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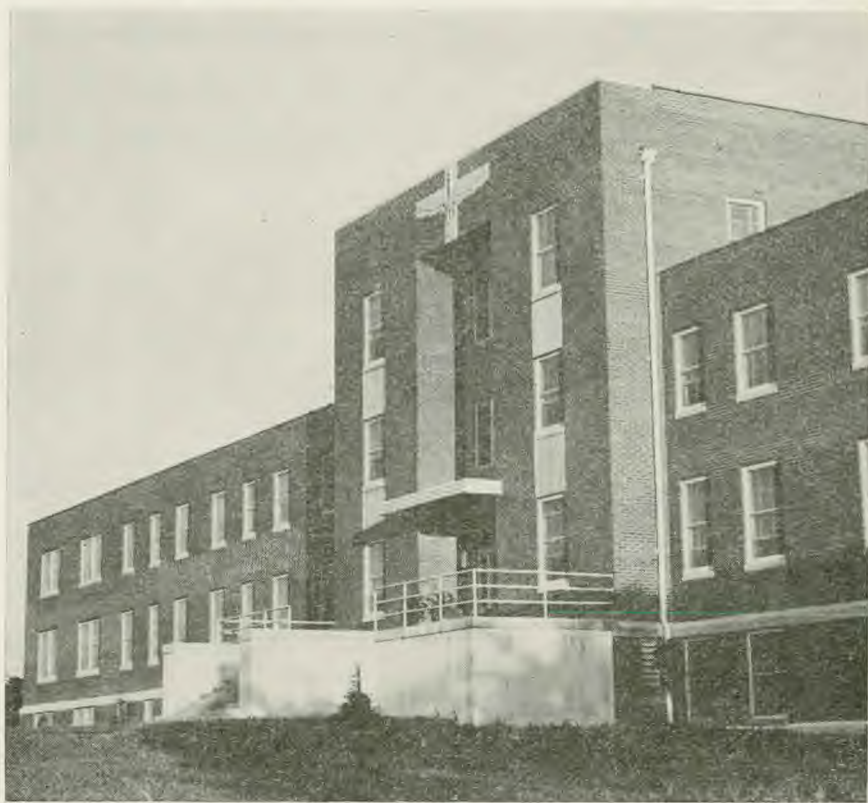
Dedication of Riverside's New Hospital Building

BY LOUIS B. REYNOLDS, EDITOR,
Message Magazine

THE dedication of the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital at Nashville stands out as a red-letter day for Seventh-day Adventists during 1948. National leaders of the church and visitors numbering an estimated 1,500 were in Nashville on September 5 for the dedication of the new eighty-five-bed hospital building.

Among those participating on the program were Elder J. L. McElhany, General Conference president, who delivered the dedicatory sermon; Elder G. E. Peters, department secretary, who read the act of dedication and who formally received the building on behalf of department constituents; and Elder N. C. Wilson, vice-president for North America, who offered the dedicatory prayer. Elder V. G. Anderson, president of the Southern Union, was master of ceremonies. Mayor Thomas L. Cummings, of Nashville; Dr. M. J. Bent, of Meharry Medical College; and Dean A. A. Taylor, of Fisk University, among others, extended congratulations on behalf of the city and the two most prominent institutions for the recent accomplishment at Riverside.

Some eighty newspapers throughout the United States published articles and pictures. The *Nashville Tennessean*, daily local paper, carried a spread of nearly half a page, with pictures of the institution and a suitable article. When the building was formally opened in June, the same paper carried a story about



Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital Dedicated September 5, 1948, Nashville, Tennessee

Riverside in the Sunday magazine section.

Members of our churches throughout the United States have worked assiduously toward the realization of this dream. Some have solicited funds. Numerous rooms have been completely furnished by individual contributions. In several cases the specific gifts have come from persons not of the Adventist faith.

Two rooms are dedicated to

Brother H. E. Ford, first manager of Riverside to be appointed to the institution, in 1935. Brother Ford has been an outstanding figure in our medical program for nearly twenty years. He served as roentgenologist and assistant business manager at the Hinsdale Sanitarium until he came to Riverside.

Mrs. N. H. Druillard, now deceased, whose picture hangs in the foyer of the new building was the

guiding personality whose initiative began the Riverside project in the face of uneven odds. Her contribution of properties valued at some \$30,000 were turned over to the General Conference in 1935 for the establishment of Riverside as a permanent institution. A well-respected character in Nashville, Mrs. Druilard was a former missionary to Africa and was one of the co-founders of the Madison Sanitarium and Rural Institute.

If present plans carry, Riverside will conduct a nurses' training school next year. This addition to the present medical program will fill a serious need in medical and missionary work. Our young people can rejoice in this forward undertaking.

The entire staff of workers at Riverside have given themselves in unstinted devotion to keep the institution steady during adverse economic winds. Now quarters for the personnel are being modernized, and for the first time since the denomination took over the work they beam over long-hoped-for conveniences.

Some of the most gifted Negro professional and business men and women in the United States come to Riverside every year. They are becoming better acquainted with our work through this right arm of our evangelical strength.

Missionaries Return

WE are glad to share with the many friends of Philip E. Giddings and his family news of their safe arrival in West Africa. The Giddings left New York, September 11, on the S.S. *African Pilgrim*, to return to their mission station in Konola. In a letter from Brother Giddings dated September 21, he writes the following:

"We arrived at Dakar this morning at 12 o'clock—6 o'clock our time, 8 o'clock Washington time—after a very pleasant voyage. We got busy right away on further transportation to Monrovia. God being good to us, we were able to get our

goods on a boat which leaves for Liberia. We were unable to book passage for ourselves, however, because every space was taken. Consequently, we are leaving here by air Friday, September 24.

"The ship agent was really very helpful in getting our things on a boat. The captain and chief steward were also very nice to us. Dakar is an interesting place. . . .

"Much love to all friends in the homeland."

Oakwood College

F. L. Peterson, Pres.
Huntsville, Ala.

Alumni Membership Drive

THE Oakwood Alumni Association is desirous of forming strong alumni chapters throughout the country. It feels that in this way a definite working program may be formulated to expand and heighten the influence of our only senior college for colored Adventists.

We hope to make contact with each church in the United States and in any other country where an Oakwood graduate may happen to be. Some of our plans are as follows:

1. The formation of chapters in every pertinent city.
2. The members of these chapters to be of three kinds:

Regular Members—All Oakwood graduates.

Associate Members—All who have attended Oakwood and faculty members.

Honorary Members—All persons making outstanding contributions to Oakwood.

3. The working out of objectives such as assisting in accreditations, getting books for the library, and raising funds for various purposes.

4. The adoption of a general program for all the chapters.

5. A general reunion of alumni and friends at commencement.

The officers of the Alumni Association ask that each regular and associate member take new interest

in the association and cooperate with any plan that will be presented by his local chapter. The honorary membership is open to all who are interested in the progress of Oakwood and to those who are willing to make some outstanding contribution to this institution. Please cooperate with the officers of the Oakwood Alumni Association and begin to take an active part today.

EVA B. DYKES, *Chairman,*
General Program Committee.
HELEN R. SUGLAND, *Chairman,*
National Membership Campaign
Committee.

Union College Special Speed Awards

SEVERAL weeks ago someone gave me a copy of the Union College bi-weekly paper, the *Clock Tower*. Under the caption "Secretarial Students Receive Speed Awards" I read the following:

"Hours and hours of diligent labor on the part of both students and teachers in the secretarial department at Union College have resulted in an outstanding number of speed records this year. Arthelia Alexander should receive first mention as the one individual who has joined the ranks of speed writers in the United States by passing the official 160-word shorthand speed test. Several have attained the expert speed of 140 words a minute and a still larger number of 120 and 100 words a minute. . . .

"The following typing awards were won by typing for ten minutes

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on the Competent Typist Test material with a maximum of five errors for the entire time. The speed of the timing is figured after subtracting ten words for each error made. An 80-word award was given to Arthelia Alexander."

I was quite pleased to recall that Mrs. Arthelia Alexander was the former Miss Arthelia Watlington, the first secretary of the department here at headquarters. Miss Watlington rendered faithful and acceptable service in her secretarial duties in my office for a little more than two years. She left us after her marriage to Herbert Alexander, who was shortly afterward called to the army. Brother Alexander, now a veteran of World War II, is completing his work in business administration at Union College. Mrs. Alexander, also a student there, is majoring in secretarial science.

The INFORMANT extends congratulations to Mrs. Alexander in her achievements, and best wishes to both as they pursue further preparation for a place in this movement.

THE EDITOR.

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Dedication of the White Plains Church

SINCE the organization of the First Seventh-day Adventist church in White Plains, New York, the members have been worshipping in various halls around the city. June, 1946, presented a new day, for when we moved to this territory we occupied a spacious six-room house (the parsonage), and the members were comfortably situated in a church edifice of their own.

Soon afterward oak pews were installed, pulpit furniture was purchased, a modern automatic heating plant for both parsonage and church was put in, and the basement of the church was completely renovated. This made room for the children's Sabbath school department and



Recently Dedicated White Plains Church, White Plains, New York

various young people's activities. But most important of all, we managed to liquidate all debt on the church and parsonage.

Dedication services were held September 17 and 18. On Friday evening the pastor and choir from the A.M.E. Zion church of White Plains were present, and their visit was enjoyed by all. Sabbath morning, Elder L. H. Bland, conference president for the Northeastern Conference, brought us a soul-stirring message. We were happy to have Elder and Mrs. George E. Peters, from the General Conference, present. Elder Peters brought us the dedicatory message at the four-o'clock service, and all who were present will long remember his much-needed and inspiring message.

Other visitors present for the occasion were Elder F. E. Roy Jeffries, pastor of the City Tabernacle, New York City; Elder Owen N. Holiness, Manchester, Jamaica, B.W.I.; George R. Earle, pastor of the New Rochelle, New York, church; Brother Moses Mayne, Book and Bible House manager for the Northeastern Conference; and Sister Rosa Lee Jones, Bible instructor for Ephesus church, New York City.

EDGAR A. LOCKETT, District Pastor.

News Notes

ON September 15 a large congregation from all over the district gathered in the New Rochelle church to witness a beautiful baptismal service. Ten believers were baptized, making a total of twenty for the summer.

WE are glad to welcome Pastor and Mrs. George R. Earle to the district. At the present time they are comfortably located in the parsonage of the New Rochelle church. With the addition of these workers and our efficient Bible instructor, Sister Elizabeth Simmons, we are hoping and expecting to see many more baptized in the Westchester County district.

E. A. L.

"THE battle for peace seems to have changed to a fight for pieces of the world."

THE Treasury, complaining that it was losing a billion dollars a year through tax evasion, asked Congress for 10,000 more men to collect it.

"A MAN never gets too busy to attend his own funeral."

CENTRAL STATES MISSION

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Colporteur Lauded

"ON Washington at Sixth Street, just below the east St. Louis bus stop, there stands an earnest young lady selling religious magazines. Her purpose for selling this religious literature is to earn a scholarship to attend Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. This determined and attentive worker is Miss Joyce Arneaud, native of Trinidad, British West Indies. Miss Arneaud attended Oakwood College for her sophomore year, and she is now selling *Message and Life and Health* magazines to obtain a degree in commercial education at Union College. Her ability to sell is obviously good, for passers-by have purchased about 1,000 pieces of literature in two months."

The above article was published in the *St. Louis Argus*, a well-known Negro newspaper. We solicit your prayers that this publication will be a means of spreading the news about our colporteurs and their wonderful books to a world groping in darkness.

News Notes

THE members of the Beth Haven church in Denver, Colorado, are doing great things for the Lord. The Dorcas Society, the senior choir, the junior choir, and the Missionary Volunteers, under the direction of very capable leaders, have given programs and are making advanced plans for spreading the message to the people in this city. Two prayer services are held every Wednesday night, and a sunrise prayer service is held each Sunday morning. We shall continue to pray that God will answer our prayers and give us a greater harvest of souls.

A. N. S.

ON Sabbath, August 14, the members of the Topeka College Avenue

church in Topeka, Kansas, were made very happy to see Elder T. M. Rowe bury two more souls in baptism.

THE opening services for the Emmanuel church in Saint Joseph, Missouri, were held Sabbath, August 14. The opening address was given by James H. Jones, Jr. The pastor of the church, Elder R. L. Woodfork, was overjoyed when nearly all his adult members turned in ten dollars each for the building fund. The Atchison Number Two church members attended the services, and all received a great spiritual blessing.

To climax the excellent summer service of the Beacon Light youth's choir in Kansas City, Missouri, under the direction of Mr. Vertis M. Barnes, Jr., an annual recital was given, Sunday night, August 15. The proceeds from this recital were to be used for the advancement of youth activities; and the first opportunity came when the money went to pay the expenses of two delegates, Misses Thelma Brown and Anita Smith, to the youth's congress held at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, September 1-4. A scholarship fund has also been started which will be awarded to the most worthy young person in the church for the furtherance of his or her education. These young warriors of Christ ask for words of encouragement and prayer as they go forth to battle for right.

V. M.

Central States Camp Meeting

AUGUST 19-29 will long be remembered in the Central States Mission as the greatest camp meeting session in the history of our organization. We were fortunate indeed in being able to secure the Lake-of-the-Woods campground in Swope Park. These spacious grounds, adorned with hundreds of towering oak and hickory trees, and carpeted with living green, formed an ideal setting for this holy convocation. From beginning to end the Spirit of God was in evidence. More than twenty took their stand to keep the commandments and walk with the people of God.

Elders G. E. Peters, J. I. Robison, and H. H. Votaw, from the General Conference, were present and gave valuable help in counsel and sermons. The Central Union was represented by M. V. Campbell, P. D. Gerrard, G. R. Fattic, and D. F. Reiner. Each made profitable contributions.

H. M. S. Richards and the full Voice of Prophecy personnel were with us one evening and gave a demonstration of their work. We were especially favored in having present G. Nathaniel Banks, missionary to Liberia, Africa, who spent the last week end telling thrilling stories of the triumphant march of God's Word in the jungles of Africa.

The Central States ministers included B. R. Spears, L. J. Pryor, H. J. Miller, W. E. Penick, R. L. Woodfork, G. H. Taylor, F. J. Bryant, Xavier Butler, and Vashni T. Davis.

Balanced meals, supervised by Dietitian Marvene Jones, were served daily in the well-screened dining hall. Miss Jones also gave a lecture on diet each day. Miss Helen Miller, registered nurse, was on duty daily, ready to help whenever professional care was needed.

During the business session the executive committee, comprised of seven, was elected. In the report given by James H. Jones, Jr., secretary-treasurer, it was obvious that marked progress is being made financially throughout the field. There has been a steady increase also in membership. Seven hundred and ninety were listed in January, 1947, but to date that number has grown to 1,022. The Sabbath school program, under the leadership of W. E. Penick, was most inspiring. More than \$700 was given to missions by our believers during the two Sabbaths. J. Norman Porter, manager of the Central States Book and Bible House, reports \$400 worth of books sold during the meeting.

T. M. ROWE.

The Mountaintop Experience

HUNDREDS and hundreds of believers have returned from camp

meetings and youth congresses. They perhaps are already back in the old routine, and the blessing of the camp meeting seems far away. They may already be discouraged, bogged down at the foot of the very mountain they once scaled.

The great problem of how to keep or maintain this spiritual glow, this mountaintop experience, must be faced by every Christian. Some people feel that unless they can maintain the emotional fervor they received at the camp meeting they are backsliding. This is not necessarily so, for those factors are probably part of the spiritual atmosphere which the Lord gave them the privilege of enjoying, but it was a preparation for something else.

Down through the ages great saints have had to come down from the mountaintop. Moses had a conference on the mountaintop with God. (Ex. 24:12-18.) What a conference! What a fellowship! But despite this great privilege Moses had to come down, because God told him to. (Ex. 32:7.) Why did he come down? The people whom God had so greatly blessed and favored had turned from their God to worship a golden calf made with their own hands. Moses had to come down from the mountain because there was sin below. But this mountaintop experience gave Moses some valuable lessons. In the first place, Moses found that he could no longer be ambitious and self-seeking. This fact is beautifully portrayed in Exodus 32:9, 10. Here was an opportunity for Moses to get power, greatness, and riches; but Moses' mountaintop experience with God had burned out the fires of worldly lust and passion in his heart. This fellowship caused him to think only of God's glory. (Ex. 32:12.)

In the second place, this mountaintop experience caused Moses to see the heinousness of sin. Moses would never again shrug his shoulders at the condition of the people. Hear him as he pleads for his people: "Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy book which Thou hast written." Ex. 32:32.

How can we maintain this mountaintop experience? We can hold up the hands of our leaders. (Ex. 17:12.) We can be veterans of prayer and good works (James 5:16.) Then we can witness personally. Do you play or sing? Why not use that talent for Jesus? Are you gifted with the pen? Then why not write letters to your friends and tell them of the benefits of the free Bible courses. Visit the sick and shut-ins, and read to them the Word of God, for the Lord has set a supreme value upon such. (Matt. 25:34-46.) There are so many avenues of service open to you, and this much is certain—that as you have come down from the mountaintop experience you will find sin, the wages of which are death.

If your mountaintop experience has been real this past summer, you will also find in your heart a passionate yearning for lost souls. Surely God has given you a mountaintop experience. He has also given you a valley in which to work and use the inspiration of the mountaintop that you have received at camp meeting.

FLETCHER J. BRYANT, *pastor,*
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SOUTH ATLANTIC

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Rallying in Raleigh

IN a recent letter to the editor Elder Phillip H. Morgan, pastor of the church in Raleigh, North Carolina, writes: "I have just completed an effort here in Raleigh and baptized twenty-four.

"God has truly blessed us since coming to North Carolina. Not only have we held a very fruitful effort, but we have completely renovated our church. The minister's study has been redecorated and equipped with the most modern furniture. We have also put in a door chime and an electric signal for entrance into the study. A small gas heating device has also been installed, and two



Newly Erected Bainbridge, Georgia, Church,
Dedicated, May 26, 1948

larger ones have been placed in the auditorium. The cost of remodeling was well over five-hundred dollars.

"Six-hundred and sixty-eight dollars were spent to charter a new 1948 streamlined, air-conditioned bus to carry twenty-six young people from Raleigh, Durham, and Greensboro to the youth's congress at Oakwood.

"On the night of November 25 we plan to dedicate our new organ that is being purchased."

The Bainbridge, Georgia, church was completed and dedicated just before I left for this territory. The dedication was held on May 26, and Elder H. D. Singleton preached the dedicatory sermon. The prayer was offered by Elder L. S. Follette, and Miss A. Lee read the history of the church.

"We believe that God wants His program to be constantly improving and going forward. Pray for the work."

P. H. MORGAN,
Pastor, Raleigh S.D.A. Church.

Departmental News Notes

WE are thankful to announce the recovery of L. O. Irons, secretary-treasurer of the Northeastern Conference, New York City. Brother Irons' surgery at the Riverside Sanitarium has been quite successful, and he is now back at his desk forging ahead and enjoying good health once more. We assure Brother Irons that many prayers ascended to heaven on his behalf during his illness. His faithful service in the Northeastern Conference is recognized.

FROM September 1 to October 1, Elder Peters filled appointments in Huntsville, Alabama; Nashville, Tennessee; New York; and Lincoln, Nebraska. After the Autumn Council in Denver, he will answer calls to Dallas, Seattle, and Portland. He attended the Autumn Council in Denver, October 15, 1948.

MISS MERCEDES MORAN was appointed one of the stenographers to the Autumn Council in Denver.

Southern Union Youth's Congress

THIRTEEN HUNDRED delegates from the South Atlantic and South Central conferences and the Southwestern Mission registered for the Southern Union Youth's Congress. This congress was conducted in a large tent on the beautiful campus of Oakwood College, September 1-4. Besides the conference presidents, the Southwestern Mission superintendent, and conference departmental leaders, others present were V. G. Anderson, president of the Southern Union Conference; Eric B. Hare; E. W. Dunbar; C. H. Lauda; H. M. S. Richards and the King's Heralds; F. L. Peterson; and G. E. Peters.

The opening service was held at 7:30 the evening of September 1. Everyone joined in the Missionary Volunteer theme song accompanied by the electric organ loaned for the occasion by the Atlanta church. The organ was played by Mrs. F. H. Jenkins. Mrs. H. R. Murphy was at the piano, and Elder Hare played the trumpet. After the seating of the delegation appropriate words of welcome were extended by the chairman, Elder Lauda. Others extending welcomes were Elders Murphy, Singleton, and Fordham for their respective conferences. F. L. Peterson spoke on behalf of the college. G. E. Peters brought greetings from the Colored Department of the General Conference. Elder Dunbar, who had just returned from Europe, gave the opening address. He told some very striking experiences of how the



"Share Your Faith" Pavilion Where Congress Was Held

European youth are sharing their faith. He also related his experience at the youth's congress in Czechoslovakia behind the "iron curtain," and the many changes that have been brought about in that country.

A well-appointed choir, under the direction of Dr. E. B. Dykes, furnished music during the meetings. W. W. Fordham was chairman of the music committee. Several numbers were rendered by the King's Heralds the opening night. Thursday morning, September 2, Elder H. M. S. Richards of the Voice of Prophecy, accompanied by the quartet, had charge of the morning service. Elder Richards' theme was "Power for Today."

Many hearts were touched during the remaining days of the congress. Powerful sermons and appeals to our youth to share their faith were delivered by the following speakers: Gene Carter, W. S. Lee, H. R. Murphy, W. W. Fordham, H. D. Singleton, and W. M. Starks. F. L. Peterson, president of the college, in his address emphasized the importance of Christian education and what the college is doing to prepare young men and women for the work of God in this land and in foreign lands.

Elder Eric B. Hare, with his wealth of experiences in foreign lands, gave very timely and interesting talks each day on the "Share

Your Faith" program. Miss Anna Knight, veteran worker of the Southern Union, inspired our hearts as she related her experience in the days of her youth when she shared her faith as a missionary in far-flung India.

G. E. Peters was the speaker on Sabbath at eleven o'clock. A record attendance of some fifteen hundred heard the solemn message on "Now Is the Time." The Spirit of God was manifested in a large measure. When the appeal was made, more than fifty young people and adults from the fields represented took their stand, gave their hearts to God, and expressed a desire to unite with the church. Many in the audience were moved to tears. The entire congregation, on invitation, came forward in a most solemn and sincere act of rededicating their lives to God and joining the "Share Your Faith" program for the finishing of the work. During the service that day fifty of our ministers, ordained and licensed, were seated in the choir loft and on the speakers' platform. These ministers represented the colored work in almost every section of the United States.

Elder V. G. Anderson, who could not be present throughout the congress, spoke at the last service. His subject was "The Task, the Truth, the Youth." He presented the challenge to the Missionary Volunteers



Elder E. B. Hare Delivering One of His Inspiring Sermons

and the conference leaders. The congress was greatly cheered by the presence of Elder G. Nathaniel Banks, superintendent of the Liberian Mission of West Africa, with headquarters in Monrovia. Elder Banks, here on furlough, attended this congress by special invitation from the Southern Union and the General Conference. His talks and mission experiences were very im-

pressive and greatly inspired our youth and all others present.

The leaders of the conferences, H. R. Murphy, H. D. Singleton, and W. W. Fordham, as well as the delegates from these conferences, pledged themselves more earnestly to share their faith by carrying the gospel to the people of the Southland, and thereby assist in the speedy finishing of the work of God in the



Youth-filled Tent, Youth's Congress, Oakwood College

earth. It was truly touching at the closing hour when the entire congregation stood and joined hands while they sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Thus the first youth's congress of the three conferences of the Southern and Southwestern territories passed into history.

C. H. Lauda, former M.V. secretary of the Southern Union and recently elected president of the Carolina Conference, served effectively and efficiently as chairman. He and the M. V. secretaries of the conferences, F. H. Jenkins, F. B. Slater, and C. C. Cunningham, and the local conference presidents, spared no pains in making this youth's congress a phenomenal success.

G. E. P.

Riverside Sanitarium & Hospital

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Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital Dedication Day

DEDICATION day, September 5, 1948, brought to Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital many profitable experiences. Florists of Nashville realized that a new health unit was being dedicated, and sent beautiful floral contributions in such profusion that the hospital looked like a veritable flower garden. One florist brought twenty-four dozen red, pink, and yellow rosebuds in attractive containers.

The Riverside board and the program participants took their places on the platform as the organ triumphantly played "God of Our Fathers." All stood to sing the national anthem by Francis Scott Key and remained standing while Elder H. T. Elliott, associate secretary of the General Conference, offered prayer.

Elder V. G. Anderson, president of the Southern Union, was master of ceremonies. He gave a warm welcome to all and presented a number of special guests—Mr. Moses McKissack, of McKissack & McKissack,

architects of the new Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital; John J. Lentz, M.D., director of health of Davidson County, Tennessee; Thomas Cummings, mayor of Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Michael Bent, dean of Meharry Medical College; Mrs. M. G. Anderson, president of the National Baptist Training School; Dean A. A. Taylor, representing Fisk University; Mr. Arna Bon-tempts, Fisk librarian; Dr. J. Gant, medical director of Madison Sanitarium and Hospital; Mr. Richmond, magistrate of the twelfth district.

Elder W. H. Williams, under-treasurer of the General Conference and president of the Riverside board, read greetings and congratulatory messages from Elder E. F. Hackman, president of the Inter-American Division; Dr. W. E. Macpherson, vice-president of the College of Medical Evangelists; Gordon Browning, Democratic nominee for governor of Tennessee; R. H. Hutcheson, M.D., commissioner of public health; M. I. Smith, Morgan Supreme Clerk of American Woodman; Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University; Henry A. Boyd, president of Citizen's Bank and publisher of *Nashville Globe and Independent*; W. C. Williams, M.D., chief of Profession Service Veterans' Administrative Hospital; E. Gorham, executive secretary of Council of Community Agencies; M. C. Brown, M.D., director of Medical Education of Meharry; Miss E. Killeffer, chairman of nursing practice, State of Tennessee; M. L. Rice, president of the Atlantic Union Conference; and Dr. Parrish, of Melrose Sanitarium.

Dr. T. R. Flaiz, secretary of the Medical Department of the General Conference, presented the world medical program. He spoke of the practical gospel ministry being done by the soul-saving science of the sanitariums and hospitals all around the world, and he pictured Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital as taking its place in this great chain of light. Before Dr. Flaiz spoke, Dorothy Gentry sang "Open the Gates of the Temple" with distinctive sweetness and pleasing technique.

Dr. J. Mark Cox, medical director of Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital, gave the Riverside medical program. He presented Riverside as offering unique services to mankind. These services consist of beautiful, spacious grounds; comfortable, well-furnished rooms; well-balanced meals; conscientious, well-trained personnel; up-to-date equipment; modern facilities for diagnosis and scientific treatment of all surgical, medical, obstetrical, and pediatric conditions; and physiotherapy for all. After Dr. Cox spoke, Anita Butler sang "My Redeemer and My Lord" in clear, rich tones.

Elder J. L. McElhany, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, delivered the dedicatory address. He made it clear that Adventist sanitariums and hospitals point the sick to the Great Physician as truly as does the gospel minister. He cited cases and miraculous cures that are taking place in Seventh-day Adventist health centers. He placed Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital in the same category with our other sanitariums, and said that Riverside may not be as large as some of them, but it is the most modern and the best equipped. Elder N. C. Wilson, vice-president of the General Conference, offered the dedicatory prayer. He prayed that God would accept the Riverside Sanitarium as His, and bless the efforts of the workers to make it a shining light for Him.

Elder G. E. Peters, secretary of the Colored Department of the General Conference, gave the historical sketch and the dedicatory response. He presented Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital as emerging from housing in separate units to advantageous housing in one unit. He spoke of those who have influenced Riverside as Mrs. Druillard, Mr. Harry Ford, Miss Ruth Frazier, Mr. Louis Ford, Elder Dobbins, Mr. Warren, Dr. Howard, Dr. Carl Dent, Dr. J. Mark Cox, Dr. Rayfield Lewis, and others. Elder Peters emphasized the fact that Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital was built by the favor of God; to the honor of Jesus and the praise of the Holy Spirit; for ministry to the

sick and suffering, needy, distressed, and tempted. The audience responded, "We dedicate this building to God." The organ pealed out its sweetest music, and Elder H. R. Murphy, president of South Central Conference, offered the benediction.

Educational institutions in the vicinity housed the delegates, guests, friends, and visitors. Through the courtesy and kindness of Dr. W. S. Davis, president of Tennessee A. and I. State College; Dr. C. S. Johnson, president of Fisk University; Dr. R. Riley, of the American Baptist Theological Seminary; and President M. G. Anderson, of the National Baptist Training School; enough dormitory space was available.

Tours were conducted through Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital before 1:30 p.m. After the program there was an open house. God is richly blessing Riverside. Our prayer is that Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital may reach all classes of people, and that God will open ways whereby suffering humanity may be reached with the glad tidings of healing through Christ.

J. MARK COX, M.D.,
Medical Director.

Special Form for Conscientious Objectors

CARLYLE B. HAYNES

THE *Special Form for Conscientious Objectors* that all noncombatant Seventh-day Adventists will be required to fill out in order to obtain their noncombatant classification and status, contains five series of questions.

Series I is your CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION. Paragraph (a) under this series is to be signed by Seventh-day Adventist noncombatants. Paragraph (b) is to be struck out and not signed.

Series II is entitled RELIGIOUS TRAINING AND BELIEFS, a. contains seven questions. They are in order:

1. "Do you believe in a Supreme Being?" Boxes for checking yes or no are supplied.

2. "Describe the nature of your belief, which is the basis of your aim in Series I above, and state whether or not your belief in a Supreme Being involves duties which to you are superior to those arising in any human relation."

To this you may write in: "I am a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, and as such, accept and believe and endeavor to practice the teachings of Jesus and of my church, and therefore cannot engage in violence and the taking of human life. I am willing, however, to serve in non-combatant lines, and especially where I can serve to minister to human welfare and the preservation of life. My belief in a Supreme Being does involve duties which to me are superior to those arising from any human relation."

3. "Explain how, when, and from whom or from what source you received the training and acquired the belief which is the basis of your claim made in Series I above."

No doubt it will serve here to make an explanation of the manner, the time, and the person or persons from whom you learned the Seventh-day Adventist way of life, whether from parents, preacher, at school, from books, from colporteur, Bible instructor, Sabbath school teacher, or lay worker.

4. "Give the name and present address of the individual upon whom you rely most for religious guidance."

Give here the name of your pastor, parent, Sabbath school teacher, conference president, college president, academy principal, school teacher, or whoever meets the specifications.

5. "Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe in the use of force?"

You may write in here: "I believe that the civil government is justified in using force, but that I as an individual Christian responsible to God cannot engage in violence or the taking of human life."

6. "Describe the actions and behavior in your life which in your opinion most conspicuously demon-

strate the consistency and depth of your religious convictions."

You may reply: "My uniting with the Seventh-day Adventist Church and my endeavor since that time to carry out its teachings in my personal experience, particularly in sacrificing economic opportunity and convenience to keep the seventh-day Sabbath."

7. "Have you ever given public expression, written or oral, to the views herein expressed as the basis for your claim made in Series I above? If so, specify when and where."

If you have engaged in a discussion of noncombatant principles in student bands or seminars, in young people's social meetings, or elsewhere in public, tell when and where. It will probably be sufficient to state: "I have on many occasions, such as prayer meeting, students' meetings, camp meeting, Sabbath school, youth's meetings, and in personal conversation, expressed my happiness and gratitude for accepting the teachings of my church."

Series III is entitled GENERAL BACKGROUND. It requires the name and address of each school and college you have attended, together with the dates of your attendance, and in each instance the type of school, whether private, public, church, military, commercial, and so forth; a chronological list of all occupations, positions, jobs, or types of work, other than as a student in school or college, in which you have at any time been engaged, together with the name of your employer, his address, and the exact time you have worked for him; the addresses where you have formerly lived, in city, town, or village, State or foreign country, street address or R.F.D. route, and the dates of residence in each place; the name, address of your parents, and whether they are living or not; the name of the religious denomination or sect of your father and of your mother.

Series IV is entitled PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZATIONS. It contains three questions, the second of which is subdivided into (a), (b),

(c), (d), and (e). The first question requires information as to whether you have ever been the member of any military organization and establishment. Question 2 is: "Are you a member of a religious sect or organization?" If your answer to this is yes, the following five questions must be answered:

"(a) State the name of the sect and the name and location of its governing body or head if known to you." To this reply: "Seventh-day Adventists, Washington 12, D.C."

"(b) When, where, and how did you become a member of said sect or organization?" Here give the date, or year, location, and manner (baptism or profession of faith) of your uniting with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"(c) State the name and location of the church, congregation, or meeting where you customarily attend." In answering this give the name and address of your local church, where you have your membership, such as First Seventh-day Adventist, or Bethel, Ephesus, East Side, Field Avenue.

"(d) Give the name, title, and present address of the pastor or leader of such church, congregation, or meeting." In answering this give the name of your pastor or church elder or company leader. In the case of membership in a conference church give name and address of the conference president.

"(e) Describe carefully the creed or official statements of said religious sect or organization in relation to participation in war." To this you may reply: "Since the time of the Civil War the Seventh-day Adventist denomination has been on record with the United States Government as being noncombatant, and has been so recognized. I attach hereto a copy of an official statement of the denomination, entitled, SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT, for the additional information it will supply." And be sure to obtain from your local church or conference headquarters, or from the War Service Commission of the General Confer-

ence, Washington 12, D.C., a copy of this leaflet. Clip this to the *Special Form for Conscientious Objectors* when you return it to your Local Board.

Question 3 in Series IV requires you to "describe your relationships with and activities in all organizations with which you are or have been affiliated, other than military, political, or labor organizations.

Series V of the SPECIAL FORM requires the names, addresses, occupations or positions, and relationship to you of persons who could supply information as to the sincerity of your professed convictions against participation in war.

Lastly the SPECIAL FORM requires your personal affidavit to the accuracy of the answers you have given.

Colporteurs and Teachers and the Draft

CARLYLE B. HAYNES

It is well for our colporteurs and church school teachers to realize that there is a very decided difference between their eligibility for a deferred classification under the present draft law from that which prevailed under the Selective Service Act of 1940.

Under the Selective Service Act of 1940 evangelistic colporteurs and church school teachers were made eligible for exemption from training and service as regular ministers of religion. This was not done in the act itself, but by Selective Service regulations.

The Selective Service Act of 1948 very greatly narrows the definition of a regular minister, and this is done in the act itself in Section 16 (g) (3), which reads as follows:

"The term 'regular or duly ordained minister of religion' does not include a person who irregularly or incidentally preaches and teaches the principles of religion of a church, religious sect, or organization and does not include any person who may have been duly ordained a minister in accordance with the ceremo-

nial rite, or discipline of a church, religious sect or organization, but who does not regularly, as a vocation, teach and preach the principles of religion and administer the ordinances of public worship as embodied in the creed or principles of his church, sect, or organization."

The report of the Senate Committee on Armed Forces places the following emphasis on the meaning of ordained and regular ministers:

"In order that there may be no misunderstanding of the fact that the exemption granted to ministers is a narrow one, intended for the leaders of the various religious faiths and not for the members generally, the terms 'regular or duly ordained ministers of religion' have been defined in Section 16 (g)."

The Manpower Division of National Selective Service Headquarters has our formal request to make our evangelistic colporteurs and church school teachers eligible for deferment as they were under the former act. We must not be too greatly disappointed if this request is denied, as it is quite possible it will be. When final action is taken upon it, information will be passed on through the columns of this paper.

British West Indies

FROM the British West Indies Union in the Caribbean, Elder R. H. Pierson writes, "Five Bible correspondence schools have been organized in this union during the past two years, and are located in Mandeville, Jamaica; Nassau, Bahamas; Georgetown, Grand Cayman; Blue Hills, Turks and Caicos Islands; and Belizo, British Honduras, with an enrollment of 25,000 students. If we were to take all the lesson sheets that have been sent out to the students in Jamaica alone and lay them end on end across the waist of the island, the belt would reach all the way across once and almost back again. More than 1,800 persons have completed the course and received their certificates. Of these, 1,200 have indicated their

belief in the Sabbath truth. Nearly 600 have stated that they desire to be baptized as Jesus was baptized. Already 100 have united with the church."

West African Union

IN Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, nearly every literate person of the so-called 'civilized' group belongs to a denominational church. In spite of this, our work is growing, and at the close of 1947 a number of converts, who had been in the Bible and baptismal training class for two years, were baptized. These will form the nucleus in the new formally organized Monrovia church. Our great need in Monrovia is a church building. In Liberia the people make much of appearance, and it means a real step for them to leave their church home and join a faith that does not have a church building in which they may worship. In spite of this criticism some have stepped out and accepted the faith, and are giving loyal support. Several of these new members made outstanding efforts in our Ingathering campaign, reporting ten dollars or more solicited in small donations, and all were timid, new recruits. God blessed our Ingathering campaign, and what few businessmen we have in the city gave favorable support to our appeal. Sister Banks, joining wholeheartedly in the effort, suggested that we ask each merchant and firm for \$100, and so we did. Not all gave this amount, but one firm did give us the \$100. Most of them gave from twenty to forty dollars. We were very sorry when we ran out of firms, and there were no more business places to visit.—*West African Advent Messenger*.

"If we fill our days with rich living, we will have many precious sunsets, and if we have the right attitude toward life, we will always be surrounded by friends who will save us from loneliness."

THE world crowns success; God crowns faithfulness.—*Selected*.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stafford Cutting the Cake at Their Wedding Reception

Wedding Bells

MISS LILLIAN NEALEY, who has taught a number of years in the Tampa, Florida, church school, was married on August 15 to James Coleman, who taught church school in Columbus, Georgia, last year and who is at present associated with Pastor D. L. Crowder in a tent effort in Hickory, North Carolina. The wedding took place in Greenville, South Carolina, the home of the bride, with Elder W. M. Starks officiating.

SATURDAY evening, September 4, at 7:30 o'clock, Miss Marjorie Peterson and Mr. Hollis Knight were united in the bonds of holy matrimony in the chapel at Oakwood College. The bride's father, Elder F. L. Peterson, president of Oakwood College, officiated. The newlyweds will make their home on the

campus of this institution, where Mr. Knight is employed.

SUNDAY evening, September 5, Miss Ruth Frazier and Mr. Joseph Stafford were united in marriage in the large and beautiful solarium of the Riverside Sanitarium. The officiating minister was Elder O. B. Edwards. Mrs. Stafford, who has been the director of nurses at the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital for a number of years, will continue in that capacity. Mr. Stafford is employed in our educational work.

Our prayers are that these new homes may be happy and blessed.

"We cannot bring prosperity by discouraging thrift.

We cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

We cannot help small men by tearing down big men.

We cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

We cannot lift the wage-earner by pulling down the wage-payer.

We cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than our income.

We cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

We cannot have sound security on borrowed money.

We cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.

We cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

BE kind, . . . for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.—IAN MACLAREN.

Eye Openers

ON the Pennsylvania Turnpike motorists can drive 160 miles without shifting gears. From 15 miles east of Pittsburgh to the outskirts of Harrisburg, the four-lane superhighway has no intersections, grade crossings, pedestrians, stoplights, or fixed speed limit (except in its 6.7 miles of tunnels). Going through instead of over the rugged Alleghenies, it has 110 miles of straightaway, no grade steeper than 3 per cent, no curve requiring a reduction in speed. To lengthen "America's greatest highway," Wall Street last week made the biggest revenue bond offering in its history. Headed by Drexel & Co., B. J. Van Ingen & Co. Inc., Blyth & Co., Inc., and the First Boston Corp., a syndicate of 217 dealers began marketing a Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission issue totaling \$134,000,000. Most of the money will be used to pay for extending the turnpike 100 miles eastward to King of Prussia, just outside Philadelphia.

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U. S. POST OFFICES have begun to take domestic air parcel post (over eight ounces and up to 70 pounds). Private companies will continue to handle air express and large commercial shipments.

RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM OFFERING

October 1, 1948

ALMOST everybody, except a doctor, thinks he knows a sure cure for hiccups. And sometimes the home remedies work. Theodore L. Syvertson, of Pasadena, a 69-year-old retired building contractor, had hiccuped almost continuously, once every ten seconds, since November, 1946. He lost ten pounds, spent nine months in hospitals, had consultations with 60 doctors which did him no good. Last week he tried bending over at the waist while drinking water from the far side of a glass. Halfway through the second glass, his hiccups stopped.

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NEXT to a cure, what polio fighters need most is a cheap, quick test. In its early stages infantile paralysis is hard to diagnose, because the symptoms (fever, headache, upset stomach) may be those of half a dozen childhood ailments. A new drug may seem to work wonders when all the time the patient only had gripe. A new diagnostic test on mice was reported last week in *Science* by Dr. Pierre R. Lepine, of the Pasteur Institute in Paris. He injects fecal material from suspected polio patients into the brains of five mice. Two days later he gives them, and five other control mice, injections of active strains of a known polio virus. Good news for the mice is bad news for the human patients. By the tenth or eleventh day, at least four out of five of the control mice should be paralyzed or dead. But if the patient had polio, at least three out of five of the first group of mice should be alive and scampering; the human material protects them from the virus. If it did not protect them, the patient did not have polio. Said one U.S. investigator: "It's very encouraging, but right now it's just a bright idea."

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THE Disciples of Christ met in San Francisco and heard news of steady progress toward reunion with the Northern Baptists. When the merger is completed, the united church's 3,200,000 members will be the fourth largest Protestant church in the U.S.

Conference	Goal	Total Receipts	Amount Due
Allegheny	\$20,549	\$ 8,013.58	\$12,535.42
Central States	3,901	3,285.81	615.19
Lake Region	13,015	9,435.34	3,579.6
Northeastern	12,454	13,003.53	549.5
Northern	311	246.24	64.76
North Pacific	306	522.47	116.47*
Pacific	9,008	7,132.72	1,875.28
South Atlantic	19,520	12,737.63	6,782.37
South Central	11,990	8,938.62	3,051.38
Southwestern	7,437	7,079.57	357.43
TOTAL	\$98,491**	\$70,395.51	\$28,195.49
Conferences		\$70,395.51	
White offerings		20,785.96	
Cash donations to Riverside		4,072.05	
GRAND TOTAL		\$95,252.52	
Balance		\$24,746.48	

* Over goal. **The above goal was set with the understanding that donations from our white churches plus cash donations would equal the sum of \$120,000. Special credits: Lake Region, \$1,000 medical equipment; Pacific, \$1,000 cash donation; Northeastern, \$1,000 cash donation.

As the ram's horn (shofar) sounded, Jews around the world ushered in Rosh Hashana, the Hebrew New Year and the 5,709th anniversary of the supposed date of the Creation.

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DR. WALTER A. MAIER began his 16th season of broadcasts for The Lutheran Hour, the world's largest religious radio program, which goes out in ten languages to 47 countries through 1,100 stations.

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WITH its pint-sized auto, Crosley Motors, Inc., was turning in a jugged performance. President Powel Crosley, Jr., reported that in twelve months, sales (\$25,391,627) had more than doubled, net earnings (\$1,496,854) had tripled.

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IT looked as if the cost of food—the biggest component of the cost of living—was finally heading down. In its mid-September index of crop and livestock prices, the Department of Agriculture reported a three-point drop to 290 (1909-14 average: 100), the second drop in two months. The *Journal of Commerce's* wholesale food index also dropped half a point.

THE Pennsylvania Railroad Co., which had to dip into reserves last April to pay 50c dividend, was doing well enough by the end of August to pay another 50c out of current earnings. Its eight months' net of \$10,706,283 (v. a \$4,666,689 loss in the same 1947 period) amounted to 81c a share.

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WHEN Protestants in the State of North Dakota got a law passed forbidding public-school teachers to wear religious garb, the local Roman Catholic bishop directed 75 nuns to don suitable "modern but modest" secular dress—and go on teaching.

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AFTER ten year's work and spending more than \$2,000,000 on the project, the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., launched a new Sunday school curriculum, designed to end "widespread religious illiteracy." Pupils will get not the old-style lesson sheets (which they promptly threw away) but a regular textbook each year, building a library to use and kept at home. Parents will get the same quarterly magazines used by the teachers; their help will be sought to reduce "the 'forgettin curve' between Sundays."