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## JOURNEY INTO AFRICA

E. E. CLEVELAND

JULY 1, 1963, on a sunny day, the giant intercontinental jet settled peacefully on the runway bearing my family and me for service in Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika. This beautiful modern city is perched like a pearl on the shores of the Indian Ocean. Its multiracial population is predominantly Moslem. In this city of over 200,000 we had a church-going membership of 30, and no church building. Thanks to the blessing of God, the public campaign resulted in 82 baptisms and 45 who keep the Sabbath in the baptismal class. C. L. Bender is continuing the campaign in a strong way. A new church building is being completed for our believers there. It is a modern structure that will enhance the prestige of our work in that city.

From the very beginning the presence of God was felt in our meetings. Three thousand people filled the grounds on opening day. I preached two sermons a day, six days a week. On the opening day I had to preach three sermons because there was such a large crowd. Hindus, Moslems, and Sikhs, as well as members of other Protestant bodies, filled the tent from night to night. Government employees on all levels, social workers, accountants, clerks, and nurses attended and were among those baptized. The gospel of Christ was heard in the highest echelons in that fair city.

In connection with the public meeting, a ministerial institute was held with 34 ministers attending from six countries. These fine Adventist preachers were in classes for 3½ hours per day for 12 weeks. Each returned to his home to prosecute more vigorously the work of God.

Our duty done, we headed south to the Republic of South Africa. An interracial reception committee welcomed us to the country. My itinerary carried me through Cape Town, George, East London, Port Elizabeth, and Johannesburg. Public meetings were held in all of these cities and all of them were integrated. I was extended every courtesy by government officials and citizens. Our fellowship with believers of all races was a heartwarming experience. As you probably know, B. W. Abney, Sr., my wife's father, was the first American Negro sent to South Africa by our church. The tabernacle that he used is still standing, and more important than this, many of his converts are still alive and faithful. Over 100 souls joined our church during my 21 days in Southern Rhodesia and South Africa.

I was especially encouraged by the fact that our educational institutions are well staffed and that the buildings are of modern structure. The colleges I visited are Solusi, Bethel, Good Hope, and Helderberg. Hun-

dreds of young people are in training, preparing for service in God's cause. Your dollars are doing their appointed work. May we continue to work, pray, and pay until the work is done.

### OAKWOOD COLLEGE

► Oakwood College rejoices in the Ingathering victory drive which the faculty, business office, and student body successfully concluded November 2. In less than a day of mass solicitation the student body raised their goal and returned to the campus thanking the Lord for what He had done for them. Seldom has it happened at Oakwood that the Ingathering goal has been reached without going beyond the city of Huntsville. The total amount raised was \$6,209.70.

► J. Malcolm Phipps, conference evangelist from the South Atlantic Conference, closed the Week of Prayer on Sabbath, November 2, after seven days of strong spiritual emphasis. His theme was "Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus." In each message he developed another phase of the wonderment of the great Saviour of love. Forty-two were baptized from the college by the college pastor, V. Lindsay, whose entire district was the first over the top in Ingathering.

Quartet in Dar es Salaam tent effort.



Part of audience in tent effort in Dar es Salaam.



E. E. Cleveland sermonizing in Dar es Salaam.



► Ten students, five from the college and five from the academy, recently returned from Camp Cumby-Gay where they enjoyed participating with 275 college and academy students in the Southern Union Bible conference. They were:

<i>College</i>
Adele Seay
Linda Duncan
Jacqueline Brooks
James Wray
Walter Pearson
<i>Academy</i>
David Hudson
Verna Mays
Barbara Johnson
Warren White
Jeanne Williams

The camp is about 150 miles north of Atlanta. The students spent five days full of inspiring Bible study and Christian fellowship in the shadow of the Smokies.

Some of the special instructors and counselors present to heighten the interest in the program were C. N. Rees, president of Southern Missionary College; A. V. Pinkney, president of Oakwood College; Desmond Cummings from the Southern Union; R. R. Hegstad and E. L. Minchin from the General Conference; C. C. Cunningham, educational and temperance secretary of South Atlantic Conference; F. H. Jenkins, educational and MV secretary of South Central Conference, and C. E. Dudley, president of South Central Conference.

► This year Oakwood College is proud of the Medical Cadet Corp under the leadership of Lieutenant Hunter Crigler. It is felt that this corps of 65 young men are being exposed to a training that will prepare them successfully for service in the armed forces. Colonel Allgier from the Redstone Arsenal, Captain Smith, and Master Sergeant Galvin have visited the Oakwood campus for the purpose of giving added instruction and training. The entire personnel, under Commandant Cooke, have assured the corps of assisting them in every possible way toward the highest training.

At four-thirty in the morning these young men are out on the field drilling. The corps expects to be in uniform by Thanksgiving.

► At the recent meeting of the South-

ern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools Oakwood College was voted unlimited accreditation.

A. V. PINKNEY, President

## ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

### New Church in Dayton, Ohio

The members of Ethan Temple Seventh-day Adventist church in Dayton, Ohio, rejoiced recently as they walked into their new church and witnessed the baptism of 63 precious souls, the fruits of an effort conducted by D. L. Davis.

For many years the congregation worshiped in an unrepresentative church and longed for better things. During his recent pastorate there U. S. Willis and the congregation worked diligently looking for a new church home. Shortly before he was moved to Richmond, Virginia, a newly constructed church in a representative neighborhood was found, and he began negotiating for it. When D. L. Davis took up his duties there, the representatives of the Church of God informed the Adventists that "the church is not for sale and really never has been." God wrought in a marvelous manner, however, and D. L. Davis continued negotiations that climaxed in a contract being signed in less than three months, and the Adventists then moved from the big tent into the new church. The entry into the new structure actually occurred before a down payment had been deposited. The settlement date was in mid-November.

This church was constructed in 1957. It comes fully equipped with pews seating 600 persons, a balcony, choir loft, mother's room, elevated baptistry, 2 offices fully equipped with office furniture, a Hammond organ, 2 pianos, a complete public-address system, 12 equipped classrooms, large downstairs assembly room, fully equipped kitchen (including a new doughnut maker), 3 rest rooms, 2 independently operating furnaces, storage space, and 200 tubular steel folding chairs. The two acres of land on which the church is situated are in the Residence Park section of the city.

The total cost to our congregation is \$101,000. The pastor and the congregation are rising to meet the chal-

lenge and are determined to dedicate the church free of debt in record time.



Dayton, Ohio, church.

The Christian Benefit Association cannot stop death but it can cushion the cost.

### First Church Ingathering Victory

AS AN illustration of the success of Ingathering in the Allegheny Conference we cite the victory performance of Washington, D.C., First church. Several weeks prior to launching day all church officers were asked by the pastor, John H. Wagner, Jr., and the church missionary officers to bring a minimum of \$35 each to support a good first report. On Sabbath, November 2, this writer was present to witness as all officers marched by the front table with their \$35 envelopes.

Clinton Luckett at the adding machine took the tally. Officers accounted for more than \$4,800, and when the other members had reported, Kick-off Day turned out to be Victory Day at First church! The grand total raised on that day was \$7,100 on a goal of \$6,500.

Enjoying the victory action was guest speaker for the day, H. D. Singleton, secretary of the General Conference Regional Department.

Members left the church in joyous spirits and the pastor had high praise for missionary leader Mrs. Juanita Jones, as well as for the thorough organization and strong promotion of the associate missionary leader, Leon Trusty.

Outstanding solicitors were Mrs. Ethel Summers, who raised \$200; Mrs. Odell Jackson, \$171; and Nathan Gibson, \$167.

D. B. SIMONS

### District Changes

THE Allegheny Conference committee met on October 10, 1963, and

voted the following worker changes that became effective November 1:

A. N. Brogden who had pastored the Columbus and Delaware, Ohio, churches for the past three years was transferred to the Glenville church of Cleveland, Ohio.

James Washington, who for the past four years had been pastor of the Roanoke and Danville, Virginia, churches, and who last year also conducted evangelistic services resulting in the organization of the new Martinsville, Virginia, church, was transferred to the Columbus and Delaware, Ohio, congregations.

Isaac Lester, who for several years had given self-supporting leadership to the work in Erie and Ashtabula, Ohio, was called to pastor the Roanoke, Danville, and Martinsville, Virginia, church congregations.

Also recently exchanging districts through transfer were Alonzo Wagner to the Chester, Pennsylvania; Wilmington, Delaware, and Salem, New Jersey, district, and J. J. Johnson to the Harrisburg and Coatesville, Pennsylvania, churches.

*W. L. CHEATHAM, President  
Allegheny Conference*

### News Notes

► The Allegheny Book and Bible House, under the management of Edward Dorsey, has transferred its office and operations from Pine Forge to a new location in Philadelphia as authorized by the conference committee.

► Pine Forge Institute's new principal-manager, Luther R. Palmer, Jr., reports that the academy is enjoying its biggest year. Students numbering 175 have been enrolled, and a fine school spirit prevails.

► Great sorrow came to the campus of the Pine Forge Institute and the constituency of the Allegheny Con-

ference with the passing of R. L. Handy on November 29. He was the director of manual training at the school. The funeral was held December 3.

► At a meeting of the Columbia Union College constituency, Allegheny president W. L. Cheatham was appointed a member of the college board. He also was recently named as a member of the board at Kettering Memorial Hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

► Educational superintendent C. L. Brooks reports that "administrators and teachers of the Allegheny Conference look forward with enthusiasm and confidence to a continued progressive program of Christian education." More than 1,200 pupils are enrolled. There are 52 teachers in 17 schools reported. "The following teachers," C. L. Brooks reports, "have joined the Allegheny team this year":

Mrs. Ann Phipps, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Mrs. Blanche Cox, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Leroy Dixon, Cleveland, Ohio  
Margie Watson, Cleveland, Ohio  
Paul Bridgeford, Dayton, Ohio  
Mrs. Marian Gresham Jones, Newark, New Jersey.

Mrs. Ernestine Miller, Norfolk, Virginia

Beverly Anderson, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Carole Forbes, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Jean Blake, Washington, D.C.  
Timothy McDonald, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Judith Nembhard, Washington, D.C.

M. D. Ohal, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Walterine Brooks, Washington, D.C.

► Teachers of intermediate grades joined with Allegheny secondary teachers in a Columbia Union-wide convention held October 27-30 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

► Allegheny elementary principals and teachers met with teachers of the Ohio Conference in Columbus, Ohio, November 24-26.

► Approximately 700 baptisms for 1963 were reported by Allegheny pastor-evangelists to the date of workers' meeting held October 9 and 10.

### Wedding

ALVERDA MILLER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard E. Miller, of Columbus, Ohio, recently became the bride of Sterling Steffany, of Chicago, Illinois.

Jacob J. Justiss, MV and educational secretary of the Allegheny Conference, officiated at the wedding.

Mrs. Steffany graduated from the nurse's training course at Hinsdale Sanitarium in November, 1963. She previously took prenursing at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama. Mr. Steffany is presently attending the University of Chicago, working toward a degree in elementary education. He is employed by the Federal Government while he is finishing his education.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Steffany are at home to friends at 9630 Forest Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

### CENTRAL STATES CONFERENCE

#### Tragedy in Missionary Volunteer Work

ON SABBATH, October 12, the young people of the Beacon Light SDA church in Kansas City, Missouri, carried out their usual program of visiting the hospital to sing for the sick and shut-ins. For several years they have carried on this type of work. Little did the group realize as they left for their work that death and disaster were lurking behind them.

Pine Forge Institute faculty and largest student body pause from study and classwork to have their picture made.



Having completed their work, en route home from the Shawnee Mission Hospital, the young man driving lost control of the car; and it turned over, throwing its occupants out of the car. Killed almost instantly was Adolph Brown, Jr., 17; seriously injured were Paula Webb, Florestine Robinson, Ella Mary Clanton, and Hubert Allen. The driver of the car was unhurt, but suffered traumatic shock. Those riding in the other cars, seeing the tragedy, were greatly shocked also.

Three members of the group have been released from the hospital, and the other one is improving. Our hearts go out to the young people who had been helping others.

Adolph Brown has been faithful and dutiful to the church. He has been of great assistance to the conference at camp meeting and at junior camp and always was courteous and dependable. We have suffered a great loss.

We point the families of the deceased and injured to Christ, the Lifegiver, knowing that He is too wise to err and too loving to be unkind.

### Workers' Meeting

C. E. MOSELEY, JR., field secretary of the General Conference, was the special guest speaker at the fall workers' meeting of the Central States Conference, September 30 to October 1, 1963. As he addressed the opening session and the Tuesday morning devotional hour, his deeply spiritual messages proved of unlimited inspiration.

Another high-lighting feature was the closing sermon by R. H. Nightingale, Central Union president.

At the workshop on evangelism, chaired by W. W. Fordham, conference president, the following baptisms were reported: H. C. Brewer 15, J. L. Butler 22, C. R. Craig 5, C. S. Myles 28, J. D. Parker 19, D. B. Reid 26, W. C. Scales 63, R. A. Smith 43, G. H. Taylor 30, and P. C. Winley 5. Plans were discussed as to how the pastors might seek to strengthen more effectively the new believers in the church of Christ.

The proposed 1964 summer effort of E. E. Cleveland in St. Louis was announced.

E. E. Hagen and P. M. DeBooy, Central Union officials, joined the local departmental secretaries in presenting promotional materials for Camp Shady Hill development, Temperance Commitment Sabbath, and

Home Missionary Sabbath school projects. At this session the 1964 Ingathering campaign was officially launched with a conference goal of \$38,000.

Special reports were presented by J. E. Merideth, secretary-treasurer, R. E. Barron, and J. D. Parker.

### News Notes

► Mrs. O. L. Carter and Mrs. Rosalie Merideth recently joined the office staff. Mrs. Carter serves as secretary to the secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Merideth as Book and Bible House secretary.

► L. W. Paytee, conference MV and educational secretary, has been granted a two-year study leave which will begin January 1, 1964. He will return to the Los Angeles area to continue his studies at the University of Southern California. J. L. Butler has been elected to fill the vacancy.

► Mrs. Grace D. Jackson has returned to the Beacon Light elementary school in Kansas City, Missouri, as the teacher of grades 5-8. Mrs. Anestine Draggon is the principal of this school. Theresia McCallop, a recent graduate of Union College, is the teacher at the Bethel elementary school in Kansas City, Kansas. Mrs. Yvonne Hodges has joined the teaching staff at our St. Louis elementary school. Mrs. Ardella Barrett is the principal of this school.

► 1963 has been a good year for us. Our baptisms have gone over the 300 mark. Two churches have been dedicated free of debt. In Wichita, Kansas, we have sold our old building, and the brethren there hope to begin building in the early summer.

### LAKE REGION CONFERENCE

#### Evangelism

A LETTER from C. E. Bradford, president of the Lake Region Conference, reads: "We shall reach our goal of 700 baptisms by the end of 1963. Our workers' meeting reports brought us up to 570. The It Is Written telecast meetings in Detroit, Michigan, are being attended by a large number of our people; in fact, the interest seems to be almost half, and from this we hope to reap a large harvest of souls."

### Shiloh Bible Crusade

S. D. MEYERS and his hard-working gospel team held their third baptismal service for their Bible Crusade Tabernacle meeting on Sabbath, September 14, at which time they increased their total baptisms to 61. Although the meetings are now in the church, a good interest still prevails, and further decisions are sure to be forthcoming.

### Shiloh Teacher Goes to West Indies College

SIMON JOHNSON, former Bible teacher at the Shiloh Academy in Chicago, has recently been called to serve in the department of religion of the West Indies College, Mandeville, Jamaica, West Indies. Mr. Johnson was graduated from Oakwood College and later received his B.D. degree from Potomac University (now Andrews University). He taught in the Lake Region Conference in the following places: Sharon school, Inkster, Michigan; Mizpah school, Gary, Indiana; Capitol Avenue school, Indianapolis, Indiana; and the Shiloh Academy of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Arie Johnson, his wife, is also a teacher, and together with their two children will join Brother Johnson at a later date. We wish for the Johnsons God's richest blessings as they share their faith on the beautiful island of Jamaica.

### NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

#### Haitian Disaster Relief

THE Southern New York Federation met for its fall session at the Linden Boulevard church, St. Albans, New York, on Sunday, October 27, 1963. The Haitian disaster was one of the main topics for discussion. When word was received that a hurricane had struck Haiti, a call was sent to the churches of Northeastern urging them to quickly gather clothing, bedding, and funds to assist our brethren there. In one week more than 16 tons of clothing were gathered. Food and money were sent from Miami. Crews met at the recently erected Welfare Service building in Woodside, New York, to prepare the clothing for baling. We are grateful for the able as-

sistance given by Miss Mattie Johnson, Elder and Mrs. M. H. Jensen, directors of the Welfare Service.

The metropolitan churches contributed approximately \$2,000 in cash to send Rene Adrien, pastor of the Haitian church in Brooklyn, New York, to Haiti to give needed financial help and to assist in the distribution of materials.

The many diligent workers and contributors have proved their response to the plea, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

## Northeastern Conference Fall Workers' Meeting

NORTHEASTERN Conference Workers' Meeting was held September 23-26 at Top O' the World Lodge at Lake George, New York.

Present at this meeting were the teachers, Bible instructors, ministers, secretaries, and departmental workers. We were most fortunate to obtain the services of R. A. Anderson, of the General Conference Ministerial Department. Elder Anderson took the workers through his book, *Preachers of Righteousness*, in a seminar that was held each day. We feel these discussions will greatly enlarge the vision of the workers.

Present also was G. H. Rainey, of the Atlantic Union ministerial department, who gave valuable help. H. W. Peterson, home missionary secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference, was present, as were W. C. Whitten, publishing secretary of the union, and Mrs. Whitten. We were happy to have them with us and they contributed much to our meeting.

Dr. N. E. Burrell from the General Conference Education Department and Emerton Whidbee, conference education secretary, were in charge of the program for the teachers. Each day the teachers had their usual institute in a separate building, but on the first and last days joint meetings were held.

Top O' the World offered so much to remind us of the days when Christ



Welfare committee of the Northeastern Conference: R. T. Hudson, president; Miss Mattie Johnson, federation president; and H. W. Kibble, welfare department secretary. They are standing in front of the disaster relief truck for the people of Haiti.

was on earth and called His disciples apart to rest a while. It is situated one mile up a mountain. The weather was ideal, and there was time for recreation as well as study. Horseback riding, golfing, tennis, and shuffleboard were available.

We were thrilled when the evangelism report was taken. Approximately 500 persons had been baptized through the first three quarters of 1963. It was thrilling to hear the report of the evangelists and their workers as they told of encounters with the enemy in the many cities where tent and church efforts were held during the summer.

G. R. Earle gave an encouraging report concerning his meetings that are now being held three nights each week in the Brooklyn Academy of Music. We are expecting a rich harvest from this effort.

The Ingathering goal for 1964 was cheerfully accepted, and we feel that our ministers and laymen will rally to make the program a success.

Our tithe has shown a considerable increase over last year at the same time. The year 1963 has been a banner year in all respects for the work of the Northeastern Conference.

## PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

### News Notes

► The church in Pacoima has finished the first stage of their building

Northeastern workers at the recent workers' meeting in Lake George, New York.



program. The membership began meeting in the rooms finished on October 19. They will continue their building program until the entire edifice has been completed. Elder W. R. Robinson is the pastor.

► Horace Barker has accepted a call to pastor the church in San Bernardino, California. R. E. Berry, the former pastor, has been asked to join E. C. Ward in San Diego, to work with the church and new converts there.

► E. C. Ward, pastor of the San Diego Thirty-first church, has just finished a very successful effort. Added to the church were 200 as a result of the work done there.

► Ted Jones in Bakersfield conducted his first baptism Sabbath, October 19. Twenty-five were buried in baptism and there are many others that will be baptized as a result of the efforts put forth in Bakersfield this summer.

► B. R. Spears has been working in the Southeastern Conference. An effort has just been completed in Fontana, California, where 38 souls were added to the church. B. R. Spears has already begun another effort in Riverside, California, and is having an excellent attendance.

► During the month of November the Berean church opened its doors for use. It is a beautiful edifice and D. T. Black and his congregation are to be commended for a job well done.

► The Riverside Emmanuel church has purchased a choice piece of land. The plans are drawn and construction began on this building in January. W. J. Neal is the pastor of Riverside Emmanuel.

► Mrs. C. R. Pritchett is now teach-

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ing in the San Gabriel Elementary School.

► Dr. Lindsay Thomas has been employed by La Sierra College to teach French Conversation.

► Mr. Clarence Newby is teaching Government Accounting at La Sierra College.

► C. Williams has just completed a five-week crusade in West Fresno, baptizing 14 converts. Working with him were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ridley and Joe Lutcher—and Joe's converted saxophone.

► James Middleton is now conducting special Bible classes in downtown Phoenix, Arizona, at the Friendship Room on Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday evenings.

### Compton Avenue Pathfinder Club Cited

RECENTLY the Compton Avenue church Pathfinders, along with several other clubs, received an honor plaque symbolizing an average monthly total of 17 or more points for the entire fiscal year of 1963.

There were shouts of joy when Emmett Watts, Southern California Conference Pathfinder director, announced that Compton Avenue church had earned the highest total number of points in its division for the entire year. For this they were presented with a beautiful trophy. We believe this is the first time in the history of the Pacific Union Conference that this award has been earned by a club from a Regional church.

Points are awarded on the basis of weekly meetings, attendance, uniforms, field trips, Share Your Faith activities, weekend campouts, and participation in conference-wide activities. The divisions are based on the number of members in the club.

Additional honors were received by the club the following day, when a team of six Pathfinders—Melvin, Mark, and Michael Blue; Jacqueling Wilson, Howard Birkley, and David Washington—won first place in a knot-tying contest. Mark and Michael Blue won first place in an egg-tossing contest in which they threw their raw eggs 87 feet before it broke.

This splendid record was made because of the support of our interested adult Pathfinder staff and our en-

thusiastic, hard-working boys and girls.

MRS. MILDRED C. WILLIAMS, *Director*

ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS  
*Deputy Director*

### SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

#### Lay Evangelistic Meeting in Tampa

THE huge letters flashed C-A-R-V-E-R at the corner of Boulevard and Main Street, Tampa, Florida, on the opening night. The laymen of the Mt. Calvary SDA church began a lay evangelist meeting with approximately 300 present. Weeks of planning, preparation, and praying had been spent to make this meeting possible.

The Carver Theater (site of the gospel crusade) had been closed for the past three years and was practically demolished by vandals. A local glass company gave the materials for the full-length glass doors that were destroyed, a floor-covering company contributed floor coverings, and a paint company practically gave the paint needed for decoration. Then came the big job of moving out almost a ton and a half of rubbish, which was done by Robert and Morris Jones and others.

The crusade had a total attendance

of approximately 2,539 during the 23 night meetings. The church gave the crusade its full support with usher choirs, duets, solos, and instrumental numbers. Titus Campbell and Charlie Brantley conducted song services. Brother Brantley, an ex-jazz-band leader, gave soul-stirring testimonies encouraging the youth to stay within the fold. Mary Johnson and Alferida Gambrell served as hostesses. There were nine teams of Bible instructors, and in each team there were two workers. Nightly there was the faithful playing of Sisters P. L. Jones and Sarah Williams, and Willie Hamilton and Robert Jones.

Speakers for the crusade were Tom Smith, D. N. Stewart, James Carter, Archie Mond, and Roy Boone. The Lord richly blessed the crusade with many wonderful experiences, and at this writing there have been four decisions made, with others expected as a result of follow-up meetings in several homes.

D. N. STEWART

*Home Missionary Leader  
I. J. JOHNSON, Pastor*

### 303 Children Attend Atlanta Vacation Bible School

AUGUST 6 through 16, under the leadership of H. L. Cleveland, the Atlanta church this summer conducted

The newly constructed Berean SDA church in Atlanta, Georgia, with the workers and children of the Vacation Bible School.



the most outstanding Vacation Bible school ever to be held in the history of the South Atlantic Conference.

The total daily enrollment for the Vacation Bible School was 303 children ranging in age from 5 to 15. There were 70 Seventh-day Adventist children and 233 non-Seventh-day Adventists in attendance. The Vacation Bible School was sponsored by the Sabbath school department of the Berean SDA church under the supervision of Mrs. James E. Coleman, one of the assistant Sabbath school superintendents. Mrs. Coleman was assisted by 27 additional teachers. These teachers included our church school teachers and a number of public school teachers, many of whom were baptized as a result of Elder Cleveland's evangelistic meetings. These workers were all qualified and experienced teachers.

There were a number of older teenagers from the neighborhood who offered their services by assisting the teachers with clerical work such as typing, obtaining the names and addresses of the children and setting up a permanent filing system for the local church for future evangelistic contacts. These teen-agers gave able assistance, and we believe they were benefited by the spiritual program.

A goodly number of the children who attended the Vacation Bible School have now become a part of our weekly Sabbath school program, and we feel that many will be baptized later as a result of the follow-up work being conducted.

The Sunday night following the close of the Vacation Bible School a display was made in the foyer of the church. The parents of the children were invited to the Sunday night evangelistic meetings and to witness the arts and crafts made by their children. This program also proved to be an outstanding piece of public relations work—establishing a good relationship between the church and the local community.

SAMUEL THOMAS, *Secretary  
Sabbath School Department*

## SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

### South Central-South Atlantic Medical Retreat

BEAUTIFUL, placid Kentucky Lake was the setting for the South Central

South Atlantic conferences' medical retreat held September 6-8 in Hardin, Kentucky. This was a "first" for our conferences, yet the joys and blessings derived from and enjoyed by our doctors will linger long in their minds. C. E. Dudley gave words of welcome after which L. J. Leiske, of the Southern Union, opened the retreat Friday night with a challenging talk. After a wonderful night's rest in lovely modern cabins nestled in the woody hills of the Cherokee State Park, our Sabbath school was held in the great out-of-doors atmosphere of the open-air pavilion, with Dr. W. E. Coopwood as superintendent and the birds in the trees accompanying the singing. Guest speaker for the eleven o'clock hour was Carl Sundin, director of placement service, Loma Linda, California. His dynamic sermon searched the innermost recesses of the heart as the attention of each one was gripped by the power of his message. In the afternoon a lively panel discussion on the doctor's responsibility in church work and evangelism was conducted with Dr. C. A. Dent, conference medical secretary, as moderator. Dr. E. E. Carman projected in his late afternoon talk the open avenues that doctors may use to introduce God more effectively to the masses. W. S. Banfield, president of the South Atlantic Conference, brought the vesper thought to close a most wonderful Sabbath spent engulfed in nature. Following a short panel discussion Sunday morning, this minute withdrawal from the pressures of ordinary life ended with each in attendance stimulated, invigorated, and refreshed to lend a touch of perfection to each day that lies ahead of him.

ETTA M. DUDLEY, *Secretary  
South Central Conference*

### News Notes

► The baptismal reports were very encouraging at our workers' meeting. They were as follows: R. C. Brown 33, J. E. Cox 7, S. H. Cox 38, C. R. Graham 65, E. L. Howard 10, C. D. Joseph 4, H. L. Jones 27, V. Lindsay 39, E. T. Mimms 21, W. J. Mitchell 21, G. I. Pearson 10, R. P. Peay 6, T. M. Rowe 4, J. R. Wagner 105, L. W. Williams 15, M. M. Young 14, D. L. Crowder (former worker) 16, and other workers in the field 14—a total of 459 at the close of the third quarter.

► T. M. Rowe is planning a good Bible school at the Riverside chapel. This promises to be a fruitful meeting—one of Elder Rowe's specialties in soul winning. Walter Pearson has run a lay meeting in Fort Payne, Alabama, and he states that fruits for his labors are assured.

► South Central Conference is sponsoring two students at the seminary this year.

## SOUTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE

### Progress in the Field of Evangelism

THERE has been continuous progress in the field of evangelism in the Southwest Region Conference this year. Four successful tent efforts and several church efforts were conducted during the summer. The harvest was most gratifying. Baptisms numbered 351 and many are in baptismal classes.

The following ministers conducted tent efforts this summer: L. B. Baker of Dallas, Texas, baptized 73; W. J. Cleveland, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 71; L. G. Newton, of Fort Worth, Texas, 34; and L. D. Henderson, of Coushatta, Louisiana, baptized 20. The effort conducted by L. D. Henderson resulted from a follow-up of a Voice of Prophecy interest in this city. All the baptisms there mentioned were as of September this year.

A branch Sabbath school was started in Kerrville, Texas, some time ago. In April of this year W. C. Jones, former pastor of the San Antonio church, conducted a spring effort in this city. Now a company of believers have been organized. This new group has already moved forward and purchased a church building in Kerrville.

The Society of Missionary Men in the New Orleans church is conducting Bible classes in Bridge City, a section of New Orleans. From these classes there is evidence of a good harvest.

The Sabbath schools of the conference are doing their share in evangelism this year. Forty-three branch Sabbath schools are being conducted around the field, and 20 persons have been baptized as a direct result of Sabbath school evangelism.

J. A. James baptized 10 in Crowley, Louisiana. Interest began as a result of a branch Sabbath School.

As we take a glance over the prog-

ress of the Lord's work in this part of His vineyard for the past few months, we can see every indication of His guidance. Our courage is high, our faith is strong, and we have no fear for the future as we behold the way God has led us in the past.

## Obituaries

**VIRGIL GIBBONS** was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, October 1, 1892, and died March 22, 1963. In May, 1920, he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church in South Bend, Indiana, by a returned missionary. Immediately he became a literature evangelist. He labored faithfully for six months in South Bend and was then transferred to Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked for nine years. God abundantly blessed his efforts, and he was transferred to the East Pennsylvania Conference. He also labored in the West Pennsylvania Conference. He was called to greater responsibility, that of taking over the supervision of the colored literature evangelists, in 1927. The work under his leadership took on new impetus and was a success from the beginning. He was the first colored assistant publishing department secretary. In 1936 he was called to the Ohio Conference. In 1942 he was asked to take charge of the work in the Michigan Conference. When the Lake Region Conference was organized in 1944, he was made the first colored publishing department secretary; thus he not only had the distinction of being the first assistant secretary but also the first colored secretary in the publishing department of the denomination. The literature evangelists in the Lake Region Conference led the world field in the sale of our literature. In 1949 he accepted a call to the Allegheny Conference, where he labored until August 1956 when he retired from active service. He was a devout Christian. He is survived by his wife, Clarice; four daughters, one son, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**RICHARD BURRIEL SPENCER** was born to Edward and Mary Spencer on December 27, 1930, in New Orleans, Louisiana. On June 5, 1955, Richard and Yvonne Speares were united in holy matrimony in New Orleans. They made their home in

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the State of California. At the age of eight Richard was baptized in the Ephesus SDA church, New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1955 he placed his membership at the University SDA church, Los Angeles, California, where he remained a member until his death. He died Sabbath, August 31, 1963, at the age of 32 in the Long Beach Veterans Hospital, Long Beach, California. He leaves to do the Master's work a wife, Yvonne; a son; a daughter; a mother, Mary Spencer; four brothers, Sol, Edward, Bartholomew, and Norwood; a sister, Mrs. Ernda Hamilton; an aunt, Marian Wright; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## With Our Missionaries

**L. E. DANIELS** left America in September, returning to the West African Union where he is union evangelist. Mrs. Daniels and the boys are to follow in February, 1964. Elder Daniels has been conducting meetings in Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa.

**C. DUNBAR HENRI** and family are returning to America permanently after being in the mission field approximately 18 years. His last position in the West African Union was that of ministerial secretary.

**PASTOR AND MRS. J. D. JOHNSON**, formerly of Chicago, Illinois, are home on furlough. They are presently serving at the Bekwai Secondary School, Bekwai, Ghana, West Africa, where the work is advancing. Besides their teaching responsibilities, they conduct a branch Sabbath school in the nearby area where a great need exists for the word of God.

**OWEN A. TROY, JR.**, and family of the Northeastern Conference are under appointment to Sierra Leone where he is to serve as treasurer and evangelist.

## With Our Veteran Workers

**J. G. THOMAS**, who has been residing in Atlanta, Georgia, during his years of retirement from the active ministry, has accepted the invitation of the South Atlantic Conference to serve as the interim pastor of the Jacksonville, Florida, church for a few months.

**J. H. Laurence**, who retired from full-time service when he completed his pastorate at the Seattle, Washington, church a few months ago, and who has been conducting revivals in the South Central Conference, has agreed to be the pastor of the Orlando, Florida, church in the South Atlantic Conference for a period of months.

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