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Riverside Hospital Board Votes a Two-Million Dollar Expansion Program

THE Riverside Hospital board of trustees has recently voted a \$2,375,000 expansion program to be executed in several stages that will bring the hospital's bed capacity to 197.

On January 30 of this year the first stage 50-bed acute-care unit was funded with a grant of \$715,000. The total cost of this stage is estimated to be \$1,375,000.

The board has approved the selection of John A. Preston Associates as architects. A sum of \$715,000 must be raised to match the amount which the Government is providing. The board has authorized Assured Associates to conduct a fund-raising program. The executive board will meet on July 8, 1969, to ascertain the facts of this drive and determine the future of the expansion program.

Final plans are scheduled to be submitted November 30, and contracts are scheduled to be let April 15, 1970.

Other stages contemplated will add 30 mental-health beds and 34 acute-care beds as the need develops.

The present hospital building will be converted into an 84-bed extended-care facility upon completion of the new unit.

Riverside is located in the rapidly burgeoning Haynes Community where a population of 30,000 to 40,000 Negroes is projected in the next four to five years. One outstanding housing development will feature 4,500 homes. Riverside is dedicated to serve this community and the Mid-South.

It is expected that the expanded bed capacity will make possible an R.N. diploma school of nursing in affiliation with Oakwood College.

The completed hospital complex envisions a nurses' dormitory, physicians' office building, new elementary school, chapel, and contemporary workers' rental housing.



N. G. Simons, hospital administrator; O. A. Blake, General Conference undertreasurer; F. L. Bland, board chairman and General Conference vice-president; and H. E. Rice, associate secretary of the General Conference Medical Department, discuss expansion plans for Riverside Hospital at a recent board meeting.



Heroic Medic Lets His Prayers, Skill Do All His Fighting



Cleophas C. Mims

Viet Cong," he says. "The men needed help and I am a medic."

Mims explains: "I'm not better than

AFTER eight months with a fighting unit in Vietnam, Cleophas C. Mims has yet to carry a weapon.

Sp 5 Mims is a conscientious objector who fights to keep men alive.

"I've also treated

anyone else for not carrying a weapon. It's a matter of a man's own conscience. I've never had the test to take a man's life. God has protected me."

Shy, but quick with a smile, Mims doesn't talk much about the action he's seen with the First Squadron, Fourth Cavalry part of the First Infantry Division. Mims, a Seventh-day Adventist from Chicago's South Side, has been decorated several times for his cool reaction in battle. He has won a Silver Star, a Bronze Star with "V" device, an Army Commendation Medal with "V," and a Purple Heart.

He won the Silver Star after a tank's 50-caliber machine gun mount was hit by an enemy rocket during heavy fighting. He dragged the wounded commander to the back deck of the tank and covered him with his own body, as a rubber tree, blown in two by the firing, crashed down upon them.

Both of Mims's eardrums were broken by the explosion, but he spent the rest of the day helping the wounded. "Things happen fast," he shrugged. "It was just another day."

Mims is now working with Headquarters Troop of the First Squadron, Fourth Cavalry in a special platoon used to root out the local Viet Cong.

He asks the men to look for sick or injured people in each village they visit. He has treated more than 200 people individually during his house calls, which he calls mini-medcaps.

Before joining the service, Mims attended Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, studying for the ministry. He also joined the special Medical Cadet Corps offered by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to train medics in case the men are drafted.

Much of what he learned helped him later while training as a medic in the Army school for conscientious objectors at Fort Sam Houston.

Mims wants to finish his clerical training and re-enter the Army as a chaplain.

Sp 5 JACK BENEDICT
"Stars and Stripes" Staff Correspondent



ALLEGHENY WEST

205 Souls Baptized in Cleveland Campaign

THE 1968 evangelistic season in Cleveland, Ohio, was one filled with many unforgettable memories.

Glenville and Bethel in Cleveland, two sister churches, joined in an evangelistic effort this past summer.

The two pastors, H. L. Cleveland, evangelist, and J. E. Farrow, assistant evangelist, were instrumental in uniting their congregations in a great assault against Satan's kingdom, which by the year's end resulted in 167 souls being baptized during the effort, and an additional 38 souls after, bringing the year's total to 205 souls.

The dedicated workers who assisted in the campaign were Walter Pearson, Charles Drake, Edward Brown, Theodore Breach, Richard Long, Mamie Bond, Arizona Palmer, Jeanette McDonald, Toni Gardner, Beatrice Albright, Maxine Logan, Mary Hampton, Henrietta Williamson, and Claudette Bethea. Sister J. E. Farrow and Sister H. L. Cleveland, the pastors' wives, also served.

A free summer day camp was conducted during the entire campaign for deprived inner-city youth. The program was further augmented by an inner-city welfare program which gave food, clothing, and assistance to more than 200 needy persons.



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Wreckage of the Vanderberg automobile which hit a parked petrol truck and in which Mrs. Vanderberg was fatally injured on a road near Monrovia, Liberia, February 6. She was buried at Camden, New Jersey, March 13. Elder Vanderberg and their daughter, Robin, are presently in a hospital in New York City recovering from injuries received during the accident.

Mrs. Philippa Latney Vanderberg

PHILIPPA LATNEY VANDERBERG, a missionary to Liberia, West Africa, was buried at Camden, New Jersey, March 13. She died from injuries sustained in an accident near Monrovia, Liberia, February 6. She was a young woman of deep piety, exceptional musical ability, with a great compassion for people.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, March 6, 1936, she grew up in Camden as the adopted daughter of Mrs. Lois E. Latney and the late Charles Philip Latney. Philippa could read and write at the age of two, made her first public appearance when two and a half at her church, and was a pianist at the age of five. Her desire to become a missionary had its inception when she was three years of age.

She attended the public schools of Camden and was graduated from elementary school and Camden High School. She attended Oakwood College for part of her undergraduate work, but received the B.S. degree in elementary education from Washington Missionary College in 1959. In 1957 she was married to Hermon Vanderberg of Washington, D.C.

This young missionary's life was short, but eventful. She was a kind and thoughtful daughter, wife, and mother. Her last letter home to her mother read in part, "The months are going by quickly and bringing us closer and closer to our reunion date."

Mrs. Vanderberg is survived by her husband Hermon; a son Dwayne, 8; a daughter Robin, 5; and her mother, Mrs. Lois E. Latney of Camden.



CENTRAL STATES

H. W. Kibble, Sr. Guest Speaker at Northside Church

H. W. KIBBLE, SR., the father of Northside's pastor, spoke to the congregation at the close of the Autumn Week of Prayer. Elder Kibble is recovering from a severe stroke which threatened his life during the early summer of last year. At the time, he was a conference departmental secretary in the Northeastern Conference. He has pastored and conducted evangelistic meetings throughout the country, and was formerly president of the Lake Region Conference. His favorite words are, "God is good."

The following poem was composed in his behalf by Mrs. Yvonne Hodges, a member of the Northside SDA church:

God Is Good

Forty years spent in God's service;
Then He beckons you, His child,
Lay down your armor and your sword;
Come aside and rest awhile.

'Twas no easy load you carried,
Yet the task you did not shirk.
And God did surely bless your labors,
For all your sons are in His work.

Now your words are those of courage,
For you've found a calm retreat.
When you speak about His blessings,
All His promises sound so sweet.

But no words that you have spoken
Echo sweeter in my ear
Than three words you've oft repeated,
"God is good." These are the words I hear!

God is good; it's worth repeating
Because we do not always understand.

What we think and hope and ask
for
Is not always in God's plan.

Through the years, your words re-
sounded,
And their profoundness was
understood.
But you never came through more
clearly,
Than when you whispered, "God
is good."

News Note

► H. W. KIBBLE, JR., pastor of the Northside church in St. Louis, Missouri, was interviewed on radio station KMOX-CBS during a special program informing the public of the work and teachings of Seventh-day Adventists. Pastor Kibble emphasized the thoroughness of our health, education, and welfare ministries, local and worldwide. At the conclusion of the program Pastor Kibble readily accepted the invitation to become a regular participant in the station's religious panel discussions which are heard live and allow listeners to call in and ask questions.

R. E. BARRON



Northeastern Conference Workers' Meeting

THE office and field workers of the Northeastern Conference assembled at the City Tabernacle church January 21-23 for the initial workers' meeting of 1969. The tone for the three-day meeting was established by G. R. Earle, president, in his keynote address to the workers entitled, "New Steps to New Horizons in '69."

R. H. Carter, conference secretary, informed the workers that in spite of adjustments made during the year, the conference membership totaled 11,396. Seven hundred and thirty-eight

persons were baptized into the churches of the Northeastern Conference during 1968. The baptismal goal for 1969 is 1,000.

Some of the pastors who played a leading role in helping to achieve the large total of baptisms during 1968 are T. X. Perry, Bronx, 82; E. J. Humphrey, Bethel, Brooklyn, 74; J. F. Guy, Mt. Zion, New Haven, 69; W. Alleyne, Hanson Place, Brooklyn, 60; S. A. Hutchins, Ephesus, New York City, 53; G. W. Timpson, Brooklyn Temple, 52; S. W. Stovall, Jefferson Avenue, Rochester, New York, 45; D. B. Reid, Linden Bouelvard, St. Albans, 41.

Public evangelistic crusades were conducted during the summer by W. D. Felder in Springfield, Massachusetts; by J. T. Grayson in Springfield Gardens, New York, and by J. F. Guy in New Haven, Connecticut.

The conference treasurer, Stennett Brooks, indicated that Northeastern's tithe income for 1968 totaled \$1,814,282.35, a gain of \$271,691.60 over 1967. If the present trend continues, Northeastern will surpass the two-million-dollar mark in tithe income during 1969. A \$20,000 gain in the total amount of Ingathering raised during this year's campaign was also realized.

The workers were made happy when they learned that plans call for holding future workers' meetings in the large motellike dormitory being constructed on the campgrounds at Victory Lake. This building will be heated and will have an auditorium that will seat nearly 150 persons.

New Haven Pastor Nominated for Outstanding Citizen Award by Jaycees

JOHN F. GUY, pastor of the Mount Zion SDA church in New Haven, Connecticut, has been nominated by the Jaycees of that city for the Outstanding Citizen Award for the year 1968. Pastor Guy is a graduate of Oakwood College and Andrews University, and is married to the former Evelyn Phipps.

During the summer of 1968 he conducted a large evangelistic campaign. Sixty-nine persons were baptized into the church through this effort. Not only has he given dynamic leadership to his congregation, but he has been very active in numerous civic programs for the betterment of his community. A Vacation Bible School was conducted daily at the evangelistic tent for neighborhood children. Buses were hired to take the children on occasional field trips.

While visiting the New Haven Regional Center for Retarded Children, Pastor Guy asked the director if there was anything that he and his congregation could do to help. The director informed him of the need for special aprons for children who cannot control their movements while eating. The pastor immediately went to textile outlets and department stores soliciting material. Within two days he had 300 yards of material. Members of the church volunteered to make the aprons, and within five days 100 aprons were presented to the center for the children.



Interior of youth chapel of Ephesus church in New York City after destructive fire of January 8. The congregation is currently worshipping at the St. Andrews Episcopal church, Fifth Avenue and 127th Street, in New York City. Membership of the Ephesus church numbers more than 2,500.

After the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, the Dixwell Ministerial Alliance voted that Pastor Guy head a committee in support of the Poor People's March to Washington. The committee initiated a letter campaign to 2,000 of New Haven's businessmen appealing for funds. The response amounted to \$8,000. This made it possible for 350 persons to go to Washington with all expenses paid.

The mayor of New Haven sent an official letter in care of the committee, which presented a check for \$3,000 to Mrs. Ralph Abernathy in support of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The Mount Zion SDA church set up a nursery for shopping mothers. This program was geared for mothers burdened with many children and desirous of going shopping. Mothers were able to leave their children at the church at 6:00 P.M. and pick them up at 9:00 P.M. when they had finished their shopping. Refreshments and games were provided for the youngsters. This service was without charge.

During the Christmas season Pastor Guy yearly solicits foodstuffs to make up food baskets for the community's needy. This past season he personally solicited produce valued at \$400. The church supplemented this amount. More than 175 baskets were distributed by the New Haven church last year.



One of the young patients at the New Haven, Connecticut, Regional Center for retarded children expresses her delight to Pastor John F. Guy for the new aprons presented by members of Mount Zion Seventh-day Adventist church.

The family of the late Elder Charles C. Eaton wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge and express appreciation for the hundreds of messages of condolence as well as the floral offerings and contributions sent at the time of their recent bereavement.

Charles C. Eaton 1916-1969

CHARLES C. EATON was born July 4, 1916, in Trenton, New Jersey, to George and Pearl Eaton, the youngest of five children. He grew up in the New York City area and as a young man became a member of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church where he played an active role in many of its activities and organizations, endearing himself to the many people who knew and loved him. Under the encouragement and guidance of T. M. Rowe, he led out in the Staten Island Mission for several years.

He was called to military service in 1943 and served in the United States Army until 1946. Following his discharge, he met Gloria E. James and they were married on Christmas Day, 1946. To this happy union were born three children.

In preparation for better service, he entered Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and was graduated in 1950. Although he was an accomplished commercial artist he accepted a call from the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and used his talent in the enrichment of his ministry and that of others. His first assignment was to the church in Rochester, New York, where he served from 1952 to 1960. Subsequent pastoral assignments included the churches at Bridgeport, Connecticut; Nyack, New York, area; the Hartford, Connecticut-Springfield, Massachusetts, area; Syracuse, New York, and Bermuda.

His active and fruitful ministry ended on February 14, 1969, when he closed his eyes for the last sleep, still smiling even in death. Surviving are his wife, Gloria James Eaton; two daughters, Mrs. Donna Richards and Daisy Eaton; one son, Douglas Owen Wayne Eaton; a sister, Mrs. Daisy Knox; a brother, Joseph Eaton; and a host of relatives and friends.

News Notes

► ON SABBATH, December 21, 29 precious souls were baptized at the Bethel church in Brooklyn, New York, by E. J. Humphrey, pastor of the church, and H. D. Warner, pastor of the Christian Fellowship church, also in Brooklyn. Twenty-seven of those baptized were received into the Bethel church. One went to the Christian Fellowship church and the other was a convert of the French church in Brooklyn, New York.

► THE Bethel Sabbath school teachers were awarded certificates and tokens of appreciation by Superintendent Jeanette Wilson and her co-workers on Sabbath, December 21. Some received inspirational books for long years of teaching service. Elizabeth Thompson was noted for her 42 years of teaching in the Sabbath school.



S. O. James (right), associate publishing secretary of the Northeastern Conference, looks on as Joseph Hall, a leading literature worker, tells of his soul-winning experiences in the literature ministry at the Northeastern Conference workers' meeting. Silas McClamb (left), Northeastern publishing secretary, and W. E. Roberson (in the background), Atlantic Union publishing secretary, listen intently.

► JEFFERSON AVENUE CHURCH in Rochester, New York, was the scene of a beautiful wedding on December 29, 1968, when Paula Carolyn Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dixon, became the bride of Edward Lee Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wright. George E. Earle, president of Northeastern Conference and uncle of the bride, assisted S. W. Stovall in uniting the couple in marriage. The bride attended Atlantic Union and Oakwood colleges. The groom, recently discharged from the Army, is employed at Rochester Products and is pursuing his education at the University of Rochester. The couple is residing at 8 Walker Park.



Black History Week at Oakwood College

DR. ZELMA GEORGE, guest speaker during Black History Week at Oakwood College, delivered the opening address entitled "Understanding the Negro Spiritual."

On Thursday night, February 13, Dr. I. J. K. Wells spoke on "The Negro's Twelve Greatest Achievements of All Times." Dr. Wells's interest in geography, history, and culture has carried him to Africa many times, where he has filmed the history and life of African people.

The Alabama A & M College band presented a program at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, February 14, in the college gymnasium.

On Saturday night at eight o'clock the series on Black History was concluded with a lecture by Alex Haley, author of "The Autobiography of Malcolm X."

News Notes

► DR. MERVYN A. WARREN was guest speaker and consultant in race relations at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary during Black History Week at Andrews University, February 10-13.

► PRESIDENT FRANK W. HALE, JR., served as chairman of the workshop program at the annual meeting of the United Negro College Fund held in New Orleans, Louisiana, February 5-8. He spoke at Northeastern Academy, City Tabernacle in New York City, and Brooklyn Bethel church in support of Oakwood College on February 14, 15. Dr. Hale addressed the student body of Southern Missionary College on February 18.

► The second annual alumni homecoming weekend was held at Oakwood College. The conference theme was "Focus on the Future." Alumni were present from all over the United States for the homecoming on April 4-6.

United Negro College Fund Queen Fails to Appear

IT WAS a big day for the United Negro College Fund, Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and for Brenda Spraggins, a young soprano from that institution. Miss Spraggins had just sung Verdi's *Pace Pace* at the corporate luncheon of the Twenty-third Annual Conference of the United Negro College Fund National Alumni Council at the Jung Hotel, New Orleans, on Friday, February 8, when the audience abandoned itself into enthusiastic rounds of applause that accelerated to a standing ovation to the golden voice of this budding young artist. Her future in the concert world appears great. She was accompanied by her voice coach, Alynne Dumas Lee, who achieved international recognition in her own right as a soprano some years ago.

As Miss Spraggins smiled winningly to the response of her audience, little did she know what was in store for her at the end of the day. At the social high light of the conference Miss Spraggins was to be crowned queen of the Miss National UNCF Coronation Ball on Friday night, because Oakwood College raised \$11,675 in the annual fund-raising campaign. This gave Oakwood a per capita rating of \$22.58, the highest of the thirty-six institutions in the UNCF competition.

It so happens that Brenda is a Seventh-day Adventist, and she represented Oakwood College, a Seventh-day Adventist institution. Seventh-day Adventists observe Sabbath from sundown Friday until sundown Saturday. Although tremendously pleased because of having been chosen from among the college and university queens representing the 36 UNCF colleges, Miss Spraggins indicated that she would not be able to appear at the coronation ceremonies on Friday night. So inflationary was the enthusiasm of her admirers when her selection was announced that when she informed them of her decision not to appear, the coronation committee decided to postpone her coronation until after sundown on Saturday at the opening of the Pan-Hellenic Ball. At that time she was awarded the National Miss UNCF Award, a thirty-one-inch trophy, and the Samuel Leidsdorf silver cup award. The Coca-Cola Company presented Miss Spraggins with a seventeen-jewel, fourteen-karat-gold Gruen wrist watch.



Charles Greene, awards chairman of the United Negro College Fund, presents Queen Brenda Spraggins the Miss UNCF trophy. Standing in the rear, left to right, are Dr. Frank W. Hale, president of Oakwood College; attorney Don Holloway, president of the National Alumni Council of the UNCF; and Robert A. DeLeon, president of the National Pre-Alumni Council.



News Notes

► DR. JOSEPH RHYNE, Loma Linda University '63, has assumed the practice of Dr. George Benson who accepted a call to the Benghazi Sanitarium in Libya.

► DR. WILLIAM COOPWOOD, Loma Linda University '56, will complete a residency in psychiatry at Vanderbilt University in June, 1970.

► ONE of Riverside's medical staff specialists contributed \$1,650 to the hospital's special development fund.

► THE executor of the estate of the late E. A. Bradford, mortician of Birmingham, Alabama, has advised that Riverside was included in the will.

► God's blessings have provided another significant economic advance at Riverside in 1968: *Business*, 1967—\$658,662; 1968—\$750,965; *Gain*—\$102,303. *Collections*, 1967—\$620,763; 1968—\$762,022; *Gain*—\$141,258.



Progress in South Atlantic Conference

THE year 1968 was a banner one in the South Atlantic Conference. We reached the long-cherished goal of 1,257 baptisms during the year. Three pastor-evangelists baptized more than 100 people during the year. They were J. L. Williams in Charlotte, North Carolina; L. G. Rahming in Greensboro, North Carolina; and D. M. Jones in Ocala, Florida. Three other pastors were in the nineties and top eighties.



The newly constructed church in Jackson, Mississippi, in the South Central Conference. Charles Joseph led out in the construction.



Lawrence Conley Jacobs, Jr., a native of Huntsville, Alabama, has accepted a call from the Southern Union to serve as an assistant auditor. He finished his requirements for the Master's degree in business administration on January 24, 1969, at the Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia. He is already busy at work with the auditing staff of the union under the leadership of C. M. Laue. Another union—Columbia—has recently employed Donald Walker, formerly assistant treasurer of Allegheny East Conference, as assistant auditor for that union.

The tithe for the year 1968 surpassed the goal of \$850,000. The gain for the year was \$120,000 over 1967.

The workers' meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, the first of the year was inspiring to all, and the workers accepted two major goals for 1969. The first, under God, to baptize 1,500 new members in 1969, and second, to surpass the goal of \$1 million in tithe for the year. At the close of 1968 the conference membership stood at 10,324 in 195 churches and companies. It is hoped that at the close of 1969 the membership will reach 11,500.

Evangelism is the watchword in the South Atlantic Conference. At our recent church officers' conventions held in each State of the conference plans were set in motion to engage our members in lay evangelism from the Sabbath school department through the MV program, and thus engage the laymen with the ministers. We feel certain, under God, that we will reach the goal of 1,500 baptisms in 1969.

The conference inner-city program is being developed so that in every city of size there will be some program to reach the underprivileged of the conference. Seven churches, with conference assistance, will have brand-new welfare vans to take physical and spiritual help to those in the ghettos of our many cities. We are planning at least two major Friendship Camps for underprivileged children.

1969 will be a busy year for activities and taking the message of salvation to the 4 million people who live in this vast territory.

F. L. JONES

BERMUDA



Wesley Bean (left), first elder of the Hamilton, Bermuda, church is shown handing the large Ingathering victory check to H. Carl Currie, president of the Bermuda Mission. Looking on (left to right) are Harry Outerbridge, Viola Paul, George Lashley, and Willie L. Lewis, pastor of the church. Miss Paul and two other members, Louise Robinson and Joseph Winchell (not shown), were presented with awards for outstanding achievements in the campaign. During this campaign the Hamilton church raised the largest amount in Ingathering funds in the shortest time ever in its history.



Graduates of the Bible instructors' course conducted recently by G. N. Wells, pastor of the Southampton, Bermuda, church receive their certificates. They are (left to right, front row): Kathleen Ford, Phyllis Flood, Margaret DeRosa, Melvina Musson, and Esther Smith. Back row: Katherine Anderson, Norbart Monish, Arthur Jacome, G. N. Wells, pastor; Marlene Char-michael, Ismay Barker, and Charles Baker. Graduates not pictured are Oliver Wilson, Anita Wilson, and Joan Packwood. Four of the eleven graduates assisted in the evangelistic series conducted by Elder Wells during April.

Word From the Congo

[We recently received word from Brother D. S. Williams in the Congo, and we quote certain portions of his letter.]

"AFTER nine months in the Congo we can say that all is well. Apart from the fact that I had malaria, my wife had a liver infection, and Deitrice a skin allergy, our health is in excellent condition.

"The biggest news in our family is the birth of our second girl. Born at 9:00 A.M. New Year's Day, she was the stork's first delivery in Lubumbashi for the year 1969.

"In a few weeks our camp meetings will be starting in our South Congo

Field. These camp meetings are really inspiring. When the song service begins there are very few people, but in twenty minutes there are thousands of people who seem to materialize from nowhere, all arriving on foot or by bicycle. To see these folks sprawled out on the ground eager for the Word of God gives us new zeal. They will sit all day without any lunch, listening to five or six sermons in a row, sometimes in heavy rain.

"We request an interest in your prayers, and give you the assurance that you are ever in ours. We remain

"Sincerely yours,

"DeWitt and Margaret Williams."

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UNIONS	Churches & Com- panies	Mem- bers	Baptisms*	Tithe	Sabbath School and Other Mission Offerings	Ingathering	Total Mission Offerings	Per Cap- ita	Total Local Church Funds
<u>ATLANTIC</u>									
Northeastern	37	11,396	754	\$1,814,282.35	\$194,311.60	\$128,203.00	\$ 322,514.60	.544	\$ 680,739.02
<u>CENTRAL</u>									
Central States	24	3,062	170	291,593.38	35,498.29	40,400.00	75,898.29	.477	
<u>COLUMBIA</u>									
Allegheny East	47	8,430	959	1,096,723.34	130,786.67	84,096.37	214,883.04	.490	671,760.98
Allegheny West	31	5,049	577	556,880.22	50,553.85	61,173.70	111,727.55	.425	108,325.58
	78	13,479	1,536	1,653,603.56	181,340.52	145,270.07	326,610.59	.466	780,086.56
<u>LAKE</u>									
Lake Region	47	7,948	570	935,308.06	114,680.35	76,423.42	191,103.77	.460	475,369.25
<u>NORTHERN</u>									
Minnesota (Minneapolis)	2	109	4	22,660.84	4,891.02	2,093.45	6,984.47	1.232	16,870.55
<u>NORTH PACIFIC</u>									
Oregon (Portland)	1	194	13	19,721.26	3,497.31	1,076.01	4,573.32	.453	6,520.23
Washington	2	350	9	44,250.17	8,169.32	2,443.57	10,612.89	.583	24,020.09
	3	544	22	63,971.43	11,666.63	3,519.58	15,186.21	.537	30,540.32
<u>PACIFIC</u>									
Arizona	2	227	6	30,376.22	5,340.89	3,373.31	8,714.20	.738	21,134.79
Central California	5	950	65	131,549.75	23,375.56	8,097.64	31,473.20	.637	70,314.23
Nevada-Utah	2	104	17	12,532.02	2,282.37	2,098.46	4,380.83	.810	5,122.37
Northern California	7	1,667	86	241,787.17	30,179.91	13,604.38	43,784.29	.501	113,234.61
Southeastern California	6	1,568	109	181,594.22	35,055.49	8,715.63	43,771.12	.537	109,122.58
Southern California	13	4,367	406	558,780.49	161,533.37	35,259.85	196,793.22	.867	215,593.44
	35	8,883	689	1,156,619.87	257,767.59	71,149.27	328,916.86	.712	534,522.02
<u>SOUTHERN</u>									
South Atlantic	94	10,381	1,257	852,848.20	105,824.28	106,002.18	211,826.46	.392	265,000.00
South Central	61	5,945	424	475,936.65	54,621.83	65,132.50	119,754.33	.387	105,108.83
	155	16,326	1,681	1,328,784.85	160,446.11	171,134.68	331,580.79	.391	370,108.83
<u>SOUTHWESTERN</u>									
Southwest Region	52	4,652	398	350,325.87	126,723.30	71,721.00	198,444.30	.820	52,396.40
Grand Totals	433	66,399	5,824	\$7,617,150.21	\$1,087,325.41	\$709,914.47	\$1,797,239.88	.521	\$2,940,632.95

DTE: Membership reported to December 31, 1968.

*Baptisms and Profession of Faith



What's the Difference

By DENNIS T. BLACK

I hear a lot of talk about
So many kinds of races.
The only difference I can see
Is color of their faces.

Each man has hair, a nose, a
mouth;
Each one a head and ears;
Each has a heart that aches
sometimes,
And eyes to shed their tears.

They all have legs and feet and
arms,
And on each arm a hand.
Just where the difference is found
I cannot understand.

They all desire life's comforts,
The best that they can find.
Among all men upon the earth
You'll find most any kind.

Some men are black, some men
are white,
And millions in between;
Some men are happy all the time,
While some are gruff and mean.

The more you search the more
you'll find
That all men are the same,
And after all, the Bible says
From Adam all men came.

Oh, why should we hate man
Because of color of his face?
For with the God who made us
all
There's just one HUMAN race.

News Notes

► BYRON R. SPEARS recently accepted the assignment of union evangelist, and is now in the process of moving his family from Richmond, California, to the Highland Park area of Los Angeles.

► WARREN J. NEAL is now relocated in the Sacramento, California, area,

where he is serving as the new pastor-evangelist for the Capitol City church.

► FRANK L. BLAND, vice-president of the General Conference, returning from a three-month tour in the Middle East, Far Eastern, and Southern Asia divisions, made his first stop in the United States in the Los Angeles area, where he spoke in two of our church districts. He told of the progress in evangelism and the influence that C. D. Brooks's visit to the Middle East had upon the evangelists there.

► RICHARD E. BARRON, recently of the Central States Conference, was invited by the Northern California Conference to serve as its newly appointed temperance secretary.

► HORACE BARKER, former pastor in the San Bernardino area, is now the pastor of the Riverside Kansas Avenue church and district.

► HERMAN L. KIBBLE is on leave for six months to Andrews University to complete his work on his Master's degree, and Richard Simons, auditor of the Southern California Conference, has been asked to serve as interim pastor for the Altadena, California, church.

► GLENN HOWELL, associate pastor of the Berean church in Los Angeles, has been serving as interim pastor for the Pacoima church during the convalescence of James P. Middleton, who is rapidly improving after a serious auto accident in October.

► AMONG the newcomers to the Pacific Coast Regional work we welcome Norman E. Snipes, new pastor for the Tucson, Arizona, church; Calvin Robinson, associate pastor of the San Diego Thirty-first Street church; and John Hunter, new pastor for the Pittsburg, California, church. H. T. Saulter, recent arrival from the Oakwood College now living in Riverside, California, has been invited to serve as interim pastor at the San Bernardino K. Street church.

► CHAPLAIN JOSEPH T. POWELL, who was recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, has left for a tour of overseas duty in Vietnam.

► PLANS are being made for an aggressive inner-city program again this year within the local conference areas. In the big city areas especially, definite plans should be in progress.



The Monroe, Louisiana, church was the first to be organized in a dark county. The main auditorium will seat approximately 150 persons and the membership now stands at less than 15.

New Monroe, Louisiana, Church

DURING the summer of 1951 an evangelistic meeting was conducted in Monroe, Louisiana, by C. E. Bradford and S. D. Meyers, and as a result of their labors a company of believers was organized in a former dark county.

Sabbath, November 30, 1968, marked the fulfillment of a dream come true, for the doors of a new church were opened. The exterior of the building is brick veneer, and the interior is neatly bricked with paneled walls. The main auditorium will seat approximately 150 persons. The building comes equipped with a pastor's study, choir room, a lovely baptistry, a choir loft, and plenty of room in the rear of the church for expansion. We estimate the value of this property at \$20,000.

We commend the pastor of the church, James Wray, and the membership of Monroe, which stands at less than 15, for this noble achievement. This wonderful edifice truly stands as a memorial for God, and will certainly witness for the third angel's message.