for a public effort under canvas within the city limits, which reduces the total number by one. However, ten efforts are now going on within the confines of the Allegheny Conference. President Cheatam has personally visited each of these efforts at least twice, giving counsel and encouragement to the workers involved. The conference looks for a harvest of souls as a result of these meetings.

A. V. PINKNEY, *Press Secretary*

The readers of *THE INFORMANT* will be interested to know that Mrs. Allen Breach, formerly Mary Martin, a pre-nursing graduate of Oakwood College, is now taking the nurses' course at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital.

The Week of Prayer

BEFORE the next issue of the *INFORMANT* comes into your home the church will have experienced the blessings that come through the annual Week of Prayer services. May this prove to be the most profitable week of communing with God and listening to Him speak to us that it has ever been our privilege to enjoy.

In our Christian pilgrimage on earth, prayer is a necessity, and it should be to God's people the most habitual exercise of the soul. Let us prepare ourselves for this most important service. It has been said that "prayer has divided seas, rolled up flowing rivers, made flinty rocks gush into fountains, quenched flames of fire, muzzled lions, disarmed vipers, burst open iron gates, recalled souls from eternity, conquered the strongest devils, commanded legions of angels down from Heaven.

"Prayer has bridled and changed the raging passions of man and destroyed vast armies of proud, daring, blustering atheists.

"Prayer has brought one man from the bottom of the sea, and carried another in a chariot of fire to Heaven.

"What has not prayer done!"

Think of what prayer has wrought in your life.

At the close of the Week of Prayer an annual offering will be taken. This has become a custom with us, and I pray that it has become an individual habit to express your gratitude to God, by bringing to Him a liberal thank offering. Many will give a week's salary, and there are some who will give more. Let us earnestly seek God as we enter into this prayer week of receiving and giving. F. L. P.

New Church Building

THE new church erected by the congregation at Richmond, California, was formally opened with appropriate services on Sabbath, September 10.

For the morning worship hour Elder Carl Becker, president of the Northern California Conference, was the speaker. The afternoon service featured Dr. O. A. Troy in a message to the believers. Music selections were offered to bring the day's services to a close. Elder Major C. White is the pastor of the church.

SOUTH CENTRAL

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New Workers

WE welcome to our family of workers in the South Central Conference, Pastor and Mrs. Ralph Peay, who have been assisting in the large effort in Montgomery. Brother Peay is a graduate of the Seminary, and at the present time is an associate of Elder C. E. Dudley in Montgomery.

Brother James Vines, who graduated from Oakwood College in May, 1955, has taken up his duties as associate publishing secretary.

The South Central Conference passed the four thousand mark in membership at the close of 1954. Five thousand in 1955 is the goal we are striving to reach, by God's help. Last year was our banner year in baptisms, which totaled 848, and our net gain for the year was 600, which was the largest in the Southern Union.

L. G. Newton baptized 74 in his first baptism. G. H. Rainey had 80 out for his first Sabbath service. C. R. Graham baptized nearly 40 at Clarksdale. Miss E. J. Humphrey at Montgomery is having a wonderful interest. In Nashville it has been difficult, but 60 or 70 are expected to be baptized by the time the fruits are all in.