

Remember the Oakwood College Offering, August 9, 1969

By Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr., *President, Oakwood College*

WE CANNOT overemphasize the financial needs for promoting and producing a superior educational program at Oakwood College. To claim that we need money to produce educated men and women is an obvious oversimplification. Long ago we have learned that it is good business for the denomination to support education, for Christian education is still the greatest evangelistic tool of this denomination.

We live in the most rapidly moving and far-reaching era of change—catalyzed by the great gifts and grants of government and foundations to the support of higher education. Never before has there been so great a need for more and better education for Seventh-day Adventist institutions of higher learning in their ever-continuing struggle to “keep up” academically.

Available data indicate that governmental agencies—Federal, State, and local—now provide about one half the funds employed in American higher education. Tuition, together with student fees and other charges, account for nearly 40 per cent, and private philanthropy the remainder of about 10 per cent.

The Federal Government's support of institutions of higher education is rising rapidly and constitutes considerably more than half of the annual budget of many schools. Even smaller undergraduate schools, and particularly black institutions, are reaping a rich harvest of government funds. Institutions are literally “popping up” overnight with such liberal support.

As a denomination, we have taken the position that we cherish our independence—doing what Emerson called, “Walking with our own feet, working with our own hands, and

speaking with our own minds.” Yet, I would remind you that every year now we see private schools (committed to this philosophy) absorbed by tax-supported schools. It takes philosophy and finance to support an institution, and when either runs out, there “ain't no more institution.”

It is not our intent here to be a purveyor of doom, but rather to introduce you to some very realistic considerations that we must face in our quest for survival and superiority at Oakwood College.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has asked us to participate in a campus-wide College Self-study Program beginning in Sep-



tember of this year. Long before that study is completed we will be aware that it will be necessary for us to make some substantial investments in the training of personnel, the acquisition of new equipment, and certainly, in the expansion of our facilities. Total annual operating costs, including capital expenditures, must, of necessity, be increased.

The increased cost of goods and services, the labor and materials that go into the construction and maintenance of the physical plant, and the

salaries of faculty and staff—all give us a part of the explanation.

Student fees remain a major source of institutional income. However, it begins to look as though increasing tuition is approaching a practical ceiling. Whatever the increase in student fees, economists tell us that they will not be proportionate to increases in institutional expenditures.

None of us have any question about the value of Christian education. We have no question about the importance of this institution in providing the manpower we need to further the program that we are operating within our denomination. We are committed for every practical and philosophical reason to the advancement of higher education at Oakwood College.

But, very frankly, we have to be sure that we are willing to put our money where our mouth is. A profile of our educational needs at Oakwood College is as follows:

Scholarships for students—\$250,000; faculty development (advanced education)—\$250,000; development of basic operational resources (including teaching materials, research, and plant maintenance)—\$1 million.

Therefore, it has become necessary for us to intensify our program aimed at private gifts. It is clear that unless there is some major increase in the funds available for the operation of Oakwood College, we will find ourselves in the most difficult of circumstances in the days ahead. We are calling upon our members everywhere to continue to invest in Christian education. This is the most important operation (a systematic program for the salvation of our youth) that we have in this denomination. Remember to give liberally at the time of the Oakwood College Offering on August 9, 1969.

Dedication for W. J. Blake Memorial Center Held Sunday, March 16

DEDICATION of the W. J. Blake Memorial Center at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, took place Sunday, March 16, on the premises of the 73-year-old college.

Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr., president, led the dedication ceremonies. Guest speakers included Mayor Joe Davis, Huntsville; Major General Charles W. Eifler, commanding general, Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal; Edward Mohlere, assistant director of university relationships, Marshall Space Flight Center; and James Record, chairman, Madison County Board of Commissioners.

Frank L. Bland, vice-president, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Washington, D.C., introduced the featured speaker, W. P. Bradley, associate secretary, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The new center, designed by local architects, Alexander, Rothschild, and Joyce, houses facilities for student recreation and offices for college administrators.

The college center includes three separate units: (1) student activities; (2) food services; and (3) administrative offices.

The student-activities area includes a multigame room, a ping-pong room, a snack area, offices for the United Student Movement, student publications, and the Missionary Volunteer Society; and a student bookstore.

On the upper level, the administrative wing accommodates offices for the president, dean of academic affairs, dean of student affairs, the business manager, the director of student finances, the accountant, and the director of admissions. Space is also allocated for an alumni office.

The site of the center is strategically located adjacent to a small grove of pines that stands majestically outside the northeast corner of the building. Upon entering the center, traffic is divided as it passes through an elegant breezeway court—flowing upstairs to administrative offices and food services and downstairs to activity rooms.

The 450-seat cafeteria includes private dining rooms for students and faculty. The Acornette, the president's dining room, is adjacent to the faculty lounge.

Oakwood College was founded in 1896 as an educational unit for Negro youth, with the purchase of a 380-acre farm by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. With constant expansion and growth, Oakwood College became fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1958. By 1964 the college had become a member of the United Negro College Fund; and in 1969, received recognition as the winner of a national competition among 36 member colleges and universities of the UNCF for raising the most funds per capita in the annual campaign of the UNCF.

The center has been named in honor of Walter James Blake, the inspirational leader of education who was president of the college from 1905 to 1912.

English at the Pine Forge Academy, gave a brief history of Pine Forge "Pine Forge," he said, "is the cradle of American Heritage." He cited many historical events that took place at Pine Forge, mentioning the first iron mill and the old manor house serving as a station for the underground railroad.

Rabbi Grossman was the guest speaker for this meeting. He discussed the relationship between Israel and the Arabs in the present crisis. His message was both informative and inspiring.

W. A. Thompson, president of the Allegheny East Conference, spent a few minutes with the Christian leaders answering their questions relative to the organization and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The meeting ended with a high note of Christian fellowship and an earnest desire on the part of all present to work for the common Christian purpose of bringing Christ to the multitudes.



ALLEGHENY EAST

Pottstown Ministerial Association Holds Meeting at Pine Forge Academy

THE ministerial association of the Pottstown community held its meeting in the lounge of the girls' dormitory of the Pine Forge Academy, April 21, 1969. This was the first time that many of these spiritual leaders of the Pottstown area had ever visited the campus. They were pleased to see growth and development of the academy. James E. Dykes, instructor of

Recent Changes

On March 24, 1969, the executive committee of the Allegheny East Conference, after prayerful consideration, voted the following exchange of workers:

J. C. Smith from North Philadelphia to Baltimore-Berea Temple; J. M. Thomas from Philadelphia-Ebenezer to Washington, D.C.-Dupont Park; W. L. DeShay from Washington, D.C.-Dupont Park to assistant treasurer and auditor of the Allegheny East Conference; Paul Cantrell from Newark, New Jersey, to North Philadelphia; John Collins from Pottstown, Pennsylvania; to Newark, New Jersey; R. W. Newman from Allegheny East Book and Bible House to instructor in Bible and pastor of the



Members of the One Hundred Dollar Club at the Dupont Park school in Washington, D.C. who raised \$100 or more in the recent Ingathering drive. Left to right are: Dwayne Stroma, Jackie Middleton, Charles Chandler, Myron Lewis, Murphy Cotton, Ralph Rhyne, campaign leader George Murphy, Principal Edward Mattox, Brenda Blackmon, Tijuana Griffin, Loretta Morrow, Donna Smith, Clifton Borlen, and Paul Bullock. Goal was raised in one week.



Elder and Mrs. John E. Collins and son, Jonathan, have been transferred from the Pottstown, Pennsylvania, church to the Newark, New Jersey, church. At the farewell given to them by the Walnut Street Seventh-day Adventist church of Pottstown the mayor of that city, Joseph A. Suchoza, expressed appreciation to Elder Collins for the services he had rendered to the community during his pastorate there.

Pine Forge Academy; Paul Bridgeford from Pine Forge Academy to Pottstown, Pennsylvania; Alfred Jones was called from Allegheny West to Philadelphia-Ebenezer; Leon G. Cox was called by Allegheny West to serve as ministerial secretary; Donald A. Walker, former assistant treasurer and auditor for the Allegheny East Conference, was called to serve as assistant auditor for the Columbia Union Conference.

The members and workers of the Allegheny East Conference will greatly miss Brethren Walker and Cox, who served our conference so well. We wish for them God's richest blessings as they continue serving Him in new fields of labor.



"The Beat Goes On"

THERE is a thoroughly organized, highly financed, well-publicized program on the part of the Plymouth automobile industry to attract more buyers. The plan, simply put, is: "To Bridge the Gap" between Plymouth and the number one car selling in America, and "The Beat Goes On."

To the young laity of South Central, there is an organized, publicized

program to "Bridge the Gap" between youth profession and youth potential.

An evaluation report will disclose that though there is a differential between our achievement and God's anticipation, success is no cause for elation any more than failure should precipitate discouragement. At any rate, "The Beat Goes On."

The sound of the "Beat" indicates that the 55 reporting MV Societies with a combined membership of 1,347 are busy. A total of 33,463 contacts were made while distributing 50,592 pieces of literature. A minimum of 2,361 Bible studies were given, and the soul-winning report is very encouraging. Indeed, 22 soul-winning projects for 1968 resulted in 166 baptisms of youth for youth, and by youth.

During the fourth quarter alone, in 1968, the youth helped 1,825 persons, gave away 2,924 articles of clothing, spent 1,574 hours in health and welfare activities, and contributed in cash and food value \$1,667.38. "The Beat Goes On."

In youth leadership, 75 persons received the Leadercraft certificate, while 26 qualified for the Pathfinder Staff Certificate.

Our conference Pathfinder coordinator, Mrs. Nellie Collins, organized the "First Annual Pathfinder Olympics" games. They were attended by nearly one half of our 250 membership. More than 80 awards were given to the participants. "The Beat Goes On" to emphasize that camp enrollment increased in 1968 to 256, as compared with 110 in 1967. Indeed, preliminary drawings have been received for a master plan on camp development to accommodate junior, teen, and senior youth campers.

"The Beat Goes On" into the field of temperance and better living. Our limited but effective films and aids are reaching large segments of the student population. In 1968 *LSD* was shown 10 times, *One in 20,000* 15 times, *Smoking Sam* was demonstrated 20 times, 43 temperance lectures were given, 5 temperance oratorical contests were featured, influencing a combined total of 9,825 youth and teenagers. Public service was granted on a television station to demonstrate *Smoking Sam*, with very wide coverage.

"The Beat Goes On" to conduct a Bible Conference at camp meeting for the conference youth who do not at-

tend our academies or colleges. Speakers included W. W. Fordham, of the General Conference; V. W. Becker, Southern Union; C. E. Dudley, South Central Conference; E. E. Rogers and C. Thomas, of Oakwood College. The theme was "The Way to Christ."

"The Beat Goes On" as promotion is given the World Youth Congress in Zurich. Without question, the evangelistic thrust in South Central will be even greater after the congress to "Share Your Faith."

Youth congresses have been held annually in the South Central Conference since 1962. Because of the union youth congress in 1968, and the World Youth Congress in 1969, we will resume our procedure in 1970. Speakers have included G. O. Gregory, of Guatemala; T. E. Lucas and John Hancock, of the General Conference; C. C. Cunningham; and R. J. McKinney.

As "The Beat Goes On" we are constantly making decisions. One temperance pastor asked the question: "WHICH—Wisdom or Whisky? Plenty or Poverty? Decency or Defilement? Heaven or Hell?"

R. P. PEAY
South Central Conference
MV Secretary

Love in Action

DURING the early part of 1969 a tornado struck three counties in the south central part of Mississippi. Eighty-one homes were destroyed, 900 people were left homeless, and ten people were killed. The town hardest hit was Hazelhurst, thirty-seven miles south of Jackson.

From the day of the tornado Seventh-day Adventist health and welfare units of the South Central and Alabama-Mississippi conferences were on hand. They worked with the Sal-



Jackson, Mississippi, church members sorting clothing for the hurricane victims of Hazelhurst, Mississippi. Eighty-one homes were destroyed, 900 left homeless and ten killed.



Twenty-two Pathfinders of the Magazine Street Seventh-day Adventist church in Louisville, Kentucky, engaged in inner-city work. Twenty families consisting of 139 persons were given aid, 300 cans of food were collected, and the Pathfinders also distributed 50 pieces of literature.

vation Army, the Red Cross, and the National Guard, in providing appropriate help and administering emergency disaster relief. The church made available an abundance of hot food, drink, clothing, and bedding to persons caught in the web of misfortune. Thirty-seven members of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist church of Jackson drove to Hazelhurst and spent the day distributing clothing, unloading trucks, and transporting people who needed other types of assistance. It was love in action, a duty for the church beyond its walls; it was the work of Christ lifted up. Many of the members who could not go had worked Sunday morning gathering contributions of money, food, clothing, et cetera, from those who wished to help.

Members from the Vicksburg and Port Gibson churches met in Hazelhurst, and a great work was done by black and white Adventists and non-Adventists working together in a time of crisis.

Mrs. E. G. White states (*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 264), "By humbly and earnestly engaging in the work of doing good to all, God's people will exert an influence that will tell in every town and city where the truth has entered."

A van loaded with clothing and food was driven to Hazelhurst from the Ephesus church in Birmingham, Alabama. Clothing was also sent from the Lexington, Kentucky, First church, and a \$500 check was contributed by the City Temple Adventist congregation in Detroit, Michigan.

H. M. WRIGHT, *Pastor*

Victory Celebration

THE Magazine Street Seventh-day Adventist church, of Louisville, Kentucky, went over its \$10,000 Ingathering goal with a per capita of more than \$25, and celebrated with a big victory dinner in its beautifully decorated fellowship hall early in the year.

Mrs. L. E. Bryant, age 75, a leading Ingatherer for a number of years, received the Otha Nelson Award for raising more than \$1,000. For thirty years Mrs. Otha Nelson was the leading Ingatherer, and this honor award of the church was named for her outstanding service in Ingathering work.

Milburn Maupin, assistant superintendent of Louisville's public schools and the Federally related programs—health, welfare and education—was the speaker for the occasion. A church member himself, he complimented the other members for their "great doings," and urged them to develop "as a group and as individuals, a winning plan, a victory strategy" and to enlarge their plans to accomplish the work that Jesus assigned to the church.

The church has accepted the challenge and is expanding in twenty-six areas, including evangelism, welfare ministry, and education. A new school building is planned for September, 1969.

I. J. Johnson is the pastor of this progressive church of four hundred members, having recently arrived from Mobile, Alabama.

MRS. E. L. GREEN

News Notes

- ▶ A welfare center was opened in Greenville, Mississippi, March 19, where R. J. McKinney is pastor.
- ▶ W. J. Cleveland, pastor of the New Orleans, Louisiana, church, conducted the Week of Prayer services at the Riverside Chapel. Several young people took their stand for Christ.
- ▶ South Central Conference, along with the other Regional conferences, conducted an Emphasis Weekend at Oakwood College, March 14-16.
- ▶ The Riverside Chapel choir, directed by Dr. Joseph Rhyne, presented a musical program at the Tennessee State Prison. C. E. Dudley, conference president, and C. D. Joseph, pastor of the Meharry Boulevard church, gave encouraging messages.



Women's Day at Atlanta Berean

SABBATH, April 26, 1969, is a day long to be remembered by the members of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist church of Atlanta, Georgia; for this was the first Women's Day program held in the church. The entire day was filled with excitement from the Sabbath school hour through the Missionary Volunteer hour, as the women of the church conducted the services. The



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theme for the occasion was "Invest for Him."

We were pleased to have as guest speaker for the eleven-o'clock hour Mrs. Dorothy M. Hudson, who is presently serving as dean of women at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

Mrs. Hudson is the widow of R. T. Hudson, who at the time of his death was president of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in New York City. Mrs. Hudson attended Ohio State University, where she studied in the field of music and



Mrs. Dorothy Hudson, wife of the late R. T. Hudson, who was president of Northeastern Conference, recently was guest speaker at the Berean church of Atlanta, Georgia, for their Women's Day program. Her subject was "The Privilege of Investing for Christ." She is presently serving as dean of women at Oakwood.

in which field she has excelled. After the death of her husband she served as the executive secretary for the director of the office of the Equal Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, New York. She is the mother of three children, Sharon and Robin, academy students at Oakwood, and Ricardo, who is enrolled in the elementary school.

As Mrs. Hudson spoke on the privilege of investing for Christ, she challenged both young and old to accept the responsibility of investing their lives and means in the cause of God, as have women throughout the ages.

KATIE A. GREEN SETTLE
Associate Sabbath School
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Erratum

Correspondence from Mrs. Lois E. Latney calls attention to an error in the obituary notice of Mrs. Philippa Latney Vanderberg. "The reference in the obituary referred to her as the 'adopted' daughter of Mrs. Lois E. Latney and the late Charles Philip Latney. This should not have been. . . . There is no such designation." We apologize for the error.

THE EDITORS

Three Conferences Report Message Magazine Victory in One Day

THE three Southern conferences, South Atlantic, South Central, and Southwest Region, met at the old historic San Carlos Hotel in Pensacola, Florida, April 29, 1969, to organize the *Message Magazine* campaign for 1969. Instead of an organizational plan to reach the goals set forth, each conference reported the entire goal finished. This was the first time the three conferences had met in this manner, and South Atlantic reported 6,754 subscriptions, South Central 4,931 and Southwest Region 3,371. The total subscriptions for the three conferences were 15,056. Many pastors brought the names and checks from their churches. A total of \$26,014.80 in cash was received during the report. This was a great day for the *Message*

Magazine. Never have so many done so much for the *Message* subscription list in so short a time.

The memorable meeting started early Tuesday morning with W. S. Banfield, president of South Atlantic Conference, as chairman of the program. C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference, gave the welcome to the nearly a hundred workers of the three conferences meeting in the South Central territory. F. L. Bland, a General Conference vice-president, gave the morning worship message. R. J. Christian, William Crofton, Max Shoup, and G. J. Millet represented the Southern Publishing House. W. L. Mazat represented the Southern Union lay activities department. G. M. Schram was the Southwestern Union lay activities department representative.

The triconference luncheon held in the patio room at noon was a joyous occasion of fellowship. C. E. Dudley served as toastmaster, and Dr. G. J. Millet, editor of the *Message Magazine*, was the speaker. It was announced that Dr. Millet will make a world tour to gather material for future issues of the *Message Magazine*.

In the afternoon there were group meetings by conferences. As the triconference workers' meeting closed, sincere praise to God ascended for the great blessings of fellowship and victories gained at this meeting. The loyal members of the South, under the able leadership of pastors, departmental secretaries, and administrators, have proven that the *Message Magazine* is very much alive and is destined to help finish the work of salvation in this vast territory.



Triconference workers' meeting April 29, 1969. Nearly one hundred workers of the South Atlantic, South Central, and Southwest Region conferences met in Pensacola, Florida, for a one-day workers' meeting. The three conferences reported 15,056 subscriptions and \$26,014.80 in cash to finish the *Message* campaign. Never have so many done so much in so short a time for the *Message Magazine* subscription list. This was the first time for such a meeting.



Better Living Center

THE Lake Region Conference is acutely aware of the needs of the inner city. Eighty per cent of the non-white population is centered in our metropolitan areas. To meet this need the Lake Region Conference has purchased the Rialto Theater in Detroit, Michigan. The auditorium will seat 1,400. It has two pianos, a public address system, a Pana Vision screen, and two 35-mm projectors. The building houses four stores and eleven offices.

The plan is to conduct community services from this building (which has been named Better Living Center) such as health and welfare activities, a day-care center, adult education and training, Afro-American studies, and a full-scale evangelizing program.

J. M. Phipps, conference evangelism secretary, is the Center's director. C. E. Bradford is chairman of the board of directors.

The prayers and support of the Lake Union family is needed to make this venture of faith a success.

XAVIER BUTLER
Public Relations Secretary



The Better Living Center, formerly the Rialto Theater, will soon be converted into an evangelistic center for the Greater Detroit area. The center's auditorium seats 1,400, and the voice of the gospel will very shortly be heard there.

News Notes

► The Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist church was host to several guest speakers recently. They were: Donald Simons, president of Allegheny West Conference; Wellington Clarke, former pastor, now with the North Pacific Union; H. W. Kibble, former pastor and conference president; E. S. Dillett, former pastor; and Dr. Gardner Taylor, pastor of the Concord Baptist church in Brooklyn, New York.

► The twelfth biennial session of the Lake Region Conference was held in the new Shiloh church, April 20. The president, C. E. Bradford, and the treasurer, M. C. Van Putten, were re-elected for another two-year term. All departmental secretaries were also returned to their offices. S. D. Meyers was elected as stewardship secretary. During the past biennium the conference membership reached almost 8,000. During this period \$2,455,438.01 flowed into the conference treasury. Continued progress was reported by the departmental secretaries. A spirit of togetherness was present during the entire day.

► Wednesday evening, April 23, was graduation night for twelve ladies who completed the course in foods and nutrition taught at the Detroit Burns Avenue church by Mrs. Virginia Allen, a home economics graduate from Andrews University. Certificates were presented by T. M. Kelly, pastor. The course was under the direction of R. W. Bates, Lake Region lay activities secretary.



Dr. Gardner Taylor, pastor of the Concord Baptist church in Brooklyn, New York, was one of the guest speakers at the opening of the new Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist church. Following his presentation he was besieged by interviewers. Here some laymen question him.

Philippa L. Vanderberg Memorial Fund

ANY contributions given in memory of Mrs. Philippa L. Vanderberg will be used to assist in the completion of the Lower Buchanan church, in Liberia.

Funds should be mailed to the

Philippa L. Vanderberg
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Youth Revival Series Conducted at Bethel

EARLY in 1969 a three-week revival series was launched at the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist church of Brooklyn, New York, by Ivan Leigh Warden, assistant minister and graduate of Oakwood College. This campaign was preceded by a series of late night and early morning prayer services. Prayer time was scheduled daily between the hours of 12:00 noon and 1:00 P.M., and periods of fasting were entered into. The theme for the revival was "Directions Determine Destiny." The meetings began promptly at 7:30 P.M. and concluded at 8:45 P.M. Because of the time element, the students in the chorale had no difficulty in completing homework assignments.

Under the leadership of Dr. Furman F. Fordham, a sixty-voice Revival Chorale was organized. Oliver Moore II, a senior theology major from Oakwood College, led the congregation in joyous singing during the song service period. David Coleman assisted the services as pianist, and a special corps of youth ushers was formed.

It was truly inspiring to see the youth leading out in every facet of the revival. Especially thrilling each night was the singing of the theme song, "This Is Our Day," which was composed by the Blendwrights, of Germantown, Ohio.

This format marks an advancement into the realm of fulfillment of the words of God's servant who stated, "Extraordinary efforts are needed."

Evangelism in Bronx, New York

ON APRIL 26, when twenty-three were baptized in the Bronx church, the pastor, T. X. Perry, said, "This is only a foretaste of the evangelistic thrust we plan for 1969. It is our purpose to hold an evangelistic meeting this summer from which we hope to start a new church in the Upper Bronx."



Sixty-voice Revival Chorale, which participated in a three-week revival series conducted at the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist church in Brooklyn, New York. On the front row kneeling are Ivan L. Warden (left), who conducted the campaign, and Furman F. Fordham, under whose leadership the chorale was organized. These young people rendered music nightly during the revival services.



Workers' Meeting

ON APRIL 21-23, 1969, the Regional department workers of the Pacific Union held their annual workers' meeting. Devotionals during the three mornings were conducted by W. J. Blacker, president of the Pacific Union; Melvin Lukens, secretary of the Southeastern California Conference; and Horace Barker, pastor of the Kansas Avenue church in Riverside, California.

A workshop in stewardship was conducted during the session. W. M. Starks, General Conference Stewardship Department secretary, was present to lead out in the conducting of the workshop. He was joined by James Cunnington, Pacific Union stewardship secretary, and T. E. Unruh, stewardship secretary of the Southeastern California Conference. These brethren stressed the spiritual, as well as the financial, foundations in practical stewardship. The changing times, the challenging high cost in education, and advancement of the work in all lines call for a more dedicated stewardship on the part of the workers and church members alike. We feel the time has come to practice the belief that God has the means in His church to finish the work.

Two evenings were spent in forum discussions: the first evening, reflec-

tions of the recent Miami Regional Quadrennial Council were presented and discussed, and the second evening, present-day public evangelism was discussed. Plans for 1969 evangelism were also discussed and the goal of 1,000 new converts for the year set.

The meetings were held in the lovely new Kansas Avenue church in Riverside, California, which was re-

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Review and Herald Youth Opportunity Project

THE Review and Herald Publishing Association has inaugurated a youth opportunity program beamed to the membership of our Regional churches. It is an apprenticeship project to provide job training for meaningful employment. The job training is to be in the following areas: business offices, editorial offices, factory (including proofroom), sales department. It is available to three young persons, men or women, each year; single or married, 18-24 years of age, with at least 12 grades of education. In the case of a young man, he should have completed his military service or be exempt. This affords an opportunity for our youth to have a part in the finishing of God's work in the earth. If there are those who are interested in further details you may make contact with the editor of *The North American Informant*.

Elder and Mrs. J. W. Allison

ELDER JONATHAN WILLIAM ALLISON, newly elected coordinator of inner-city programs and secretary of health services for the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was killed along with his wife on May 9 in a car-truck collision near Grants, New Mexico.

Jonathan W. Allison, who was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, on April 23, 1913, was the only child of the late Elder and Mrs. J. W. Allison, Sr., a pioneer Seventh-day Adventist minister-and-wife team. The young Allison received his education in the denominational schools where his father pastored, Denver, Colorado, Junior Academy, Campion Academy, Oakwood College, and Emmanuel Missionary College.

The date of his burial, May 14, marked the twenty-ninth anniversary of Elder Allison's entrance into the gospel ministry. During those 29 years he served as pastor-evangelist in Phoenix, Arizona; Indianapolis, Indiana; Detroit, Michigan; and again in Indianapolis before accepting a call to the Wadsworth church in Los Angeles, California, on December 24, 1954. Under Elder Allison's leadership the Wadsworth congregation purchased the University church, which he pastored until April 26, 1969. Also during his pastorate the University congregation grew from a membership of nearly 500 to more than 1,100.

Elder Allison, at the time of his death, was on an inspection tour of poverty areas in the nation's principal cities in order to study ways of improving the service of the church to the inner city.

Bessie Lou Coit became the companion of Jonathan Allison on October 6, 1940, and stood faithfully by his side as he ministered to the spiritual needs of his parishioners. Mrs. Allison was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Coit on May 11, 1918, in Boley, Oklahoma. At an early age she moved with her family to Phoenix, Arizona, where she received her formal education.

Elder and Mrs. Allison are survived by four children: Frederick, graduate of Loma Linda University School of X-ray Technology; Carol (Mrs. Donald Oxley), a graduate of Loma Linda University School of Education; Camille, Loma Linda University sophomore; and John, who will enter Loma Linda University in September, 1969.

One of the high lights of the meeting was a symposium concerning the great needs of the inner cities. The council passed several recommendations to the General Conference, unions, local conferences, and churches concerning the financing, use of personnel, and the direction and coordination of work for the inner cities.

Important actions were taken concerning brotherhood, the holding of workshops on race relations, observance of Negro History Week in our schools, interracial social activities, more employment opportunities, and more books and literature by Negro writers, including the writing of a history of the Negro in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

All agreed that it was a profitable council and look forward to meaningful advancement in the giving of the gospel to the unwarned, as well as to spiritual revival.

Workers' Meeting

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cently completed by Warren J. Neal and the members, with good support from the conference. Horace Barker is the new pastor.

A gesture of fellowship and parting was expressed on the part of the Regional department of the Pacific Union in a luncheon served at the close of the meetings on Wednesday, April 23. Many workers expressed their appreciation for the helpful material presented during the meetings.

Regional Department Holds Council

ACCORDING to General Conference policy the Regional Department, as well as other departments of the General Conference, is authorized to hold a quadrennial meeting between General Conference sessions. At the last Autumn Council the department requested permission to hold an enlarged quadrennial council for 1969 bringing in additional delegates to those invited in the past. This meeting was held in Miami, Florida, April 7-10, with 70 delegates present, as well as additional observers. The spirit of the meeting was enthusiastic from the beginning. The reports of the progress in evangelism and other facets of the work gave courage to those assembled.

On the opening night, after the panel and symposium on evangelism,

an action was unanimously adopted by the delegates calling for pastors, church elders, and laity to unite in fasting and prayer for divine power as we designate the years 1969 and 1970 as a time of unprecedented soul-winning effort. Other important actions were taken in which commitments were made to Christian education, temperance education, and the extension of stewardship promotion.

The relevance of Regional conferences to the times was discussed, and an action was taken reaffirming our belief in the Regional conference organizations when found in the United States. In addition, it was felt that it would be in order for the General Conference to give study to the advisability of the organization of Regional unions.

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