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EVANGELISM IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

In the first baptisms ever to be conducted in the famous Oakland Auditorium, seventy-nine converts were baptized in a portable baptistry as the first fruits of the Bay Area evangelistic meetings. Twenty-five more have been baptized, placing the initial results at 104. Elder Byron Spears conducted the rites, assisted by Elders R. W. Nelson and M. C. White.

This thirteen-week campaign was inaugurated on February 19 during a daylong rainstorm. Despite the heavy downpour of rain, which continued throughout the evening, sixteen hundred braved the storm to attend the opening night. Evangelist Spears, in his inimitable style, proclaimed the message with convincing power from night to night.

The East Bay evangelistic com-

pany had as its nucleus five pastors and three Bible instructors. Elder R. W. Nelson, pastor of the Market Street church in Oakland, served as chairman and business manager of the committee. Responsibilities were apportioned to the other members of the committee, as follows: Elder M. C. White, pastor of the Richmond church, had charge of the special music; Pastor Isador Evans,



BAY AREA EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

Left to right, front row: R. W. Nelson, Miss Veva Knox, B. R. Spears, Mrs. W. J. Gully, M. C. White. Second row: I. D. Evans, O. A. Troy, Jr., Mrs. E. Van Nocay Porter, W. J. Gully.



Oakland Auditorium, site of Bay Area evangelistic effort.

of the Pittsburg church, was coordinator and in charge of the auditorium and ushers; Pastor Owen A. Troy, Jr., pastor of the Vallejo Bible Auditorium church, was public relations director and director of the evangelistic choir. Evangelist Spears is Northern California Conference evangelist and is pastor of the Capitol City church in Sacramento.

The metropolitan dailies of Oakland, San Francisco, Berkeley, Richmond, Sacramento, and Vallejo carried hundreds of inches of pictures and stories concerning the meetings. Also the TV and radio stations were very cooperative in giving publicity to the meetings.

One of the outstanding advertising features that was used to acquaint the public with the meetings was the billboard advertising. Sixteen full-sized billboards with eye-catching lettering were strategically placed throughout the East Bay area. Advertising statisticians estimated that half a million persons daily saw the opening announcement: "Spears Is Coming to the Oakland Auditorium."

Outstanding musicians were featured weekly at this famous auditorium, noted as an art and cultural center. Among these were Geraldine Farmar, Georgia Laster, Joyce Bryant, and Joe Lutcher, the latter two recently converted to the church from the entertainment world. Musical groups included such outstanding ensembles as the Pacific Union College a Cappella Choir, the San Francisco Russian Symphonic Choir under Sergey Borasevich, and the Centurions, a famous youth group.

Regular musicians for the effort were Harold Anthony, pianist; Frank Arthur Washington, organist; Monti Jones, singing evangelist; and Bob Dent, song leader—all of Pacific Union College; Ida Phillips, Oakland pianist.

Very valuable assistance in the public relations field was given by Brethren J. R. Ferren and Bill Oliphant, public relations secretaries of the Northern California and Pacific Union conferences, respectively.

The meetings were such an outstanding success and Elder Spears' evangelistic presentations were so convincing that many sections of the union are urging that he hold meetings in their areas. A wonderful spirit of cooperation was shown by all the workers and laymen connected with the effort. The high degree of dignity that characterized the whole program was an inspiration to all. But above all, credit must be given to the Holy Spirit and His power to touch hearts.

★ No one is small who does a small job in a great way.



One of 16 billboards used in advertising the Bay Area evangelistic meetings in Oakland, California.

PACIFIC UNION

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Modern Ministry of Kindness

The first visit of a Methodist minister and his wife to the Sunset Avenue church in Pasadena was a significant crisis experience that they will always remember. They were graciously received and feted with a series of acts of kindness and courtesy that almost immediately welded their hearts to this church family, an organization of the Seventh-day Adventist people of whom they had heard so much in recent years.

These acts of kindness were evaluated as evidences of a functioning divine grace, and this couple immediately began a study of the tenets that make Seventh-day Adventists uniquely different people in the ranks of Christendom. This methodical study of the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church led them step by step from one decision to another, and subsequently they presented themselves for baptism. Brother and Sister Martin C. Jennings, after spending more than fifty years in the Methodist ministry, joined ranks with the Seventh-day Adventist cause. They were baptized by Elder Harold A. Lindsey and united with the Sunset Avenue church on March 24, 1956.

The ministry of kindness on the part of a faithful member of Sunset was the open door to the church for this outstanding family.

Spot News

★ The concluding Sabbath at the Southern California camp meeting, June 23, was charged with the impressive and dignified presentation of five young men to the gospel ministry in an ordination service before nearly 6,000 people in the mammoth auditorium at Lynwood. The responsibility and privilege of the ministry were presented by Elder M. L. An-

reasen, ministerial secretary for the Southern California Conference. The charge was given by Elder C. L. Bauer, president of the Pacific Union Conference; the ordination prayer and the laying on of hands was done by Dr. Paul Quimby, professor of religion at Pacific Union College; the welcome to the ministry was given by Elder R. R. Bietz, president of the Southern California Conference. One of the principals in the ordination was Harvey W. Kibble, Jr., newly appointed pastor of the Compton Avenue church in Los Angeles.

★ More than 100 tracts were distributed in a recent tract campaign launched in Phoenix.

★ Forty-three passengers enjoyed the trip to Grand Canyon planned for them by the Phoenix church. This was a special church project to raise funds for the clearing of all school debts for the past year.

Another trip to Los Angeles on July 27 is being planned by this church. In their planning they have not forgotten the little ones. A Vacation Bible School will be conducted in this area.

★ Pacoima, California, is in the northeast section of the beautiful San Fernando Valley and is gradually spreading out to the foothills of the Verdugo mountains. Scores of families are constantly moving into this area and are taking up permanent residence.

In this section there is being conducted a branch Sabbath school, with a membership of 26. There are three classes functioning: one adult and two for the children. Aside from this, the group there is engaged weekly in distributing literature, house-to-house visitation, and giving Bible studies. The possibilities are wonderfully inspiring to those with a heavy burden for souls.

This group is hopefully looking forward to the day when they can be organized into a church. May God bless their efforts and make them more effective as co-workers together with Him.

★ The Richmond church members are enjoying their new church home more and more. They recently had their church parking lot paved at a cost of \$1,000. That item has been paid for, and shortly they will begin raising funds for new pews and the improvement of their church lawn.

★ As a result of the meetings recently held in Oakland, 17 members have been added to the church in Richmond. There are others waiting in the baptismal class. Elder Spears has begun planning for an evangelistic effort to be held in Richmond beginning in September.

★ The Ivy Avenue church at Monrovia launched out into its church improvement program during the month of July. Included in the many improvements to be made is the paving of the schoolyard and the parking lot adjacent to the church.

★ Patricia Louise Mills, a member of the MV Society of the Ivy Avenue church, held the position of Junior counselor for the summer camp at Cedar Falls from July 22 to August 15. Miss Mills was Junior counselor for the Adventure Girls' camp, Junior Girls' camp, and Earliteens' camp.

★ Elder and Mrs. Harold A. Lindsey, of Pasadena, are happy to announce the birth of a baby girl, Janice Annette, June 10, 1956. Janice weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

★ On June 24, 1956, Rosemary Spears was given in marriage to Cecil Abrahams, Jr., in a beautiful ceremony at the Central Seventh-day Adventist church in Sacramento, California. She was given away by her grandfather, Henry Evans, of Topeka, Kansas. The ceremony was performed by her father, Elder B. R. Spears, of Sacramento.

★ Pastor and Mrs. Herman L. Kibble left Saturday night, July 21, to connect with Elder Cleveland's evangelistic effort in Chicago for a few weeks.

★ Mrs. Ruby Troy, an office secretary in the educational department,

left Pasadena, Tuesday, July 17, for her vacation. Some of her vacation time will be spent in the home of her brother, Prof. Arna Bontemps, of Nashville, Tennessee.

★ Mrs. Ruby Troy, registrar, department of education of the Pacific Union Conference, states that a new high in total enrollments—18,201—was reached this year in Seventh-day Adventist schools and colleges in the Pacific Union Conference. This is a gain of nearly 1,000 over last year's closing enrollment of 17,216.

There was an increase of 1,574 students between the opening and close of the school year. The corresponding gain for 1954-55 was 1,472.

News Notes

BON VOYAGE TO THE BATTLES

At this writing, the Battles are somewhere on the high seas. Elder M. T. Battle, former home missionary secretary of the South Atlantic Conference, his wife, and daughter, Carla, are en route to their new home. He is to be superintendent of the Liberian Mission.

The Battles left by train from Philadelphia for Montreal, Canada, where they boarded the good ship *S.S. Carinthia*. On July 27 they sailed up the St. Lawrence and out to sea for Liverpool, England. In England it is expected that the family will visit the Northern European Division offices in whose mission territory they will eventually arrive, and will doubtless spend some time in and around London before proceeding on their journey on August 5. The journey to Monrovia, Liberia, will be made from London via the *Air France*.

Readers of the *INFORMANT* and friends of the Battle family will surely give strong support to them and all other workers in foreign service. This may be done by our prayers for Heaven's protection and guidance and with our means that the cause of missions will suffer no want as it advances the message of God for this hour into the farthest corner of earth.

Korean Orphans

Having just returned from an extensive visit among our medical institutions of the Far East, including the Seoul Sanitarium and Orphanage of Korea, I am glad to pass on to our people a report of the excellent work being done in this Korean orphanage.

I found about three hundred children in this institution ranging all

A more pathetic group is that which has resulted from the military occupation, and there are perhaps fifty of these little children. Repatriation of these children is, as far as possible, being carried out by sending them to homes in America. Many have already been sent by plane to San Francisco and other West Coast ports to join families that have prepared to receive them into their family circle.

I found that some of the most attractive of these little mixed-blood children were those from colored origin. The accompanying pictures give but a little idea of some of those now available for adoption.

We should like to urge that our colored families who find themselves in a position to help these little unfortunates write immediately to Mrs. George Rue, Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital, P.O. Box 43,



the way from infants to boys old enough to be out working on the farm and the grounds. The great majority of these children are from families in which father and mother were killed or were scattered and lost contact with during the actual hostilities three and four years ago. These children are being placed in Korean homes as rapidly as possible. It is a wonderful blessing to these children to be taken into good Christian homes, where they can grow to maturity under normal conditions.

At the time of my visit there were perhaps a dozen or fifteen of these little mixed-blood children who were of colored origin.

Mrs. George Rue, who is in charge of this orphanage work, asked that I carry to our colored believers in America the burden that she carries on her heart for these little children who, if they are to find a home in the environment which should be theirs, must find it before the end of this year. Present legislation covering these plans expires at that time.

Seoul, Korea. More immediate information may be had by writing directly to Mr. Harry Holt, Cresswell, Oregon, a representative of the welfare agencies here in America, who is charged with coordinating the work of adoption of these children.

It is to be hoped that many of our Adventist families will see in this need an opportunity to bring hope and a much-needed home life to these little Korean orphans.

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Camp Meeting at Victory Lake

Those who visited Camp Victory Lake from June 28 to July 7 experienced ten spirit-filled days of blessing. Everywhere could be heard such expressions as "This was the best camp meeting I have ever attended." "Surely the Spirit of God was present in the encampment." "I am now laying plans to return to camp come next year."

Yes, it was a joyous season at

beautiful Camp Victory Lake. Many were the victories gained by the people of God at the early morning prayer meetings as well as in the early afternoon prayer bands. The eleven o'clock hour and the night services were special seasons of blessing as men of God spoke directly to our hearts from the Word of God.

The first Sabbath was a high day from beginning to end. Elder J. H. Wagner, president of the South Atlantic Conference, gave good support to the Sabbath school program. About \$520 was given to missions.

Elder C. E. Moseley, of the North American Regional Department of the General Conference, presented a dynamic message that charged the 2,500 campers to come up on higher

ground to behold the magnetic power of Christ.

Charles Eaton, pastor of the Rochester, New York, church, was ordained to the gospel ministry in a unique afternoon service.

The weekdays passed rapidly as departmental services, youth meetings, and primary and junior meetings filled the hours.

Friday night of the last week was the beginning of the laymen's congress. Elder R. T. Hudson, pastor of the Ephesus church in New York City, was the keynote speaker. Surely the Spirit of God talked to our hearts as the challenge to share our faith was laid before us.

Sabbath school was most thrilling. Dr. Frank Hale, of Oakwood Col-

...ge, gave the review lesson. Elder L. E. Esteb, home missionary secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference, taught the lesson for the day. Mrs. Samuel Farrell gave excellent leadership as director of the Sabbath school program. The offering for missions reached a new record sum of \$1,200. Christian Fellowship, of Brooklyn, surprised everyone with \$200 to again claim the per capita banner. Ephesus took the largest offering banner with \$250.

Elder F. L. Peterson, an associate secretary of the General Conference, was the eleven o'clock hour speaker for the great laymen's congress service. Truly, we came to hear the voice of one of God's servants, to look in the face of a man who had been alone with God, to hear a man who had meditated in the night watches with the Almighty. Men and women were moved as never before to go home and tell what great things Jesus had done for them.

The trophy hour that followed was intensely thrilling. One sister brought ten trophies, another five, another three, and finally a brother presented twenty. What a thrill—nearly a hundred trophies brought to camp meeting! These laymen were indeed ready to be commissioned. There were 150 commissioned in the 120 group and challenged to go home and make new Seventh-day Adventists for God.

Following the commissioning service nearly thirty of these trophies were baptized in beautiful Victory Lake.

What a glorious day, a perfect day to close a most helpful, Spirit-filled camp season. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

F. L. JONES, *Secretary*
Sabbath School and
Home Missionary Departments

News Notes

Doubled Membership.—The Northeastern Conference, one of the few Regional conferences to double its membership since the organization, boasts that every church in the conference shared in the 337 baptisms which were netted in 1955.

This was the largest number of baptisms for one year the conference has had, and it has resulted from a new emphasis on a lively laymen's program to supplement the active ministry. Several tent efforts are planned by the corps of ministers for the summer.

Temperance Promotion.—North-eastern Conference churches are promoting the cause of temperance in a manner that makes its influence felt for good. \$533.80 was reported to the General Conference through this department in a recent drive. The goal is "Every individual a member of A.T.S." Effort like this is the sort that keeps the goal in sight.

★ **HAVE patience!** All things are difficult before they become easy.—**SAADI.**

Ordination of Workers

Readers of the INFORMANT will be pleased to know that twenty-eight Regional workers were ordained at the recent camp meetings. They are as follows:

Allegheny Conference: A. N. Brogden, C. D. Brooks, D. L. Davis, Edward Dorsey, J. H. Wagner, Jr., and U. S. Willis, Jr.

Central States Conference: J. L. Butler and J. H. Jones.

Lake Region Conference: M. C. Van Putten and C. F. Warren.

Northeastern Conference: Charles Eaton.

South Atlantic Conference: H. L. Cleveland, W. A. Darby, R. B. Hairston, C. B. Rock, Samuel Thomas, and Julian L. Williams.

South Central Conference: B. W. Abney, Jr., J. J. Beale, R. C. Brown, E. L. Howard, W. J. Mitchell, Jesse Wagner, and J. T. Stafford.

Southern California Conference: Harvey W. Kibble, Jr.

Southwest Region Conference: W. C. Jones, J. C. Smith, and Van Runnels.

These young men have the prayers and hopes of the constituency for a long and fruitful ministry.

Spot News

Missionary Ruth Faye Smith, who recently began her first term of service at the Bekwai Training School in the Gold Coast, West Africa, is thoroughly enjoying her work. The following excerpts from a recent letter tell a story that gives some insight into the crowded program of our missionaries.

"School is well on the way now, and I am teaching Bible, history, music, art, and home economics. Besides the school work, I am dean of women, Sabbath school teacher, leader of the Dorcas Society, and leader of the church choir.

"I find the Dorcas Society most interesting, as it is composed of the wives of staff members. I am teaching them how to take care of their homes, their children, and how to prepare their food properly. They all are so interested.

"About the church choir—some of the songs in the hymnbook are rather difficult for the people to learn, but the Negro spirituals come so very easy for them.

"I spent a lovely Christmas vacation in Accra. There I resided with Pastor Gibson and family. We had several Christmas parties, where gifts were given out to all present by a real live Santa Claus dressed in a red suit. Most of all I enjoyed our visit to the beach, where I was taught how to ride the ocean waves on a surfboard; it was a great deal of fun.

"Thank you for the INFORMANT; I enjoyed reading it."

We at home can be happy to know that the strenuous duties of the missionary can be broken by an occasional bit of wholesome recreation. They well deserve it, as they do our support and prayers.

★ Elder J. H. Laurence, pastor of the Spruce Street SDA church, Seattle, Washington, and veteran evangelist, is currently conducting an evangelistic meeting in his city in the great northwest.

Our prayers will be most earnest as we remember this campaign in our devotions.

Meet the New Office Secretary

For approximately five years Mrs. Evelyn Mayes Johnson served as secretary in the North American Regional Department of the General Conference. During these years she not only served well at her post, but she also found a lawful way to change her name from Mayes to Johnson while taking care of her secretarial duties. Mr. Leonard Johnson, a medical student at Howard University Medical School, became the rightful man about the house.

On June 8 Mr. Johnson graduated in the class of 1956 from the university, and a few weeks later he and Mrs. Johnson left for Los Angeles, California, where he is now interning in the Los Angeles County General Hospital.

We in the department were very much concerned over filling Mrs. Johnson's place. We were soon relieved of this anxiety when a letter came from Mrs. Thelma Lewis Anderson, telling us of her availability. She was a former student of ours when both Elder Moseley and I were connected with Oakwood College.

I am very pleased to introduce to the readers of the INFORMANT Mrs. Thelma Anderson. In answer to my questions she says:

"After leaving Oakwood College in June, 1948, I went to work as an office secretary in the South Atlantic Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

"Shortly thereafter, I met Charles L. Anderson, who was then a pre-medical student at Morehouse College. His mother had come to Atlanta to attend one of the affairs of the college, and was assigned by the hostess to stay in the home where I was living. During her short stay there the landlady invited Mrs. Anderson and her son to accompany her to the evangelistic meetings being held in Atlanta. As a result of this and other contacts with Adventism, they became interested and studied the message further. The son accepted and was baptized a short time later. The friendship that existed between us ripened into love

and we were married in January, 1949.

"When Charles received his degree from Morehouse, we moved to Haines City, Florida, where he was employed as science teacher in the high school for six years. Four of these years, I worked as manager of the school lunchroom.

"Although there is no Seventh-day Adventist church in Haines City, we both were active in those nearby. He was local elder of the Lakeland, Florida, church and later of the Bartow and Florence Villa, companies. I served as Sabbath school superintendent in Lakeland and Sabbath school teacher in the other companies. We were also members of the Projector Commissioned Club and held several series of Bible studies in our community and some that were near us.

"The desire to study medicine never left Charles; however, since we now had three sons, it seemed impossible, financially, until the spring of 1955 when the Florida Legislature passed a bill providing twenty scholarships yearly (ten medical and ten dental) to residents of the State who were scholastically and morally worthy of them, in order to provide more doctors for Florida citizens. Charles applied for one of the medical scholarships, and we kept it ever before the Lord, for we knew that there would be a large number of applicants.

"Soon it was evident in many ways that this change in our lives was indeed God's will for us. We exercised the utmost faith and began making

plans for the change, even to the extent that Charles gave up a continuous contract to teach. Our faith was rewarded—the much-desired scholarship was granted, and Charles was accepted at the College of Medicine of Howard University. I was also wonderfully blessed to be appointed to fill a secretarial vacancy in the Regional Department of the General Conference office.

"For all of this we give God the glory. How happy we are to say as did Solomon, 'In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths' (Prov. 3:6). And to declare with David, 'O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him' (Ps. 34:8)."

F. L. PETERSON

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A Colporteur and the Drama of the Ages

In Whistler, Alabama, two miles from Mobile, a colporteur, Brother Sandy Robinson, sold the *Drama of the Ages* to a Catholic woman who later joined the church in Mobile. Then she, together with Brother Robinson, gave studies to a family of twelve and brought them into the message.

This group assisted Pastor Horace Jones, of the Mobile church, in a lay effort in Atmore, Alabama. Sister Pearson, a church school teacher, and Sister Jones served as Bible instructors. This effort resulted in the winning of thirty-two persons to this truth. This entire lay project was under the direction of the home missionary leader, Brother Sidney Parker, of the Mobile church, and its pastor, Elder Jones.

Mrs. White said, "Many who are hungry for the bread of life have not the privilege of hearing the word from God's delegated preachers. For this reason it is essential that our publications be widely circulated." —*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 313.

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Dayton Church Effort

Elder M. S. Banfield, secretary-treasurer of the Allegheny Conference, conducted a series of inspiring revival meetings in the Dayton church. His messages, which were a well-coordinated combination of doctrinal and devotional subjects, proved very beneficial to members and visitors alike, and caused one young man to indicate his desire for baptism.

Elder Banfield's revival meetings lent a definite impetus to the Dayton church's "Operation Flame"—a united effort, through prayer and reconsecration, for all to be set afire by the Holy Spirit and to use this flame to set others afire for God. "Operation Flame" includes a tent effort, which was launched July 22, and a youth evangelism series in the fall.

Partial results of this revival plan are indicated by the baptism of eight persons, and the beginning of a new baptismal class of nine candidates. This class includes Elder A. K. Walker, senior bishop of the Morning Star Church of God in several States, who took his stand about a month ago. His wife, president of the organization and a minister in her own right, was at first bitterly opposed to his stand, but after attending two of Elder Banfield's meetings, she appears to have become genuinely interested in the truths that attracted her husband.

The prayers of all are solicited to the end that Mrs. Walker, too, will soon take her place with God's people. Please remember to pray for "Operation Flame."

BEATRICE LINKHORN
Press Secretary
Dayton Church

★ FORCE yourself to do little things well, and you will do big things well from habit.

Witnessing for Christ

[The editor is happy to pass along to the readers of the INFORMANT the following two stories. The first comes to us from the Allegheny Conference; the other comes from the Southwestern Region Conference.]

James Bowman, Jr., of the Union Berean church, relates an experience he had as a senior in public high school during the second semester.

"The senior class of Point Marion High School left for their annual Washington, D.C., tour. There were about forty-eight in the class. We were all housed at the Commodore Hotel in downtown Washington.

"Dinner was served in the main dining room, where we were seated in groups. Before the meal began one of the girls at the table looked from one to the other to see whether a blessing was going to be asked, but no one moved.

"It was then that I walked near the table and was asked to sit there. The girl who made the request knew that I had been active in religious affairs and that I was an Adventist. I offered the blessing.

"The next morning we all had different seats, and I was now with students I had not sat with before. The girl, upon finding no one at her table to offer the blessing, asked the sponsor if I could ask the blessing for the entire senior class, which I did. This procedure was followed at every meal during our three-day tour of Washington.

"Apparently this was something new, and it drew the attention of the officials of the hotel, who inquired about the boy who offered the blessing.

"I was glad for the experience of testifying in this respect for Jesus."

James Bowman will enter Oakwood College this fall.

A. V. PINKNEY
Public Relations Secretary

"A Little Child Shall Lead Them"

It began happening when Mrs. Catherine Mayfield, a faithful Sabbath school member of the Nacogdoches church, put into practice the

plan of taking a visitor to Sabbath school. She invited eleven-year-old Caroling Ann Madkins to attend the Sabbath school. With the warm welcome and interest of the Sabbath school program, a profound impression was made upon Caroling Ann. She began by telling her friends about Sabbath school. Two of her girl friends decided to go and see whether they would enjoy the services as much as their little friend had. The two friends have become regular members of the Sabbath school.

Caroling Ann decided to share her blessings with another friend. Four invitations were extended. Finally the mother of the girl said to her daughter, "I would not let a person come to my home four times and invite me to go with her to church and refuse to go." The girl decided to attend Sabbath school and has been attending each Sabbath since.

There are four girls already baptized and one preparing for baptism as a direct result of using the bring-one-visitor plan of Sabbath school evangelism.

From *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, page 61, we read, "The object of Sabbath school work should be the ingathering of souls."

L. B. BAKER
Sabbath School Secretary

Spot News

★ Chicago Tent Effort: Elder E. E. Cleveland, General Conference evangelist, and his staff of workers are continuing their evangelistic effort for the city of Chicago. The Big Tent, as it is called, is on South State at 69th Street. On Sunday, July 22, they had an overflow crowd of more than 1,600 people. God is richly blessing Elder Cleveland and his evangelistic company in their soul-winning work. We are asking our brothers and sisters throughout the field to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the people for a rich harvest of souls.

★ Good thoughts are necessary to good deeds, and good deeds are necessary to happiness.

★ Pastor C. D. Henri, former superintendent of the Liberian Mission, and now union evangelist for the West African Union, is currently making his influence for good felt throughout that great West African field.

Recently he and Pastor H. J. Welch led out in a workers' meeting at Bo where the offices of our work for Sierra Leone are located. Elders Henri and Welch assisted the workers in general study and discussion of problems relating to evangelism, home missionary activities, Sabbath school, Voice of Prophecy, Sabbath school, Voice of Prophecy, Ingathering, and lay evangelism.

Fifty workers from all sections of Sierra Leone were present for this meeting, and all expressed great appreciation for the timely help which these visiting brethren gave.

The Secretary's Itinerary

It was my privilege to be present on Sabbath, August 4, at the opening of the Magazine Street Seventh-day Adventist Temple in Louisville, Kentucky.

Under the pastorate of Elder Edgar T. Mimms, the members have built a beautiful, well-lighted, air-conditioned church for the glory of God and the proclamation of the last warning message that is due the world at this time.

The message was first preached in Louisville in 1871. On February 16, 1890, our second North American Regional Department church was organized. The report at that time stated that the membership "included some persons of refinement and education." Today Louisville has one of the best church buildings we own anywhere.

From Louisville I went on to attend the camp meeting of the South Central Conference, held on the campus of Oakwood College.

The meetings were held in the spacious new gymnasium. Although it was not completed, it provided a very comfortable place in which to house the large congregation in attendance. On the Sabbath the auditorium was well filled with worshippers.

The conference session was held this year. W. W. Fordham, the president, and all conference officers and departmental workers were unanimously returned to their respective positions by the South Central Conference constituency.

On the first Sabbath of the camp meeting an ordination service was held, during which seven of the conference workers were ordained.

The Central States Conference members may well be proud of the very beautiful fifteen-acre campsite, which has been christened Camp Shady Hill. This is a beautifully situated campground, and it is being rapidly built up for the convenience of the membership of this conference.

Since its organization in 1950, the membership of the conference has been doubled and now stands at 1,762. The title for the past biennium was \$216,660.76, and the total mission offerings amounted to \$68,507.21.

The conference constituency was unanimous in re-electing to office for the next biennial period F. L. Bland, president, and his entire staff of conference associates.

Two young men were ordained on the last Sabbath of this camp meeting.

This concludes the seven camp meetings I have had the opportunity to attend, and each one has had a larger attendance than any previous year. All have been spiritual feasts for the several constituencies and spiritual Ebenezers for many who began their walk for the first time with the Lord.

My itinerary leads me next into Pacific Union Conference territory.

F. L. PETERSON

This is a momentous year for Oakwood College. The institution is reaching its greatest strides in student achievement, plant efficiency, and quality of services to be offered its constituency. The college needs every available lift which **you** can give. Did you give on August 25th? If not, do it now!—It is not too late! It may be—later on!

New Teachers Strengthen Oakwood College Staff

Oakwood College is happy to announce that Dr. William Osborne has accepted a position on the staff of the college. Dr. Osborne has had years of experience in teaching and administration in the Inter-American Division, and he will greatly strengthen the department of business administration. He received the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Clark University on June 3, 1956, having previously received the Master of Arts degree from Fisk University. We welcome Dr. and Mrs. Osborne, the latter being a recent graduate of Oakwood College.

It is also our pleasure to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Dean, recently of Washington, D.C., where Brother Dean received the Master of Arts degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He will be the dean of men. Mrs. Dean will serve as administrative secretary and will be available for some assistance in the growing department of business administration. She is currently studying at the graduate school of the University of Maryland.

Oakwood College now offers outstanding preparation under thorough, dedicated teachers in the business and secretarial science fields: Prof. Charles Galley, head of the department, Dr. William Osborne, Mrs. Arthelia Alexander, and Mrs. Malcolm Dean.

Our new maintenance engineer is E. D. Brantley, who came to us a short time ago from the Allegheny Conference. We welcome Brother and Sister Brantley and family to Oakwood.

Oakwood College has the best-prepared faculty in its history. We solicit your youth and your funds as we continue the advance of Christian education here.

GARLAND J. MILLET
President, Oakwood College

★ Word has been received of the death of Elder W. S. North, another of our veteran ministers.

He was faithful to his God and loyal to His cause.