

## Evangelism in Northeastern

R. T. HUDSON

THE Sabbaths of August 28 and September 4 were red-letter days for our evangelistic endeavors in the city of New York. The E. E. Cleveland campaign, which had been conducted on Long Island for the past ten weeks, experienced its first two baptismal services in which 296 precious souls were baptized.

From the very beginning the meetings drew record-breaking crowds. Upward of 3,000 were present practically every Sunday night, and during the week the attendance ranged from 1,000 to 2,500.

At the conclusion of the first baptismal message Elder Cleveland asked

those who were not going to be baptized to clear the middle section. This was quickly done. Then he asked those who were going to be baptized to fill this section. It was rapidly filled and there were people still standing who could not find seats. So a second section had to be cleared and it, too, was quickly filled. After the candidates were examined and had signed their commitment cards, they filed out of the tent and filled five air-conditioned buses and were carried to the Ephesus church where the baptism was conducted. The church was filled to capacity with people standing in the balcony and on the main floor to

witness this great demonstration of the power of God, at which time 215 precious souls were baptized. A similar procedure was followed the second Sabbath when 81 souls were baptized.

During the first baptism Satan registered his protest to this triumph of the church. A storm hit Long Island with winds attaining the speed of 33 miles per hour. Trees were uprooted, homes were damaged, and people were hurt; but God, obviously, sent His angels to protect the tent. The storm passed over, and at 5:00 P.M. the same day, the people filled the tent to overflowing to hear more truth.

The very same night vandals disturbed our meeting place. The trouble-makers came and untied the guy ropes and cut the tent in two places. Police protection had to be sought and thus the tent was kept until morning.

It seems that God sent a Pentecostal experience to New York City and a large harvest of souls was gathered. Please pray that God will continue to intervene and that we might be able to win every honest-hearted soul who should be won at this time.

There were two other outstanding efforts in the conference last summer. One in Buffalo, New York, conducted by G. H. Rainey, in which 96 were baptized in the first baptism. The second effort was conducted by one of our new interns, W. D. Felder, in which 25 were baptized in the first baptism. A full report of each of these last two will be given in the next INFORMANT.



Side view of two tents used by E. E. Cleveland during the evangelistic effort in New York City.

## Human Relations Committee Meets

THE readers of the INFORMANT will be interested to learn of the profitable meeting of the General Conference Human Relations Committee held at the General Conference office, September 7, 1965. This was the fifth meeting of this committee. This time six laymen from our Regional conferences and a layman from the Southern Union were invited. They were: Dr. J. F. Bookhardt, S. A. Brantley, Dr. W. E. Coopwood, O. McLain, J. L. Turner, Dr. V. M. Wiles, and M. J. Crowson. These brethren entered fully into the discussions and were most helpful. The meeting was held all day, beginning at 9:30 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M.

The committee members are R. R. Figuhr, chairman; F. L. Peterson, secretary; W. R. Beach, F. L. Bland, C. E. Bradford, W. P. Bradley, T. Carcich, W. L. Cheatham, W. W. Fordham, L. J. Leiske, F. R. Millard, H. D. Singleton, C. L. Torrey, and N. C. Wilson.

Those present were encouraged by the reports of progress in human relations, such as five Negro students now accepted by Southern Missionary College, several academies in the South opening their doors this term to persons of all races, and many churches in the Southern Union taking board actions to accept as worshipers any persons who present themselves. We were told of some churches in the South that have Negro members. Among the things discussed was how to better educate all Seventh-day Adventists on correct human relations in harmony with the actions of the General Conference, and the teachings of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. Reprinting articles in the *Review and Herald* from the pen of Ellen G. White, printing a tract, and holding institutes and workshops for conference workers, church officers, and educators, were plans that were favorably considered. The administrators of our institutions are aware that they are to employ qualified persons without regard to race, hence the committee was concerned with the problem of finding ways to expand the employment of Negroes; such as greater areas of contact between management and prospective workers and enlarged methods of training personnel.

Additional items of importance were considered which will be dealt with in the future by church councils.

It was the consensus of all that this was a most profitable and outstanding meeting.

H. D. SINGLETON

## ALLEGHENY

### The Treble Choir

THE Treble Choir of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist church continues its ministry of inspirational song and benefit programs in an ever-widening influence for good under the devoted direction of Ervin T. Glenn, who organized the group. Jessie Matthews is the accompanist.

Five years ago the Treble Choir had its beginning as part of a program to enrich the lives of boys and girls of the Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist church. Today the choir has a membership of forty-two children between the ages of seven and thirteen.

The choir sings regularly as the choir for the "Church of Tomorrow" services. In addition they present special programs at the church from time to time and also participate in the annual Ingathering program during the fall.

In the Ingathering program two years ago as the choir was singing in the city of Philadelphia, in the city hall courtyard, a place considered off limits to solicitors, they were heard by Mrs. Toni Schraga, who immediately invited them to sing on the official program and also gave permission for a group to solicit while they sang. They have sung on the official program every year since that time.

The choir has appeared at the New York World's Fair; on Radio Stations WCAM, Camden, New Jersey, and WDAS, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; at City Hall during the Christmas season; in Washington, D.C.; Baltimore, Maryland; Camden, New Jersey; Woodlyn, Pennsylvania; and many churches in the Philadelphia area. A citation was received for their first appearance at the World's Fair and a letter of appreciation from the mayor of Philadelphia (James J. Tate) for their performance at City Hall. Their second

appearance at the Fair was on Labor Day, September 6.

In 1964 in its annual anniversary concert the Treble Choir raised over one thousand dollars for the benefit of the church and the choir. In 1965 over fifteen hundred dollars was raised, the greater part going to the Larchwood Seventh-day Adventist School.

A very active parents' group known as the "Treble Choir Parents Club" supports the choir. This group arranges transportation, looks after the robes, provides recreation, and does many things to make the choir a success. The president of this group is Mrs. Margaret Medley.

D. B. SIMONS

*Public Relations Secretary*

### News Notes

► Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hayden were assigned to serve as Allegheny Conference representatives at the Adventist booth at the New York World's Fair from August 26 to September 26. After his service at the Fair, Pastor Hayden assumed pastorship of the Jersey City and the Plainfield, New Jersey, churches.

► Elder and Mrs. W. A. Thompson recently spent a profitable time in attendance at the ASI meeting in Denver, Colorado. Both are back at their conference duties—he as conference treasurer and she as principal of the Pine Forge Elementary Church School.

► Mrs. Mabel Barber, dutiful office secretary and wife of our conference publishing secretary, Samuel Barber, is back at her office after a brief stay in the hospital.

► Alfred Jones reported a total of 62 people added to the church in his first baptism from his tent evangelism in Cleveland, Ohio. This was the first report from a total of 13 tent evangelistic campaigns that were conducted in the Allegheny Conference.

► Other evangelists who will be reporting baptisms in the next INFORMANT are: L. G. Cox, Baltimore, Maryland; L. E. Daniels, Erie, Pennsylvania; W. L. Ervin, Petersburg, Virginia; W. M. Fordham, Camden, New Jersey; A. R. Jones, Cleveland, Ohio; H. L. Lee, Canton, Ohio; W. C. Scales, Jr., Norfolk, Virginia; J. Street, Millsboro, Delaware; J. W.



Pictured are graduates of the Prophetic Guidance Course conducted in the Richmond, Virginia, church. In center of picture, left to right, are D. A. Delafield, of the General Conference, U. S. Willis, pastor of the church, and his wife, Mrs. Esther Willis.

Thomas, Dayton, Ohio; J. A. Washington, Columbus, Ohio; R. L. Willis, Baltimore, Maryland; U. S. Willis, Richmond, Virginia; and John Wright, Trenton, New Jersey.

► Elder and Mrs. W. L. Cheatham and son, Wendell, recently returned from a short vacation trip to Thousand Islands, Montreal, and Toronto, Canada.

► Conference president, W. L. Cheatham, indicated that the conference committee recently met and

*Voted* to hold a conference constituency meeting next spring to give consideration to the dividing of the Allegheny Conference; to employ Mrs. Rebecca James as Bible instructor to be first assigned for work in Baltimore, Maryland; that the conference officers employ an architect to draw plans for the proposed camp meeting pavilion; *Approved* plans to install a new furnace in the Pine Forge Academy administration building at an estimated cost of \$6,700 and *Voted* to look into the possibility of purchasing a new church building in Akron, Ohio.

### Pine Forge News

THE doors at Pine Forge Academy opened on August 30 to a student body which had increased 6 per cent over the past year's enrollment.

The teaching staff at the academy has also grown, according to Luther Palmer, principal-manager of the school. There were six additions to the school personnel this year. They are as follows:

Billy Hill from Dallas, Texas, teacher of chemistry in 11th and 12th grades and general science in 9th grade.

Eileen Nelson, St. Louis, Missouri, teacher of 11th- and 12th-grade Spanish.

Louise F. Clay, Los Angeles, California, librarian and teacher of 10th-grade English.

Gwendolyn Skinner, Chicago, Illinois, new dean of girls. She was formerly doing social work in the Chicago area.

Charles Clay, Los Angeles, California, maintenance man, and he may in the future instruct aviation.

Carol Fletcher, La Sierra, California, music instructor and registrar.

The only major curriculum change that was installed this year was a course in driver education; something the school has not had in the past. Hudie Davis, who taught industrial and graphic arts last year, has added the driver training course to his schedule this year. The course is open to 11th- and 12th-grade pupils whom the administration deems eligible.

As in the past, the academy has drawn its student body from faraway places, with pupils this year coming from Bermuda, British Guiana, and the West Indies.

### Youth Quits Track Squad Rather Than Violate Fourth Commandment

WES PLUMMER, the former field and track star of John Harris High School in Harrisburg, attended the Allegheny camp meeting.

He recently quit the track squad, following a two-week suspension from the team for not showing up to run the Penn Relays because they were held on Sabbath.

He is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. According to information received from him and from Howard Minnich, coach of the John Harris Pioneers, Plummer told Coach Minnich that he would be unable to run in the Penn Relays because he had to attend a church convention in Atlantic City last April. When he failed to appear on the Saturday of the relays, Minnich stated, "I didn't think he would carry out

his plans." However, Wes did carry out his plans and his team was withdrawn from the relays.

This remarkable young man, who has broken many track and field records, decided that, even though there would be championship plaques and much praise for him and his teammates, he could not renounce his religion. He said: "It's a matter of principle. I did what I felt was right and I do not think I deserve to be punished." Wes further states, "I had originally intended to go on Wednesday," referring to the Atlantic City convention, "but I felt Thursday's meet with Steel High was too important to the team." This showed his loyalty to his team.

He received pressures from every side. Articles were written in Harrisburg and Philadelphia newspapers and, according to certain sources, crowds gathered in front of his house, but he did not change his mind. Instead he quit the squad.

As both an epitaph to his former athletic successes and his slogan for all future successes he may have, he had this to say in quitting: "I never was a quitter, and I never intend to be. God has been with me. . . . On April 24 I had to make a definite decision. If I were to go back, I would be going against my religious beliefs and my faith. . . . I have the most respect for Mr. Minnich and the rest of his coaching staff. I hope Mr. Minnich and my fellow teammates hold no grudge or unfavorable feeling for me."

Surely if it takes courage and stamina to get out on the field and become a star, it takes more than this to give it up. Wes Plummer did it—all for principle!

ROBERT L. BOOKER

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## LAKE REGION



J. E. Roache, Lake Region Conference temperance secretary (left), and Dr. Calvin Graham, temperance secretary of the Chicago Shiloh church (right), are shown congratulating Bernard Hamlet and Sherman Butler, winners in the Temperance Oratorical contest.

## Conference-wide Temperance Oratorical Contest Held

SEVERAL young persons of the Lake Region Conference participated in the conference-wide oratorical contest. The final presentation was given at camp meeting at Cassopolis, Michigan, on Saturday night. There were five participants in the senior division and four in the junior division. Each contestant presented an outstanding

speech which made it difficult for the judges to select a winner.

After careful deliberation, the judges selected Sherman Butler as winner in the junior division with Donna Cartwright, Linda Hackney, and Bobbie Jean Porter as second, third, and fourth place recipients, respectively. The winner in the senior division was Bernard Hamlet, followed by Valarie Moseley and Jacqueline Steens, second and third award winners. A receptive and appreciative audience cheered the young people as they presented their challenges to the evils of intemperance.

J. E. ROACHE  
*Temperance Secretary*

## Evangelism in Lake Region

REPORTS from some of the tent meetings that were held in the Lake Region Conference this past summer inform us that in the first two baptisms J. M. Phipps baptized 166 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; C. B. Rock 60 in Detroit, Michigan; and B. F. Reaves 50 in Chicago, Illinois.

In their first baptisms J. E. Cox baptized 30 in Gary, Indiana; Marshall Kelly 40 in Inkster, Michigan; and Richard Brown 22 in East St. Louis, Illinois.

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE

## News Notes

- Oakwood College had accepted 462 students by August 30 and applications were still coming in every mail.
- President A. V. Pinkney was the commencement speaker at A and M College on August 13. There were 88 graduates, 16 of whom received the Master's degree.
- The outlook at the college this year is one of the best. Morale is high and four new teachers have been added. Professor E. E. Rogers has returned from the University of Michigan and will be teaching. He plans to write his dissertation during the school term.
- Professor Harold Anthony, formerly of Pine Forge Institute, has been added to the music department. He attended Columbia University this past summer.
- Mrs. Roberta Edwards, who for 20 years served Oakwood College as registrar, retired due to ill-health. Mrs. Edwards will be missed in the registrar's office. She has merited a warm spot in the hearts of the faculty and student body.
- C. E. Moseley of the General Conference was the guest speaker for the fall Week of Prayer.

## NORTHEASTERN



On the last Sabbath of Victory Lake Junior Camp eighteen of the campers were baptized, which was twice the number baptized last year.



The Victory Lake Junior Camp was a great success this season. During the six weeks of the camp's duration the peak attendance was 252. Pictured are members of the staff. In the front row are the director and his associates. Left to right: Everett Alexander, Ivan Warden, Mrs. Gwendolyn Meredith, Mrs. Gloria Garrett, Mrs. Althea Davis, Mrs. Cynthia Timpson, Mrs. Eva Strother, L. H. Davis, director; R. T. Hudson, conference president; Dr. Gaines Partridge, Mrs. Zeola Allston, Mildred Hunt, Rebecca Riley, Minette Phillips, Gilbert Foster, Daniel L. Davis, from the Allegheny Conference; and George W. Timpson. In the third row, at the extreme left is Mrs. Jennie Watson, the camp dietitian.

► E. E. Cleveland will conduct the Spring Week of Prayer.

► Summer school was the largest Oakwood has conducted. Dr. W. A. Osborne was largely responsible for the increase.

► Four professors from the Southern Teaching Program were on the campus during summer school. They were Mrs. Miriam Miller—English 1 and 2, Mrs. Maureen Murphy — education 104, Professor Peter Leimbiger—German 1 and 2, and Professor Michael Gottlieb—mathematics 1 and physics 10.

► The board voted approval to the Oakwood College plan of editing a special promotional pictorial story in the new headliner series published by the Southern Publishing Association. The booklets will sell for \$.50 each. The story will be written by J. E. Dykes, editor of the *Message Magazine*, and the art work will be done by Ray Simons. The work will be released just before General Conference.

► A memorial loan fund of \$200 honoring Violet G. Wiles has been set up by her brother, Dr. V. McKinley Wiles for elementary education majors.

► A bronze plaque mounted on a walnut panel has been hung in the foyer of the Anna Knight Laboratory School in memory of Violet Wiles, who gave inspirational service in Christian schools for 38 years.

► The following Oakwood teachers attended institutes that were especially arranged to assist teachers in predominantly Negro schools: John Blake, University of Wisconsin; Oliver Davis, Wesleyan University; Charles Galley, New York University; Irene Merideth, University of Wisconsin; Leo Moreno, Carnegie Institute of Technology; Clarence Nembhard, University of North Carolina; Esther Osborne, University of Indiana; and William A. Osborne, Wayne University.

► Teachers doing professional study are Joseph Camara, E. E. Rogers, and Douglas Tate.

A. V. PINKNEY, *President*

## PACIFIC UNION

### News Notes

► As last summer began B. R. Spears and his corps of workers were bringing their meeting in San Francisco to

a successful close. Their baptisms had already brought new trophies to the truth in this coastal city.

► John Collins opened his tent pavilion in an evangelistic drive for souls in the city of Pittsburg, California.

► D. J. Williams began his crusade in the Bible Pavilion located on Avalon Boulevard in Los Angeles. He was well under way with his messages, attracting new converts, when the Los Angeles riots broke loose in August. The area around his tent pavilion became deeply involved in the racial strife that developed, but we believe that God used this messenger and His message to bring souls out of the chaos that resulted.

► Other evangelistic crusades included E. C. Ward and his associated staff of 33 workers, in their drive for souls in a beautiful tent pavilion in the city of San Diego. This was one of the largest crusades.

► Horace Barker and I. D. Evans opened their evangelistic drive in their tent pavilion in San Bernardino, California.

► R. H. Robertson chose a spot on their new church location where the tent was pitched and the drive began for new souls in another section of the city of Los Angeles.

► David Taylor and his workers picked a lovely spot in the city of Santa Ana for their evangelistic drive.

► J. P. Middleton pitched his tent in Pacoima, California, and began his crusade in the lovely setting of the San Fernando Valley.

► W. S. Whaley, like John the Baptist, set up his crusade in the desert city of Littlerock, California, and was a voice "crying in the wilderness," as he reached out for a summer harvest.

► Kenneth Smith was employed by the Central California Conference and is now serving in the San Jose-Menlo Park area. Joe Hutchinson is doing an outstanding job of leading out in the Southern California Conference as associate publishing secretary.

► We are happy to have had F. L. Peterson and his wife as special guests in California during the month of August. Elder Peterson, vice-president of the General Conference, was invited by the Pacific Union Regional Department to itinerate among the Regional

churches during August. Our churches experienced feelings of warmth and spiritual blessings as a result of the presence of this veteran family, as they visited among us.

## Juniper Avenue Graduates 175 From Family Bible Course

THE recent graduation of 175 students from the Family Bible Course was an occasion of great rejoicing at the Juniper Avenue church in Fontana, California. Certificates of completion and gifts of white Bibles were presented to all who attended the ceremony.

C. J. Williams, pastor, noted that of 260 students enrolled, 175 had completed all 32 lessons, which were distributed, two at a time, by the church members to the students' homes. This frequent contact helped to enrich the acquaintance of the student to the lay member, thus giving personal contact with the church through the member.

The experiences of all the students who had been let down into the well of salvation were undoubtedly remarkable in one way or another, but two merit special attention.

Mrs. Pearl Ruskin could probably be called the most outstanding student, for she was the only one of the group to receive grades of "perfect" on 31 of the 32 lessons.

Alfred Ogunkomaiya had to come all the way from Nigeria, West Africa, to learn of Seventh-day Adventists and their beliefs. Although he was aware of the location of our church in Ibadan, Nigeria, he had never visited it or any other Adventist church until the evening of graduation. Judy Gaines, a member of the Juniper Avenue church and a fellow classmate at the University of California, introduced the lessons to him. He plans



C. J. Williams, pastor of Juniper Avenue church, presents a white Bible to one of the graduates, W. D. Blehm, of the Southeastern California Conference, graduation speaker, looks on.

advanced study with the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School.

As Walter Blehm, assistant to the president of the Southeastern California Conference and graduation speaker, pointed out in his address, "this is just a beginning." Juniper Avenue members hope that the ending of all their lesson distribution will find their friends greeting them in heaven, saying, "It was you who invited me here."

ANN M. CALDWELL  
Public Relations Secretary  
Juniper Avenue Church

## Employment Expansion

► Mrs. Carol Shipman is a new employee on the secretarial staff at the Pacific Press in Mountain View. Mrs. Margaret Scott of Oakland, California, was hired recently as a member of the Book and Bible House secretarial staff in the Northern California Conference office.

► Barbara Frazier is a newly assigned instructor in psychiatric nursing for the sophomore class, Loma Linda University School of Nursing. Dr. Valerie Justiss Vance is now chief of psychiatric social services at the White Memorial Center of the Loma Linda University. She has made her home in California since May, 1963.

► Mrs. Ted T. Jones is teaching the fifth grade in the Bakersfield Junior Academy.

## SOUTH ATLANTIC

### Evangelism in South Atlantic

WITHOUT doubt, 1965 should be one of the banner years for evangelism in the South Atlantic Conference. As a result of our pulpit exchange and revivals held during the first quarter, we baptized 190 by the end of March. At the close of the second quarter, we had 300 baptisms. At the close of July, 324 new members were added. This was a gain of 79 over the same period of 1964.

Never had we seen such large-scale layman participation in evangelism in the conference as in 1965. We were thrilled to follow the results of the all-layman-directed effort held in Clearwater, Florida. Brother Thomas Smith, a dedicated layman of the Tampa,



Pictured above are Mrs. Lula Lyles of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Mrs. Katie L. Jones of Jacksonville, Florida; and Mrs. P. L. Jones of Tampa, Florida. These ladies are Dorcas workers who took part in the large group that filled three Greyhound buses going down to visit at the Phillips Memorial Nursing Home. The Dorcas ladies of the conference have done a tremendous job of encouraging the work at Phillips Memorial Nursing Home. Mrs. Elaine Cox, the administrator, and her associates gave a very thrilling report at camp meeting. The institution is nearing the 50 mark in residents.

Florida, church, led out in this venture for God. Brother Smith purchased his own tent—a 40-by-60-push-pole type, for \$650. A fine crew of laymen gathered to assist; and, after six weeks of diligent efforts, 19 were baptized in the first baptism. Many are yet in the baptismal class.

Brother Lonnie Wright of the Winston-Salem, North Carolina, church held a hall meeting in Asheboro, North Carolina, with good attendance. Brother I. A. Clipper purchased his tent and held a well-attended meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. The ladies were not to be left out of this great soul-winning venture. Mrs. Daisy Jackson also held a hall meeting in Belmont, North Carolina. Scores of laymen are holding cottage meetings and smaller Bible classes. Indeed, laymen and ministers are joining hands to finish the work across South Atlantic.

We were blessed to erect 11 tents in the conference last summer. The southernmost meeting was held in



This sign is in front of the tent where H. L. Cleveland conducted an evangelistic meeting last summer.

Miami, Florida. R. L. Woodfork and J. Hinson teamed up to hold a district effort. In their first baptism, precious souls became new members of the church. C. R. Craig held an early meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida, and baptized 11.

In Brunswick, Georgia, F. W. Parker baptized 36, L. G. Rahming baptized 47 in Augusta, Georgia, and J. Paul Monk baptized 16 in his first baptism in Dublin, Georgia.

Pastor Monk's meeting was not without opposition. One night a fire bomb was thrown against the tent. A portion of the side wall was destroyed. God blessed and the fire was put out before the tent was destroyed. Later a knife-wielding man cut up about 20 feet of the side wall. A storm blew the whole tent down. In spite of it all, Dublin heard the Word of God preached with power.

Atlanta was a beehive of activity last summer. H. L. Cleveland, his loyal crew and a dedicated church organized for an assault on east Atlanta. This section had never been worked. From the opening night, interest ran high. On Sabbath, August 28, the first baptism was held and 174 were baptized. God blessed in a marvelous way. At the end of the second baptism the total stood at 215.

There were three meetings in South Carolina. G. N. Smith baptized 8 in his first baptism in Anderson, August 28. C. L. Thomas in Darlington had 9 in his first baptism on the same date. H. Vanderberg started late in Summerville and his first baptism of 10 was held on September 4.

O. U. Holness conducted the only tent effort in North Carolina. He and his loyal workers had their first baptism on September 4.

O. H. Paul conducted three weeks' meetings from church to church in his district. After three weeks at Valdosta, 8 were baptized. Matthew Green baptized 8 at Ocala as a result of a church meeting. J. L. Follette reported 6 baptized at Sarasota, Florida. F. R. Nealy baptized 5 as he closed his church effort at Athens, Georgia. A number of other pastors were engaged in church meetings. We will hear from them later.

Approximately 342 were baptized in the month of August. We wish to congratulate our pastors for making soul winning the number one item on their agenda of pastoral responsibilities.

W. S. BANFIELD, *President*

## Operation Head Start

THE Atlanta Berean Day Care Center and Junior Academy were blessed to receive a grant of \$20,106 for the operation of Project Head Start.

We are very grateful to H. F. Barbour, principal of the academy, who was alert enough, through contact with Malcolm Dean, to reach the proper person, and through prayer and God's blessing this grant was made to our school.

This project attempts to prepare children from poverty-stricken homes, starting at ages 4 and 5, for entrance into grade school. For eight weeks, 36 workers, teachers, student aids, and parents labored tirelessly with many volunteers to expose these children to the kind of experience that most children of parents who are economically stable enjoy.

Mrs. Rosa Lynch was the director of this program. She and her staff feel the program has been a tremendous success.

The program includes such activities as are followed in a regular school-day. Play activities were also enjoyed by each child. Safe Education Toys on the child's level were provided. Studies in language development were taught through the use of poems, finger plays, dramatization, and music. Provision was made for a snack and a full meal each day. Field trips taken were also enjoyed and the parents took an active part in the program.

F. L. JONES, *Treasurer*

## SOUTHWEST REGION

### Oklahoma City Groundbreaking Ceremony Draws Large Civic Attention

IN RESPONSE to the clear sounding notes of the trumpet played by Donald Jordan, music major at Langston University, members and visitors came to attention and watched the procession of the guest choir, Walls Chapel A.M.E. church, the Adventist church choir, and guest speakers. Steve Horton, Gilbert McGlory, trumpeters, and Philip Williams, accompanist, all of the local church, assisted Donald Jordan with the processional music. The occasion was the groundbreaking ceremony, July 25, 1965, for the new Tenth Street Seventh-day Adventist church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Pastor D. S. Williams, who was responsible for bringing about the long-awaited-for groundbreaking ceremony, greeted the visitors and special guests. V. L. Roberts, conference president, gave the keynote address.

R. H. Alexander, pastor of the Avery Chapel A.M.E. church, gave words of commendation, appreciation, and inspiration. He was one of the many ministers who invited the Adventist membership to worship in his church when their church burned down several years ago, and who gave his sanctuary for their Sabbath services for approximately a year.

Pastor Goree James, president of the Ministerial Alliance, made brief

comments concerning the faith that is needed as the membership starts out on their important job of building a church. Pastor James offered his support and extended an invitation to the church to call upon him whenever they needed to. He also gave the dedicatory prayer in behalf of the membership.

George Reed, elder of the Central Seventh-day Adventist church, led out in the building fund offering.

Dr. F. D. Moon, executive secretary treasurer of the Oklahoma State Baptist Convention, spoke of his relation to the Adventist cause and pledged his continued support of the erection of a new edifice.

The church plans, prepared by Architect Kenneth Van Doren, provide adequate room for the present membership with additional space for a 100 per cent growth in the future. The building, with a seating capacity of 350, will be erected on the northeast corner of 10th and Kate streets. It will feature a main sanctuary, choir room, pastor's study, social hall, classrooms, and rest-room facilities. The main sanctuary will feature a divided choir loft, baptistry, and balcony. Other interior features will include air conditioning, indirect lighting, carpeting, and stained-glass windows.

To enhance the building's value as a community service, provisions have been made for more efficient operation of the church's welfare and civil defense programs.

The realization of a long-time dream of the members in Oklahoma City was to have an Adventist church in the northeast section of the city. Construction of the new church edifice began in the month of August.

MINNEOLA WILLIAMS  
*Public Relations Secretary*  
*Tenth Street Seventh-day*  
*Adventist Church*



Mrs. Alyce Follette (right), helped by a student aid, teaches the children art during the operation of Project Head Start.



Groundbreaking ceremony for the Oklahoma City Tenth Street church. Shovel wielders are left to right: V. L. Roberts, conference president; Mrs. Juanita Davis, building committee chairman; Calvin Vickers, head deacon; and D. S. Williams, pastor of the church.

## "Youth at the Helm Day" Program

ON SABBATH, July 13, 1965, City Temple saw its youth present one of the most outstanding youth day programs in years. The conference-wide "Youth at the Helm Day" began with early morning prayer service, led by the youth who used as their theme throughout the day "Called to Serve in Time's Last Hour."

The attitude of young people toward Sabbath school was depicted in dialog in "Time's Last Hour" during the Sabbath school period. They were made cognizant of the importance of attending Sabbath school in their youth to prepare them for service for Christ in their adulthood.

The challenge, "Why Pray," was vividly proclaimed by Dr. H. E. Alexander, one of the church elders and chairman of the division of natural science and mathematics at Bishop College, Dallas, Texas, to the awaiting congregation attending morning worship. Following the service, dinner was served.

As the church reassembled at three o'clock for the continuation of the activities, a musical entitled, "The Sacred Hour" under the direction of L. D. Henderson, Jr., was next on the agenda.

To climax the day, the skit, "The Final Warning," recalling scenes before the destruction of Sodom, warned those living in today's Sodom that the excuses Lot used for his disobedience are prevalent within the lives of youth today, and the dire consequences will be theirs as they were Lot's wife.

Programs such as this give the youth an opportunity to acquaint themselves with leadership responsibilities of the church as well as to prepare them for greater service in the world to come.

JAMES C. HICKS  
Missionary Volunteer Leader



MV Leader James C. Hicks makes presentation to guest soloist while L. D. Henderson, Jr., and Dennis Duncan look on during youth day at City Temple church in Dallas, Texas.



The president of South Central, C. E. Dudley (left), and the president of Oakwood College, A. V. Pinkney (right), pause for a photo during the Twentieth Anniversary of South Central held at Oakwood.



R. P. Peay, MV secretary, pauses before leading Pathfinders on parade as part of the Twentieth Anniversary program.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### News Notes

- Evangelism is the watchword in our field. This is on the lips of the people everywhere—in the Sabbath school, in the home missionary department, in the MV department, in the treasury department, in the welfare department, and from the pulpits across the country the word is *evangelize*. We had ten successful tent meetings in our field. They were as follows: E. L. Howard in Panama City, Florida; E. T. Mimms, in Birmingham, Alabama; W. J. Mitchell, Bessemer, Alabama; N. A. Lindsay, Fayetteville, Tennessee; M. M. Young, Chattanooga, Tennessee; C. R. Graham, Louisville, Kentucky; C. A. Myers, Lexington, Kentucky; D. C. Batson, Nashville, Tennessee; R. J. McKinney in Brownsville and Jackson, Tennessee; C. D. Joseph, Vicksburg, Mississippi. At the time of this writing 342 have been baptized.
- A beautiful church was opened in Greenville, Mississippi, recently. It is

one of the most beautiful churches in the city. W. H. Winborne, a student from Oakwood College, cared for the flock during the summer months and the Lord greatly blessed his labors. Seven souls were baptized on the opening day. This district is under the shepherding care of Henry Wright who came to us from the Seminary.

- L. W. Williams, pastor of the Salem Seventh-day Adventist church in Columbus, Mississippi, and members have opened a new church school in that city. The school got a jump on Project Head Start. The students, mostly children of Seventh-day Adventists, are happy in this Christian environment. Other churches in the State have similar plans for church schools.
- The Vicksburg, Mississippi, chief of police assisted C. D. Joseph in finding a lot for a tent effort in that city this past summer. Before leaving, Pastor Joseph baptized 46 persons.
- Milton Young, pastor of the Chattanooga, Tennessee, church baptized 33.



One of the many Vacation Bible Schools conducted in South Central Conference in 1965. Show above are the happy children who attended the Mississippi Boulevard SDA church in Memphis, Tennessee. T. Addison (tallest on back row, left) is the Sabbath school superintendent. Mrs. M. Powell (back row, right) is the assistant director.