



SPECIAL OAKWOOD ISSUE



Peterson Hall, dormitory for men.

\$100,000 Goal for Oakwood College Offering, August 10

A LARGE part of the progress of Oakwood College during recent years may be attributed to the gifts of our believers throughout the country. One of the sources of funds to improve the college is the annual Oakwood College Offering. This year the Oakwood offering will be received on Sabbath, August 10, 1963.

In a concerted attempt to accelerate the expansion program, the Oakwood board has set a goal of \$100,000 for 1963. Although this is somewhat higher than the average of recent years, we have firm faith to believe in our many constituents and friends. Many will want to double their gifts so that Oakwood College can maintain its high standards.

Long-range planning by the Oakwood College board includes a Fine

Arts Center to be erected in 1963, a beautiful dormitory to replace Henderson Hall, and a cafeteria and home economics building.

The Fine Arts Center will house the music and art departments. It will be erected in the southeast section of the Oakwood oval. It is to be a two-story structure and will include music studios, classrooms, art display areas, a small library, and an auditorium.

An over-all campus plan is soon to be prepared by architect Don Kirkman. This will encompass the planned build-

ings of the next four or five years. Most of the new expansion will occur at the east end of the campus oval. A truly beautiful and functional campus has been envisioned, thus completing the rapid progress of recent years.

As graduates of Oakwood go forth to serve the cause in various parts of the world, it is reassuring to know that your gifts are helping to make their service possible. The gifts of our faithful friends are deeply appreciated by the college, and the Lord marks and blesses the sacrifices for His cause.



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To Thee Our Dear Oakwood

By O. B. EDWARDS

OAKWOOD COLLEGE, a liberal arts institution, was accredited in 1958, and since December, 1961, it has held full voting membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. During its sixty-seven years it has been known as Oakwood Industrial School, Oakwood Manual Training School, Oakwood Junior College, and Oakwood College.

The original purchase embraced 360 acres. At the close of World War I, the purchase of an additional 600 acres made the total property approximately 1,000 acres.

The first students, coming from various States and the West Indies, were not prepared for a secondary curriculum; therefore the formal training for more than a decade was almost entirely elementary. However, special training was given in religion, home economics, nursing, agriculture, and carpentry.

Some who completed the secondary course became successful ministers, teachers, literature evangelists, and administrators. A few spent years in foreign mission service. After the school became a junior college, students completed the following courses: junior theological, junior collegiate, two-year teacher training, two-year music, two-year secretarial, and prenursing.

The tenure of President James L. Moran was the longest in the history of the college, and it was during his administration (1932-1945) that the board voted senior-college status. He conferred the first degrees upon nine graduates in 1945.

An increasing number of students come to Oakwood annually from thirty-two States and from four to eight foreign countries, to pursue majors in biology, business education, chemistry, English, history, home economics, music, and religion. Many of them devote their talents to the work of Seventh-day Adventists at home and abroad.

Seven of the fifteen Regional workers now serving in Africa were trained at Oakwood. Ten have returned to the United States after periods of mission service. A good number of practicing physicians, dentists, and nurses in various parts of the United States spent some years on the Oakwood campus in preprofessional training.

Enrollment reached a summit in 1948, with 437 in attendance; and 61

received degrees in the spring of 1949. In the fall of 1949 there were 36 students from foreign lands in the student body of 409. During the past year the student enrollment was 385.

For more than three-score years Oakwood has been training leaders, and the North American Regional Department record shows that 75 per cent of the leaders in 1917 were trained at Oakwood; ten years later fewer than 60 per cent had received formal training on the campus, but in 1963 the percentage of workers in the Regional Department who were partially or fully trained at the college was 71.3 per cent. These are engaged in a variety of professional services. Eight chief administrators are included in this group, who without exception were formally trained at Oakwood College.

Industrial Divisions Expand to Meet Needs

It is a miracle beyond the fondest dreams of our pioneers that the physical plant has been almost completely rebuilt within the past ten years! In the past five years the industries have witnessed unparalleled growth and expansion.

In 1959 the General Conference invested \$180,000 to build and re-equip a new laundry. To date, the laundry has provided \$120,000 in student labor. This is a return of 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ per cent of the capital investment of \$180,000. Sixty students are employed in this department. The laundry income this year will total approximately \$90,000.

The college dairy, with a new building and equipment completed in 1962, is now declared a grade-A dairy and is licensed by the State as a producer and distributor of milk.



PHOTO BY ERNEST MCMEANS

Bottling drink at college dairy.

A large new addition on the college bakery has just been completed; giant oven and other new equipment have been added. It is the plan to be in full operation by the next school year and to increase student employees from the present 25 to 45.

The farm has been operating at a profit for several years. A total of 440 acres is now under cultivation.

During the past ten years several million board-feet of timber have been cut and sold. Twenty-five thousand pine seedlings have been planted to replenish the forest.

These giant steps in all the industries spell progress and provide more opportunity for student labor.

Atomic Energy Commission Awards Grant

THE Atomic Energy Commission has awarded a grant of \$4,150 to the department of chemistry and physics of Oakwood College for the acquisition of equipment in nuclear technology.

The equipment will be used in the nuclear training program soon to be offered by the college as an integral part of its chemistry and physics courses. The offering of this program will enable a number of science majors to receive training in isotope technology as a part of their undergraduate science curriculum. A special radiochemical laboratory is being readied to augment the existing facilities available for this program.

Dr. Emerson A. Cooper, chairman of the division of natural sciences and mathematics, attended the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies and received special training in radioisotope technology.



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Dr. Cooper directs students in use of nuclear physics equipment.



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College bus took choir on tour.

Oakwood College Choir Makes West Coast Tour

THE Oakwood College concert choir made a 6,000 mile tour to California in early April. This forty-voice organization, directed by Mrs. Johnnie Mae Pierre Louis, rendered eight concerts in addition to making several appearances at the Pacific Union Conference Youth Congress. The choir was assisted by the Aeolians, the advanced singing group, the male chorus, male quartets, women's trios, and a soloist, Jacquelyn Croumel. The accompanist for the group was Mrs. Ann Galley, and the tour managers were Dr. Gaines R. Partridge and Prof. Mervyn Warren.

The choir traveled in the 37-passenger Aerocoach bus, which was recently purchased by the college.

Their first concert was given at the beautiful Dallas, Texas, church. The group sang next at Southwestern Union College at Keene, Texas, and at Phoenix, Arizona. The concert that drew the largest audience was rendered at Los Angeles in the Embassy Auditorium. It was a sellout. The Federated King's Daughters' Clubs, whose president is Dr. Geraldine Burton Branch, sponsored this program, which grossed over \$3,800, a record for Oakwood choral organizations in modern times!

Another large audience filled Grand Avenue church in Oakland under the sponsorship of the Federated MV Societies of the Bay Area. Mrs. Katherine Webb is the president of this group.

After visiting Elmshaven, the home of Ellen G. White, and Pacific Union College, "the college in a crater," the group rendered concerts at Fresno andakersfield. One of the high lights of the tour was the unforgettable Youth

Congress held at the new Long Beach Sports Arena by the Pacific Union Conference, where the choir members were guest participants.

An overflow program was necessary in Los Angeles, and it was rendered at the University church on the final Saturday night of the tour.

The concert choir usually tours North and East each year, and approximately once in a decade it tours the West. For the past two years the choir has sung at Fisk University, home of the famous Jubilee Singers. Elder Willie S. Lee, Regional Department secretary for the Pacific Union Conference, and a host of helpers deserve much credit for the pleasures and success of our 1963 spring tour.

We thank the pastors of the sponsoring churches, together with the many hosts who opened their homes and made the trip pleasant for our students and teachers. One significant by-product of such a tour is the increased interest in Oakwood College on the part of both patrons and future students.

Addison V. Pinkney—New Oakwood President

Addison V. Pinkney, formerly the Allegheny Conference educational and public relations secretary, has assumed the duties as president of Oakwood College, having been elected at the



Addison V. Pinkney

Oakwood board meeting held in March. Garland J. Millet, the former president, has been given a leave in order to study at Nashville, Tennessee, for the Ph.D. degree.

Elder Pinkney brings to his new work a broad experience in educational work, as well as the happy facility of working well with others. He obtained his Bachelor of Science in Education from Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland. He is a candidate this summer for the degree of Master of Science in Administration and Supervision at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Pinkney is a teacher and has



PHOTO BY ERNEST MCMEANS

The college choir.

been teaching in the elementary school at Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. The Pinkneys have four children—two sons and two daughters.



PHOTO BY A. R. SIMONS

Garland J. Millet

Thanks for the Memories

BY GARLAND J. MILLET

IN RETROSPECT of the years since 1954, Oakwood College has been the recipient of many blessings for which we are thankful to our Leader, the Lord, and you in the field who helped to make these blessings a living reality. Precious indeed are the memories of years spent at Oakwood.

The Oakwood campus, oval in design, the central area being covered with luxuriant trees, shrubs, and grass, is strikingly pleasant to observe and reside on. To the south is a large farm, while an almost Edenic mountain and forest present a beautiful panorama to the north. The beauties of Oakwood compose a symphony of unforgettable memories.

We remember with joy the rapid expansion of the buildings. Since 1954 the addition of new buildings followed in this order: Peterson Hall, dormitory for men; the physical education building, the elementary education building, the store-bakery-post office, a modern laundry, a new dairy, student apartments, faculty duplexes and homes. On the drawing boards are a Fine Arts Center and a dormitory.

Another pleasant memory was the quest for and attainment of accreditation, which was granted with high commendation in 1958, followed by full membership in 1961. This status was not attained without sacrifice, hard work, and numerous adjustments in the program of the college, together

with investments of time and talent.

The enrollment has nearly doubled, and the faculty and staff have grown to fifty-five full-time workers. There are eight doctors on the staff, as compared with one in 1954, and virtually all teachers now have a minimum of a Master's degree.

It is especially rewarding to note the accomplishments of the graduates who go on to Loma Linda, Andrews, and other universities, and to fields of world service in the cause. Most of the present Regional workers received their training at Oakwood College.

To maintain high standards, Oakwood College has constantly improved its facilities. During recent years carrels and a microfilm reader have been installed in the library. A nuclear-studies laboratory was installed with funds granted by the Atomic Energy Commission. An audio-visual-aids room, a seminar room, and a curriculum-materials center have been set up. A new health-services department and student center, and a faculty council room, have been installed. The study of electronic-computer programing is conducted in cooperation with a large engineering firm in Huntsville. These improvements are pleasant to contemplate.

From the perspective of some of the on-campus services in the past three decades, and so far in the sixties, it can be authoritatively expressed that the progress of the college has been memorable indeed. We praise the Omnipotent One for His signal leadings across the years. May the future of our dear Oakwood be bright!

To the Regional conferences, churches, and all constituents of Oakwood College, "Thanks for the memories."

Oakwood Alumni Events and New Chapters

THE Oakwood Alumni home-coming events brought many Oakwoodites together on the Oakwood campus for the smörgasbord and business session, the "Oakwood Today and Tomorrow" program, and the Home-coming Queen Contest.

Many chapters have made encouraging reports of their activities. Scholarship aid has been given to students by the following chapters: New York, \$175; Chicago, \$200; Washington, D.C.,

\$100; and Oakwood College, \$300.

An Eastern Seaboard alumni conference was sponsored by the New York chapter. Alumni from New Jersey, Philadelphia, Pine Forge, and Washington, D.C., were present to discuss plans for establishing new chapters and making the old ones more effective. Also the matter of changing the method of balloting and changing the constitution was discussed.

In the Southern area new chapters have been formed. A chapter in Chattanooga, Tennessee, has been organized, with Marian Bradford as president; in Mobile, Alabama, under the stirring direction of Elder Jesse R. Wagner; and in Knoxville, Tennessee, with Elder Milton Young guiding. The Atlanta chapter is to be revived and new officers elected.

Plans are in the making to have a chapter organized in Birmingham, Alabama.

Northwest, in Cleveland, Ohio, Elder Charles D. Brooks is recharging and reorganizing the Cleveland chapter for vibrant activity. Farther west, Elder and Mrs. William Scales are to set the alumni spirit glowing in a new chapter in Kansas City, Kansas.

It is hoped that the new chapters will flourish and reap a rich harvest of success in alumni endeavor.

Alumni Campus Guest House Now a Reality

THE guest house, which has been the Alumni Association project for the past two years, is no longer a dream but a reality. The memorable house at the campus entrance, which once bore the name "Sunny Side," has been renovated at the approximate cost of \$3,500.

The New York chapter contributed \$1,000 toward the renovation costs, and the Oakwood chapter has contributed more than \$1,000. Other Alumni donors and patrons and alumni chapters have contributed to make the guest house possible. The college management provided a new concrete driveway.

The Washington, D.C., and Oakwood chapters have each furnished a room with characteristic attractiveness and completeness. College-Day guests visiting the campus were housed in them.

The Washington, D.C., room has

Danish modern furnishings with a brown, orange, and gold color scheme. The Oakwood room of French Provincial furnishings has a blue and gold color scheme typifying the school colors.

The Nashville chapter plans to have a room furnished before Commencement. Representatives from the Chicago, New York, Dallas, and Pine Forge chapters visited during the College Days and expressed their satisfaction. Some gave assurance that their local chapters would furnish a room. With this type of cooperation, the guest house will soon be completely furnished.

A thousand thanks from the National Alumni Association to all the local chapters, individual alumnus, and the college for their support in making the project a success.

RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM

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News Notes



T. Milton Rowe

★ Veteran minister T. Milton Rowe of Niles, Michigan, has accepted a call to serve as Riverside Hospital chaplain and pastor of the Riverside Chapel church.

Elder Rowe was born in Lincoln, Alabama, and he is married to the former Bessie Penn of Columbus, Ohio. He began his ministry in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1924, and later served churches in Chicago, Detroit, and New York City. Under his leadership the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church in New York City grew from a membership of 500 to an active membership of 1,134. Some years later he was elected the first president of the Central States Mission in Kansas City, Missouri.

It is Elder Rowe's desire that the Lord should use him in a revitalization of the spiritual atmosphere and family spirit at Riverside.

★ Since April 1, Dr. Guillermo Valdez, who recently completed a residency in internal medicine at Peoples Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri, has served as house physician at Riverside Hospital. He was born in Havana, Cuba, and is a graduate of the medical school of the University of Havana. Dr. Valdez later completed a residency in tropical medicine and served for approximately ten years as a specialist in that field with the Salubridad (Public Health Department) in Mexico.

Dr. Valdez is residing here with his wife, Magdalena, a former elementary school teacher, and their three girls, Yadira, 6; Isabel, 3½; and Guillermina, 1.



Carole Crosdale

has spent most of her life in California. She is a graduate of Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing, Glendale, California.

★ By the time this reaches you Riverside Hospital will have completed the

★ Carole Crosdale, R.N., of San Francisco, California, has assumed duties as instructor in the Riverside Hospital School of Practical Nursing. Miss Crosdale was born in Panama, but



PHOTO BY A. R. SIMONS

Home for student nurses.

\$50,000 student nurses' home shown. In addition to living quarters for student nurses, the new building will house classrooms for the practical nursing school, an apartment for a dean of women and a self-service laundry. The hospital administrator, Norman G. Simons, says completion of the new unit will effect efficiency gains in the practical nursing school, radioisotope laboratory, and in-plant printing operations. The moving of the practical nursing school from the main hospital building will also make room available for a new emergency unit.

★ On February 15, Riverside Hospital received notification of a three-year renewal of accredited status from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

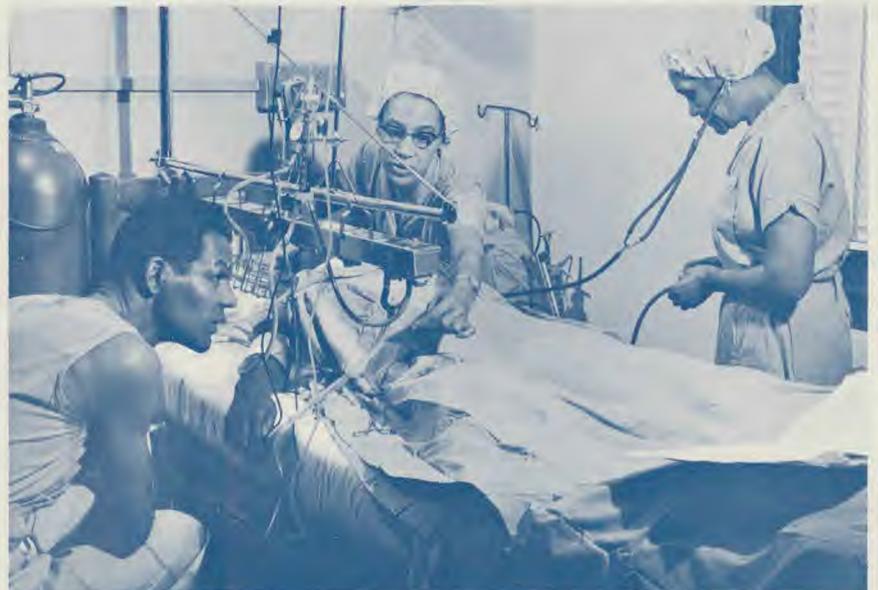


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Staff Physician Dr. George N. Benson, and nurses Mrs. Grace D. McLeod, R.N. (left), and Mrs. Grace McDonald, L.P.N., use the McNeil-Collins Blood Dialyzer or artificial kidney with patient at Riverside Hospital. According to Dr. Benson, the dialyzer may be used for acute kidney failure following severe injury or surgery; to remove poison from the blood stream in cases of poisoning; to remove fluid from the body in event of severe heart failure; and for hydrothermia and oxygenation of the blood in heart surgery.

CENTRAL STATES

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★ Earl E. Cleveland, associate secretary of the Ministerial Association, conducted a tremendous youth crusade in the city of St. Louis, March 16-24. David B. Reid, pastor of the church, and the local and conference MV departments coordinated the activities.

★ During the annual spring workers' meeting, March 25 and 26, Harold D. Singleton, secretary of the Regional Department, and Earl E. Cleveland were guests.

★ Frank L. Bland, former president of the Central States Conference and now associate secretary of the Regional Department, recently visited the churches in our area.

★ William C. Scales, Jr., pastor of the Bethel SDA church in Kansas City, Kansas, shares the honor with a minister of the Colorado Conference of leading our union in the number of persons baptized during the first quarter.

★ The formal opening of the Denver Park Hill SDA church was held Sabbath, June 1, 1963. The pastor is C. Sampson Myles.



Denver Park Hill SDA church.

Five-Day Plan Initiated in Omaha

THE effectiveness of the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was demonstrated in a small but conclusive man-



Osie Haynes (left), 20-year smoker who overcame habit, with J. L. Butler, pastor.

ner in Omaha, Nebraska, recently. A small group of smokers were invited to the Near North Branch Young Men's Christian Association by personal invitation. This class was a "first" in the area.

While it is recognized that a minister-doctor team is the ideal, we are happy to report that our nurse, Mrs. Leona Herrington, did an excellent job. Ten persons successfully completed the plan, and without any announcement of the location of our church or invitation to the service, they attended on their own volition the Sabbath following the no-smoking plan meeting.

One postal employee has helped nine of his fellow workers to break the smoking habit. J. L. BUTLER
Pastor, Omaha, Nebraska

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New Smyrna SDA Church

THE New Smyrna Seventh-day Adventist church on Taylor Street in Lynchburg, Virginia, recently completed a week of consecration services in which the officials of the Allegheny Conference and leading ministers of the city participated.

New Smyrna is a \$40,000 building with off-street parking facilities; an auditorium that seats 350 persons; a mothers' room, choir room, and pastor's study; Sabbath school department in the basement; rest-rooms, and kitchen. The gas heating plant is the

latest design and furnishes cool air in the summer.

The pastor of the congregation is Donald J. Williams. In September, 1962, ground was broken for the new building. On Sabbath, February 23 of this year, the congregation entered the main auditorium for worship services.

Pastor Williams said the loyalty of his members, their zeal and willingness to build a house for worship of God, has produced an influence for good in the entire city of Lynchburg.

A. V. PINKNEY

Allegheny Conference

★ William L. Cheatham, president of the Allegheny Conference, has been chosen advisory chairman of the Hadley Memorial Hospital Board.

SOUTH CENTRAL

C. E. Dudley, Pres.
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★ Charles E. Dudley, president of South Central Conference, was recently elected to the board of directors for the Southern Publishing Association in Nashville, Tennessee.

★ M. G. Cato, formerly the publishing secretary of the South Central Conference, is now associate publishing secretary of the Southern Union Conference in Decatur, Georgia.

★ Odell Mackey of the Central States Conference has accepted a call to become publishing secretary of South Central Conference.

★ Edgar T. Mimms of Birmingham, Alabama, has an excellent program for tithe promotion. He lists each member in a book, and those he finds not paying tithe, he visits personally in their homes and discusses the matter with them. This is a good procedure to follow. V. Lindsay of Huntsville, Alabama, is also following this program. The March tithe and mission statement shows a gain for Elder Mimms of \$1,308.42 and for Elder Lindsay, \$2,513.07.

★ At a meeting of the conference committee held in Miami it was voted to ask Ralph P. Peay to serve as pastor of the Memphis, Tennessee, church. The former pastor, Charles R. Graham,

has been transferred to Louisville, Kentucky.

★ God is very good to us, for we have 165 baptisms thus far this year as compared with last year's total of 198. Jesse R. Wagner of Mobile, Alabama, reports 23 baptisms; Horace L. Jones of Montgomery, Alabama, reports 20; and V. Lindsay of Huntsville, Alabama, has baptized 17 this year.

★ A. Dorris Merideth of Atlanta, Georgia, has been called to work at the Southern Publishing Association as secretary for the *Message Magazine*.

★ A brand-new church building is being erected in Greenville, Alabama. We thank Brother Herbert for his untiring labors in building this church in memory of his dearly beloved wife, Sister Macie Herbert, who for years stood as a light for Adventism in this community.

PACIFIC UNION

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News Notes



PHOTO BY GORDON KIRK

John Dennison Chorale, on opening night of evangelistic campaign in Santa Ana, California. Evangelist Byron R. Spears, center, in white coat.

★ Byron R. Spears of the Pacific Union is in the midst of an evangelistic campaign in Santa Ana, California. Associated with him are Isadore Evans, Mrs. Spears, and Mrs. Masters. The churches and pastors in the area are cooperating fully with this campaign.

The meetings are being held in the Ebell Club auditorium, 655 North French Street.

★ Willie S. Lee, Pacific Union Regional secretary, has been made a member of the Pacific Union College and La Sierra College boards.

★ Harold D. Singleton, Regional secretary of the General Conference, attended the Voice of Prophecy board meeting and spoke at several churches during May.

★ During the week of April 14-19, Earl E. Cleveland conducted the Week of Prayer at La Sierra College. The results showed that the Holy Spirit was present. The young people were responsive and earnest.

★ After the Week of Prayer meetings Elder Cleveland showed pictures of his last trip to the Far East at Riverside, Fontana, University, San Diego, and Long Beach churches.

★ In the Market and E Street church in Stockton a total of 52 were baptized as a result of evangelistic efforts by Evangelists Spears and M. C. White. The evangelistic endeavor was a united effort, involving all the churches in the Stockton area, and those who were baptized united with the various churches. The inclusive fellowship is apparent as you enter the worship service at the Market and E Street church.

★ Riverside church members have purchased a beautiful site for their new building. 1962 was a good year for the Riverside Emmanuel church. Twenty-eight have been baptized into the church, one added by profession of faith, and eleven by letter, making an addition of forty for 1962. Evangelism is a year-round endeavor at the Riverside church. The Lord is blessing the work of Warren Neal, pastor, and Sister Neeley in her Bible work throughout the Southeastern California Conference.

★ Eric C. Ward, formerly evangelist for the Southern Union, now pastor of the San Diego 31st Street church, spent several weeks among the membership, organizing an extensive evangelistic campaign in the city of San Diego. For many years no tent was permitted to be erected for more than two weeks. Through the help of the Lord, working through Elder Ward and Brother Richard Bland, permission has now been granted to pitch a tent for 140 days.

★ Adolphus E. Webb, the former pastor of the San Diego 31st Street church, has been transferred to Perris, California. Elder Webb has done an outstanding job in San Diego in erecting the large youth recreation and auxiliary center behind the church edifice.

NORTHEASTERN

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Northeastern Workers' Meeting

The annual spring workers' meeting of the Northeastern Conference was held Sunday, March 17, at the Brooklyn Temple, Brooklyn, New York.

The church has been newly renovated with new rugs and pews, and the basement has been converted into a lovely banquet room.

Present from the General Conference was Louis B. Reynolds of the Sabbath School Department. He stressed the importance of branch Sabbath schools as having much soul-winning value. We learned that a large number of souls were baptized in 1962 as a result of the work of faithful Sabbath school members.

There are approximately 35 branch Sabbath schools in operation in the Northeastern Conference. Our ministers were inspired to return to their churches and start new branch Sabbath schools.

W. J. Hackett, president, and A. E. Millner, public relations and religious liberty secretary, were present from the Atlantic Union Conference.

The treasury department gave a brief analysis of growth in the conference in the past few years. In the period from 1951-1954 the conference baptized 955 persons. For the period from 1955-1958 there were 1,884 baptisms. From 1959-1962 the baptisms were 2,227. At the end of December, 1962, the church membership was 7,586.

The comparison of tithe for the same period, 1951-1954, was \$1,277,193.11. For the period from 1955-1958 the total tithe was \$1,856,408.44. For the period from 1959-1962 we received tithe amounting to \$2,919,091.17. The

tremendous increase in tithes parallels the increase in membership. The 1962 tithe alone was only \$155,000 short of one million dollars.

We take courage as we check the records of the past, and we are looking forward to the greatest year in the history of our conference—1963. We have set a baptism goal of 1,200. We have set our sights to reach a goal of one million dollars in tithes.

F. L. JONES
Public Relations Secretary

News Note

★ The first Five-Day Plan to be conducted in the Northeastern Conference was held in New York City, March 31-April 4. Eighteen persons went through the plan, and the report is that all were successful in stopping the smoking habit. Dr. Wayne McFarland and Owen A. Troy, pastor of Bridgeport, Connecticut, church, did an outstanding job as a team. In addition to a number of our ministers being present to observe, there were two of our doctors present—Dr. Courtney Wood, a medical doctor, and Dr. Curtis McMillan, a dentist.

New Conference Education Secretary



Emerton Whidbee

EMERTON WHIDBEE has recently come into the Northeastern Conference office as the new educational secretary. Owing to the rapid growth in the conference and the need for

greater emphasis on opening new church schools, and raising the qualifications of our church school teachers, the Northeastern Conference committee voted that the educational and MV departments should be divided.

Mr. Whidbee has worked in the Northeastern Conference as a teacher and counselor for the past twelve years. He is a native New Yorker, receiving all his undergraduate education in Adventist schools. He received his Master's degree from New York University and is presently doing advance work on his doctorate. He spent two

summers in Europe studying art and the educational procedures of the European countries. We welcome Mr. Whidbee to the office staff of the Northeastern Conference.

New Pastor at Ephesus



Lloyd H. Wilson

RECENTLY Lloyd H. Wilson accepted a call to the Northeastern Conference as assistant pastor of the Ephesus church of New York City. Pastor Wilson comes to us from Andrews University where he has completed work on his Master's degree in religion. He was formerly a member of the New Haven, Connecticut, church; hence is a Northeastern Conference product. Mrs. Wilson, the former Angela Steward of Baltimore, Maryland, is well known there also. She spent a number of years teaching at the Northeastern Academy; so the Wilsons are simply returning home to begin their ministry.

There are four children in the family.

F. L. JONES
Press Secretary

SOUTHWEST REGION

V. L. Roberts, Pres.
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Wedding

VERNA L. ROBERTS, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Vincent L. Roberts of Dallas, Texas, recently became the bride of Charles L. Cason of Kansas City, Missouri.

Vincent L. Roberts, president of the Southwest Region Conference, heard the vows. Lorenzo W. Paytee, MV and educational secretary of the Central States Conference, assisted with the ceremony.

After a brief stay in Dallas, the couple returned to Washington, D.C., where Mrs. Cason was attending Columbia Union College. She received her R.N. at Hinsdale School of Nursing and B.S. at Columbia Union College, where she is now on the nursing faculty. Mr. Cason is in the armed forces and is stationed in Washington, D.C.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Cason

Former Schoolteacher Employed by Faith for Today

★ Mrs. Ethel M. Graves, a former public school teacher and organist for our Dallas church, is now employed as one of the Faith for Today Bible instructors for the purpose of grading papers. She became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1956 and was dismissed from the public school system in 1961 because her Sabbathkeeping conflicted with her work. She has proved to be a most faithful church worker, and she made contact with Faith for Today by enrolling people in the Bible correspondence course. Along with some enrollments sent in, she mentioned the fact that she had given up her job as a teacher because of the Sabbath and would be interested in working for Faith for Today should there be an opening. J. H. Webb, the personnel director, got in touch with her immediately, arranged an interview, and she was employed. According to W. A. Fagal, program director, she is doing effective work.

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