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TOWARD A NEW EVANGELISTIC THRUST

By HAROLD D. SINGLETON AND WALTER W. FORDHAM

WE IN the Regional Department of the General Conference have thought much of the plight of Negro masses who have been literally trapped in the inner cities of America. It appears that they have no hope of survival from the destruction of the cities foretold in the Spirit of Prophecy. We, therefore, who feel the urgency of the times and who see these millions who, as Jesus said, are "like sheep without a shepherd," have a responsibility to them as stewards of the Word of God. We ought to double our efforts during the next four years to bring the gospel to these people before probation closes.

We want to launch a program that, as stated by our General Conference president, Elder Pierson, "will electrify our workers and church members alike and galvanize them into action for a final push for a finished work in our generation."

With this clarion call to action sounded from the General Conference president, your departmental leaders are recommending a membership goal of at least 80,000 by the next General Conference session. Already we have had an enthusiastic response from all the Regional presidents relative to this recommendation. In fact, one of the Regional administrators suggested that it ought to be 100,000 in view of the chaotic condition in American cities.

To reach this goal will necessitate a net gain in our North American membership of approximately 23,000. This will double the net gain of four years ago, but it will only represent a 10 per cent increase in the membership of each conference, including the Pacific Union and our Regional churches in

the North Pacific and Northern unions, beginning with the year 1966 to the General Conference of 1970.

Suggested baptisms and net gains for each conference are listed below.

This is not an impossibility. Our plans are not presumptuous, for we have the promises from our divine leader: "The time is coming when there will be as many converted in a day as there were on the Day of Pentecost."—*Evangelism*, p. 692. "More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day."—*Ibid.*, p. 693. "All that the apostles did, every church member today is to do."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 33. "When we bring our hearts into unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with His work, the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the Day of

Pentecost will fall on us."—*Ibid.*, vol. 8, p. 246.

In the light of these divine promises for an abundant harvest, a goal of 80,000 members by the next General Conference session is the very least we should attempt to do when we consider how soon these cities will be swept into oblivion. Surely God has called us to the kingdom for such a time as this. Let us not fail Him. We must first consecrate and dedicate our own hearts and in a united effort both on the part of the ministers and laity reach the unsaved in the inner cities, the suburbs, the towns, and the villages of America ere probation closes.

The promise is sure, "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord" (Zech. 4:6).

Looking Forward to a Membership of 80,000

Territory	Present Membership	Baptisms—the Minimum Goal Per Year	Net Gain 4-Year Period	Proposed Membership by Next General Conference Session
Allegheny	11,084	1,108	4,432	15,516
Central States	2,755	276	1,104	3,859
Lake Region	7,271	727	2,908	10,179
North Pacific Union	576	58	232	808
Northeastern	10,008	1,001	4,004	14,012
Northern Union	124	12	48	172
Pacific Union	7,823	782	3,128	10,951
South Atlantic	8,543	854	3,416	11,959
South Central	5,222	522	2,088	7,310
Southwest Region	3,796	380	1,520	5,316
	57,202	5,720	22,880	80,082

Suggestive goals set for the next General Conference session in 1970 based on Regional membership, number of churches and evangelistic possibilities within the present territorial lines of the seven Regional conferences and ten union conferences in North America.

LAKE REGION

African Students' Day at Hyde Park

RECENTLY the Hyde Park church in Chicago, Illinois, was host to several African students from Andrews University.

Some of these brethren have been workers in their home countries. One has recently been accepted by the Loma Linda University School of Medicine. At least two are going on to graduate work at Michigan State in the field of agronomy. Still another is returning to West Africa to serve as Bible teacher in the Adventist college there.

The members of the Hyde Park church felt blessed indeed to have these fine Christian gentlemen as guests for an entire Sabbath. The group was featured at the Missionary Volunteer hour.

C. E. BRADFORD

Portrait of a Veteran Bible Instructor

MRS. SUSIE KELLY has served as Bible instructor in the Lake Region Conference since its beginning. Before the organization of Lake Region Conference, Sister Kelly labored as a literature evangelist and Bible instructor in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference and in the Illinois Conference. Literally hundreds of persons are rejoicing in the truth of God for this hour because of the ardent labors of this devoted worker.

Five years ago Sister Kelly sustained serious injuries in an automobile accident. Her recovery was remarkable. Since that time she has done some of her best work.

At the end of September Sister Kelly retired officially, but the conference officers have asked her to stay on as Bible instructor for the Detroit City Temple church for an indefinite period. We salute this faithful worker and wish her continued health and prosperity.

C. E. BRADFORD

News Notes

► THE Shiloh church Vacation Bible School was held in the Bible Crusade Tabernacle tent at 69th and Aberdeen, Chicago, Illinois. On the first day 58 boys and girls were enrolled. Many of these youngsters attended every day and brought their friends. One young boy,



Group of African students attending Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, who were featured at the Hyde Park SDA church, Chicago, Illinois, during the MV hour.

Craig Porter, brought 14 of his friends. Some 168 were enrolled and 150 received certificates and awards at our closing program July 24. As a follow-up work a Story Hour was held every Sunday preceding the evening service conducted by S. D. Meyers.

► ON AUGUST 27, 1966, S. D. Meyers baptized 74 in Chicago, Illinois, and R. W. Bates baptized 22 on the West Side of Chicago on the same day.

► THE following workers have joined our conference office family in recent weeks. Elder and Mrs. Charles Woods, formerly of the South Central Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, will be auditor in the treasury department and secretary in the Book and Bible House, respectively. Patricia Carr, a recent graduate of Oakwood College, is the new secretary for the Sabbath school and lay activities departments. Diane Patterson is now bookkeeper for the Book and Bible House.

Bright Hopes for New Light

THE few Seventh-day Adventists who live in Maywood, a western suburb of Chicago, have long dreamed and prayed for a church organization to be effected in their neighborhood. Recently the "faithful few" set about to make their dream a reality and to help answer their own prayers.

A vigorous program of literature distribution was the first step. More than 1,400 copies of the tract *This May Startle You* were delivered, covering



Family Bible group reviewing lesson with Bible instructor, Mrs. Beulah Cross—second from left.

almost every home in the community. Next a Bible study group was formed, including persons who displayed an interest as a result of reading the tract. At present the group is launching the Family Bible School, delivering two lessons weekly to the home of interested persons.

A public effort will be the next step when sufficient interest has been aroused to warrant it. The Maywood group asks to be remembered in your prayers.

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Left to right: R. P. Robinson, Lake Region Bible House manager; Julia Howard, student colporteur, and Thomas McNealy, student assistant. Julia earned a \$1,326 scholarship in ten weeks.

Student Literature Evangelists' Summer Accomplishments

JULIA HOWARD, a student colporteur in the Lake Region Conference, worked 427 hours in ten weeks this past summer selling a total of 5,819 single-copy magazines. On August 3 she withdrew \$250 in cash, leaving a \$1,326 scholarship to be sent to Oakwood College, and went home to relax with her family until school began.

Five other students working in Chicago with Julia earned the following scholarships:

Naomi Robinson	\$992
Nancy Moore	968
Donna Young	908
Renata Thomas	902
Joyce Lewis	749

Thomas McNealy, student assistant, earned a \$1,420 scholarship. The combined number of magazines distributed by this group was *These Times*—3,370, *Life and Health*—9,421, *Messenger*—17,233, for a total of 30,024 single copies in the Chicago area.

R. P. ROBINSON
Book and Bible House Manager

ALLEGHENY

Elder and Mrs. Cheatham Visit Bible Lands

W. L. CHEATHAM, president of the Allegheny Conference, and his wife, Laura, departed from the John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City for an eight-week educational tour of the Bible lands.

The Cheathams were part of the 37-member group participating in the 1966 Andrews University Bible lands tour.

The tour members included administrators of institutions, conference presidents, university professors, and other Seventh-day Adventist denominational leaders under the guidance of Dr. S. H. Horn, professor of archeology and history of antiquity at Andrews University at Berrien Springs, Michigan.

The Cheathams visited points of interest in Suez, Cairo, Baghdad, Mosul, Beirut, Damascus, Amman, Petra, Jerusalem, Tiberias, Haifa, Beersheba, Tel Aviv, Istanbul, Athens, Geneva, Paris, and London.

News Note

► MRS. JUDITH NEMBARD, a native of Jamaica, West Indies, has joined the staff at Columbia Union College as an instructor in the English department. She attended West Indies College and Atlantic Union College and was graduated from Columbia Union College in 1963 with a major in English. Since that time she has earned a Master's degree in English at George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee.

CENTRAL STATES

New President Addresses Constituency at Camp Shady Hill

ON SABBATH, September 3, it was my privilege to introduce the new president of the Central States Conference to a large assembly at Camp Shady Hill at the 11 o'clock hour. Elder Lee's stirring message on being concerned about people and not things was indeed meat in due season. The presence of God was much in evidence. The loyal believers of Central States have given their new president their love and loyal support. Mrs. Lee will join her husband later.

W. W. FORDHAM
Associate Secretary
GC Regional Department

News Note

It was my happy privilege to attend the first workers' and committee meeting in the Central States Conference under the chairmanship of its new president, W. S. Lee. The workers pledged their loyal support to the new administration and responded with enthusiasm to the appeal of Elder Lee to expand and accelerate the program on all fronts during the next biennium. R. H. Nightingale, Central Union president, gave strong support to the new administration. The future looks bright for Central States under its new president.

W. W. FORDHAM

Ordination Service

ON SABBATH afternoon, September 3, J. E. Merideth, secretary-treasurer of the Central States Conference, was ordained to the gospel ministry. Brother Merideth has served the denomination for more than 17 years, first as chief accountant at Oakwood College, then as treasurer of the Southwest Region Conference and Central States Conference. In addition to being one of our most efficient treasurers, Brother Merideth has been very active in personal soul winning. Those participating in the ordination service were R. H. Nightingale, Central Union president; W. S. Lee, Central States president; and W. W. Fordham, associate secretary of the General Conference Regional Department. Other visiting ministers were Dr. R. W. Fowler, president of Union College; L. G. Barker, Central Union educational secretary; and J. H. Lester, brother-in-law of Elder Merideth.



Recently completed swimming pool at the Lake Region campground, at Cassopolis, Michigan.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

"Oakwood Is on the Move" President States

ENCOURAGED by the swell of an overflowing student body, the addition of twenty new faculty and staff members, the prospects of new physical facilities to meet the ever-expanding needs, Dr. F. W. Hale, president of Oakwood College, challenged the faculty and student body at the President's Convocation on September 25 with these words: "Oakwood College is on the move."

He emphasized the importance of refining all areas of college experiences, for "College is not only preparation for life, college is life." Dr. Hale further admonished: "Superior instruction demands a superior philosophy, superior personnel, superior environment, and superior resources. When these will have been accomplished, Oakwood will not only be on the move—Oakwood will have emerged."

United Negro College Fund Kickoff

WITH \$1,250 in advance gifts reported toward a \$20,000 goal, the second annual United Negro College Fund campaign was kicked off August 30, 1966, at a luncheon presided over by A. G. Adams, campaign chairman, at the Sheraton Motor Inn.

The invocation was given by Dr. Alvin Hopson. Mayor Glenn Hearn

extended a welcome to the group, commenting, "I am sold on the United Negro College Fund drive. I want to make the conveniences of the mayor's office available to facilitate this drive in any way that is needed or desired."

Mayor Hearn said the goal of \$20,000 will "yield us great returns in future brain power, which will help keep Huntsville in the front ranks of the aerospace and missile centers. Great returns will help make Huntsville the progressive, modern community we wish it to be. It is a small investment that will yield us great returns in better community relations."

Hearn complimented the Association of Huntsville Area Contractors for initiating this project in Huntsville.

"Commendation also should go to the people of our city for crowning your work and enthusiasm with success," the mayor continued.

"I believe the solution to the problems of our times lies at home, in the communities. It lies in the creation of the cooperation and the farsighted progressiveness that we are witnessing here today. . . .

"Any program for successful community development means putting aside that which antagonizes and divides us. It means grasping those opportunities for cohesive and constructive influence in community relations.

"It means attacking the problems of housing, employment, and human relations. It means casting out those old evils, racial lines, income brackets, political ties—any obstacle that would

prevent us from reaching the roots of our problems."

Harold J. McClellan, manager c Boeing-Huntsville Operations, said he brought good news in making the kickoff address.

"This news is the vital shot-in-the-arm that money from the United Negro College Fund has given to Oakwood College.

"Last year Oakwood College became the fund's thirty-third member school," McClellan said.

"As a result of that membership, and subsequent local fund drive, \$8,000 was collected from Huntsville—\$72,000 was returned to Oakwood—a return of nine to one," McClellan said.

"In my business, we would consider that a pretty good return. Because of the money received last year, Oakwood will increase enrollment by approximately 200 students this year, due mainly to its new women's dormitory, which will house 172 students.

"The success of last year's fund drive has inspired an aura of confidence that has enabled Oakwood College to add 20 new faculty members since Dr. Frank Hale's appointment as president on July 1 of this year. Things are certainly looking up for Oakwood—and for Huntsville."

"I would like to clarify at this point, the fact that though UNCF is an organization for aid to predominantly Negro colleges, it is not an instrument to perpetuate segregation.

"Oakwood is not an all-Negro college, and its status in this respect will continue to change. Its faculty is solidly integrated and its student body has begun to feel the effects of integration. Oakwood is open to students of all races and creeds."

Dr. Hale told of the enrollment at Oakwood College reaching 521 as of August 21, with nearly 300 applications for enrollment pending.

"We have added 20 new faculty members," Dr. Hale said, "and we anticipate that our enrollment will be between 1,000 and 1,200 by 1970."

Dr. Hale told of the projects such as the new dormitory, made possible by the fund money received last year, and said he hopes "it will yield in excess of \$150,000 this year if the goal for Huntsville of \$20,000 can be exceeded."

Contributions were made by some 40 members of business, industry, and space science firms represented at the luncheon. The fund campaign was scheduled to end September 30.



Participating in the kickoff of the campaign for the United Negro College Fund on August 30 at the Sheraton Motor Inn were (left to right) Major Glenn Hearn, who gave the welcoming talk; Dr. Frank W. Hale, president of Oakwood College, the college that hopes to benefit from the fund drive; H. J. McClellan, Boeing-Huntsville manager, who keynoted the meeting; and A. G. Adams, Huntsville manager of Sears, Roebuck and Company, campaign chairman.

Oakwood Lists New Faculty and Staff Members

Among the replacements, substitutes, and additions to the staff at Oakwood College for the 1966-1967 school year are the following:

Edwin Alcantara, Ph.D.	Professor of Business Administration
Freddie Bargas, M.A.	Instructor in Spanish
Maxine Brantley, M.A.	Assistant Professor of Education
Stewart Brantley, M.A.	Superintendent of the Physical Plant
Charles Bridges, M.A.	Instructor in English
Joseph Camara, M.A.	Associate Professor of Biology; Acting Head of Department of Biology
Carrie Davis, B.A.	Residence Hall Dean
Mary Eldridge, M.A.	Instructor in Biology
Gentry Israel, B.A.	Assistant Instructor in Education
Alyne Dumas-Lee	Assistant Professor of Voice
Helen Lindsay, M.A.	Visiting Professor of Education
Timothy McDonald, B.A.	Principal and Instructor, Oakwood Elementary School
Gaines Partridge, Ed.D.	Dean of Students; Chairman of the Division of Education
Lucino Quirante, Ed.D.	Associate Professor of Education
Sheila Smith, B.A.	Assistant Instructor in Secretarial Science
Ruby Bontemps Troy, B.A.	Director of Admissions
Eunice Vanderberg, B.S.	Administrative Secretary to the President
Clora Young, M.A.	Instructor in Sociology

Elated over the wealth of dedication, competence, and experience represented by this distinguished group of professionals in the field of education, Dr. Hale maintains that "Oakwood has turned the corner" in meeting its educational commitments. Commenting upon the rapidity with which the new faculty members responded to the call,

Dr. Hale remarks, "Seldom does one have the privilege of witnessing such spontaneous and unselfish interruptions to well-established careers by those who are looking forward to making a contribution to the work of God. It is certainly no secret that God will crown their sincere efforts with success."

Dr. Partridge Appointed Dean of Students at Oakwood College

LEAVING the Omaha, Nebraska, public school system and the University of Omaha to join the faculty at Oakwood College is Dr. Gaines R. Partridge.

Dr. Partridge will be the new dean of students, a position established for the first time at Oakwood. His office will be in charge of testing, counseling, freshman orientation, and student organizations. In addition, it will coordinate the activities of all campus residence halls.

Professor Partridge has had a long career in Adventist educational circles. He is a graduate of Union College and also holds the M.Ed. and Ed.D. degrees from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Four Persons With Doctorates Added to Oakwood Staff

IN ADDITION to Oakwood's new president, Dr. Frank W. Hale, former chairman of the department of English at Central State University in Ohio, Oakwood College has appointed three persons holding the doctorate degree for the academic year 1966-1967.

Dr. Edwin Alcantara, who received the Ph.D. in June at Harvard University, has been appointed professor of business administration. Dr. Gaines R. Partridge will serve as dean of students and as chairman of the division of education. Enthusiastic because the United States Immigration Office has approved Oakwood as the sponsor of one of our outstanding educators from the Philippines, the college has appointed Dr. Lucino Quirante as associate professor of education for the coming year.

NORTHEASTERN

Sabbath School Workshop at Westbury Church

THE recent Sabbath school workshop was a success from the very beginning at the Bethany church, Westbury, New York.

People came through heavy rain from nine churches in the Long Island area. Six of our ministers were there, and the attendance for the three-day period totaled more than 300 Sabbath school teachers, superintendents, and officers. H. W. Peterson, Atlantic Union Sabbath school secretary, and H. R. Murphy, from the Northeastern Conference Sabbath school department, gave the instruction during the three-day workshop period.

On Friday Elder Peterson started off the discussion with a devotional thought from 2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God." Elder Peterson said "The Sabbath school *can* reset the direction of a man's life." He also stated that the main purpose of the Sabbath school is soul winning, and that it fortifies the mind for the time of trouble.

Elder Murphy gave instruction on the missing Sabbath school members. The greatest reasons for the missing members were the lack of love, the lack of trained teachers, and lack of person-to-person contact.

The film *The Cry of New Guinea* was helpful in depicting the need of mission offerings going to foreign fields.

Sabbath afternoon Elder Murphy conducted a unique true and false quiz that encompassed not only the duties of each Sabbath school officer but also the proper procedure for each duty and phase of Sabbath school work.

On the last day of the workshop Elder Murphy challenged the Sabbath school officers to have goals in mind.

A filmstrip on *The Primary Child* was shown. The theme was that children learn through what they experience.

Elder Peterson gave instruction concerning the teachers' training course offered by the union and also pointed out the importance of visual aids.

The Sabbath school officers left the workshop charged with new determination to re-evaluate their teaching methods and to build better Sabbath schools.

ALBERT WHITE, *Pastor*
Bethany SDA Church
Westbury, New York

PACIFIC UNION

Wasco, California, Church Evangelistic Effort

MAY 22 was the opening night of a town-wide crusade in the Wasco area, located 30 miles northwest of Bakersfield, with a population of 8,000. We rented an old post office building, painted the interior, hung up our signs and were ready to begin at 7:45 P.M.

Colporteurs are not permitted to go from door to door in this little town, so we were forced to canvass the town from scratch with handbills and literature. The meeting hall was right across the street from the city hall and police department.

The local Seventh-day Adventist church, with its pastor, felt that in these days of tremendous social changes that it should show the town that the Adventist church had something to offer in the way of Christian brotherhood, so they requested that I come and join them in trying to win some people of color to integrate their congregation. They worship in a beautiful \$225,000 church.

Our evangelistic team was composed of two white ministers and myself. We had a fully integrated staff of receptionists and ushers. Never was there the slightest indication of tension, and the Lord worked with us in a very beautiful way.

On the night the Sabbath truth was presented, 12 persons took their stand. Four have been baptized and we are working hard to prepare the remainder. We have established a 15-minute radio program, which covers almost all of the Kern County area. A local surgeon sponsored this work. If the Lord permits, we hope to return in 1967 with a tent and continue our harvest.

TED T. JONES

Calvin M. Taylor Presented in Recital

THE University church of Los Angeles, California, presented its organist, Calvin Maurice Taylor, in a piano-organ recital on Saturday evening, September 3, 1966, at eight o'clock in the church sanctuary.

Seventeen-year-old Calvin graduated in June with high scholastic distinction from Lynwood Academy where he also received the Bank of America Fine Arts Award. Because of this young man's

academic performance as well as his musical talents, he has been granted a \$2,200 tuition scholarship which will apply toward a year of organ study at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio.

The youthful musician, who served as organist for the Dimensions of Faith evangelistic series in Long Beach, California, performed organ works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Boellman, and Purvis, in addition to his own enthralling hymn arrangements for piano.

J. W. ALLISON, *Pastor*
University SDA Church

News Note

► ON SUNDAY, August 28, one of the most enjoyable Regional youth camps ever held in Yosemite National Park ended. We had approximately 140 young people in attendance for a three-day period under the direction and guidance of 40 leaders and counselors. In this glorious natural setting emphasis was placed on the importance of a personal spiritual life, and there was also time for plenty of wholesome recreation such as swimming, hiking, baseball, volleyball, and horseback riding. This is an annual summer event well worthy of the attention and appreciation of our young people.

G. N. BANKS

Summer Evangelism

HORACE BARKER and David Taylor held their campaigns in the San Bernardino, California, area, where ten new believers were baptized in their first reaping of their summer harvest.

Isadore Evans moved into virgin territory. After laying extensive groundwork he set up his tent in Las Vegas, Nevada. The deep interest reported proved this was a wise plan. On Sabbath, August 20, a number of new converts were baptized.

Gerald Wells is binding off his first tent evangelistic effort since coming to Sacramento, California. Attendance has been good and the public responsive. More than a dozen have been baptized.

Van Runnels and Robert Whitaker both report successful meetings and baptismal results from their meetings in Arizona during the first part of the year and into the summer. New converts were prepared and baptized in time to attend the Prescott, Arizona, camp meeting held August 4-13.

SOUTHWEST REGION

97 Non-Adventists Graduate From Family Bible Study Course

IT WAS during the tri-conference workers' meeting in Ardmore, Oklahoma, that E. C. Ward introduced the Family Bible Study Plan. The aim of this plan is to enlist every member and baptized youth in a simple, year-round soul-winning plan. The plan is based on a 160-week cycle, and from five to ten nonmember friends or neighbors are delivered 32 decision truth Bible lessons on a door-by-door basis. The ministers of the conference readily adopted this method of evangelism at workers' meeting as a means of reaching the masses with the consecrated help of the laity.

Rawdon Brown, a district leader in Houston, Texas, was off to a head start, and his Fifth Ward and Acres Homes churches were the first to complete delivery of the 32 Bible lessons. We were thrilled to learn that 97 non-Adventists had successfully completed the 32 Bible lessons, and a graduation exercise was planned for the first Sunday night in May, at the E. O. Smith School Auditorium.

The writer was privileged to present the Commencement address, and to witness the rapt attention of those who had studied the third angel's message as outlined in the lessons. We were impressed when several weeks ago some of the church members, carriers of the Bible lessons, invited students of the lessons to Sabbath school. During their visit several expressed a desire to keep holy the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week.

As a result of the consistent effort on the part of the laymen, ten persons have already made definite decisions to become members of the remnant church. As a follow-up to the graduation, Pastor Brown plans to conduct a series of decision meetings to reap the harvest of this seed sowing. We expect many baptisms in all three churches of Pastor Brown's district, for the laymen are busily engaged in distributing the lessons of the Bible Study Plan. The members of the Fifth Ward district and their zealous pastor are overjoyed with the eager response of the general public in their acceptance of these Bible lessons.

W. C. JONES
Public Relations Secretary

Farewell to the Paschals

AFTER laboring in the Southwest Region Conference for nearly 12 years, L. A. Paschal, our educational and MV secretary, received a call from the South Central Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, to serve as public affairs secretary. Elder Paschal has responded to this appointment, and has assumed the responsibilities of this post.

As we look over the record of the educational and MV department for the 11 years it has been under the direction of Elder Paschal, growth and progress are evident. Under his administration the Southwest Region Academy in Dallas, Texas, was established to answer the need for Christian education on this level in the conference. As principal of the academy for the past seven years, Mrs. Ruth Paschal has performed an outstanding job in the formative years of the school. Our educational system in general has experienced phenomenal growth over the past 11 years. In 1955 only 292 children attended church school. Today, we rank second in the Southwestern Union, with a student enrollment of 1,010 pupils.

The crowds of young people attending youth congresses over the years witness to the influence exerted by the Paschals over the youth of the Southwest. One of the high lights of these yearly gatherings was the joint youth congress in Oklahoma City with the Central States Conference.

The conference Emphasis Weekend at Oakwood College became a successful affair, due largely to the wise planning of Elder Paschal and of the MV department. These programs were presented to acquaint the Oakwood family with our conference and to encourage our youth to attend Oakwood for higher education.

The caliber of leadership furnished by the Paschals has certainly been felt in all of our churches, the sights of the youth have been lifted to be faithful and loyal to the great Advent Movement.

The Southwest Region Conference sustains a great loss in the departure of Elder and Mrs. L. A. Paschal and their sons, Lee Andrus and Michael, yet when God calls we must be willing to bid our friends farewell. We wish for them every success in their new assignment.

W. C. JONES, *Secretary*
Public Relations Department



Elder and Mrs. L. A. Paschal and their two sons, Lee Andrus, 18 (right), and Michael, 15. L. A. Paschal has spent nearly 12 years in the Southwest Region Conference as the educational and MV secretary, and has been invited to the South Central Conference to serve as their public affairs secretary. He has already assumed his new responsibilities there.

Operation Understanding

EACH year in the city of Hammond, Louisiana, the churches sponsor what is known as Operation Understanding. The purpose of this program is to observe open house in all of the churches to acquaint the general public with the religious practices, customs, and distinct doctrines of each denomination. This venture serves as an excellent method of public relations, and its aim is to bring about better community relations. Recognizing this as a grand opportunity to witness for Christ, the Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist church of Hammond, Louisiana, welcomed Operation Understanding. Our display of placards, exhibits, and an ample supply of truth-filled literature told the glorious story of the Advent Message. Many of the citizens of Hammond were our guests, and returned home with favorable impressions of God's church.

We pray that the barriers of misunderstanding will give way, and be replaced with the light of understanding among the hospitable people of Hammond. Only in an atmosphere of good will can the church members communicate effectively God's special message for this day and hour.

T. E. SIMMONS, *Pastor*
Hammond, Louisiana, SDA Church

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Mrs. F. S. Keitts Passes Away

LUCINDA ROBERTA KEITTS, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brown, was born in the State of Mississippi, July 15, 1884.

At an early age she was converted in the Baptist church that her father pastored. Later, through the efforts of Sidney Scott, she accepted the third angel's message and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the year 1905.

On November 12, 1914, she was joined in holy matrimony to Frederick S. Keitts, and remained a faithful and devoted wife until her passing.

She worked side by side with her husband in his ministerial work, taking an active part in all church activities.

In 1950, with her husband, she came to Tampa, Florida, where she remained until her passing.

She leaves to mourn her loss: a husband, F. S. Keitts; one daughter, Mrs. Evangeline V. Koonce and husband, Dorcie Koonce; three granddaughters, Aida Gibson, Mrs. Fredericka V. Collins, and Arlene E. Gibson; two grandsons, Charles F. Gibson and Samuel J. Gibson; two great-granddaughters, Demetria Ann and Aida Yvette Collins; and one sister, Mrs. Fannie B. Dorsey.

Week of Sacrifice Offering

This year there will come another church-appointed Week of Prayer and Sacrifice. Prayer and sacrifice belong together. If it is only a week of prayer (as much as we need prayer), but not a week of sacrifice, our prayers alone will fail of the results we seek. For this coming Week of Prayer and Sacrifice I can think of no text more appropriate than Psalm 50:3-5: "Our God shall come. . . . He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." The goal for this offering is \$500,000. I am appealing to the readers of the *Informant* to give sacrificially when the offering is received on Sabbath, November 12, 1966.

W. W. FORDHAM

Progress in the South Atlantic Conference

EVANGELISM has been the word in the South Atlantic Conference. Twenty-five campaigns were conducted in the conference this past summer.

K. S. Smallwood, an intern who took up his work as assistant pastor of the Atlanta district January 1, 1966, has led the way thus far. He followed up H. L. Cleveland's effort of 1965 on the East Side of Atlanta in the new Boulevard church building with a four-weeks' effort. Thus far he has baptized 57 new members. This new church, a very lively and active one, was formed in April, 1966, and is now reaching toward the mark of 300 members.

We received word from R. B. Hairston, pastor of the Jacksonville, Florida, district, that on Sabbath, August 27, 46 new members were baptized as first fruits of the city-wide campaign of Jacksonville. J. Paul Monk, pastor of the Macon, Georgia, district, conducted a six-weeks' evangelistic campaign in the recently constructed new church building, with 35 new members baptized. This has been remarkable, for the evangelistic campaign opened the weekend after the church had celebrated its grand opening. There was no air-conditioning in the building,

but the crowd kept coming. Presently Pastor Monk is running a two-weeks' campaign in Fitzgerald, Georgia.

F. W. Parker of the Savannah district reported 48 in his first baptism. O. H. Paul, pastor of the Tallahassee, Florida, district, reported 18 baptized as the first fruits of the Thomasville, Georgia, effort, with a number yet to be baptized. Willie Lewis of the St. Petersburg, Florida, district reported 14 in the first baptism in the Fort Myers, Florida, campaign. C. L. Thomas reported 19 as the first fruits of the effort in Marion, South Carolina. Henry Holt and a number of ministerial students from Oakwood College conducted an evangelistic effort in Burlington, North Carolina. W. S. Banfield, the conference president, baptized 14 for these young men, the first fruits of their efforts. This was a godsend, for the Burlington church had dwindled down to one member. All the other members had either died or moved away. Six additional candidates are being prepared for baptism. Thus will be lighted a light that had almost gone out.

Other major campaigns are being conducted in Greensboro, North Carolina, by L. G. Rahming; Asheville, North Carolina, by G. N. Smith; Charleston, South Carolina, by H. Vanderberg; Tampa, Florida, by J. L. Follette; Lakeland, Florida, by D. E. Davis and Tom Smith; Miami, Florida, by J. Hinson and R. L. Woodfork; Charlotte, North Carolina, by J. L. Williams; Blakely, Georgia, by E. J. Lewis; Marietta, Georgia, by F. R. Nealy; and in Atlanta, Georgia, where H. L. Cleveland is conducting a major effort in the church. R. Henderson, a layman, is busy in the Covington, Georgia, area, and a number of other laymen are conducting self-supporting meetings across the conference. At the time of this writing we do not have word as to the results of these meetings.

We are praying that this will be the year that South Atlantic will soar to the 1,200 mark in baptisms.

God has blessed the conference in a marvelous way in tithe gain. In the month of July, tithe reached \$56,684.90. This was a gain of \$4,321.65 over the same month of 1965, which was also a five Sabbath month. This gives a total gain of \$34,270.70 over the same seven-month period of 1965. We are praying that this gain will continue.

Ingathering is off to a very good start. In many districts a number of churches have already reached their

goal. Our schools are seemingly pressing for a record enrollment for 1966. In Atlanta, the school addition is being constructed at a cost of \$45,000. This will approximately double the size of the school.

Construction is now being started on the Columbus, Georgia, church.

God has blessed South Atlantic in a marked way, and we are grateful for His blessings.

F. L. JONES

Public Relations Secretary

Kindergarten Through Home Study Institute

"KINDERGARTEN is a good idea, but I believe that the mother ought to be the teacher," says Mrs. Marvin Griffin of Reading, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Griffin and her son, Mark, are well along through the course, "The Preschool Child," from Home Study Institute.

Eight years ago Home Study Institute, recognizing the need for a course that would guide the mother in getting her preschoolers ready for the first grade, developed a two-part course that has proved popular and very effective. The course consists of two sections—one for the child, the other for the mother. The section "Preschool Child Activities" provides a gold mine of ideas and material for the youngster. The section for the mother, "Preschool Guidance" is a serious study of methods and problems and can be taken for college credit (two hours). Textbooks include *Child Guidance* by E. G. White, *Baby and Child Care* by Dr. Spock, and F. L. Ilg and L. B. Ames, *Child Behavior*. The course is designed to aid Seventh-day Adventist children in getting off to a successful start in the Seventh-day Adventist school system. And Mrs. Griffin adds, "This course certainly is in harmony with the Spirit of Prophecy instructions for mothers and their preschoolers."

Write Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., for more details.

D. W. HOLBROOK

President



Mrs. Marvin Griffin and her young son, Mark, spend a few pleasant hours together each day in their Home Study Institute's kindergarten.