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OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Leading Universities Seek Oakwood Science Graduates

THE Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Michigan State University, and Purdue University have all offered teaching assistantships and research fellowships to some of Oakwood's science graduates.

David Richardson, chemistry major, has accepted a position as a research fellow at Purdue University where he will pursue his graduate studies in biochemistry. Mr. Richardson has also been the recipient of teaching assistantships both at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Michigan State University.

Miss Kathleen Hall, mathematics major, has accepted a teaching assistantship at Purdue University where she will engage in graduate studies in mathematics.

This summer Mr. Richardson and Miss Hall were again selected from among hundreds of applicants to work at the Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal. Last summer Mr. Richardson was a physical chemist research assistant at the institute of Nuclear Studies, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Another Oakwood science graduate, James Campbell, has been accepted to study medicine at Howard University. Four Oakwood graduates are presently studying medicine at Loma Linda University.

In addition to the many attractive educational opportunities that await Oakwood science graduates, lucrative employment opportunities are also available. The Lockheed Missile and Space Company has recently hired Gene Crawford, who recently gradu-

ated from Oakwood with a major in mathematics.

All who have been interested in the progress of Oakwood can indeed be proud of these young people and the work being carried on in the division of natural sciences and mathematics at Oakwood College.

News Notes

► Five persons from Oakwood College were cited by Daniel Payne College, Birmingham, Alabama, for outstanding work, each in different fields of accomplishment. The honorees were Dr. O. B. Edwards for his contributions to higher education, Mrs. Marile Emerson for her contributions to the administration in home economics, Principal J. T. Stafford for leadership in secondary education, Professor John Beale for unequivocal work in the field of religion, and President A. V. Pinkney for having the asterisk removed from Oakwood's accreditation status and succeeding in having the college admitted into the United Negro College Fund.

► Word has been received from the Office of Health, Education, and Welfare, Department of College Assistance, Washington, D.C., that Oakwood's request for a capital sum of \$49,000 for the National Defense Student Loan program has been fully approved. This is more than the total amount that the school has had to lend to students in the four previous years. This enables the college from this source alone to assist more than 80 students that are able to qualify.

► The college is also expecting a large sum from the United Negro College

Fund to aid students. It is to be remembered that in both aid programs the prerequisite is good citizenship, good grade-point average, and a desire to get a college education under a Christian influence.

► The Oakwood College offering in the past three years has increased. The record is as follows:

1962	\$43,719.82
1963	58,444.85
1964	64,052.03

We express our thanks to the loyal members in conferences throughout North America for their support of Oakwood throughout the years, and
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E. E. Cleveland in New York City

ON THE opening Sunday night of the E. E. Cleveland campaign, July 4, 1965, at 8:00 P.M. every one of the 2,400 chairs was taken and people were standing. During the week the crowd ranged from 1,200 to 1,500. The second Sunday night there were about 2,000 in attendance, in spite of a rainy day. The fourth Sunday night the Sabbath was presented to 3,000 people.

Our ministers and Bible instructors are already visiting hundreds of interested people. It is interesting to observe the deep concern the people manifest. As the workers go to their homes they are being received with outstretched arms. I believe the indications are that we are going to receive hundreds for the kingdom of God. Pray to this end.

R. T. HUDSON

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we are relying upon their liberal spirit again this year as together we aim for \$100,000. If you have not given a liberal offering this year, please do so.

► The college enrollment at Oakwood reached 433, a figure not attained since 1946.



Dr. L. B. Hundley, Jr., of Huntsville, Alabama, president of the National Oakwood Alumni Association, stands in for Dr. V. McKinley Wiles of New York and makes the presentation of a \$1,000 check to Mrs. Helen Sugland, principal of the Anna Knight Laboratory School of Oakwood College. The grant was made in memory of Dr. Wiles's sister, Miss Violet Wiles, who met accidental death while serving as principal of the school. Miss Wiles gave 17 years of her life in devout service to the college.

ALLEGHENY

Pine Forge Has Largest Graduating Class

FIFTY-EIGHT happy seniors, the largest class in the 19-year history of the boarding academy, received their diplomas before a gathering of 1,000 parents and friends, and bade farewell to the Pine Forge Institute school in weekend commencement ceremonies presided over by Principal L. R. Palmer, Jr.

On Friday night, May 28, an impressive consecration service was conducted by Principal Palmer, and heart-warming testimonies and responses from parents and students were heard.

Sabbath morning, May 29, James Edgcombe, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church of Mt. Vernon, New York, and uncle of the class president, delivered a stirring and inspirational baccalaureate sermon. He stressed the fact that the

education of a by-gone age is inadequate for the challenges of this present competitive age. He urged the class to seek maximum preparedness and dedication.

On Saturday night at seven o'clock guests were entertained by a well-rendered musical concert presented by the Pine Forge Institute choir under the direction of Harold Anthony.

At 9:00 P.M. the seniors presented the class night program. Simulating a practice session for the program, class members assembled casually to view and comment on Kodachrome slides depicting the students engaged in their selected occupational pursuits. Class sponsor, Robert Booker, was presented appropriate gifts in appreciation for his guidance of the class. As a gift to the school the class presented to Principal Palmer a set of two flags—Christian and American.

At ten o'clock Sunday morning, May 30, commencement exercises were conducted on the lawn in front of the administration building. Allegheny Conference president, W. L. Cheatham, addressed the 58 white-robed graduates on the topic entitled "Power for Success." He presented the following "powers" for success: 1. The power of choice, 2. the power of prayer, 3. the power of dignity in labor, 4. the power of a Christian education.

"To benefit from this greatly increased number of opportunities, you cannot afford to be a 'drop-out,'" he declared. "The choice is one that you will have to make today, tomorrow, and each succeeding day."

The Pine Forge Institute choir provided music for the commencement exercise.

Harold Anthony, the registrar, presented the class and handed the diplomas to Principal L. R. Palmer who made the presentation to each graduate as they passed the speaker's stand.

Students were honored by the following awards made by C. L. Brooks, Allegheny Conference educational superintendent:

Geneva E. Simons of Pine Forge, Pennsylvania — award for highest scholarship in the class and an award from the Student Council. Alan Johnston of Cleveland, Ohio—award for second highest scholarship in the class and an award from the Student Council. Robert Penn of New London, Connecticut, received the Robert L. Handy Memorial Award for service to the school and its industry. Sandra Skinner of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, received the award from the Pine Forge chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association.

Eldridge Edgcombe of New York was selected as the boy student of the year. Joyce Orr, a junior of Savannah, Georgia, was selected as the girl student of the year.

There were eight honor graduates in the class: David Cato, Eldridge Edgcombe, Alan Johnston, Virginia Lester, Edward Pearson, Albert Reynolds, Geneva Simons, and Sandra Skinner.

Eldridge Edgcombe, class president, delivered a thoughtful and appropriate farewell address to the assembly.



W. L. Cheatham, conference president, is shown addressing 58 seniors in the Pine Forge Institute graduating class of 1965—the largest class in the academy's 19-year history.

A senior, Cedric Davis, led the entire assembly in singing the school song, "On the River Manatawny." C. L. Brooks offered the benediction, which concluded another successful year at the Pine Forge Institute.

D. B. SIMONS
Public Relations Secretary

Career Achievements

NEVILLE OTTLEY, M.D., a native of Trinidad, West Indies, and member of the First Church in Washington, D.C., has distinguished himself by becoming the chief of surgery at the St. Elizabeth's mental hospital at Washington, D.C., the largest Government institution of its kind in the United States. This is the result of hard work and application in his chosen profession. He was graduated with honors in 1953 from Andrews University and the same year attended the Howard University College of Medicine, from which he received the medical degree in 1957. After spending a year's internship at the D.C. General Hospital of Washington, he accepted an appointment as a resident in the surgical training program at Freedmen's Hospital of the District of Columbia. This residency was completed in June, 1962. Since that date he has been a medical officer at the St. Elizabeth's Hospital of D.C. He is qualified as a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgeons.

ESTHER HARRIOTT OTTLEY, wife of the doctor, and a native of Jamaica, West Indies, was an instructor in mathematics at West Indies College in Jamaica. At the present time she is an instructor in mathematics at Howard

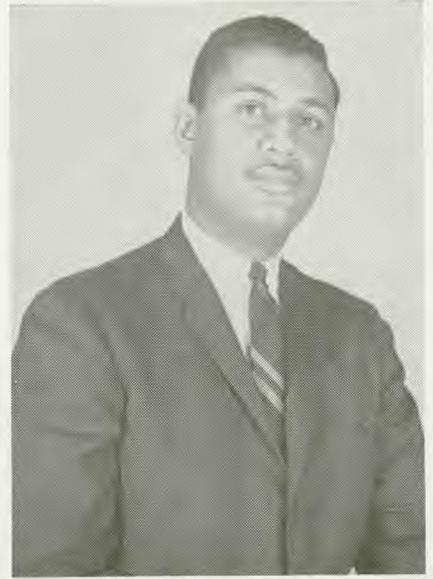
University and working toward the Ph.D. degree at American University, Washington, D.C. Mark Ottley, seven years old, and Dawn Ottley, three years old, complete the family.

WILLIAM J. FLEMING was awarded the Ph.D. degree from Howard University at the June, 1965, commencement exercises. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the Portsmouth High School in Portsmouth, Ohio, and Central State College in Wilberforce, Ohio. He received his Master's degree from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. In 1961, under the African American Institute, he was education officer for the Eastern Region and taught in the government college in Afikpo, Africa. He returned to America in 1962 and attended Howard University to continue his studies toward his doctorate degree in zoology, which he has now received.

His wife, JUANITA WILSON FLEMING, who has a Master's degree in nursing, is an instructor in that field at Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D.C. The Flemings have two young sons, William, four years old, and Robert, 18 months.

These two families are actively engaged in the programs of the First Church in Washington, D.C.

MRS. HELEN D. NORVILLE
*Press Secretary
First SDA church
Washington, D.C.*



Pastor Darrell Rollings



Pastor Lloyd Wilson and family.

NORTHEASTERN

New Workers in Northeastern Conference

IN RECENT committee meetings Darrell Rollings and A. R. Goulbourne have been called to the Northeastern Conference from the Bermuda Mission, which has called C. C. Eaton and A. R. Haig in exchange for these brethren.

Darrell Rollings is the new youth pastor of the Ephesus, New York, Seventh-day Adventist church. Lloyd Wilson, former Ephesus youth church pastor is now the pastor of the Hartford, Connecticut, church; and A. R. Goulbourne, who served for four and a half years as pastor of the Mt. Vernon, New York, church before going to Southampton, Bermuda, where he served for six years, has been called to pastor the Springfield, Massachusetts, Seventh-day Adventist church.



Elder A. R. Goulbourne and family.

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Camp Meeting at Northeastern

THE most enchanting place to have been in the Northeastern Conference between the dates of June 24 and July 3, 1965, was at Camp Victory Lake in Hyde Park, New York, for camp meeting. During this ten-day period thousands of Seventh-day Adventists gathered to worship their Maker, renew their covenants, and rededicate and reconsecrate their lives anew to God.

One of the high lights of our camp meeting this year was the graduation exercises of the Northeastern Academy, on June 26.

Since February 1, 1965, committees had worked on plans for the camp. The conference officials made several trips to the camp to see that everything was in readiness for the opening night. Under the able leadership of our camp superintendent, Gilbert Foster, the camp took on a new look. Brother Foster, along with a crew of men, did a wonderful job. Camp Victory Lake did not look the same as it did in years gone by. This is the only property in the conference that is shared by all the churches.

The MV department, under the leadership of L. H. Davis, from year to year sponsors successful junior camp activities, and as a result of last year's operation approximately \$5,000 was turned over to the conference to purchase a new stove, a new deep-freeze, and a new dishwasher for the dining room. We wish to publicly express our deep appreciation to Elder Davis for this fine contribution and for the wonderful work that he is doing with and for our young people.

It is our belief that this year was the most historic year in camp activities.

STENNETT BROOKS

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Building Rally Day in Macon, Georgia

ON MAY 8, 1965, an unusual rally was held in conjunction with the annual laymen's rally day in the city of Macon, Georgia, for the laymen throughout the State. To the surprise of everyone, J. Paul Monk, pastor of the Macon church, announced that he



The above equipment at Victory Lake campground was purchased with proceeds from junior camp operations: new Vulcan stove with three ovens, Hobart electric dishwasher, and \$1,500 walk-in deepfreeze.



Pathfinder directors and staff members who were in attendance at the June 3-7 conference-wide Pathfinder Camporee which was held at Victory Lake Camp. There were 163 in attendance. J. D. Johnson, pictured front right, had just returned from Ghana, Africa, and was our guest speaker. Mrs. Eva Strother, center front row, served as deputy Pathfinder director, and L. H. Davis, left front row, conference MV secretary, was the director.

expected to receive \$5,000. In a matter of a few minutes, this offering was taken.

The church has a membership of 100 with about 70 people that have earning capacities. In approximately 45 minutes' time each person's name was called, and when the tally was taken, \$5,000 was in hand. Pastor Monk led the rally by giving \$360 and there were other members who followed in order—\$400, \$300, \$240 and a number gave \$200. One family gave \$100 per member, and one of the members was a young lady not yet grown.

This was an every-member canvass program, but instead of paying the pledges over a period of years, many paid the entire gift at the first call.

Recently, the Macon church was fortunate to sell the old Spring Street Tabernacle for \$16,000 cash. The Spring Street Tabernacle was in an unsuitable area in a business section



Pastor Monk passing on to Mrs. McKissick, treasurer, a check for \$5,000 representing the cash turned in at an unusual rally held at the Macon church.

it for redevelopment by the Government. The church was able to purchase a beautiful lot in one of the best locations in the city. The new lot is 100 by 200 feet. This will give space for a new church, church school, and adequate parking—purchased for only \$6,000.

Just now, the church is working through the Southern Union Church Development Service, and we hope that a new building will be started in the very near future that will properly house the congregation in Macon.

F. L. JONES

South Atlantic's Laymen in Action

L. J. LEISKE, president of the Southern Union Conference, presented the morning message at the fourth and final Blueprint-every-member-evangelism Layman's Rally held in Orlando, Florida, on Sabbath, May 15.

This was an unusual layman's rally. The meeting was held in the beautiful auditorium of the Jones High School. Well over 1,000 persons from the entire State of Florida attended this meeting.

M. B. Elliston, religious liberty secretary of the Southern Union, served as Sabbath school superintendent. J. L. Follette of the Tampa, Florida, district was in charge of the music, and W. S. Banfield, president of the South Atlantic Conference, taught the Sabbath school lesson.

During the home missionary period H. E. Metcalf, director of the School of Bible Prophecy, gave a rousing report concerning the success of the Bible school located in Atlanta, Georgia. We were happy to learn that more than 1 million persons have been enrolled, 30,000 have accepted the Sabbath and more than 11,000 have been baptized. God has blessed in a marvelous way.

Elder Leiske's message was one that will long be remembered. It concerned the faith of David as he tackled the herculean task that seemed impossible in Goliath. He compared this great accomplishment to the work that laymen are doing as they finish the work of God.

This was the final of our four outstanding meetings that were held in the months of April and May. The first meeting was held in the city of Greensboro, North Carolina. We were

fortunate also to have had the services of Elder Leiske as guest speaker.

This meeting was held in the beautiful new Greensboro church, where once again more than 1,000 persons assembled from all over the State of North Carolina. We were thrilled as we heard the stories of God working miracles through the dedicated laymen, bringing scores of people to Christ. O. U. Holness, the new pastor of the district, did a marvelous job in preparation for this laymen's rally.

The second meeting was held in Columbia, South Carolina. H. L. Cleveland, pastor of the Atlanta Berean church, gave the morning message. This was indeed a spirit-filled, moving message. It pointed our people of South Carolina to the great unfinished task. We were thrilled as Jack J. Hanna of Florence, South Carolina, presented five newly baptized members as trophies out of the seven that he and his wife had won to Christ. Scores of others presented their trophies and pledged under God to go out and do a mighty work in 1965. W. L. Lewis, pastor of the Columbia church, and his members were gracious hosts to more than 300 who attended this meeting from throughout the State of South Carolina.

The third meeting was held in Macon, Georgia, on Sabbath, May 8. This was another well-attended laymen's rally. W. S. Banfield, conference president, gave a challenging worship message, pointing out some of the key reasons why many fail in their witness for Christ. In this meeting the laymen also presented a number of trophies and accepted the challenge to win five in '65.



L. J. Leiske, Southern Union Conference president.

Samuel Thomas, home missionary secretary of the conference, who developed the Blueprint-every-member-evangelism program, was in charge of all four meetings.

F. L. JONES

News Notes

► The first five months of 1965 have been outstanding in soul winning for the conference. Thus far, 232 persons have been added to the church. This is the largest number for the first five months in a number of years.

► Ten tent efforts are being held this summer across the conference in Greensboro, North Carolina; Atlanta, Brunswick, Dublin, and Augusta, Georgia; Anderson, Florence, and Charleston, South Carolina; and Clearwater and Miami, Florida. The goal for baptisms for 1965 is 1,200 new members.

► Tithe receipts for the first five months have exceeded \$232,000—a gain of nearly \$33,000 over the same period of 1964. For this we are deeply grateful.

► The Phillips Memorial Nursing Home is nearing the 50-mark in residents. Dr. and Mrs. J. Mark Cox are doing an excellent job directing this institution.

► We welcome C. D. Henri, a missionary of long years of service in Africa, as a member and worker to the South Atlantic Conference. Elder and Mrs. Henri and their children are locating in Orlando, Florida.

SOUTH CENTRAL

News Notes

► Port Gibson, Mississippi, has purchased lots for a church. We take our hats off to these good people. Although few in number, they are forging ahead for God.

► C. D. Joseph has found an ideal location in Vicksburg to hold his tent meetings. He got in touch with some of the city officials and told them of his plans for the summer. We are happy that they are in agreement with this meeting and are giving their full support.

- Elders Moore and McLeod, Dr. Coopwood, and members of the Murrefreesboro church are determined to see a building erected this fall. Let us remember them in our prayers that God will bless in an abundant way.
- The Louisville church is planning on a brand-new school building, which is greatly needed in this area. Let us pray for them and their school program.
- The Huntsville church is going to have to sell its property soon and build on a new location. The city is moving in their direction and taking much of the property in the area of the city hall.
- The opening of the new Greenville, Mississippi, church was on July 31.
- Pastor and Mrs. M. E. Joiner are studying extensively with a churchful of people just outside of Greenwood each Sunday. They are interested, I am told, in keeping the whole law of God and becoming members of the Adventist Church. Remember Pastor Joiner and his good wife in this endeavor.
- J. M. Doggette from Duarte, California, has accepted a call to become the pastor of our Memphis, Tennessee, church. We welcome the Doggette family to our field.
- If you should visit the church in Lexington, Kentucky, you would be happily surprised to see that the membership has outgrown the building. People are having to sit in the aisles. This is a blessing the Lord has bestowed upon this church since C. A. Myers has come to be with us. They are looking for a new spot to erect a church building.
- We have twelve tent meetings being conducted this year—C. R. Graham in Louisville, Kentucky; C. A. Myers in Lexington, Kentucky; D. C. Batson, Nashville, Tennessee; M. M. Young, Chattanooga, Tennessee; R. J. McKinney, Jackson, Tennessee; N. A. Lindsay, Fayetteville, Tennessee; E. T. Mimms, Birmingham, Alabama; E. L. Howard, Panama City, Florida; C. D. Joseph, Vicksburg, Mississippi; I. J. Johnson, Atmore, Alabama; W. J. Mitchell, Bessemer, Alabama; W. H. Winborne at Hollandale, Mississippi. This will be a good summer in soul saving.
- Our tri-conference workers' meeting will be held October 4-7 in Ardmore, Oklahoma. South Central will join the Southwest Region and Central States conferences.
- E. L. Howard is building a school in Dothan, Alabama, and we take our hats off to him for this foresightedness.
- We are happy to find that there are approximately ten persons at Fort Walton Beach, Florida, keeping the Sabbath and awaiting baptism. Perhaps this will be the beginning of a work in this area.
- The members in Montgomery, along with their pastor, A. D. Shorter, are working very hard to raise funds for the erection of a new school building there.
- Our next intern chosen to be sponsored at the seminary is W. S. Lee, Jr. He joined our staff at camp meeting time. Welcome, Brother Lee.
- R. J. McKinney is having a baptismal service in Paducah very soon for some college students. About 18 or 19 regular members attend the services in Paducah now. God has blessed the work under Pastor McKinney's ministry.
- Should you go to Paducah, Kentucky, on Sabbath afternoon, you may hear an individual calling people to worship over a public-address system. You will see a car on a corner with Pastor McKinney and his parishioners carrying the gospel to the people as did Billy Sunday in days gone by. Quite an interest has come about as a result of this procedure—good old street preaching.
- Pastor S. H. Cox has returned to his post of duty at Knoxville, Tennessee, after having been ill for several weeks.
- Southern Missionary College has opened its doors to students of all races.
- Mrs. Ruth Jenkins, our teacher in Chattanooga, is having a good summer at Southern Missionary College.
- J. M. Doggette is conducting a special Bible school in Memphis. This is a good approach to evangelism that will pay great dividends.
- South Central Conference has the largest number of *Message Magazine* subscriptions of all the Regional conferences, with an average of 1.20 per member.

► We had eighteen students working for scholarships in the South Central Conference this past summer.

What the *Message Magazine* Can Do

DURING the past 30 years the *Message Magazine* has filled a great need of supplying to the English-speaking Negroes of the world religious messages based upon the positive and unadulterated Word of God. Astute scholars of the Holy Bible are pledged to give of their best in Bible instruction, general explanation of fulfilling prophecy, and devotional messages to cope with this unusual hour of world conditions filled with heartaches, strife, and sinful darkness.

The *Message Magazine* can continue to fill its place as one of the instruments provided by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to supply the answers to this unusual hour which demands the most powerful and the most spiritual magazine that can be produced. The messages of this magazine will continue to lead men from sinful darkness into the glorious light that they may live the better life.

The local home missionary department could sponsor a subscription to the *Message Magazine* for each person who is a liberal donator to the Ingathering work of the church, thus giving to *Message Magazine* the opportunity of bringing these truth-filled messages to friends of the church.

Men and women numbering into the scores are united with the remnant church because they have read the truth-filled messages contained in the *Message Magazine*, and they, too, were obedient to the invitation, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18:4).

The great task of warning the world of its coming destruction and the grand opportunity of speaking truth-filled messages through the printed page are a soul-saving work which the *Message Magazine* can continue to do.

F. L. BLAND
Associate Secretary
Regional Department

AFRICA

Ankasi Church Dedicated
in Ghana

IN AUGUST, 1950, the evangelism students from the Seventh-day Adventist training college in Bekwai, Ghana, started practical evangelism at Ankasi under the direction of Pastor J. K. Amoah. Thirty people made their decisions for Christ. In three weeks, after instruction, ten were baptized.

In 1952 a primary school was started in the village. In 1962 another church was started but never finished. Also that year Pastor J. M. Hammond, who is connected with the training college, chose Ankasi for an effort. After counseling with Pastor D. A. Agboka, 15 were baptized as a result of this effort. Two lots were given to the church by Nana K. Afoako last summer, and under the pastorate of J. M. Hammond, the church building was started. The church members and community groups gave their time and various friends in West Africa, Europe, and America gave funds. The Ankasi church, one of the 35 Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Bekwai, Ghana, district, was dedicated free of debt on Sunday, May 30, 1965.

Participating in the services were J. K. Amoah, president of the Ghana Mission; D. N. Agboka, former district pastor; P. K. Asare, district pastor; J. M. Hammond, missionary in Ghana, formerly from the South Atlantic Conference; Nana Osei Ababio, chief of the traditional area; and T. H. Kristensen, president of the West African Union Mission. Elder Kristensen gave the Friday evening message. O. A. Troy, Jr., secretary-treasurer of the Ghana Mission, delivered the Sabbath morning address.

J. K. Amoah and T. H. Kristensen led out in the Act of Dedication Sunday morning. This church is situated on the main highway and has a seating capacity of almost 200.

We are thankful to God for the work of Pastor Hammond. We wish for the brethren Godspeed as they carry on the work there.

F. L. JONES

Training African Teachers

BEKWAI, Ghana, was once a place where men and women would worship their heathen gods, where the fetish priests would dance to the beating of

the drums, and where human beings would be sacrificed to appease the evil spirits of the evergreen forest. Through the centuries Bekwai was a sacred place of worship.

And today, Bekwai is still a sacred place. It is still a place of sacrifice and worship. But now the Juju priests do not perform their dances any longer, and human beings are not killed as sacrifices to the heathen gods. Today we are worshiping the living God at Bekwai, and the place is sacred, because young men and women are here being won for the Advent message. It is sacred because Africa's youth are here being trained not only for a worldly career but also for the kingdom of God. It is sacred because we here, by the grace of God, have succeeded throughout the years to train teachers and also ministers that are now proclaiming the Advent message to this country, serving their country as only Christians can.

We are training teachers at Bekwai. We have done so ever since the school was started in 1932. At present the teacher training college here is offering a four-year post-primary course leading to certificate A, which means that our graduates are qualified to teach in the primary schools and the middle schools of Ghana. I have been

visiting various parts of this country and I am happy to report that the graduates from Bekwai are held in high esteem and are wanted in the various educational districts. We are being praised for the high standards of our college, not only academically but also morally.

The training of teachers in this institution has always had a strong evangelistic approach. We are happy that the spirit of evangelism is still ardent among us. The students in the training school are doing outstanding work in many of the nearby villages. Every Sabbath many of our students leave for out-station work in the churches of the Bekwai district. The future teachers are not only preaching, they have also participated in the erection of houses of worship in the area. Under the able leadership of men like J. D. Hohnsen, James Hammond, and John D. Dorland, old churches have been repaired and neatly painted and new churches have been built.

The privilege of training young Africa for its future is God's mighty challenge to us that are serving Him out here.

OIVIND GJERTSEN, *Principal
Bekwai SDA Training College
Bekwai, Ghana*



Ankasi church, recently dedicated. Standing in front: P. K. Asare, local district leader, and J. M. Hammond, missionary. Church was erected under his pastorate.



Left to right at dedicatory services: J. M. Hammond, pastor; K. Amoah, president, Ghana Mission; Nana Amafohene, Paramount Chief; and T. H. Kristensen, president, West African Union Mission.



Emmanuel Kwadwo Boateny, a devoted and fine Christian teacher, who has been on the staff of the Bekwai SDA Training College since 1948.



W. C. Jones, home missionary secretary, standing beside Health and Welfare Mobile Disaster Unit.

SOUTHWEST

Health and Welfare Progress

TO INCREASE our usefulness and be prepared in time of emergency, the six Health and Welfare Federations of the Southwest Region Conference have purchased a Health and Welfare Mobile Disaster Unit.

At present our federations are gathering food staples and clothing to store in our van so that we will be ready in time of flood, storm, or major disaster. "Increasing disaster and personal tragedy have opened avenues of service to challenge all church members. The welfare work of the church, which was once largely done by women, now encompasses types of activities that give opportunity for the entire membership to exercise the Christian virtues of kindness, unselfishness and mercy."—*Manual for Health and Welfare Service*, p. 2.

Our mobile unit will enable us to cooperate more fully with Civil Defense officials and the Red Cross to meet the needs of people whenever the need is apparent. The Southwest Region Conference is among the first of the Regional conferences to acquire a disaster relief van.

Under the watchful eye of our home missionary leader, W. C. Jones, and our federation presidents, it is our purpose to use the work of benevolence as a constant source of comfort to the sick, downhearted, and discouraged.

DORIS JONES
Office Secretary

Whose Dress Are You Wearing?

"WHOSE dress are you wearing?" "My own, of course," you answer. "I don't borrow clothing from others. My mother taught me long ago to be content with whatever I have and to make the best of anything, including my clothing."

But that's not what I mean. *Do your clothes belong to the world, or do they belong to Christ?*

Years ago I heard Pastor F. C. Gilbert relate a story on this point. He was traveling by train to meet a speaking appointment, and of necessity occupied a seat next to a frivolous-looking young woman. After getting settled, as was his custom he took out his Bible and began reading. Noticing this, the woman looked him over and then, trying to be sociable, asked, "You're Pastor Gilbert, aren't you?"

When he answered in the affirmative, she explained that she had heard him at camp meeting, and that her mother had often spoken of him. She seemed extremely friendly and de-

lighted to converse. When our beloved pastor could contain himself no longer, he asked, "My dear sister, when did you leave the church?"

"Oh," she replied hastily, "I never left it. I belong to _____ church, and never miss a Sabbath."

He expressed his amazement, commenting, "From the feathers on your hat to the heels on your shoes there is nothing to bespeak your religion." Clearly, this woman, whatever her religious profession, was wearing the dress of the world.

In the *Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 96, we read: "In most cases, submission to the gospel requirements will demand a decided change in the dress."

Today women may dress modestly, neatly, comfortably, inexpensively, and attractively, yet not be far afield from the prevailing fashions.

"Be not the first by which the new is tried,

Nor yet the last to cast the old aside."

Our minds cannot be kept "in perfect peace" if we are slaves to fashion.

"Even the style of the apparel will express the truth of the gospel."—*Ibid.*

On the women's page of a newspaper I noticed pictures of the ten best-dressed women. They were not gaudily dressed nor conspicuously different, and the knees were covered. . . .

"In the professed Christian world enough is expended for jewels and needlessly expensive dress to feed all the hungry and to clothe the naked. Fashion and display absorb the means that might comfort the poor and the suffering."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 287. "You could bring happiness to many hearts by using wisely the means that is now spent for show."—*Ibid.*

Christian friend, whose garments are you wearing—the dress of the world, or the robe of Christ's righteousness?—Reprinted from *Review and Herald*.

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