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## ALLEGHENY DIVIDES TO EAST AND WEST

By HAROLD D. SINGLETON

NOVEMBER 13 and November 20 of the year 1966 marked a milestone in the history of the Regional conferences in North America. The Allegheny Conference, which began operation in 1945, had grown to such a degree that it was felt by the constituency that they could be served better by becoming two conferences. Hence constituency meetings were held in Columbus, Ohio, November 13, and in Baltimore, Maryland, November 20, for the purpose of organizing two new conferences in the Allegheny territory.

The hundreds of delegates assembled at Columbus, Ohio, elected Walter M. Starks, stewardship secretary, as the president and Aaron N. Brogden, pastor of the Glenville church of Cleveland, Ohio, as secretary-treasurer of the Allegheny-West Conference. Other personnel elected include Henry Freeman, publishing department secretary; N. K. Jenkins, associate publishing department secretary; D. B. Simons, lay activities and Sabbath school secretary. The secretary of the educational and MV departments is A. T. Westney.

Members of the conference executive committee are W. M. Starks, A. N. Brogden, H. Shelton, B. Scott, E. Mitchell, J. H. Lester, N. A. Bliss, J. A. Washington, A. L. Jones, D. B. Simons, and Charles Anderson.

The membership of this new conference is 4,299. The headquarters will be in Columbus, Ohio. The territory includes thirty churches in Ohio, West Virginia, and the western portions of Pennsylvania and Virginia.

The more than four hundred delegates assembled in the Baltimore Korean church elected W. Albert Thompson, Allegheny secretary-treasurer, as president, and Edward Dorsey,

Allegheny Book and Bible House manager, as secretary-treasurer of the Allegheny-East Conference. Other persons elected are D. L. Davis, MV and lay activities secretary; T. S. Barber, secretary of the publishing department; G. L. Anderson and Claude Toombs, associate secretaries of the publishing department; C. L. Brooks, secretary of the educational and Sabbath school departments. The Book and Bible House and stewardship secretaryships are to be filled later by the conference committee.

The executive committee of this conference includes the following persons: W. A. Thompson, Edward Dorsey, Paul

Cantrell, W. L. DeShay, L. G. Cox, W. C. Scales, Jr., D. L. Davis, G. P. Walker, E. T. Glenn, George Braxton, and Alfred Winston.

The membership of this new conference is 6,785. The headquarters will remain at Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. The territory consists of 44 churches in New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D.C., and the eastern portions of Pennsylvania and Virginia.

The Pine Forge Institute remains the property of both conferences and will be conducted by both.

We wish for these new fields every success under God.



W. A. Thompson is president of the new Allegheny-East Conference, with headquarters at Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. Elder Thompson was formerly secretary-treasurer of the Allegheny Conference. He has been an outstanding evangelist and has pastored churches in Camden, New Jersey; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Washington, D.C.; and Baltimore, Md.



W. M. Starks, the newly elected president of the Allegheny-West Conference, was formerly stewardship secretary of the Allegheny Conference. He comes to his new office with a varied background of experience. Elder Starks has pastored churches in the South Atlantic and Allegheny conferences, and has served as a departmental secretary in the South Central Conference.



## ALLEGHENY

### News Notes

► A medical self-help training course was conducted by Valerie Thomas, R.N., assisted by Dr. Lenox Westney at the Berea Temple SDA church in Baltimore, Maryland. The students were instructed to meet different emergencies. Subjects taught included artificial respiration, bleeding and bandaging, fractures and splinting, transportation of injured, and burns and shock. A film was shown on the topic discussed at each class. On the final night of the course Dr. Westney talked briefly on "Emergency Childbirth," and answered questions asked by the students. Diplomas were then presented to the graduating students of the class. Valerie Thomas and Dr. Westney are both members of the Berea Temple SDA church.

VERNELL JACKSON  
Press Secretary

► In midsummer of 1966, members of the Mt. Calvary church, of Salem, New Jersey, rejoiced as their mortgage was burned and the church dedicated free of debt under the leadership of their pastor, A. S. Wagner. W. L. Cheatham, president of the Allegheny Conference, delivered the dedicatory sermon based on Psalm 48, and W. A. Thompson, conference treasurer, offered the prayer of dedication. In 1958 Sister Mattie V. Jones, now deceased, sacrificed to purchase the land. Twelve faithful members worked hard, and a church was erected on the lot in December 1958. The dedicatory services brought to fruition a day long anticipated by the congregation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT  
Salem, New Jersey, Church



New edifice which houses the Uniontown, Pennsylvania, SDA church. N. A. Bliss, pastor, led this faithful congregation to gather funds and build this attractive lighthouse for God.



J. E. Collins, pastor and Bible teacher for Pine Forge Academy, receives \$100 Ingathering check from Mrs. Robert M. Quiros, public relations representative for the Atwood Lake Lodge, during the conference fall workers' meeting.

## PACIFIC UNION

### News Notes

► Wedding bells rang out last summer for the following: On August 14 in the beautiful new Market Street SDA church, Monica McCleod was married to Boyce Dulan in Oakland, California. On the same day, August 14, Lenora Boulton, of Pasadena, was married to William Johnson in the beautiful Vallejo Drive church in Glendale, California. On August 21, Carol Lindsey, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Harold Lindsey, was married to Henry Wright in the second beautiful wedding in the new Market Street church. On August 28, Wilma Fredrica Kirk became the bride of W. S. Lee, Jr., son of Elder and Mrs. W. S. Lee. This wedding was in St. Louis, Missouri. Also on August 28, Judith Bryant was married to Joe McCoy in the Tamarind Avenue church in Compton, California.

► For a number of years the Market Street church, under several pastors, has been planning and working toward the goal of a new and adequate church home. On July 23 this dream came to full and complete fruition under the leadership of the dynamic pastor, Harold Lindsey, and his church members. The Market Street church was completely rebuilt, and there is no question that it is one of the finest new churches in the Pacific Union territory. The church not only affords a larger wor-

ship auditorium but utilizes every inch of space, literally, to supply ample room for all of its church auxiliary and activities. When in the vicinity of the Market Street church at Thirty-fourth and Market streets in Oakland, you will certainly want to worship there, and the members gladly welcome you.

► John Collins, who had a brief stay with us here in the Pacific Union as pastor and leader in the Pittsburg district of the Northern California Conference, has accepted a call to the Allegheny Conference to serve as Bible instructor at the Pine Forge Academy and minister to local churches in the area. We will miss both Elder and Mrs. Collins, but we wish for them every blessing as they go from our midst. We know they will bring a blessing wherever they go.

► Mrs. Geneva Hutchinson is the cheerful new secretary who has joined our Pacific Union staff family to replace Mrs. Ruth Lee as secretary to the Regional department. Since Mrs. Lee, who has served so efficiently, has left we are glad to have Mrs. Hutchinson come and take over her duties. Mrs. Hutchinson is a very efficient secretary and has already won her place in the hearts of the union family. She is the wife of J. W. Hutchinson, associate publishing secretary of the Southern California Conference.

► Mary Galbreth, who recently completed her secretarial training in one of the colleges in San Francisco, was recently employed by the Central California Conference to join their office staff at San Jose. When we saw Miss Galbreth she seemed very happy in her new position. It was quite evident that she was determined to make a success-

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ful contribution as a working member of the conference staff, and also she intends to bring credit to her parents, Elder and Mrs. William Galbreth, of San Francisco.

► Dr. Valarie Vance, who for some time has been serving on the staff of the White Memorial Medical Center, has now accepted a new position with the University of California Mental Health Department. Dr. Vance in her new position will still retain spacious offices in the White Memorial Medical Center, and will still continue her work in the field of social mental health.

► Word has reached us that Rhoenna Armster, a recent graduate of La Sierra College, has been invited to join the teaching staff of Newbury Park Academy, one of southern California's leading boarding academies.



Right: N. A. Lindsay, pastor of the First church in Huntsville, Alabama, and Mayor I. C. Pullias, of Fayetteville, Tennessee, breaking ground for the erection of a new church in Fayetteville. Since this picture was taken the building has been erected with free labor by the members in Fayetteville and Huntsville.

## The Regional Department Supports Evangelistic Thrust With Strong Action at Autumn Council

WHEREAS, The Regional Department has its specific work among the 21 million Negro citizens who constitute the nation's largest minority, and

WHEREAS, We now have within the department over 400 churches with a membership of nearly 60,000, and

WHEREAS, The Regional Department as an integral part of the North American Division is vitally concerned with the millions of Negro Americans now living in the inner cities as well as in other areas

We recommend, 1. That the Regional Department unite with all the departments of the General Conference in accepting the challenge of worldwide evangelism and

2. That we mobilize the entire constituency of the department in an electrifying thrust to reach a goal of 80,000 members by 1970.

3. That the goal for each church and conference be a 10 per cent yearly net increase in membership.

4. That we call upon every worker and believer in the North American Regional Department to a reconsecration and a rededication of themselves to a breakthrough in evangelism, remembering always that it is "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit" that God's work is done.



Neal C. Wilson, vice-president of the General Conference for North America, addressing the workers at the retreat in Ken-Lake State Park.



C. E. Dudley, president of South Central, presenting a plaque to L. E. Ford on his retirement as secretary-treasurer of the conference.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### Minister-Teachers' Retreat at Ken-Lake State Park

The South Central Conference held its annual minister-teachers' retreat September 12-15 at Ken-Lake State Park in Hardin, Kentucky.

The daily program consisted of business sessions and a recreational period. The business sessions convened from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. The entire afternoon was devoted to recreational activity, and the business session convened in the evenings. A number of guest speakers attended the meeting from the General Conference. These visitors were Neal C. Wilson, vice-president for North America; H. D. Singleton, associate secretary of the General Conference; and W. W. Fordham, associate secretary of the Regional Department. The Southern Union was represented by V. W. Becker, educational secretary; Ben Liebelt, Sabbath school secretary; R. L. Chamberlain and M. G. Cato, associate publishing secretaries. Miss L. Payne represented Southern Missionary College; Oakwood College was represented by Dr. F. W. Hale and Dr. G. R. Partridge; and Dr. C. E. Wittschiebe represented Andrews University. This group of speakers gave invaluable help to our ministers and teachers.

On Wednesday evening of the convention a farewell program was held for L. E. Ford, who had served the denomination for forty-seven years, the last fourteen years being spent as secretary-treasurer of the South Central Conference. All of the district pastors presented gifts. A plaque was presented to Mr. Ford by the conference president, C. E. Dudley. All the workers greatly enjoyed this meeting. They returned home inspired and invigorated.

L. A. PASCHAL  
Public Relations Secretary

### Nashville Literature Institute

OCTOBER 4, 1966, sparked the beginning of another inspirational beginners' institute in Nashville, Tennessee. The meeting began with a heart-touching devotional message by the manager of the Southern Publishing Association, I. H. Ihrig. New recruits from all parts of the conference responded enthusiastically to the call to labor in the vineyard of the Lord.

*Southern Tidings*



## NORTHEASTERN

### Northeastern Fall Workers' Meeting

R. T. HUDSON, late president; S. H. Brooks, treasurer; departmental secretaries, ministers, Bible instructors, wives and children—totaling 147—assembled at the Top O' the World Resort, Lake George, New York, October 16-20, for the annual Fall Workers' Meeting.

Guests in attendance from the General Conference were: W. W. Fordham, associate secretary of the Regional Department; J. E. Edwards, lay activities secretary; from the Atlantic Union were: F. R. Millard, president; L. E. Smart, secretary of education; H. W. Peterson, lay activities and Sabbath school secretary; C. W. Griffith, MV and public relations secretary; Mrs. Marion Simmons, elementary supervisor; W. E. Roberson, publishing department secretary. Visiting from the Columbia Union Conference was A. R. Appel, association secretary, and from the North Pacific Union Conference, D. S. Osgood, retired minister. O. A. Troy, returned missionary, also attended the meeting.

On Sunday evening, R. T. Hudson opened the session with a report on the activities in the conference. The ministers reported a total of 417 baptisms for the first three quarters, with a large number of prospects for the last quarter of the year. He also reported on the Oakwood and Riverside annual fall board meetings and his trip to the West Indies where he conducted the Week of Prayer at the West Indies College, Mandeville, Jamaica, and attended the E. E. Cleveland evangelistic campaign in Trinidad, where at that time 1,500 had made commitments to embrace the faith.



Left to right: S. H. Brooks, conference treasurer, who presented information on stewardship and estate planning; A. R. Appel, secretary of the Columbia Union Conference Association; and Everett Alexander, newly elected stewardship secretary of the Northeastern Conference.

F. R. Millard gave the keynote address.

The high light of Monday's activities was the commencement of a series of lectures on the Holy Spirit by Pastor D. S. Osgood. Several presentations were made during the four-day session.

W. W. Fordham presented a lecture and pictures on the "New Method of Evangelism." The Ingathering campaign was introduced by H. W. Kibble and J. E. Edwards, and the workers were electrified when several ministers reported that they had reached their Ingathering goals. Checks were presented first by J. A. Edgecombe, pastor of the Mount of Olives church, and H. W. Kibble of the Bridgeport church.

Featured during Tuesday were the stewardship and estate-planning presentations that were made by A. R. Appel and E. Alexander, the newly elected stewardship secretary of the Northeastern Conference. This new office is appreciated by all our ministers, especially since goals were set up and adopted first to purchase property for an academy and then to construct a new building.

Timely presentations explaining the particular programs for the conference were made by each of the departmental secretaries of the conference assisted by the Atlantic Union personnel.

—The Atlantic Union *Gleaner*.

### 1966 Camp Activities

H. S. WALTERS, president of the Central Jamaica Conference, Spanish Town, Jamaica, West Indies, was guest chaplain at the annual Labor Day senior camp, August 30-September 5, at Victory Lake Camp, Hyde Park, New York. He presented several sermons to the 228 youth in attendance. This camp

closed nine weeks of junior and senior youth activities at the conference campsite.

This year, we had a total attendance of 1,401 at all of our activities. Thirty-two junior youth were baptized, and 582 MV Honors were earned in Ferns, Trees, Campcraft, Laundry, Needlecraft, Cooking, Baking, Dogs, Cats, Swimming, Dressmaking, Birds, Flowers, Insects, Stars, Shrubs, Music, Carpentry, Physical Fitness, Seeds, and Weather. A total of \$39,695 was raised in camp fees; \$17,500 was paid to 70 staff members, 45 of whom are enrolled in our boarding schools and colleges. Some \$5,000 has been reserved for campground expansion.



The speaker for the Sabbath morning service the Labor Day senior youth-adult camp at Victory Lake was H. S. Walters, president of the Central Jamaica Conference, Jamaica, W.I.

### Consecration Services at Linden Boulevard Church

FRANK L. BLAND, one of the newly elected vice-presidents of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D.C., was the guest speaker at the consecration of the Linden Boulevard Seventh-day Adventist church during the new extension opening services held Sabbath, September 10, in St. Albans, New York.

The ceremonies began Friday evening, September 9, with C. E. Moseley, field secretary of the General Conference, officiating at the service. Elder Moseley was head of the department of religion at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, before assuming work at the world headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The original body of the first Jamaica Long Island SDA church was organized by Brother and Sister Sydney Arm-



H. W. Kibble, left, shown appealing for additional Ingathering reports while J. E. Edwards congratulates J. A. Edgecombe, pastor of the Mount of Olives church, Brooklyn, New York, for being the first one to present a check in full payment of the church Ingathering goal.



strong on January 15, 1927, and consisted of fifteen members.

In September, 1951, under the pastorate of V. L. Roberts, the first real structure began to rise. G. R. Earle succeeded him in 1952, remaining until 1958 when his successor, E. A. Lockett, took over the reins of responsibility. Elder Lockett has worked with dispatch for a new wing of the church, which was started in November, 1964, and completed in February, 1966, at a cost of nearly \$85,000. This leaves a mortgage of \$55,000 which the church plans to liquidate within the next three years.

The church is designed in Gothic architecture created by construction engineer Henry Wolinsky, who has designed many Seventh-day Adventist construction works in New York City.

F. R. Millard, the union conference president, spoke at 4:30 Sabbath, presenting a colorful portrayal of what true Adventism really is. He cited examples of the influence of truly converted youths in the homes of their parents who vigorously objected to the truth; but later, because of the unswerving devotion of these youths to the cause of Christ, their parents accepted Him.

He related the story of a traveler in a certain town rushing to board a train. He had addressed an envelope to his wife containing a large sum of money in cash, but he did not have time to register it at the post office. Overhearing a conversation in the train station when one of the persons remarked, "I will see you next Sabbath," the traveler asked, "Are you a Seventh-day Adventist?" The reply was, "Yes." The traveler then stated, "I have some money in this envelope to send to my wife; she must get it in a hurry, so would you kindly send it for me registered? Here is the necessary money you will need. Thank you." And off he went, boarding his train on the last call. He had never seen those persons before; but because he learned that they were Seventh-day Adventists, he knew they could be trusted. "Can you be trusted?" Elder Millard asked. "We consecrate this church as a light in this community. Let your light shine, so that the people in this community can realize your influence and say that you, too, can be trusted."

Carl Benjamin, director of the Young People's Choir of the City Tabernacle church, and his group rendered four memorable selections that inspired the complete gathering.

SAMUEL JOHNSON



New teachers, Southwest Region Academy, Dallas, Texas. Left to right: Nathaniel Alsobrook, Weslene Wiley, Bruce Flynn, Olice Brown.

### Jefferson Avenue Church Bible Course Graduation

RECENTLY the Jefferson Avenue SDA church in Rochester, New York, had its first graduation of the Family Bible Studies. For sixteen weeks previously many of the members of the church had faithfully delivered Bible lessons to the homes of more than 400 persons who had enrolled in the course. By September 25, there were 185 persons who had finished the course and who had become eligible to receive certificates.

S. A. Hutchins, pastor of the church, gave an outstanding address to the graduates.

At the appropriate time in the exercise each person was awarded a certificate and given a white Bible as a gift for faithfulness in the study of God's Word.

### Evangelistic Effort in Rochester, New York

IMMEDIATELY after General Conference S. A. Hutchins began the second tent effort of his ministry in the city of Rochester, New York.

God blessed in a marvelous way night after night, for attendance continued consistently during the seven weeks.

Two baptisms were conducted as a result of these meetings with a total of forty-nine taking their stand for truth. Among them was the mother of Elder Hutchins, a former Catholic; the wife and daughter of a minister of the city; and many sincere, believing men and women and boys and girls.



Pastor and Mrs. Elbert W. Shepperd and their three sons. E. W. Shepperd is the recently elected MV and educational secretary.

### SOUTHWEST REGION

#### E. W. Shepperd New Educational and MV Secretary

AFTER prayerful study and careful consideration the Southwest Region Conference Committee called E. W. Shepperd to serve as educational and MV secretary after the departure of L. A. Paschal to the South Central Conference.

Pastor Shepperd is a native of Los Angeles, California, where he received his formal education in our church schools. He is a graduate of Oakwood College, class of 1957. While attending the Seminary in Washington, D.C., he married the former Joyce Montgomery of Washington, D.C. Mrs. Shepperd is a graduate of Pine Forge Institute and attended District of Columbia Teachers College.

Pastor Shepperd taught in the public school system for the District of Columbia. While there he received a call to serve as principal of Ephesus SDA Academy in New Orleans, Louisiana. He served in this capacity from 1961 to 1964.

It was during his stay in New Orleans that Pastor Shepperd felt a definite call to the ministry. He was granted a leave of absence the summer of 1964 to return to Andrews University to complete his graduate work. Upon his return to the Southwest, he was assigned to pastor the Tyler district. The four churches of his charge moved forward under his consecrated leadership.



The Lord has blessed the Shepperds with three sons—Elbert, seven years of age; Eric, six years old; and Eugene, four. Mrs. Shepperd is serving as one of the office secretaries.

We welcome Pastor and Mrs. Shepperd and their sons to Dallas. May Heaven's blessing be upon them as they give direction to the youth of this conference.

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

## New Teachers at Southwest Region Academy

THE Southwest Region Academy opened its doors with five new teachers on the staff. Because of the departure of Mrs. Ruth Paschal to Nashville, Tennessee, the academy was left without a principal. To fill this vacancy a call was extended to Bruce E. Flynn, a graduate of Oakwood College, 1964. Mr. Flynn is a native of Kingston, Jamaica, and has done further study toward an advanced degree at Andrews University. While serving as principal of the academy, Mr. Flynn is also teaching classes in physiology and Bible.

Olice Brown comes to the academy from Bristow, Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Oakwood College, 1964, and has done further study at Tulsa University. He is the bookkeeper for the school and instructs classes in typing, social studies, and physical education.

Nathaniel Alsobrook is a native of Ellerbe, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Oakwood College, class of 1966. He majored in elementary education and is doing a commendable job as teacher for grades 5 and 6.

Weslene Wiley is a Sooner. She was born in Enid, Oklahoma, and finished Phillips University. She taught one year at the Shiloh Academy, Chicago, Illinois. She returns to the Southwest to serve as instructor in the English and music departments. We look for an outstanding academy choir under her direction.

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Vera K. Joffrion to return to Dallas after an absence of four years. Mrs. Joffrion is a graduate of Bishop College, Dallas, Texas, 1946. She received a Master's degree, 1954, from the University of Southern California. Mrs. Joffrion comes to the Southwest Region Academy with a wide experience in the education field. She has taught in the public school system in Dallas, Texas, and Lawton, Oklahoma, for the past sixteen years. We look forward to an outstand-

ing school year with the arrival of the new teachers.

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

## News Note

► The Southwest Region Conference is well on its way toward the 10 per cent net increase for the year 1966, even though they got off to a late start with the program. According to V. L. Roberts, conference president, the Southwest can be counted on to do its part. Just a few years ago the Southwest Region Conference was the smallest conference numerically, in the Southwestern Union. They have now moved up to second place. The Lord is richly blessing the work in this area. The finances are improving with the membership growth.

## LAKE REGION

### Lake Region Conference Workers' Retreat

THE Lake Region Conference ministers and Bible instructors were partici-

pants in a most delightful and refreshing retreat at their conference campground, at Cassopolis, Michigan, for three days, September 11-14. Guest speakers other than the conference officers were Dr. F. E. J. Harder, of Andrews University, Jere D. Smith, Lake Union Conference president, and Fred Beavon, Lake Union Conference MV secretary.

The mornings of the retreat were set apart for devotional messages and a series of studies on "Inductive and Analytical Bible Study." Recreational activities were pursued during the afternoon, and the evening services were given over to panel presentations and discussions on "Effective Ministry to the Youth of the Church."

Reports were taken on the progress of the summer evangelistic meetings, and with present baptisms and prospects for baptisms before the close of the year, all indications point to a near repeat of our record baptism of 1965. Much progress was shown in the development of the youth facilities on the campground, with the main installations completed on the new swimming pool, the dual basketball and tennis courts, and the softball diamond.

The tithe for 1966 to date shows a substantial gain over 1965 for the same period. The workers were greatly encouraged by the progress that has been made throughout the conference, and were of good courage and much inspired as they returned to their several districts.

B. F. REAVES

## Faith for Today Offering

Just once a year the readers of *The Informant* are given a special invitation to support Faith for Today with a liberal gift. This forthcoming offering for Faith for Today will be received on Sabbath, February 11, 1967.

Faith for Today is our oldest, continuous telecast. During the year of 1966, 28,074 enrollments for the Bible course were received. Of this number, 9,835 diplomas were awarded. This great institution of the church was instrumental in preparing more than 12,000 souls for baptism since May of 1950. Truly, this is a wonderful agent, under the power of Heaven, teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God.

The members of God's church are invited to give a generous offering of \$400,000 on February 11, 1967. I am confident that the readers of *The Informant* will give unstintedly of their means for the continued work of Faith for Today.

F. L. BLAND, *Vice-President*  
*General Conference*

## Excerpts From Letter of J. M. Hammond in Ghana

"WE ARE NOW up to our ears in teaching and a church building program. Since being back we have put the roof on our church which seats 225 people. We hope to dedicate it soon.

"Things here are calm but prices are out of reason. I paid \$2.30 for a lamp wick last week. Irish potatoes are \$1.15 for five pounds. In the United States I saw them for \$1.00 for fifty pounds.

"Nigeria is cooling off a bit. Dave Hughes has had a hard time over there. The Northerners would come to his church and fight with Easterners while he was in the pulpit. He has lost five-hundred members and twenty-eight workers. He says his mission has been set back fifteen or twenty years."





Brother Davis Turner, Sanford, Florida, was born January 13, 1863, during the days of slavery. He has been a Sabbathkeeper for thirty years, and patiently awaits the return of Christ.

## SOUTH ATLANTIC

### Workers' Meeting and Teachers' Institute

THE fall workers' meeting and teachers' institute of the South Atlantic Conference was held at the St. Moritz Hotel on beautiful Miami Beach, October 31 through November 1, 1966. All the workers, ministers, teachers, Bible workers, publishing department associates, and medical secretaries met. H. H. Schmidt, Southern Union Conference president, gave the opening devotion Monday morning, October 31. At the close of the devotional period the evangelistic workers divided into one section and the teachers into another. C. D. Henri, the new conference educational and MV leader, directed his first convention and did a marvelous job.

When all the baptismal records were taken, 914 baptisms were reported through the month of October. The conference membership has now reached the 9,100 mark, well over 600 net gain in membership.

The tithe through the third quarter, ending September 30, totaled \$455,737. This is nearly \$45,000 gain over the same period of 1965. We can hope to pass the \$625,000 mark in tithe and set a new record for one year if each worker dedicates his time and talents setting before his membership the due of "Squaring Up With God" for the fourth quarter.

A number of our ministers had fall revivals for November and December. We are stretching every nerve to reach the baptismal record of 1965, which was 1,141.

For both the workers' meeting and teachers' institute, our visiting speakers from Oakwood College were Dr. F. W. Hale, president, and Dr. Gaines Partridge, dean of students. Dr. Sakae Kubo was the chief speaker to the ministers, and he also gave two lectures to the teachers. His lectures did much to lift the sights of our workers and inspire deep study of the Word. We greatly appreciated his visit. C. D. Davis, of Southern Missionary College, gave two lectures on "Methods in Modern Math." From the General Conference we had W. W. Fordham, associate secretary of the Regional Department, and A. V. Pinkney, associate secretary of the Temperance Department.

Tuesday night the ministers and teachers met together in a joint session for a very lively forum conducted by W. S. Banfield entitled "Pastor-Teacher Church and School Interrelationship." The pastors participating were H. L. Cleveland, of Atlanta, Georgia; R. B. Hairston, of Jacksonville, Florida; and R. L. Woodfork, of Miami, Florida. Teachers participating were H. F. Barbour, of Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. Mildred Parker, of Savannah, Georgia; and Richard E. Jones, of Miami, Florida. The purpose of this joint meeting was to bring about a closer relationship between the pastors and teachers, and to enhance the harmonious functioning of the conference and teacher team. To close out this inspirational meeting, there was a family banquet for all the workers and their families at Toby's Cafeteria in Miami. We are indeed grateful for the contribution of all the workers of the South Atlantic Conference in 1966, and we are certain that 1967 will be an even greater year.

F. L. JONES

## News Note

► Again the Atlanta Berean church finished its Ingathering goal in one report. On Sabbath, November 5, more than \$10,000 was raised. The guest speaker for the occasion was A. N. Brogden, recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Allegheny West Conference. His topic was "And This Is the Victory."

## Jamaica College Hits Magazine Cover

Jamaica. — *Spotlight*, the monthly news magazine of Jamaica and the Caribbean, used West Indies College for its February-March feature story.

The magazine's cover incorporated a composite picture of the college president Kenneth G. Vaz and a college building. The two-page story in the education section featured West Indies College's contribution to the Caribbean Islands, its academic and industrial programs, academic growth, music department, student employment and scholarships, and needs.

A story excerpt shows the over-all tone: "It is almost incredible that this institution, without the help of government or any charitable organization, has been able to foster such a wide program. The greatest proof of the competence and performance of West Indies College is in the highly trained people that it has turned out over the years."

On completing the feature, L. S. Nembhard, *Spotlight's* associate editor, commented: "It was like a breath of fresh air." *Spotlight* gave this reason for Nembhard's statement:

"At a time when there is a vigorous cold war on the education front and there seems no sign of peace, . . . when hot arguments seem to compound the problems and exam results get worse and worse, way up in the hills of Mandeville the Seventh-day Adventists were quietly, calculatingly doing a monumental job for education and setting the country an example in the value of purposeful, independent voluntary effort as a means of making a solid contribution to the nation."



Miss Irene Walker, newly appointed elementary supervisor at Home Study Institute, finds that talking to students around the world by tape adds a needed personal touch and creates a warm bond between teacher and student.



## OAKWOOD COLLEGE

### Dr. Hale: An Ambassador

DR. FRANK W. HALE, JR., president of Oakwood College, has been extremely active as the official ambassador of the college in recent weeks.

Active as an authority in the field of education for fifteen years, Dr. Hale, since assuming his new post, has already participated as a consultant and lecturer for workers' meetings for the Lake Region, South Central, and South Atlantic conferences.

An advocate of sound college-community relations, Dr. Hale has spoken for such groups as the Exchange Club, the Association for Huntsville Area Contractors, and the United Negro College Fund Campaign luncheon.

On a recent trip to Washington, D.C., Dr. Hale addressed Seventh-day Adventist medical and dental students of Howard University and the University of Maryland. He was attempting to recruit some of these persons to establish offices in the Huntsville area upon completing their work. Definite interest was shown by several persons.

Cooperating with local leaders and community organizations in their concern for a new hospital development in Huntsville, Dr. Hale arranged for certain city officials to tour the facilities of the Kettering Memorial Hospital in Kettering, Ohio. G. B. Nelson, administrator, hosted the members of the Huntsville delegation throughout the day. The group included Mayor Glenn Hearn; Gene Wood, executive secretary of the Huntsville Industrial Expansion Committee; John Hatch, president of the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce; Adell Warren, business manager of Oakwood College; and Dr. Hale. It is hoped that the community will join with the college in making plans for a medical center on the Oakwood College campus.

### Oakwood Gets Record Appropriation

TO HELP Oakwood College keep pace with the increased demand for academic quality and efficiency, the Autumn Council voted Oakwood College a record \$420,000 for specials. The total sum for specials for 1967 will exceed a half-million dollars with the estimated comeback of \$30,000 and the 1966 Oakwood College Offering of \$60,-

000. In the past the college has received up to \$380,000 in appropriations from the General Conference at Autumn Council time.

The base appropriation voted by the General Conference for Oakwood Col-

lege is \$123,500, an increase of \$30,000 over last year. In addition to this, the total allotment for Oakwood College from the Regional conferences is \$145,674. The total operating base appropriations from the General Conference and from the Regional conferences is \$269,174.

Surely we can take courage in God's blessings and the liberal cooperation of the brethren honoring Oakwood's request.

### Oakwood Board Endorses Five-Year Expansion Plan

AT THE October 10 meeting of the Oakwood College Board of Trustees, the board took an unprecedented step in accepting a five-year plan for future expansion that was submitted by the Oakwood College administration. The major project includes a student center designed to house a food-service center, an administrative wing, recreational facilities, committee rooms, student association offices, a faculty lounge, a reading room, and a music room. Other projects include a men's dormitory, a classroom building, a plant engineering building, an education building, a women's dormitory, remodeling the library, and remodeling the cafeteria area of Cunningham Hall.

### News Notes

► Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was the guest speaker at an all-college convocation on Monday, October 10. His theme was the "Ministry of Service."

► Dr. E. M. Gooding is listed among the contributors of a volume on *Techniques of Teaching*, just published by Pergamon Press. Professor Gooding's article, "Mass Education for Illiterates," is included in volume 3 of a series edited by A. D. C. Peterson, director of the Department and Institute of Education at the University of Oxford.

► Oakwood College students and faculty members set another Ingathering record—\$6,500 in six hours on October 17. In an all-college field day hundreds of students participated in the annual mission campaign by soliciting residents within the community of Alabama. Once again God has smiled upon the sincere efforts of this college family.

### Death of R. T. Hudson

Word reached *The Informant* at press time that R. T. Hudson, president of the Northeastern Conference, had a heart attack in Flint, Michigan, on December 10, while preaching a funeral sermon, and died en route to the hospital. Funeral services, held in New York's Ephesus church, were attended by more than 70 ministers from as far as Trinidad, Jamaica, and California, and hundreds of members and friends. The very appropriate eulogy was given by E. E. Cleveland of the General Conference Ministerial Association. Burial was in Ferncliff Cemetery, Westchester County.

Elder Hudson began his ministry in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1935. He has since pastored churches in the Dallas, Texas, district; in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, district; in Washington, D.C.; in Cleveland, Ohio; and in the New York Ephesus church. He was elected president of the Northeastern Conference in 1962.

He was one of the most resourceful speakers in the Adventist Church and thousands have found Christ through his ministry. He was one of five ministers in the United States chosen in 1960 to represent the country on the broadcasting station in London, England. He was asked to offer the prayer at the opening of the New York State Legislature in 1963 and later appeared before a committee of the legislature to discuss religious liberty and related issues as they affected Adventists and Jews in the State. He led out in a community program for the modernization of Harlem Hospital, resulting in a grant of \$21 million from the mayor's budget for this facility.

Mourning his loss are his wife; one son, Ricardo; three daughters, Mrs. Ramona Mouzon of San Diego, California, Robbie, and Sharon; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Hicks, Mrs. Avis Carethers, Mrs. Omega Grigsby; a nephew, Dr. O. B. Hicks; a cousin, Mrs. Frances Hudson Bliss; and two grandchildren, Clifton, Jr., and Kim.