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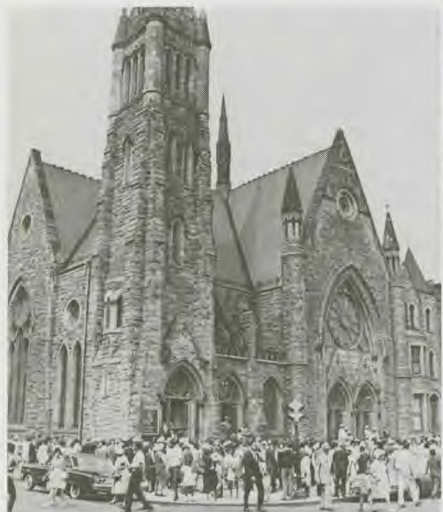
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The Ephesus SDA church before the fire.



Top Right: Honorable Percy Sutton, Borough president, talks with members and well wishers during the ribbon-cutting ceremony, as Elders G. R. Earle, J. L. Dittberner, and S. H. Brooks look on.

Right: Hundreds upon hundreds marched from St. Andrews (which housed them during hardship years) to their newly finished "home."

Below: Elder E. J. Humphrey and the church local elder cut ribbon before doors open. Elder G. R. Earle looks on.



New York Ephesus Comes Home!

FOR Ephesians, April 2, 1977, marked the end of a sojourn in a strange land and the beginning of a new and better day in a familiar place. This was the day that Ephesus came home!

Thus it was appropriate that the congregation met for the last time at St. Andrews Episcopal church for Sabbath school. At the close of that program, all assembled to prepare for the grand march to the newly renovated Ephesus church. Senior Pastor Humphrey and Youth Pastor Nixon led the way as the youth and senior church members followed in an orderly manner to the building with the big steeple on Lenox Avenue. The doors to the main sanctuary and the youth chapel were opened by the pastors simultaneously and the congregates marched in. The services that followed shall long be remembered.

In the youth chapel there was joy and gladness, and we were reminded by the beautiful Psalm 47 to "clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph." The Youth

Choir and the Mystiques provided music for this joyous occasion.

Pastor Nixon began his message by inviting all to join in words of praise with the phrase "To God Be the Glory." He talked to the congregation about a need greater than that of a new church building and that was the need for a "new heart." He spoke of a necessity for a kind of "barbershop faith" in order to make it through. "If we are to overcome, we will have to sit down in the seat of God's grace and put on the napkin of Christ's righteousness and let Jesus cut out sin." He ended his message by appealing to all to prepare for that "greater reunion" with Christ, when this reunion though beautiful, will fade into insignificance. The Youth Choir gave a soul-stirring message in song, "Take Me Back to the Place Where I First Believed," to conclude the service.

Majestic, orderly, spiritually refreshing—all are words that describe the service in the main sanctuary. The Collegiate Choir led the way as they marched into the church singing "God of Our Fathers," and the congregation followed. A unique welcome was given by Mrs. Grace Phipps in which she first welcomed the Ephesians and then the visitors. Elder Willis read Psalm 122, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Conference President G. R. Earl led in the pastoral prayer, giving praise to God for the mighty work that had been done.

Ebenezer, meaning "hitherto hath the Lord helped us" was the central theme of Pastor Humphrey's message. He spoke of the long, hard struggle in

getting home, and of the many plans that had been laid to rebuild the church after the fire. He took us back to the time of Pastor Hutchins and his plan for the church, to the time of Pastor Rock and his plan.

But in the years to come, those plans would be altered, for Ephesus was designated a landmark church, making it necessary to keep the external structure the same. He reminded the congregation that through it all, and in spite of the struggles and the disappointments, the Lord had been with us, and the building was completed because the Lord had helped us. He paid special tribute to all who had helped through the years by their faithfulness and he gave tribute to Rosa Lee Jones for storing the piano that is now used in the main sanctuary. In his closing remarks he reminded the members of that greater homecoming and urged that all set aside anything that would prevent them from participating in that great homecoming of the ages. "For even though it is good to be here, it is far more important to reach our heavenly home." Edwina Humphrey closed with that familiar favorite "Lord, I'm Coming Home."

More spiritual food was given in the afternoon as the senior choir and guest orchestra presented "The Seven Last Words" to a packed auditorium. The day ended with a beautiful MV program entitled "In the Beginning—The Renaissance."

Long after the programs were finished people still lingered conversing, observing, reminiscing, planning, dreaming, but all wanting somehow to keep the essence of the day, the essence of this time in SDA history, forever intact!

Weniger, once dean of the Graduate School at Andrews University, and longtime professor at Pacific Union College prior to his demise.

Dean Hale was presented a bronze medallion, which is a smaller replica of the mounted casting that is housed in the hallway of the Seminary building where Weniger was dean. The award is given annually to an individual who has demonstrated qualities of inspiration, motivation, and excellence.

Hale, the second recipient of the Weniger award, is currently an associate dean of the Graduate School and professor of communication at Ohio State University, where he chairs both the Curriculum and Fellowship Committees, which cover 114 departments offering the Master's degree and 85 granting the Ph.D.

Dr. Hale was invited to deliver the commencement address at the seventy-second commencement ceremony of Loma Linda University, June 12.

He spoke on the subject "Up Front—Without Apologies," before the 1,054 graduates. "Thank God," the speaker said, "that some of us still believe that the principles of Christian education offer the values needed by our world today. We ought to be *up front* and *without apologies* in those values that recognize the sanctity of human potential."

The exercises were conducted on the mall of the Loma Linda campus before an audience of approximately 6,500.

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Hale Recipient of Weniger Award

DR. FRANK W. HALE, JR., was presented the 1977 Charles Elliott Weniger Award for Excellence at the Andrews University Homecoming celebration in Berrien Springs, Michigan, on April 30, 1977. The award is named after Dr.



allegheny east

Y.E.S. Ensemble Celebrates Four Years of Singing

THE Y.E.S. Ensemble, a youth musical organization started four years ago by the First SDA church in Washington, D.C., under Pastor Alfred Jones, attracts Adventist, Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Salvation Army, and other participants. During the four years of its activities 100 young people, age 18 and under, shared their vocal and instrumental skills in nursing homes and many churches of different denominations in several States. Full concerts, appearances in church services, camp meeting, and MV Federa-



Members of the Y.E.S. Ensemble. Dawn Reynolds Jones, director.

tion and Christmas programs are included in their activities.

The ensemble, a catalyst for youth vocal and instrumental talent of First church's entire community, appeared recently on a CBS television station in Washington. Transportation and other support services including robe preparation, tape recording, and social activities planning are freely provided by parents and relatives of the ensemble members. A member who serves at least one year receives a church hymnal with his name embossed in gold. First church members have contributed almost \$2,000 in support of the Y.E.S. Ensemble activities.

Founder and director of the ensemble is Dawn Reynolds Jones, M.M., a music specialist for the District of Columbia public schools, and member of First church, who also is hostess and producer for a weekly radio program, "Music for a Young World." The accompanist is Judith T. Grove, M. Mus.

Ed., a composer, keyboard artist, and music specialist of Washington, D.C., schools, who has studied both in Japan and Europe and who also conducts an innovative keyboard laboratory program.

The Y.E.S. Ensemble is a member of the Choristers Guild, an organization concerned with the religious, educational, artistic, and recreational development of its members. It has also increased their sense of worship, their grasp of ideals, and their sense of personal responsibility as well as their knowledge of the world of music.

Current officers of the ensemble are Belinda Eubanks, president; Willie Benjamin, vice-president; Alisa Jones, secretary; Lynda Hodges, assistant secretary; Jeffrey Eubanks, librarian; Eric Hodges and William Lea, assistant librarians; and Rose Clark, sergeant at arms.

DAWN REYNOLDS JONES
Director



lake region

Elects New President



CHARLES D. JOSEPH, Ph.D., of Newark, New Jersey, was elected president of the Lake Region Conference on July 14, 1977. Joseph replaces the late Jesse R. Wagner.

Elder Joseph was a successful pastor-evangelist and church builder in Jackson, Mississippi, and Nashville, Tennessee, of the South Central Conference, before moving to the Allegheny East Conference. While in Nashville he also earned a doctorate in Christian ministry from Vanderbilt University.

Elder Joseph, his wife, Vivian, who is a speech pathologist, and their three children, Cheryl—age 13, Carla—age 9, and Charles, Jr.—age 8, will be moving to Chicago, headquarters for the Lake Region Conference, in the near future.

Organization Helps Black Students at AU

ONE of the main goals of the Black Student Christian Forum of Andrews University is to help the black students receive optimal benefits from campus and community life at the university. Many of them come to Andrews from a formerly all-black situation, and the abrupt transition can be difficult. The BSCF was organized to let the student know that someone is concerned with his spiritual, mental, and physical well-being.

After the rush of the school week, BSCF usually plans a sing-in period for sharing and spiritual fellowship on Friday evening. A short devotional meditation is sometimes given by one of the aspiring ministers from the Seminary. Cultural activities include dramatic presentations, films, and seminars such as the one conducted last year by Alfred Fornay, of Fashion Fair Cosmetics.

The goal of the educational committee is to impress the students with the need for serious study, which is inherent to academic survival at Andrews. The Natellka Burrell Lecture Series

PINE FORGE ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND

September 2-4, 1977

at

Pine Forge Academy
Pine Forge, Pennsylvania

Registration Fee: \$10.00—Registration forms may be obtained from your church clerk. To preregister send fee to Pine Forge Academy Alumni Association, c/o Lorraine Thomas, Treasurer, 7210 Woodspan, Dallas, Texas 75232.



The 1977-1978 executive officers of the BSCF. Standing, left to right, M. Jones, secretary; Pat Jennings, treasurer; Noel Burke, religious committee chairman; Joe Patterson, vice-president; Ivan Warden, sponsor; Fred Hayden, cultural committee chairman; Don Coleman, educational committee chairman; Debra Millet, public relations. Seated, left to right, Phyllis Edmonds, sponsor; Ralita Peay, social-recreational committee chairman; Claudette Ferron, president; Norma Baker, assistant secretary.

helps in this area. The recreational side of BSCF is involved in planning basketball tournaments, skating parties, and other programs for physical relaxation.

The president for 1977-1978, Claudette Ferron, feels that the officers of last year laid a good foundation for the goals of BSCF. Ferron says, "We hope to work up from that foundation."

Sponsored by Mrs. Phyllis Edmonds and Elder Ivan Warden, the new executive officers feel that a Christian atmosphere and purpose are indispensable to the Forum. The BSCF will appreciate your prayers for a successful year.

DEBRA MILLET
Public Relations

Black Student Christian Forum

New Sanctuary for Oakwood College

A DREAM of eighty-one years since the founding of Oakwood College in 1896 is about to come to fruition.

Over the years, dormitories, dining halls, and in more recent years, the gymnasium, have been the locations of divine worship for the Oakwood College community and student body. In short, for whatever the reasons, Oakwood College, this citadel of Black Adventist education, has never had a sanctuary, a house of worship, dedicated to the exclusive worship of God. But, in reality, each pastoral and academic administration has played a vital role in both spirit and vision in what we now see to be a dream come true, a vision come to reality.

The vision was kept alive, prior to

the organization of Regional conferences, both by whites and blacks in leadership from the days of S. M. Jacob, the first principal, in the late 1890's, to the first black pastor of the Oakwood College church, C. E. Moseley, Jr., in the year 1934.

But under the Regional leadership, both pastoral and academic, the vision was brought into keener focus by Oakwood Presidents J. L. Moran, F. L. Peterson, G. J. Millet, A. V. Pinkney, and F. W. Hale; and by South Central Conference presidents H. R. Murphy, W. W. Fordham, F. L. Bland; by Pastors J. J. Beale, W. L. Woodfork, Ned Lindsay, Jesse R. Wagner, and in more recent years by Pastors E. C. Ward and R. E. Tottress; by the present Oakwood administration, C. B. Rock, Adel Warren, M. A. Warren, and was pushed to its climax by the dynamic leadership of Charles E. Dudley, president of South Central Conference, and Donald L. Walker, treasurer.

In these midseventies, there has been a positive orchestration of cooperation at all levels of the church. The local community congregation, the current supporting college administration, the local conference and committee endorsement, the Southern Union's special concern and direction under the sincere leadership of H. H. Schmidt, J. H. Whitehead, and W. S. Banfield, former associate secretary; and the complete and solid backing of this project by the General Conference through the leadership of Robert H. Pierson, president; Neal C. Wilson, vice-president for North America; K. H. Emerson and Martin Kemmerer, world treasurer and undertreasurer; C. E. Bradford, of the Secretariat; H. D.

Singleton and again W. W. Fordham, of the office of Regional Affairs; the North American Regional president and representatives; W. R. Beach and Dunbar Henri as college board chairmen; along with the North American constituents of all nationalities, and even those of our overseas brethren and sisters, have made this dream of a place of worship to God come true upon this thousand-acre former slave plantation.

Donald Kirkman, architect, Perry Coulter, and LaVern Dempsey combined their expertise in the erection of this temple of worship and religious-education complex.

The building should be in full occupancy by January, 1978. The anticipated seating capacity of this 57,896 square-foot complex is more than 2,580 for the sanctuary, 350 for the student chapel, with just under a quarter of a thousand parking spaces for automobiles. Sabbath school classrooms for all divisions have been included.

The ultimate and supreme glory must forever be given to the blessed Godhead, who through holy angels have watched over this project, which will cost approximately \$1.5 million when completed with full pipe organ, fixtures, and furnishings.

Thank you for having a memorial part in this endeavor for Christ. Thank you for your continued support and supplications.

The attached envelope, originally intended for use during the Bicentennial year, will give you the opportunity to participate. Detach and return your contribution in the postage-paid envelope provided.

Your generosity will be appreciated.

E. C. WARD
College Pastor



south central

World Leader Visits South Central

GENERAL Conference President Robert H. Pierson recently made a five-day tour of South Central, visiting members, workers, mayors, governor senators, and other institutional, civic and civil rights leaders. South Central



Elder Pierson's visit to the Meridian SDA church with special guests. Center front to Elder Pierson's left is Mrs. Maggie Graham, 92-year-old member of the church.



C. E. Dudley and D. A. Walker greeting Robert H. Pierson at the Nashville airport.



At Wednesday night prayer service at Hillcrest church in Nashville, Elder Pierson speaking to Joseph Dent with many of the Meharry and other university students.



Governor Blanton presents Elder Pierson an Honorary Citizen Certificate. Left to right: Ray Blanton, Washington Butler, M. W. Shoup, of Southern Publishing, D. A. Walker, Ted Jones, Robert H. Pierson, and C. E. Dudley.



Sign indicating site of first black Adventist church in Edgefield Junction.

President C. E. Dudley and Secretary-Treasurer D. A. Walker traveled with Elder Pierson by plane, auto, and Winnebago van as they visited some twenty sites in three States, April 20-25.

Pierson was met at the Nashville air-

port by conference officials and was interviewed by a reporter from the Nashville *Tennessean*, the largest journal of this area. From the airport, Pierson's itinerary took him to Edgefield Junction, where the first black Adventist church was organized in 1871. The site is now owned by Armstrong Rubber Company. John Smith, of that company, was kind enough to have a sign made, around which he met with the Adventist group on the very spot where the church stood and where foundation stones are still in place.

Haynes Gardens Apartments, a 209-unit apartment complex sponsored by South Central, gave a warm welcome to Pierson as he visited with the children of the day-care center and Managing Agents N. G. Simons and C. Brown.

Black and white Adventists met with Pierson at the Nashville Hillcrest church for prayer meeting. Students from Educational Superintendent Joseph Dent's community Bible class were drawn to the very personable and unassuming world leader.

The crowded itinerary carried him next to the F. H. Jenkins School, for devotions with the children. Then to the office of Tennessee Governor Ray Blanton, where Washington Butler, an Adventist in State government, introduced the Adventist group to the governor. Then to brunch with Mayor Richard Fulton and civic and Adventist leaders. Pierson gave the civic leaders in five cities copies of his book *Good-bye, Planet Earth*. I. Lester and H. Kibble are pastors in the Nashville area.

In Memphis he visited the Longview Heights church, the Alcy Boulevard School, the Breath of Life church, and historical spots. In his meeting with the civic leaders, Pierson was privileged to get acquainted with Ben Hooks, the executive secretary of the N.A.A.C.P. J. A. Jones and Victor Brooks are pastors in Memphis.

A. G. Gaston, who created a multimillion dollar business empire in the past years when economic advancement for blacks was even harder, was acquainted with Adventism; and he was happy to meet the world leader in Birmingham, Alabama, where W. J. Cleveland and R. Taylor are pastors.

Mayor Mimms, of Mobile, and Mayor Cooper, of Prichard, came to hear Dr. Pierson on Sabbath morning in the Mobile church, where Benjamin Jones is pastor.

The group next visited Hattiesburg, Laurel, Soso, and Meridian, Mississippi. E. Jackson and O. J. Jackson are district pastors.

Governor Cliff Finch, of Mississippi, sent his representative to greet the Adventist leader in the Jackson church, where the sisters served a delightful

meal after the service. Elder Pierson visited Vicksburg, where the *Morning Star* landed in 1895; Yazoo City, where the church and house built by Edson White still stand; and other people and sites of interest.

Our world leader ended his crowded schedule and headed back to Washington, D.C., the world headquarters of the Adventist Church, leaving many pleasant memories and impressions, much good will, and valued counsel.

Among other district pastors privileged to meet with and receive counsel from Elder Pierson in Mississippi are Richard Bell, of the Canton-Jackson-Yazoo City district; J. R. Bell, of the Brookhaven-Hazelhurst-McComb district; Lewis Blackwell, of the Amory-Columbus-Tuscaloosa-West Point district; G. L. Byars, of the Greenville-Hollandale-Leland-Rolling Fork district; Antoine Maycock, of the Natchez-Port Gibson-Vicksburg district; R. L. Patterson, of the Belzoni-Greenwood-Indianola district; P. N. Smith, of the Clarksdale-Cleveland-Eads district; and Benjamin Cone, literature evangelist director for the State of Mississippi.



south west region

Capacity Attendance at Better Living Youth Congress

TEN THOUSAND delegates gathered at the Barton Coliseum in Little Rock, Arkansas, for the Five-Star Better Living Youth Congress. Youth from South Atlantic, Lake Region, South Central, Central States, and Southwest Region conferences participated in the grand event, which began on Friday evening as Glen Howell of the host conference, Southwest Region, gave the welcome. The MV directors of the five conferences were on hand to greet young people from 25 States and 355 churches.

Evangelist H. L. Thompson, of Central States Conference, delivered a dynamic message on health and its importance in the Adventist church.

At the Sabbath morning devotional hour Pastor R. E. Brown, of Ephesus

church in New Orleans, challenged our hearts as he dealt with the intemperate habits of Adventist youth even though they have forsaken alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Dr. Richard Neil, of Watertown, New York, spoke for divine worship, using the theme "Youth Need Christ for Better Living." The auditorium was filled to capacity as the Trumpet Fanfare with Gerald Kibble and Elder Ted Jones signaled the grand entrance of the Pathfinders, who paraded, with flags of 25 States represented.

Pastor F. W. Parker, of Atlanta Berean church, offered words of wisdom on Sunday morning, dealing with the snares of the evil one in this modern age. His CB lingo caught the attention of the youth and the truth was made plain.

The Breath of Life quartet flew in from California to be a part of this historic occasion. At least 25 choirs



Families came by camper, bus, train, and plane.



Pathfinders from all five conferences were as smartly dressed as this group from New Orleans.



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and other groups appeared from Chicago; Atlanta; Jackson, Mississippi; Greensboro, North Carolina; Hammond, Louisiana; and Florida.

W. W. Fordham was selected as the grand marshal for the parade and witness for Better Living. He also spoke for the Temperance Rally that was held on the steps of the State Capitol in Little Rock. Three thousand participated in the parade, escorted by police for thirty blocks down the main thoroughfares of the city, singing and passing out tracts.

The Five-Star Congress in Little Rock was the largest gathering of black youth in the history of this church. It will serve to give direction and upgrade our youth meetings and add a new di-



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MV Directors, left to right, G. D. Howell, G. W. Timpson, F. A. Williams, S. H. Cox, and Pastors Hicks, Taylor, and Forbes.



Glenn Howell, of the host conference, welcomes delegates and friends.



J. E. Roache and two students from Oakwood were on hand to recruit for higher education, to prepare for service in this world and the world to come.

mension to future black leadership. Special appreciation is due congress planners who worked harmoniously through the MV Directors G. W. Timpson, S. H. Cox, F. A. Williams, S. Holt, and G. D. Howell. The youth of 25 States will never be the

same—now that they have caught the vision of “better living through Christ.”

G. D. HOWELL
MV Director
Southwest Region
Conference



central states

Central States Camp Meeting

“TOGETHER TO GATHER” was the theme of the Spirit-filled camp meeting, June 17-25, 1977. After a stimulating keynote message by President S. D. Meyers on opening night, our spirits were kept high with inspiration in word and song from the Breath of Life team, C. D. Brooks and the quartet. W. M. Starks, of the General Conference, delivered the ordination sermon for James White, Jr., pastor of the Wichita, Kansas, church. Other guest speakers were F. A. Soper, editor of *Listen* magazine, and C. T. Richards, of Oakwood College.

Our Pathfinders are on the move. Several clubs participated in the Sabbath afternoon program.

J. L. Butler, chaplain of Hadley Memorial Hospital, Washington, D.C., conducted a most profitable family hour throughout the week.

H. L. Thompson, our conference evangelist, held the audience spellbound with his message, which included multimedia presentations.

Thirty-two lay Bible workers were in regular attendance at the workshop conducted by Phyllis Meador, conference Bible worker, each day of the week.

Elder H. L. Cleveland, president of Allegheny West Conference, was the speaker for the second Sabbath's divine worship hour. In the afternoon many precious souls who were bap-



Pictured are some of the new members who were baptized since last camp meeting.



James White, Jr., pastor, Wichita, Kansas, church, was ordained June 18.

tized since camp meeting last year were in attendance, and they received a gift *Bible Readings for the Home*. It was thrilling to hear testimonies from several who had moving experiences.

After the Vacation Bible School graduation, we enjoyed the annual Battle of Choirs. The trophy was taken home by the youth choir of Berean Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

World Temperance Offering

THE last week in February was most eventful. The Temperance Department maintained an exhibit again this year with the American Association of School Administrators Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Las Vegas drew the crowd, the largest for the AASA. On Thursday, before the exhibits opened, an official release announced that already 19,500 persons had registered.

Our booth displayed large blown-up pictures of lung cancer, emphysema, stomach ulcer, brain and liver damage, all in color. It literally stopped the traffic as they walked by the booth.

Alcohol's invasion of the schools was mentioned by teachers, principals, and superintendents, all expressing alarm at this present trend.

Your Temperance Department is close to this problem, for we see it every day—young people inbibing wine, blowing grass, and ignoring the moral stamina that parents, grandparents, teachers, and spiritual leaders have tried to impart.

Here in Washington, there were more abortions last year than natural births. This is not an isolated comparison, it is happening across the nation.

Your Temperance Department is

continually at work trying to open the eyes of naive youngsters and parents, pointing out the dangers from tobacco, alcohol, and drugs. Magazines, films, artifacts, specimens, filmstrips, books, charts, color posters, and literature on all categories of these evils are used.

Once a year we call upon our friends to assist us in this work. We know you believe in what we are doing and want to be with us. Sabbath, October 22, is the day for the World Temperance Offering. Who knows, the boy or girl your contribution may help to save could be your own or one of a close friend or relative.

A. V. PINKNEY
Associate Director

Obituary

Proctor, Lovie Ann, born September 20, 1902, in Dallas, Texas, passed away May 8, 1977. She was the wife of Elder Lee R. Proctor, and both were ardent workers in the ministry of the church. He was pastoring in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the time of his death in 1955. Survivors include three children, Lee Reginald II, Ruth Vaughn, and Dorothy Wilkins; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; two sisters; two brothers; and many other relatives and friends.



In Memory of Jesse R. Wagner

Wagner, Jesse Roberts, for seven years the dynamic leader of the Lake Region Conference, died at his post of duty on Sabbath, June 11, 1977. In addition to his heavy role as president, he was also serving as interim pastor of our Straford Memorial church, which is located near his home in Chicago. He was at the church and preparing to preach at the eleven o'clock service when stricken by a coronary. At ten minutes after noon he laid down his burdens and fell asleep in Jesus. Truly Elder Wagner was one of the princes in Israel.

Few men are able to accomplish so much in so short a life span. He was

born in Memphis, Tennessee, on August 22, 1930. He graduated from Oakwood College in 1952, and on June 1 of that year entered denominational work as a pastor-evangelist in the Southwest Region Conference. After subsequent posts in the South Central and Central States conferences, he connected with the Lake Region Conference as pastor of the City Temple church in Detroit. One year later he was elected president of the conference.

During the seven years of his leadership, the Lake Region Conference prospered. Thirteen new congregations were organized, and conference membership increased from 8,905 to 14,000. Even with this remarkable growth, Elder Wagner was not satisfied. He was driven by the urgency of the times and a desire to see God's work finished. So it is, that in the comparatively short life of only 47 years, he was able to compress a full life of endeavor for the Lord and for humanity. He saw the needs of the inner city and the needs along the highways and byways of the large territory he served. He literally spent himself in seeking to fill those needs.

Elder Wagner was respected as a leader among men. In addition to his conference responsibilities, he served on the Andrews University and Hinsdale Hospital boards and as a member of the Lake Union Executive Committee. His counsel was much sought and was always encouraging and timely.

Elder Wagner was a second-generation minister, his father having also served as a conference president before him. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. J. H. Wagner, Sr.; his wife, Eloise; three daughters, Delvius, Renee, and Carole Yvette; one brother, Elder John Wagner, of the South Central Conference; and three sisters, Helen Lindsay, Walterene Brooks, and Carole Matthews.

In His mercy God shortened the life span of man, seemingly allowing enough time for the acceptance or rejection of His plan and the opportunity through one's influence and effort to advance His cause in the earth. In his short life Elder Jesse Wagner made a very large contribution, the memory of which will never be forgotten. God's people throughout the North American Division, including hundreds of his fellow ministers, share the sorrow of relatives and members of the Lake Region.

L. L. BOCK,
President
Lake Union Conference



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"In that day . . . they shall vow a vow unto the Lord and perform it." Isaiah 20:19, 21.



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- ☐ 9. I/We will furnish the Baptismal Pool for the Main Sanctuary for \$1500. Kindly place Brass Tag IN MEMORIAL OF: _____
- ☐ 10. I/We will donate the pulpit for Main Sanctuary and related microphone system for () \$1250; () \$850 for the Lower Sanctuary pulpit and microphone system; () \$650. Student Chapel pulpit and microphone system. Kindly place Brass Tag IN MEMORIAL OF: _____
- ☐ 11. I/We will furnish the stain glass Holy Baptism scene above the pool for \$1500. (5' x 7'). Kindly place Brass Tag IN MEMORIAL OF: _____
- ☐ 12. As a friend of Oakwood () Alumni of Oakwood, I/We make a Bicentennial donation of \$76, to the College Church Building Memorial Fund, place my/our name on the Brass Tag Memorial Board. _____
- ☐ Other _____ Kindly place Brass Tag IN MEMORIAL OF: _____

Our 1st choice of the above is # () ; # () 2nd; # () 3rd; () Use as seems best.

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