

## E. E. Cleveland Conducts Evangelistic Campaign in Nation's Capital

By C. E. MOSELEY, JR.

On Sunday night, March 1, 1958 Evangelist E. E. Cleveland and his associates began an evangelistic series before an audience estimated at more than 3,500.

The campaign is being conducted in Capitol Arena in the nation's capital, which has a capacity of about 4,000 seats during overflows. Attendance has ranged from approximately 900 to 2,500 on Monday through Wednesday nights, and 2,500 to 3,000 consistently on Friday and Sunday nights. Average attendance is upwards of 2,000.

Assisting the evangelist, who is an associate secretary in the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, are three ministers: Everett Alexander, D. L. Davis, and L. R. Preston; two ministerial interns: Charles L. Brooks and Benjamin Reaves; six Bible instructors: Misses Rauline Troxler, Ella Wiley, and Joyce Bryant and Mesdames B. Hampton, Geneva Macdonald, and Ethel Nell; ministerial student affiliates from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and the Potomac University in nearby Takoma Park: James Edgecombe, Ted Jones, William Scales, Elbert Shepherd, Mervyn Warren, and Herman Vanderberg; Allen Breach, organist, and Mrs. E. E. Cleveland, pianist. Elder A. V. Pinkney, MV and educational secretary of the Allegheny Conference, has done a remarkable job as minister of publicity.



The Cathedral Quartet. Left to right: Elbert Shepherd, first tenor; Benjamin Reaves, baritone; William Scales, second tenor; James Edgecombe, bass. Photo by Pinkney.

The series is now entering the tenth week, and for the four Sabbaths in which Sabbath school and formal worship services were conducted in the arena, in cooperation with area churches, more than 450 potential accessions worshiped with the believers. In the first baptism on May 3, conducted at the First Church, 143 persons received the rite and 9 persons were rebaptized.

Music features for the series include the Cathedral Quartet, Miss Joyce Bryant, and Charles L. Brooks, tenor, who are heard nightly; and the Ephesus and First Church choirs,

which sing Sunday nights and for the Sabbath services.

Your prayers are urgently requested for this series.

Editor's Note: The series of meetings closed on Sunday, May 25, after twelve weeks. On this last night the arena was filled with those who came to hear Miss Joyce Bryant and Richard Penniman tell the stories of their conversion.

Also, Miss Julia B. Cooper of Baltimore, Md., was among the corps of Bible instructors. Although retired she volunteered her services and gave invaluable help in this campaign.

At the close of the campaign 221 new converts had been baptized and 44 persons rebaptized.

## Spot News

Claudienne M. Gordon, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, sailed from New York on the S. S. *Queen Elizabeth*, April 16, bound for West Africa.

Since her graduation from the New England Sanitarium and Hospital, in 1953, Miss Gordon has served as a staff and assistant head nurse in several hospitals. She has accepted an appointment to serve in the Ile-Ife Mission Hospital, Nigeria.

Miss Gordon finished her pre-nursing at Oakwood College.

## Cleveland's Tour Featured on Radio Panel

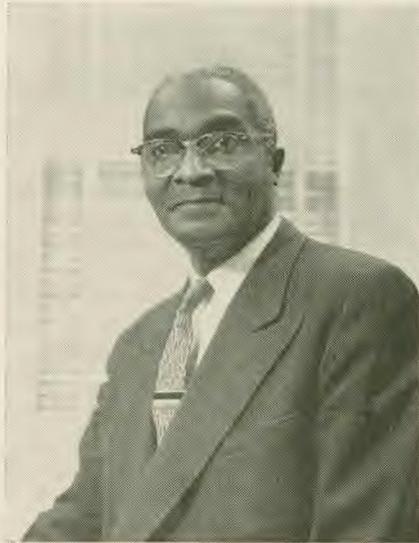
At the height of the evangelistic campaign conducted at the Capitol Arena in the city of Washington, D.C., E. E. Cleveland and staff were invited by T. Tomlinson Todd, moderator of the program "Americans All," to participate in a panel discussion dealing with Elder Cleveland's recent tour of the Far Eastern Division.

Participants on the panel were Elder Robert Carter, pastor of the New Rochelle, New York, church; Elder H. L. Cleveland, pastor of the Savannah, Georgia, district and brother of the featured speaker; Brother Howard Browne, a local school teacher; and Mr. Todd himself. These men asked questions ranging from living conditions in the various countries visited to the reception of the gospel by peoples of non-Christian background.

This program has been on the air for twelve years and is widely heard in the Washington area. Guests of all recognized fields of labor are invited to the panel, but this was the first time that Seventh-day Adventists have participated.

When a man has quietly made up his mind that there is nothing he cannot endure, his fears leave him.—GROVE PATTERSON, quoted in *New York Times*.

Making up your mind is like making a bed; it usually helps to have someone on the other side.—GERALD HORTON BATH, *Whatsoever Things*, Stetson University.



Elder F. L. Peterson

## Itinerary in Southern African Division

By F. L. PETERSON

On the afternoon of February 7 the most enjoyable part of my plane ride from the United States was experienced when the wheels of the aircraft safely landed on the soil of the beautiful metropolis of Salisbury, the capital city of the Federa-

tion of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. The safe landing of the plane is the part of a plane ride that I enjoy most.

Brother J. P. Sundquist, missionary volunteer secretary of the Southern African Division, met me, and as we drove through the city and I saw the multistoried buildings, the spaciousness of the streets, the many well dressed and intelligent-looking Africans, I said to myself, "Is this Africa?" I could well imagine myself being in one of our American Southern cities.

At 6:15 p.m. I was again on a plane enroute to Bulawayo. When I reached the airport, I was met and informed that I was to go immediately to our African church and speak to the congregation that was waiting to receive me. I had come from too far away to register any surprise, so I was very happy to speak to such a large number of my kinsmen. How they looked at me with such a questioning gaze, and very well did I know what they were thinking.

When they would let me know how happy they were to see me, I would say that I was happier to see them.



Elder E. E. Cleveland with moderator of the "Americans All" radio program and members of the panel. Left to right: Elder Robert Carter, Mr. T. T. Todd, Elder E. E. Cleveland, Mr. Howard Browne, and Elder H. L. Cleveland. Standing behind them are members of the Cathedral Quartet.

This church at Bulawayo has a membership of 500. Their Sabbath attendance is approximately 800.

After the meeting, Brother and Sister Drake, teachers at Solusi Missionary College, took me to Solusi, which is about 30 miles from Bulawayo. This was our first mission station in Africa. The property was given to our missionaries by Cecil Rhodes, a great philanthropist of Africa, and for whom the Rhodesias are named.

The school has been raised to the status of a senior college. Dr. Clarke is the principal, and he has around him a staff of well-qualified teachers and a student body numbering 500. These young people are blessed with good singing voices, and when they sing, it is with a haunting melody that captivates one. Miss Moline is doing an excellent job in training them.

On Sabbath afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Clarke arranged for me to speak at the Liumba Mission, about 14 miles from the college, and on Sunday they took me to the granite-domed hills of the Matopos, the last resting place of Cecil Rhodes. Many other places of interest were pointed out to me.

From Solusi I returned to Salisbury and motored with Pasor S. G. Maxwell to the Inyazura Mission for the constituency meeting of the Southern Rhodesia Mission.

Here we have an excellent school plant for students in standards 6 to 14. The students are well trained, and you would be pleased to see the large number of fine young people.

The meetings were attended by 135 workers and lay delegates, and a wonderful spirit prevailed.

At the close of this session we went back to Salisbury and left on February 18 for the Northern Rhodesia Mission session at Rusangu, another training-school center. Here I was privileged to meet another group of fine workers. Although the meetings were held during the rainy season, there was excellent attendance.

It was here that I met Chief Chongo. At the close of the Sabbath he had his interpreter read the following: "I am indeed very grateful

this afternoon for having had the privilege of attending a part of the Northern Rhodesian Mission session. I should like to thank God for the many blessings which I have received from the Lord during this session. Above all, it gives me much pleasure to say that my coming here has brought me in contact with Elder Peterson, one of the African brothers whose ancestors were taken to America years ago. The short time that I have associated with him has created a great friendship between us. I hope that when Elder Peterson returns to his homeland, he will tell them that we love our African brothers in America and that we have also received the gospel of Jesus and love it.

"In addition to this I have a small gift to present to Elder Peterson. It is not money or anything that would help him to buy anything. No, it is a portion of a meteorite which fell near my place in my area 7 years ago. I sent part of the same stone to the Queen in England, and she was very pleased to receive it. I hope Elder Peterson will also appreciate this stone as the queen did.

"I should also like to present to Elder Peterson this piece of money, which he can use to buy himself anything he likes while he is touring the world. It is not a big sum.

"I believe there are flies in America as there are in Africa. I am presenting this tail to help his family to kill and keep the flies out of their house.

"May God bless you and your services as you labor for Him."

The tail for keeping out the flies is from the African wildebeest. It is attached to an ivory handle shaped like the head of a zebra and has "Chief Chongo" engraved on the handle. The money is a gold sovereign. I am grateful to Chief Chongo for his kindness.

The chief also made the following request: "I wish to thank the missionaries for the great work they have done among my people. My request is that we should like our missionaries to help us erect a new church building at Nteme, where I

live. We have one about completed at Keemba, but that is too far for the Nteme community. And so my only plea is, please build us a church. Thank you very much."

The next mission session was at the Central Kenya Mission in the East African Union. It was held at the Karura Mission Station near the beautiful city of Nairobi. This is in the Mau Mau district, and our work has suffered many hindrances. We had a very successful meeting, and I am sure the work will move forward in a larger way.

A new church building was under construction in Nairobi where a city effort had been conducted in 1957 by Pastor Hyde and his students in evangelism from the school at Bugema. About 50 were added to the church. This new building should be ready by May.

As I continue my travels through East Africa, I am seeing Africa in its uncivilized state as well as making contact with those whom the gospel has reached and reformed.

It was with the workers in Tanganyika where we next met. This session was held at the Ikizu Training School. This is the school in which Miss Gloria Mackson is teaching. She has been well received, is well liked, and is doing an excellent piece of work for the girls at Ikizu.

The session closed with a spirit of Christian fellowship and a determination to see a successful work accomplished before the time for another biennial session.

The South Kenya Mission session at Nyanchwa was the next in which we had a part. Brother Petro Onguti is the efficient native secretary-treasurer of this field and is doing a very successful job under the leadership of Pastor F. G. Thomas, the director.

It was my privilege to visit the border of the Mesai country, and what I saw was sufficient to let me know what the gospel must yet do for a people still under the bondage of the worst kind of heathenism. There are 80,000 of these people to whom you and I must send the gospel. Thank God a beginning has been made among them. We have a

worker now who is of the Mesai tribe.

We went to the Kenya Lake Mission session which met at Gendia Mission Station. En route we stopped by the Kendu Hospital where we found Drs. Kotz and Birkenstock and their staff doing an excellent work. We have a good hospital at this place and it is serving a great need for this community and the nearby villages.

At the Gendia Mission we have one of the neatest and nicest-looking church buildings to be found anywhere. During the past two years 2,616 souls were baptized. The membership of the mission is 14,577.

At the close of this mission session and workers' meeting we left for Kampala, Uganda, where we met Pastor and Mrs. W. R. Robinson at the Uganda Mission headquarters located at Kireka. Pastor Robinson is doing an excellent work, and he and his family are well liked.

The biennial session of the Uganda Mission was held at the Katikamu Mission Station. In his report Pastor Robinson stated: "We have plans to get better schools, better churches, and better houses. . . . In 1957 our members paid 90,760 shillings tithe, the largest amount ever paid. The total offerings to missions were Shs. 26,617.50."

The membership of the Uganda Mission field is 5,123. There are 122 employees, and two new dispensary buildings are now under construction.

While I was in Kampala, arrangements were made for me to meet the Kabaka. He is a very kind-faced, soft-speaking gentleman. He puts one at ease in his presence. He had many kind things to say of Seventh-day Adventists.

I was also entertained in the beautiful new home of Mr. Kaizi, speaker of the house of representatives and also the local elder of one of our churches. There were two active chiefs and an exchief present, together with other important persons. The food was delicious, and the many different varieties served would tax one's mental arithmetic to recount.

The people of Uganda are very aggressive and forward looking. We have some very fine members in our churches. On Sabbath, I preached to a large number of believers at the Najja church.

Friday night I spoke to the teachers and students at Bugema Missionary College. Here we have a very fine group of students. The college is now coeducational. With the contemplated added new buildings, this school will be a wonderful asset to the college training that the denomination is providing for Africa. All Africa is education conscious. Anyone who considers Africa a dark continent today must have been sleeping for the past 20 years while Africa has been waking up.

On Sunday, March 30, we left Uganda for the Congo. We stopped at the Ankole Hospital where Drs. D. L. and Mildred Stilson are leading out in the ministry of healing to such a large number of needy people. Here I found Miss Gretel Graham assisting the doctors in the healing art. Miss Graham has endeared herself to both the medical staff and the patients at the Ankole Hospital, but she firmly believes that she hears cupid calling her. Within a few months she will bid the mission field adieu.

Pastor Maxwell and I left the hospital early Monday morning by car with Pastor M. B. Musgrave, secretary-treasurer of the Uganda Mission. We came through Queen Elizabeth Park and saw samples of African wildlife. There were buffaloes, hyenas, hippopotamuses, bucks, and some huge elephants as well as small baby elephants. I tried to take some pictures, but I was not too fond of their attitude.

On Tuesday morning the constituency meeting of the North Congo session began with Pastor P. F. Lemon in charge. He is both the president and the secretary-treasurer of the mission. The total membership of Sabbathkeepers is 3,760 with 22 churches, 9 ordained ministers, and 85 other regular workers.

The work is onward throughout the Southern African Division. God

has abundantly blessed me during my visit. Everyone has been extremely kind and has made every possible provision for my comfort and for my enjoyment. I am continuing my visit in the Congo Union Mission.

## Delivery at Midnight

By F. L. PETERSON

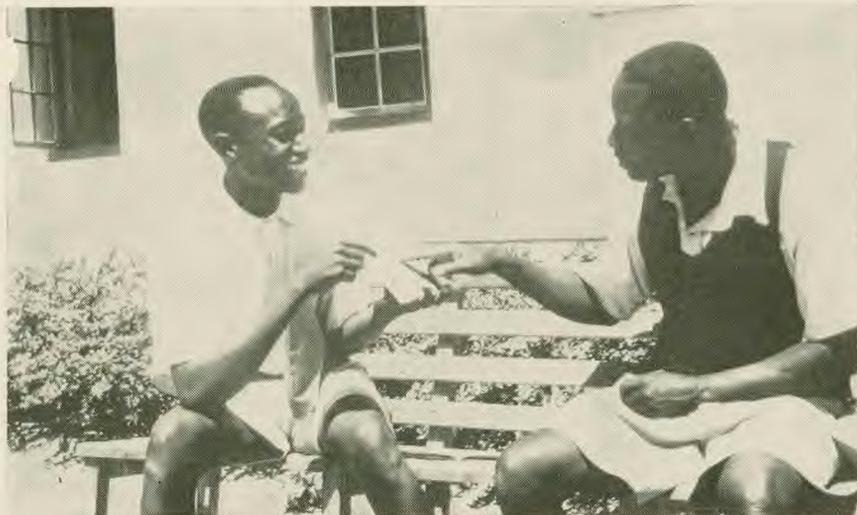
Literature evangelist Kaleb Kalagano had just finished a good day's work. He was weary from cycling over the dusty roads of Tanganyika near the southern shores of old Lake Victoria. As he totaled sales and filled in his report he seemed mindful of some duty unfulfilled. Selecting a book he began reading how the promises of men often fail, but God's promises never fail. Then he remembered! He had promised delivery to one of his customers that very day. What should he do? It was nearly sunset, he had no light on his bicycle, and this customer's home was forty miles away. After seeking the Lord in prayer and remembering His promises to send the angels, he determined to go.

It was a dark cloudy night and soon rain began to fall. Undaunted, he pushed on into the darkness. One, two, three, four hours.

Then suddenly, a bright light shone all about him, illuminating the roadway ahead. He applied the brakes firmly. A few seconds more in the darkness and he would have plunged headlong, perhaps to his death, in a deep pit in the way! When he had safely passed this danger, the light gradually faded away.

Shortly he reached a small city, the one preceding the village of his customer. Somehow he felt impressed to go to the railway station, thinking that possibly this man might be awaiting the train. There he found him and delivered three books in the Swahili language—*The Great Controversy*, *Steps to Christ*, and *Ministry of Healing*. He had found him just in time. It was delivery at midnight.

Truly, "those who labor for the



Kaleb Kalagano (left), talking to a prospective customer.

good of others are working in union with the heavenly angels. . . Angels of light and power are ever near to protect, to comfort, to heal, to instruct, to inspire."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, pp. 307, 308. These angels' lights are shining even here in darkest Africa. It is now only minutes till midnight for this old world. God has a message that must be delivered now. Are we showing the same devotion and sense of urgency to duty as was demonstrated by our African brother? When we do, no doubt a greater manifestation of these armies of light and power shall likewise be realized in our service for Him.

God has other such faithful literature evangelists here in Africa whom He is caring for as they do His work.

Truth always originates in a minority of one, and every custom begins as a broken precedent.—WILL DURANT, quoted in *Tide*.

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## The Million-Dollar Offering

We have reached the period in world history that all that we are and have must be dedicated to the finishing of the work of God on the earth.

The signs of the times tell us that the end of all things is at hand, and the coming of Christ will soon burst upon this world. That day must not come and find any of us in a state of unreadiness. God has given us a message to give to the world, and the world is desperately in need of God's saving truth. Everyone should be interested in hastening the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth. To this purpose let us dedicate our lives.

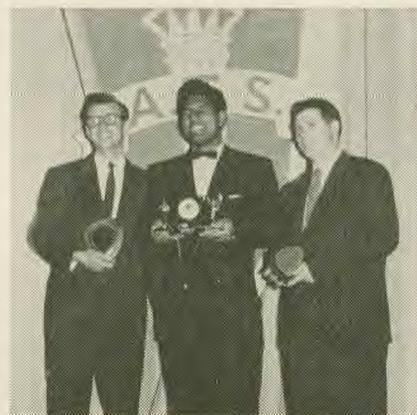
On Sabbath, June 7, you and I must do our part in giving a liberal offering for world evangelism. The world church will participate in this offering, and a million dollars is the goal to be reached.

May every member of the Regional churches rally to this call and give liberally.

F. L. PETERSON

## NOTICE

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National College Winners: James Perona (3d), Cyril Meyers (1st), and Walter Sherman (2d).

## Regional Youth Wins National Oratorical Contest

Cyril Meyers of Canadian Union College was awarded first place honors in the college division at the Third National Oratorical Contest held in New York City on Saturday night, April 12, 1958.

Other winners in this division were Walter Sherman of Emmanuel Missionary College, second place, and James Perona of La Sierra College, third place.

"This is the best program we've had so far," were the words of Elder W. A. Scharffenberg as the last speaker finished his oration.

All those who took part were thrilled to be the recipients of an all-expense-paid trip to New York City. Mr. Martin L. Dankers, president of the Herald Travel Bureau, Inc., added to the enjoyment by giving a free, four-hour tour of the city to the forty who were participants and others connected with the national program.

Each orator was awarded a cash scholarship gift plus an attractive plaque, which will be a constant reminder of his trip to New York City and his part in making the program a success.

There are two kinds of discontent in this world: the discontent that works, and the discontent that wrings its hands. The first gets what it wants, and the second loses what it had. There is no cure for the first but success, and there is no cure at all for the second.—Elbert Hubbard's *Scrap Book* (Wise).

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### Baptism at Shiloh

A large crowd of friends, relatives, and fellow believers witnessed the baptism of 23 persons by Elder E. S. Dillett of the Shiloh church, Sunday night, March 30.

A spirited song service, appropriate special music, and a thought-provoking sermon preceded the baptism.

Included in the baptism were two husbands and their wives, three sister and brother combinations, and a mother and daughter.

Much of the credit for this baptism goes to our faithful laymen, to Miss Dorothy Smith, and the Bible correspondence courses. Another large group is being prepared for baptism.

Elder Xavier Butler assisted Elder Dillett in the baptismal service.

### News Notes

\* Elder M. C. Van Putten of the Grand Rapids, Michigan, district has now taken up his new duties as pastor-evangelist of the Indianapolis-Jeffersonville, Indiana, district.

\* Elder Samuel Flagg has taken up his new duties as pastor-evangelist of the Benton Harbor-Battle Creek, Michigan, district.

\* Pastor Benjamin Reaves has been appointed pastor of the Terre Haute-Evansville, Indiana, district.

### Missionary Family's Return to U. S. Hailed by ANP

A news article about the return of Elder C. D. Henri and his family on furlough was released by the Associated Negro Press to 121 Negro newspapers. The article reads:

"SDA PASTOR C. DUNBAR HENRI BACK IN U.S. AFTER 13 YEARS' MISSIONARY WORK IN AFRICA. Washington, D.C.—(ANP)—Missionary C. Dunbar



Elder and Mrs. C. D. Henri and children, Patricia (left), C. Dunbar, Jr., and Burdetta.

Henri, West African Union evangelist, who is in America for a six-month furlough, says, 'Africa is experiencing a new birth.' Pastor Henri's visit has been timed to the World Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Cleveland, Ohio, for June 19-28.

"He has been in Africa for 13 years, during which time he said God has taught him to endure privations cheerfully.

"Pastor Henri has two girls and one son, all born in Africa; Burdetta, 7 years; Patricia Elaine, 5 years; and C. Dunbar Henri, Jr., 2 years. His wife is the former Lorraine Davis of East St. Louis, Illinois.

"The family returned on the *Ferngrove*, American-West African Line, arriving in Norfolk, Virginia. They spent 25 days at sea and 'caught it rather tough,' as the missionary put it.

"The minister's work in Africa has been blessed, and he has been advanced from district leader in Bassa Mission Station in Liberia, to president of the Liberian Mission, and to his present position of union evangelist. His territory is Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, French West Africa, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and the Guiana Coast.

"He will make appearances in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York, Cleveland, and East St. Louis, Illinois. Additional appointments will take him to a number of camp meetings held during the sum-

mer. One of these will be an appearance at the Allegheny Conference camp meeting, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. His lectures are illustrated with color slides, and the missionary has a wealth of curios from his field.

"Pastor Henri is in the immediate employ of the Northern European Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He is a graduate of the Oakwood College Theology Department, in Huntsville, Alabama."

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### Welfare Center Opened in Kansas City

The welfare work is one of the means that God has given to the church to demonstrate one of the principles of the third angel's message, which can be readily understood by those who are seeking eternal life.

The Bethel Seventh-day Adventist church in Kansas City, Kansas, and Elder S. D. Meyers, pastor, for sometime have been thinking of ways and means of demonstrating to the city that the church recognizes

its responsibilities to those who are less fortunate in some of the material things of life. These thoughts were passed on to the home missionary and Dorcas Welfare leaders and the church members.

Mrs. Ida Rollins, the leader of the Welfare Society, with her officers set in motion plans which called for cooperation of every member of the church. The pastor and officers worked hard, and on February 23, 1958, the conference president, secretary-treasurer, and the other officers of the conference were invited to take part in the opening of the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Center.

After a few remarks by the pastor, Elder Bland prayed, thanking God for those whose faith in God enabled them to go forward in this phase of evangelism in Kansas City.

This is the second one of these centers operating in the Central States Conference.

P. C. WINLEY  
Home Missionary Sec'y.

### A New Church

On Sabbath afternoon, February 8, Elder F. L. Bland, conference president, organized 42 persons of South Kinloch, Missouri, into a new church. Some few years ago this St. Louis suburb was chosen as territory for Literature Evangelist Robert White. Brother White's work, followed by activities of the St. Louis church's missionary society, laid the groundwork for an evangelistic effort conducted by Elder C. E. Bradford.

Although the membership of these believers has been carried on the rolls of the St. Louis church, they have been worshipping as a company in Kinloch for a period of nearly two years. The members have nearly \$2,000 toward the erection of a church building.

H. T. SAULTER  
Secretary-Treasurer

### Baptism in Denver

Elder F. L. Bland reports that he has received a letter from Elder D. B. Reid, pastor of the Denver dis-



Elders F. L. Bland and S. D. Meyers officiate at the opening of the Welfare Center of the Bethel SDA church in Kansas City, Kansas.

trict, in which he states that on Sabbath, February 8, he baptized 16 persons and took one in on profession of faith, making a total of 17 additions to the Denver church.

This is the first baptism in the Central States Conference for 1958.

### Omaha Member Honored

Brother John S. Pipes, a member of our Omaha church, was the recipient of a Brotherhood Week award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. His selection was by a committee of leading citizens of Omaha. In reporting the occasion the Omaha *World-Herald* stated, "A deacon in the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist church, Mr. Pipes adheres to a simple Christian philosophy: 'The Lord went about doing good and He tells us to help others.'"

Brother Pipes was nominated for the award by his pastor, Elder G. Herfin Taylor.

H. T. SAULTER

MARTHA WASHINGTON, in a letter written while she was First Lady stated:

I have learned too much of the vanity of human affairs to expect any felicity from public life. But I am determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may be. For I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances.—Quoted by CHARLES FARMER in *New York Times Magazine*.

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### News Notes

\* At San Francisco the believers, under the leadership of Pastor W. C. Webb, are moving forward in evangelism. A number of persons are already in the baptismal class.

\* In Northern California during the month of February, there were two very outstanding events—the dedication of the Beacon Light church at Richmond, and the opening service for the San Joaquin church at Stockton.

At both services Elder C. E. Moseley of the General Conference was one of the guest speakers, along with the Northern California Conference president, Elder Carl Becker, and Elder W. S. Lee, the Regional secretary of the union.

Pastor Major White and his congregation worked very hard preparing for the dedication, and the Lord's blessings were evident on every hand.

The Stockton opening came as a result of two years' work, during which time the members did all of the work except that which required licensed technicians, such as the

plumbing and the electrical work. Their efforts were rewarded with a beautiful church. Pastor Banks and his church at Stockton have done an outstanding work.

\* On March 8 the Vallejo company in the Northern California Conference was officially organized into a church. As we look back over the work done by Evangelist B. R. Spears, Owen A. Troy, Jr., and the present pastor, Moses L. Mayne, we are thankful that the Vallejo company is now a church to be accepted into the fellowship of churches. They have their own building now known as the Berea Seventh-day Adventist church, and a strong program of evangelism is being carried on by Pastor Mayne.

\* On a recent Sunday, a Sabbath school workshop was conducted for the benefit of the Oahu Sabbath school workers. Elder O. A. Troy, associate secretary of the Pacific Union Conference Sabbath school department, was one of the speakers who brought instruction and inspiration to the leaders of boys and girls.

Elder and Mrs. Troy are presently residing in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he is teaching temporarily in the Hawaiian Mission Academy.

### Aunt Jemima Becomes Seventh-day Adventist

For years we have looked at the picture of Aunt Jemima on the pancake box, but never dreamed that we would some day bring her the light of the Advent message.

Mrs. Gertrude Taylor, the former Aunt Jemima of pancake fame, was baptized recently in the Harris-Wyman Crusade in Great Falls, Montana. She is now retired in Great Falls after sixteen years of traveling and personal appearances for the Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour Company. The rest of her days will be given as a witness for the Saviour and the truth that she so dearly loves.

It is wonderful how the Lord searches out His jewels in the various places where they may be, and



Mrs. Gertrude Taylor.

also reaches them at the time when their hearts are just right to receive His Word.

STANLEY HARRIS  
Montana Conference

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### Atlanta Radio Group Commands Largest Listening Audience

God has blessed the Calvary's Call radio broadcast far beyond early anticipation. According to a radio-listening-survey publication, the broadcast again for the period of November-December of 1957 commanded the No. 1 audience for a religious broadcast in Atlanta.

*Pulse's* latest ratings for some of the leading broadcasts are as follows:

Calvary's Call .....	3.3
Smith-Baptist .....	3.0
Goodwill Hour—Methodist .....	3.0
Border's—Baptist .....	2.5
Old Fashioned Revival Hour .....	1.8
Bearden—Methodist .....	1.8
Voice of Prophecy .....	1.3
Hour of Decision .....	1.3

The broadcast was conceived four years ago as a means of reaching the masses of nearly a quarter million Negroes living in the Atlanta metropolitan area, most of whom have never been in an Adventist church. From the outset, Elder N. G. Si-

mons, the speaker in the broadcast, felt that the program should be identified as a Seventh-day Adventist production.

Metropolitan Atlanta and environs has 13 radio stations. "Calvary's Call" is broadcast at 9:30 Sunday morning and has regularly, for the past several years, attracted 17 to 23 per cent of all radios in operation at that hour.

The chorus of 20 voices is drawn from the membership at the Atlanta Berean church and is under the direction of Irene Miller. Calvary's Call chorus is respected as a musical organization, having appeared in a number of churches of other faiths. It was chosen also to participate in the station's anniversary service.

Public appeals for funds are not made on the broadcast. Support is drawn from the local church and conference. These funds are abetted by returns from concerts given by the chorus.

Many words of commendation have come from leaders in the community. Elder R. E. Crawford, respected expert in Public Relations, said: "Riding along in my car a few weeks past I was delighted to hear the Advent message emanating from Atlanta, but the voice I did not immediately recognize. I listened intently for the duration of the program and was altogether delighted. I would not have changed any part of it. It was high class, deeply spiritual, and very logical. At the conclusion I was happy to learn that the voice was that of Elder N. G. Simons. We commend the brethren for putting on such a program. We are sure it is deeply appreciated by the most discriminating listeners in the area."

The far-reaching effect of the program is manifest in the good will it is creating. During Ingathering, our people found that doors opened and gifts were forthcoming when Calvary's Call was mentioned.

WERD, the first radio station in America owned and operated by Negroes, has requested Elder Simons to map out an advertising program for which they will bear the expense.



Calvary's Call radio chorus, Irene Miller, directing, and Elder N. G. Simons.

On March 20 the radio group celebrated its fourth anniversary of broadcasting, with a banquet at the conference office. Elder E. E. Cleveland spoke and showed color slides highlighting his recent visit to the Far East. Other special guests included members of the staff and management of radio station WERD.

### Fayetteville Church Dedicated

A candlelight baptismal service on Sunday night, April 6, ended the two-week dedication revival service of the Abney Chapel Seventh-day Adventist church in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The pastor, I. J. Johnson, was in charge.

The high light of the dedication revival came on Sabbath, March 29, when hundreds from the community and neighboring cities packed the recently finished and furnished auditorium for the actual dedication. The mayor of Fayetteville, the Honorable George B. Herndon, gave a stirring welcome message. Dr. C. R. Coleman, pastor of the oldest church in the city—the Evans Metropolitan Methodist church—made some remarks. Mrs. M. Warren, the church clerk, presented historical sketches, and the youth choir of Greensboro's Market Street church sang "How Great Thou Art."

Elder J. H. Wagner, the confer-

ence president, delivered the dedication sermon; Elder H. D. Singleton, president of the Northeastern Conference, offered the prayer of thanksgiving; the secretary-treasurer, Elder N. G. Simons, led in the Act of Dedication; and Elder B. W. Abney, founder of Abney Chapel in 1919, offered the dedication prayer. Following the prayer, four choirs and the entire congregation sang anthems, hymns, and spirituals, in a glad jubilee.

Also on the morning program were Elders Samuel Thomas, home missionary secretary of the conference; J. T. Powell, pastor of the Durham, North Carolina, district; and F. A. Osterman, of Darlington, South Carolina. Brother George Sampson, elder of Abney Chapel's junior church and leader of the Melody Choir sang "Bless This House."

Other speakers during these two weeks were Elders Silas McClamb, publishing secretary; H. M. Barker, Wilmington, North Carolina, W. S. Banfield, Tampa, Florida; and F. S. Hill, Jacksonville, Florida.

J. DIXON  
Press Secretary

### MOODS

Sometimes the world  
Is a lovely flowered vase . . .  
Sometimes a broken piece  
Of china.

—C. A. (BILL) OLIPHANT.

### New School Building in Clearwater

The members of the Clearwater, Florida, church are to be commended for their love of God's program of Christian education and their care for their youth. For several years they have had a vision of the importance of providing education for their children in the Lord's school.

They tried to carry out this objective by having school in the church building. While this was better than sending their children to the secular schools, it was far from ideal. For the past two years, they have carried on an extensive and intensive campaign to raise funds for their project. The result is the very fine one-room school shown in the accompanying picture.

The room is large enough to seat 25-30 pupils comfortably and has rest rooms and kitchen attached. The members of the church are working now to raise money to secure new desks and other needed equipment for the school. At the same time a campaign is on to erect a fence around the building and playground, and put up some playground equipment. The members are determined to have these projects completed by the opening of school in September.

Special mention should be made of Brethren Yarn and McCloud, who have provided much of the inspiration and leadership to make this project possible. The members of the church (only 33 members) have rallied nobly to the building of this school. The former district leader lent support to the vision of the school; and the present leader, Elder Matthew Green, has led out in the completion of the building. Not only has he given fine counsel but he has done much manual labor to make the project possible. Most of the labor on the building was donated by the members and their friends.

C. C. CUNNINGHAM  
Educational Superintendent

(Picture on page 10.)

## Revival in Medical Work

The first positive steps to effect medical ministry in South Atlantic will bear fruit during the next few months.

A new hospital for Negroes is nearing completion in Orlando, Florida, and will be opened as soon as a staff can be acquired. The Orlando Hospital is a \$500,000, well-designed, modern facility far transcending anything in its field, available to Negroes in Florida.

Our people should be profoundly grateful to Mr. Phillips of the Minute-Maid Corporation for his gifts that have made this medical dream a reality.

Year by year, South Atlantic has been investing in its youth by voting medical scholarships. Soon three able young physicians who have worked under this plan will begin practice in South Atlantic. They are Captain Matthew Kates, M.D., currently attached to the Air Force as flight surgeon, and Doctors John and Leroy Bookhardt.

N. G. SIMONS  
Secretary-Treasurer

## News Notes

\* On March 1, Elder J. H. Wagner, assisted by Elders R. B. Hairston and N. G. Simons, organized two vigorous new churches, Milledgeville and Dublin, Georgia. These new church bodies were established as a result of evangelistic efforts conducted in 1956 and 1957 by Elder Hairston.



New Church school in Clearwater, Florida.

The Milledgeville church has a membership of 38, and 20 charter members constitute the Dublin church.

\* Just recently we have been advised by the Ministerial Association of the General Conference that five evangelists in the Regional Department baptized more than 100 persons in 1957. It is a pleasure to report that Elder H. L. Cleveland topped the list with 145 baptisms.

We thank God that the denomination's two top evangelists will be helping South Atlantic as we work to win 1,000 souls in 1958.

\* The Southern Union Survey Commission, composed of the administrative officers of the union and all the local conference presidents, has just completed its audit of South Atlantic and voted to commend the officers and committee of the conference for "the fine financial condition and cash position and the conservative operating policies of the administration during 1957."

\* Elder and Mrs. H. L. Cleveland are the proud parents of a son, Harold, Jr., born January 29, weighing 9 pounds.

Pastor and Mrs. I. L. Harrell rejoice over the birth of their daughter, Kamala, born recently in Kingston, North Carolina.

It's a wise man who profits by his own experience, but it's a good deal wiser one who lets the rattlesnake bite the other fellow.—JOSH BILLINGS, quoted in *Today's Health*.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

W. W. Fordham, Pres. L. E. Ford, Sec.-Treas.  
Box 936, Nashville, Tennessee

## Dedication of Vicksburg Church

Recently we were privileged to have a part in the dedicatory services of our attractive and commodious church at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

During the last decade of the nineteenth century, Elder and Mrs. J. Edson White made contact with a number of Mississippi towns, traveling by river boat. The *Morning Star* was the name of the ship in which Elder and Mrs. White traveled.

One of the first cities they visited was Vicksburg. As a result of this visit, a group of believers was organized and a little frame church erected. Until it was destroyed by a tornado in 1953, this building served to house our congregation.

The members rallied to raise funds to build a new edifice for



The Vicksburg, Mississippi, church, and pastor, Elder J. A. James.

God. The citizens of Vicksburg also contributed to the building fund. The union and local conferences made liberal appropriations. A little more than two years ago the building was completed. After the liquidation of all debt, the church was dedicated to the service of God.

Elder B. W. Abney, Sr., labored faithfully in order to make possible the erection of the needed building, and the present pastor, Elder J. A. James, is to be commended for his role in guiding the church through

the period of building construction and debt liquidation.

We are grateful to God for this new building that has been added to the roster of new churches in the South Central Conference.

W. W. FORDHAM, PRESIDENT

## Ground Breaking for Ephesus Junior Academy

Two years ago the Birmingham Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church purchased a splendid tract of land outside of the city limits, for the purpose of erecting an academy.

In spite of the inclement weather, scores of individuals were present for the ground-breaking ceremonies, which were held on Sunday, February 9, 1958. The church held special services for this occasion, which began on Friday night and continued through Sunday.

Professor F. W. Eccles, principal of the Brake Worth Junior Academy, gave the Friday night address. Elder J. H. Wagner, president of the South Atlantic Conference, was also present for this occasion and addressed the congregation on Sabbath at the eleven o'clock hour.

Elder W. W. Fordham, president of the South Central Conference, was the speaker for the ground-breaking ceremony.

## News Notes

\* Delegates from all the churches of the South Central Conference assembled in the Ephesus church in Birmingham, Alabama, Sunday, April 6, for the purpose of conducting the sixth biennial session of the conference.

Elder W. W. Fordham, president; L. E. Ford, secretary-treasurer; and all departmental secretaries were re-elected for another two years.

\* On Sabbath, February 15, eleven persons were baptized by Elders Jesse Wagner and Kenneth G. Vaz in the Huntsville, Alabama, church.

\* Elder W. J. Mitchell has just shed a six-week revival in Hollandale, Mississippi. As a result of

this meeting, eight precious souls were baptized on March 29, 1958, in the Greenville church.

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## NORTHEASTERN

H. D. Singleton, Pres. F. L. Jones, Sec.-Treas.  
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## Ephesus Choir Wins Contest

For the second consecutive year, the Ephesus Collegiate Choir, directed by Homer Wade, Jr., on April 17, 1958, won first prize in the annual choir contest conducted by the *Pittsburgh Courier*, a weekly newspaper, in the New York area. Seventeen choirs participated this year.

First prize is a special trophy to be inscribed with the names of the choir members. Last year's prize was a beautiful Hammond organ, competed for by 52 choirs.

The Collegiate Choir is composed entirely of young people, most of them in their teens and twenties.

Elder R. T. Hudson, in announcing their victory on Sabbath morning, April 19, referred to them as the outstanding musical group of Ephesus, which has a number of musical organizations.

WESLEY CURT WRIGHT  
*Ephesus Press Secretary*

## Faithful Laymen Establish Church

When the Ford Motor Company moved to San Jose from Richmond, California, Sister Mary Newsom, formerly a member of the Market Street Seventh-day Adventist church in Oakland, moved to San Jose also.

After settling herself in this new area, she decided to get acquainted with her neighbors. She went from house to house inviting her neighbors to her home for some refreshments. It was an unusual get-together for the neighbors, as there were no cigarettes, no ash trays, and no coffee or strong drinks. This raised

many questions. Then Sister Newsom suggested showing Bible pictures with her projector, to which they all agreed.

The people of the neighborhood became very interested from the start. After several meetings Sister Newsom decided to have someone present the "strong meat" and "testing truths" of God's Word. She sent to Berkeley, 50 miles away, to ask Brother John Collins to assist her. When he arrived, he found twelve adults interested. They recruited more people, and the group grew to seventeen. Brother Collins drove every Wednesday night for four months, from Berkeley to San Jose.

Then they decide they needed more help, as they had so many studies, so they asked Brother Harvey Williams and Sister Maude Nash, both of Oakland, to assist them in giving Bible studies. These faithful lay-workers drove nearly 500 miles each week to carry on this work.

Launching out on faith, the laymen rented a store front for \$60.00 a month, not knowing where the money was coming from. They also rented a piano and had the utilities turned on, which added to the expense. Although they had discussed conducting a church mission and branch Sabbath school with the prospective members, not one of them came to the rented store front for four consecutive Sabbaths.

On the fifth Sabbath they had an attendance of from 50 to 75 people. It was on that fifth Sabbath of public worship that Sister Alma Whitworth took her stand for Jesus and accepted this truth. Her decision gave the group new courage and hope.

Five months later, a church was organized by the Central California Conference as a result of the efforts of these laymen. The group had a charter membership of nineteen. Lay Evangelist C. C. Arburthnot moved into the area and is now carrying on the work and serving as the local elder of the San Jose Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church—a memorial to God, wrought through the efforts of laymen.

NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL DEPARTMENT  
1957 STATISTICAL REPORT

UNION	Churches & companies	Members	Baptisms	Tithe	Sabbath school and other mission offerings	Ingathering	Total mission offerings	Weekly per capita	Total local church funds
<b>ATLANTIC</b>									
Northeastern .....	31	5178	513	\$496,850.71	\$74,754.54	\$53,299.14	\$128,053.68	.476	\$228,364.52
<b>CENTRAL</b>									
Central States .....	18	1821	128	127,048.07	22,202.99	15,000.00	37,202.99	.393	38,932.66
<b>COLUMBIA</b>									
Allegheny .....	66	7179	889	592,880.58	101,647.15	105,299.06	206,946.21	.554	152,900.00
<b>LAKE</b>									
Lake Region .....	38	4635	285	335,084.96	67,886.45	46,234.70	114,121.15	.473	36,928.39
<b>NORTHERN</b>									
Minnesota (Minneapolis) .....	1	71	6	8,583.43	1,588.30	1,022.39	2,610.69	.707	.....
<b>NORTH PACIFIC</b>									
Oregon (Portland) .....	1	157	8	6,644.94	967.34	688.27	1,655.61	.202	2,373.00
Washington (Seattle) .....	1	171	23	14,493.52	2,874.79	974.55	3,849.34	.432	7,508.11
	2	328	31	21,138.46	3,842.13	1,662.82	5,504.95	.322	9,881.11
<b>PACIFIC</b>									
Arizona .....	2	119	6	9,897.11	2,132.99	2,017.91	4,150.90	.670	5,857.71
Central California .....	6	565	12	50,038.07	13,898.01	2,965.61	16,863.62	.574	18,498.62
Nevada-Utah .....	1	28	0	2,673.64	868.45	719.77	1,588.22	1.090	512.31
Northern California .....	6	968	68	82,532.67	15,235.81	5,934.18	21,169.99	.420	96,203.01
Southeastern California .....	5	724	39	80,721.64	19,766.59	4,177.03	23,943.62	.636	31,675.95
Southern California .....	8	1892	136	195,396.39	27,606.33	12,664.99	40,271.32	.409	55,642.18
	28	4296	261	421,259.52	79,508.18	28,479.49	107,987.67	.483	208,389.78
<b>SOUTHERN</b>									
South Atlantic .....	93	8756	718	346,767.09	67,881.03	85,018.90	152,899.93	.435	.....
South Central .....	52	4151	405	217,648.90	41,541.27	55,417.38	96,958.65	.449	.....
	145	10,907	1123	564,415.99	109,422.30	140,436.28	249,858.58	.440	.....
<b>SOUTHWESTERN</b>									
Southwest Region .....	50	2543	348	149,177.59	45,432.52	45,000.00	90,432.52	.684	.....
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b> .....	379	36,958	3584	2,716,439.31	506,284.56	436,433.88	942,718.44	.491	675,396.47

NOTE: Membership reported to December 31, 1957.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT  
NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL DEPARTMENT

	1954	1955	1956	1957	Increase of 1957 over 1956
Tithe .....	\$2,050,485.19	\$2,259,229.59	\$2,483,281.68	\$2,716,439.31	\$233,157.63
Sabbath school and other miss. offerings .....	410,255.27	461,458.89	520,649.93	506,284.56	14,365.37*
Ingathering .....	356,897.17	393,261.68	389,322.41	436,433.88	47,111.47
Total offerings to missions .....	759,661.57	855,920.64	909,972.39	942,718.44	32,746.05
Total offerings to local church funds .....	300,560.46	389,091.96	465,569.45	675,396.47	209,827.02
Churches and companies .....	358	359	357	379	22
Membership .....	33,020	33,922	34,981	36,958	1,977
Baptisms .....	3,448	2,755	2,943	3,584	641
Ordained ministers .....	124	125	148	169	21
Licensed ministers .....	70	63	48	48	.....
Interns .....	14	13	14	10	4*
Bible instructors .....	21	22	27	29	2
Teachers: church school .....	145	142	161	152	9*
Colporteurs .....	211	189	177	202	25
Approximate value church buildings and other conference properties		\$6,511,686	\$7,311,700	\$9,003,625	\$1,691,9*

\*Decrease

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